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Fort Smith Cadet Band in winter uniforms. Organized December 20, 1913 by A.L. Lundgren, Bandmaster and Manager.

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FORT SMITH CADET BAND

By Charles E. Winters

PREFACE

A young boy used to gaze in awe at a faded military uniform and a French horn resting in an attic at Fort Smith in the 1930's. As the boy grew older he became more curious about the items and learned they were mementos of the Fort Smith Cadet Band. Later he discovered photographs of the boys holding their instruments at ready, and standing beside their handsome leader. Even as an adult, the uniforms, French horn and photographs continued to stimulate interest and occasional questions about the Cadet Band.

The attic containing the Cadet Band articles was in the house of my grandmother. The uniforms and French horn had been used by my father. What did the band do? Where did they perform? What happened to their leader?

Dates and places for this account of the Cadet Band have come from Fort Smith newspapers, examined as part of the study in history at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Newspaper dates and places are supplementary to a manuscript account written by a former band member. Harry Huey's description of the band's achievements and frustrations, as well as those of its director, goes beyond mere facts and dates, to the degree of contributing personal involvement and local color. The conclusions advanced are those of the writer.

Charles E. Winters

Music was not readily available to people in the years before the radio and other modern conveniences. In the early 1900's, musicians were needed for performance in orchestras at theaters and at dances and picnics. Bands performed at most large gatherings. Many benevolent and fraternal organizations sponsored and promoted bands. Even the more common and mediocre performers were frequently pressed into service to play for casual gatherings.

The better organized and trained musicians usually performed in a regular orchestra. Many musicians supplemented their incomes by giving lessons during the day and then spent evenings performing in the orchestra pit of a theater. Frequently, musicians earned their living working at some non-musical task during the day and regarded their music activities as a part-time job; or as an avocation, rather than as a vocation.

While it is true that the phonograph was in general use by the year 1910, musical sounds produced on mechanical accoustical records hardly compared with the music produced by live performers. In general, it may be said that the accomplished musician and his skill were highly regarded in the society of any town. Music was a scarce commodity. One might be assured that a crowd would attend any function where music was to be performed.

Every city and practically every town provided a bandstand for the performance of music during summer gatherings. Traveling stage shows usually brought their own musicians, but many of them relied on local talent to supplement their musical artists in the larger theaters.

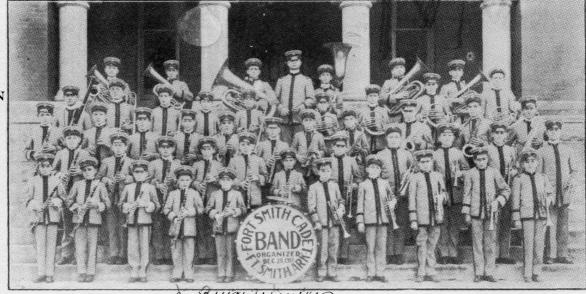
Into the musical activity of Fort Smith, Arkansas, late in the year 1913, came a former U.S. Army bandsman. Anton L. Lundgren left Sweden at the age of twelve. He joined the Army, became a superb cornet performer, and served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. Mr. Lundgren married a Boston actress and came to Fort Smith as an insurance salesman. Performing in theater orchestras in the evenings, he was immediately recognized as the finest virtuoso of the cornet ever heard in Fort Smith, and was eagerly accepted into the Musician's Protective Association.¹

In late 1913, Mr. Lundgren advertised to enlist twenty-three boys to form a Cadet Band. The band was to organize, rehearse, and travel to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Instruments and uniforms would be acquired and boys would be from twelve to fourteen years of age. "Write to A.L. Lundgren, ... in your own handwriting, and I will arrange to interview you and your parents. Those who are able to buy instruments will be required to do so, but boys with special talent will be furnished an instrument if they are unable to do so."2 Before Christmas the band was organized and their instruments were ordered.3 Twenty-five boys began to practice twice weekly on their new Conn instruments by February of 1914. The band was organized along military lines and officers were elected from the ranks.4

Mr. Lundgren applied to the Musicians' Protective Association for special membership for the Cadet Band. When the Association declined the application because of the young age of the boys, Mr. Lundgren resigned from the Association. To his amazement, his resignation also was denied. Resolving to ignore the Association, Mr. Lundgren withdrew from theater orchestra work.⁵



Bandmaster and Manager 801 North Seventh Street FORT SMITH, ARK.



FORT SMITH CADET BAND—THE GREAT ATTRACTION

THE LARGEST AND BEST EQUIPPED BOYS CONCERT BAND IN THE WORLD

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The Cadet Band began to grow in size, and rehearsed each morning from six to eight o'clock. A letter from the Panama-Pacific Fair Commission informed the band members, "that they would perform from a fine bandstand located at the Arkansas Pavilion where they would represent the city of Fort Smith."6 Rehearsals were held in a room at the Courthouse. Mr. Lundgren announced that the Cadet Band had completed their elementary studies and were ready to begin making appearances on May 6, 1914. There were thirty-five members listed, who performed on Conn instruments (of the same make used by the famous John Phillip Sousa) and acquired at a cost of approximately \$2,000.7 The cost of the instruments was divided among the members, and each member was charged slightly less than \$40.00.8

The Fort Smith Cadet Band made their first public appearance at the *Lyric Airdrome* which was located on North 7th Street. The young musicians wore their new white uniforms. An enthusiastic audience gave them a warm reception on June 14, 1914.9

Open air concerts began on July 4th and extended through September 5th as a series, presented at The Plaza on Garrison Avenue and North 11th Street. Merchants subscribed to the series freely and generously. Early morning rehearsals continued daily. 10 Approximately one-hundred-fifty merchants paid almost \$1,000 for the band concerts. Performances were given alternately at The Plaza and from the balcony of the Main Hotel. 11 Additional

concerts included one given at the North 2nd Street Playground.¹² Promotional contests included a "tag day," and a contest for the sale of beautiful engraved pictures of the band. First prize for the picture sales amounted to a free trip to San Francisco to spend thirty days at the Fair.¹³ A series of ten concerts at the Goldman Hotel Park began on July 4th, and beautiful souvenir programs were distributed to the first two-thousand patrons.¹⁴

Mr. Lundgren booked the band for a performance on July 4th, at the "Electric Park," which was owned by the Fort Smith Light & Traction Company. The park had operated at a financial loss for some years. The operators sought to promote the Cadet Band and at the same time, to reduce expenses while attracting a large crowd to the park on streetcars. The Musicians' Protective Association fined Mr. Lundgren in the amount of one hundred dollars and boycotted the Electric Park. This boycott included the park's Auditorium and Casino, the site of frequent musical engagements.¹⁵

The following week brought still another confrontation with the Musicians' Protective Association as a consequence of the encampment of more than Five-hundred delegates of the Woodmen Of The World at a site adjacent to the Electric Park. The Cadet Band joined the encampment and gave concerts to the W.O.W.'s and to the visiting public. As a concluding pageant, the W.O.W. staged a downtown parade. 16 When the Cadet Band alighted from their

streetcar downtown, Mr. Lundgren was informed by a Musicians' Protective Association leader that the Cadet Band had been assigned to march with the third brigade of the procession. Mr. Lundgren refused to bow to the Association's interference and led the Cadet Band at the very head of the parade according the original plans.17 Although the civic minded merchants had engaged the Darby band to promote large attendance, the Cadet Band was the official W.O.W. encampment band. An estimated 10,000 viewed the gigantic W.O.W. parade of officers, the Cadet Band, marching brigades and other bands. At the end of Garrison Avenue the parade ended where marchers were offered catered food and refreshments before they boarded streetcars for their return to camp.18

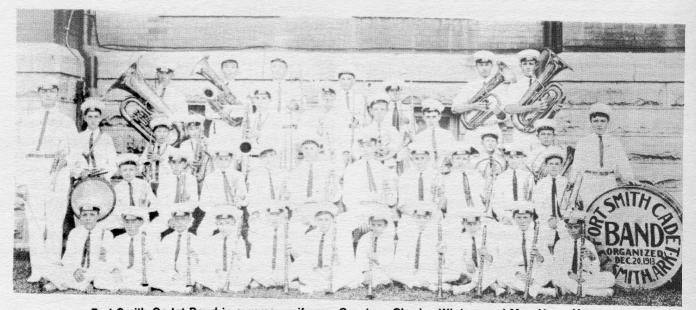
On July 18th, the Cadet Band went to Mansfield, Arkansas to give a concert at a United Mine Workers picnic. The band was cheered for their performance and boarded the Frisco Railway "Slicker" to return home, when suddenly a shower of rocks was thrown from striking miners from a nearby camp. The strikers had learned of the use of Federal troops in Ludlow, Colorado to put down resisting Colorado Fuel & Iron Company employees. At that moment troops were en route from Fort Root to the adjacent camp of Prairie Creek in the Hartford Valley. The strikers saw Cadet Band uniforms on the train and assumed the troops had arrived.19 Cadet Marshall Ryan was wounded by one of the rocks.20 The following week the band, unafraid of being confused with troops, performed at the mining town of Hartford, Arkansas for an annual town picnic.21 Other concerts of that summer were staged at the open air church service located at North 13th and "B" Streets. All the proceeds from concerts were being applied to the fund to take the band to the Fair.22 The merchants subscribed further to the band

for concerts played to visiting Oklahoma excursionists brought to the city by the *Fort Smith & Western Railroad*.²³ The band played for an annual picnic of the Metropolitan Insurance Company.²⁴ In September the band played a concert at Stigler, Oklahoma as a part of the celebration of the Haskell County Fair. The boys wore their new woolen blue-grey uniforms with high collars. Here, as everywhere, the band was enthusiastically received.²⁵

The annual Inter-State Fair, staged at the Fairgrounds of Fort Smith, drew large crowds like the operations at Electric Park. The Fair Association, like Electric Park, was also a consistent money-loser. In 1914, the Fair Directors engaged the Cadet Band to perform during the coming Fair. The Musicians' Protective Association again publicly protested and boycotted the Fair.26 Still the crowds came to see Barney Oldfield and others drive their racers, as well as to see the shows, exhibits and other attractions. The Cadet Band performed from the bandstand between feature attractions.²⁷ In order to appear at the Fair the boys had to miss five afternoons at school. Although school officials objected, the band parents insisted that their sons participate in music education as well as in the regular studies at public schools. Within a few years music would be a part of every school curriculum, but in 1914 there was no music education program in most schools.28

At Christmas the Cadet Band, in uniform and accompanied by parents, called on Mr. Lundgren at home in order to present him with an engraved gold watch. The assembled band gave him a concert as well.²⁹

The band continued to perfect their style through the winter of 1915. By March, the band gave a concert to a capacity audience at the New Theater.³⁰ In April, the band boarded a *Midland Valley Railroad*



Fort Smith Cadet Band in summer uniforms. Courtesy Charles Winters and Mrs. Harry Huey.



HARRY HUEY CLARINET SOLOIST



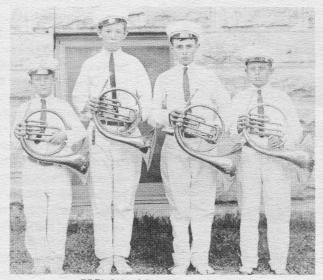
SCHRADER AND NORRISS TRUMPET DUETISTS



BARTON NORRISS SAXOPHONE SOLOIST



ANTON L. LUNDGREN BANDMASTER



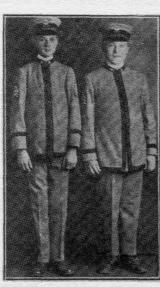
FRENCH HORN PLAYERS,
THIRD FROM LEFT IS CHARLIE WINTERS.
Courtesy Charles Winters.



HERBERT JOHNSON ASSISTANT BANDMASTER



JAMES FLOYD SLIDE TROMBONE SOLOIST



SWIFT AND JACOBS
DRUM AND TRAP ARTISTS



CURTIS GROBER EUPHONIUM SOLOIST



ANTON LUNDGREN, JR. (9 Years Old) CORNET SOLOIST

passenger train to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where they led a parade for the Greater Muskogee Association.³¹

As a consequence of extra night rehearsals, the Cadet Band was in fine form, as the time for departure on their Grand Tour to San Francisco approached. Mr. Lundgren encouraged band members to attend some of the better musicial events appearing in Fort Smith. Frequently the Cadet Band attended musical events in a body. One such affair was a concert by the Marine Band.³²



During May, the band participated in various fund raising activities in a final effort to raise as much capital as possible, for the trip to San Francisco.³³ By the middle of the month the band had \$830.32 cash, and was equipped and trained for the Grand Tour.³⁴ Mr. Lundgren made contracts to appear in twenty-five cities en route to San Francisco.³⁵ Travel was to be by train, with most of the booked appearances taking place in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, western Illinois, and lowa before the band left Omaha for the west. The band was designated as the official band of the State of Arkansas. After a ten day appearance at San Francisco the boys were to board a ship and move through the new Panama Canal to a Gulf port, where they would board a train for Fort Smith.³⁶

The programs and promotional literature were contracted for, from a local printer. An unknown hand in the print shop secured copies and turned them over to the Musicians' Protective Association, which promptly wrote a protesting notice to each theater and park where the Cadet Band was scheduled to appear. The Association also alerted each Union Association along the route.³⁷ At this time unionism was not very strong among musicians, and park owners and

theater managements frequently ignored union protesters. A number of managers mailed the Association's protests to Mr. Lundgren.³⁸

In the midst of the last-minute fund raising activity, and with a summary dismissal of the Association's protests, Mr. Lundgren and the Cadet Band appeared in a Grand Farewell Concert at the New Theater on May 23, 1915.³⁹

The band boarded an extra coach placed on *F. S. & W.* Train No. 1 on June 3, 1915. A large group of parents and boosters were on hand to wish the boys good luck. Their routing called for changing trains at Guthrie for arrival at Oklahoma City to play their first concert. As the train approached Guthrie, a large delegation of businessmen stopped the train and the band rode into town on streetcars, as far as the new lone Hotel. Guthrie heard an impromptu concert in front of the former State House, and the band was treated to a dinner and a visit to the recently completed "natatorium." (swimming pool). The following morning treats included breakfast, a visit to the mineral springs, and an automotible tour through the parks before departure on the Santa Fe for Oklahoma City.⁴⁰

At Oklahoma City there was a concert at Belle Isle Park, and the band was photographed by the Universal Film Company for distribution in their "Animated Weekly" news reel.⁴¹

A short ride on the electric interurban railway to El Reno brought another concert, to be followed by appearances in Kingfisher and Enid. At Hutchinson, Kansas, the audience was fairly large and enthusiastic, but would not compare to the reception received at Lindsborg, where Mr. Lundgren was warmly welcomed in a town of predominantly Swedish origin. Further appearances in Salina and Topeka were made to smaller audiences. Atchison, although welcoming the band, produced a small audience. St. Joseph proved to be a financial loss, but here again the band was warmly received. Mr. Lundgren began to supplement contract appearances with impromptu street corner concerts, as an effort to elude the adverse publicity campaign of the Musicians' Protective Association. In a business meeting, the membership of the band voted unanimously to continue the tour on a town-to-town basis, performing in parks and on street corners. The Cadet Band entered lowa as an informal tour, but the boys managed to sustain themselves from the proceeds of coins tossed from the audience. It soon became something of a game for the spectators to toss coins into the upright bell of the big Helicon horn.

The Musicians' Protective Association, when it feared that the band might survive despite their loss of advance contracts and billing, sent Mr. Percy W. Darby to accompany the band. Mr. Darby was a printer by trade and an orchestra leader in Fort Smith in the evenings. Soon Mr. Darby became a familiar sight to the band as he nailed up boycott posters while the

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Cadet Band got off their train. When the band was ready to leave a town Mr. Darby stood near the ticket window and listened for the town which would be the next stop for the band. Once he learned the destination of the band, Mr. Darby would purchase himself a ticket and would appear at the next point, posting his seemingly unlimited supply of placards.

In Fort Smith the fathers of the band boys held a conference. Rumors persisted that the band was insolvent and physically exhausted. Mysterious telegrams had come to Fort Smith from several towns where the band had made appearances, describing the boys as destitute, and seeking aid. Each attempt to establish a reply to one of these telegrams brought no reply other than to name the town they'd purchased tickets for. One telegram sent to St. Joseph to Mr. Lundgren was unanswered, as it arrived just after the band had departed. Now that the band was following no advance itinerary, it was almost impossible to contact the band from Fort Smith. 42 In a meeting at the Courthouse Louis Eads headed a committee to raise funds to help the band.43 The committee decided to raise money to send the band directly to San Francisco from Omaha.44 Almost immediately, a sum of \$1,200 was raised. The fare for the band to go to San Francisco and return to Fort Smith amounted to \$1,375.45

After giving concerts in Ottumwa, Shenandoah, Red Oak and Council Bluffs, Iowa the band rested all day Sunday. Next morning in Omaha, Nebraska, the band was called together and informed that they were returning to Fort Smith. The towns to the west were smaller and farther apart. It would not be possible to continue.⁴⁶

Mrs. Lundgren, in an open letter to parents of the band, told how the Mayor of Tarkio had received a telegram from the Musicians' Protective Association of Fort Smith expressing concern for the band boys, victims of hunger, fatigue, and the selfish drive of Mr. Lundgren. The Association now maintained that they wished to help the band. In the same letter Mrs. Lundgren described the red placards posted by the Association in such numbers as to have "flooded the country." Members of a committee seeking to send the band on to San Francisco called on the Association, and concluded that Mr. Darby was not alone in the campaign against the Cadet Band and Mr. Lundgren.⁴⁷

The reason the band did not continue the trip to San Francisco may be seen in the form of a personal attack published in the form of a large newspaper advertisement. Ignoring the fact that some band members were the sons of members of organized labor, the advertisement presumed that since the Musicians' Protective Association opposed Mr. Lundgren, that all unions should oppose Mr. Lundgren. The advertisement presented Mr. Lundgren as a charlatan and a coward.⁴⁸ With the broad and

sweeping charges made, Mr. Lundgren's only course was to abandon the tour and return to Fort Smith to face the band parents. The Musicians' Protective Association had discovered that the means of stopping Mr. Lundgren lay in the process of character assassination of the band leader, directed to the parents of band members. Although the people of Fort Smith had raised the money for railway tickets to San Francisco and return, Mr. Lundgren wished to reply to the charges of the Musicians' Protective Association.

The band left Omaha on streetcars and purchased tickets for Fort Smith at Council Bluffs, boarding a night train for Kansas City. Their *Burlington* train terminated (temporarily) at Kansas City's old Union Depot located in the west bottom area. With pride and confidence, the band formed in front of the old depot and marched the three miles to the new Union Station to board the *Kansas City Southern* for Fort Smith. At 2:30 A.M. the Cadet Band made a quiet entrance in Fort Smith.⁴⁹

In a published reply to the charges of the Musicians' Protective Association, Mr. Lundgren exonerated himself and clearly stated his position as organizer and leader of the Fort Smith Cadet Band. He further described the organized campaign and underhanded and subvertive activities of the Musicians' Protective Association in detail. Many union musicians in the cities visited had been sympathetic with the band and their leader, and had freely informed him of the methods and his position in their intrigue.⁵⁰

The Cadet Band members and their parents assembled at a meeting in the Courthouse. Mr. Lundgren again received a unanimous vote of confidence.⁵¹

During the remaining months of 1915, the Cadet Band played at local functions at Electric Park, in parades, and at similar affairs in adjacent towns. Mr. Lundgren organized a school called the Southland School of Music which included a small orchestra, as well as the continued operation of the Cadet Band. By this time some of the band members were employed as teachers in the Southland School. Part of the teaching work involved weekly trips to small towns for the purpose of giving lessons.52 Toward the close of the year 1915, Mr. Lundgren made his decision to leave Fort Smith.53 A banquet and grand ball at the Main Hotel for the band members and invited friends included a special concert, new Christmas music and a dance.54 Mr. Lundgren left Fort Smith early in 1916 and he never returned. He lived the rest of his life at Houston, Texas, and his young son eventually became a band instructor in public schools in the state of New Mexico.55

Shortly after the United States entered the war on April 6, 1917, it became apparent to the older members of the Cadet Band that they would be drafted into the army. A group of bandsmen enlisted as a unit, but the

Armistice of November 11, 1918, took place before the boys were to report for their physical examinations.⁵⁶

In conclusion, this account of the Fort Smith Cadet Band may be regarded as an artistic achievement of young boys under management of a talented director. The movement which prevented the band from reaching their goal at San Francisco may be seen as one which was motivated by jealousy, manifested by insinuation and intrigue. The part-time status of the musicians in the Association places those men in a position where they hardly merited or qualified for inclusion into the ranks of organized labor. To have made the young boys of the band bear the brunt of an attack on the personal integrity of their director presents the men of the Musicians' Protective Association as extreme examples of gross vanity and selfishness. While it is true that the engagement of the Cadet Band for local functions would certainly have reduced the need for the services of the Musicians' Protective Association, it is apparent that theater managers who engaged the Cadet Band needed to

reduce costs for the services of Association members. The Musicians' Protective Association appears to have been fearful that the performances of the Cadet Band might "cheapen their product."

At this date, one can only ponder over ways which members of the Musicians' Protective Association might react to televisions, radio broadcasts, high fidelity stereophonic recordings, juke boxes and sound moving-picture shows. Technological innovation has made the market for the every-day musician practically disappear. The taciturn renditions associated with the theaters of 1915 sound strange to audiences of today. Musicians have become victims of technology, except for the great artists and the amateur who plays for his own amusement. Ordinary performers are no longer in demand. On the other hand, the enthusiasm and the artistic accomplishments of the Fort Smith Cadet Band and its leader, Mr. Lundgren, represented a rare and unusual commodity which is constantly sought after and seldom available.

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ROSTER, FORT SMITH CADET BAND

1913-1915

Compiled by Harry Huey

Bandmaster, Anton L. Lundgren, Sr.

Ass't. Director, Herbert Johnson

Cornets1:

Herbert Johnson, Wallace Greenlee, Walter Shrader, Cromwell Swift, Paul Nelson, Ed Green, James Mailer, Hugh O'Keefe

Slide Cornet:

Anton Lundgren, Jr.

Fleugel Horn:

Name of player unknown

E_b Clarinet:

Martin Distil, Dude Jenkins

B_b Clarinet:

Harry Huey, Theodore Seivert, Quin Winters, Bruno Distil, James Furlong, Tom Calderera, Mendel Pruitt, Cecil Magruder

Bassoon:

Keith Prettyman

Oboe:

Theurer Bocquin

Saxophones:

Soprano, Ralph Whiteker Alto, Barton Norris Tenor, Tom Norris and Paul Leard Baritone. Luke Leard

French Horns:

Harry Davis, Charles Wernick, Charlie Winters, Ted Turnipseed.

Trombones:

James Floyd, William Preston

Baritone:

Curtis Grober

Double Bell Euphonium:

Eugene Williams

Bass:

Earl Davenport, William Spence

Helicon:

Otton Moseley

Percussion:

Snare drum, Burton Swift Bass drum, Herman Jacobs Cymbals, Harold Hurley

A newspaper article dated March 26, 1915, scrapbook of Mrs. Cora Albertson of Pocola, gives a list of Cadet Band Members which includes names not listed in Harry Huey's list above. They are:

Gerald Magruder Ed Barling Herman Jacobs Bill Moselev Russell Corey Herman Dierich Roy Johns Paul Jeffries Ned Huey Wm Vincent Charles Sengle Curtis Grober Eugene Williams Robert Barling Earl Davenport Elmer Pryor Otto Moseley Tony Parker Edward Slocum **Burton Swift** Harold Hurley Earl Moselev Homer DeHaven Bill Spence Marshall Ryan

This list also spells the name of Ralph Whiteker as Ralph Whitaker.

There is no distinction between Cornets and Trumpets in Harry Huey's and Herbert Johnson's tabulation of members. Much music played by the Cadet Band was written especially for the band by their director, A. L. Lundgren, with words written by Mrs. Lundgren. The following, obviously words to a song written after the band's return from their never-to-be-forgotten trip, is also from the scrapbook of Mrs. Cora Albertson. The song is not titled and the writer's name is not on it, but we believe these words were written by Mrs. Lundgren:

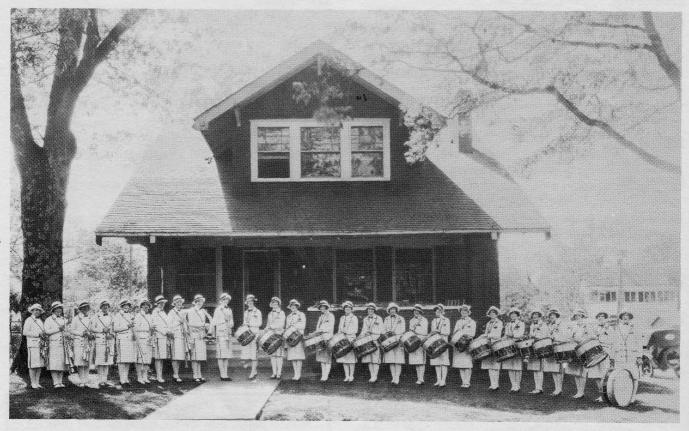
'We've been in several states of late and played in eighteen towns We've seen some famous people and cities of renown But after we have seen them all and wonder where to go We all agree we'd rather be back in old Fort Smith.

CHORUS

So we've come back to stay in dear old Fort Smith town
And among the folks we love the best We'll be glad to settle down.
They greet you here with a friendly smile It's the only city that's worthwhile
So we've come back, back, back to stay, In dear old Fort Smith town.

Ladies - Strike up the band

by Sarah Fitzjarrald



One of the first pictues taken of the Smile Girls Band. Standing in front of residence of the Carl Wortz family at 127 May Avenue.

Any ordinary casual observer would have said it couldn't be done. Carl Wortz was not a professionally trained band director and even though he knew some music, few people would ever have thought that he could put together an all-girl marching band, with a drum corps and drill team included for good measure.

Fortunately for Fort Smith and the entire State of Arkansas, Wortz's fellow Rotarians were not casual ordinary observers. When he proposed sometime in 1925 to organize the band and requested \$400 from the Rotary Club to buy a set of imported German horns known as "Martine trumpetines" the men responded with the cash.

A Martine trumpetine was unique in that it was played with the lips pressed against the mouthpiece like a trumpet, but had reeds and valves like a saxophone or clarinet. The lower the pitch, the fewer reeds were required. The horns came in a set of ten and it took all of them to make one complete harmonious chord. Former band members say that the Martine trumpetines sounded like a full rich pipe organ.

Wortz acquired drums and cymbals from the local Masonic Lodge and in early March, 1926 the band was organized with 28 members -- high school girls which he carefully hand-picked.

It was a well disciplined organization from the beginning and when Wortz blew his whistle the girls jumped. There was band practice twice and sometimes three times a week, and the surest way for a girl to get dropped from the band was to miss one practice.

Mrs. H.H. Smith taught the girls to blow the horns and practice sessions were held at Wortz's place of business, Wortz Biscuit Company. It was Wortz himself who taught the girls the drum beat and the intricate drills which they learned to perform with perfect precision without cue or signal, every girl learning the movements by memory.

Ukeleles were added and each girl had her own. They gave concerts for all sorts of programs and the girls sang the popular songs of the time to the accompaniment of their ukeleles. There were songs such as "Harvest Moon," "In the Evening By The

Moonlight," "Dream Your Troubles Away," the "Fort Smith Song," the "Smile Girl Song," "Tain't No Use to High-Tone Me," and "Singing in the Bathtub," the last two being comedy favorites which always received much applause.

The original twenty-eight girls were Hortense Bass, Josephine Bruton, Louise Cook, Lila Croft, Blannie Dell Crowe, Catherine Curtis, Edith Hester, Martha Hines, Katherine Hale, Mary Jeffries, Modean Litton, Mary Morgan, Katherine Neisler, Lottie Otto, Mary Louise Russell, Eugenia Stewart, Mildred Sipe, Mary Elizabeth Schaap, Dorothy Williams, Martha Atkinson, Pauline Boner, Burce Croft, Madeline Crump, Virginia Gilbreath, Wynema Lindsey, Jane Louise Richardson, Frances Smith, and Mary Frances Word.

Their first costumes were skirts and jackets made of white flannel trimmed with black piping and black buttons; and soft white flannel hats with black ribbon for trim. The girls wore these uniforms for marching and other appropriate programs. Their costumes for dinners and dances were long white satin gowns and each girl wore a single strand of pearls. Traveling costumes were black satin "trousers" with tan smocks trimmed with a black bow at the neck. Black berets were worn at a rakish angle. The girls furnished their own wardrobes.

The band thrived for five good years and it was the time of friendship tours (booster trips), carnivals and conventions. Rotary and other civic clubs tried to surpass each other in getting up their own musical organizations and other stage performances. First called the "Arkansas Smile Girls' Band," the girls were finally known as the "Ozark Smile Girls' Band," the name which lasted and is usually associated with them.

Although they were organized as a Rotary Club band they performed for Masonic and Amrita Grotto meetings, American Legion and other organizations.

Their first year, 1926, was a busy year. They appeared at the Tulsa Rotary convention and were the hit of the parade. There was a friendship tour to DeQueen when they were accompanied by business men and boosters from Fort Smith and stopped at 28 towns in Oklahoma and Arkansas. They went on a special train made up by the Kansas City Southern Railway Company and returned in the wee hours of the morning, worn out but still smiling.

At the Springfield, Missouri, Rotary Convention they were also the outstanding performers and a news clipping of the day reported that when the girls appeared at the Shrine Temple that evening in their white satin gowns and went through their drills silently, with no cue whatever, they brought down the house.

Later that year they attended the American Legion Convention at Little Rock. And then there was the Grape Festival at Tonitown with stops at Fayetteville and Springdale, stops which included parades and



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wortz.

concerts. They were particularly attractive because of their black satin trousers and tan smocks.

In the scrapbook kept by Mrs. Wortz there is a letter from U.S. Representative Otis Wingo concerning their possible visit to the American Legion Convention at Philadelphia. No further information is found, but it is assured they were invited.

In August, 1926, they gave a concert at the Veterans' Hospital in Little Rock and in a letter of high praise to Wortz after their return Director Willa L. Murray mentioned that she had found an extra pair of drumsticks which she was returning under separate cover. We can be sure that one of the girls suffered an uncomfortable few minutes from Band Director Wortz.

He was a stickler for the "rightness" of things. In a delightful interview with this writer in April, 1983, he remarked with a twinkle in his eyes, "I couldn't tolerate any hanky-panky from the girls. They were girls from Fort Smith's finest families and I was going to be sure that nothing would happen to them. There were always at least four chaperones besides Mrs. Wortz on every trip. I think some of the girls got angry with me once in a while but later, after they were grown, they came back and told me they appreciated me and my being strict with them."

In September there was a Grotto meeting at Alma and over a thousand visitors attended, including a fifty-piece Grotto Band directed by Edgar A. Robinson. There was a large parade and the Ozark Smile Girls won their usual acclaim.

There was a local high school musical comedy and in October another convention at Tulsa.

They finished the year of 1926 with singing Christmas carols, riding all over town in an old English tally-ho furnished by John B. Williams.

By that time it was well established that the Ozark Smile Girls' Band was one of the hottest items on anybody's entertainment or publicity agenda and that they were an invaluable organization for Fort Smith,

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the surrounding trade area, and the whole State of Arkansas.

Wortz realized the importance of presenting the girls as a group, dressed exactly alike and wearing a smile. Ruth Coomer Blair remembers putting a rose in her hair one time when they were going to a dance. Mr. Wortz said to her, "Take the rose out of your hair." (Nobody else had a rose.) She obeyed but after she got to the ball she put the rose back in her hair. He went to her and in the presence of the onlookers he said, "I said take the rose out of your hair -- now!"

Ruth Blair also remembers being told one time to wash some of the make-up off her face.

It paid off. In a news clipping datelined Tulsa the reporter wrote that the delay in the parade was worth waiting for if, indeed, it was the Ozark Smile Girls' Band who caused the delay. He wrote that while the

hordes of spectators were suffering from the heat which was bearing down on paved streets, they were refreshed immediately by seeing the Smile Girls with their flawless make-up and not a hair out of place.

A concert at the Goldman Hotel began their year of 1927 with the local Rotary Club entertaining clubs from the surrounding area.

They surprised the local UCT group with an impromptu visit and concert and later they raised \$150 for the Salvation Army by selling tags.

In April they attended the Apple Blossom Festival at Rogers. And it was in 1927 when five of the girls showed off new instruments to the local Rotarians. The instruments were a combination of guitar and violin and were made by local firms of Fort Smith.

On one Northwest Arkansas tour they were guests of the Bentonville Cattle Breeders Association, the



On steps of Methodist Church, 1930. Top Row L to R: Mary Ellen Eadie, Dorothy Tanner, Martha Boner, Imogene Dunbar, Betty Jo Shultz

2nd Row: Mary McCuen, Virginia Savage, LaUna Hodges, Toppy Woodruff, Frances Hinkle

3rd Row: Dorothy Little, Elaine Maddux, Carl Wortz, Bertha Evans

4th Row: Ruth Coomer, Jane Sanders, Helen Maxwell, Lula Bruton, Otha Godwin, Juanita Lampkin, Carolyn Suggs

Bottom Row: Mary Lou Rambo, Larama Curtis, Avis Stephens, Willie Ladd, Margaret Kendrick, Helen Krack, Grace Morris, Ed Dell Wortz (mascot)



Ozark Smile Girls Band participating in Opening Day Ceremonies of the New Arkansas River Bridge at Ozark, April 8, 1931

Springdale Community Club, the Prairie Grove Reunion Pageant, and gave a concert at Basin Springs Park at Eureka Springs.

They attended a contest at Sulphur Springs to select the Ozark Smile Girl whose picture was to be used in all Ozark Playground Association advertising. The contest was held as part of the Ozark chatauqua. By this time there were 38 members in the band, and Miss Cupola Bourland of Fort Smith was winner of the contest.

While in Sulphur Springs they were taken on a tour of the town and visited the local bank. The bank had been held up four times in recent years, a point made by bank manager, Storm Whaley. Some of the girls wanted to see how it felt to be in a vault in the dark. They went into the vault and got more than they expected. They were accidentally locked in by one of their own band members. Finally, matches were passed through a small opening in the door and the girls struck enough of them to see the controls and let themselves out. It was a time-release mechanism and could not have been opened from the outside without very drastic measures. Storm Whaley said the experience was more thrilling for him than being robbed.

Girls who were locked in were: Hortense Bass, Virginia Arbuckle, Virginia Harbour, Helen Maxwell, Mary Lou Rambo, Josephine Bruton, May Ellen Miller, Irene Bibbens and Ruth Winn.

Also in 1927 there was the State Fair in Little Rock, the Rice Carnival at Stuttgart where they won two blue ribbons in the parade, and later they appeared on Fort Smith radio station, WLBN. On that program Carl Wortz sang solos and received praise from the listening public.

The busy schedule continued throughout 1927 and the following years were no different. As the girls would graduate they were replaced by others, keeping the band membership to 30 or 32 girls. The chaperones who accompanied the girls through the years were Mrs. Oscar Schaap, Mrs. H.H. Smith, Mrs. Ed Wright, Mrs. Wintson Price, Mrs. B.W. Cotton, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Frank Heinrichs, Mrs. Walter Mehl, Mrs. Carl Saurebrey, Mrs. Ed Haglin and always Mrs. Carl Wortz. Those were the days before baby sitters and the Wortz children, Carl, Jr. and Ed Dell, accompanied the band on their trips, Ed Dell as mascot for the Ozark Smile Girls.

The highlight for the band occurred in 1930 when the girls attended the national convention of the American Legion in Boston, Massachusetts. They went by special train along with 200 Legionnaires from Arkansas. They stopped in Chicago, Detroit, Niagra Falls, Buffalo, Rochester, and Windsor, Canada. National Commander O.L. Bodenhamer of El Dorado, Arkansas, was in the party. The girls made appearances at every stop.

They arrived at Quincy, Massachusetts, in the early morning hours of October 4th and had been in the city only a short time when news reporters had them before cameras. They remained busy practically all day having their pictures taken, and later appeared on Quincy's radio station, WLEX.

Much to the consternation of Mr. Wortz, the chaperones and the Smile Girls, the hotel where their reservations had been made was near the bay and

was old and drafty. They were usually put up in "sample rooms," display suites used by manufacturers and other large business organizations to display their wares and services. Wortz and his entire entourage nearly froze to death. The next morning they marched en masse to the largest hotel in Boston and Mr. Wortz blew his whistle, forming the girls into single file and they marched into the hotel. He demanded, and received, accommodations for the group and they were put up in sample rooms with cots moved in for them to sleep on.

When they marched in the convention parade, President of the United States Herbert Hoover was in the viewing stand, as well as General John J. (Blackjack) Pershing. They reached the reviewing stand and Wortz blew his whistle and the girls formed a single line, facing the VIP's. They saluted smartly and received a standing ovation. When the furor died down slightly, Band Director Wortz received a huge bouquet of Sweetheart roses.

While in the Boston area the largest oil tanker ever built at the Fore River shipyard at Quincy was to be launched. It was built by the Sinclair Oil Company and was to be named the "Virginia Sinclair." Virginia Sinclair was there in person to break the bottle of champagne over the hull. Present were 10,000 spectators and 20 American Legion units. Just as Virginia Sinclair stepped up on the launching platform the Ozark Smile Girls' Band broke into "Betty Coed," and 20 other bands took the cue and began playing along with them.

It was great timing and a masterful bit of showmanship on the part of Carl Wortz.

Girls attending the 1930 American Legion Convention were Mary Lou Rambo, Larama Curtis, Avis Stevens, Willie Ladd, Margaret Kendrick, Helen Krack, Grace Morris, Ruth Coomer, Jane Sanders, Helen Maxwell, Lula Bruton, Otha Godwin, Juanita Lampkin, Carolyn Suggs, Dorothy Little, Elaine Maddux, Bertha Evans, Alma Jones, Louise Harbour, Mary McCuen, Virginia Savage, LaUna Hodges, Toppy Woodruff, Frances Hinkle, Mary Ellen Eadie, Dorothy Tanner, Martha Boner, Imogene Dunbar, Betty Jo Shultz, Helen Young, Dorothy Reese, Margaret Wright, Louise Wylie, Jacqueline Shaw, Wilhemina Conner and Frankie Matlock. Chaperones were Mrs. Wortz, Mrs. Walter Mehl, Mrs. H.H. Smith and Mrs. Carl Saurebrey.

They stopped in New York City on the way home and the girls invaded the Kress Dime Store near their hotel. Ruth Coomer Blair bought a string of beads with matching earrings. Most of the girls bought personal items but Louise Wylie Hill remembers that she bought a picture, an etching, for her mother.

While in New York City they saw the famous Rockettes on stage at Radio City Music Hall. Ruth Blair wore her dime store beads and was embarrassed when the string broke, letting the beads go thump-

thumping down toward the stage.

On the way home they made another appearance in St. Louis and finished the tour with a concert in Little Rock where they were met by welcoming crowds.

They also went to the 1931 American Legion convention in Detroit but by that time things were starting to wind down for the Ozark Smile Girls' Band and there was not the same excitement as there had been the year before.

In 1932 they made their last appearance at an Amrita Grotto convention in Monroe, Louisiana. But because so many of the girls had married or gone to college it was difficult to get a full crew to make the trip.

The band instruments were caught in the big fire that occurred at the Wortz Biscuit Company and all were burned with the exception of one horn which had been stolen from a car.

It seems incredible to some of us how a band director can come into a public school in the fall, take a large group of students who don't know a tuba from a marimba and wield them into a smoothly running operation playing recognizable carols by Christmas, and giving John Philip Sousa a run for his money by June.

But Carl Wortz's success with the Ozark Smile Girls' Band was even more spectacular. He chose high school girls -- girls at an age when their moods can change from "smile" at a moment's notice -- and molded them into a musical organization that would have done credit to a Broadway production. He never let them forget that they were always "on stage" and that he, their families, and their home town expected the best they could give. And they never let him down.

He had help from his fellow Rotarians, notably, Dr. D.W. Goldstein who was program director. The businessmen rallied around when they realized the great publicity the girls' band provided and in the midst of the Depression they contributed several hundred dollars in donations, the largest of which was \$15 and the smallest, 10¢.

The girls have surprised him from time to time with birthday parties. Once in 1958 they matched his showmanship with a little of their own. The Wortz's lived on Free Ferry and the girls marched up the driveway to the door with Imogene Dunbar Kropp leading the parade with her bass drum.

The latest party was on Wortz's 90th birthday three years ago. The group is getting smaller, their hair is getting a little whiter but the smile is still there -- with some tears thrown in. Mrs. Wortz died in 1970 and they still miss her and remember her with great affection.

During the five years, Band Director Carl Wortz worked with some 130 girls, training them to reach for the best they could give. And whatever it was they and their director had -- charm, charisma, ability -- it was more than enough.

The Ozark Smile Girls' Band will remain as one of Fort Smith's brightest memories.

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MEMBERS OZARK SMILE GIRLS' BAND 1926 - 1932

*Denotes "deceased

Katherine Abbington Crabtree **Buddy Alford** Mary Arbuckle *Virginia Arbuckle Puckett Virginia Atkins Martha Atkinson Maxfield Ann L. Barton Bumpass Hortense Bass Adams Mariorie Bass Irene Bibbens Crampton Martha Boner Bocquin Pauline Boner Harmon Lorraine Bowden Louise Bowlin Mildred Branson Wandling **Ruth Brewer Lichty** Elsie K. Brocchus Thompson Helen Brown Leonard Lois Brown Lynch Josephine Bruton Underwood Lula Bruton Myrtle Buckner Ardie Colley Wilhemina Conner West Louise Cook Black Ruth Coomer Blair **Fave Crawford Bruce Crawford** Bruce Croft Tomblin *Lila Croft Lindley Blannie D. Crowe Lambert Madelyn Crump *Anna Curtis Champlin

Katherine Curtis Denker Pauline Davidson Turner Dorothy Dawson Imogene Dunbar Kropp Fay Duncan Mary Eadie Whitehouse Janell Espy Murphy Bertha Evans White Mabel Ewing Dodson Elizabeth Farris Gutcher Monte Felker Pauline Geren Hoel Virginia Gilbreath Otha Godwin Harder Vera Guest Kathryn Hale Wilson Louise Harbour Christopher Rae Harbour Payton Virginia Harbour Brown *Thelma Hair

*Katherine Heinrichs Calvert Edith Hester Chaney

Ginger Henderson Mattie Henson Bland Martha Hines

*Frances Hinkle LaUna Hodges Dibrill Hilda Holliday Shipley Winifred Howe Gover Colene Hubbart

*Mary Jeffries Jeanette Johnston Smith Alma Jones Payne Helen Kendall Putman Margaret Kendrick Sigler Helen Krack Castling

*Willie Ladd Juanita Lampkin Swearingen Dorothy Little Henderson Modean Litton

Elaine Maddux Geren Wyola Maddux Barling Frankie Matlock Steel Helen Maxwell Pickup Jeanette McCain Levin Jeanelle McClarin Marie McCrewer Mary McCuen Rve

Doris McCullough Loraine Mehl Longacre Maydelle Miller Combs Fay Moore Mueller

Christine Morehead

*Mary Morgan Grace Morris Soucy Katherine Neislar Tribble Kathryn Olson

Lottie Otto Farmer Olivia Patterson

Ruth Pendergrass Norman

Dorothy Prall

Pauline Putman Vervack Mary L. Rambo Cleveland Dorothy Reese Pelko Mary Ethel Reeves

Jane L. Richardson Brynum

*Willie L. Roberts Holcombe Zeland Rose Gutensohn

*Mary Louise Russell Jane Sanders Hatley Virginia Savage Farington Mary Elizabeth Schaap Ethelyn Shields Olinger Jacqueline Shaw Crummett Betty J. Shultz Whitney Mildred Sipe McShane Louise Sivley Crowe

*Frances Smith Zelma Smith Holly Avis Stephens Reinhart Ruth Stevenson Godwin Eugenia Stewart Ellis Carolyn Suggs Gutensohn **Dorothy Tanner Brotherton** Loreta Taylor

*Susan Tindall

*Mary Frances Tinder Rachel Trice Mary Elizabeth Wallace Lorraine Weaver McDaniel Dorothy Williams Chitwood Irene Williams Marrs Ruth Winn Bassham Kathleen Withers Geren Irene Withers Toppy Woodruff Stroup Mary F. Word Beckman Louise Wylie Hill Helen Young Lampkin

SOURCES:

Interview with Mr. Carl Wortz Conversations with:

Imogene Dunbar Kropp Ruth Coomer Blair Ann Barton Bumpass Louise Wylie Hill Ed Dell Wortz

Scrapbook compiled by Mrs. Carl Wortz containing newspaper clippings from the following, among others:

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Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, AR Tulsa World (Daily & Sunday), Tulsa, OK Northwest Arkansas Times.

Faytetteville, AR

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, MO Quincy Patriot Ledger, Quincy, MA Boston Traveler, Boston, MA and

Rotary Bulletin, Tulsa, OK Transportation Bulletin, Kansas City Southern Railway Co.

MORE ABOUT BANDS! The April, 1984 issue of The Journal will feature Alfonso Trent's Band and carry stories about other musical groups, among which will be the Frank Hammer Band, the Amrita Grotto Band, Doc Miller's Orchestra. the Firemen's Band and others.

Anyone who has information and/or pictures of an early Fort Smith Band please call Amelia Martin at 783-1237 or Sarah Fitzjarrald at 646-9542.

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FORT SMITH DISTRICT, SEBASTIAN COUNTY MARRIAGE BOOK A

1865-1870

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Apparently this marriage book was also used as a Minister's Register, as this type entry is also made in it. The book is fragile and compilation has been made from microfilm. Every effort has been made to make correct interpretation of entries. Where the film was extremely hard to read, questionable entries were checked in original records.)

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RANDOLPH, John F. of Franklin Co., Ark. md. Martha E. PITTS of Johnson Co., Ark. In presence of John Moore and Wm. H. Glover, 27 August 1865 — Minister: J. K. Leard.

DAVIS, James K., md Delila BUCKNER in presence of M. J. Walker and M. J. Walker, 24 August 1865 — Minister: J. H. Leard.

WEBSTER, Benjamin T. of Greyson Co., Texas md. Lavina Jane EDWARDS of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 04 January 1866 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

HARRIS, General L., md Elizabeth REDING, both of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 04 January 1866 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

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BARNHILL, Samuel md. Mary Ann. C. TATE of Scott County, Arkansas in presence of Alse Barnhill and William F. Mathers, 27 September 1865 — Minister: J. H. Leard.

WOODCOCK, Henry, age 22, md. Elizabeth CLAY, age 20, 26 September 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

THOMAS, Joseph, Company "B", 1st Arkansas Infantry, md. Lucinda LEADBETTER of Madison County, Arkansas, in presence of Rubin Riley, Company "B", 1st Arkansas Infantry and Captain P. G. Misery of the 12th Kansas Volunteers at Fort Smith, 26 February 1865 — J. H. Leard, Chaplain of 1st Ark. Inf.

CLARK, James M., age 24 md. Martha Jane LEE, age 19, 24 September 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

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POPE, Henry, age 21, md. Felie Ann PRICE, age 17, with consent of her mother, 27 August 1865 — Post Chaplain, U.S.A. Francis Springer.

BOWEN, William H., md. Mary H. CLAY of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 25 August 1865 — Post Chaplain, U.S.A.: Francis Springer.

DEARMARE, Nathaniel B., age 20 md. Marth Ann CLAY, age 20, 31 August 1865 — Post Chaplain, U.S.A.: Francis Springer.

LOOMAN, Joel N., md. Amanda WEATHERFORD, both of Fort Smith in the presence of Henry W. Looman and Joseph Penick, 28 August 1864 — Chaplain, 1st Ark. Inf.: J. H. Leard.

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HILL, Fredrick, md. Mary WHITE, 17 August 1865 — M.E. Church of United States signed by: Wm. J. Campbell.

WILLMOUTH, Corp. Albert B., of Monroe County, Arkansas md. Mary Ann HARPER, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 02 May 1865 — Minister of the Methodist Protestant Church: Y. D. Waddle.

SIMPSON, Thomas J., age 21, of Sebastian County, Arkansas md. Salley EDWARDS, age 25, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 05 September 1865 — By Francis McKeinan.

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WILLIAMS, George W., age,? md. Marthy WORKMAN, age 17, 19 September 1865 — By: John Howard, J. P.

GARRETT, William, Company "D", 2nd Arkansas Infantry, md. Melissa Abigal BARNETT, of Fort Smith, (no date) — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

MCNEILY, William B., Company "B", Arkansas Infantry, md. Lucenda B. M. LAIRD of Fort Smith, 28 May 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

COLE, Andrew M., of Company "B", 18th Iowa Infantry, md. Harriet Isabel NORRID, 18 June 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

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RUPE, David (Daniel), of Company "E", 1st Division, Arkansas Infantry, age 27, md. Margret HARRIS, age 20, 16 July 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

MARK, Joseph, age 30, md. Anna Maieo Wilhelma STOPPERMAN, age 18, 25 July 1865 — Post Chaplain: F. Springer.

DRAKE, Francis A., Fort Smith, Arkansas, md. Frances Louisa STEMLER, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 15 January 1865

— Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

BRASHEAR, Alonzo, of Company "D", 1st Arkansas Infantry, md. Eliza BURK, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 19 March 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

COPLAND, John N., of Company "D", 182 Arkansas Infantry, md. Sarah J. BROTHERTON, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 30 April 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer. Page 7

JONES, James, of Company "C", 1st Arkansas Infantry, md. Sciota PARKINS (PERKINS/PURKINS), Fort Smith, Arkansas, 30 April 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

MORGAN, Joel, of Company "C", 1st Arkansas Infantry, md. Sarah E. OLIVER, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 30 April 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

DAWSON, Moses, of Fort Smith, md. Matilda PERSONS, Ft. Smith, 04 January 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

CRANE, James M., of Company "F", 18th Iowa Infantry, md. Louisa GAN, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 30 April 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

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INGLE, John A., Sgt., Company "D", 2nd Kansas Cavalry, md. Mary RANDOLPH, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 04 January 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

WIER, Oliver H., 2nd Kansas Battery, md. Elmira ABRAMS, Fort Smith, Arkansas 04 January 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

BLACKWELL, William, Company "G", 1st Arkansas Infantry, md. Patsie SHADRICK, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 01 January 1865 — Post Chaplain: Francis Springer.

EDWARDS, Marshal H., age 23, md. Frances A. TAYLOR, age 16, both of Sebastian County, 03 December 1865 — H. H. Earley, J.P.

PARSUNS, Starling, age 22, md. Marth J. BLAG, age 23, both of Cole Twn., Sebastian County, 24 December 1865 — H. H. Earley, J.P.

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PATTERSON, Alonzo, age 22, md. Louisa HILL, age 22, both of Sebastian County, 19 January 1866 — H. H. Earley, J. P.

CHAPLAIN, Alvis (Alms), age 20, md. Lucy MCMURTRY, age 18, both of Sebastian County, 29 January 1866 — H. H. Earley, J.P.

ERMANN, Ernhard, age about 22, md. Mary WILMON, age about 22, both of Sebastian County, Witness: Francis Henricks and Rosy Wilmon. 13 February 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest Catholic Church.

CLAWSON, John, age ?, md. Nancy SAGE, both of Sebastian County, 06 February 1866 — W. H. Gillam, Minister M. E. Church.

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WILLIAMS, Thomas J., md. Miss Susan T. THAYER, 15 October 1865, recorded 06 October 1865, W. H. Gillam, Minister, M. E. Church.

DOSIER, Harrison, md. Mrs. M. A. LOGAN, 10 August 1865, record 06 Oct. 1865 — W. H. Gillam, Minister, M. E. Church.

TRACY, Phillip, md. Miss Rominda TULL, Fort Smith, 24 September 1865, rec. 06 October 1865 — W. H. Gillam, Minister, M.E. Church.

PEOPLES, William N., aged 47, of Crawford County, md. Sarah Jane ANDERSON, age 17, of Crawford County, 13 March 1866 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain.

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MCDONALD, James, age 32, of Sebastian County, md. Mrs. Rheuphinal Jane CROSBY, age 28, 03 March 1866 — P. A. Moses, Minister, M. E. Church South.

EUPER, Paul of Sebastian County, md. Miss Sarah McKENZIE, Witness: Walter Evans and Mary McKenzie, 27 February 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church. Page 12

MORTON, Frank, Company "B", 3rd ____ Cavalry Regt., age 21, md. Nancy DAVIS, age 20, of Sebastian County, 25 March 1866 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain.

BAER, Michael, md. Caroline EMRICH, of Fort Smith. Witness: Jacob Baer and Louisa Neice, 02 April 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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MILEHAM, Samuel, md. Hadine (Heline) Elib. NEWMAN. Witness: Larence Josenberg and Mrs. Londerback, Both of legal age. 25 February 1866 — F. McKieman, J.P.

PENNINGTON, Oliver, of Fort Smith, md. Eliza GANN, of Fort Smith. Both of legal age. 15 March 1866 — F. McKieman, J. P.

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TURBEITEN, Bernard, md. Theresa HENRICKS, both of Fort Smith. Witness: Francis Henricks and Theresa Buscamp, 10 April 1865 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

BOYD, Robert, md. Mollie MCSWEENEY, both of Fort Smith. Witness: Turner Breshard and Mattie McSweeney. 13 April 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church. Page 15

NIBLETT, John, age 34 yrs., Company "B", 3rd Cavalry, Reg. D., U.S.A., md. Elizabeth CARVER, age 21, Sebastian County. 17 April 1866 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain, U.S.A.

HUNT, Edward, age 33, Sebastian County, md. Chriliana Henrilla WAGNER, age 27, Sebastian County. 23 April 1866.

MCCABE, Benjamin, md. Phebe MORGAN, both of Sebastian County, Witness: John Franklin and Mary Jane McCabe, 26 April 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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GREY, Mathew, age 33, md. Miss Martha Agnes EVANS,

age 21, both of Fort Smith. Witness: Richard Kerns and Tonnie Jones. 12 May 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

LEWIS, Harrod, age 35, md. Mary BROOKS, age 18, both of Sebastian County, 18 February 1866 — Thomas B. Ruble, Minister, M. E. Church South.

GILBERT, Hiram, age 41, md. Sarah J. AIDLOTT, age 26, both of Fort Smith. 08 April 1866 — Thomas B. Ruble, Minister, M.E. Church.

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SHOOK, David (Daniel?), md. Amandy WALKER, both lawful age and both of Sebastian County, 24 May 1866 — T. McKieman, J.P.

MENDENHALL, Andrew S., lawful age, md. Ann C. WALKER, of Sebastian County, 24 May 1866 — T. McKieman, J. P.

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STANTON, Simon, age 43, md. Charlotte DANIELS, age 38, both of Sebastian County. 21 June 1866 — M. D. Frazier, J. P.

QUESENBERRY, Argyle, age 27, md. Miss Harriet B. McNEELEY, age 26, both of Fort Smith, 14 January 1867 — Thomas B. Ruble, Minister, M. E. Church South.

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FISHER, John, md. Roson EUPER, both lawful age, both of Fort Smith, 21 July 1866 — T. McKiemann, J.P.

KELLY, Tobias, md. Mary MEVILLE, both of Fort Smith. Witness: William Breen and Elizabeth Kernes, 24 July 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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RICE, Nathan, age 62, md. Anne WILKERSON, age 26, both of Fort Smith. 30 July 1866 — Thomas B. Ruble, Minister, M. E. Church South.

BRENNAN, John, age about 40, md. Mary COCHRON, age 18 yrs., Witness: William Breen and Ellen McKoughy. 04 September 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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BROGAN, Edward, age 25, md. Mary E. LUCY, age 18, both of Fort Smith. Witness: James Brogan and Hannah Lucy. 20 May 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

BREEN, John, age 30, md. Susan MCGUIRE, age 25, both of Fort Smith. Witness: Mike Harrington and Ellen Clifford, 28 August 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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HOGE, Asa, age 31, of Leavenworth, Kansas, md. Cina Louisa TAYLOR, age 24, of Somerset County, Maryland. 18 November 1866, F. H. Morton, Minister, Presbyterian Church, Ft. Smith.

SIMON, William, age 35, of Fort Smith, md. Catherine FRITZH, age 37, of Fort Smith. 02 January 1864 — John Pearson, J.P.

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MCFARLAN, Michael, of Fort Smith, md. Bridget MCCANLEY. Witness: ______ McLeod and Lizzie Kerns. 01 December 1866 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest, Catholic Church.

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NATHAN, Henry, age 35, of Fort Smith, md. Emma Ray (MILLER), age 22. Witness: Thos. Lanigan, Wm. E. Whitsett, and Louis Miller. 22 November 1866 — Jn. Sandels, Minister, Presbyterian Church.

FURNER (FURNC), Augustus J., of Sebastian County, age 29, md. Miss Molly CAISON, of Sebastian County, age 16, with consent of her mother Mrs. W. Roach, at the Post of Fort Smith. 19 December 1866 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain.

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MILLER, Jacob, age 31, of Company "B", 19th U.S. Infantry Reg't. md. Mary Jane ELLIS, age 25, of Sebastian County. 03 January 1867 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain.

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SPEAKER, Earnest, md. Theresa CROSS, both of Fort Smith. Witness: Charles Frick and Victoria Frick. 03 January 1867 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest of Fort Smith.

CORDER, David W., age 24, of Fort Smith, md. Ada L. SMITH, of Franklin County, Arkansas, 27 January 1867 — H. T. Morton, Minister Presbyterian Church.

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HOOK, William M., of Fort Smith, md. Minnie EUPER, of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Constance H. Boquein and Kate Euper, 21 January 1867 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest of Fort Smith.

BN______, Isaiah, age 27, of Fort Smith, md. Mrs. Melvina E. GRUNLUS/GRUNLEE, age 27, of Fort Smith, 16 December 1867 — Thos. B. Ruble, Ord. Minister, M.E. Church South.

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WILSON, Harry, of Fort Smith, md. Miss Mary E. RICHARDSON, of Fort Smith, 18 August 1867 — Francis Springer, Post Chaplain.

GOSS, Charles, of lawful age, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Ann MONROE, of lawful age, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 28 February 1867 — T. McKiernan, J.P. CLAY, Benjamin B., age 25, md. Lusinda Samantha SMOOT, age 21, 20 February 1867 — P. A. Moses.

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CROSS, Miles, of lawful age, of Sebastian County, md. Cuthe AKINS, of legal age, of Sebastian County, Arkansas. 12 March 1867 — F. McKierman, J.P.

DORMAN, John, of Crawford County, md. Ann DORMAN, of Crawford County, 10 February 1867 — Francis McKierman, J.P.

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FISHBACK, Wm. M., age 35, of Sebastian County, md. Adelaide MILLER, age 22, of Sebastian County, at St. Johns Church. 04 April 1867 — J. Sandels, Rector, St. Johns Parish.

KERINS/KERNS, Richard, md. Fannie Louis (MANNING), both of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Samuel McLoud and Lizzie Kerens, 02 June 1867 – Laurence Smith, Priest.

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MCLOUD, Samuel, md. Lizzie Kerens, 02 June 1867 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest.

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BENNETT/BURNETT, Joseph and Margaret Jane Josephin BARETTA, (widow). Witnesses: Charles Robinson and Louise Niece. 07 May 1867 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest.

BROWN, Charles W., age 41, of Sheridan County, Missouri, md. Mary E. CAURNETT, age 22, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 05 May 1867 — H. T. Morton, Pastor, Presbyterian Church.

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ROWLING, Philip, age 21, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Rachel FOREMAN, age 22, of Sebastian County, (colored) 11 april 1867 — Lewis Reese, Minister, African M. E. Church.

THOMAS, Austin, set apart to preach the gospel, administer the Holy Sacrament, perform the rites of baptism and service of matrimony.

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GLASBEL, Wm. H., age 43, of Sebastian County, md. Martha COLEMAN, age 19, of Sebastian County. (colored) 29 March 1867 — James Reese, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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WOODCOCK, Henry, age 23, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Dycer Melvina WITHERS, age 19, of Sebastian County. 19 Mary 1867 — U. K. Spangler, J.P. Page 36

HULSEY, James C., of Sebastian County, age 30, md. Margaret A. Martin, age 24, of Sebastian County, 15 May

1867 — U. K. Spangler, J.P.

FABER, William G., age 36, of Sebastian County, md. Gergiana KNOX, age 19, at the home of Mrs. Eudera Knox. 27 June 1867 — T. Sandels, Presbyterian Church.

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HARDIN, John D., of Fort Smith, md. Ellen McKAUGHY, of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Willie Breen and Annie Keating. 21 July 1867 — Lawrence Smyth, Priest.

HALL, James, age 22, md. Margaret WILLIAMS, age 15, of Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, 09 July 1867 — Samuel Walters, Minister, M.E. Church.

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Andrew BYERS, Bishop at Little Rock. Re: Appointing Laurence S. Smith an assistant clergyman to Rev. Shaw, Pastor to St. Patricks, Fort Smith, L.L.S. 07 August 1867.

HOPKINS, Jusiten, age 48, of Sebastian County, md. Sylna WRIGHT, age 25, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, 11 August 1867 — James Reese, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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FIELDS, Richard, Age 21, Sebastian County, md. Fanny BOWLING, age 17, Sebastian County, 14 July 1867 — Samuel Walters, A.M.E. Church.

KAYSOR (KYSER), Charles, age 34, Sebastian County, md. Caroline BOLLMANN, age 33, Sebastian County, 22 August 1867 — W. K. Spangler, J.P.

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SPOTTSWOOD, John E., of Red River County, Texas, age 30, md. Miss Emma Bryant, age 21, Sebastian County, 22 August 1867 — Thomas B. Ruble, M. E. South.

PARADOE, Lewis H., age 30, Sebastian County, md. Miss F. LANE, age 27, Sebastian County. 08 September 1867 — Thomas B. Ruble, M.E. South.

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MCLEMORE, Lee, age 30, Sebastian County, md. Elizabeth M. GREER (GREEN), age 21, Sebastian County, 29 September 1867 — W. K. Spangler, J.P.

GLEASON (GLESSON), Patrick, md. Ellen MCLAUGHLIN. Witnesses: William Sullivan and Sarah Weatherton, 09 October 1867 — Laurence Smythe, Priest. Page 45

RYLES, Granville, age 35, Sebastian County, md. Mary BURTES, age 20, Sebastian County, 02 July 1867 — James Reese, African M.E. Church.

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CONDON, Charles M., age 24, Des Moines, Iowa, md. Mary Lizza BECKEL, age 20, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 31 October 1867 — H. T. Morton, Minister, Presbyterian O.S. Church.

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KNIGHT, George, age 25, Sebastian County Arkansas, md. Ellin NETTLOS, age 22, Sebastian County, Arkansas, 14 November 1867 — W. N. Spangler, J.P.

DELL, Valentine, age 31, Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Adela A. HUNT, age 17, Sebastian County, Arkansas, by consent of her parents, 24 January 1861, filed 03 January

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CARRUTH, Jesse, age 23, Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Miss Mary WEBBS, age 17, Sebastian County, Arkansas, 06 December 1867 — R. B. Edwards, J.P.

SENGEL, John, age about 21, md. Lizzie WOOD, age about 21. Witnesses: Minnie Watson and Ann Cornett, 02 February 1868 — Laurance Smythe, Priest.

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J. P. Campbell, Presiding Bishop. Re: Appointment of Rev. W. E. Churchwell to Pastoral charge of Van Buren, Arkansas, for African M.E. Church. 18 December 1868.

CURSEY, James, age 30, Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Mary THOMPSON, age 30, Sebastian County, Arkansas, 11 April 1868 — Rev. W. E. Churchwell, A.M.E. Church.

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NAIRD, Joseph I., age 21, Sebastian County, Arkansas, md. Martha CORNELIUS, age 20, Sebastian County, Arkansas, 10 May 1868 — W. K. Spangler, J.P.

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BAER, Michael, md. Mary GHEGAN. Witnesses: Jacob Baer and Kati Euper, 12 June 1868 — Laurence Smith, Priest Catholic Church.

LONDON, George N/W, Sebastian County, md. Adaline WALKER, age 25 yrs, Sebastian County, 12 June 1868 — U.K. Spangler, J.P.

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MCCLURE, James W., md. Nancy Jane TAYLOR, both lawful age. both colored. 04 May 1868 — E. S. Compers, Baptist Minister.

ROBERSON, Joseph, md. Josephine CALDWELL, both of lawful age and both colored, 04 May 1868 — E. S. Compere, Baptist Minister

CORDINGLY, Thomas, age 35 yrs., of Chicago, Illinois, md. Margaret Hennetta HENNESSEE, age 32, Sebastian County, 22 July 1868 — James E. Bennett, J.P.

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Arkansas, md. Millie Cline, age 22 yrs., Sebastian County, Arkansas. 16 July 1868 — James Garner, Minister.

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LEWIS, Wesley, age 24 yrs, Sebastian County, md. Emma PORTER, age 22 yrs., Sebastian County, 22 July 1868 — James Garner, Minister.

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HARRIS, Daniel, age 26 yrs., Sebastian County, md. Matty WHITTIER, age 24 yrs., Sebastian County, 01 April 1868 — Austin Thomas, Minister.

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MURPHY, Samuel Wrigley, age 26 yrs., Sebastian County, md. Nancy Jann GARDNER, age 23 yrs., Sebastian County. 13 June 1868 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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THOMPSON, Harrison, age 23 yrs., Sebastian County, md. Mary LANE, age 29 yrs., Sebastian County, 02 August 1868 — Joseph Garner, Baptist Minister.

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KENNEDY, John, Fort Smith, md. Margaret TAULB, Fort Smith, Witnesses: James Brogan and Lizza McCormack, 04 August 1868 — Laurence Smith, Catholic Priest.

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HOWELL, Samuel, age 29 yrs., of Sebastian County, md. Mary LEWIS, age 25 yrs., of Sebastian County, 18 August 1868 — Joseph Garner, Minister.

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MCDAVITT, Jesse, age 62 yrs, of Sebastian County, md. Tempe BURLENA, age 52 yrs., of Sebastian County, 21 August 1868 — Peter Conoway, Minister.

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HANEY, Henry C., age 27, of Sebastian County, md. Virginia HARRISON, age 30, of Sebastian County, 22 August 1868 — Peter Connoway, Minister.

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BROWN, Norman, about 20, md. Mary Jones, about 20, both of Fort Smith. Witnesses: James Brogan and Laura Reed, 25 August 1868 — Laurence Smythe, Priest.

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FISHER, David P., md. Mattie MCSWEENIE, about 35 yrs. each, and both of this city. Witnesses: Robert S. Boyd and Mattie Boyd, 24 September 1868 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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GREEN, Eli, age 23, of Sebastian County, md. Mary WASHINGTON, age 20 of Sebastian County, 28 June 1868 — U. K. Spangler, Minister.

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ROBINSON, Charles, md. Louisa NEIS. Witnesses: Maj. John King and Mrs. Susan Neis, 25 December 1868 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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TYLER, William, Sgt. "K" Company, 19th U. S. Infantry, age 24, md. Sophia A. PALMER, age 18, Fort Smith, 24 January 1868 — H. M. Granade, Elder, Methodist Church.

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HOLTOON, (no name), age 18, md. Mary HULSEY, 09 August 1869 — James C. Hulsey, J. P.

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ALEXANDER, George Douglas, age 45, Washington County, md. Mary Eleanor CALHOUN, age 25, Sebastian County, 12 August 1869 — P. Calhoun, Minister, Presbyterian Church.

BROWN, Thomas, lawful age, Sebastian County, md. Mary BLACKBURN, lawful age, Sebastian County, 19 July 1869 — C. Ward, J. P.

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ALTMAN/ALLMON, Joseph, age 25, Sebastian County, md. Margaret PEICCOD, age 18. Witnesses: M. Howard, Basis Jacob, and Mary Allmon.

FRENCH, James F., age 26, md. Elisabeth COLEMAN, age 28, 26 June 1869 — W. M. Granade, Minister, Methodist Church.

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WILLIAMS, Henry, md. Ann HELLY. Witnesses: John Kennedy and Mary Faulk, 15 July 1869 — Patrick Riley, Priest.

DEVENGER, Henry, md. Anna CORNELIUS. Witnesses: Henry Nathan and Emma Nathan, 29 July 1869 — Patrick Riley, Catholic Priest.

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FUEY, Anthony, md. Maggie GRASSE. Witnesses: John McCormack and Jane Shea, 17 August 1869 — Patrick Riley, Catholic Priest.

BROWN, Watson, age 38, md. Harriett PURCELLY, age 34, 23 August 1869 — Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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VANDERGRIFF, William, age 21, md. Neasey Ann COGHILL, aged 20, 29 August 1869 - James C. Hulsey, J. P. BURKE, William J., and Kate GEIGER. Witnesses: John Merk and Matilda Noble, 25 August 1869 — Patrick Riley, Catholic Priest.

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SCARBERY, Thomas, age 22, md. Rebecca LEWIS, age 21, both of Sebastian County, 05 September 1869 — James C. Hulsey, J. P.

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FEWELL, Alexander Cicero, age 26, md. Minie Eliza WILLIAMS, age 22, both of Sebastian County. 29 August 1869 — H. M. Granade, Elder, Methodist E. Church.

COLTEN, James, md. Rebecca June MARROLL. Witnesses: Daniel Sweeney and Mary A. Keefe, 16 September 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Pastor.

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LINDO, Theodore F., age 24, md. Mary E. MEYERS, age 17, both of Fort Smith, 20 August 1869 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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DEALK, Elisa, age 30, md. Athy SMITH, age 30, both of Sebastian County, 06 October 1869 — Peter Conoway, Pastor, Baptist Church.

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Credentials of Granville Ryles of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 08 October 1869.

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Titus County, Texas: Credentials of Edward Bowman of the Baptist Church. 15 March 1857.

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SWAIN, John, age 36, of Sebastian County, md. Miss D. A. LEFIRCE, age 21 of Sebastian County, 03 October 1869 — E. Bowman, Elder.

SITTLE, John, md. June FERGUSON. Witnesses: William Sullivan and June Whitson, 12 October 1869 — Lawrence

Smythe, Priest, Catholic Church.

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Credentials of George F. Rutherford in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 24 September 1868.

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BLACKBURN, James, age 29, md. Margaretha GREEN, age 27, 05 November 1869 — Granville Ryles, Minister.

LOFTIS, Spartanburg, age 33, md. Nancis JOHNSON, age 29, both of Sebastian County, 02 November 1869 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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PORTER, Charles H., (Steward in U. S. Garrison), md. Anne DONAHUE. Witnesses: Joseph Brogun and Kate Harrington. 07 November 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest. Page 144

PARKER, Henry W., md. Mary June PAOIRHYTE, both of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Anthony Fry and Mary Songsdon, 30 October 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

GALLAGHER, Frank J., Md. Emma D. HUNDRY, both of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Henry Falconer and Annie Diberrall. 10 November 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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BROGAN, James, md. Margaret DONOHUE. Witnesses: Jos. Brogan and Bridget Donohue. 23 November 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

WARD, James, md. Elizabeth MCCORMAC, both of Fort Smith. Witnesses: Willie Breen/Brun and Bridget Donahue. 23 November 1869 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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TAYLOR, Elija, age 22, of Sebastian County, md. Bell TAYLOR, age 22, of Sebastian County, also. 05 November 1869 — F. Rutherford, A.M.E. Church.

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BOLING, Lewis, age 24, of Sebastian County, md. Juna BLACK, age 19, of Sebastian County. 23 November 1869 — Granville Ryles, A.M.E. Church.

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HOUSTON, Simon, age 25, of Sebastian County, md. Elizabeth ANDERSON, age 24, Sebastian County. 10 December 1869 — Peter Conoway, Minister.

CUNIFETON, Thomas E., age 24, Sebastian County, md. Martha I. FISHER, age 26, Sebastian County, 12 December 1869 — Edward Bowman, Minister.

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MCCAUGHEY, Frank, md. Mary PHILLIPS, both of age and living in Fort Smith. Witnesses: Michael Powers and Ed Byonm.(?) 26 December 1869 — Lawrence Smith, Priest.

SANDERS, Smith, age 22, Sebastian County, md. Alice PRYOR, age 21, Fort Smith, 28 December 1869 — Peter Conoway, Minister, Missionary Baptist Church.

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GERARD, Frank E., age 34, Sebastian County, md. Mathilde BRACHT, age 25, Sebastian County. Witnesses: A. Gunther and Paul R. Krone, 01 January 1870 — C. P. Swift, J. P.

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HOGAN, Daniel, age 32, md. Lola MCDONALD, age 21. 08 December 1869 — H. M. Granade, Elder, Methodist E. Church South.

MEIRCER, John, md. Senna BRENNON. Witnesses: William Crungle and Janie J. Dodson, 01 January 1870 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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SOYED, Edward, age 33, Sebastian County, md. Mary Jane MADDOX, age 28, Sebastian County. Witnesses: Samuel Lesher? and Nancy Reed, 07 January 1870 — C. P. Swift, J.P.

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FORD, B. D., age 38, Sebastian County, md. M. E. RESS, age 23, Sebastian County, 05 December 1869 — A. S.

Smith, Minister, Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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GARDNER, Wm. C./W., age 27, md. Virginia E. CARNALL, age 25. 05 January 1870 — W. A. Sample.

WILSON, J. D., age 25, md. W. J. OVERSTREET, age 18. 16 January 1870 — W. A. Sample.

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EUPER, Herman, md. Margaret NEVILLE, both of age and both of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Witnesses: John Neville and Nute Burke. 20 January 1870 — Lawrence Smith, Priest.

VAUGHN, Joseph, age 28, Sebastian County, md. Mahala WARD, age 14, Sebastian County. 23 January 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister, African Methodist Church.

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EAWELL, J. H., age 23, md. Frances A. DAVIS, age 18, both of Sebastian County, 12 January 1870 — H. M. Granado, Elder, Methodist Episcopal Church.

WARDELL, Lucius L., of U. S. Army, age 26, md. Ella Mary JOHNSON, age 19, of Sebastian County. 26 January 1870 — J. Sandels, Minister, Protestant Episcopal Church.

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HARLOW, E. B., md. Miss Mary M. TAYLOR, both of legal age. 16 January 1870 — N. B. MCNabb, Minister, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

EDWARDS, James M., md. Margt J. DOUGLASS. 16 December 1869 — N. B. McNabb, Minister, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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BELL, John F., Esq., of Sebastian County, md. America Amanda CALDWELL, age 18 years, of Sebastian County, 26 January 1870 — B. H. Pierson, Minister, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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BREEN, Patrick, md. Bridget GREER, both of legal age and of Fort Smith. Groomsman: Michael Harrington. Bridesmaid: Miss S. E. Swift, 30 January 1870 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest, Catholic Church.

HENRICKS, John, md. Mary MORAN, both of Fort Smith and of legal age. Groomsman: Zachary Moody, Bridesmaid: Ann Keeting. 03 February 1870 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest, Catholic Church.

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TUCKER, M. S., age 35, of Sebastian County, md. Ada MILAM, age 26, 16 January 1870 — E. Bowman, Minister. FLETCHER, Ira G., of Sebastian County, age 46, md. Anna BIRD, of Sebastian County, age 42. 06 February 1870 — C. P. Swift, J.P.

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GILLSTRAP, Lorenzo D., of Sebastian County, age 21, md. Elizabeth STINEBAUGH of Sebastian County, age 20. 04 August 1869 — S. M. Turner, J. P.

RIGGS, Cornelius, age 33, md. Elionora BARNARD, age 43. 13 February 1870 — Peter Conoway, Minister, Colored Baptist Missionary Church.

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HARRIS, Daniel, age 46, md. Cilia JACOBS, age 36, at Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, 10 February 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister.

BLACKMAN, James, md. Angeline WEVER, both of legal age and from Sebastian County. 06 February 1870 — W. L. Brewer, Deacon, M. E. Church.

BULLARD, Richard, md. Julian Clemantine BLACKMAN, both of legal age and of Sebastian County. 06 February 1870, W. L. Brewer, Deacon, M. E. Church.

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ROBINSON, Sllas R., age 23, md. Laura L. REED, age 18, both of Fort Smith. 02 February 1870 — H. M. Granada, Elder, M. E. Chuirch.

MAY, John A., age 34, md. Salina HAWKINS. 27 February 1869 — A. _____. Smith, Minister, M. E. Church.

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SELFE, John George, Capt. of Little Rock, age 28, md. Mary C. PINKNEY, of Sebastian County, age 18. 26 June 1869 — Harlen S. Wyneken, Pastor, German Episcopal Lutheran Church.

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SPRINGER, John George, of Fayetteville, age 25, md. Frances Amanada STRATTON, of Sebastian County, age 18. 23 September 1869 — Harlen S. Syneken, Pastor.

SHOTT, John, son of Christian and Menina Shott, age 25, of Sebastian County, md. Anna Dosea HARPER, of Sebastian County, age 22. 02 February 1870 — Harlen S. Wyneken, Pastor.

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SCHLUERTON, Henry Wm. of Sebastian County, age 23, md. Catherine Wilhelmina SNEIKERS, of Sebastian County, age 26. 18 February 1870 — Harlen S. Wyneken, Pastor, German E. Lutheran Church, Fort Smith, Sebastian County. Page 167

UNDERWOOD, William, of Sebastian County, age 21 years, md. Missouri PARISH, Sebastian County, age 16, parents consenting. 30 January 1870 — J. W. Riggs, J. P.

HILL, Frederick, age 32, md. Sarah Catherine WILSON, age 26, in Big Creek Twp. 21 November 1870 — C. W. Ward, J. P. (There is a different date of 21 November 1869 given just before signature of J.P.).

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WEBAGE, Thomas B., age 21 md. Elvina TRUE, age 22, in Big Creek Township, 28 November 1869 — C. S. Ward, J.P. Page 169

PATTERSON, John C., age 34, Sebastian County, md. Mary A. GRAHAM, Age 20 Sebastian County. 14 February 1870 — Samuel Dunn.

TRIFFT/TRIFFE, Jacob, age 46, Sebastian County, md. Sarah C. CAMPBELL, age 23, Sebastian County. 20 February 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J.P.

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MATTHEWS, James W., age 24, Sebastian County, md. Rebecca J. RYAN, age 16 Sebastian County. 11 January 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J.P.

CASIAH, Joseph, age 22, United States Army, md. Emily JENKINS, age 22, Fort Smith, in home of Martha Jenkins, Fort Smith. 09 February 1870 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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MCKENNA, Edward, 27 years of age, Fort Smith, md. Mildred BOSTICK, age 22, Fort Smith in St. John's Church. 15 February 1870 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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BURTON, Robert D., age 22, of Choctaw Nation, md.
Mary MCDUFF, age 17, of Choctaw Nation. 24 February
1870 — E. J. Brooks, J.P.

THOMPSON, Robert, md. Bridget DONAHUE. Groomsman: Edward Brogan. Bridesmaid: Miss Donahue. 24 Februray 1870 — Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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BLACK, J. A., age 24/29, Sebastian County, md. Eudora MCALLISTER, Sebastian County. 24 February 1870 — J. W. Riggs, J. P.

VICK, Larnis, age 21, Hurst County, Texas, md. Sophrina JONES, age 26, Franklin County, Arkansas. 08 March 1870 — Edward J. Brooks, J.P.

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DOSSON, A. B., of Sebastian County, Arkansas, age 31, md. Ellen Nora ROBERSON, of Sebastian County, Arkansas, age 19 yrs., 17 February 1870 — M. Stetzil, J. P.

WOODS, Charles, age 24, of Sebastian County, md. Martha COALMAN, age 22, of Sebastian County. 09 March 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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JOHNSON, Jacke, age 28, of Sebastian County, md.

Elizabeth WALLIS, age 30, of Sebastian County. 12 March 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

WHITE, J. D., age 32, of Sebastian County, md. Nancy MACHAN, age 20 yrs., of Sebastian County. 08 November 1869 — James G. Ulley, J.P.

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FOSTER, George, md. Margaret PATTINT. 09 January 1870 — J. C. Williams, Minister.

TUCKER, E., md. Roda MCDONALD. 23 January 1870 — C. Williams, Minister.

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HUNSACK, William Sylvester, age 30, md. Villilta See ALEXANDER, age 22, both of Sebastian County, Arkansas. 14 March 1870 — J. Sandels, Minister.

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FRY, Henry, age 22, of Sebastian County, md. Adeline WOODLE, age 23, of Sebastian County. 09 January 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P.

MILLER, William, age 21, of Sebastian County, md. Hettie TAYLOR, age 17 yrs., of Sebastian County. 18 March 1870 — Marion J. Watts, J. P.

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BAILEY, Benjamin, age 30, md. Josephine BISHOP, age 18. 16 March 1870 — H. M. Grande, Elder, M. E. Church South.

Elder Grande's credentials are recorded in Green County, Arkansas.

FRANKLIN, Charles, of Sebastian County, age 24, md. Rosetta CLARK, age 17, of Sebastian County. 10 March 1870 — Edward Bowman, Elder.

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CARROLL, Henry, age 18, of Sebastian County, md. Amanda WELSH, age 19, of Sebastian County. 20 March 1870 — E. Bowman, Elder.

BRIGHT, E. B., age 52, of Fort Smith, md. Sallie M. WHEELER, age 25, of Danville, Kentucky, at the home of J. Y. Wheeler, Esq. 22 February 1870 — W. Sample, Pastor. Page 181

REED, John, age 25, md. Sarah PATTÉRSON, age 30, both of Sebastian County, Arkansas, at the home of the bride. 17 February 1870 — W. A. Sample, Minister, Presbyterian Church.

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BOYKIN, Samuel, md. Josaphenia DYER, both of lawful age and of Sebastian County, Arkansas. 10 March 1870 — William L. Brewer, Deacon, Methodist E. Church South.

HENSON, John W., md. Elizabeth J. LONG, both of lawful age and of Sebastian County, Arkansas. 23 February 1870 — William L. Brewer, Deacon, M. E. Church South.

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STAIS, Jacob, age 50, md. Mary GAUTHER, age 45, both of Sebastian County. 30 March 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

HATOWAY, Henry, age 32, of Sebastian County, md. Milly J. GRUSY, age 17, of Sebastian County. 31 March 1870 — M. Stetzil, J.P.

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PIGGEE, Louis, age 24, of Sebastian County, md. Amanda CARROLL, age 18, of Sebastian County. 03 April 1870 — Edward Bowman, Elder. *The minister noted that the couple were both "colored".

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BASHAM, Joseph, of Sebastian County, age 42, md. Mary Jane RACHIELS, age 21, of Sebastian County. 09 March 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J.P.

PATTERSON, William F., age 21, of Sebastian County, md. Julia A. LASITER, age 18, of Sebastian County. 13 March 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J. P.

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PUCKETT, W. R., age 40, of Sebastian County, md.

Martha PUCKETT, age 30, of Sebastian County. 03 April 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J. P.

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WEBB, B. Y., age 20, of Sebastian County, md. Louise M. DOOLE, of Sebastian County, age 19.

03 April 1870 - Samuel Dunn, J. P.

CLARK, Wm. H., of Sebastian County, age 23, md. Harrett E. JONES, age 21, of Sebastian County. 17 April 1870 — M. D. Frazier, J. P.

TEDFORD, J. M., of Sebastian County, age 19, md. Rachael A. HANNAH, age 16, of Sebastian County, 17 April 1870 — Samuel Dunn, J. P.

HANSON, Thomas, age 20, of Sebastian County, md. Matilda SEXTON, age 20, 25 April 1870 — J. Sandels, Minister, Protestant Episcopal Church. *His credentials recorded in Washington County, Arkansas.

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BREASHERS, Richard, of Sebastian County, age 49, md. Penny BROWN, age 50, of Sebastian County. 18 April 1870 — Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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MILLER, C. P., of Sebastian County, age 19, md. Martha J. CLANTON, age 14, of Sebastian County. 24 April 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P. *Son of Levy and Sarah Miller.

NARRIED, Wm. H., of Sebastian County, age 22, md. Mary MILLER, age 18, of Sebastian County. 17 April 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P.

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EVANS, B. T., of Sebastian County, age 20, md. Jane E. CLATON, of Sebastian County, age 21. 10 April 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P.

BAILS, E. S., of Sebastian County, age 20, md. Louisa DOYEL, age 19, of Sebastian County. 02 April 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P.

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COLY, William, age 19, of Sebastian County, md. Rebecca M. LILY, age 18, of Sebastian County. 24 April 1870 — M. J. Watts, J. P.

ROBINSON, Isah, age 22, of Sebastian County, md. Mary W. VARNER, age 18, of Sebastian County. 24 April 1870 — Francis A. Taff, Minister, M. E. Church South.

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ROGERS, John, age 25, of Sebastian County, md. Elizabeth GRUBBS, age 20, of Sebastian County. 08 May 1870 — Francis A. Taff, Minister, M. E. Church South.

LEWIS, Philip, age 57, md. Jemima RAMEY, age 23, both of Sebastian County. 15 May 1870 — *William Stone, Minister, Free Will Baptist, *His Credentials are recorded in Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas.

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PENNINGTON, Mr. Edward, age 27, of Sebastian County, md. Miss Pinkie AKE, age 21, of Sebastian County. 01 June 1870 — Martin L. Wyncken, Pastor, German Evang. Luth. Church.

SHALZE, Maurice, age 30, of Sebastian County, md. Mrs. Minnie MASON (formerly Miss HUNT), age 23, of the County of Sebastian. 03 May 1870 — Martin L. Wyncken, Pastor.

Page 195
WESLEY, John, age 26, of Sebastian County, md. Sallie
STARR, age 27, of Sebastian County. 21 May 1870 — Peter
Conaway, Minister, Missionary Baptist Church.

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BRENNAN, John, Md. Ann KEATING, according to the Catholic Church. 26 May 1870 — Lawrence Smith, Priest. Page 197

WATTS, M. J., age 45, of Sebastian County, md. Thenia E. MANES/MANUS, age 29. 09 December 1880 — R. P. Clabonn, Minister. Witnesses: E. R. Brown and Green Bethel.

End of Marriage Record Book 'A'

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Mary Lou Jacobeen and Amelia Martin

FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1983-84 Officers:

President, Amelia Martin Vice President, Christine Allen Secretary, Mary Nell Euper Cor. Sec., Floy Looper Treasurer, Donald Peer

New board members:

Wayne Bledsoe, Del Conger, Floy Looper, Sarah Fitzjarrald McCullough, Col. C.B. "Pat" Porter and Felix Thomson

April 1984 issue of *The Journal* will feature Alphonso Trent's Band and other early Fort Smith bands.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL RECEIVES A.H.A. AWARD

Sarah Fitzjarrald, Associate Editor of *The Journal* received the first place award in the Arkansas Historical Association's 1982 competition for best article published in a local history publication in Arkansas. The award was made during the annual meeting of the Association at Fort Smith April 21-23, 1983. Sarah's prize winning article was "Steamboating the Arkansas" which was published in the September 1983 issue of *The Journal*.

BEST WISHES PHIL AND AMY MILLER

Phil and Amy Miller are moving to Florida about September 1. Phil, a past president of this Society, has indexed The Journal from its beginning. He has also efficiently served as office manager overseeing record keeping, mailing, postage permits, inventory and care of stock of back issues of The Journal, procurement of our International Standard Serial Number and other duties too numerous to mention. For seven years he has been here to do whatever needed to be done, including training a crew of people to do the jobs he has been doing. He will be missed again and again and again, but we wish him and Amy well in their new home. Amy, among other things, has been very active in Project Compassion in Fort Smith, and both Phil and Amy plan to be active in their new community. Our loss is others' gain.

Many thanks are due to those who have stepped forward to perform Phil's duties. Floy Looper will be indexing *The Journal* in addition to her job of corresponding secretary; Arlie Metheney, a former FSHS board member is taking care of membership records and has put our membership roster on computer; Del Conger and Felix. Thomson have assumed inventory care and distribution. Pat Porter is helping with proofreading and will be writing articles for future issues. We appreciate all of these and the rest of our staff for their contribution of talents, time and energy to the Fort Smith Historical Society.

Thanks too to all members of FSHS. Without your support, FSHS could not function. Keep those memberships, ideas, historical diaries, letters, scrapbooks, photographs and manuscripts coming in.

It is not too early to be considering Christmas giving and a membership in the Fort Smith Historical Society is a lasting gift -- why not a life membership? For your convenience a gift membership form is provided in the front of this issue.

******* BELLE FORT SMITH TOUR OF HISTORICAL HOMES

May 12-13, 1984 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Promises to be the biggest and best tour yet.

OLD FORT RIVER FESTIVAL

May 17-20, 1984

This family oriented event sponsored by The Fort Smith Junior League is something to put on your "must do" list.

******** FRONTIER RESEARCHERS

P.O. Box 2141, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Meet 4th Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m. Community Room - Fort Smith Public Library with counselors available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for beginning genealogists. Dues \$6.00.

1983-84 officers are:

President, Janice Eddleman 1st V.P., Pat Gibson 2nd V.P., Nolan Finney Rec. Sec., Virginia Bronson Cor. Sec., Juanita Carlon Treas., Norma Jones Historian, Jewell Bennett



Land has been leased, plans drawn, and construction will start soon on the new Fort Smith Trolley Museum at 100 South Forth Street next to the National Cemetery. The museum building, which will serve as a permanent carbarn and shop for the Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Association, will be funded by volunteer contributions and a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds foundation.

Plans are to have the building completed and one streetcar in operating condition by the end of 1984.

Each Tuesday night is work night on the streetcar. For information, contact the Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Assn., 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or call Art Martin at 783-1237 or Bradley Martin, 783-0145.

******* FORT SMITH CIVIC BALLET

OLD FORT MUSEUM

320 Rogers Avenue
Open Tuesday through Saturday
Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 Sept. through May
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Nominal admissions charge.
Members and school groups free.

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Open 10:00 - 4:00 Monday through Saturday
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Nominal donation for tour of the house.
Special group tours can be accommodated.
Telephone 783-3000 for further information.

FRONTIER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Recipients of the 1983 Frontier Achievement Awards presented by the Social Studies Educators of the Fort Smith School District are:

Melanie Speer Jimmie Delle Caldwell Amelia Martin Christine Allen Wayne Bledsoe

The awards are made in recognition of outstanding contribution of individuals to the preservation of Fort Smith historical or cultural heritage. Nominations for the awards are made by residents of Fort Smith.

For information concerning nominations for the 1984 awards, contact Ray Baker, c/o Southside High School, 4100 Gary, Fort Smith, AR 82903

******** RED STOCKING REVUE

March 1-2-3, 1984

Municipal Auditorium

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Annual event sponsored by the Junior Civic League.

Professional quality performance by local talent.

FORT SMITH ART CENTER

324 North 6th

MAIN GALLERY	
September 1983	Mike Cowne
October 1983	Alice Miller Gisler
November 1983	7th Annual Photography
	Competition*
December 1983	Children's Christmas Card
	Competition
	Special exhibit of miniature
	sculpture by Jack Pierce will
	be on display throughout
	the Art Center
January 1984	Oklahoma State Faculty
	Show
February 1984	Jack Gilliland
March 1984	34th Annual Drawing,
	Painting and Print
	Competition Exhibit**
April 1984	High School
	(Grades 9 through 12)
	Mixed Media

Competition Exhibit**

GALLERY 1

September 1983	Marjorie Bess Huie
October 1983	John W. Cross, Jr.
November 1983	Pat Pershell
December 1983	Dorothy Rief
January 1984	Ruth Hellmer
February 1984	Beverley Kiefer
March 1984	Rod Fleming
April 1984	Don Peach

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September 1983	John Isaacs XV	
October 1983	Duane Sanders	
November 1983	Gary Dooly	
December 1983	Mark Morgan	
January 1984	Larry Schafer	
February 1984	Dennis Been	
March 1984	David & Lucinda King	
April 1984	Mary Jane Porter	

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

*Entries for the 7th Annual Photography Competition will be accepted October 11 through October 22nd 1983.

**Entries for the 34th Annual Drawing, Painting and Print Competition will be accepted February 14 through 25th 1984.

***Entries for High School (Grades 9 through 12) Mixed Media Competition will be accepted March 13 through March 24, 1984.

DECEMBER 1, 1984, ANNUAL ART AUCTION ALONG WITH WINE AND CHEESE PARTY 7 p.m. at the FORT SMITH ART CENTER.

ACTIVITIES AT FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regularly scheduled/activities and meetings: 2nd Wednesday each month: Coffee Break Book Review 10:30 a.m.

Every Thursday: Children's Story Hour 9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday: Old Fort Gun Club 7:00 p.m.

1st Thursday: Westark Writers 2:00 p.m.

Westark Relics 6:30 p.m.

National Organization for Women 7:30

2nd Monday: Professional Photographers 6:30

2nd & 4th Monday: Fort Smith Embroiderers Guild 10:00-2:00 p.m.

2nd Tuesday: Beekeepers 6:30 p.m.

2nd Thursday: Board of League of Women Voters 7:30 p.m.

3rd Friday: Poetry Club 1:30 p.m.

3rd Monday: American Legion 7:00 p.m.

4th Monday: Fort Smith Camera Club 7:30 p.m.

4th Monday: District 5 Nursing Association

4:30-6:00 p.m.

4th Tuesday: Frontier Researchers 7:00 p.m.

Art Exhibits in Community Room:

September-Nancy Pipkins and Connie Hancock

October-James Denton November-Joy Whatley

FORT SMITH SYMPHONY

P.O. Box 3151

October 9th

Fort Smith, AR

Hector Garcia, Classical Guitar

December 3rd & 4th

Concert Opera, Municipal Auditorium

February 19th

Jeffrey Campbell, Pianist

March 18th

Paul Neubauer, Violist

April 29th

Henry Rinne, Saxophone (Pops Concert)

HISTORICAL WRITING PRIZES CREATED

The Southern Association of Women Historians has established Julia Cherry Spruill and Willie Lee Rose prizes for publication in history. For information regarding prizes and endowment fund to support them, contact: Professor Judith F. Gentry, Dept. of History, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504.

******** FIRE IN THE HOLE

"Fire In The Hole," written by Dr. H.G. Alvarez, editor of *The Key*, publication of the South Sebastian County Historical Society, is scheduled for publication this fall. This book, the story of coal mining in Sebastian County, is available from:

South Sebastian County Historical Society Route 3, Box 42 Greenwood, AR 72936 Price, \$10,00 postpaid.

******** OWSLEY FAMILY READERS?

New officers of Owsley Family Historical Society are Carl J. Owsley of Orlando, Florida, president, Mrs. William H. Martin of Seattle, Washington, Secretary and Albert W.L. Moore, 1420 North Spring, Independence, MO. 64050, membership chairman.

******* DISNEY FAMILY BULLETIN

For information on Disney Family Bulletin, write Sherry Foresman, 5300 SE 1st. Ct. #82, Des Moines, Iowa 50315.

INQUIRIES

Was the John M. P. Baker, who was living in Center Township, Sebastian County, Arkansas when the 1880 census was taken, the same John M. Baker, who was living in the 1850 Census of Smackover Township, Ouachita County, Ark.? Was he the son of Edmond/Edmund Baker and Rebecca Phillips Baker and the brother of James J. Baker, an early sheriff of Sebastian Co.? Was he of Cherokee descent? R. P. Baker

A letter from Jerry Barber, 4117 Wood, Texarkana, Texas 75503, would like to contact any descendants of Benjamin Phillip Davis, a deputy in Sebastian Co. in 1882 who married Mary Elizabeth Statham in 1876.

6525 Magnolia St., Mabelvale, Ark. 72103

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July 5, 1883

The Post Office was removed on Monday to the corner of Green¹ street and Garrison Avenue.

A Lowell, Mass. syndicate will at once establish a line of telephones in Fort Smith, and this city, and connect the two places with Little Rock. PINE BLUFF COMMERCIAL

SHOOTING OF JOHN McWEIR

News of the death of Mr. John McWeir reached the city on Monday. He had gone out with Deputy Marshall Wilkinson as posse, and report says he was killed in the Osage country, being shot while asleep, by a prisoner. Full particulars cannot yet be had. This is a sad blow for the wife and children and the aged parents of McWeir. We sympathize deeply with them.

July 12, 1883

Dr. W. W. Bailey, who has kept a first class drug store here since 1866, has sold out to Dr. Schapp, of St. Charles, MO., and will devote himself in the future entirely to the medical profession.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves came in last Friday with nine prisoners from the Indian Territory, all of whom were committed, one for murder, three for larceny and five whiskey cases.

The balloon ascension on Saturday night last on the Avenue in front of the Miller block by Messrs. McKenna and Wolf, was a success every way. They both understand the business thoroughly.

Work has commenced on the gas works. They are to be located in the lower part of the city, just back of Mr. John Buler's residence, on the west side of the L.R. & F.S. railway track, the company having purchased six lots there at \$200 apiece.

Fort Smith will soon have a real first-class hotel which was needed long ago; but whatever its appointments as to rooms it can't beat those elegant apartments at the McKibben building, which will

favorably compare, excepting as to grand parlors, with the rooms of any of the finest hotels in our large cities. It is well known the McKibben building, in the heart of the business portion of the Avenue, is probably the finest in the state of its kind, and its accommodations already enjoy a wide reputation among the traveling public. Elegant furniture, scrumptious cleanliness, convenient bath rooms, good attendance, lofty rooms with fine views of the surrounding country make the McKibben apartments the most select of any of the state.

"RATS"

The Clerk's Association met last night at the Southern Hotel. A full attendance present. A resolution was introduced and passed unanimously, ordering the printing of 1000 circulars to the people of Fort Smith, warning them against "rat" houses that keep open after 7 O'clock, the usual hour of closing. The chairman addressed the meeting on the subject and stated that out of the number of houses who signed the agreement to close at 7 O'clock p.m. several had violated the agreement, among them the most prominent dry goods houses in the city.-------HERALD 10th

Boys, that's a bad move and you will so discover. It is wrong to call leading business houses "rat" houses. If any of you by industry, fidelity and integrity ever rises to be the head of a business house, you will not like to be publicly arraigned in that way.

You may have cause of complaint, but the manner you prefer it will make you no friends. We know from experience what it is to be clerking and heartily sympathize with your efforts to bring business hours within a reasonable compass, so as to allow you the necessary time for recreation and self culture. But there are exceptions to all rules and this may have been the case with those you denounce. It is courttime and merchants must take advantage of it. Don't grumble if you have to do a little extra work sometimes. The editor of the NEW ERA office clerked in St. Louis for \$16 a month and boarded himself. We had to understand how to put up prescriptions in English, German, French and Latin and worked from daylight till 10 p.m. We made from \$25 to \$50 a day for our employer. It was hard to be sure, but we did our duty uncomplainingly and cheerfully. The reputation we made secured us another place at \$50 a month and the

¹ Green Street now Fourth Street.

next step was an offer of partnership. And when, ten years later, we saw, on a trip from here to St. Louis an opening for a safe investment and asked our former employer at \$16 a month for a loan of \$3000, he took us by the arm, walked down to his bank and put the money in our hand. It was promptly repaid within two months.

Now, boys, don't get up a fuss with your employers. They are generally, fair men. Your interest is mutual, and perhaps it is easier for them to find new clerks than for you to find new employers. This thing of attacking men anonymously through newspapers is bad. Pursue an open, manly, discreet course and you will come out all right. This is the advice of a friend.

RIVER NEWS

The Arkansas is in a tolerably good state for small boats to this place and above. The Fort Smith, Capt. W. C. Huff, left Tuesday for Webbers Falls and Fort Gibson with a full load, consisting of shingles, dressed lumber, etc.

July 19, 1883

We learn from our city exchanges that our city marshal has been presented with a gold headed cane by lady friends. Now, Charley, you turn that cane over to Mrs. City Marshal and don't forget it.

The large three story brick buildings of McLoud and Johnson, opposite the Post Office, are going up rapidly and when completed will be a big improvement to this part of the Avenue.

—— ● —— A BIG HAUL--MERRY PRISONERS

U.S. Deputy Marshals W. F. Jones and Elijah Andrew came in on Tuesday with twelve prisoners from the B.I.T. They were carried in two wagons and on their way through town one of the prisoners seated on a box played lively tunes on a violin, attracting quite a crowd.

These twelve prisoners were only a part of twenty-three arrested in the Indian Territory by Messrs. Jones and Andrew. On a preliminary examination before Commissioner Harrison at Fayetteville three were acquitted and eight bound over for trial here. Most of the parties were arrested for introducing and selling whisky in the Indian Territory and some for horse stealing and attempt to kill.

FOILED

A flashy woman and hard looking man, who registered as Dr. Williams, put up at the Riverside hotel last Thursday, and next morning had Mr. Rouse, the proprietor, arrested for "insulting" the woman. A jury

trial was speedily had, when the truth leaked out that the precious pair were simply trying the game of blackmail. The jury so decided and the precious pair quickly decamped to parts unknown. They ought to have had a coat of tar and feathers.

The moonlight excursion up the Poteau River on the little steamer JENNIE MAY last Monday night was well attended by our young people; although they had to return rather too soon on account of a threatening rain storm. Music was furnished by Botefuhr's string band and dancing was kept up until the boat returned to the wharf.

Mrs. Mary Hendrick, wife of Mr. John Hendrick of this city, died on Friday last of consumption, aged 37 years.

—— • —— July 26, 1883

It will be a blessing to Fort Smith when the new license for saloons goes into effect. It will then take one thousand dollars to start in on, which will kill off all the nasty, dirty, villainous pestholes about town, where you can hear the fiddle going from sunrise to midnight and see the sidewalk blockaded by a lot of loafers, lounging in chairs, squirting tobacco, retailing filthy conversation and obstructing passage to such an extent, that hardly a gentleman, much less a lady, will venture to pass. There are among the saloon keepers of this city men who are just as correct and respectable in their lives as any citizen, and in business standing equal to any of our businessmen. It is this class who conduct respectable houses, that doubtless will rejoice when the new license law takes effect, which will choke off their disgraceful competitors.

—— ● —— THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

A well attended meeting of the survivors in this city of the battle of Wilson Creek or Oak Hill, as previously announced in the NEW ERA, took place on Tuesday night at the City Hall. F. W. Boas was elected chairman and J. W. Bossert secretary. A committee was appointed, consisting of J. W. Bossert, Ed Hunt, Henry Kuper, Sr. and Mike Wallace, to ascertain the railroad rates from here to Springfield. It is thought, that about seventy-five vets will go from this place to attend the re-union. The following list shows the names of those who attended the meeting on Tuesday and who are expected to participate in the re-union:

Capt. Jas. H. Reed. Reed's Bat.; Benedict Stebler, Co. E. 3rd Ark.; F. W. Boas, Co. H. 5th Ark.; Joe W. Bossert Qr. Master's clerk, McCulloch's staff; Henry Kuper, Co. A 1st Ark. Infantry; J. C. Reed, Fort Smith Rifles 3rd Ark. Infantry; I. W. Bruce, Fort Smith Rifles

3rd Ark. Infantry; Jno C. Porter, 1st Sergeant Co. E 3rd Ark. Infantry; Jno. L. Huson, Co. E. 3rd Ark. Infantry; Chas Munter, Co. A. 5th Ark. Infantry; J. P. Hallett, Co. A 5th Ill.; J.R. Wren, Mo. State Guards; W. W. Ish, C.S.A.; Henry Mineheart, C.S.A.; E. C. Robinson, Co. G 4th Ark.; Wm Allen, Co. A 1st Ark.; P. Euper, Co. A 1st Ark.; Con. Triesch, Co. A. 1st Ark; Jessie Harper Co. A 3rd Ark.; Ed Hunt, Co. C 2nd Mo. Vol. U.S.; Jno Sengel, 8th Ark. Bat; Jno. Vaughn, U.S. Mo. Home Guards.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at some place on Friday night next.

THE CENSUS OF FORT SMITH

We humbly venture to offer a suggestion to our honorable school board, of which in years past we had the honor to be president. It is this:

When the next census of the children of scholastic age is taken, will you not instruct the person or persons employed, to take the entire number of people in this city? The additional labor would be trifling. The list should of course include not only the number of persons pertaining to the entire households where there are children of scholastic age, but of persons also, residing and doing business here and whose presence is not accounted for elsewhere.

The last census of Fort Smith (1880) showed but a trifle over 3,000 inhabitants. We believe, we can show up fully 7,000 people to-day, if not more. An official count and statement of such an increase would be the best advertisement our city can have and if an additional expense is incurred by the Board to take the additional census, just put us down for a liberal share of it.

Capt. Cutter of Little Rock, came up last week and delivered to subscribers here his neat little pamphlet, descriptive of Sebastian county and the Future Great, Fort Smith. It is a very neat piece of work of 40 odd pages and contains views of several notable places in the county, besides giving engravings of some of the handsome residences in this city, also of the cotton compress and oil mills, J. G. Miller's plaining mill and lumber yard, and Garrison Avenue.

The new 'Frisco passenger and freight depot is very nearly completed, and is a handsome structure. Platforms are being erected on each side of it that extend the whole length of the block.

August 2, 1883

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Boas has a machine by which he can see if an egg is one or two days old. His customers are getting the benefit by a long run.

The arrival last Thursday on the 'Frisco of the first street cars, three brightly painted, neat vehicles, created almost as much excitement among the gamins and street arabs as a circus.

Major Pierce McMurtrie, Special Examiner, U.S. Pension office, is engaged in looking into pension cases in this city. He has been in the State some two months and his duties will probably keep him some time longer.

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Professor Botefuhr is strongly endorsed by the Fayetteville people for the position of Professor of Music at the A.I.U. The only objection to the Professor is, that he is well qualified for the position and is too much of a man to wear anybody's collar. The present management of our A.I.U. can't endure such men.

A DASTARDLY ATTEMPT

On Tuesday Mr. Gid Morgan, proprietor of the steam ferry plying between this city and the Cherokee shore, was going up into the Poteau River on his boat with a party consisting of his two children, the wife of his brother Frank, his sister Ella, Miss Genie Bell, daughter of Dr Bell, and Miss Mary Mathews, besides Engineer Junk and son, Bill Gibson and Pilot Dunn.

About seventy-five yards from the wharf one Wright, a Cherokee and an enemy of Mr. Morgan, in the act of crossing to the Cherokee shore on one of Mr. Morgan's flat boats, fired six shots at the steam ferry, two across the bow and four close over it, scaring the ladies and children considerably. This Wright is a brother of one convicted of a deadly assault in the Indian Territory and for it was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at the present term of U.S. court. The other will go the same way probably before long.

DIED

PIERSON - On the 1st of August 1883, at his residence in this city after a brief illness, John Pierson in his eightieth year...The deceased was born in Yorkshire, England, August 14, 1803 and would consequently have reached fourscore years in a few days. He came to this country in 1832 and to Fort Smith in 1838, where he settled in his business, that of a gun and locksmith and married in that same year Miss Mary Irvin, who survives him after forty-five years of happy married life. Of the children three are living, John, removed to Kansas, and two daughters, one single, the other the wife of Dr. J.G. Eberle.

The deceased was an honest, upright man and very skillful mechanic and his loss is deeply regretted in this community.

He will be buried today with masonic honors.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The following appeared in yesterday's HERALD:

The school board advertised for bids for building another school. They proposed to erect a two story building for school purposes, the building to be situated on the reserve near the Hare property. Two teachers will be put in charge of the school, and it will have a district of its own.

To build a schoolhouse outside the city limits is not only unlawful but absurd. As for making it into a separate district is likewise unlawful, the city of Fort Smith can form but one school district. We trust there is some mistake about the affair as given in the HERALD above.

August 9, 1883

The street cars will commence operations next Monday.

Mr. Geo Tilles is busy in getting up his telephone posts and commence business. We learn that he has forty subscribers so far. For business it is \$5 and private houses \$4 per month.

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DEPARTURE OF THE OAK HILL VETS

On Tuesday morning quite a number of survivors of the battle of Wilson's Creek or Oak Hill left on the 'Frisco for Springfield, Mo. to participate in the Grand Reunion. Before they left they formed themselves into a company called "Fort Smith Rifles" in imitation of a company of that name that participated in the battle. There were eight officers and seven privates, as follows:

OFFICERS:

Jas. Reed, captain, late of Reed's battery Charles Munter, 1st Lieut. Co. A 5th Ark. Infantry Ed Hunt 2d Lieut. Co. C 2nd Mo. U.S. Volunteers Henry Kuper, 2d Lieut. Co. A 1st Ark. Infantry Isaiah Bruce, 1st Serg. Ft. Smith Rifles John Porter, 1d. Serg. Co. E 3d Ark. Infantry Paul Euper, 1st Corporal Co. B 1st Arkansas J.J. Shell, 2d Corporal

PRIVATES:

J.C. Read, Ft. Smith Rifles
J.R. Wren, Mo. State Guards
C.E. Robertson, CO. G 4th Ark.
W.W. Ish, C.S.A.
J.W. Bossert, Quartermaster's Cl'k
Con Triesch, C.A. 1st Ark.
John Sengel, Sr. Co. 5th Ark.

Before the departure Miss Lucy Sparks presented the company the old Ft. Smith Rifles' flag with a handsome address, which was responded to by Col. B.T. DuVal. The company then marched to the depot, accompanied by several of our citizens who likewise joined the excursion.

RIVER AND WEATHER

The JENNIE MAY and FORT SMITH are making their regular trips up the river. The JENNIE MAY returned Monday from a trip to the mouth of the Arkansas. The MILLBOY is expected in today from Little Rock. The Arkansas is falling fast after the late rise.

On Thursday evening last about five o'clock a tremendous hurricane swept over the city, accompanied by deafening thunder, blinding flashes of lightning and a perfect deluge. Soon however, the rain settled down steadily and kept up all night. From then till Tuesday the sky was mostly clouded, the atmosphere cool, and daily showers kept it so, till yesterday when old Sol again asserted his sway.

BEWARE OF THE CAR TRACK

We would advise those driving buggies and wagons to keep away from the track of the street cars, and when compelled to cross it, to do so as nearly as possible at a right angle. The track is a narrow one and ordinary vehicles can straddle it with an inch or two to spare on each side. When thus on the track and in attempting to turn out, the front wheel coming in contact with the iron rail is in great danger of being twisted off, if the pull is strong enough. It will pay to bear this in mind.

THE SWIMMING MATCH IN THE ARKANSAS RIVER. . . THE MAN-FISH BADLY SCOOPED BY A FORT SMITH BOY

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The swimming match between Capt. Firth, the vaunted Man-Fish from New Orleans, Otto Compagnon, a Fort Smith raised young man and Capt. Metzger, the handsome Swabran, came off as advertised, on the 6th inst. The steamer "Fort Smith" let the wharf at noon and steamed up the Arkansas 81/2 miles, having, besides the contestants, some fifty spectators and sporting men on board. The day was cloudy and cool, with occasional showers. The judges were Sam Edmundson, Tom Shannon and Ed Rouse, Frank Freer being referee. When the boat turned, the contestants were in readiness and jumped overboard. Capt. Firth at once took the lead, Compagnon second. Metzger soon gave up after swimming about a mile and a half. Otto Compagnon, who held himself in reserve, then gradually made up to the Man-fish and passed him. After swimming five miles, the latter threw up the sponge and was taken aboard the steamer. Otto kept easily on the wharf and merrily asked the boat to keep on with him down to Van Buren, nine miles further, which was declined. He came out of the water as fresh as a daisy and was awarded the prize, \$200. Another match will probably come off in a short time.

Otto Compagnon, the winner, is a native of Fort Smith, about 22 years old, of muscular build and the

son of a former well-known confectioner, who died some years ago. From his childhood he was a regular waterdog and more than once saved from drowning boys bathing in the deep pool above the mouth of Poteau. He may yet attain celebrity from what would seem a natural and very useful gift to him.

ICE IS ICE

Our ice men have raised the price of this indispensable commodity to 2 cents a pound, delivered in quantities less than fifty pounds. Consumers of over 50 lb. daily pay $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

NOT THE RIGHT MAN

We are informed by Mr. Gid Morgan, that the person who last week fired at his ferryboat as stated in our last number, was not Wright, but some other party, who has not yet been identified, the party named as the shootist having returned to his home in the Territory some days prior to the shooting.

August 23, 1883

On account of the rapidly increasing school population the school directors for the Fort Smith district have purchased two lots on the corner of Hickory² and Taylor³ Streets, for the sum of \$250 a piece, on which to erect a large two-story school building to cost \$2500. Mr. J.R. Stevens was awarded the contract for the erection of the building, and expects to have it ready for use by the first of October next.

The Fort Smith Daily Herald completed the second year of its existence last Friday.

Picnics are becoming to be nuisances from the fact that on almost every occasion of the kind rowdyism, stimulated by bad whiskey, mars the pleasure of the day, and frequently, what was meant as a time of innocent enjoyment and relaxation, ends in scenes of strife, if not bloodshed. People occasionally need recreation and a throwing off of the every day life drudgery. They should mingle in pleasant intercourse and a friendly interchange of those experiences, gay and grave, pleasant and sad, that go to make up the average lifetime. But here is too often at these gatherings so much of the rude and boisterous, so much of the artificially stimulated hilarity, that mischief ensues. What our people need, especially the young, is better training more self control and respect for the rights of others. ___•_

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

There was a regular session of the city council last Monday evening. All officials present except

Alderman Hunt. An ordinance in relation to streets and alleys was read third time and laid over.

The ordinance granting to Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company the right, franchise and privilege of erecting, maintaining and operating its telegraph and telephone lines in the city of Fort Smith, was laid over to next meeting.

An ordinance accepting Catholic Avenue and Towson Avenue, as public streets, was read first time; on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance read second time and laid over.

On motion, the council proceeded to the election of city attorney. Alderman Baker nominated C.M. Cooke; there being no other nominations, vote of the council and was declared duly elected city attorney.

An ordinance permitting the Fort Smith Street Railway Company to lay, build, construct and maintain its tracks with "I" rail iron, was read first time; on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance read second time and laid over.

On motion, the chairman of the committee on streets and alleys, was authorized, in conjunction with the Mayor, to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to put the town branch in a good condition.....

August 30, 1883

The city Telephone Co. seems to be doing a good business; it has from 12 to 15 wires now in working order. The headquarters are in the Miller building.

We understand that the Fort Smith Street Railway Company has leased the Scheutzen Park for a period of ten years and intend to extend the track out to the grounds in the near future, and make improvements, by fencing in the grounds, erecting buildings, etc., at a cost of \$3000 or \$4000.

September 6, 1883

The Fair Association has arranged to have four balloon ascensions during the coming fair. This will be quite an interesting and novel feature, and will no doubt draw many visitors.

Officer G.L. Boothe resigned his position on the police force, and Henry Surratt was appointed in his stead. A good selection. We understand that Policeman Wiley Cox has also tendered his resignation.

Belle Grove schoolhouse has been greatly damaged since the closing of the schools last June by mean boys and men. Besides the destruction wrought, it has been put to scandalous uses, as we learn from one of the directors. What is the committee on schoolhouses about?

RAILROAD STEEL IS TIC.

SECURE A HOME!

Lands! Lands!

The Little Rock & Ft. Smith R. R.

Is now offering for sale in tracts to suit purchasers, the whole of their magnificent

Land Grant!

As there is every prospect of a large immigration to Arkansas, it is reasonable to suppose

that these

CHOICE LANDS,

Will be in active demand.

Persons dosiring to secure them, should lose no time in doing so. Unexceptionably favorable terms. For full information apply to

W. D. SLACK,

Land Commissioner, Little Rock, Ark,

The undersigned agent for the fine grant of lands made the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, now offers for sale any and all the railroad lands lying in

SEBASTIAN COUNTY,

These lands embrace some very fine tracts, including

$RIVER\ BOTTOM$, $PRAIRIE\ and\ UPLANDS.$

And an easy opportunity is here offered of securing a cheap farm on easy terms. Correspondence solicited from those seeking homes in a mild,

HEALTHY CLIMATE,

And a new country which is rapidly developing and offers many advantages.

To those who have improvements on railroad la: ds I would say, no time should be lost in coming forward and entering into contract for the same. My instructions are to sell any and all lands, and any delay in making application may entail a loss upon you.

I am prepared to give full information in regard to any lands in Schastian county.

JOHN CARNALL, AGEAT, FORT SMITH, ARK, XX 2 1y.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

An ordinance accepting the dedication of Catholic Avenue and Towson Avenue as public streets was read third time and passed.

An ordinance accepting the annexation of a part of the 16th section lying between Cabell and Breen Streets was read third time and passed.

Petition of Nellie G. Lane to repair frame building situated within fire limits was referred to the Mayor with power to act.

Petition from Tenney & Smith and others, requesting permission to lay a crossing on Garrison Avenue, was read and granted.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid in U.S. currency out of the general fund:..........

MARRIED

In this city, on Tuesday evening last, MR. HENRY SCHNEIDER to MISS LENA NABOR, Rev. Father Smythe, officiating.

NOTES OF TRAVEL BATHING AT THE PACIFIC - AN UGLY CUSTOMER SAILING ON OCEAN - A DRIVE TO THE MOUNTAINS

(At the risk of getting a big scolding we publish the letter below. It was not written for publication but is strictly private, from daughter to mother. But inasmuch as the writer's letters have been so acceptable to the readers of the *NEW ERA* and as we have not received a "special" for some weeks and as the letter contains so many points of interest, especially to the many lady friends of the writer we assume the responsibility and risk the consequences. Ed.)

Santa Ana, Cal., Aug. 13, 1883

Mamma Darling --- I received your letter this a.m., and would have received it yesterday, but I was down at the beach bathing, and came home by moonlight as it was only 18 miles.

I know you would all rave over this climate, just a succession of sunshiny days, the year round. It is never hot and never cold. You can bathe just as well on Christmas Day as on August 1st, and never know the difference. There are never any rains save occasionally a slight shower in February.

While at Laguna, we went up the coast about five miles to a little ranch in the mountains, called "Al Esan." There is a family there that has lived there twelve years, raising fruit. The children have never been elsewhere, not even to this little place.

Oh! Mamma, if you could have seen my bathing suit! Mrs. Hewes told me that the heaviest flannel was best, so I took a white blanket, cut a yoke and box pleated the flannel in straight widths. I had seen so many short costumes, that looked vulgar, so I made mine to my ankles, and trousers of the same, and belted it in at the waist. I put on kid gloves with the fingers cut off, and

then I borrowed an oilskin cap for my hair from Miss Parker, and then I got a wrap. I had to walk half a mile from Mrs. Mellette's tent to the beach, and climb down a very steep cliff. I had on navy blue hose, white dress, blue belt and wrap, and climbing down the cliff I made a very conspicuous figure. Just image me if you can! My companions in the surf fairly roared and laughed till they got ducked in the surf. I had seen so many costumes that were too short, that I went to the other extreme and got mine too long. I gave my shoes, hat, and wraps to Mrs. Foster when I reached the sand, and my escort, Mr. Dilley, of Philadelphia, took me out. We met an immense breaker. I was not prepared for it. It just whirled me about like a straw and filled my mouth with the horrid salt water. Mr. Dilley kept me up though and the next ones we rose over with out any trouble. I enjoyed it, but my suit was so heavy I had to come out, for it weighed me down. I sat in the sand just beyond the line of breakers, where the foam would come purling up about my shoulders, and as the waves would recede I would dig my hands into the sand to prevent the undertow from taking me out to sea. While we were in there three persons, one lady and two gentlemen, were stung by a stingaree, a fish I wrote you about. Mr. Mellette was stuck near the toes, and had to lie down for several hours. The sting that goes into the foot is about four inches long and like a saw. Mr. Briggs brought it to me after it was taken from Mr. Mellette's foot.

Mr. Mellette took me out several miles on the ocean in his boat. I enjoyed it very much. I don't get sick at all, and I never tire of gazing at the wonders in the depths below. His boat has one sail only, being small, and we took turns going out in it. It made some of our party sick, but I enjoyed it.

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I went driving the other day with Mr. John Dilley. We had a fast team and I drove most of the way. We went up to the "Head of the Santa Fe Ditch," where they were driving piles in the bed of the river to force the water to the surface. I watched the work with much interest. We left here at 1 o'clock and didn't get back till 7 o'clock, as it was 18 miles up through the mountains and the same distance back. I saw beautiful vineyards and orange groves. One vineyard was 40 acres, and is now worth \$40,000. They were boxing the grapes and drying them for raisins. They are all of the big white variety. Blanche and Sparks Berry have picked about three bushels of the immense white grapes this morning, and are laying them on the roof to dry for raisins. The bunches are as long as my arm, and one

bunch would bring fifty cents at home. Here they are free to all, as they grow in the gravelly soil without irrigation, the roots going down 25 feet for water.

Lovingly, Annie

September 13, 1883 FIRE

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE BUSINESS BLOCKS DESTROYED

Yesterday morning at three o'clock the people of this city were roused by the clanging of church bells and shouts of fire. Huge columns of fire and smoke were raising up from a central point of Garrison Avenue and soon the buildings of Mr. Jno Vaughn and F.W. Boas were discovered on fire.

There being no means to fight the flames, the city being without either water works or fire company, the flames rapidly spread to adjoining buildings, and in a short time the entire half block from Howard⁴ Street to the alley above, one hundred and fifty feet front of fine new buildings, all brick except one, were leveled to the ground.

The following is a list of the losses:

F.W. Boas,

Grocery house and stock, \$11,000. Insurance \$6,000.

John Vaughn,

Hardware house and stock, \$10,000. Insurance \$6,000.

Devlin & Sparks,

Shoes and boots; saved all their goods. Insured for \$5,500.00 House fully insured.

A. Haglin,

Dry goods, etc., loss \$7,000, fully insured.

Guler & Brunoldi,

Confectioners, loss \$8,000. Insurance \$6,000.

P. Berman,

Dry goods and clothing, house and goods insured for \$7,000.00 Most of the goods saved were in a damaged condition.

Fortunately there was little or no wind, else the conflagration would have been much more destructive. Berman's dry goods store at the corner of Howard⁴ Street, being the only frame building, was especially dangerous to the adjoining block. But by tearing part of it down and blowing up some of it, the block below was saved, not without great efforts however, and by keeping the whole side of the building opposite drenched with water.

The fire was stopped on the other end by the stone

building of W.N. Ayers with its iron lined shutters. But here also it required very hard work, especially after the front porch took fire. If the Ayers building had taken fire there is no telling where it would have stopped. And so at the other end, too.

Most of the merchants have laid in their Fall and Winter supplies, which in view of a tolerably good crop, is very heavy.

Mr. Vaughn received only Tuesday \$2000 worth of hardware, which he lost. Mr. Boas was offered \$9000 for his house Tuesday. The next morning it was a pile of rubbish with only \$4000 insurance.

P. Berman's goods were just about arriving from New York. He is lucky.

All the buildings destroyed will be rebuilt immediately.

Boas bought out Vogel & Wallace in the Bonneville block opposite his old place; Devlin & Sparks will open at once in the building of the National Bank of Western Arkansas and the other sufferers will resume business as fast as they can.

There was a good deal of pilfering but that couldn't be helped. The concussion produced by blowing up Berman's store broke all the windows in the neighborhood, especially all the splendid plate glass show windows.

DIED

SPEAKER - Last Friday night, of congestion of the bowels, after a brief illness, NETTIE, oldest daughter of Mr. John Speaker.

September 27, 1883

On Tuesday we had a pleasant visit from a party of Seminoles, headed by John Jumper, for many years Chief of the tribe. The others were Joe Colbert, whose Indian name we did not learn, E-cho-e-marthler and Tar-ske-gee Micco. They were accompanied as interpreter by Mr. McCombs, a half-breed Creek and merchant in the Creek nation, who is an intelligent, educated gentleman, we had not seen the famous old war chief since the treaty made at this place in 1865, where he and John Chupco, the leader of the loyal Seminoles, attended and buried the tomahawk forever, John Jumper - or Long Wolfe and King, as his Seminole name reads translated - is a fine specimen of the full blood Indian, of commanding appearance, cool, sagacious and intelligent. Though colonel of a Seminole regiment in the confederate service, it speaks volumes for his character, that since the treaty of '65 no trouble ever was had in his tribe on account of the division during the war, fully one-half of the Seminoles having fought on the Union side. Chief Jumper could tell more about the Creek difficulties, being entirely disinterested, than anybody else.

The party is down here as witnesses in a murder case before the U.S. District.

LIST OF LETTERS

Uncalled for in Post Office at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, September 25, 1883. Those not called for in 28 days will be sent to Dead Letter Office, Washington D.C. Please say "advertised" when inquiring:

mquimg.	
Brazil, John	Jackson, H.C.
Brown, Margarette	Kolb, Marcus
Bolden, Jane	Lewis, Gibson
Beck, J.	Lewis, Dixon
Barnes, Jas.	Leflore, M.C.
Crump, J.P.	Moore, D.C.
Cox, W.S.	McClure, J.C.
Choteau, Jessie	Martin, J.P.
Denmore, Simon	Oats, Lawson
Doyle, N.N.	Partain, Lizzie
Erasmus, E.C.	Pate, J.B.
Erskine, Ira W.	Quick, M.L.
Feberon, F.	Quick, Mart.
Field, Mattie	Ricks, Caroline
Holmes, Thomas	Rice, J.W.
Hope, Susan	Smith, F.T.
Hoston, Rich.	Smith, Geo.
Johnston, James	Thorn, A.N.
Houston, R.E.	Thomas, Chas.
Howell, Judge H.A.	Tanner, Aaron
Handcock, J.S.	Wright, Thos.
Hanes, J.N.	Worrell, D.C.
Wolfe, Martha	Willard, Alfred
Wheeler, Rev. Jesse	Wiswell, Fred
White, L.C.	Young, M.J.
Hart, Henry	

J.K. Barnes, P.M.

TO THE PUBLIC

If you are going to insure against loss by fire, don't insure in the German Insurance Co., of Freeport, III., till it pays an adjusted claim of J.H. Kirby, near Greenwood, AR.

October 4, 1883

Mr. James Weaver, who for the past eight or nine years has ably discharged the duties of Assistant Post Master at this place, has resigned, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Julius Deiser. Jim will be hard to replace.

The murder of Beck and Merritt makes four of the U.S. Marshal's force killed within six months. Deputy Layman and posse McWeir being the other two - all in the Indian Territory.

FATAL ENCOUNTER KILLING OF U.S. DEPUTY MARSHAL BECK AND POSSE

Last Thursday morning U.S. Marshal Addison Beck accompanied by a young man, Louis Merritt, as posse, served a writ upon one John Bark, a full blood

Cherokee, for peddling whiskey in the Indian Territory. Bark, with a brother and a negro, Johnson Jack, were pulling corn at the time in a field some thirty-five miles west of here. Just what occurred is not known, but Beck and his posse were killed, the former having been shot through the head and the latter through the heart. Another man of Beck's party, Moody, was in camp about a mile distant guarding a prisoner, and was informed by Indians of what had occurred. Upon learning this he drove to the spot where the tragedy occurred and found some fifteen or so Indians on the spot, who wanted him to dig a hole and tumble the Deputy Marshal and his posse in it. But he resolutely put the bodies into his wagon and drove without stopping to this place, arriving opposite the city at 3 a.m. on Friday with his awful freight and crossed the river at daylight. It's hould be stated, that in his helpless condition, Moody asked his prisoner to drive the team and help him, which the prisoner did after having had his chains taken off, and came all the way with the officer, though under the circumstances he could have made his escape easily. Johnson Jack, the negro with Bark, was also killed, probably by young Merritt. after Beck was shot. Beck leaves a wife and two children and was originally from Illinois, near Decatur. He was first employed as Deputy U.S. Marshal some three years ago by the editor of this paper when U.S. Marshal and made a good efficient officer and was well liked. Merritt was a young man only nineteen years of age, from Tennessee. The negro, Jack, is still alive and is said to be guarded by friends who will not allow him to be arrested.

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Baird

Baker, I.W.

Clapp, E.S.

Cale, W.N.

Colwell, Amy

Colbert, Elijah

Chambers, M.A.

Cavin, Chas. M.-2

Ash, Mollie
Adams, John-2
Allen, R.C.
Ashley, Henry
Buckmaster, Sary
Boules, James
Boyer, Mrs. A.W.
Booth, G.G.
Bowder, B.T. Col.
Bourland, Dr.
Blackmur, H.A.
Blackburn, Willie
Byrdsong, Geo.
Bilby, Alice
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Bilby, Alice
Bell, Mandy
Beaty, J.N.
Baker, R.
Bates, W.

Durant, D.D.
Dixon, W.M.
Debney, Toby
Delisle, Miss Sidney
Davis, H.V.
Elmer, Wilson
Evans, W.H.
Feberon, F.
Forehand, Joseph
Foster, Ira O.

Gunther, Senator Gunther, Capt. A. Glowingbird, Fanny Givins, Alfred Graves, Celia Gossett, Wm. Garvey, J.H. Holland, V.C.-2 Holsman, Maggie Home, M.A. Howell, H.A. Hawkins, J.C. Hixon, Staton Higgleby, John Hart, Henry Harris, Zeno T. Hamier, Fannie Holt, John Howell, James Johnson, Cally Jones, J.B. Jennings, Mr. Lewis, Burr Lock, Jeff Lyons, W.C. Morris, J.

Meagher, Nancy Maxey, A.R. Moore, J.D. Myser, Jacob Price, Dr. R.W. Price, Minerva Pennington, Joe Pastock, F. Ragman, Willie Rogers, Andy Rich, Wm. Read, J.E. Stewart, J.C. Springer, Sarah J. Smith, Washington Sharon, Mr. Shier, H.B. Sissel, J.A. Scott, Emma Vaun, Crow Vaughan, F.J. Vertrees, Miles Waytt, Eddie Young, Bettie Youngblood, M.

James K. Barnes, Post Master

MARRIED

WEAVER-GRIFFING-At the Presbyterian Church in this city, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, MR. JAMES WEAVER to MISS SALLIE BELLE GRIFFING, Rev. W.A. Sample officiating........

DIED

COHN-In this city on Friday morning last, Frances, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Cohn, aged 22 months.

October 18, 1883 FLESHY MEN

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We make a specialty of Extra Large Suits and Overcoats, we can fit and please. You try us.

R.E. Doyle & Co. S. Clothing Department

A trim little stern wheel steamer, the WEBB CITY, landed at the levee yesterday morning, and many inquiries were made about her and her destination. A reporter meeting Mr. John Wesson, the genial clerk, and sturdy John Johnson, the engineer, obtained the particulars of her appearance in the waters of the Arkansas. She is just from the blocks at Jeffersonville, Ind., and was built by the Fort Smith Oil Company and Capt. B.C. Blakely, to run between Fort Smith and Webb City. She is 135 feet long, 26 feet wide and has a

depth of 3 feet, drawing 1 foot. There are about a dozen neat and comfortable staterooms and she is fitted throughout with a view to upriver trade. Capt. Blakely is an experienced river man who has run for several years between Webb City and Fort Smith, and has two boats now plying in the up river trade, the JENNY MAY and the FORT SMITH. LITTLE ROCK GAZETTE 11th inst.

The public schools, Miss Emma Wheatley in charge, commenced on Monday last. The Peabody schoolhouse, not being completed yet, school will not be opened in that building until October 22d.

October 25, 1883

Col. J.L. Goodbar has arrived from Memphis, and work will begin immediately on the rope and ice manufactory. A large stone building will be erected near the oil mills, and the factory will be in operation by next January. Messrs. Goodbar, Cherry & Co. are the proprietors.

Probate Court is in session, Judge Gaines presiding.

The Peabody school was opened on Monday last with three teachers in charge and 140 scholars enrolled. The total enrollment in our public schools is now nearly 600.

November 1, 1883

The play "A Friend," rendered by the Florence General Dramatic Co., at the opera house Monday night, was highly enjoyed by all.

The kindness of the young men and the ladies who so tenderly cared for the young man, John Lehman, who died at the residence of Mr. August Hach his employer, last week, will surely be placed on record to their credit. Everything that the faraway mother, sisters and brothers would have done for him was anticipated by kind friends. The last sad offices after life had ceased, were performed by gentle hands and noble hearts and "for his mother's sake" lovely flowers in great profusion were placed about the coffin of this young man who died so far from home and country, but whose last hours were made as smooth as kindness and watchfulness could avail to make them.

DIED

JOHNSON-In this city on Thursday last of Typhoid Fever, at the residence of her mother, Miss Laura M. Johnson, aged eighteen years.

LEHMAN-In this city on Thursday last at the residence of Mr. A.G. Hach, of Typhoid Fever, Mr. John Lehman.

The funeral took place at the St. John's Church last Friday, and was very sad indeed. Mr. Lehman, a native of Hamburg, Germany, was here alone in America, his age only 22, not a relation or a personal friend here, except Mr. & Mrs. August Hach, for whom he clerked about two months. Rev. J.L. Berne called to see him, and as he wished to be baptized, the clergyman gave him provisional baptism, afraid he might have been baptized in infancy, as no person can be rebaptized, that is the greatest of sacrileges forbidden by the church. The young men of the city kindly, got everything prepared to bury the young man, with the help of Mr. August Hach, who in his kind heart did all he could. Mrs. Hach, his wife, had waited on the boy as a dear sister, giving him his medicine, and attending on him faithfully.

The thought was suggested to us after witnessing this sad death that away from our friends we might also be, and may God in His mercy send us just such kind hearts to feel for us in such circumstances, and loving hands to close our eyes and carry us to our grave.

Mr. Lehman has a mother across the ocean who will be shocked to hear this. A letter arrived from her to her boy just after his death. May the good God sanctify her to bear up in this her great sorrow, is the prayer of all her sympathizing friends of Fort Smith.

A Friend

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November 8, 1883

A citizens' meeting will be held at the U.S. Courtroom next Saturday night to take steps to secure an appropriation for the building of a new courthouse.

Mr. Will Bollinger, the crack shot, went over to the big lake in the Cherokee Nation, Monday and succeeded in bagging forty-nine wild ducks-the result of a half days' shooting. He got a wagon to haul them to this city.

MARRIED

WENDEROTH-COLLIER-At the residence of the bride's parents in this city on Tuesday evening last, Mr. F. WENDEROTH, of Little Rock, to MISS FANNIE B. COLLIER, daughter of Col. J.P. Collier of this city. Rev. Mr. Jeffet officiating.

On next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock Mr. M.T. Dyke, one of our rising young businessmen, will be united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Parke, eldest daughter of Capt. Frank Parke. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. S.H. Babcock, at the M.E. Church in this city.

Chief Sengel has appointed W.J. Hicks City Policeman in place of Jno Porter. The appointment of Messrs. Rounds and Hicks on the force was confirmed by the city council Tuesday.

November 15, 1883

The new teacher for the German School, Prof. Herring, has arrived.

A meeting was held according to previous notice at the U.S. Courthouse Friday night, and a committee appointed to draft a memorial to Congress, asking for an appropriation to build a new courthouse and jail at Fort Smith. After stating the well known deficiencies of the present building, and giving good and sufficient reasons for the request, the memorial was adopted, and a committee appointed to get signatures throughout the Western District of Arkansas and the Indian Territory, when it will be forwarded to Congress. This is a step in the right direction.

DIED

STEBLER-At his residence in this city, corner Franklin and Hickory Streets, of cancer of the stomach, Mr. Benedict Stebler, aged 53 years.

Mr. Stebler was one of our old citizens, having been in business here for years past. He married here, and leaves a wife and several children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

Guler & Brunoldi's new confectionery story is in full blast again. There you can get the finest candies, nuts,

oranges, apples, bananas, figs, grapes and everything and anything you call for. Give them a call.

MARRIED

DYKE-PARKE-At the M.E. Church South, in this city on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., Mr. M.T. Dyke to Miss Myrtle Parke, Rev. Mr. Babcock officiating.

November 29, 1883

Mr. Howard B. Weir and Miss Bettie Stone were married last Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents in this city, Rev. W.A. Sample officiating.

The Fort Smith Gas Light Company, consisting of Messrs. B.F. Hobart, C.W. Dawley, J.S. Ambrose, D.H Nichols and J.T. Bruce, was organized on Monday evening last. B.F. Hobart is president, J.S. Ambrose, vice-president, C.W. Dawley, secretary and treasurer. The company expect to have things in running order by the middle of next month.

December 6, 1883

A man by the name of Jno. T. Lee, was robbed of \$850 on last Thursday night at the den kept by Mollie Lowenberg, just below the LR. & F.S. Depot. The officers have searched diligently but have so far failed to find a clue to the robber or robbers, whoever they are.

The young man Blankenship, who was fatally stabbed a week or so ago at a house of ill fame in the lower part of the city, died on Friday last at his home in Big Creek Township where he was taken soon after the cutting. Smith, the man who it is said did the cutting, has skipped out.

December 13, 1883

It now turns out that the man Lee, who claimed to have been robbed of \$800 in the lower part of the city a short time since, and for which the officers made a thorough search, had no money with him at the time to lose.

On Wednesday the 30th Senator Walker introduced a bill in the Senate to authorize the erection of a Federal building at Fort Smith and to donate part of the military ground at Fort Smith to the benefit of public schools at that place, also to adjust the claim of Arkansas against the United States.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller, of New Orleans, who applied for a license as master of a steamboat, was refused solely on account of her sex.

MEMBERSHIPS

AUGUST 1, 1983

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Allen, Mrs. Sam B., 2700 S. Dallas, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Arby's Roast Beef Rest., c/o R.L. Davis, 4164 E. 43rd St., Tulsa, OK 74l35 Baker, Alice Mayberry, 722 N. Albert Pike, P.O. Box 3444, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Baker, Monica, c/o Virginia Bronson, 1518 Weeks Lane, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Barber, Mrs. E.E., Jr., 19 Riverlyn Dr., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Barron, Mrs. William P., Meadow Place, Harrison, AR 72601 Bracht, C. Victor, Jean Lafitte Hotel, #801, 2105 Church St., Galveston, TX 77550 Brown, Dr. James A., 6810 S. T, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Burns, Mrs. Doyne E., 1527 No. 50, Ft. Smith, AR 72904 Burton, Mrs. Carl, P.O. Box 3035, Ft. Smith, AR 72913 Caruthers, Elmo Jr., 285 Booth Ave., Englewood, NJ, 07631 Cary, BGen Victor L., Box 1059, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 City National Bk, 1222 Rogers, Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Condren, Stewart M., 2809 Heather Oaks Way, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Corley, Carl D., 5101 Cliff Dr., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Cotton, Ray W., 1425 No. 52, Ft. Smith, AR 72904 Crane, William Y., 1805 No. A, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Cravens, Elizabeth E., 4200 Sunnyside Dr., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Cravens, Fadjo Jr., 2100 S. W, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Daniel, Mrs. D. Gene & Family, 226 Towson, P.O. Box 1391, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Delt, Mary, 2121 Wolfe Ln., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 DeWitt, Delores R., 3009 Briar Cove, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Fulgham, Mr. & Mrs. David, 6704 Harness Way, Mobile, AL 36609 Fulgham, Shauna, 6704 Harnesss Way, Mobile AL 36609 Gambrel, Francis O'Kelly, 2314 Woodlark, Fayetteville, AR 72701 Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. John F. Jr., 5904 Chippewa Trail, Ft. Smith, AR 72904 Geurin, Mr. & Mrs. James R., 1007 Woodlawn, Graham, TX 76046 Girard, Charles, 2305 S. R, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Hadley, Peggy A., 3117 Royal Scots Way, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Hauert, Rt. 2, Van Buren, AR 72956 Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin, 4701 Free Ferry Rd., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Heflin, Mr. & Mrs. George, 10202 Enchanted Stone Court, Houston, TX 77070 Hill, Robert B., 45 S. 4, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Johnson, Robert E., 3222 S. 39, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Ben B., 3000 Blackburn, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Joyce, Mrs. Joe D., 1101 S. 22, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, 1713 Savannah Dr., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Kelley, Miss Gordon, P.O. Box 1551, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Kelly, James B., 3400 Bissonnet, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77005 Kistler, Betty L., 322 S. 14, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Koenig, Dr. A. Samuel, MD, 4000 Free Ferry Rd., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Lee, Robin, DDS, 613 Lexington, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Lewis, Jesse R., Jr., 4509 Clarendon, Ft. Smith, AR 72904 McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Warren, 7816 Texas Rd., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 McMinimy, Mrs. D.J., 4110 S. 34, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Martin, Dr. & Mrs. Art B., 2121 Wolfe Ln., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Art B. Jr., 2212 S. T, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Martin, Nathan, 2212 S. T, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Martin, Tommy, 938 Jupiter, Garland, TX 75042 Merchants National Bk., 723 Garrison Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Miller, Phil & Amy, 160 Meadow Brook Lane, Plant City, FL 33566 Moore, William D., 102 E. Green St., Middletown, DE 19709 Morrow, Payne, 4118 S. 34, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Patterson, Franklin M. & Lucy, 4410 S. Cir., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Pollan, Mrs. George A. (Carolyn), 2201 S. 40, Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Pryor & Barry, Attys-at-Law, P.O. Box 285, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Reed, C. Robert, P.O. Box 826, Poteau, OK 74953 Schaefer, Mr. & Mrs. Paul, Muldrow, OK 74948 Secrest, C. Grady, 1004 S. 24, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Shelburne, Donald H., 4020 E. Florence, Apt. F, Bell, CA 90201 Sloat, Don H. Jr., 623 Belle Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Sloat, Mrs. Don H. Jr., 623 Belle Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Sorrel, James, Box 5031, Tucson, AZ 85705 Sparks, James D., First National Bk, P.O. Box 7, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Speer, Mrs. Ralph Jr., 2414 Hendricks, Ft. Smith, AR 72901 Taylor, Charles E., 505 S. Lafayette Park Pl., #206, Los Angeles, CA 90057 Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Robert C., P.O. Box 2082, Ft. Smith, AR 72902 Tennant, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence S., 1523 Hendricks Blvd., Ft. Smith, AR 72903 Tisdale, Martin, 7815 Euper Ln., Apt. J-83, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

Walker, Henry E. Jr., 2215 No. 10, Ft. Smith, AR 72904

Walker, Jerry L. (ABC), P.O. Box 48, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

Walling, Dr. Robert V., 322 No. 8, Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Wanslow, Robert, (Saxton, Wanslow & Smith), 235 No. Greenwood Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Westfall, Ernest N., 320 S. 18, Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Winters, Charles E., 3717 NE 49 St., Kansas City, MO 64119
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