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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 and for the '83-'84 Historical Society 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.

The continuing articles for this year--marriage record from Book #4, and Pemiscot County Cemetary Inscriptions, Vol. 11 and 111, and Swamp Angel Songs. The Index of VIII is indexed on card file in the Archives Room. Historical Society members have access to Volume VIII index by contacting one of the officers, and all Volumes preceding Volume VIII.

The numbering of pages in Volume IX--continue where Volume VIII left off, be sure to save your copies to bind later on.

The authors of these essays have described to the fullest of 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.

Dues are still \$5.00 per person per year, however by including an extra \$1.00 you can help defray costs of publishing the Quarterly. You may send your check for the 1983-84 dues, and as a member of the Society you will receive each issue of the Quarterly to present date of this Volume.

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PREFACE

The largest cemetery in Pemiscot County is Little Prairie Cemetery, located in the southern part of Caruthersville. It lies south of High Way "U" and was started in 1897 by Alphonso C. LaForge (1863-1913). He was the first undertaker to locate in Caruthersville, and was owner of the Dean Funeral Home.

This was the first large cemetery for the society to catalogue. It was started on June 18 and completed on August 4, 1970.

The numbers assigned to the sections in the sketch of the cemetery are the numbers that we assigned to each section, and are not numbered as on the platbook of the cemetery. We did this to make it easier to find any particular stone. (See Cem. Book Vol. III for sketch).

There are some stones in the cemetery that are not in this book, as they could not be deciphered.

The highest point in Caruthersville is just south of the Little Prairie Cemetery. During the high waters, this was the burying place of the area.

That area was known as Morgan's Ridge. It acquired this name from a group known as the Morgan Raider's that circulated and camped in that area.

The Morgan Ridge Area was surveyed by the Farris Family.

The H.S. Smith Funeral Home in Caruthersville owns the Morgan Ridge Cemetery, which is a Negro cemetery and lies just south of Little Prairie.

The Historical Society is proud of its accomplishment on the completion of this second volume of cemetery inscriptions. My thanks to

to all the members who worked to make this book a reality. Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr., President, Pemiscot County Hittorical Society.

LITTLE PRAIRIE CEMETERY - Copied June 18 through August 4, 1970 by Michael Wade, Ophelia Wade, Lois McReynolds, Mildred James, Christine Van Ausdall and Johnnie Van Ausdall.

(The number or letter that is on the extreme lefthand side of each page of the Little Prairie Cemetery corresponds to the section number as outlined in the diagram on Page 1--Cemetery Book-Vol. III.)

- 3 George R. Abbott, July 11, 1905 - Aug 14, 1967 MO. PVT U.S. ARMY
- 8 Ollie Abbott, 1882-1959 Our Mother
- 1 Lillie C. Acors, Aug 10, 1891
- 1 Walter F. Acors, Dec 26, 1889 - Oct 13, 1965
- 1 Clara May Acors, dau, Dec 4, 1899 - Feb 21, 1909
- 1 Ethel Acors, dau, Jan 10, 1905 - Feb 27, 1909
- 1 Ruben Sylvester Acors, March 12, 1865 - Sept 26, 1947
- 1 Leila Pearl Acors, Sept 15, 1874 - Oct 7, 1964
- 3 Hanes A Adms, Nov 16, 1906 - May 30, 1969
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- 3 Liddie Adams, Dec 27, 1888 - Mar 13, 1970
- 4 James "C.D." Adams, Jan 3, 1920 - Aug 26, 1967
- 4 Opal Mae Adams, Feb 15, 1923 -
- 4 Wm. Arlton Adams, Aug 17, 1908 - Nov 9, 1960
- 4 Leonard Ruth Adams, ILLINOIS PFC 876 OM SALES CO.
WORLD WAR II, Dec 26, 1925 - Aug 25, 1967
- 6 C.C. Adams, Sr. Nov 8, 1878 - Mar 29, 1959, Age 80y 4m 21d
- 6 Eva Grace Adams, Apr 16, 1880 - Sept 8, 1926, age 46y 4m 22d
- 6 Virgil D. Adams, Sept 13, 1841 - July 10, 1919
- 6 Laura J., his wife, Feb 23, 1848 - Dec 24, 1907
- 6 Charles W. Adams, s.o. J.W. & Clara, Mar 6, 1895 - Feb 22, 1918
- 6 John W. Adams, May 25, 1868 - June 28, 1939
- 6 Clara M. Adams, Dec 23, 1875 - Feb 27, 1942
- 7 Hattie C. Adams, 1880 - 1910
- 7 T.J. Adams, July 22, 1873 - Mar 29, 1937 "In God We Trust"
- 8 Henry Adams, Apr 9, 1883 - Dec 20, 1947

- 8 Clara E. Adams, Jan 25, 1894 - May 7, 1958
- 2 Mrs. Lizzie Adkins, Feb 22, 1889 - Nov 9, 1929
- 7 Corles Adkins, 1908 - 1933
- 6 W.A. Agnew, July 6, 1876 - Aug 19, 1922
- 1 John W. Ahern, 1897 - 1949
- S Anna Herrrell Akers, 1886 - 1933
- C William Alexander, Dec 25, 1882 - July 19, 1910
- 2 William O. Alexander, Mar 8, 1887 - Nov 28, 1948
- 2 Glenn Paul, s.o. W.O. & Kate Alexander, Dec 29, 1951-Jan 18, 1952
- 5 Bertha Alexander, Feb 19, 1880 - July 15, 1958
- S T.J. Alford, son of L.A. & M.E. Dec 29, 1910-Feb 24, 1912
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- 8 Mary Dee Alford, Aug 25, 1891 -
- 8 Frank Alford, Nov 15, 1882 - Mar 12, 1959
- S (George?) Glenn, s.o. J.T. & Annie Allen, March 29, 1915 - Feb 7, 1916
- 2 Cleo Allen, Oct 31, 1913 - Oct 26, 1967
MO CPL 1771 ORDNANCE S&MCO, WORLD WAR II
- 3 Paul Leon Allen, July 15, 1941 - Sept 10, 1951
- 3 Wm. A. Allen, 1881 - 1956
- 4 Fern Allen, 1913 - 1966 (Biblical characters around the stone)
- 7 George Allen, Dec 31, 1861 - Oct 10, 1937
- 8 Alvin L. Allen, MISSOURI PFC ORD AUTOMOTIVE SCH BN WORLD WAR II
Jan 12, 1900 - Apr 23, 1955
- 8 Lewis Allen, 1880 - 1950
- S George Glenn Alley, Aug 29, 1905, - Feb 7, 1916
s.o. J.T. & Annie Alley
- 3 Tina Wava Alley, Jan 26, 1966 - Feb 11, 1967
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SWAMP ANGEL SONGS

by Mayme Hamlett

BASKET DINNER

Outside, the quiet of the Sunday morning was unbroken
Save for the occasional stamping of a mule's feet
When the flies disturbed him.
In the Sunday stillness the Lazy Laurences
Danced in the air. Intermittent breezes
Came through the screened windows
And cooled the faces of the listeners.
For an instant the palm leaf fans
Were stilled. Then they began again.
The preacher was earnestly exhorting
His congregation to "Come and
Drink freely of the Water of Life,"
Unfolding again the story of
Jesus and the woman at the well.
When the eleven o' clock sermon was over
The folks came out of the church to where
Wagons and surreys and buggies stood
About the church yard in a thick cluster.
Under the trees were sawhorses with planks
Laid over them to be used as tables.
A month before it had been announced that
On this Sunday there would be preaching all day
And dinner on the ground.

The men took the large baskets and washtubs of food
Out of the wagons and carried them to the tables,
Then they withdrew to talk with the women
Spread out the lunch.
There were great platters of fried chicken
And ham sliced thick and fried.
There were chickens baked with dressing
Or boiled with dumplings.
There were enormous five-layered cakes
Of chocolate or coconut or banana.
There were pies oozing juice through their crusts
Or showing creamy textures through broken meringue.
There were jars of home canned pickles, cucumber
And beet. And almost everybody had a store-bought
Loaf of bread to lay out.
When everything was ready,
The women waving branches from trees
To shoo the flies away, the preacher asked the blessing
And the men fell to.
The women helped the children's plates,
Reminded them to stand back from the table,
Then they took some food for themselves,
Anxiously eyeing what they had brought
Lest anything should be left, and apologizing
For the scarcity of the food they had brought
Or for its appearance.
At half-past one o' clock they reassembled
In the church, listened delighted
To the quartet, to the visiting preacher,
And nodded fitfully through the long afternoon.
After supper the empty tubs and baskets
Were replaced in the wagons. Sleepy children
Were permitted to go to sleep on the pallets

While the older folks, hiding weariness, took themselves
Back into the church for the evening service.

"I do declare," said Sister Watson at the close of the service,
"I'm plumb tuckered out, but we sure had a good day."

From the "BOOK OF PEMISCOT COUNTY" published in 1911 by Twice-A-Week
Democrat.

THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Southeast Missouri Telephone Company, which operates the telephone exchange in Caruthersville, is a home corporation, its stock being owned entirely by residents of Southeast Missouri. The company was incorporated in 1904, and its head offices are in Charleston. The company operates in seven counties, with seventeen telephone exchanges and some four hundred miles of toll pole lines, upon which are carried about 1500 miles of toll line circuits. The subscribers served number more than 3,000, and about 1,000 telephones belonging to rural and local telephone companies are switched to company boards.

In 1906 the Southeast Missouri Telephone Company acquired the property of the old Caruthersville & Kennett Telephone Company, which operated the exchanges in Caruthersville, Hayti and Kennett, and the toll lines connecting. All of these exchanges and lines have since been rebuilt and modern switchboards and equipment installed, the cost of this work exceeding \$25,000.00 Aerial cable has been installed to replace the heavy lines of open overhead wires, new and larger poles set, and the plants put in condition to give the people of those towns prompt and thoroughly efficient service. It is a fact worthy of comment that the number of telephone subscribers in this particular territory have almost doubled in the past four years.

The telephone company is at present planning to make some extensive additions to its toll lines, and to run several new toll circuits into Caruthersville, for the handling of the rapidly growing business of this city. These lines will be of heavy copper wire and will give long distance service of the highest efficiency. The company now connects with 9 other telephone companies, enabling it to furnish long distance toll connections with almost any city or town. More than 15,000 toll messages are handled each month over the company's lines, and an increase of at least 20% is looked for during this year. This shows to a great extent the business activity of Southeast Missouri, and when the fact is considered that in 1904, the telephone message business of the territory was less than 2,000 messages per month, some evidence is given of the very rapid development of Southeastern Missouri.

Besides the Caruthersville telephone exchange, the company operates telephone exchanges in Hayti, Kennett, Portageville, Campbell, Malden, Dexter, Essex, Bloomfield, Morehouse, Sikeston, East Prairie, Oran, Chaffee, Charleston and Sikeston, and has toll lines connecting all these and other points, with a submarine cable across the Mississippi River from Bird's Point, Mo., to Cairo, Ill.

The officers, of the Southeast Missouri Telephone Company are E.J. Deal, president, Jas. L. Byrd, vice-president, E.C. Blomeyer, secretary and treasurer, and J.E. Armstrong, general manager, all of whom reside in Charleston, Mo. The capital stock of the company is \$300,000. Headquarters of the Southern Division are in Caruthersville, Mrs. E.S. Berry being Division Manager.

NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Steele's Up-to-Date Hostelry

The new Commercial Hotel of Steele is a credit to its builder, Mr. J.R. Kelley, and to its proprietor, John L. Ward. It is a handsome two-story brick building, modern, newly furnished, with sixteen beautiful sleeping rooms, a large dining room, lobby, and all the accessories. The table is bounteous and the viands of the best.

C. CLARENCE SMITH

The booster editor and publisher of the Steele News. Is making a good paper and helping the town.

PROF. T.E. BRODERICK

Thomas E. Broderick was born September 15, 1874, near Jackson, Mo., Cape Girardeau County. Attended the rural schools of that county and the Normal at Cape Girardeau. Came to Pemiscot County in the spring of '98 and has been teaching continually ever since at Steele, Mo., and adjoining districts. Now teaching advanced room at Steele. Married in June to Miss Mollie D. Burton of Steele. Three children, Willie, Joe and Ben bless the union. Fraternally Professor Broderick is a M.W. O. A. and A.F. and A.M. He stands high as an educator and is one of the progressive citizens of our community.

FRANK L. LONG

Mr. Frank L. Long, the present cashier of the Braggadocio Bank, is a native of the county. Born in 1881, son of R.F. and Lola B. Long. Educated in public schools, Cape Girardeau Normal and Huntingdon, (Tenn) University. Engaged in farming until March 1st, when he was chosen cashier of the Farmer's Bank of Braggadocio. In 1903 he married Miss

Lena Clifton and two daughters, Virgie and Mabel bless the union. Mr. Long is public-spirited, has served as justice of the peace and as member of school board, is a notary, a Master Mason and very popular in the county.

FAMOUS STORE CO.

Dealers in Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Farm Implements.

Caruthersville, Mo.

The Famous Store Company is one of the commercial land-marks of the City, old and tried, enjoying a wide and growing trade and the confidence of all who do business with it. Mr. J.M. McGinnis is the present popular manager of the Famous Store Company, having been recently elected to that important position, his genial, courteous treatment and executive ability being strong factors in his selection for the position by the stockholders. Honesty and fair dealings are the rule with Mr. McGinnis, and during his residency of several years in the city he has exemplified the maxims on all occasions. The Famous Store has a clothing, grocery, gents' furnishings, boot and shoe, hat and cap, and a large agricultural departments. Standard goods of quality may be depended upon.

Mr. I.E. Williams, manager of the grocery department of the Famous Store Company, was born at Alton, Indiana, on May 10th, 1874; but upon his fathers moving to Hayti, Missouri, when he was seven years old, attended school at Caruthersville. Having again come to Caruthersville in 1897, he married Miss Lucy Parks, the daughter of Mr. J.C. and Mrs. M.E. Parks being with the Cunningham Store Company, for whom he worked until 1902. After being with the Pemiscot Land and Timber Company for about two years, he became associated with Mr. J.T. Martin in the grocery business, finally entering into partnership with Mr. Cole in January, 1904. He joined the Famous Store Company four years ago.

BRAGG CITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - (Minnie Davis)

Around 1930 a group met in a building on the north side of the railroad tracks on the west side of the street. They were called the Oneness Church. Jack Depriest was the preacher at that time. We would have big crowds at services; the whole family coming. The congregation died down, the building was sold and a few years later, a building was built on the south side of the railroad tracks, on the east side of the road, and a little further away from town. This group was the Assembly of

God and the ones who had worshipped at the original One-ness Church began worshipping here. Today there are still three of us attending-- Mrs. Eva Driskell, Mrs. Joie Hanks and Mrs. Minnie Davis.

Our first pastor was Charlie Darnell from Braggadocio. He preached for us Sunday morning and Sunday night. He left and went to Michigan, and later moving back to Braggadocio. Our second pastor was W.H. Wilson, also from Braggadocio. After he left, we would have preachers preaching for us now and then. Then Marvin Walters from Malden came to the church and preached for us better than four years. We have never had a residential preacher though.

We have worshipped in this white frame building for several years now. We have our gospel meetings in the summer; but have never had Wednesday night prayer meeting.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BRAGG CITY (Mr. Sherwood Moore, Paragould Ark.)1970

Location: South Section of town

Date Organized: January 1953

Charter Members: Mrs. Minnie Davis, Mrs. Eva Driskill, Mr. and Mrs. Ackland Hanks

First Pastor: Rev. Charley Darnell, Braggadocio, Mo.

Other Pastors: Rev. W.H. Wilson, Sister Joe Wilman, Rev. Marvin Walters, Rev. Disney Razar, present pastor-Rev. Sherwood Moore

Buildings: one parsonage

Present memberships: 12 (if you need the names of these members, let me know).

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BRAGG CITY (Additional information source unknown)

Built the Church January 1953

First Pastor: Rev. Charley Darnell for a year or two, Braggadocio, Mo.

Rev. W.H. Wilson year or so, Braggadocio, Mo.

Sister Joe Wilman was pastor for us for over four years, Kennett, Mo.

Brother Wilson (W.H.) for over 2 years, Braggadocio, Mo.

Rev. Marvin Walters pastored June beginning 25, 1967 which he served us as pastor work for over four years.

Rev. Sidney Razer pastored Aug. 27, 1967 to May 18, 1969

Charter Members: Minnie Davis, Eva Driskill, Ackland Hanks,
John Davis.

HISTORY OF ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MO.

Compiled by Pastor John S. Bell
July 1971

The Assembly of God Church at Caruthersville, Mo. is a member of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield Mo. and of the Southern Missouri District of the Assemblies. Subscribing to the tenets and by-laws of the General Council and the Southern Missouri District Council

The Assembly of God of Caruthersville, began in the early 1930's with a few Pentecostal families gathering in homes for cottage prayer meetings. In the summer months and when weather permitted open air revivals were held by ministers of the Pentecostal experience whose names have long since been forgotten. Each summer would see the erection of brush arbors, and the beginning of revival. In the late 1930's sentiment began to brew for a place to worship which could accommodate the congregation year round. In the year 1939 a piece of property located at 919 Laurant Caruthersville, was purchased and became the home of THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD until June 1970 when the congregation moved into new quarters located at 1101 Grand.

Until recent years history was not considered as important to most of the Assemblies of God Churches, so the history of this church is sketchy and for the most part non existent. Likewise records were never deemed important and where kept at all are very inadequate and dates are often missing.

According to the most reliable information at hand the church congregation actually began to take form in 1938 with a tent revival conducted by Odis Virgin, on a vacant lot at the corner of 11th and Laurant. The congregation grew and bought the above mentioned property and was

properly set in order on the 9th day of March 1943 at a special called business meeting. A Certificate of Affiliation was issued by the General Council and signed by the Superintendent Rev. R.M. Riggs and Sec. Rev. K.H. Lawson.

As records were often lost or destroyed succeeding pastors did not often know what previous pastors had done so many churches have several Certificates of Affiliation. This was true of this congregation for a again in the year 1951 on June 8, under the pastorate of Sister Ida Mae Keaton the Church again called a special business meeting and was granted another Certificate of Affiliation signed by the then Superintendent Wesley R. Steelberg, and secretary J. Roswell Flower.

Below is a partial list of past pastors; information is very sketchy and this is not by any means a complete list. Nor are they arranged in consecutive order but beginning and working in reverse order.

1971-1967-----John S. Bell

1967-1966-----H.I. Fingers

1966-1963?-----Thomas Jackson

Kenneth Doyle

J.C. Nichols

Ida Mae Keaton (second pastorate)

Romaine Hertwick

Ida Mae Keaton

Littlepage

James Farmer

Robert Gouge, Jr.

Paul and Effie Kindred

Sanders

Odis Virgin

Present official board of church is Willis Williams, 910 Beckwith and Robert R. Guest, RFD, Caruthersville, and John S. Bell, pastor. Robert R. Guest is also Secretary Treasurer.

CATHERINE LAVONIA (GREENWELL) LATIMER

Born Febraury 15, 1902 in the hills of Uniontown, Union County, Kentucky, to Robert Manuel Greenwell and Sarah Jane Drury. Married Ernest Hurtle Latimer, December 25, 1938. Mr. Latimer died May 1970. She was next to the youngest of seven children, (twin boys included). Her father was a tobacco farmer, but hearing that Missouri was a land of milk and honey, decided to move here. They came by steamboat, all eight of them along with their worldly possessions and arrived in Caruthersville in the early spring of 1902.

They moved in a small four-room house on a farm five miles southwest of Caruthersville. Two years later they moved farther south to a newer and larger house on newly cleared land owned by the Tinsley Estate. They cleared additional land and grew cotton, corn and some alfalfa.

At that time all roads in the county were dirt and when the heavy rains and snows of winter set in the roads became almost impassable, especially the narrow lane leading to their house. The main road then was what is now Route "U" and to get to their home one turned south on the first gravel road west of the one-room Chapel School.

In winter they came to Caruthersville by train, walking to Mitchell's Switch or Canady Switch, three miles south and catching the Frisco train.

Her brothers attended the Chapel School and an older sister boarded and attended school in Caruthersville at the Sacred Heart School.

Trips to town were infrequent because of the distance and condition of the roads. Most of their staple supplies were laid in in the fall. A grist mill at Game, now Stubtown, supplied their cornmeal. Shelled corn was taken to the mill and a portion of it was given for the grinding.

Lavonia says she made the trip alone sometimes. Her father would load the corn in the buggy and say, "Tell them you are Bob Greenwell's daughter". There was a General Merchandise and Postoffice at Game operated by a Mr. Fox. She vividly remembers buying a piece of calico at this store for a dress - dark blue with small yellow floweres, for .06¢ per yard.

When she was six years old her father purchased a small acreage of land two miles south of Caruthersville, located on what is now known as Playground Road. The move was made so the children could attend Sacred Heart School and be nearer the church. This is where she grew to adulthood. The children walked to school, a distance of two miles each way. The road was still dusty in summer and muddy in the fall and winter.

Lavonia attended Sacred Heart School staffed by Ursuline Nuns. After her last year in school she replaced a lay teacher who failed to return from vacation. She taught first, second and third grades one term. She could not cope with the forty small children and did not continue teaching.

"We owned the first Graphophone in the neighborhood", Lavonia said. The music box was small, the horn large and the volume very loud. Their nearest neighbors a mile away, could hear the music on a clear night. Her fathers favorite record was "The Whistler and His Dog". Her father was a rather good whistler and that may have influenced his choice of music. The machine did not use the flat platters we see today, but round cuff-like records.

Sunday baptizings during the summer were common. The large ponds were used for this purpose, the largest near the "Y", now the intersection of Route "U" and I-55. People came for miles around to watch, sing and pray.

Community picnics, barbecues and dances were held during the summer months near the Chapel School. The Fourth of July Celebration topped all the others. Crops were "laid by" and the farmers and their families had time for recreation and pleasure. The men gathered the day before,

dug pits for barbecueing, gathered the wood and prepared the meat, and spent the night slow cooking the pork and goat meat. The next day stands were set up to display and sell their wares. Soda pop chilled in wash tubs were sold, with half the contents of the bottles spilling or fizzing out when the top was snapped off. So what, they only cost .05¢. The food was delicious - a once-a-year treat.

A raised dance floor made from rough lumber and covered with sawdust was filled with square dancers during the afternoon and late into the night. Several fiddlers and callers for the dance sets provided fun and interest for the observers. Fist fights often erupted at these affairs.

Lavonia has been a member of the Sacred Heart Church since infancy and has been active in the Catholic Ladies Society, the Church Finance Committee, Sacred Heart Parish Council and has participated regularly in all church activities.

She is a Charter Member of the Caruthersville Business and Professional Women's Club and was active from 1936 through 1966, serving as vice-president and treasurer. She was chosen "Woman of the Year" in 1956 for outstanding loyalty and service to the club.

She was employed as the first City Water Office Clerk beginning in 1924 when water meters were first installed. She served as Clerk until 1928.

The major part of her adult life has been spent in the Social Service field, work that helps others. She remembers the large number of people requesting assistance in the early 1930's - the enormous crowds waiting at the Community Distribution Center for food, clothing, bedding and fuel when funds permitted.

Her employment with the State of Missouri began in early 1932 as Records Clerk for FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Administration); Clerk for various WPA progrmss. In 1935 she became a Caseworker for the Division of Welfare. She was appointed Casework Supervisor with the Department in 1955 and retained that position until retirement in 1971. This

was hard but interesting work. She says, "I met many wonderful people, (and some not so wonderful)", and was able in many instances to aid the less fortunate in meeting their needs and in making better lives for themselves and their families." In this capacity I also had charge of training all new Caseworkers who were being hired because of the Departments ever increasing growth." "I number these new workers among my dearest friends, today".

"I have been active with RSVP since retirement and otherwise keep busy with my hobbies; my garden, my yard, growing a few flowers, embroidering and other kinds of handwork".

"When I look back, times were difficult occasionally, but we always managed to cope with the situation. We had few luxuries but we did have a solid comfortable home and I think I am a much stronger person because of some of the experiences of my childhood".

"What do I treasure most?" "My home, my family, my church and the friends I have made through the years."

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CITIZENS RELIEVED AS RECORD-BREAKING JANUARY DEPARTS

Month Was Coldest In Years; Below Zero Temperatures Recorded 4 Times

January bid adieu Wednesday night and a shivering citizenry responded with a relieved feeling of "good riddance".

For January left Caruthersville something to remember it by, including: (1) a five-below zero temperature (Jan. 25), (2) four shivery nights when the mercury dropped below zero, (3) seven inches of snow, and (4), twenty-two days which recorded temperatures lower than the coldest 1939 reading of 17 degrees.

The month, the coldest for many years, was ushered in with fitting ceremony, 1.5 inches of snow having fallen as 1939 departed. January came in with temperatures only a few degrees above zero and the snap lasted five days. Then came a few days of moderate weather highlighted

by a 55-degree reading January 13th, the highest of the month, but on the 18th the mercury dived and stayed in the lower levels until this week arrived.

The night of the 18th the mercury went to four below zero and on January 25th still a degree lower. The big snow, six inches, fell the 22nd and 23rd.

For a few days, however, it was warm enough to rain and 2.19 inches fell, with Jan. 13th supplying most of it, 1.65 inches.

A few more statistics: On only 5 days did the mercury climb to 40 degrees or higher and on 14 different days the mercury dropped below 10.

Tuesday had a high reading of 32 degrees with a low of 17 Wednesdays high was 41 and the low 18.

Colder weather has been predicted for the lower Mississippi Valley tomorrow night.

D.A-Feb. 2, 1940

ICE JAM HOLD'S PUBLIC INTEREST: NO GUESS MADE AS TO ITS DURATION

The ice gorge in the Mississippi River at Gayosa Bend, a few miles northwest of Caruthersville, is expected to stay for some time yet, despite the warmer weather the past few days.

But beyond that, the U.S. Engineers will not hazard a guess as to when the break will come, according to Joe Curtis, veteran river observer who writes for the Commercial Appeal.

Meanwhile, Caruthersville residents continue to drive and walk to the bend to get a glimpse of the jam.

The water continues to back up behind the gorge and at present is about 11 feet higher than at the gauge in town. Numerous sand bars in the river have been covered by the pent-up waters and a slight rise in the Ohio River is reported caused by the jam at Gayosa Bend.

The U.S. Engineers do not believe a great deal of damage will result when the ice starts down the river, but local owners of pleasure

boats, fishing boats, etc., are taking no chances and are pulling their boats out on the bank where possible.

The engineers believe the gorge ice will melt gradually at the bottom and that the water running underneath will remove the bulk of the ice before the gorge breaks.

The danger, the engineers says, lies in a rapid rise in the Ohio, sending a wall of water down the Mississippi that would sweep the ice in large quantities down the river and damage boats now ice-bound. Such an occurrence is a vague possibility, according to the report.

It is reported colder weather will reach the lower Mississippi Valley tomorrow and Sunday, preventing a thaw-out of the ice.

The Federal Barge Line Steamer Illinois and her eight barges remain entangled in the jam. They are marooned close to the bank and their crews walk back and forth from them to the bank on the ice, it was reported yesterday by a Caruthersville man who flew over the gorge with a Hayti aviator.

HISTORY OF CARUTHERSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH 1934

Compiled by Rachel Bloker Dawson

Information for this article came from a history written by Carl F. Bloker for insertion in the cornerstone of the high school building dedicated on September 30, 1924; and from Mrs. Clara Bigham a native of Caruthersville and one of the first women elected to the Board of Education. Mr. Bloker served on the School Board for about twenty years. Both Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Bloker were dedicated to good education and community development.

Prior to the establishment of public education an Englishman named Husbrooks taught a three months school in the Cunningham Store building located west of Ward Avenue on Second Street. There were thirty pupils. He was followed by a Kentuckian named Cavanaugh who taught a one room school in the Huntley building located on the east side of the 500 block

of Ward Avenue.

Hattie LaForge taught a private school in a log building on property now occupied by the Eastwood Memorial United Methodist Church on the west side of Ward Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets. Next was a one room frame building located on Bushey Avenue. It was in session only three months during the summer and the teachers were John Cunningham and C.B. Faris. This building burned. A school was erected by public subscription and was located on the east side of Walker Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets. It was known as the Pemiscot County Male and Female Academy. At the dedication of the academy on October 1, 1889, there were morning and afternoon exercises. Participants on the program came from Hayward, Braggadocio, New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Benton, St. Louis and Shannon County. Professor James T. Clark was in charge of the school. In 1891 the academy had twenty two pupils and tuition was \$3.00 a month. Later Professor John Milton and his wife taught and lived in the building. In 1892 the school was known as Pemiscot College. In December 1892 the building burned during a Christmas program. Cotton decorations suspended from the ceiling caught fire from a hanging oil lamp. Children on the platform were pulled outside through a window by a man standing on packing boxes outside.

In 1894 records show warrants issued to Eralso Walton, principal, for \$68.00; Nannie Black, teacher, \$25.00, and E. Williams, teacher \$30.00. Tuition for non-residents was \$1.50 per month for the primary grades and \$2.50 for elementary, paid in advance. L.L. Lomax was hired at \$30.00 a month to teach the negroes.

In 1895 a tax of 65¢ on \$100.00 valuation was voted. In that year, an educated couple, Professor Lee W. Rood and his wife from Auxvasse, Missouri, were in charge. They had come to Southeast Missouri because they had heard of the need of educators in the area. This public school was located in a two story building and the Rood's lived and taught in the building. The professor was paid \$88.00 per month as principal and Mrs. Rood received \$30.00. In 1895 a ten months school was voted. There were not sufficient funds to operate for ten months so Professor Rood

did not accept his salary and, to raise funds, he and Mrs. Rood organized entertainments of music, speeches and pantomines.

At the annual school election held April 7th, 1896 a proposition was submitted for issuance of bonds in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the erection of a school building. The vote carried--120 for and 11 against. There were those who thought the \$8,000.00 bond issue was too extravagant and that the school, located between 11th and 12th on the west side of Ward Avenue, too far out. The land was donated by J.E. Franklin, an early developer in Pemiscot County, Louis Houck, a prominent resident of Cape Girardeau who built the first railroad in the area, and H.C. Schult, a prominent citizen and judge. Erected was a two story, red brick building with a round tower which housed all grades from one through twelve. The cost of construction was \$6,776.00 and equipment for the school cost about \$1,200.00

Lee W. Rood was superintendent at the organization of the high school and served as superintendent of the Caruthersville schools from September 1st, 1895 to June 6th, 1905. The average attendance in High School the first year was 38. The teachers in the Caruthersville schools and the salaries paid at the beginning of the high school were as follows:

Lee W. Rood	70.00 per scholastic month
Mrs. Lee W. Rood	30.00 per scholastic month
Blanche Gregory	30.00 per scholastic month
Theodosia Wilson	30.00 per scholsstic month

Three members of the first class to graduate from the Caruthersville High School were members of the same family: Mary C. Faris, Willie Ann Faris, and John Calvin Faris. The other graduate was Tom Secoy.

Members of the Board of Education at the organization of the high school were: Dr. H.T Byars, President; Hina C. Schult, Secretary and Charles G. Shepard.

At a special school Election held April 25th, 1900, a proposition was approved for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of building an addition to the grade and high school building, and \$600.00 for the building of a school house for Negro children.

In 1909 a petition of the taxpayers was presented to the Board of Education requesting that the Common School District be re-organized in a City School District. The following were elected to the first Board: F.J. Cunningham, S.P. Reynolds, H.T. Byars, J.A. Cunningham, C.G. Shepard, and C.F. Bloker.

On account of the congestion in the grade and high school building in 1909 it became necessary to erect another building and a proposition was adopted to obtain a loan of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting and furnishing a High School. The four and one half acre site purchased was south of 16th street on the west side of Ward Avenue. The cost of the site was \$2,000.00. The building cost \$14,292. and the cost of heating equipment was \$1,245.00. In January 1911 school was in session in the building.

In 1916, because of congestion it was necessary to erect a new grade school building to be located back of the original building erected in 1896, and \$5,000.00 for repairs to the old Grammar School and \$5,000.00 for the erection and furnishing of a brick school building for the Negroes. The latter building was erected at 18th and Adams.

In 1923 or '24 fire demolished the High School building. A new building was constructed at a cost of \$139,537.00 and the cornerstone was laid on Sept. 30th. Members of the Board of Education at that time were J.W. Green, Dr. J.B. Luten, Earl J. Long, Sr., Mrs. Clara Bigham, Mrs. Florence Cunningham and Carl F. Bloker. Mrs. Bigham and Mrs. Cunningham were the first women to be elected to the school board when they defeated their male opponents three to one.

From 1928 to 1932 a Junior College was housed in the high school.

In 1934 a grammar school with eight classrooms was built on the site of the first grammar school. The school district provided \$9,000.00 and the Public Works Administration paid the rest. It was built by WPA labor and was valued at \$30,000.00

ANNIVERSARY OPENING

(Twice-A-Week Democrat, Caruthersville, Mo. February 19, 1915)

J.S. Wahl wishes to invite all of the people living in Caruthersville and vicinity to attend the anniversary opening of the Bottling Works, Thursday, March 4. It will be just eighteen years since he opened the business. It is but seldom an eighteen year old attains such growth. The older residents will remember the small building in which Mr. Wahl first opened his manufacturing plant. A wheelbarrow was used to deliver the product. But few realize the present enormous size. The plant would be a credit to any city. This is one reason why Mr. Wahl is having this anniversary opening. He wants the people to come, be shown through the plant and become more familiar with the process of manufacturing soda water and realize the extent of this vast plant. He will serve free ice-cold soda water to all visitors and to make the event more interesting he will have a guessing contest that will not only prove of interest but of actual value. He has procured a large glass balloon which will hold a quantity of water. This will be filled and suspended in the plant. It will empty itself one drop at a time. To the person coming the nearest to guessing how long it will take it to become empty, Mr. Wahl will give free distilled water at the rate of two demijohns a week for a period of six months. The second prize will be six cases of soda; third prize, five cases of soda; fourth prize, four cases of soda; fifth prize, three cases of soda; sixth prize, two cases of soda. The fortunate winners of these valuable prizes will have choice of any flavor of soda they desire. The water will start dripping at six o'clock in the evening of the day of the opening and will drip continually until the balloon is emptied. Tickets will be given the visitors on which the names and guesses will be entered. These will be in charge of three disinterested men who will oversee them and award the prizes. Mr. Wahl wants everyone to come and help him celebrate this pleasant event.

J.S. WAHL BOTTLING WORKS OPENING

TWICE-A-WEEK DEMOCRAT, Caruthersville, Mo. February 26, 1915

There is no enterprise in Caruthersville, or in the State of Missouri, that more eloquently illustrates the value of honesty and perseverance in a business than that of the J.S. Wahl Bottling Works. Established in 1897 in a modest frame shack, it has year by year spread out until now the mammoth two-story brick structure on the corner of Third Street and Carleton Avenue barely suffices to supply the space required. This building has a frontage of 100 feet and is 150 feet long, with full basement annexes, etc., occupying 45,000 square feet of ground. This is indeed a wonderful contrast to the humble start in a wooden shanty, 12 by 16 feet, with only one carbonator.

The plant is today the largest of its kind south of the City of St. Louis, and its equipment the most modern and most perfect that can be acquired. A recent installation is a new Polar Wave Water Distilling outfit, which has been installed at a cost of \$3000.

The plant makes every variety of soda water, their own syrups, coloring and flavoring materials, and are also extensive manufacturers of cider and cider vinegar. A force of .35 hands are employed, and the country for more than 100 miles round is promptly supplied with the J.S. Wahl products.

Thursday, March 4th, will be the 18th anniversary of the business, and Mr. Wahl wants the public to come and be shown through the plant, to the end that they may better understand the process of manufacturing soda water and realize the extent of this vast plant. Ice cold soda water will be served free to the visitors, and an interesting guessing contest will be offered. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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"Aunt Paul", Deering Negress and Former Slave, Dies at 111 of Grief Over Death of Baby Son, 80.

A life story that began in Lake County, Tennessee, before that

State's favorite son, Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson, was ushered into the White House amid muddy boots on plush chairs, ended in Deering, Mo. last month with the death of Pauline Rice, colored, who was overcome by the death of her "baby" son who was 80 years old.

Pauline Rice, a former slave affectionately known as "Aunt Paul" died at the age of 111. Her son, Joe Israel, died on Thursday afternoon December 14, after a short seige of pneumonia.

Aunt Paul, who up to that time had gone about her daily tasks, tending to her chickens, piecing quilts, and enjoying an occasional afternoon of fishing, went to a neighbor's house where, grief-stricken, she went to bed within an hour. The next day she passed into a coma and, without gaining consciousness, died Monday afternoon.

She was born in Lake County, near Tiptonville, Tenn, in 1828. She did not know the day or month she was born, but Pemiscot County Social Security Commission officials, after questioning her as to her age at the time of certain events years ago, felt certain she was born in the year Andrew Jackson was elected president. She received an old age pension in Missouri for three years.

The aged negress retained all her faculties until her death. She often appeared on assembly programs at the Deering High School and told of her life as a slave. She was a field hand, hoeing, plowing, splitting rails and digging ditches on the land of five masters she served.

An extremely large woman, standing well over six feet tall and at one time weighing 300 pounds, she did not experience the process, but often told of her fellow slaves being confined to barracks for fattening before being sold on the block. She herself was sold four times. Her last master was named Israel, after whom her "baby" boy was named.

She talked much of Lincoln and often recounted her experiences during the Civil War. During the war she slipped through the lines on several occasions to carry food which her aged grandmother had cooked for the Union soldiers. One of her few treasured possessions at the time she died was a canteen used by soldiers during the conflict.

She married Frank Rice and was the mother of three children, two of them dying while young. Joe was her youngest child.

After the war and the gaining of freedom the family moved to Hickman, Ky where her husband worked in a rock quarry.

In 1904, when a large lumber company was clearing the swampy west end of Pemiscot County, Frank Rice came to Missouri to work and the next year Pauline joined him there. Joe, meanwhile after fighting in the Spanish-American War, had gone to northeast Arkansas.

Frank died in 1913 and then Aunt Paul sent for Joe to come and live near her. They lived since that time in two adjoining cabins in the colored section of Deering.

When Joe arrived in Deering Aunt Paul's neighbors questioned her as to discrepancy in names, hers being Rice and the son, now well past middle age, giving his name as Joe Israel. Old residents tell how she would brighten up as she explained that Joe was born back in slave days, and, naturally took the name of the master.

Her neighbors marveled at her physical strength and all, both negroes and whites, tell corroborating stories of her exploits. W.A. Hudson, Deering Farm official, who knew her twelve years before she died, tells of seeing her lift a barrel of flour and taking it home.

She, with several other negroes, was waiting in front of a store for foodstuffs which they received as Christmas presents. The proprietor, pointing to a barrel of flour weighing about 200 pounds, told her she could have it if she could take it home. Hudson said the woman, then more than a hundred years old, shouldered the barrel of flour and carried it across the railroad tracks to a cabin in the negro quarters.

She never wore glasses, yet did a great deal of sewing, threading her own needles and those of her neighbors who were unable to see as well as she. Last fall she dug a small patch of sweet potatoes she had raised. She enjoyed fishing and even last summer made regular excursions to the drainage ditches with her pole and line. (cont'd April 84 Quarterly).

Q U E R Y

Searching for information on my grandfather, Wash P. Lafferty, he married Ina Ann Davis, December 7, 1893 in Douglas County, MO. Believed to have moved somewhere near or in Pemiscot County after 1893. Believed to have later moved to Oklahoma and died somewhere around 1924 or 1925.

Searching for the name of his father and mother.

Any information appreciated write: Mrs. T.M. Bennett, 422 Reiff Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Q U E R Y

George Darnell Felts born February 7, 1863, Dunklin County, Missouri. His mother was Caroline Hutto Felts, also known as Mrs. N.C. Felts, who died May 16, 1905, age 72, Hayti. Desire the first name of father of George Darnell Felts and any other information about him, his brothers, sisters, or descendants. Also searching for information on the brothers, sisters and parents of Caroline Hutto Felts. Will exchange information. Please write Janet Felts, 430 N. Harrison Street, Rushville, Indiana 46173.

I would like to know about the graveyard at Mosley School. I know it was a small one. Jannetta Pierce, 1548 Addis Road, Holly, MI 48442.

Q U E R Y

Working on McCollum genealogy. Want to locate any descendants of (1) Clint and Ollie (Deathridge) Ashley (2) Cora (Ashley) and "Buck" Shaw. Clint and Cora Ashley were twins born 1882 the children of George W. and Elizabeth "Betty" (McCollum) Ashley of Humphreys County (Baker-ville), Tennessee. Both Clint, Cora and families lived in or near Hayti and Caruthersville in the early 1900's. They have been reported to have died and have been buried in Pemiscot County. Please contact Monroe Stewart, 111 Masonic Avenue, Monroe, LA 71203.