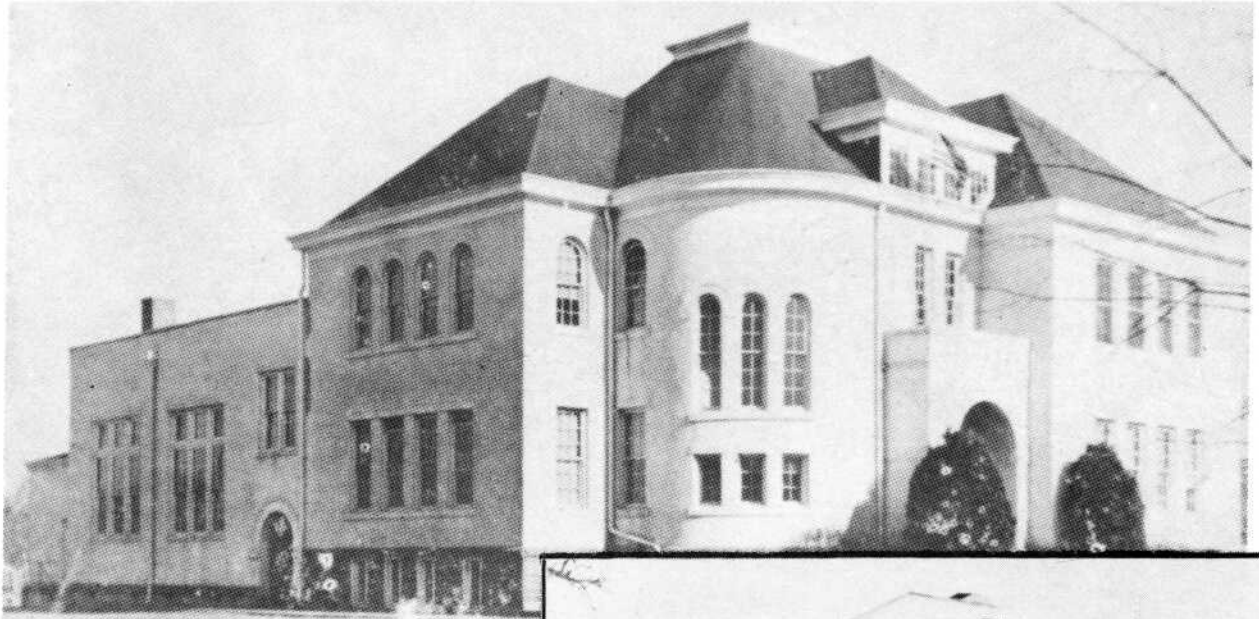


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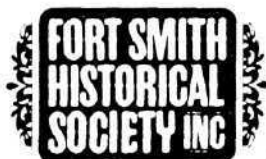
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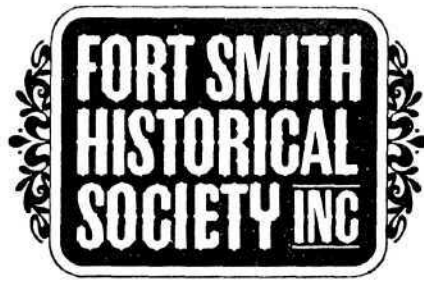
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Dear Readers:

After a thirteen year crusade by John Carnall to obtain federal land for Fort Smith schools, a bill was passed on May 7, 1884, by the House of Representatives and Senate donating the military reservation to the city of Fort Smith for the benefit of public schools. A year later, on May 20, 1885, sale of this land began and school buildings were built with part of the proceeds from the sale.

To commemorate the centennial anniversary of this event, this issue of The Journal features the beginning of a series on the history of education in Fort Smith, including public, private and church schools.

This first segment will include the general history of schools in Fort Smith, the bill donating military reservation land to Fort Smith, biographies of some educators and individual histories of Howard, Lincoln, Belle Point and Carnall schools. Other segments will feature other schools and educators.

Look for the story of Belle Grove school in the next issue. Even though Belle Grove was the first public school in Fort Smith, that story has purposely been held for the September issue because information is being made available about this school that is not available at this time.

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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who has helped with this issue through writing, telephone conversations, research, files, references and memories shared. Thanks also to our staff for their conscientious help in proofreading, indexing, mailing and dozens of other things they are asked to do, and to our readers for your faithful support. Each of you is very special.

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HERITAGE OF FORT SMITH EDUCATION

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The history of the public schools in any town is intertwined with the history of the state, the nation, and the town itself. So the history of the schools of Fort Smith not only shares much of the history of Arkansas, but also has a uniqueness all its own.

When the federal government, by Congressional act, created the Arkansas Territory in 1819, it granted the 16th section in each township as an endowment to the common schools. Ten years later, in 1829, the Arkansas Territorial Legislature authorized the county courts to appoint a trustee to lease Section 16, should the "citizens of the township so petition".

In 1836, Arkansas was admitted to the Union. And seven years later, in 1843, President Tyler approved an act of Congress giving four states, including Arkansas, the power to sell these educational land grants — these 16th sections — provided that the money be held in reserve and only the interest earned on it be used for public schools.

The Arkansas Legislature passed an act to "establish a system of common schools in Arkansas" in 1844, shortly after the Congressional act granting power to sell the educational land grants.

The plan set forth by the Arkansas Legislature was as follows:

Any township that contained five householders and fifteen white children could petition the county court for the establishment of a school. The county would then order the election of a commissioner to sell or lease the 16th Section for not less than \$2 per acre. A school board of three trustees would also be elected who would control school funds, build school houses, employ "competent" teachers, and keep schools open for four months each year. They must take an annual school census and present a budget based on the money required for each pupil enrolled. The subjects to be taught were also prescribed in this act. They were orthography (spelling), reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, and GOOD MORALS.

(Many of these requirements still hold as the duties of school boards.)

So with this act of 1844, the public schools of Arkansas were started in theory if not in actual practice. The interest from the sale of 640 acres (one section) would perhaps yield \$150 per year, which would amount to

the total income for use by the school board. Schools could exist only if a fee were charged each pupil except for a very few who were underwritten by school funds and classified as "indigent children". Such schools were not "public schools" as we know them today.

The 16th Section of the Fort Smith township was not sold for several years, but we have scattered records of private schools and teachers for the white children.

The first school ever taught in Fort Smith was held shortly after, and during the time of, reconstruction of the fort which was re-opened in 1838. It was held inside the fort, and in a Centennial address given on July 4, 1876, by Col. Ben DuVal, he recalled attending that school. There were three pupils — DuVal, William Quesenberry, and William Rogers.

The first schoolmaster, DuVal remembered, was a little Irishman by the name of Graham. "He was a cripple, but of genial nature," who liked to sing, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonny Doon".

Also in 1838, Captain Benjamin L.E. Bonneville, the last commanding officer at the old fort, returned to Fort Smith and set up officers' quarters at Cantonment Belknap, which was located on the site of Section 16, which had been set aside as the educational land grant. A road had been built by federal troops to connect Belknap with the new garrison under construction near the river to the west. This road was later named Garrison Avenue.

Captain Bonneville, General Arbuckle, and General Zachary Taylor (later to become U.S. President), all had their headquarters there.

Cantonment Belknap closed in 1846 when work on the second fort was finished, and the 16th Section then became available for sale.

Reverend C.C. Townsend, an Episcopal missionary and chaplain at Fort Gibson, is reported to have conducted the first church services ever held in Fort Smith at the fort, and to have taught school there. Later, he also opened his own private school in the town of Fort Smith.

Captain Nathaniel Goodin¹ came to Fort Smith as a teacher and married the Widow Kanady, who was a sister of Captain John Rogers, the founder of Fort Smith.

In 1840, John Carnall came from Virginia and started

a school at the corner of Garrison Avenue and Third Street.² Later he built a house to accommodate his school out on North Sixth Street and named it Belle Grove. He taught from 1840 to 1846 and charged a tuition of \$1 per month for each pupil. He realized that many families could not afford the tuition at all and others could ill afford it. No doubt this explains his subsequent thirteen-year fight to obtain federal lands connected with the fort for the public schools of this community.

Another early school was Ward's Academy, conducted by J.M. Ward and J.C. Stanley³ in a house on the corner of North Fifth and "A" Streets. This house had been built as a school, used as a court house between 1854-1856, and then used as a school by this academy. It was then bought by Frank Parke for his home.

In 1851, Mrs. Martha J. (Raines) Walker came to Fort Smith as an experienced teacher and opened a school on North Fifth Street in the Christian Chapel. She taught in Fort Smith for 36 years and was the first teacher employed when free schools were finally opened.

Miss Armorer, sister to the wife of Dr. J.H.T. Main, also had a school, and just after the Civil War, the Misses Gardner⁴ operated a select day and boarding school for young ladies on North Fifth or Sixth Street.

These scattered bits of school were augmented by home teaching by mothers or tutors.

When Section 16 became available by purchase from the county in 1851, Right Reverend Andrew Byrne (Catholic Bishop) came from Little Rock and bought the 640 acres for \$2 per acre. There were 12 hewn-log buildings on the property and in the spring of 1853, Mother Teresa Fearelle and four Sisters of Mercy, whom Bishop Byrne had brought from Ireland, made the four-day trip by steamboat from Little Rock to establish a Mercy Convent and a girl's school, St. Anne's Academy. Zachary Taylor's home was used for the school. The next year a second floor was added so that boarding pupils might be accepted.

The log buildings were destroyed by fire in 1875, and the next year a new convent and academy were built. The last academy was built in 1903, with additions added later. St. Anne's was in existence for 120 years at the same location, but in its final years became a co-educational high school.

In the meantime, ten years elapsed from the time Bishop Byrne bought Section 16 and the beginning of America's tragedy, the War Between the States.

One record tells of the first Union troops to enter Fort Smith during the War. It was the Kansas Cavalry, and coming south on North Sixth Street, they were reported to have stopped at a "Mr. Dell's School"⁵, then later to have taken possession of some store buildings on Garrison Avenue. Was Mr. Dell then teaching at Belle Grove? We have it that Belle Grove was occupied by federal troops.

During the War, Arkansas suffered destruction, impoverishment, and martial law; and the progress of schools was stopped. The Reconstruction government of Arkansas passed several school laws just after the close of the Civil War. These laws provided that a two-mill property tax for the support of schools must be levied by the local school district but paid to the State; schools must be provided for every white and Negro child between the ages of 5 and 21; a State university must be established; and every male over 21 must pay a \$1 poll tax for school support.

But these were acts of an unpopular government and were honored in the breach rather than in observance. The Reconstruction government, moreover, was extravagant and soon ran out of money, so teachers were paid in scrip worth forty cents on the dollar. (This same device of paying teachers in devalued scrip was resorted to during the Depression '30s. In Fort Smith, however, although Superintendent J.W. Ramsey's sound financial policies required drastic salary reductions, all salaries were paid in full with money.)

The lasting value of the Reconstruction laws in Arkansas was the introduction of the idea of taxing every adult so that every child could have a chance at education. Consequently, the schools of Fort Smith had two sources of income besides tuition — the interest from the sale of the 16th Section and the return from the State on the two-mill property tax.

All these years there had been no provision at all for educating black children in Fort Smith. But late in 1869, a mass meeting of Negro citizens was called by Provost Marshal Luginbill and a committee was appointed to solicit funds for the purchase of land for a Negro school. The next year a building was erected at the corner of North 8th and "J" Streets with money from subscriptions of interested citizens and from the Freedmen's Aid Bureau, a federal agency. The school was named for General Oliver Otis Howard, head of this bureau which had as one of its purposes establishing schools for Negro children. After the school was completed in 1870, it was placed under the management of the Fort Smith School Board: Logan H. Roots, Lewis Tilles, and W.N. Ayres. The first teachers were white: Professor Howard, Joseph Lyman, and Mrs. Cornelius. The first black teachers were Mrs. Mozelle Bell and Mrs. Emma K. Walker.

John Carnall's school, Belle Grove, had been bought in 1870 by the Fort Smith School Board, but the school there was still a semi-private one. An old record states that the first high school newspaper in Arkansas was published in February, 1872, at Belle Grove School. Almost the entire front page was a temperance story, "The Broken Pledge", written by Frank Eberle.

The Arkansas Legislature passed an act in 1874 requiring every community to maintain free public

schools. One year later, the citizens of Fort Smith voted a five-mill tax for the support of public schools, and Belle Grove and Howard became the first and second public schools, respectively, in Fort Smith. (That same year, 1875, Judge Isaac C. Parker arrived to maintain law and order in the area.)

In 1878, three young women who had just completed a course of normal training in Illinois, came to Fort Smith to teach. One was sixteen-year-old Miss Dora Lipe who married a druggist here and, as Mrs. Dora Kimmons, taught almost continuously in the Fort Smith schools for over 40 years. Her last teaching assignment was to offer a normal course to seven high school graduates. Several outstanding Fort Smith teachers, who gave long years of service here, took that course, so Mrs. Kimmons' influence on education has been unusually far-reaching.

John Carnall, no longer a teacher but in the more profitable real estate and newspaper business, still had the interests of the Fort Smith schools at heart. He conceived the idea of getting the federal government to grant the 350 acres of fort land to the city of Fort Smith for schools. He worked for thirteen years, writing letters, publishing tracts, and making trips to Washington, all at his own expense, before his dream was finally realized.

Judge John H. Rogers introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate, stipulating that the United States Reservation of Fort Smith "be given for the use and benefit of the public schools of Fort Smith without distinction of race". And President Chester A. Arthur signed the bill into effect in 1884.

After reserving areas for the post office, court house, national cemetery, etc., the land was sold for over \$400,000 and the schools of Fort Smith received a big boost with the money. At first only the interest could be used, but the Arkansas Legislature later permitted the use of the principal for the purchase of school property and the construction of school buildings. (Only one other time has Congress ever made a gift of military lands to a town.)

In 1885, Belle Point School was built on some of the old fort land at the corner of South 9th Street and Wheeler Avenue. It was a sturdy eight-room brick building — the first school built after the schools received the federal gift.

In 1887, twelve years after free schools were established here, Fort Smith graduated its first senior class, made up of two students: Hugh Dodson and Claude Hoffman. Belle Grove at that time was grade and high school, and it had been rebuilt the year before. Belle Point and Howard schools have been rebuilt in new locations.

There were 24 graduates in 1894, and plans were made to move the high school into a handsome new building on the corner of North 14th and Grand. The high school opened there in 1897 for the fall term in September. Four months later, a cyclone that des-

troyed much of that section of town lifted the top and front from the new building. It was rebuilt, and the public schools listed for the year 1898-99 were: "Fort Smith High School; Belle Grove; DuVal; Belle Point on Wheeler and 9th; Peabody, a frame building on North 15th and "D" streets; Little Rock (Rogers) Avenue School, a two-room frame building (on the grounds of the later Peabody School); and Howard Elementary and Lincoln High School for Negro students."

One of the graduates of the class of 1894 was Miss Mollie Williams, who served the schools as teacher at old and new Belle Point and principal of new Belle Point for almost 40 years.

Miss Mary K. Settle was another faithful teacher for over 40 years. She came to Fort Smith to teach in old Belle Point in the 1890 days and later became the first dean of girls in the Fort Smith High School. She became ill on graduation day and died a few days later, thus giving almost her entire adult life to the Fort Smith schools.

In 1911, school opened with a new annex doubling the size of the high school. That night the entire annex was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt and served for many years.

The school board issued a manual for high school patrons in 1912. It listed the principal, Mr. H.C. Morrison, a clerk, a librarian, a study hall supervisor, and 24 teachers. The courses included four years each of mathematics, English, Latin, German, French, history and science, with offerings in domestic science, commercial subjects, normal training, music expression and physical training.

These directions to parents were given. "They should insist on from two to four hours of hard study each school night. Pupils should not be permitted to hold outside jobs. Friday night *only* should be allowed for social events. Spending money should be limited. Extravagant or extreme dress would not be permitted."

Early in the 1920s, the plan of dividing the schools into six elementary, three junior high, and three senior high grades was adopted. Both junior and senior high grades were housed in the old high school building. In 1928, however, a new senior high school on North 24th and "B" streets (Northside) permitted the last three grades to move into separate quarters. Mr. Elmer Cook, who had been principal of both high schools, now acted as senior high principal and dean of the newly organized Fort Smith Junior College.

The Fort Smith Junior College belongs in this record because it began as a partial public school project. It had the same board and administration as the high school, used the same building, and all the college teachers also had high school classes.

It was only partly financed by tuition fees. It existed as a small adjunct to the senior high school until an Arkansas Attorney General's ruling prohibited the use of public school funds and facilities for the college. That body blow was dealt on July 1, 1950.

Mr. Cook was then president of the college and had no connection with the senior high school. He assembled a governing board, and a long-term lease on the old county farm was obtained. The old folks moved into more appropriate quarters a day before the junior college moved in. That was in September, 1952.

Students and faculty scrubbed and painted. The faculty took drastic salary cuts as their contribution, and the new board started a money-raising campaign. During the summer of 1953, the two buildings were completely renovated.

From that beginning we now have Westark Community College, an educational institution which has become outstanding, not only in the surrounding area but also in the entire state as well.

By 1963, the two public schools in 1875 with six or eight "competent" teachers, had grown to 29 schools with 485 teachers who had four, five or six years of college training in their chosen fields, plus administrators, maintenance crews, clerical staff, and cafeteria employees. The number of high school graduates in 1963 had grown to 556 from the original two in 1887.

Kindergartens were initiated in the Fort Smith public schools in 1974 with special funds provided by the 1973 legislature. They are established in elementary schools on the basis of available space; therefore, attendance areas do not always coincide with regular elementary attendance areas. Pupils attend half-day schedules. Attendance at kindergarten is voluntary in Arkansas, but to be eligible, a child must have reached his fifth birthday on or before October 1st.

The Fort Smith public schools provide, in addition to basic schooling, a program for Adult Basic Education and General Adult Education (GED) and English for the foreign-born.

In compliance with federal and state legislation (Handicapped Children's Act of Arkansas of 1973 and Federal Public Law 94-142 of 1975), the Fort Smith public schools furnish continuing education services for physically and mentally handicapped children. There are programs for the hearing impaired, mentally retarded, multi-handicapped, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired (including putistic), seriously emotionally disturbed, specific learning disabled, speech impaired, and visually handicapped (both blind and partially seeing).

Curricula have changed through the years and reflect the national trend. Population shifts led to the closing of several schools, among which were Weaver, Peabody, Washington, DuVal, Rogers, Dunbar, Rocky Ridge, and Belle Grove, and to the building of new schools in other areas including junior high schools and Southside High School. After Fort Smith high schools were racially integrated, Lincoln High School was closed.

All of these schools are rich in the memory of their contribution to the community.

Through the years, we have been fortunate indeed

to have had outstanding educators — such men as Elmer Cook, J.W. Ramsey and Chris Corbin, to name only a few. But even they could not have excelled alone. There have always been fine administrators, teachers, and employees in all other facets of public school instruction who have given their support above and beyond the call of duty to school and community.

We have come a long way since our lowly beginning. In 1984, there were 867 high school graduates, and more than 12,000 students were enrolled at the beginning of the 1984-85 school term. There are 27 buses servicing 40 routes.

Under the supervision of our present superintendent, Dr. C.B. Garrison, and his equally fine staff of teachers and employees, we can look forward to even better schools, a system that is already second to none in the state of Arkansas.

Fort Smith has used its legacy well.

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"Among the later early settlers of Fort Smith were Capt. Nat. Gookin who was also one of the first school-teachers in the place."

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Page 780, *Goodspeed History of Northwest Arkansas* adds this: "An advertisement published in 1845, reads as follows: FORT SMITH ACADEMY.—The second term of this institution will commence on Monday, September 30, 1845, and continue twenty-two weeks. The instruction of the younger pupils, male and female, will be by Mrs. Mary Pearce. *** It has been and shall be the subscriber's endeavor to see that each pupil is thoroughly versed in everything he undertakes before he is suffered to leave it. Jno. Carnall"

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"Mr. Dell then moved his school to where the Belle Grove school building is located. A deaf and dumb school occupied rooms there for a time. When the Union troops arrived they decided to use the building for a hospital so classes were held in the Presbyterian Church on North Second and B streets until Mr. Dell began the publication of a Republican newspaper — at the close of the war"

I was married in 1860 to Valentine Dell. He was a school teacher, who soon after the close of the Civil War began to interest friends here in the plan of public schools. They began by using their own funds to rent a building on the corner of Fifth and D streets. By engaging home teachers they managed to keep the small beginning alive until the Peabody Fund was finally gained, to their relief."

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**BILL DONATING FORT SMITH RESERVATION TO FORT SMITH
FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Era, May 15, 1884**

Last Wednesday, the 7th inst., the House of Representatives passed the bill below quoted and introduced into the Senate by Hon. J.D. Walker and passed by that body, donating the military reservation near this place to this city for the benefit of our public schools. The bill was reported on favorably by the Committee on Public Lands, consisting of twelve members, only three of whom dissented, two Republicans and one Democrat. The debate preceeding the passage of the act was a lively one, but

our vigorous young Representative from this city, Hon. John H. Rogers, was fully a match for all objectors, even to Holman, the original objector. All our representatives were in favor of it, and Mr. Dunn especially aided Mr. Rogers in the fight. The bill will doubtless become a law, by the President's signature. The boon bestowed is a magnificent one and by the administration of honest and competent men can be made of untold benefit to the latest generations. Will it be done, or will this inheritance fall into

the hands of sharpers and selfish men?

(This bill was signed by President Chester A. Arthur in May, 1884, and approved and patented March 12, 1885. In May, 1885, during the time of preparation for the sale of this land, the bill was republished twice in *The Fort Smith Elevator*. Editor's note.)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That so much of the abandoned military reservation at Fort Smith, Arkansas, as is occupied by Garrison Avenue of the city of Fort Smith, and by the wharf of said city, be and the same is hereby, donated to said city, to be used by it for the purpose of an avenue and wharf. That an amount of said reservation not exceeding nine acres, to be selected by the city on such part of said reservation as is hereby granted as it may desire, be, and the same is hereby granted to said city, to be used by it for the erection of public buildings and county court house for the Fort Smith district of Sebastian County, Arkansas, thereon, and for a public park. That all the remainder of said military reservation, except the streets, alleys and avenues hereinafter mentioned, and except the national cemetery and one hundred feet around the walls of the same, and except further all the grounds included within the exterior line of the walls of the fort, together with all of said walls and thirty feet around said walls, and except further so much ground as may be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury for public buildings, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the city of Fort Smith, to be held in trust by said city for the use and benefit of the free public schools of the single school district of Fort Smith, AND TO BE APPLIED TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RACE.

Sec. 2. That the city shall, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, cause the said reservation hereby granted to be divided into lots and blocks corresponding as near as possible in dimensions with the plat of said city; that all streets, alleys and avenues laid out on such part of said reservation as is hereby granted be, and the same are hereby granted to said city to be held by it as streets, alleys and avenues for the use of the public: PROVIDED. That the said city shall lay off, and for all time keep in repair, a street or avenue, sixty feet wide, leading to the front gate of the national cemetery, and a street or avenue from Garrison Avenue of such width as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, to the entrance of said fort fronting on said Garrison Avenue and if the said city shall fail to lay off and keep in repair the said streets or avenues, the nine acres of ground hereby granted to her shall revert to the United States. That the said city shall, within ten

years from the date of the passage of this act, cause all that part of said reservation granted by this act to it in trust for the use of free public schools of the single school district of Fort Smith to be sold, in single lots, at public sale, for cash, to the highest bidder; the city, when such sale is made and the purchase price paid, to make a deed to the purchaser for the same; and as soon, and from time to time, as the purchase price is paid; the same shall be paid to the treasurer of the school board of the single school district of Fort Smith, to be used in the erection of school-houses and for the pay of teachers and the maintenance of the FREE public schools in said district.

Sec. 3. That all persons having fractional lots fronting on Garrison Avenue in said city of Fort Smith and extending back to the northeastern boundary line of said military reservation, shall have the right to purchase, at private sale, of said city, within two years from the date of the passage of this act, so much of said reservation as shall be necessary to extend their respective fractional lots back to a distance of one hundred and forty feet, so that said lots will be one hundred and forty feet in depth, at the rate per square feet that the lot on the reservation nearest to each respective lot may sell for; and the said city, on the payment of the purchase money, shall make the purchases a deed therefor.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior shall, as soon as possible after the passage of this act, issue to the city of Fort Smith a patent for all said reservation hereby granted to it for its own use and benefit, and also a separate patent for all of said reservation hereby granted to it in trust for the use and benefit of the free public schools of the single school district of Fort Smith; and said last named patent shall recite that the lands granted are held in trust by said city for the use and benefit of said school district.

August Harder, who came to Fort Smith circa 1857, wrote in his family history:

I first attended the school of Mr. V. Dell on 6th street, then a school taught by Miss Gardner in the old Presbyterian Church on 2nd str., then Mrs. Walker's school, again on 6th str., then a Catholic school in the Grove taught by Mr. Harden, then a school by Rev. H.T. Morton in the old church on 2nd str., then the school taught by Rev. Mr. Moses in Belle Grove Inst. on 6th str., finally a German night school taught by the Rev. M.L. Wyneken on 6th str. He was our first pastor (Lutheran), a great worker and true Christian, and the organizer of the Lutheran Church in Ft. Smith. Under Rev. Wyneken I received confirmation lessons and was confirmed with 7 others in our new church on 12th str. in 1869.

(Courtesy Henry L. Harder)

JOHN CARNALL

EDUCATOR AND MAN OF VISION

By Amelia Martin



**John Carnall, Courtesy Dimple Gilley,
Principal, Carnall Elementary School.**

Early in 1840, a tall blue-eyed native of Virginia, with a letter of recommendation as a teacher and a scholar in his pocket, arrived in Fort Smith, Arkansas, by steamboat. John Carnall had come to Fort Smith to find the job and adventure that he had been told by his friend, I.I. Gaines, could be found in this frontier town.

True to prediction, he found both.

Through his activities as educator, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, Sheriff, politician, realtor, newspaper editor and agriculturalist, he contributed much to the development and growth of early Fort Smith and to the prosperity and growth which came to the city in later years.

As an educator, he founded two schools. The first, founded in 1840, was one of the first schools in Fort Smith. This school, in 1845, was incorporated by an act of the legislature as the Fort Smith

Academy. The second school, which was built on his farm on Massard Prairie, was consolidated into the Fort Smith school system circa 1946 (this is not to be confused with Carnall Elementary School built in 1962 which was named for him).

When Congress passed a bill in 1874 to dispose of useless military reservations, Mr. Carnall had the idea of securing the Fort Smith military reservation, by donation of the federal government, for the benefit of public schools. True to his character, after conceiving the idea, he led the thirteen-year crusade, at his own expense, to bring this about. Through this land donation, land was also made available for building the court house, post office and other public buildings.

As one of the organizers of Sebastian County on January 6, 1851, he became the county's first clerk of the Circuit Court and held this office until 1857. His duties in this position included setting up the first set of Sebastian County tax books.

At the beginning of the Civil War, John Carnall was elected to represent Sebastian County as a Senator in the Confederate State Legislature, and in 1864 was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature.

John Carnall is best remembered, however, for his activity in promoting the growth and development of Fort Smith.

At various times Mr. Carnall was connected with the *Herald* and the *Western Independent* newspapers. In November, 1878, he established *The Fort Smith Elevator*, a weekly newspaper which he used as a means to acquaint potential investors and home seekers with the rich resources and paramount advantages of Fort Smith.

Yes, John Carnall was a man of vision and action!

His visionary ideas and projects were by no means limited to acquisition of the lands for Fort Smith schools and ran the gamut of revolutionary ideas to promote growth of Fort Smith. He was one of the first to advocate the construction of a north and south railroad from Kansas City through Fort Smith to the Gulf of Mexico, and was part of the driving force in getting a bridge built across the Arkansas River connecting Van Buren and Fort Smith.

In his honor, the Fort Smith school located at 2524 South Tulsa Street, which opened in September, 1962, was named Carnall Elementary School.

John Carnall, this man who accomplished so much for the Fort Smith area, was born January 9, 1819, near Warrenton (Fauquier County), Virginia, and died in Fort Smith in 1892. In 1843, he married Frances Hunton Turner, also a native of Fauquier County, at Boonboro or Boonsborough, Howard County, Missouri. Frances' parents, who married in Virginia in 1818, were Henry Turner and Ann K. Hampton, a relative of Wade Hampton, famous statesman and officer of the American Revolution.

John and Frances Carnall had nine children: Virginia Elizabeth, John Henry, Emma Columbia, Sarah Hampton, Bonta, Turner B., Abbie, Blanch and Wharton (twins). S.F.C. Wheeler stated that five of these children lived to maturity, but did not say which five.

The Carnall children probably received their early education in the Carnall school on the Carnall farm on Massard Prairie, or the Maple Grove school which burned and was replaced by Carnall. Turner B. attended the Rollo School of Mines in Missouri and the Arkansas Industrial University at Fayetteville (now

called the University of Arkansas). Wharton attended Bucker College at Witcherville. No record is available at this time as to higher education of the other children, but we know Mr. Carnall was instrumental in the education of his nephew, John Carnall Gardner, and his orphaned niece, Ella Howison Carnall. John Carnall Gardner became a leading banker in Fort Smith. Following the death of her parents, Ella, with her sister Annie, came to Fort Smith from her home in Virginia to live with her uncle's family. She entered the University of Arkansas (then the Arkansas Industrial University) at age fourteen, distinguished herself as a scholar and became the first woman professor at the University. At her death on March 30, 1894, she willed her library to the University, and the first women's dormitory on the Fayetteville campus, built after her death, was named for her.

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GENERAL OLIVER OTIS HOWARD

Although General Oliver Otis Howard was not a resident of Fort Smith, Howard School was named for this great promoter of education for Negroes who was influential in the building of the school.

General Howard, both a soldier and educator, was born at Leeds, Maine, November 8, 1830.

A graduate of Bowdoin College in 1850 and the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1854, he taught mathematics at the Academy until 1861. He later served as superintendent of this Academy (1880-1882).

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he became a Colonel of the Third Maine Volunteers and commanded troops in many important engagements. By 1863, he had been promoted to the rank of Major General of Volunteers, and in 1864 commanded the right wing of General William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea".

After the war, he served as Director of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands (com-

monly known as the "Freedmen's Bureau"). During this time, funds were received from this Bureau to help build Howard School.

General Howard was responsible for the establishment of Howard University, where he served as President from 1869-1872, and founded Lincoln Memorial University in 1895.

He died at Burlington, Vermont, October 26, 1909, leaving behind him the legacy of schools for the education of generations to come.

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HOWARD SCHOOL

By Anna E. Walker

Howard School is Fort Smith's second oldest public school, following Belle Grove into the public school system by just a few months. The history of this school is so closely entwined with the history of Lincoln School, it is difficult to write about Howard without writing about Lincoln too.

Until late 1869, no provision had been made for the education of Negro children in Fort Smith, and it was at the invitation of Provost Marshal Luginbill that interested Negro citizens responded with their time, their efforts and their funds to build the school.

Additional funds were given by the Freedmen's Bureau, a federal agency which was headed by General Oliver Otis Howard, promoter of establishing schools for Negro children.

A frame building was erected at the corner of North Eighth at "J" Street. When completed in 1870, it was named for General Howard and placed under the management of the Fort Smith School Board, whose members were Lewis Tilles, W.N. Ayers and Logan H. Roots.

The first teachers were white — a Professor Howard, Mrs. Cornelius and Mr. Joseph Lyman. The first Negro teachers were Mrs. Mozelle Bell and Mrs. Emma K. Walker.

The February, 1969, *P.S.* carried an excerpt from the record of the School Board minutes of January 26, 1884, which stated that Mrs. Emma Walker was filling a vacancy on a salary of \$30.00 a month.

The first principal was Mr. Edward Ozro Trent, born in Columbus, Ohio, and a graduate of the Ohio State University. He was a gentleman in every sense

of the word, refined, cultured, polite (to see him tip his hat to ladies was a rewarding experience). Mr. Trent spoke French and German fluently. Having left a teaching position in St. Louis, Missouri, to come to Fort Smith, he made his home here. His three sons and one daughter were reared here. Mr. Trent served 30 years as principal of Howard School and Lincoln School when the reverse was made.

(Mr. Trent was the father of Alphonso Trent, great jazz musician whose biography was featured in the April, 1984, issue of *The Journal*. Editor)

FIRST OF MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Around 1886, a four-room school was built at 813 North Eighth Street between "H" and "I" streets. Several years and many children later, the second four rooms were built. The cornerstone which was on the "I" Street side of the building, it is believed, must have been covered over when the new wing was built. Mrs. Mary Chiles, a long time resident of Fort Smith, said when I interviewed her, "My father took me to the cornerstone-laying of Howard School." She was disappointed as well as surprised when her daughter, Mrs. Leona Williams, and I told her that we could not locate the cornerstone. Each of us had looked for it, not knowing that the other was also looking.



Old Howard School. Courtesy Dr. Johnny L. Owen, Assistant Superintendent, Fort Smith Schools.



Cornerstone from Old Howard School. Now in Harley Wilson Park, corner of North Eighth and "I" Streets, site of the former school building. Photograph, Dr. Art Martin.

While transportation is not directly connected with the history of Howard School, it is a part of the history of Fort Smith because of contrast. In 1890, streetcars pulled by mules ran a line or route from Garrison Avenue to North "J" Street.

Lincoln High School was built in 1892 and was known as Lincoln Grade School. It became the high school in the 1898-1899 school session. In the same year Howard became Howard Elementary School.

Bad times for Howard School were rainy days. The streets would flood and wagon teams would have to back up to the stile in order to transfer the children to higher terrain.

The major flood disaster came on May 1st, 1943. Water covered the first floor of the building, high as that was. There was no further school for Howard and Lincoln that year as the school term was over by the time the water receded and the cleaning up was satisfactorily done. The Fort Smith Health Department had to approve this.

Enrollment increased at Howard Elementary School so that additional rooms were needed. Two frame houses were purchased, moved to the southwest corner of the school block, and made into four classrooms. This building was always called "THE ANNEX". New pupils continued to come and a basement room was put into use on the "I" Street entrance. The first grade was so crowded that there had to be half-day sessions to accommodate the enrollment. Thus one-half of the first grade went to school until noon and the other half, like the Nursery Rhyme Tardy Scholar, came at noon.

LUNCH TIME BECAME PROBLEM TIME P.T.A. TO THE RESCUE

With emphasis being placed on more nutritious food for the growing child, Howard teachers saw the need for a more adequate lunch system, and took this problem to their P.T.A. Mr. M.L. Dean, one of the three men P.T.A. presidents, purchased a cook stove. Dishes and cooking utensils were donated by P.T.A. members and friends, thus laying the foundation for the modern up-to-date cafeteria we now have. Mrs. Ethel Dean, a primary teacher who was later principal, would be relieved of teaching duties around 10:00 to 10:30 each morning and with the help of two or three older girls prepare soup and/or sandwiches. These would be sold to the fortunate. The unfortunates were given this nourishing meal free. Other Howard teachers volunteered at some time for various duties for this project.

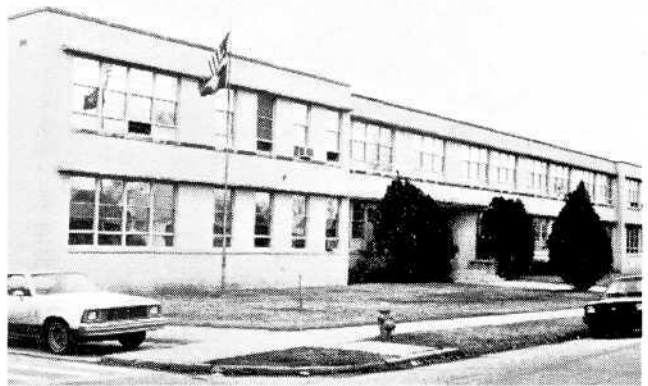
POPULATION EXPLOSION

In the school year 1948-49, the School Board Directors, Mr. Raymond F. Orr, President; Mr. J. Fred Patton, Vice-President; Mr. Sam Tressler, Mrs. W.D. Powell, Mr. Bruce Shaw and Dr. Thomas P. Foltz, together with Mr. J.W. Ramsey, Superintendent, and Mr. Chris Corbin, Assistant Superintendent,

realized the urgent need to relocate Howard School.

After much diligent searching for a site, the present location was found and purchased from the Progressive Men's Club. Originally the new Howard had twelve rooms, two offices, a lounge for the teachers and a sick bay which was called the Nurse's Room. The first cafeteria was a former church building that was on this property when it was purchased. It was on the southwest corner of the site on North 7th Street at "M". The new structure was completed, moved into, and impressive dedicatory services held on February 19, 1950. Mr. C.M. Greene was principal at that time. Each time we had an immediate need, the P.T.A. was the "ram in the thicket".

How can you keep them down on the farm after they've seen the big time? People were leaving the outlying rural areas, and enrollment increased so that the auditorium was used for three classrooms at one time. The only solution was another addition, so the wing was added on the "N" Street side to house the present cafeteria and four classrooms. In a few years, the need arose for another wing. Soldier families from Fort Chaffee helped populate and cause continued additions. The new and complete plant is now nineteen classrooms, library, auditorium, cafeteria, audio-visual room, teacher's lounge, nurse's room, principal's private office, and the general office with toilet facilities to meet the needs.



**New Howard School, 1301 North Eighth Street.
Photograph, Dr. Art Martin.**

Howard School has seen many a change,
Each an improvement carefully planned,
The good of the children the main reason
All executives hand in hand.

The old Howard School building on North Eighth between "H" and "I" became a maintenance department for the Fort Smith public school system, and the annex was rented to the branch Y.W.C.A. under the presidency of Mrs. Ethel L. Dean.

PRINCIPALS OF HOWARD SCHOOL

Mr. Edward Ozro Trent
Mr. W.W. Jones
Mr. Neville
Mr. George Johnson
Miss May J. Lewis
Mr. C.M. Greene
Mr. S.E. Bullock
Mrs. Ethel L. Dean
Mrs. Altha L. Roberts

(Editor's note: Principals of Howard School since Mrs. Walker's article was written in 1969 are: Mrs. Cledia Vaughn and the present principal, Mr. John Colbert. The old Howard School building has been torn down and replaced by the Harley Wilson Park.)

SUMMARY

Howard the Dutiful

In eighteen hundred and ninety-two
When the first grads their diplomas received,
It was Judge Parker who gave them out
At St. Paul's Methodist Church it is believed.

Nine students were in that historic class,
Teachers and pupils now a shadowed memory,
Their determination and their diligence
Reflected ignorance a rank enemy.

Mock commencements became a novelty
When Howard became an Elementary School,
The out-going senior or "sixth grader"
Did the entertainment as a rule.

You could get a good perspective
Of yourself by a child playing "you",
To see yourself as young ones see you
Gives a jolt that is often just due.

When new Howard was dedicated
On February 19, nineteen hundred fifty,

Pretty new building, distinguished guests,
And a dedication program that was nifty.

With Howard History we must mention P.T.A.
Each year they played a tremendous part,
Giving of love, service, time and money
To help teachers give pupils a good start;

Water fountains, American Fence, Dictionaries,
Helping wherever there was the need.
Sending delegates to various conferences
Many were the thoughts and the deed.

With this we pledge dedication
To a future with challenges not a few
May the strength and wisdom of the past
Inspire and encourage Howard anew.

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NEGRO HIGH SCHOOLS OF FORT SMITH

By Hazel D. Peagues
(Written in 1966)

PREFACE

I became interested in school history several years ago. In fact, it was my uncle, Mr. George J. Dean, who aroused my interest for this type of work during our conversations.

After an assembly program March 15, 1963, several persons asked me to compile my notes.

It is because I believe high respect, loyalty and a prevailing school spirit will always live in the hearts of Alumni, Citizens and Friends for the name of Lincoln High School that I considered it a privilege to share

this information with you.

In many instances, the date is not exact but is as near correct as individuals who lived at the time could remember.

All persons will not agree with this report in every respect, although a memory may become alive after the first reading.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the ready generosity which so many citizens and teachers have given me by putting their special knowledge at my service.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The late Miss Mary J. Lewis, who was an early teacher and principal of Howard Elementary School for many years; the late Mrs. Willie D. Jackson, who was the Grand Corresponding Secretary for O.E.S.; the late Mr. Louis Bolin, a first graduate and retired letter carrier; the late Mr. George J. Dean, member of the first graduating class and retired mounted carrier; the late Mr. Robert D. Harrison, retired postal railway mail clerk; Mr. Booker T. Harrison, son of the late Mr. Robert Harrison; Mr. W.A. Rowell, son of the late Mr. Flavious Rowell, mortician and donor of three beautiful lots to the city for the location of Twin City Hospital; Mrs. Mae Trent, daughter-in-law of the late Professor E.O. Trent; Mr. M. Lafayette Dean, my father and retired letter carrier; Mrs. Fern Clark, '13; Mrs. Hattie Dennard, retired teacher; Mrs. Mary Chiles; Mrs. Collier Wyatt; Mrs. Hazel K. Miller, retired teacher; Mrs. M.D. Cox, retired teacher; Mrs. Dora Sullivan, teacher; Mrs. R.W. Smith, teacher; Mrs. E.L. Dean, retired principal of Howard Elementary School; Miss Connie Sinclair, teacher; and Mrs. Harley Wilson.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

Fort Smith received its name from General Thomas A. Smith, who ordered Major William Bradford and Stephen H. Long to build a fort in the Missouri Territory on the Arkansas River near the Osage and Cherokee villages. The fort was needed to keep peace between the Indians, to protect the hunters, trappers and explorers. In 1817, a site was selected on Belle Point at the junction of the Arkansas and Poteau rivers. A log fort was built.

In 1829, Captain John Rogers was the first settler.

In 1838, another fort was established of rock, quarried from Belle Point.

EARLY NEGRO SETTLERS

From *The Fort Smith Times Record* December 22, 1929, and Postal Alliance at Mr. Harrison's retirement, Mr. Robert Harrison's grandfather, Peter, came to Fort Smith from Maryland in 1835. He was sold to Captain Duvall. Another slave, Jesse McDavid, was brought here by Dr. Main of the Main Hotel.

The first Baptist Church built in Fort Smith, a hewn log building, was built by Peter Harrison and William Wiley, another slave, in 1848. Mr. Peter Harrison was Mr. Booker Harrison's and Nurse Smith's paternal great-grandfather.

Mr. Jesse McDavid was Mr. George Dean's and Mr. M. Lafayette Dean's maternal grandfather and Nurse Smith's and Mr. Booker Harrison's maternal grandfather.

A PARTIAL HISTORY OF NEGRO HIGH SCHOOLS IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

Howard School, the first high school for Negroes in Fort Smith, was in a frame building at the corner of

North 8th at "J" Street, which was completed in 1870. It was named Howard School in honor of General Oliver Otis Howard. The second home of Howard School was a four-room two-story red brick building built in 1886 at 813 North 8th Street between "H" and "I" Streets. Later, that building was doubled in size and the addition covered the cornerstone.

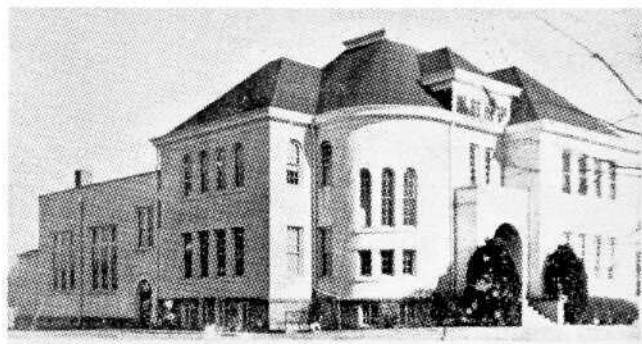
The first principal of Howard High School was E.O. Trent, a graduate of Ohio State University who was born in Columbus, Ohio. He spoke German and French fluently and left a teaching position in St. Louis, Missouri, to come to Fort Smith. His wife, Mrs. Hattie Trent, came from Columbus, Ohio, also.

The first graduation exercise from Howard High School was held at Saint Paul's A.M.E. Church on May 20, 1892. Judge Isaac C. Parker, whose courtroom has been restored, conferred the diplomas to nine students. They were Miss Exie Greene, Miss Birdie Hope, Miss Lelia Miller, Miss Sophonia Ellis, Miss Piney Bridges, Mr. Granville Hancock, Mr. Louis Bolin, Mr. Edward Greene, and Mr. George J. Dean.

In the class of '93 were Miss Maggie Zachery and John Wesley Lewis.

Some of the early faculty members of Howard High School were Mr. Pettus, a graduate of Fisk University, also father of Miss Velma Pettus and Mrs. Gladys P. Worthem, Mr. Dorman, Mrs. J.E. Josenberger, Mr. Trent's assistant, Miss Mary J. Lewis and Mrs. Webb. These teachers taught from the first through the twelfth grades.

At one time, Rev. Samuel Dean, my grandfather, was janitor at Howard School.



Lincoln High School, 1947. Courtesy Mrs. R.C. Roberts.

Not anyone with whom I have talked seems to remember exactly when Lincoln Grade School was built. Many believe Lincoln is 75 years old. If this is true, it was built in 1891, one year before the first high school graduation. Mrs. Willie Jackson thought that Lincoln Grade School was built about 1898. From the information I have, perhaps one can safely conclude that Lincoln was built in the 1890 period.

On my class's Commencement Program of 1936 was written "The Forty-Fourth Commencement". This means that the count was taken from the first class of

'92 from Howard; therefore, taking this into consideration, the commencement this year will be the 74th, counting from the first class.

Evidently Lincoln became a high school about 1900.

On May 15, 1963, the class of 1913 was presented on my class's assembly program. The class of 1913 had its 50th reunion. Those present out of twenty were Mrs. Conzella Carter, Mrs. Fern Clark, Mrs. Elsie Barnes, Mrs. Helen Cravens, and Mr. M. Lafayette Dean, my father. This class of '13 had its commencement exercises at the Lyric Theater, which was located on "A" Street, off of 5th Street. The principal was Mr. L.M. McCoy.

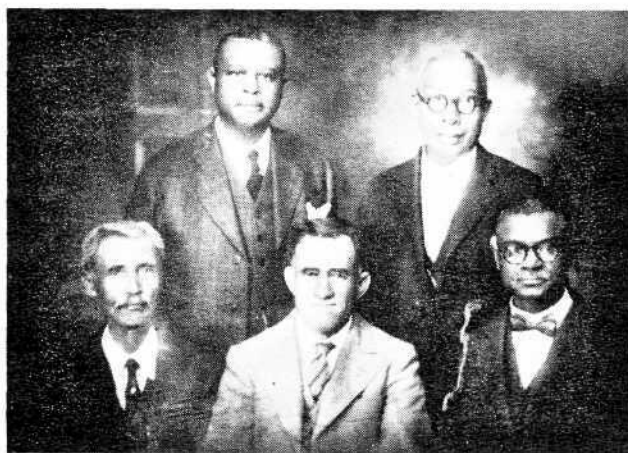
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY - 1917

Mr. F.D. Johnson, Principal
Mrs. Mary B. Johnson, Registrar

TEACHERS

Miss Mary J. Lewis
Mr. F.D. Johnson
Miss Ada Hyde
Mrs. H.K. Miller
Mr. P.H. Foster
Mr. James H. Johnson
Miss Charley Johnson
Mr. James L. Harris
Miss Hazel Pegues

(Mrs. Hazel Pegues Slaughter)



Business Men's League. Left to right: F.J. Rowell, Dr. S.W. Harrison, W.J. Kidd, Prof. E.O. Trent and Robert D. Harrison. Courtesy Old Fort Museum.

Mrs. E.L. Dean was a graduate of 1916. She was appointed substitute teacher with a pay of \$10.00 per month. The following year she taught at Huntington, Arkansas. Eventually she received a Masters Degree and was appointed principal of Howard after teaching here a number of years.

Mrs. M.E. Cox reported, "When I came to Lincoln, it was propped up with poles."

The Business Men's League, organized by the late Mr. Flavious Rowell, is thought by his son Mr. W. A. Rowell to have been comprised of surviving U.B.F. Lodge members who pooled their assets. Two main objectives of this organization were:

1. The Annual Benefit Street Fair
2. The expansion of the four-room structure at Lincoln.

In 1927, this group conferred with the school board. They were:

The late Mr. Flavious Rowell, born in St. Augustine, Florida, helped to lay bricks for the foundation of the main building at the University of Arkansas. He settled in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was a mounted letter carrier for 37 years. His horse he used was "Old Socks."

The late Dr. S.W. Harrison was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was a graduate of MeHarry Medical College in 1900. The people of this community considered him a fearless leader.

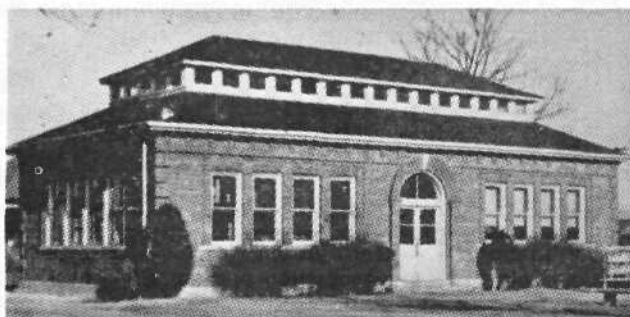
The late E.O. Trent, first high school principal, opened an Amusement Center for Negroes. It consisted of a swimming pool, snack bar and auditorium.

The late J.W. Kidd came to Fort Smith from Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a trustee during the time Malla-lieu Methodist Church was constructed.

The late Robert D. Harrison went to work at the First National Bank when he was fifteen years of age. Mr. George C. Sparks was president and Mr. Samuel McCloud was vice president. When the cashier became ill, Mr. Harrison became cashier until the cashier's recovery. In 1890, he became a city letter carrier. After another appointment, his last ten years were spent at the Kansas City Southern Terminal in Fort Smith as clerk in charge of the railway mail.

Before the remodeling job at Lincoln could be completed, a new young and energetic principal, Mr. Charles L. Williams arrived here. Everyone became excited over the twins of this young couple. Mrs. Williams was as much about this community as her husband. Almost every boy became a Boy Scout. He loved programs, musical reviews and the Pi Upsilon. He became a part of the whole community. The last activity of his was Sunday Vespers.

Lincoln High School became a white stucco building, with additional classrooms in the basement, an auditorium, gymnasium and a principal's office. With a small staff, he trained the Student Council members to assist teachers and to handle the business of his office. Students participated in all state contests sponsored by the Arkansas Teacher's Association. A number of first places were won. One cannot forget Carl Willis and Mrs. Agnes Dennard Coley for the songs they sang in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.



Lincoln High School Industrial Arts Building, 1947.
Courtesy Mrs. R.C. Roberts.

Mrs. H.K. Miller became principal during the peak of the war. Lincoln was almost void of men. Boys were leaving daily for service. It was a sad year.

Mr. C.M. Greene became the new principal in the 1943-44 school year. Another remodeling job was done at Lincoln. The Industrial Arts was moved to a new building designed by teacher A.H. Miller in 1949. Auto Mechanics became a new course. Curriculum was in the making. The old Industrial Arts Building was remodeled for Home Economics Cottage; this gave room for a new Science Department in the two rooms formerly occupied by the Home Economics Department. The Commerce Department was placed in the room formerly occupied by the Science Department. This new expansion of the curriculum also included Guidance. Mr. Greene's clerk became Mrs. Arlett Craig.

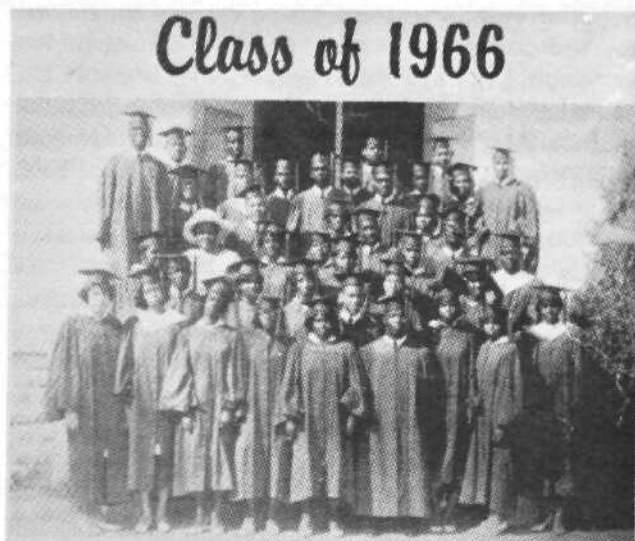
In 1956, Mr. S.E. Bullock became principal at Lincoln. Lincoln was reaching its peak years for enrollment. Students arrived daily from Ozark, Huntington, Alma, Van Buren and Charleston. The seventh grade was back from Howard. Three portable classrooms were placed on the campus. The staff grew to nineteen teachers, two clerks and a full-time Guidance Director to fill eight new classrooms, a large spacious library and a new gymnasium. The Band Room was located in the gymnasium. The new buildings were used for the first time in the 1962-63 school year.

By 1964, the biggest turnover in staff took place at Lincoln. Integration moved all seventh and eighth graders to Darby and Kimmons.

In 1965, Lincoln was a senior high school for the first time. At the end of the first semester, 75 students chose to enroll at Northside. Mr. Bullock resigned in April. Mr. F.M. Ware, who had been moved to Northside, returned to Lincoln as principal.

The last commencement will be June 2, 1966. Forty-three seniors will participate. Forty-four will graduate.

Lincoln's doors will be closed June 3, 1966, this marking the end of a great school.



1966 Lincoln High School Graduating Class. Courtesy Lawrence Tidwell, President, Lincoln High School Alumni Association.

Jean Evelyn Davis, Sandra L. Stewart, Sue C. Chaney, Pearlle Brown, Rose M. Haynes, Herbert Lee Jr., Gwendolyn Wilson, Clarice L. Lester, Carl Jones, Ida Bell Williams, Lucy Jane Gordon, Eric C. Jones, Vivian A. James, Florine Austin, Creta V. Stafford, Paul A. Christian, Doris A. Wilkes, Dorothy L. Billings, Emmaline Thornton, Kay F. McQueen, Chester Hinkle, Clarence D. Wimbish, Nathan W. Steward, Alice F. Bray, Herbert L. Brown, Luella Mays, Alan C. Davis, Douglas Jackson, Henry L. Roberts, Dalton Roberts, Fred A. Phillips, Kenneth Gray, Wilbert N. Tinkshell, Ralph L. Evans, Carolyn S. Whitfield, Anthony G. Robinson, Danny West, Larry E. McKinney, Barry E. Greer, Garland Bray, Charles L. Banker, Kenneth Coleman, Wanda D. Neal.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs and activities at Lincoln High School were: the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, N.H.A., Library Staff, Journalism Club, Charm Club, Social Science Club, Science Club, N.T.A., Commercial Club, Math Club, Lincoln National Bank, Lincoln Kash and Karry Store, Lincoln High Band, Football and Basketball.

PRINCIPALS OF HOWARD AND LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOLS

| Howard & Lincoln | Approx. Time |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| - Mr. E.O. Trent | 1886-1911 |
| - Mr. L.M. McCoy | 1911-1915 |
| " - Mr. E.O. Trent | 1915-1917 |
| " - Mr. F.D. Johnson | 1917-1925 |
| " - Mr. James Harris | 1925-1927 |
| " - Mr. C.L. Williams | 1927-1942 |
| " - Mrs. H.K. Miller | 1942-1943 |
| " - Mr. C.M. Greene | 1943-1956 |
| " - Mr. S.E. Bullock | 1956-April, 1966 |
| " - Mr. F.M. Ware | April-May-June, 1966 |

THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL SONG

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

VERSES:

1. In Arkansas there stands a school
Of which we're justly proud
To thee we pledge our loyalty
To stand by thee for aye
2. From far and near echoes we hear
Of glory to thy name
With tender words and bravery
Add lustre to thy fame
3. Boys and girls thy campus throng
Oh may they e'er prolong
A song of praise and joy of days
To thee old Lincoln High
4. We'll raise aloft thy banner high
It's white for purity
It's blue for true and loyalty
Three cheers for Lincoln High

CHORUS:

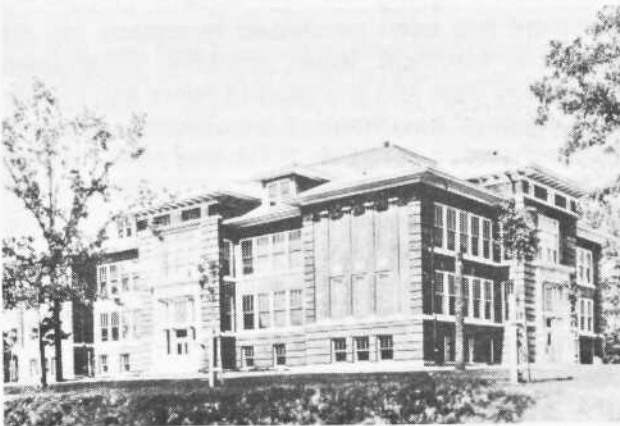
Let's give three cheers for old Lincoln High
And raise her banner high
We'll stand by thee dear Lincoln High
And praise thee ever more



Lincoln High Alumni Association Marker, 815 North "N" Street. Photograph, Dr. Art Martin.

BELLE POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Maxine L. Chapman



Belle Point School at Dodson and Lexington Avenues. Courtesy Gay Presley, Principal of Belle Point Elementary School.

The large three-story red brick building occupying a square block on Dodson and Lexington Avenues is the second building to be occupied by Belle Point School, one of the oldest schools in Fort Smith. It bears an historical name. The first explorers to come this far west on the Arkansas River were French. Upon reaching the point where the Poteau River runs into the

Arkansas River, these explorers were so impressed by the beauty of the spot they called it "Belle Point", meaning a beautiful place.

It was at that place in 1817 a trading post for traders plying the rivers was begun and was called Belle Point. Later the name was changed to Fort Smith.¹

The first Belle Point School building was located on what was called the Reserve, on the corner of South Ninth and Carnall Avenues, with Wheeler Avenue on the west and South "A" on the south.² It was the first school built with funds from the sale of part of the military reservation land donated to the city of Fort Smith for public school use. The cornerstone was in the northeast corner of the building and showed that the building was erected in 1885.²

The building had eight rooms. The old building was abandoned in the spring of 1908, and the present building, at the corner of Dodson and Lexington Avenues, was occupied in September of that year.³

About 1917 or 1918, the original building was torn down. The cornerstone was removed by a Mr. John Williams and taken to his place of business on South Ninth Street. Miss Mollie Williams (no relative of Mr. Williams), principal of Belle Point School from 1921

until her retirement in 1942, asked Mr. Williams for the old cornerstone. Old Belle Point was the first public school Miss Williams had attended as a child.⁴

Miss Williams had the cornerstone sent to the Monumental and Cut Stone Company and had "New Belle Point 1908" cut on it, then it was placed in the base for the flag pole in front of the school.⁵

Under the stone was a hole containing a sealed jar in which the following items had been placed:⁶

1. A directory containing the name of all persons connected with the Fort Smith Public Schools at that time.
2. A *Southwest American* (morning) newspaper of March 17, 1934.
3. A brief history of the Fort Smith Schools.
4. A picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President at that time).
5. Bulletin of Fort Smith Public Schools.
6. Statement of John B. Williams about how he obtained the stone and his return of it to Belle Point School in 1934.
7. March number of *Belle Point Herald*, school paper edited by the Sixth Grade English Class.

The list of principals who have served Belle Point include: W.B. Morrow, Mr. Quartermas, J.J. Doyne, Mr. Long, J. Hubert Hall, Miss Nora J. Cooney, Carol F. Armistead, Mrs. S.L. Johnson, W.R. Flint, E.E. Smith, Alonz Jefferies, A.H. Carter, Miss Mollie Williams, Chris D. Corbin, Mr. McCollum, Myron Cunningham, L.R. Wooten, James W. Tyler, David F. Cunningham, Claude E. Snow, and Mrs. Juanita B. Rogers.⁷ Mrs. Rogers served until her retirement in 1972. Following Mrs. Rogers as principals were Rex Cockran, Ralph Williams, Marc Soucy, Doris Wortham, and Mrs. Gay Presley who is the present principal (1984-85).

Principal of Belle Point for 21 years, Miss Williams' crowning achievement at Belle Point was a pageant depicting the colorful history of Fort Smith up to 1890. After months of tedious work by teachers, pupils and patrons, this spectacle, *Fort Smith Pageant*, was presented to the public and was received as one of the greatest portrayals of community life ever developed in the city.⁸

Miss Williams arranged for a movie to be made of the pageant — an uncommon occurrence over 40 years ago. When the picture was completed and ready to be shown, the entire school — pupils, teachers and principal — walked all the way downtown to the old Joie Theater on South Ninth Street, a block off Garrison Avenue, to view this movie. It was a thrilling experience for the children to see themselves on the screen. All had taken part in the pageant. Following the movie, the walk was repeated in reverse and all returned to school.⁹

Belle Point has been redecorated several times and many improvements have been made in the old building.



Eighth Grade, Belle Point, photograph not dated. Students identified on back of picture are: Mattie Lunsford, Clip Bourland, Bonnie Bud, Sue Morton, George Elliffson, Ollie Moore, Mamie Terrari, Birdie Chase, Marie Johnson, Ebba Chase, Lillie Damer, Besse Breen, Okla Bell, Blanche (Kichn), Vyman Jones, Lillie Dumer, Clare Arnold.

Courtesy Old Fort Museum

"Considerable amount of work was done in 1957. At that time, a sprinkler system was added, wooden doors were replaced with metal ones, and other safety features were added to make the building more fire-proof. Recently the Public Schools Maintenance Department completed work in the building which consisted of redecorating the halls and classrooms and making needed repairs to walls and ceilings."¹⁰

Through the years, the Parent-Teacher Association of Belle Point has been instrumental in providing the "luxuries" for which public funds cannot be used. The playground has been fenced in to keep balls and children from going into the streets; playground equipment has been purchased to replace the old apparatus; electrical water fountains have been installed on both first and second floors and in both girls' and boys' basements. A beautification program has been carried out by the P.T.A. Red rose climbers were planted around the fences and each spring when the roses were blooming, all at Belle Point were delighted to hear the comments of passersby who marveled at the beauty of the scene. Trees have been planted, also shrubbery around the front of the building facing Dodson Avenue.

Belle Point School is proud of its rating — receiving an "A" rating from the State Department of Education for many years. In the mid-seventies, the North Central Accreditation Association began rating the elementary schools of Fort Smith. For years, this association had rated the secondary schools of the city.

On April 1, 1981, Belle Point Elementary School received approval by the association and has been approved every year since.

During World War II, when many teachers left the profession for better paying jobs or positions, Belle Point was fortunate in being staffed with competent teachers. Many were wives of soldiers stationed at

Camp Chaffee (later named Fort Chaffee) who had taught in their home States but who had moved to Fort Smith to be near their husbands.

In the school year 1964-65, Belle Point was one of the first Fort Smith elementary schools to be integrated. A few black children were sent from Dunbar School, a small Negro school on the south side of the city. The following year, that school was closed and the remainder of the black pupils were transferred to Belle Point.

Belle Point continues to serve part of the southwest section of the city just as it did when it opened its doors in 1908.

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, 1984, a homecoming-75th anniversary party was held at the school. Between 400 and 500 persons attended the party, including both former students and teachers.

A short program was presented, including greetings from the Mayor and a brief history of the school by the Deputy Superintendent.

The former teachers present were seated in a special section during the program, then later were recognized and each given a red carnation.

The jar mentioned earlier in this history had been dug up and opened for this celebration. The jar had cracked and some of the papers were torn and weatherbeaten, but the contents were displayed and eagerly

examined by a number of those in attendance.

Yearbooks kept by the members of the P.T.A. through the years were on exhibit and enjoyed by many of the guests. These books brought back pleasant memories.

Everyone who attended this anniversary party seemed pleased to be back at Belle Point School. It was and is a fine elementary school.

BELLE POINT ALMA MATER

(Tune: Texas Fight Song)

Oh, when the Belle Point boosters gather 'round
There is no chance for any school in town.
No matter what we try, contest or game
We always fight for fame.
In honor of Belle Point's name
The red and white we'll wave and loudly cheer!
Our loyal band will win from every foe.
Watch us go! Watch us go!
Belle Point, dear!

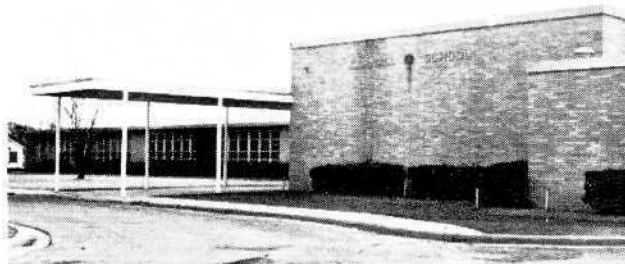
We are indebted to Clyde Watkins, a former Belle Point student, for the words of the song, and to Charles Stanfield and Herb Brock for the line "Our loyal band will win from every foe" and for the melody "Texas Fight Song". Others who offered assistance were Wesley Collins, Jerry Eubanks, Wilma Nash, Avis Basham and Barbara Orme.

Belle Point Footnotes

1. "Belle Point's Historical Background" by Miss Jessie Ellis, a former teacher at Belle Point.
2. From letters written by former principal Miss Mollie Williams to fifth grade class of 1940-41 in Belle Point who were writing a history of Fort Smith.
3. From *Historical Fort Smith - A Group Study* by a Fifth Grade at Belle Point in 1940-41.
4. Ibid
5. From letters written by Miss Mollie Williams to Fifth Grade Class making a *Historical Study of Fort Smith*.
6. Ibid
7. Ibid., and from lists kept by Miss Treve Duncan, teacher at Belle Point from 1939 to 1964.
8. "Because the Trail is Good" by Renna Arnold, Mrs. Minnie Hall and Frederica Upchurch - of Eta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma - story of Mollie Williams - Pioneer Teacher (May, 1947 *Journal of Arkansas Education*).
9. As told by Maxine Chapman, teacher at Belle Point then.
10. *Fort Smith Public Schools in Action* - March, 1968.

CARNALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Helen Wells Graham



Carnall School. Photograph, Dr. Art Martin.

Carnall Elementary School, located on a 7.5 acre site at 2524 South Tulsa Street, was opened in September, 1962. The building was constructed as a replacement for the old South Fort Smith Elementary School. However, due to an accelerated growth in the southwest section of the city, the old South Fort Smith School was used for several school terms after the new Carnall building was complete.

Carnall School was called "the new South Fort Smith School" during its planning stages, but was later named for John Carnall, an early Fort Smith educator. It was John Carnall who started a school at the corner

of Garrison Avenue and Third Street in 1840 and later moved it to a newly constructed house on North Sixth Street where he named the school "Belle Grove".

Carnall School is of buff brick construction and contains fourteen classrooms, a cafetorium, health room, office and storage facilities.

Mr. Ed Helms was the first principal of Carnall School. His staff included twelve teachers, a clerk and a custodian. Three cafeteria workers were added when the cafeteria was completed. The beginning staff were: Mrs. Sandra Kaye Birkhead, Mrs. Billye L. Center, Elwanda Flurry, Mrs. Helen Graham, Mrs. Nancy Grissam, Marilyn Sue Harris, Mrs. Edythe Jones, Mrs. Margaret Love, Wilda Jane Means, Mrs. Lenna Shropshire, Mrs. Doris Williams, Mrs. Irene Young, Mrs. Eileen Griffith, clerk, and Eugene Voelkel, custodian. One member of this original staff, Miss Marilyn Sue Harris, is still teaching at Carnall.

As with any new school building, adjustments had to be made. The playground at the beginning was a dust bowl and had to be sodded. Room libraries were practically non-existent and were supplied with books brought over from the old South Fort Smith School and books purchased by the P.T.A. The cafetorium had not been completed and everyone had to bring his lunch.

The Carnall P.T.A. was organized the same year the school was built, with Mrs. Harry Shaw serving as president. The P.T.A. continues to actively serve the school.

Gifts bought for the school by the P.T.A. include, among other things, library books, records, public address system for the cafetorium, camera, duplicator, coat racks, opaque projector, SRA Reading Library, television sets and cable hook-ups for all fourteen classrooms, an Arkansas flag, an intercom system which was installed throughout the school, ceiling fans and sidewalks.

In 1962, a picture of John Carnall was presented to the school by Virginia Gardner, a great-granddaughter of Mr. Carnall.

During the 1963-64 school year, Retired Master Sergeant Daniel A. Reed, who was also known as Chief Running Horse, bought fourteen American flags and presented them to Carnall Elementary School to be permanently displayed in the classrooms. Sergeant Reed was Cherokee Indian and his granddaughter was a student at Carnall.

The picture, *Signing of the Constitution*, was presented to the school by the Fort Smith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1968, a basketball court was installed by patrons of the school, and money which had been raised by the P.T.A. for the project was spent for other school needs.

The first issue of *Carnall Chatter*, the Carnall School newspaper, was dated October 17, 1973.

Many children have passed through the classrooms at Carnall. The enrollment has gone up and down. At peak enrollment, a temporary building was used for a classroom.

Today, there are seven regular classroom teachers at Carnall but all rooms are filled. There are two teachers for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED). These children come from all over the city. One teacher works with the Educable Mentally Retarded who come from several southside schools. One half-time teacher works with children with learning disabilities; one half-time music teacher; one half-time kindergarten teacher; one half-time media specialist; two reading tutors; one math tutor; and three aides make up the rest of the instructive staff. These programs started from government laws — that all children must be educated in the least restrictive environment. This is the second year for the SED program at Carnall.

Stringed music is taught two days per week in the building. The 1984-85 enrollment is around 200. Changing the area from residential to industrial seems to be the reason for the lower enrollment. But, many families have had children finish Carnall, go on to junior and senior high schools, marry, have children of their own, and return to the Carnall area so their youngsters could attend the school. The excellent quality of the educational program has contributed to this.

Carnall School has always had dedicated teachers. They have worked long and hard to help the children of the area. I know. I taught at Carnall for sixteen years.

PRINCIPALS OF CARNALL

Ed Helms, 1962-63 (Died in April, 1963)

John Thornton (completed the year)

James Daniel, 1963-1967

Leon Bartlett, 1967-1973

Anthony Sherrey, 1973-January, 1974

James Bolderson, January to June, 1974

Dimple Gilley, 1974 to the present

(Editor's note: This is the second school named for John Carnall. The first was built on his farm on Massard Prairie some time during the 1800's and was consolidated with Fort Smith schools about 1946. After consolidation, pupils from that school were brought by bus to Belle Point and Darby schools.)

SOURCES

Personal knowledge

Memory letters written by Carnall teachers in 1969

Fort Smith School Directories

Carnall P.T.A. Scrapbooks

P.S., February, 1969

EDUCATORS ARE GUEST WRITERS

The *Journal* staff welcomes four new guest writers: Anna E. Walker, Hazel D. Pegues, Maxine L. Chapman and Helen W. Graham, who share with you their knowledge of the Fort Smith schools in which they taught. The following short biographies, listed in the order in which their articles appear, give you an opportunity to know more about these dedicated teachers who have influenced the lives of thousands of students during the many years they have taught in Fort Smith schools.

MRS. ANNA E. WALKER

Mrs. Anna E. Walker, author of *The Story of Howard School*, retired teacher and principal of Howard School, is a native of Fort Smith.

She attended Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas; and Denver University, Denver, Colorado. She received her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff (formerly A.M. & N.), and her Master's Degree at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

She was affiliated with Howard School for 44 years, from 1926 until 1970, and has been a significant and important contributor to community affairs all her adult life.

The popular and vivacious Mrs. Walker resides at 1101 North 9th Street.

MAXINE L. CHAPMAN

Maxine Langfelder Chapman is a native of Fort Smith and the widow of Dr. Arch Sylvester Chapman, a Fort Smith physician. Mrs. Chapman is a graduate of the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois; did additional study at the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin; established a government nursery school at the Belle Grove School during W.P.A. days; and was Arkansas Teacher of the Year in 1964. Her teaching career at Belle Point School began in 1935 and she retired in 1971. After her retirement, she was employed for a period of time at the Boston Store in Fort Smith.

Mrs. Chapman was one of the organizers of the Fort Smith Chapter of the League of Women Voters and served many years on the board of that organization. She is a member of the Wednesday Club and Fort Smith Retired Teachers Association. Her hobbies include reading, travel and Bridge.

She has one son, Arch, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

HAZEL D. PEGUES

Hazel Dean Pegues was born in Van Buren, Arkansas, and began her 33-year career there, but taught most of those years in Howard and Lincoln schools in Fort Smith. Mrs. Pegues attended St. John's Catholic School and Howard School in Fort Smith and is a 1936 graduate of Lincoln High School. She is also a graduate of Arkansas A.M. & N. College (now Arkansas State) at Pine Bluff and did additional study at Arkansas State Teachers College (University of Arkansas at Conway).

Following her retirement from teaching, Mrs. Pegues served as Director of the Mallalieu Community Center for two years.

She is a member of Ninth Street Baptist Church and the daughter of Marcus Lafayette and Kathryn Bernice (Pennywaite) Dean.

HELEN W. GRAHAM

Helen Wells Graham taught in the Fort Smith school system for 27 years. Altogether, she has taught in Arkansas schools for 31 years and is a recipient of the Golden Apple Award. Mrs. Graham, born in Alma, Arkansas, holds Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Education degrees from the University of Arkansas. She has also done extra graduate work at George Peabody University, Nashville, Tennessee, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Since retirement in 1977, she has traveled extensively, learned to knit, played Bridge, and made many beautiful needlepoint pieces. She is a member of the Y.W.C.A. and served as president of that organization for three years. She is also a member of St. Paul Methodist Church, Fort Smith and Arkansas Retired Teachers Associations, and Alpha Delta Kappa, honorary teachers sorority.

Mrs. Graham is the widow of W. Man Graham, has two children, a daughter, Emmaline Johnstone, a son, Joe Graham, both of Fort Smith, and three grandchildren.

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

by Mary Lou Jacobsen

FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 1985, 7:00 p.m.
Community Room, Fort Smith Public Library
Historical Program (For details, see annual meeting notice and ballot on loose sheet in front of *The Journal*.)

All members are urged to attend and guests are welcome. Your continued interest and support of the Fort Smith Historical Society is appreciated.

ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 19 and 20
Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds
Fayetteville, Arkansas

For details, write to:

Walter L. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer
Arkansas Historical Association
Department of History
Room 12, Ozark Hall
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701

ARKANSAS HERITAGE WEEK

May 11-19, 1985

Many special activities are planned for this week. Watch your newspaper for information.

BELLE FORT SMITH TOUR

May 11-12, 1985

This event has something for everyone. This is an opportunity to participate in a city-wide project. Contact Wayne Bledsoe at 783-8903 if you would like to assist in any way.

OLD FORT RIVER FESTIVAL

May 16-19, 1985

The event sponsored by the Fort Smith Junior League has proven to be a "must" for residents and visitors to the area. The festivities begin with a parade on May 13. Come, join the fun!

ARKANSAS OKLAHOMA RODEO

Futurity May 24-25, 1985
Rodeo Parade May 27, 1985
Rodeo May 27-June 1, 1985

There is a feeling of the "old west" in the area during the event. Special attractions add to the spirit of competition.

OLD FORT MUSEUM

320 Rogers Avenue

Open Tuesday through Sunday
Hours: 10:00 - 5:00 September through May
9:00 - 5:00 June through August

Nominal admission charge.

Members and school groups free.

There are special exhibits each month. Soon you will be able to get refreshments at the Soda Fountain.

CLAYTON HOUSE

514 North 6 Street

Open Tuesday through Sunday
Hours: 12:00 to 4:00 September through May
10:00 to 4:00 June through August
1:00 to 4:00 Sunday

Special tours for groups can be arranged for times other than listed.

FORT SMITH HERITAGE FOUNDATION

New officers for the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation for the year 1985 are:

Mrs. Franklin Hawkins, President
Wayne Bledsoe, Vice-President
Jackie Farrar, Secretary
Ruth Matthews, Treasurer

FORT SMITH LITTLE THEATER

3800 North O

Tickets

Matinee: Season \$15.00 / Individual \$4.00
Regular: Season \$18.00 / Individual \$4.50
Champagne: \$36.00 (Thursday 7:30 p.m.)

Spring and Summer Productions

"Crime of the Heart" — April 18-27

"Children of a Lesser God" — May 23-June 1

This is a special show, not included on Season Ticket - Regular Admission. This production deals with deafness.

"Oklahoma" — August 1-10

FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

61 South 8th Street

The regularly scheduled meetings of organizations utilizing the library are listed in the Sunday edition of the newspaper.

FRONTIER RESEARCHERS

P.O. Box 2141, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Fort Smith Public Library Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Counselors are available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for beginning genealogists.



*Fort Smith Streetcar
Restoration Association Incorporated*

The carbarn is under construction. Cars 205 and 224 are soon to have a permanent home. November 15, 1986, has been set for the target date for operation of one car in celebration of the Arkansas Sesquicentennial. For information about the streetcar restoration project, call Art Martin at 783-1237 or Bradley Martin at 783-0145.

JAYCEES PRESENT ANNUAL AWARDS

Local developer Phil White, whose redevelopment projects have changed the face of downtown Fort Smith, was presented the 1984 Distinguished Service Award Friday night, January 18, by the Fort Smith Jaycees.

White, whose downtown renovation projects include what is now Brunswick Place at North 10th and H Streets, was presented the Carnall "Tiny" Gardner Award by former state Jaycee's president C. Grady Secrest during the Jaycee's annual award ceremony at Fianna Hills Country Club.

Other award recipients and their awards were: Ross Griggs of Fort Smith Fire Station #6, the Luther Bevel Award for outstanding young firefighter; Fort Smith police patrolman Steven Scott, the Judge Paul Wolfe Award for outstanding young law enforcement officer; Bill Cromer, Choral Director at Northside High School, the Shelby Breedlove Award for outstanding young educator; and Sebastian County Judge W.R. "Bud" Harper, the Richard Burford Award as "Boss of the Year".

FORT SMITH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Frontier Achievement Awards will be presented on April 19, 1985, at 6:30 at the Sheraton Inn.

The Awards are sponsored by the Social Studies Educators of the Fort Smith School District. Awards will be presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation of our historical or cultural heritage.

For information concerning nominations for the award and/or tickets to the ceremony, contact Ray Baker, c/o Southside High School, 4100 Gary, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903.

GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD

On December 14, 1984, Mrs. Janie Glover was honored by the Noon Exchange Club. At the 43rd Annual Book of Golden Deeds Banquet, Mrs. Glover was presented the Book of Golden Deeds. Mrs. Glover's concern and active participation in activities of service to others was basis for this recognition.

RIVERBLENTERS BARBERSHOP CHORUS AWARD

Polly Crews, host of the "People, Places and Polly" television show, received the Riverblenders Barber-shop Chorus Award. Crews was recognized for her civic work as director of the Fort Smith Art Center, local Easter Seals chairman, Muscular Dystrophy co-chairman and Fort Smith Pride board member.

EDUCATORS HONORED

Northside High School Principal Frank Jones and Southside High School Teacher Ray Baker were selected as the state's most outstanding secondary principal and teacher by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Secondary Principals' Association.

This award is sponsored by Burger King Co. to recognize and encourage outstanding teachers in public education.

FORT SMITH CIVIC BALLET

Spring Performance

April 27, 1985, Breedlove Auditorium

Check local newspaper for the location of Ticket-Sales Office and time of performance.

FORT SMITH ART CENTER

324 North 6th Street

Open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

Sunday 2:00 to 4:00

Special exhibits monthly in the Main Gallery, Gallery 1 and the Bay Window Gallery.

Of special interest is the 9th through 12th grade Student Art Competition April 7-28.

OLD TIMERS DAY - VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

May 3, 1985 through May 5, 1985

The main street of Van Buren really comes to life on this date. There is entertainment, handicraft, and fun for everyone.

A few copies of *The Journal* have been found to be defective. Should you receive a copy with pages missing, or otherwise defective or damaged, return it to the Fort Smith Historical Society and we will replace it and return your postage.

IN LOVING MEMORY

George W. Combs

George W. Combs died February 24, 1985, in a Fort Smith hospital. He was a collector of historical memorabilia of the Fort Smith area; was helping on the restoration of Fort Smith streetcars; had restored the log cabin which was pictured in the April, 1978 issue of *The Journal*; was a contributing member of the Fort Smith Historical Society, and was working on a story for *The Journal* at the time of his death.

Mr. Combs was a dairy farmer and owner of the Cavanaugh Dairy Farm; past president of the Farm Bureau and served on its board. He was a member of the 4-H Foundation Board, a life-time member of the P.T.A., and was active in Future Farmers of America.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sons, George of Little Rock and John of Fort Smith; one sister, Margaret Bergold of Fort Smith; two half brothers, Paul K. and William Browder, both of Fort Smith; and five grandchildren.

Edwin P. (Eddie) Hicks

Edwin P. (Eddie) Hicks died January 4, 1985, in a Van Buren hospital. Born March 22, 1904, in Krebs, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, he lived his entire life in Fort Smith and the surrounding area.

He was nationally known as a writer and journalist and the author of two books, "Belle Starr and Her Pearl" and "The Fort Smith Story".

He was married to Evelyn Elzora Gambrell in 1930. Evelyn is a retired lawyer, former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and a referee of the Sebastian County Juvenile Court. Together, Eddie and Evelyn taught creative writing classes at Westark Community College from 1972 until 1982.

His biography was featured in the September, 1980, issue of *The Journal*, and his story, "She Handled the Mail for Gypsies All Over the World," was published by *The Journal* in the April issue, 1983.

Eddie leaves his wife, Evelyn, who resides in Van Buren; a niece and several nephews.

Arba A. (Butler) Landers

The Fort Smith Historical Society is saddened by the death of Arba A. (Butler) Landers, one of its board members, who died October 2, 1984, after a brief illness. She was also a member of the Arkansas Historical Association.

Mrs. Landers was born November 15, 1902, in Fort Smith and received her education at Belle Point Elementary School and Fort Smith High School (when this school was in the building that is now Darby Junior High School).

During her professional career, she sold investment securities and real estate.

As a member of the Pilot Club of Fort Smith, she was a past president and had served on many committees, including the organization of the Life Line project.

She was an accomplished artist, a member of the Fort Smith and the Crawford County Art Associations, and a member of the first Christian Church.

She is survived by one son, Curtis, of Fort Smith; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Floyd Wagner of Pocola; and several nieces and nephews.

Juanita Renfro Thomson

Juanita Renfro Thomson died January 9, 1985, at a local hospital after a long illness. She was 62.

Juanita was the wife of Felix Thomson, well-known business man of Fort Smith, and a member of the board of Directors of the Fort Smith Historical Society.

She was a former employee of the Harry G. Barr Company, a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Methodist Village Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband, Felix, she is survived by two daughters, Terri Shanks of Casper, Wyoming, and Janie Israel of Fort Smith; her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lile of Poteau; and two grandchildren.

GENEALOGY NEWS AND LETTERS FROM READERS

A list of Historical and Genealogical Societies in Arkansas was printed on pages 33-35 of the September 1984 issue of *The Journal*. Please add to this list:

Crawford County Genealogical Society
Route 3, Box 5
Alma, AR 72921

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Crockett A. Harrison, R.D. 2, Box 2029, Grove City, PA 16127 reports that almost a thousand people from as far away as England and Japan attended the Bartholomew Stovall Tricentennial celebration in Virginia. Enclosed was a copy of the booklet on the Stovall family which was distributed at the reunion. This booklet has been placed in the genealogy room at the Fort Smith Public Library.

Mr. Harrison's 748 page, hard bound, name indexed book *The Allens and the Harrisons of the Kingdom of Callaway*, now available for sale from Mr. Harrison, includes 47 family lines: Addie, John Allen, Valentine Allen, Armstrong, Bailey, Basset, Beauforest, Billups, Branch, Brighby, Burton, Casey, Christian, Crockett, deSaix, deVigne, Gunnell, Hampton, Harris, Harrison, Jennings, Johnson, Lackey, Leech, Lilley, Lorton, Malone, Mann, Page, Pfeiffer (Piper), Sandifer, Sayers, George Smith, Sarah Smith, Spangler (Spengler), Spracher, Stewart (Stuart), Stovall, Thomson, Wade, Wilson, Sparks. Price is \$61.55. For more information, contact Mr. Harrison at address given above.

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As usual, it is a pleasure to renew my membership in the society. I enjoy each *Journal* when it arrives and the September issue brought back many memories, being a more than ardent sports fan from the early '30s on, particularly baseball. Keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely,
Bob Bolio

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I'm seeking info about Louisa Jane Johnston, b. Aug. 1853, who 1st married Pleasant Hatfield in Crawford Co., Ark., 2nd married Wm. L. Salling, 16 Aug. 1887, Crawford Co., 3rd married G.W.C. Laster, 4th married Rev. G.M. Huges. Louisa was the daughter of John H. and Mahala Johnston and granddaughter of Michael and Cynthia Johnston. My great-grandmother, Lavina "Ellen" Neeley was raised by Cynthia Johnston. I'm trying to learn if they were related and if so, how. Ellen's mother, Louisa Pense, was first married to Pleasant H. Johnston. (Signed: Faye Goodner, 5244 Mill Street, Fortuna, CA 95540)

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Attached is my check for annual membership dues. I received the September 1984 copy of Fort Smith Historical Society *Journal* and enjoyed it so much. My nephew, George R. Otto, Jr. was here visiting me from St. Louis, and in looking through it, he found copy of letter I had written last year commenting on Fort Smith Smile Girls Band article and song written by Froebel Lee who had been my neighbor on May Avenue. Keep up your good work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charlotte Wright

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... My mother is the great-granddaughter of Joseph Knoble who built the brewery, and is a descendant of many of the people represented in the book *Reflections of Fort Smith*. Please enroll her as a member:

Gladys Elizabeth (Wallace) Winters
1961 Marsh Road
Santa Rosa, California 95401

If there is any money left over, please keep as a further contribution. (Signed: Marsha D. Rockey, 639 St. Mary Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404)

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Henry L. Harder of Joplin, Missouri, writes: "Re: Vol. VIII, No. 2., September. On page 31 (bottom left column) you have entry: 'Cantor, August C.C. and Louisa Wibbing.' The correct names should be "Harder, August C.H. and Louisa Wibbing." He is the same August Harder referred to on page 49 as a member of the Grand Jury. It is his name that is in the sidewalk (west side) of the 500 block of Towson Avenue.

His daughter, Augusta H. Roedenbeck, still lives in Fort Smith, age 94. She has been used as a resource in articles in previous issues of *The Journal*.

I have deposited in the genealogy room of the library a typescript of his *History of the Harder Family*.

I realize microfilms are hard to read and can appreciate the problems of Frontier Researchers. However, I thought you and they might be interested in this emendation in the interest of accuracy.

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I would like to join your historical society. My grandparents live in Fort Smith.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jhonnie Dedman
P.O. Box 10742
Midwest City, OK 73110

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AUTRY-HOLDERFIELD: Want to contact descendants of Simpson Leroy and Amanda (Holderfield) Autry. Moved from Tiptonville, Tennessee, to Mark Tree, Arkansas, circa 1880 and later to Sebastian County. Son, Daughery Vantis Autry, was born in Sebastian County, Arkansas, 6 August 1885. 1860 Henderson County, Tennessee, census shows: John Autry 48 and wife E. 48 with children Simpson 17, Stephen 16, Alice 10, Mary 13, Cuna (7), Jr., Jr. 5 and Jacob 2. Same family? Amelia Martin, 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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In an interesting two-page letter from Charles E. Winters, he mentions the following corrections in Volume VIII, No. 1, April 1984 issue of *The Journal*:

"Page 8 of Hammer's Bands in the center picture, the action took place at Featherston, not Featherstone. Featherston was a stop on the Fort Smith & Western, and was named for Lucius C. Featherston, early-day rancher.

"Page 9, describing the Amrita Grotto Band in the photo caption (second row) should read: Author R. Hansard instead of Arthur. Author Hansard was a photographer and an uncle to the late Harry Huey.

"So: Enough of my nit pickings. As a fellow history lover, I thought you'd accept these two humble observations from an admiring colleague."

(Mr. Winters is well known to *The Journal* readers as the author of "Streetcards of Fort Smith" and "Cadet

Band". He is also a long-time locomotive photographer, and in this letter shared with us a picture of his which appeared in the *Locomotive Quarterly*, Fall, 1984.)

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Guy Tomlinson, Jr., 9119 East 26th Place, Tulsa, OK 74129, writes: "In the Fort Smith Historical Journal, Vol. 2, Number 1, April, 1978, an article by Amelia Martin entitled "Texas Road" included data on the Mickle family. My mother is Alice (Allie) L. Mickle Tomlinson; her father was Gustus (Gussie) McCurtain Mickle, son of Wm. J. Mickle (the Wm. named in the article). The assumption made by Chris Allen, re the 1850 census, was incorrect. The children listed were not the children of Harmon Mickle, but were actually his nephews and nieces, children of his brother, Peter, and Frances (Hunt) Mickle. After Peter died in 1845, Harmon and Peter's children ran the family's trading post and inn near Cavanaugh.

Frances married Omstead T. Patterson (listed in the same census) in 1847, and the youngest daughter, Tennessee Montgomery Mickle (age 5), lived with them. Harmon did have some sons and daughters later after marrying Joanna McSweeney in 1852. Peter and Frances moved to Arkansas from Montgomery Co., Tenn., and named the youngest girl Tennessee Montgomery. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Miller, still lives in Fort Smith.

I just wanted to write and 'correct the record', so to speak, and I would like to find out the names of H. Mickle's sons that built the houses on Towson, to add to my family records.

I have much more data on this branch of the Mickle family and the other families connected by marriage (Lewis, Dehart, Seabolt) if you find anyone that is interested."

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Need the name of the _____ Martin who married Margaret Barnes (daughter of John Barnes and Mary Wells Tucker Barnes) ca. 1860. He returned from the Civil War and died shortly after (approx. 1 or 2 years). They had a daughter named Caroline Martin and called her "Lou". Margaret (Barnes) Martin married Dr. James C. Hulsey 15 May 1867 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, who along with John Barnes was appointed legal guardians of "Lou" or Caroline. B.O. "BO" Roop, 245 East Township Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

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Desire to contact researchers on Swaggerty, Nail, Carter, Combs, Caler and Lewis families. Martha Caler Carter died near Fort Smith in 1911 and is buried near Spiro, Oklahoma. Lola M. Lewis, 33 South Ashland, Apt. 115, Mesa, AZ 85204.

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KNAPTON, M.D., age 24, md. Susan MAJORS, age 18. / 22 January 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

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McCONNELL, I.W., age 23, md. Sarah McNABB, age 21. / 23 January 1879, I.A. Gaither, M.G.

ROSS, A. Frank, age 28, md. Emma J. TUCKER, age 20. / 21 January 1879, E.L. Compere, M.G., Baptist Minister.

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BRYANT, Charles W., age 22, md. Fannie BROOKS, age 28. / 06 February 1879, J.W. Riggs, J.P.

GREENLEE, I.N., age 30, md. Lina S. McCLENDON, age 33. / 09 February 1879, R.L. Bedingfield, M.G.

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QUINN, Isaac, age 22, md. Laura FRANCIS, age 19. / 30 January 1879, G.W. Reeves, M.G.

NICHOLS, Francis, age 22, md. Sarah HINTON, age 19. / 01 January 1879, J.C. Riggs, M.G.

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TAYLOR, G.W., age 26, md. Ellen KNOTT, age 22. / 14 January 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Pastor, Church of E.M. Con., Fort Smith, Arkansas.

WILKERSON, William, age 23, md. Sarah B. HUGGINS, age 19. / 02 March 1879, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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FALCENER, Henry J., age 40, md. Sallie P. WILSON, age 19. / 26 February 1879, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian.

MINCHER, Thos. M., age 20, md. Martha C. MINCHER, age 19. / 08 March 1879, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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GARRETT, Thomas L., age 38, md. Julia V. KING, age 19. / 17 March 1879, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

VAUGHAN, Thomas, age 24, md. Birtie SHELTON, age 18. / 12 March 1879, H.M. Granade, Methodist Minister.

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SPARKS, George T., age 30, md. Annie E. DIBRELL, age (?). / 11 March 1879, W.A. Sample.

WALKER, Eugene, age 22, md. Sophy ROGERS, age 18. / 20 February 1879, G.C. Christburgh, Pastor, A.M.E. Church.

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COULTER, Alfred, age 30, md. Julia KANE, age 20. / 27 February 1879, G.C. Christburgh, M.G.

SMITH, Wm. B., age 24, md. Jane G. RUTHERFORD, age 22. / 14 April 1879, Fullius C. Tupper, Presbyter Prot. Episcopal Church & Rector Church, Little Rock.

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QUESENBURY, Silas, age 22, md. Henrietta HARTGRAVE, age 21. / 03 May 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

ABLES, John E., age 22, md. Maggie L. COTTRELL, age 18. / 16 March 1879, James K. Hamell, M.G.

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LAWRENCE, William, age 24, md. Van KINNA, age 25. / 18 May 1879, Cyrus G. Smith, M.G.

FISHER, Bert, age 24, md. Kate OGDEN, age 31. / 09 May 1879, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian.

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MYETT, C.W., age 28, md. Ara L. DAVIS, age 21. / 22 May 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

ALLEN, John R., age 29, md. Emma LARGEN, age 28. / 27 May 1879, H.M. Granade, Methodist Elder.

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Ordination of Charles Caesar G. Taylor, to Gospel Ministry of Baptist Church. 10 December 1868. Rev. John Cella Martin, D.D. Moderator. Filed 02 June 1879, Rev. Samuel A. Scott, Clerk.

GREEN, Edward, age 27 md. Nora LEWIS, age 18. 02 June 1879, Dr. C.C.G. Taylor, M.G.

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IBISON, Samuel H., age 23, md. Margretia H.W. WALDRIP, age 22. / 04 June 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

CLIFFORD, John, age 25, md. Isabella BURNS, age 19. / 11 May 1879, Michael Smyth, Pastor, Catholic Church, Van Buren.

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WEGMAN, Henry, age 25, md. Rose McCAULEY, age 23. / 03 June 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

PELLY, John T., age 24, md. Isabella ARMOUR, age 20. 15 June 1879, R.W. Hammett, Elder, M.E. Church.

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DUNN, John E., age 23, md. Julia A. KEVENS, age 19. / 02 June 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

WOLF, Ben, age 32, md. Zippie OPPENHEIMER, age 19. / 22 June 1879, James Brizzolara, Mayor and Ex-officio J.P.

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GOLDSMITH, Leo, age 28, md. Emma BECKMAN, age 22. / 22 June 1879, James Brizzolara, Mayor and Ex-officio J.P.

DAILEY, Joseph J., age 29, md. Jennetta HENDRICKS, age 23. / 19 June 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

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KNOTT, William, age 26, md. Addie TAYLOR, age 20. / 06 July 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

ESTIS, Francis M., age 24, md. Kansas KING, age 18. / 06 July 1879, Levi Zinn, J.P.

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BANFORD(?), George D., age 24, md. Claudia K. WRIGHT, age 18. / 15 July 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, Methodist Minister.

GUNTER, William R., age 23, md. Ellen MOORE, age 24. / 31 July 1879, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian.

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BINKS, William, age 26, md. Levinia PILES, age 18. / 12 November 1878, Cyrus G. Smith, Pastor, 1st Col. Baptist Church.

Ordination of A.W. Prescott, Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, Jacob Newheart, D.L. Borden, (?) Ramsey, Ordaining Council. Filed 12 August 1879.

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STINSON, James, age 30, md. Hester PEACH, age 20. / 26 June 1879, Cyrus G. Smith, M.G.

SQUIRES, Henry J., age 21, md. Laura COTTRELL, age 17. / 10 September 1879, H.M. Granade, Methodist Minister. Consent of parents given.

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FLEMING, Charles A., age 27, md. Pauline MUNDER, age 23. / 07 September 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

BUCK, Aarin I., age 44, md. Angeline BRINING, age 36. / 11 September 1879, Moses B. Hardin, Elder.

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LINGENFELTER, George M., age 26, md. Sarah E. QUICK, age 19. / 11 September 1879, A.W. Prescott.

POLLOCK, William H., age 50, md. Sarah A. EDWARDS, age 45. / 21 September 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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Certificate of Ordination: Rev. Lawrence Smythe is a regular ordained Priest of the Roman Catholic Church and has been since 15 June 1857. Signed, Edward Fitzgerald, Bishop of Little Rock. Filed 22 September 1879.

HARRIS, John A., age 22, md. Christina WINDEL, age 20. / 16 September 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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PACE, Joseph D., age 27, md. Malinda F. HOPPER, age 18. / 16 September 1879, Wm. Phillips, M.G.

GOFF, George F., age 21, md. Mary E. DUNIGAN, age 18. / 31 August 1879, A. Cunningham, Minister of Baptist Church.

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GOLDSMITH, Louis, age 33, md. Nannie JOEL, age 19. / 05 October 1879, James Brizzolara, Mayor.

KASBERG, Anton, age 28, md. Elizabeth KREPER, age 19. / 18 September 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

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GERARD, Edward, age 28, md. Sarah SWIFT, age 18. / 30 September 1879, Michael Smyth, Missionary Priest.

SANDELS, M.H., age 28, md. B.B. JOHNSON, age 24. / 09 October 1879, C.H. Newman, Rector, St. John's Church, Fort Smith.

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MOONEYHAM, William, age 19 (consent given by parents), md. Mary E. BAKER, age 19. / 05 October 1879, John

M. Ledbetter, Baptist Minister of Amity Church.

BARRY, Walter, age 27, md. Flora McCOMB, age 25. / 07 October 1879, W.A. Sample.

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Certificate of Order of Priest (Protestant Episcopal Church): Charles Howard Newman, 12 January 1876. John B. Kerfoot, Bishop of Pittsburg. Filed 15 October 1879.

CULBERSON, Joseph A., age 28, md. Mary COLLINS, age 18. / 21 September 1879, Absy S. Smith, M.E. Church, South.

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McMURRY, William S., age 22, md. Rachael J. McMURRY, age 22. / 24 October 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

SLANKARD, William N., age 21, md. Martha A. LACEY, age 21. / 05 October 1879, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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BREWER, Charles, age 25, md. Agnes HAMILTON, age 40. / 06 November 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

GOFORTH, John H., age 25, md. Elizabeth RUDELL, age 19. / 12 October 1879, W.M. Morris, M.G.

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GASNIER, Francies E., age 38, md. Florence A. GEGGER, age 20. / 30 October 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

HARRISON, Benjamin C., age 21, md. Frances AUTREY, age 15 (consent of mother given). / 26 October 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

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TROME, Joseph M., age 27, md. Linnie A. TILLER, age 18. / 05 November 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

Certificate of Ordination (Pastorial credentials): A.A. Williams, Arkansas Conference of the A.M.E. Church. 12 November 1879, T.M.D. Ward, Presiding Bishop.

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PENDLETON, John W.G., age 21, md. Alice A. BONNER (BENNER), age 18. / 19 November 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

MOORMAN, Augustus, age 25, md. Fannie WHEELER, age 21. / 19 November 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

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HARRIS, William H., age 23, md. Mary A. BAKER, age 21. / 20 November 1879, Henry Turner, M.G.

HEDGE, Marshall B., age 28, md. Laura P. LARDEN, age 15 (permission of mother given). / 16 November 1879, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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CRAIG, William, age 21, md. Mary B. HUTCHINS, age 16 (permission given by her father). / 08 October 1879, Reuben Carter, Jr.

BOLLINGER, Frank, age 24, md. Flora BEATY, age 22. / 23 November 1879, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

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GEORGE, John W., age 23, md. Hannah SMITH, age 17 (permission given by her parents). / 20 November 1879, Matthew Horn, Minister, M.E. Church, South.

NOLEN, Albert L., age 20 (parents' permission given), md. Lottie SMITH, age 19. / 20 November 1879, Matthew Horn, M.E. Church, South.

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SIMS, Frank P., age 25, md. Nancy L. LOBE, age 26. / 17 October 1879, J.G. Nance, J.P.

Certificate of Ordination to work of Gospel Ministry: James S. Mitchel, May 4, 1879, Baptist Church. Elder Wm. Burney, Van Buren; J.M. Davis, Fort Smith; H. Richardson,

Alma; J.G. Jenkins; Samuel Dean; Dr. C.G.G. Taylor, New York; Rev. C.G. Smith, Clerk, Fort Smith. Recorded 06 December 1879.

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TOBLER, Charles, age 21, md. Patsey FURGUSON, age 18. / 07 November 1879, John Bennett.

LONG, William T., age 23, md. Ellen SEEHORN, age 20. / 10 December 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

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CARTER, Joseph W., age 22, md. Sarah COGGSBILL, age 18. / 28 December 1879, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

BISHOP, Robert A., age 21, md. Lillie A. HENDRICKS, age 19. / 21 December 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

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HENDERSON, Robert, age 23, md. Vinie ALBERTIE, age 19. / 28 October 1879, Amos A. Williams.

OWENS, Abram, age 30, md. Sarah BROWN, age 24. / 17 November 1879, Amos A. Williams.

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BROOKS, John, age 24, md. Leah PIGGEE, age 24. / 25 December 1879, Levi Zinn, J.P.

ELSEY, E.R., age 29, md. Lucy JOHNSON, age 30. / 23 December 1879, James K. Hamell.

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CLIFTON, M.W., age 27, md. Rhonda M. McCLENDON, age 16 (parents permission given). / 27 November 1879, F.W. Lamcen, J.P.

ANDREWS, Richard T., age 40, md. Eliza B. MULLEN, age 30. / 01 January 1880, B.H. Pierson, Minister.

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FOWLER, S.P., age 25, md. Alla EVANS, age 21. / 11 November 1879, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

PERKINS, Euing, age 30, md. Elnora REED, age 24. / 12 November 1879, Cyrus Gnatson Smith.

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MOORE, Robert W., age 26, md. Louisa SNIDER, age 24. / 23 December 1879, J.W. Riggs, J.P.

WHITE, Joseph H., age 21, md. Mary A. GRAVES, age 18. / 21 December 1879, J.E. Martin, P.C.

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Certificate of Ordination (as Elder): Granville Hornback, Church of God. 03 September 1879. Given and certified by order of Eldership at Grand Prairie, Franklin County, Arkansas. J.A. Smith, Speaker; W.D. Abernathy, Clerk.

LOVE, William, age 18 (permission of mother given), md. Lular FAWN, age 18. / 25 December 1879, J.G. Nance, J.P.

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BURTON, Samuel, age 25, md. Viney DIXON, age 32. / 08 January 1880, Granville Hornback.

GENTHER, Andrew, age 27, md. S.A. GUTHRY, age 46. / 15 January 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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CARRELL, Joseph JW., age 27, md. Mary NELIMS, age 18. / 08 January 1880, F.W. Deman, J.P.

TEMPLETON, R.C., age 22, md. Maggie F. KEITH, age 17 (her father's permission given). / 25 December 1879, J.E. Martin, P.E.

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SHANDY, John P., age 23, md. Lucinda SNIDER, age 19. / 22 January 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

HOGAN, Thomas A., age 26, md. Dolly BARKER, age 28. / 30 November 1879, A. Barnhill, M.C.

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WHITLOW, W.H., age 27, md. Annie K. BIRNIE, age 20.
/ 21 January 1880, C.H. Newman, M.G.

GRAMLICH, John., age 21, md. Kate GRABE, age 18. /
27 January 1880, Lawrence Smythe.

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GRABE, Andrew, age 23, md. Kate GRAMLICH, age 16
(permission of parents). / 27 January 1880, Lawrence
Smythe.

EVERT, Stephen A.D., age 21, md. Fannie mcCARTIE,
age 19. / 05 January 1880, F.W. Daman, J.P.

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FRAYER, Wilbert H., age 26, md. Maggie CROWLEY,
age 24. / 09 February 1880, Lawrence Smythe.

HOWARD, John, age 62, md. Elizabeth COPPET, age
52. / 05 February 1880, J.W. Riggs, J.P.

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GRAY, James A., age 23, md. Mary P. SMITH, age 24. /
05 February 1880, Mathew Horn, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

WARD, W.W., age 34, md. S.E. SMITH, age 33. / 24
February 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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HEARNE, Ray, age 30, md. F.L. HUGHES, age 31. / 01
March 1880, Henry Turner, M.G.

SUTTON, William B., age 24, md. Mary NEWHART, age
19. / 22 February 1880, James K. Hamell, M.G., Elder,
Freewill Baptist.

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SCRUGGS, William E., age 23, md. Willie A. JONES,
age 16 (permission of stepfather only/guardian having
been given). / 03 March 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

McCOY, John, age 32, md. Fannie MYERS, age 19. / 11
March 1880, J.E. Martin, M.G.

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HILL, James, age 23, md. Rachell ROPER, age 25. / 18
March 1880, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

NORTHCUT, F.D., age 21, md. S.D. GIBBINS, age 20. /
15 March 1880, W.A. Sample.

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NEWHART, Ephram, age 23, md. Mary E. SUTTON, age
22. / 04 March 1880, James K. Hamell, Elder, Freewill
Baptist Church.

PIERSON, James A., age 22, md. Martha MOLOCK,
age 18. / 24 March 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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TOMPKINS, Richard, age 21, md. Linnie SPROUL, age
20. / 24 March 1880, P.G. Satterfield.

HUNT, Edward P., age 29, md. R. Louisa COBLE, age
26. / 28 January 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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HOFFMAN, Henry, age 26, md. Emma SCHOEPPPE, age
19. / 14 April 1880, P.F. Germann, M.G.

WINES, Joseph, age 24, md. Elizabeth HOLMES, age
23. / 17 April 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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HENDERSON, Ira J., age 23, md. Mary M. SHIPMAN,
age 18. / 18 April 1880, Wm. Smith.

PUTNAM, John, age 24, md. Sallie NULL, age 29. / 25
April 1880, H.M. Granade.

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NEVILL, John, age 35, md. Josiphine NUNLEY, age 23.
/ 04 May 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

CONAWAY, William M., age 42, md. Margaret I.
GOFORTH, age 29. / 08 April 1880, A.S. Smith, M.G.

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FORST, Bernhard, age 22, md. Margaret GREB, age
24. / 11 May 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector,
Catholic Church.

SMITH, William A., age 29, md. Julia A. JOHNSON, age
24. / 13 May 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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Certificate of Ordination as Deacon (for baptism, mar-
riage and burial of dead in absence of Elder): George H.
Gideon, Methodist Episcopal Church. 08 February 1880,
S.M. Merrill, Bishop. Done at Russellville, Arkansas.

GARRETT, Thomas L., age 40, md. Georgia A. KING,
age 26. / 23 May 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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PRYOR, Henry, age 22, md. Harriett HEWBANKS, age
20. / 23 May 1880, Wesley Lewis.

MICKEL, August, age 53, md. Elizabeth MILLER, age
46. / 16 June 1880, P.F. Germann.

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IVEY, Charles F., age 29, md. Mattie A. MYERS, age 18.
/ 16 June 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

PRICE, William, age 24, md. Ida R. SYKES, age 14
(parents consent having been given). / 16 June 1880, R.N.
Huggins, M.G., C.P. Church.

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FRASER, Wm. A., age 28, md. Mary A. LANSFORD, age
19. / 13 June 1880, N.B. McNabb.

REED, F.C., age 32, md. Terisa TOBIN, age 18. / 30
June 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector.

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HARDIN, Simon P., age 68, md. Diana McCURTEY, age
58. / 25 July 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

SCHOEPPER, Theodore, age 40, md. Maggie
ANDREWS, age 20. / 12 July 1880, Lawrence Smythe.

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KELLEY, Benjamin, age 49, md. Elizabeth GRAYHAM,
age 30. / 08 August 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

NUTTER, E.A., age 27, md. Irine JAMISON, age 18. / 24
June 1880, R.W. Hammett, M.G.

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PATRICK, J.W., age 21, md. Mattie THORNBERG, age
24. / 12 August 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

Credentials for Elijah McCauley (office of Deacon),
Methodist Episcopal Church. 06 September 1874. Ashleo-
nia, Mississippi. Filed 13 August 1880. Robert Paine,
Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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Credentials for Alford Lay, Minister, Missionary Baptist
Church. 18 April 1880. Fort Smith, Arkansas. Called to ordi-
nation by St. Stephen Church in Cherokee Nation, of which
he was a member. Elder Samuel Dean, Moderator; Elias
Hunter, Clerk.

WALKER, A.W., age 23, md. Jennie WHITING, age 19.
/ 17 August 1880, Alford Lay, M.G.

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GRAMLICH, Sebastian, age 44, md. Elizabeth BERRY,
age 43. / 19 August 1880, F.W. Daman, J.P.

COUTRELL, Bartley, age 27, md. Miss Lucinda JONES,
age 17 (permission of parents given). / 26 August 1880, L.K.
Barr(?).

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SCHUSTER, Anton T., age 21, md. (Mrs.?) Roe Ann
HALEY, age 22. / 02 September 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

SICGRIST, William, age 27, md. Miss Julia FOBLER,
age 20. / 22 July 1880, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian.

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KITE, James M., age 24, md. Frances J. PETTY, age 19. / 22 August 1880, L.K. Murrow, Elder.

WILLIAMS, Thomas, age 24, md. Miss Della HOOGE/HOUGE(?), age 27. / 16 September 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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WEAR, Joseph, age 25, md. Hannah I. WEST, age 21. / 22 July 1880, James K. Howell.

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HARDESTY, Wallace, age 24, md. Miss Lucinda CECIL, age 19. / 12 September 1880, John R. Wood, M.G.

TEMPLETON, I/J. H., age 27, md. Miss Cornelia POWELL, age 23. / 10 October 1880, J.E. Martin, M.G.

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JOBE, L.R., age 28 (Choctaw Nation), md. Serilda E. RICHARDS, age 15 (written permission of guardian given). / 07 October 1880, Peter Folsom, M.G.

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Credentials of A.I. Ross as Minister, called to ordination by: Lone Pilgrim Church, Concord Association. 28 September 1875. Sebastian County, Arkansas. (Baptist) Filed 20 October 1880. Elders: L.J. Fuller, Moderator; J.A. Huds-peth; E.L. Compere, Secretary.

SMITH, Harvey E., age 22, md. Rachel C. JONES, age 15 (consent of father given in writing). / 23 September 1880, L.K. Burrow, M.G.

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HANKINS, M.M., age 43, md. Mrs. Martha FARMER, age 42. / 29 August 1880, J.W. Riggs, J.P.

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STEELMAN, Jas. I., age 53, md. Mrs. Susan C. STACY, age 42. / 16 October 1880, James K. Howell, M.G.

THORNBURG, William I., age 25, md. Maggie C. FER-GUSON, age 22. / 27 October 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector.

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PETTIS, Frank M., age 26 (county of Lafayette, Missis-sippi), md. Miss Bettie McEACHIN, age 20. / 28 October 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G., Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

HALL, David, age 53, md. Mrs. Jane P. HUBBARD, age 46. / 29 October 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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RITTER, Creed, age 23, md. Miss Mollie PHILLIPS, age 21. / 31 October 1880, E. McCauley, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

SHANNON, Calvin, age 23 (St. Joseph County, Michi-gan), md. Miss Kate GUFFY, age 22. / 02 September 1880, W.A. Sample, Presbytery.

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ROZAR, James, age 23, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, md. Mary A. SMITH, age 26, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation. / 04 November 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

REICHERT, J. August, age 24, md. Miss Minnie SPEAKER, age 20. / 27 October 1880, P.J. Germann, Pas-tor, German Lutheran Church.

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WILSON, George H., age 22, md. Miss Lulu WRIGHT, age 17. / 11 November 1880, S.L. Alexander, M.G.

MILLER, Charley, age 21, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, md. Miss Anna TAYLOR, age 21, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation. / 14 November 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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CRENSHAW, James W.(?), age 29, Henderson County, Kentucky, md. Biddie McKERNAN, age 20. / 16 November 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Church of Immaculate Conception, Fort Smith.

RODDEN, William I., age 36, md. Mrs. Sue Emma BLYTHE, age 32. / 26 September 1880, A.M. McKissack, M.G.

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BOSIN, George R., age 24, md. Miss Dora L.(?) BYNUM, age 18. / 23 November 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

ROBINSON, Charles R., age 23, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, md. Mattie STEPHENSON, age 16. / 14 November 1880, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

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PARKS, Wesley, age 52, md. Mrs. Mary AKE, age 40. / 29 November 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

SMITH, Henry, age 24, md. Miss Louisa HAZELETT, age 19. / 30 November 1880, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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BARNES, William W., age 19, md. Miss Lulu T. CHAOTE, age 17. / 26 November 1880, R.M. Stephens, J.P.

SMITH, J.H., age 51, md. Miss Fannie F. HAMILTON, age 19, of the Choctaw Nation. / 14 September 1880, Henry Turner, M.G.

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GRAY, Elisha J., age 27, md. Miss Minerva A. SMITH, age 19. / 09 December 1880, Henry Turner, M.G.

ALLEN, John, age 22, md. Miss Lucy BARNES, age 21. / 02 December 1880, R.M. Stephens, M.G.

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HOFFMAN, Charles J.F., age 21, md. Miss Joanna GEIGER, age 19. / 10 November 1880 (recorded 10 December 1880), P.F. Germann, Pastor, German Lutheran Church.

PARKER, Francis M., age 44, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, md. Ann Eliza BRILES, Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 26. / 15 December 1880, W. B. McNabb, Minister, C.P. Church.

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MICKEL, Nicholas J., age 23, md. Anna HARRINGTON, age 22. / 28 October 1880, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Catholic Church.

LEARD, Robert S., age 23, md. Mollie PECK, age 21. / 16 December 1880, J.E. Martin, M.G.

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REYE, Tristram M., age 20, md. Miss Louella WARREN, age 18. / 22 December 1880, Abey S. Smith, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

SPIVEY, Shephard, age 25, md. Mrs. Martha HUT-CHERSON, age 28. / 24 December 1880, Mathew Grey, J.P.

WRIGHT, Charles B., age 29, md. Miss Fannie N. SNIPES, age 24. / 27 December 1880, R.W. Hammett, Elder, M.E. Church.

BIKER (BICKER), Otto, age 25, Logan County, AR, md. Mary KAUFMAN, age 23. / 28 December 1880, Aequi-lins/Aequidins Hemerman, Pastor, St. Andrews Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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BONHAM, James M., age 26, md. Miss Ada FLYNT, age 15. / 12 December 1880, S.E. Alexander, M.G.

POWELL, John W., age 32, md. Mrs. Drucilla BRENT, age 30. / 15 November 1880, G.W. Daman, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

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VAILE, Mr. Jno., Sebastian County, age 33, md. Miss Maggie WALTON, age 26. / 22 December 1880, Edward Mayer, Rector, St. Johns Episcopal Parish.

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FABRIZIO, Antonio, Logan County, age 28, md. Miss GiasAnna DOMENICA, Logan County, age 22. / 01 January 1881, Aequilins/Aequidins Hemerman, St. Andrews Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas.

GARRETSON, Henry D., Franklin County, age 23, md. Anna Rosa BONNER, age 20, Franklin County. / 02 January 1881, P.J. Germann, Pastor, 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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BLACKARD, William K., District of Sequoyah, Indian Territory, age 24, md. Anna WATTS, age 19, District of Sequoyah, Indian Territory. / 05 January 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

LINDELL, Pierce, age 26, md. Mrs. Martha Jane SACKETT, age 29. / 10 January 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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HARRIS, William, age 49, md. Mrs. Sarah E. BURKETT, age 48. / 10 January 1881, James Mitchell, M.G.

EPPLER, Bernard, age 24, md. Miss Emma KRONE, age 21. / 12 January 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Priest, Missionary Rector, Church of Immaculate Conception.

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HUTCHINS, Owen, age 21, md. Miss Maggie TRIPLETT, age 16. / 13 January 1881, J.W. Gilcratt, M.G.

WELDON, Oliver D., age 33, md. Miss Lue BROWN, age 27. / 10 December 1880 (recorded 19 January 1881), F.A. Jeffett, M.G.

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REMY, Lafayette, age 25, md. Miss Alice A. REED, age 17. / 17 January 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

SHELDON, Henderson, age 31, Crawford County, md. Mrs. Katy JOHNSON, age 34. / 02 January 1881, Amos A. Williams, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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MAY, Andrew P., age 38, md. Miss Tempppy RIGGS, age 30. / 27 January 1881, J.W. Gilcratt, M.G.

BROOKS, James, age 31, md. Miss Katy STEWART, age 22. / 26 December 1880, B.H. Morris, J.P.

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KING, Thomas, County of Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 21, md. Miss Nannie A. ANTHOSS, County of Scullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 19. / 23 December 1880, R.M. Stephens, J.P.

VOGEL, Theodore, age 29, md. Miss Kate THEINES, age 17. / 18 January 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector of Church of Immaculate Conception.

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LAINGAN, Joseph, age 36, md. Annie PRIEST, age 36. / 25 January 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

CROWSEY, Henry L., age 29, md. Mrs. Mary A. BOOKER, age 28. / 13 January 1881, L.K. Burrows, Elder, Methodist Protestant Church.

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DAVIS, Joseph, age 22, md. Ellen ALBERTY, age 15. / 12 February 1881, Amos A. Williams, M.G., A.M.E. Church.

HILL, Berry W., age 55, md. Miss Malinda ROY, age 26. / 17 February 1881, A.M. McKissack, M.G.

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ULMER, Thomas H., age 20, md. Miss Alice TOBLER, age 19. / 30 January 1881, James K. Howell, M.G., Freewill

Baptist.

LINDSEY, Thomas W., age 25, md. Miss Sallie HURST, age 18. / 05 January 1881, B.H. Morris, J.P.

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EUPER, William L., age 29, md. Lena REFELD, age 19. / 24 February 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

LEWIS, William H., Madison County, Ark., age 27, md. Miss A.M. LYONS, age 22. / 27 February 1881, Thomas Rogers, J.P.

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MARTIN, James H., age 27, md. Mary Ann HALL, age 17. / 27 February 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

IRVIN, James F., age 21, md. Virginia BOUNDS, age 16. / 24 February 1881, D.L. Moore.

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BLANKENSHIP, Gilbert, age 25, md. Polly Ann McCaleb, age 24. / 31 January 1881, J.H. Burrow, M.G.

MOORE, Albert C., age 52, md. Mrs. Belle WARD, age 38. / 20 March 1881, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian Pastor.

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PETERS, B.H.W., age 30, md. Mrs. M.A. BRINGLE, age 40. / 03 April 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

THURMAN, Samuel, age 21, md. Mrs. Susan BRYANT, age 24. / 28 March 1881, Samuel Edmondson, J.P.

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WELLS, Cacious M., age 21, md. Maggie E. COCKRELL, age 19. / 26 April 1881, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

JACKSON, Edward, Newton County, Missouri, age 22, md. Willie (Nellie?) Ann COCKRELL, age 18. / 26 April 1881, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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PATTERSON, E.H., age 24, md. Lewissa KNOBLE, age 18. / 28 April 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Priest, Church of Immaculate Conception, Fort Smith.

BIRNIE, Henry C., age 36, md. Bertha M. WEGMAN, age 25. / 21 April 1881, P.F. Germann, M.G., Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Smith.

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FINNEGAN, Thomas E., age 22, md. Martha GOFORTH, age 20. / 01 May 1881, S.K. Burrow, Elder, M.E.

CUNNINGHAM, Thomas I., age 33, md. Jennie B. Mayers, age 25. / 18 May 1881, Edw. McGee, Presbyter, St. Johns Protestant Episcopal Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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McCONNELL, John N., Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, age 22, md. Dovie Belle COPE, age 16. / 15 May 1881, Mathew Horn, M.G., M.E. Church, South.

PARSONS, Oscar, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 24, md. Mary E. SHARUM, age 19. / 24 May 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Rector, Catholic Church.

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KNOTT, George E., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 20, md. Rosa HAHN, age 19. / 24 May 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Pastor, Rector Catholic Church, Fort Smith.

VON PEIN, Frederick K., Wayne County, Indiana, age 26, md. Lena C. STROMBERG, age 22. / 04 May 1881, W.A. Sample, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith.

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BYRD, John W., Johnson County, Arkansas, age 39, md. Mary Ann JONES, Johnson County, Arkansas, age 28. / 28 May 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

STUCKEY, Lewis, Montague County, Texas, age 22, md. Jemima J. CAPPS, age 16. / 1 May 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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TURNER/TINNEN, William, age 21, md. Jessie BRIGHT, age 22. / 09 May 1881, W.A. Sample, Pastor, Presbyterian Church.

JACKSON, Wm. M., age 24, md. Lucy DAVENPORT, age 22. / 22 May 1881, B.H. Morris, J.P.

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HAAG (HOAG?), Albert, age 22, md. Katie MICKEL, age 21. / 02 June 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Fort Smith.

SCOTT, John W., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 20, md. Sallie A. BOBO, age 16. / 09 June 1881, J.E. Martin, M.G.

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REED, James, age 23, md. Peggie KANE, age 19. / 17 May 1881, Amos A. Williams, A.M.E. Minister.

CHASE, J.W.T., age 24, md. Nancy E. MOODY, age 21. / 12 June 1881, D.L. Bearden, Minister of Freewill Baptist Church.

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JONES, Chas. F., age 23, md. Nellie KANNADY, age 21. / 16 June 1881, Lawrence Smythe, M.R., Church of the Immaculate Conception.

KEITH, J.S., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 25, md. Laura PLAXCO, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 19. / 12 June 1881, N.B. McNabb, M.G.

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HILL, Ralph, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 32, md. Elizabeth KING, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 30. / 03 July 1881, R.M. Stephens, J.P.

REED, George C., age 27, Franklin County, Arkansas, md. Millie PITTS, age 18, Franklin County, Arkansas. / 18 July 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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LAYMAN, David H., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 32, md. Sallie K. BASKEN, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 23. / 18 July 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

ALBRIGHT, Henry L., age 43, Johnson County, Missouri, md. Clementine SMITH, age 24. / 21 July 1881, Michael Smyth, Assistant Priest, Church of Immaculate Conception, Fort Smith.

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HARP, James, age 21, md. Lacy HALL, age 16. / 17 July 1881, John W. Gillcoat, M.G.

MARTINDALE, Franklin P., age 28, md. Elizabeth GREENWAY, age 18. / 28 July 1881, N.B. McNabb, M.G.

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SMITH, John Clay, age 25, md. Effie MOORMAN, age 19. / 27 July 1881, Vincent V. Harlan, M.G.

BELTS, William, age 31, md. Alice CATTS, age 19. / 03 August 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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MUSTELL, John E., age 27, md. Rosa C. GROBER, age 20. / 02 August 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

NOEL, Patrick S., age 28, md. Mollie TUCKER, age 22. / 11 August 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Church of Immaculate Conception, Fort Smith.

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DOLAN, John D., age 23, md. Mary E. HOWELL, age 18. / 07 August 1881, J.S. Miller, M.G.

GROVER, Levy P., age 28, md. Mrs. Ella TRENT, age 32. / 21 August 1881, Sam Edmondson, J.P.

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CANTRELL, Benjamin, age 35, md. Annie McCURDY, age 34. / 07 July 1881, W.A. Sample, M.G.

BEUSEKORN, Peter J., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 38, md. Mrs. Haney WILKES, age 26. / 31 August 1881, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian Minister.

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SMITH, John R., age 26, md. Mollie SCRUGGS, age 25. / 10 July 1881, J.E. Martin, M.G.

ROUNDTREE, Joshua J., Fannin County, Texas, age 21, md. Mary J. ALLISON, Fannin County, Texas, age 17. / 22 September 1881, Samuel Edmondson, J.P.

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BIRD, John D., Scullyville County, Indian Territory, age 34, md. Martha J. COMPTON, Scullyville County, Indian Territory, age 35. / 18 September 1881, R.M. Stephens, J.P.

ARNELT, Charles W., Toboxie County, Choctaw Nation, age 26, md. Jennie C. JONES, Toboxie county, Choctaw Nation, age 26. / 03 October 1881, F.A. Jeffett, Minister, M.E. Church, South.

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BOLLINGER, Rudolph C., age 27, md. Miss Emma WEGMAN, age 22. / 21 September 1881, P.F. Germann, Pastor, Lutheran Church.

KRONE, J. Herman, age 24, md. Kate M. KEM, age 20. / 14 September 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Church of Immaculate Conception.

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HARDIN, Stiles L., age 26, md. Eliza J. PERKINS, age 26. / 06 October 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

FERGUSON, John, age 23, md. Mollie E. MOORE, age 18. / 18 September 1881, R.M. Stephens, J.P.

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ARGO, Charles V., age 39, md. Miss Caroline SMITH, age 18. / 09 October 1881, James Brizzolara, Mayor, Fort Smith Ex-officio J.P.

BUSTER (?), William F., age 33, md. Alice STORY, age 17. / 05 October 1881, J.W. Terry, M.G.

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SEHORN, Hugh D., age 18, md. Mary MALEDIN, age 19. / 03 October 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector.

LANGLEY, Newton, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, age 26, md. Edmonia COLEMAN, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, age 26. / 27 October 1881, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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RIGGINS, Montie V., Hardin County, Kentucky, age 23, md. Belle GRAY, Hardin County, Kentucky, age 17. / 28 October 1881, F.A. Jeffett, Pastor, M.E. Church S.

BERNARD, Samuel G., age 34, md. Mary Ann Philips, age 34. / 07 September 1881, Americus McKissack, M.G.

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WORRELL, John W., White County, Arkansas, age 26, md. Frances E. BERRY, age 20. / 13 September 1881, W.A. Sample, Pastor, Presbyterian Church.

MOUNTS, William J., age 49, md. Mrs. Susan TANNER, age 29. / 06 November 1881, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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CHESEN, Wm., J.W., age 24, md. Miss Louis O. REYNOLDS, age 16. / 06 November 1881, William Morris, M.G., Baptist Church.

ROGERS, Thomas, age 32, md. Alice NEVILLE, age 24. 10 November 1881, Lawrence Smythe, Missionary Rector, Immaculate Conception Church.

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BATES, George W., age 26, md. Ellen STEVENS, age 23. / 11 September 1881, James K. Howell, Clergyman.

BENNETT, George W., age 32, md. Mary GRAYHAM, age 32. / 12 November 1881, F.L. Kregel, M.G., Baptist Church.

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MOAD, John F., Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 21, md. Laura E. McDONALD, Scullyville County, Choctaw Nation, age 16. / 19 October 1881, Abey S. Smith, M.G.

HARRIS, James A., age 27, md. Caroline C. RICHIE, age 24. / 21 September 1881, James K. Howell, M.G.

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GRAVES, Fred E., age 23, md. Gabilia A. DUKE, age 17. / 20 October 1881, J.A. McAllister, Minister, Church of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPS, James M., Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, age 32, md. Mary E. TINN (LINN?), Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, age 19. / 25 November 1881, William Philips, M.G. Freewill Baptist.

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BOURLAND, James C., age 43, md. Fannie N. CHRIS-

TIAN, age 35. / 02 October 1881, James K. Howell, M.G., Freewill Baptist Church.

VILES (VALES?), Moses A., age 32, md. Mrs. Eliza BARTIN, age 35. / 23 October 1881, J.E. Ursey, L.M.

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WEAVER, James M., Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, age 34, md. Mrs. Jane LANE, age 32. / 29 November 1881, Michael Smyth, Pastor.

FRY, Peter, age 49, md. Mrs. Jennie PITCHLAND, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, age 35. / 28 November 1881, P.G. Satterfield, J.P.

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CLARK, John P., (no age given), md. Phoeby GARDNER, Cherokee Nation, (no age given). / 07 March 1874, J.A. Bushong, M.G. Filed for record 03 December 1883.

WILLIAMS, Daniel, age 45, Co. F., 57th U.S. Col'd Inf'ty, Reg. H., md. Mattie _____ (no surname given), Sebastian County, age 25. / 10 January 1866, Francis Springer, Chaplain U.S. Army Post of Fort Smith. Filed for record 21 September 1891.

HISTORICAL MARKER PLANNED

The South Sebastian County Historical Society, Inc., is soliciting funds large and small for the purpose of erecting a HISTORICAL MARKER on Highway 71 near Jenny Lind to commemorate the first Sebastian County Court session held at the home of Eaton Tatum in 1851. It was at this session that the site of the first

Sebastian County seat was chosen.

The names of all contributors will be placed in a capsule and buried underneath the marker. Estimated price of the marker is \$1,050.00.

Send your donations to the South Sebastian County Historical Society, Route 3, Box 42, Greenwood, AR 72936.

1884-1885 NEWSPAPERS

FORT SMITH 1885
FORT SMITH ELEVATOR
November 7, 1884 - June 26, 1885
Abstracted By
Dorothy Williams

Since beginning publication in 1977, *The Journal* has published 100-year-old news of Fort Smith, abstracted from *The New Era*, published by Republican editor Valentine Dell. Beginning with this issue, *The Fort Smith Elevator*, edited by John Carnall, who secured the gift of Federal lands for the benefit of Fort Smith schools, will replace *The New Era* as the source for this feature. Mr. Carnall was a staunch Democrat and the political viewpoint of *The Elevator* is a drastic change from that of *The New Era*.

Format of the two papers is similar — with some advertising, humor, scientific news, world news and poetry on one page; state, national and Indian Territory news, including many births, deaths and marriages, on page two; local news, lists of people having

mail at the post office, court proceedings and advertising, page three; more humor, short stories, advertising, etc., on page four.

The Elevator also carries the official city, U.S. Court and Circuit Court Directory, and the railroad time table; and runs weekly the writings of a correspondent who, in lengthy columns, writes news of the areas he visits surrounding Fort Smith, both in Arkansas and Indian Territory.

Both of these newspapers, *The New Era* and *The Fort Smith Elevator*, are on microfilm at the Fort Smith Public Library.

In world news, during late 1884 and early 1885, there was threat of an Anglo-Russian war, and a cholera epidemic in Italy. National news was dominated

by the election of Grover Cleveland as President of the United States. The United States' national debt in 1884 was \$1,841,714,203.57. President Arthur issued his proclamation naming Thursday, November 27, as Thanksgiving Day. And despite the fact that the Denver Exhibition lost money, plans continued for the New Orleans Exhibition which opened December 1. A large collection of Arkansas' natural and manufactured products were exhibited at this exhibition. Products from this Arkansas exhibit which won awards were cotton and apples.

Statewide, railroads and telephone lines continued to be built and a new railroad bridge was completed at Little Rock. New schools, courthouses, etc., were built all over the state and electric lights came to Pine Bluff. A zinc lode, 30 miles long and one-half to three miles wide, was discovered in Boone County. Steamboats continued to carry cargo on the Arkansas River, even though railroads were competing for business.

The big local news of the year was the sale of government reserve land, which was given to Fort Smith for the benefit of the public schools. People came from far and near to purchase this prime land, and railroads offered special fares to persons attending the sale.

FORT SMITH ELEVATOR

November 7, 1884

With this issue *The Elevator* enters upon its seventh year of continuous existence with flattering prospects of a long life of usefulness. During the past six years we truly believe that *The Elevator* has contributed to the development of Fort Smith and western Arkansas generally in assisting to place the great resources of the country before the world, thereby causing the tide of immigration to flow this way.

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Col. Campbell Leflore, of this city, is attorney for the Choctaw Nation in the matter of disputed citizenships.

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Chas. G. King and Lucy Viles, the little fourteen-year-old girl who left her home here so suddenly last Sunday week, were married at Eureka Springs a day or two after their arrival there.

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Work has just commenced on the new county and city jail under the supervision of Mr. James Brown, the architect who has had large experience in all manner of building.

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The steamer *Van Etten*, bound from Little Rock to Fort Smith, sunk in six feet of water Sunday morning near Meyer's landing, about 30 miles below this city.

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Mrs. Ellen Coyne, aged 85 years, died in this city Friday and was buried Sunday.

November 14, 1884

To get good Louisiana sugar for less than you have paid since the war, go to Hightower Bros.

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GRAND DEMOCRATIC DEMONSTRATION!

**Two Hundred and Nineteen Guns
for Cleveland and Hendricks!**

Fort Smith was ablaze with glory on Tuesday night last, and the largest, most enthusiastic and magnificent parade ever witnessed in the "Border City" took place, under the auspices of the Cleveland and Hendricks' Club, the occasion being a general Democratic jollification over the downfall of the Republican party and the elevation of the Democratic standard bearer, Grover Cleveland, to the Presidency of the United States.

Two hundred and nineteen guns were fired in honor of the occasion, that being the number of electoral votes Cleveland gets in the electoral college, and the booming of the guns mingled with the shouts and cheers of the immense throng was well calculated to fire the heart of every true Democrat within hearing.

(The detailed story of the parade, which was a half-mile in length, and the celebration, filled 1¼ columns.)

November 21, 1884

The work of guttering Garrison Avenue progresses slowly.

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(The Donkey) That Draws The BOSTON STORE Delivery Wagon

We announce to the public that our donkey's name is Mr. Balaam. He is your humble servant to bring your parcels home.

November 28, 1884

The county court on last Saturday.made an order incorporating the town of Greenwood.

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Col. R.M. Johnson, Judge J.F. Reed, Geo. T. Sparks, W.H.H. Clayton and C.M. Barnes went to Little Rock this week to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons.

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Mr. Paul Gonzel and Miss Theresa Kuper, daughter of Mr. H. Kuper, were married on Tuesday morning last at the Catholic Church by Rev. L. Smythe.

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Rev. J.W. Boswell has again been stationed here by the Methodist Conference and Rev. M.E. Butte is still the presiding elder of this district.

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THE FORT SMITH TIMES

Mr. R.A. Cruce, late of Warrenburg, Mo., has purchased the old *Herald* material, and on the 1st of December will begin publication of *The Daily Fort Smith Times*.

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Younger boys (Cole, Jim, Bob) prison life — Telegram from their aunt Mrs. Dr. Leo Twyman.

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DEATHS

Mr. John N. Furgerson, 77 years of age, died at home Monday last.

Thomas Gunter, aged 66, died on Tuesday last, of heart disease. He leaves a wife and four children.

Mr. Anderson Brooks of Bloomer died on Thursday, November 28, of malarial fever. He leaves a wife and two children.

December 5, 1884

The circulation of *The Fort Smith Elevator* is 2,450 copies per week.

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THE NEW PAPER

Messrs. Cruce and Naylor sent out the first number of their paper, *The Daily Times*, on Monday evening last. It is a neat seven column paper and well gotten up. Its politics are strictly Democratic.

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Buckner College at Salem City (Witcherville) opened its second term on Monday last.

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DEATHS

Mr. E.B. Davis, aged 51, wife of J.D. Davis, died at home near Burnsville on the 12th ult. She leaves a husband and eight children.

Mrs. James Tancred died at her residence on Mazarard Prairie on Saturday last. Deceased was a sister of P.T. and E.H. Devany, and mother of Mrs. Geo. Harper.

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RAILROAD EXCURSIONS

A grand excursion over the Little Rock & Fort Smith and Memphis & Charleston road to all points east and southeast of Memphis will be given on the 22 inst. Tickets will be low — not yet stated.

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THE COTTON TRADE

Fort Smith, year by year, is becoming more popular as a cotton market, and this year will handle more of the staple by 15,000 bales than ever before. The reason of this, we think, is attributable to the advent of

cash buyers. A few years ago all the cotton brought in was bought by home merchants. P.R. Davis, we believe, was the first man to induce a cash buyer from abroad to locate here and since that time the number has increased every year until our city has become the boss market of the west, and many bring cotton here a distance of seventy-five miles or more.

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Deeds made by and through J. Carnall & Co., real estate agents:

To Mrs. Hemman

80 acres, 5 miles out, consideration — \$800

To J.Y. Goines

44 acres, 20 miles out, consideration — \$175

To Paul Buck

80 acres, 30 miles out, consideration — \$144

To J.H. Hamilton

40 acres, 30 miles out, consideration — \$200

To G.M. Hopkins

5 acres, 9 miles out, consideration — \$25

To A.F. Coleman

40 acres, 8 miles out, consideration — \$120

To Ira L. Morris

80 acres, 25 miles out, consideration — \$150

To Alexander Wilson

lot 9, in Block A., Sulphur Springs town, consideration — \$69

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COTTON

Market quiet; good middling 9½; middling 9%; low 9¼.

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Talking dolls, and all kinds of dolls, from 5 cts up to \$2.50 at B. Glick's.

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IT PAYS TO TRADE WITH THE BOSTON STORE!!!

See how the Boston Store cuts prices.

Full Standard - Windsor Prints, 3½¢, worth 6½¢.

200 pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods at 5¢, worth 10¢.

As for our JEANS at 11¢, worth 20 cts.

Full 11-4 7 lbs. Gray Blankets at \$1.85, worth \$3.75.

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The steamer *Jennie May* arrived from up the river on Tuesday with 150 bales of cotton and 900 sacks of cotton seed, from Webber's Falls. She left again yesterday.

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The Masonic Fraternity of this city on Tuesday evening tendered to Hon. W.H.H. Clayton a grand banquet in honor of his election to the position of Grand Master of the State.

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P.R. Davis has on hand a big stock of Cleveland whiskey and is talking of sending the President a jug of it with his compliments, and will sell it by the quart or gallon to anybody who wants a good article cheap.

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The selection of J.J. Little as chief, Geo. Sengel assistant chief, Ed Haglin secretary and John S. Park as treasurer of the Fort Smith Fire Department, was approved by the city council at its last meeting.

December 12, 1884

To the Civilized Tribes

Read our draft of a bill. It will rid your country of the hundreds of tramps and men of bad character who now infest it under permits, and settle it up with good farmers who are able to buy your lands. It don't give any white man a chance to homestead your lands. It will rid your whole country of U.S. Marshals hunting you up for having a bottle of whiskey, etc., and will give you a chance of governing yourselves. All your tribes have a common interest and must unite in a common government.

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DIED

... Dolly Gatlin Wheeler, daughter of Will Wheeler and Emma C. Wheeler. . . . She was three years of age. . . .

Germa, aged eight years, oldest son of G.W. and Janes Estes, of Hackett City, died on the 29th of last month.

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MEETING TO NOMINATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Democratic meeting to select two persons to run for directors at the election on the 20th inst. was well attended.

E.C. Johnson, editor of *The Daily Tribune*, was chosen as chairman. Mr. Boon explained the object of the meeting and moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to select two persons to be voted for by the meeting for the directors. Pending said motion, Col. Fishback read a motion that city officers and school directors ought not to be selected by party, the committee of three selected Dr. E.R. DuVal and Wm. J. Echols, and they were approved by the meeting, and after speeches by Col. DuVal, Markham, Fishback, and Cravens, the nomination was made unanimous. Some objections were made to calling the meeting as a Democratic meeting. What may have led to this was the circulation of a petition carried around by a Republican, recommending a Republican whom the citizens had not chosen to elect at a former election and the great interest seemingly manifested by a chosen few, as if determined so far as they could to set down on the will of the people. There is a large amount of school money likely to be handled and the majority party, well knowing they will be held strictly accountable for it, deemed it best to sit down on that particular arrangement, made by a few for them to swallow. . .

We are for our part, perfectly willing to let all have a say so, and if they don't accept call a citizen's meeting and settle the matter and we will say here that any

objections to the old board or any of them, were not because they were incompetent or not honest or not gentlemen in every sense, but because the management of the funds was a sealed book, as it were; no public receipts of monies or how paid out were published and if there is not a half-yearly or yearly settlement published, showing all loans and receipts and expenditures hereafter, the citizens don't intend to be satisfied — we don't at least.

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FOR THE NEW ORLEANS EXPOSITION

A very large and handsome vase, resembling a large monument, and a very handsome ornament for a church spire has been manufactured at the galvanized iron works of August Richard in this city which are to be sent to the New Orleans Exposition. The work was done by M.L. Caul, and so well has he done it that it is almost impossible to detect the joints in the articles, which is ample evidence of the high finish of them.

December 19, 1884

WANTED

Twenty-five young persons of earnest purpose and good moral character, who desire to be educated at the University of Fayetteville. The undersigned is desirous of filling these vacancies — 13 beneficiaries and 12 normal students, by the first of January next, or as soon thereafter as possible.

B.J.H. Gaines

County Judge, Sev. Co., Ark.

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The Young Men's Dancing Club met on Monday night last, and adopted a constitution and by-laws. Mr. Lawson Thrash was elected president and Mr. Chas. Kaigler vice-president. Their first ball will be January 8th, 1885.

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U.S. Court Proceedings

At the close of our last report the jury in the case of Robinson Kemp and Edmond Jefferson charged with the murder of Rich in 1880, were out, but were discharged on Friday, having failed to find a verdict. The case is set for trial again on the 20th of February, 1885.

Court Notes

A careful estimate of the expenses of the court, made by a well-posted attache of the institution, places them at \$500 per day.

... Jim Wasson, who was brought here from Texas quite sick a couple of weeks ago, is now all right, and is better pleased with his quarters in the U.S. jail than he was with the Texas prison.

On Friday last, Deputy Marshal Jernegan lodged in jail Sam Phillips, charged with violating internal revenue law.

There are now 99 prisoners in jail.

December 26, 1884
OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

Post Office

Jas. K. Barnes, Postmaster; Julius Dioserr, Frank Handlin, Mrs. J.K. Barnes and H. Buschamp, Assistants.

City Officers

Mayor, J. Henry Carnall; Recorder, Chas. J. Eberle; Treasurer, Henry Reutzel; Chief of Police, Chas. Sengel; Board of Aldermen, P.R. Davis, Ed McKenna, Ed Hunt, Stephen Hight, D. Baker and Jas. H. Reed.

U.S. Court

Isaac C. Parker, Judge; W.H.H. Clayton, District Attorney; Geo. A. Grace, Assistant; Stephen Wheeler, Clerk; S.A. Williams, Assistant; Thos. Boles, Marshal; C.M. Barnes, Chief Deputy.

Circuit Court

Twelfth Judicial District, R.B. Rutherford, Judge; C.A. Lewers, Att'y., Sebastian, Crawford, Logan and Scott counties.

Court in Sebastian County, Fort Smith District — Thirteenth Mondays after the last Mondays in February and August of each year. J.C. Stalcup, Clerk; J.F. Williams, Sheriff.

Greenwood District — Tenth Mondays after the last Mondays in February and August in each year; J.C. Stalcup, Clerk; McDonald, D.S.

Crawford County, at Van Buren — the Sixth Mondays after the last Mondays in February and August of each year.

Logan County, at Paris — Second Mondays after the last Mondays in February and August in each year.

Scott County, at Waldron — Last Monday in February and August of each year. J.C. Gilcreath, Clerk; C.M. Vise, Sheriff.

TO THE CHARITABLE PEOPLE OF FORT SMITH

The severe weather has come; we have a number of poor people who are destitute and in want, and the appropriation made by our court is almost exhausted. Much suffering can be prevented if you will give your discarded clothing of every size; also blankets, quilts, comfortables, etc., to distribute to these destitute and suffering ones. Notify me by postal card and I will send and get what you can spare, or send it to the store of Reeves & Fleming and I will be your alimoner.

Frank Parke,
Committee

A marriage license was issued to Capt. Jas. Puette, conductor of the 'Frisco, and Miss Ruth E. Elliot, on Monday last and they were married the same evening

at the residence of the bride by Rev. W.A. Sample.

According to the licenses issued at Greenwood, the following parties have taken on themselves the responsibilities of married life recently: Wm. Didder to Lizze Fair, of Sugar Loaf; Jas. M. Mote to Lena Smith, of Salem; E.E. White to Mary Spings of Salem; Al. L. Lindley to Fannie Richie, D.E. Davis to L.M. Williams, all of Sebastian County.

Col. E.C. Johnson, of *The Tribune*, and Miss Alice Moore were married at the Howard St. M.E. Church in this city on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at 10:30 a.m. . . .

SCHOOL ELECTION

On Saturday last the election for two school directors in this city resulted as follows:

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| Dr. E.R. DuVal | 557 |
| W.J. Echols | 533 |
| Stephen Wheeler | 307 |
| B.F. Atkinson | 227 |

DuVal and Echols were the Democratic nominees, as the vote they received clearly indicates.

There was a vast amount of interest manifested, and the vote polled was three or four times as large as any previous election for school directors. The Democrats did not split up as was anticipated, but the Republicans appear to have done considerable scratching on their side.

HEAVY SALES OF REAL ESTATE

Six lots and the residence of Mrs. M.A. Johnson, situated on Knox Street, between Mulberry and Sycamore, were sold at public auction on Friday last. Mr. S.P. Day became the purchaser of four lots and the residence, paying \$4,375 for them, while Mr. Isaac Cohn bid in the two remaining lots for \$1,625.

On Monday, the following property of the late John Gardner was sold at auction:

The homestead and four lots, 7, 8, 9 and 10, corners Lafayette and Mulberry Streets, were purchased by Thos. J. Barnes for \$7,417.

Lot three, block 29, 30 feet front and 140 feet deep on Lafayette, between Merchants bank and Gardner's stable, was purchased by Mr. Miller, of the Miller block, for \$1,250.

Lot six in block 29, where Birnie's furniture shop stands, was purchased by Sam McCloud for \$1,667.

Lot ten in block 4 was purchased by J.W. Sharp for \$325.

Lot ten in block 8, on Washington Street, near Czar-nikow's by Mike Wallace for \$577.

HENRY A. VENNEY DEAD

This young man who has been an invalid for over four years, quietly passed away on Tuesday night about 9 o'clock. He was 37 years old. Henry was formerly a popular young society man of this city,

possessed of numerous friends and admirers, but an attack of brain fever over four years ago left him an invalid, and he has since been tenderly cared for by his sister, Mrs. A. Handlin, and her husband, who have used every means that money could procure in their endeavors to restore him to health.

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A. L. OF H.

The following officers of Amity Council No. 555, A.L. of H., were elected Tuesday night to hold their offices one year: R.M. Frye, Commander; Dr. Stevenson, Vice Commander; S.J. Scott, Orator; Dr. Leo E. Bennett, Secretary; J.W. Morton, Collector; P.R. Davis, Treasurer; M.S. Buckley, Chaplin; Gideon Morgan, Guide; Sam Spencer, Warden; David Jacobs, Secretary; and E.R. DuVal, J.H. Carnall, and R.T. Kerr, Trustees.

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OUR WATER WORKS

Now Completed and Pronounced Satisfactory

On Monday last, the Mayor and members of the city council, together with the representatives from the *Tribune*, *Times*, and *Elevator*, visited the water works in a body, accompanied by the contractors, Messrs. Hill & Thomas. They first visited the reservoir, which is located on a high elevation about one and one-half miles from the central part of the city, and is 105 feet above the city, thus giving positive fire protection, as from altitude pressure alone, a dozen fire streams can be thrown simultaneously to a height of 80 feet, and the capacity of the reservoir is so great the same can be continued for a week without the aid of pumping engines. The reservoir now contains about eight feet of water, or two-and-a-half million gallons, which, however, is only a little over half its capacity. It is about 280 feet square and 14 feet deep, and the water in it has a clean, pure appearance.

In the afternoon a test was made and water was thrown a height of seventy feet, the pressure being 47 pounds, and was direct from the reservoir. The pumps were then put in motion, and a pressure of 147 pounds was attained, but the main burst near this office and put a stop to the proceedings. The break was repaired on Tuesday.

This is a great blessing to our rapidly growing city, which our people are not well enough acquainted with at this time to properly appreciate. It not only gives thorough protection against fire, but furnishes good, healthy, pure water to the people.

The company now have about 140 consumers in the city, and expect to increase the number to at least 500 by next summer.

January 2, 1885

Mr. Adolph Schultz and Miss Emma Meier, daughter of Fred Meier, of this city, were married on Monday evening last.

Some men advertise cheap whiskey for sale, but after the first of January, 1885, Vogel & Nevill don't intend to charge anything for it. We sell for cash is the reason we sell so low.

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New Year's callers were numerous yesterday, and the following ladies kept open houses, so far as we have been able to learn, assisted by numerous lady friends: Mrs. John S. Park, Mrs. Judge Parker, Mrs. John Vaughn, Miss Nina Johnston, Mrs. W.W. Cravens, Mrs. J.H. Clendenning, and Miss Mamie Baker.

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In attempting to cross the river Monday the steam ferry boat was caught in the ice and taken down the river about four miles before she succeeded in making a landing on this side, from which she started. The mail and teams that were on board were landed and brought back to the city, but the wagons had to be left on the boat until it was brought up to the wharf Tuesday evening.

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The Merchants bank has been removed to its new quarters in the Eberle building.

January 9, 1885

The streets of the city are in worse condition than we have ever known them. The Mayor and Council have no right to pave the streets unless the owners of the property thereon or a majority of them ask it. It is possible now that if a petition to pave Garrison Avenue from Green (No. 4th) to Franklin (No. 8th) were carried around a majority of low owners could be got to sign it. Who will do it? It must be recollected that the present Mayor and Council have had more improvements made in city matters than were thought of by former councils.

Crossings of the streets ought to be attended to for the convenience of footmen, and it will be done to some extent as soon as any hauling can be done. But while a large part of the needed improvements have to be sanctioned by the property owners, or cannot be done under city charters in Arkansas, the city itself not being allowed to create a debt, cannot do everything without means. The grumblers will find, if they take the trouble to investigate, that there is not a paved street in Little Rock, and her streets are in much worse condition than ours. We don't like to wade in the mud, but just now we cannot see how the city can help it much except in making some cause-ways across the streets where they enter the Avenue.

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GROCERIES!

Look at some of our prices.

18 pounds best Louisiana Sugar, \$1.00
10 pounds of Coffee for \$1.00

XXX Washington County Flour, \$1.50 per 100 pounds
 Best Washington County Flour, \$1.75 per 100 pounds
 We are selling Bacon at 7¢ per pound
 A good Naby Tobacco at 30¢ per pound
 Dwight's Soda, 20 pounds for \$1.00

All other groceries we will sell in proportion. Be sure and come to see us when in town.

THE JULIUS BAER STORE
 Opposite Bocquin & Reutzel.
 Branch of the mammoth Boston Store.

MERCHANTS BANK

We have before us the New Year's greeting of the Merchants Bank of this city, dated Dec. 31, 1884, which contains the following statement, certified to by John S. Park, cashier:

Resources

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| Loans and discounts | \$156,118.26 |
| Due from banks | 31,365.47 |
| Current expenses | 659.28 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1,118.94 |
| Cash | 41,266.54 |
| | <u>\$230,528.49</u> |

Liabilities

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital stock | \$ 55,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 20,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 4,643.57 |
| Due to banks | 191.15 |
| Individual deposits | 150,693.77 |
| (subject to check on si(n)ght) | <u>\$230,528.49</u> |

This is its second annual report, and in calling attention to it, the directors say:

"During the two years of its existence we have seen not only prosperity and success within our doors, but also a vigorous growth of the material interest and population of our section. We are proud of the share in the work that has been ours, and that we have been able to give substantial aid to the well directed efforts of others."

The following gentlemen compose the board of directors: W.J. Echols, President; George Sengel, Wm. M. Cravens, Henry Reutzel, John S. Park.

Hons. Wm. M. Fishback, J.S. Little and R.H. McConnell leave for Little Rock tomorrow to be on hand Monday when the legislature convenes.

It only costs 20 cents to have five minutes conversation with Van Buren over the new telephone line.

Electric lights will soon be introduced in our city, an agent of a company having been here several days during the past week obtaining subscribers for the same.

Mr. John Fisher, an old resident of this place, died at his home on the river opposite Van Buren Tuesday and was buried the following day. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. John B. Maledon and Mr. Ernest Beck.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Fair Association held on Saturday last the following board of directors was elected: L.C. Parker, Wm. M. Fishback, George Sengel, S.A. Williams, R.T. Kerr, J. Stone, John Vaughan, James Brizzolara, Thomas Marcum, Jas. C. Wilkinson, Henry Reutzel, B. Baer, John Degen, C.W. Bishop, J.H.T. Main, Thos. H. Barnes, Sam McLoud, Henry Minehart.

Fort Smith and Greenwood will soon be connected by telephone. The work on the line is progressing rapidly.

By a change of time on the Little Rock and Fort Smith road, trains now leave here at 6 a.m. and arrive at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. W.C. Woodson is happy over the advent of a little daughter into his household, and Mr. P.A. Bolton is also happy over a similar event at his home.

January 16, 1885

Mr. A.D. Coleman, an old resident of this county, died at his home near Mazzard, on Thursday of last week, Jan. 8th, and was buried the following day. He was 80 years of age, and the father of Abe Coleman.

MEDICAL MEETING

Fee Bill Adopted by the M.D.s of Fort Smith

The Sebastian County Medical Society met Monday evening at the office of Dr. W.W. Bailey, and some very interesting proceedings were had. There were present, Drs. Bailey, Bennett, Eberle, Booth, Saunders, Dunlap, DuVal, King and Smith, members; Dr. S.P. Hubbard of this city and Dr. T.D. Washburn of Illinois as visitors.

An interesting paper on "Diphtheritic Conjunctivitis" was read by Dr. Smith, and Dr. Bailey read a very important paper on the restriction and sale of poisonous drugs, both of which caused much debate.

About 11 o'clock the Society adjourned to Guler & Brunoldi's where they enjoyed a sumptuous banquet, after which they re-assembled and elected the following officers:

President, Dr. L.L. Saunders; Vice-Presidents, Drs. J.T. Booth and J.G. Eberle; Treasurer, Dr. E.R. DuVal; Secretary, Dr. Leo Bennett.

The following fee bill was adopted:

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| For ordinary visits in city | \$ 2 |
| For ordinary visits in city after 10 p.m. | 4 |

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| First consultation fee in city | 10 |
| Subsequent visits as consultant | 2 |
| Mileage by day | 1 |
| Mileage by night | 2 |
| Visits to small pox patients | 3 to 5 |
| Certificate as family physician | 1 to 5 |
| For attendance upon natural delivery in city | 15 to 30 |
| Cases requiring constant attention for more than 6 hours | 30 to 50 |
| Operations as turning applications of forceps, craniotomy, etc. | 50 to 100 |
| Operation for fistula | 10 to 20 |
| Operation for hemorrhoids | 5 to 50 |
| Amputation for arm or leg | 25 to 150 |
| Operation for club feet | 25 to 50 |

We think these charges are high — too high for anyone to afford to be sick.

January 23, 1885

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Sam Bollinger, one of our oldest citizens, which occurred Wednesday night.

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ORGANIZATION OF A LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY

A number of ladies assembled on Tuesday morning at the residence of Mrs. Dillard, and organized a society for the relief of the poor, with the following officers: President, Mrs. W.M. Cravens; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Stone; Secretary, Mrs. W.H. Cole; Treasurer, Mrs. C.M. Barnes. Relief committees were appointed in each ward, and Cole's Drug Store was selected as the place to leave donations in the way of provisions for the poor, while clothing, etc., can be left at Mrs. Jos. W. Bosserts' in the Wheeler building.

The society meets at the same place today at 2 p.m.

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Mal. Hendry, son of J.R.A. Hendry, took an overdose of laudanum on Wednesday night, but his life was saved by prompt medical attention.

January 30, 1885

Services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, February 1st, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Monthly children's meeting at 3:30 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Mr. J.T. Earnest and Miss Lou Echols, of Mill Town, this county, were married on Sunday last at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R.H. Echols; Esquire Charles Landon officiating.

February 6, 1885

COME HOME TO DIE

Joe H. Willard died unattended at the City Hotel in this city. On Saturday night, January 24th, Joseph H.

Willard, well known to this community and all over the Indian Territory.

Death of Mrs. Mag A. Nowland

We are pained to hear of the death of this lady at her residence in this city on Wednesday last. She was the daughter of Mr. Joseph Bennett, and married Capt. Wm. B. Nowland.

February 13 1885

MARRIED

Mr. Henry MacGreevy of this city was married yesterday evening to Miss Rebecca Snyder of Sulphur township. No cards.

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DEATHS

Johnnie, infant daughter of Mrs. John Sengel, died on Tuesday evening last, and was buried the following day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, wife of Z.M. Holland, died at her home in this county on Sunday last.

Little Lizzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Mitchell, aged about two years, died on Saturday night last after an illness of some days, and was buried on Sunday.

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The Greenwood Times reports hogs dying at a fearful rate in the country from cholera.

February 20, 1885

SANITARY MATTERS

We don't think it necessary to pitch very deeply into sanitary matters, nor sewers for the city, nor the condemning of too many wells as yet. If the city authorities have all offal and excrement deposited on the surface of the ground in boxes and caused to be removed monthly, that will as yet, if not for all time, destroy the noxious vapors that may arise to injure health.

If she will suffer no cesspools to be made in the moist earth, and strictly under heaviest penalties suffer no deep ones to be made to reach to the underlying sand in which all or most of our wells terminate, there will be for years no need of abandoning or condemning wells of good water because there will be nothing to contaminate them.

The idea of going to immense expense now to sewer a city scattered over so much ground would bankrupt it, but good attention to privies and removing the deposits once a month will very materially assist sanitation. Several things are urged for the purpose of jobs perhaps, but our city fathers have their eyes open.

February 27, 1885

DON'T WANT THEIR SALARIES CUT DOWN

Sheriff John F. Williams returned on Monday night from Little Rock where he spent several days, using

his influence to defeat the bill cutting down the salaries of the county officials. He says officers were there from all parts of the State, and the discussion of the matter created considerable stir at the Capitol. The bill provided that all officials should be paid a salary; the amount of which is to be regulated by the population of the county wherein he holds office. Mr. W. thinks the bill will not pass.

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Mr. Joe Williams is happy over the advent of a fine girl at his house, which made an appearance Monday night.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

At a preliminary meeting held Wednesday at the office of T.W.M. Boone, it was decided to hold primaries in each ward on the 7th of March.

FOR MAYOR

... J. Henry Carnall

FOR CITY MARSHAL

... Mr. Pat Keating, Charlie Sengel, Mr. Chas. Geiger
CITY RECORDER

... Mr. Charles H. Eberle, John T. Hurly

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On Thursday evening of last week Mr. W.E. Armorer was married in this city to Miss J. McClarver, late of Tennessee. Matthew Gray, J.P., officiating.

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The Main Hotel was opened on Saturday last and has a very good run of trade since. We hope the proprietors will meet with success. They have one of the finest buildings in the South, containing all the modern hotel conveniences, with nearly one hundred rooms.

March 6, 1885

Death of Miss Martha C. Turner — This lady died at the residence of Mr. W.W. Wheeler, after a short illness, on Friday last. She was a sister of Mrs. John Carnall.

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Fannie Lee, aged 10 years, four months and ten days, daughter of Mr. J. and Mrs. Mary Dellinger, died on Friday night last and was buried on Sunday.

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Mr. S.F. Lawrence has an addition to his family in the shape of a boy, of which he is justly proud.

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Joe Coane boasts of a bouncing baby at his house. It's a girl and put in its appearance last Friday.

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A plank walk is being laid on Hickory (North D) Street from the corner of Lafayette (No. 7th) to Adams Street. It is being done by the Lutheran congregation assisted by the city.

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PROSPECTS OF 1885

While mechanics in our city are at present comparatively idle, the prospects for an abundance of work during the summer are very good. Contracts are already out for the erection of seven two-story business houses on the avenue, and numerous dwellings and other improvements are contemplated. The building of the bridge at Van Buren will not only furnish employment to many, but will also be the means of many improvements being made in this city which would otherwise not be thought of. The influx of new people here will be so great that tenement houses will be in demand and people will build them when renters are plentiful.

The gas and water works recently established here are to be followed by the electric light works, and other improvements will soon follow that.

The sale of the abandoned military reservation by the city will be extensively advertised abroad, and many capitalists will be drawn here, who will come with a view of investing their wealth in real estate, and many of them will probably not only purchase lots but will build on and improve them. All this will give employment to the laboring class and set much foreign capital afloat here.

This must soon be followed by the advent of manufacturing, the natural resources of the surrounding country being a standing invitation to such enterprises which must come sooner or later.

There is also a probability of an extension of the 'Frisco road, at least to the extensive coal fields south of here, and thus another source of great wealth, which will be brought into market, which will also give employment to many laborers.

These, we say, are a few of Fort Smith's prospects for 1885, which we lay before our readers, not with the assertion that all of them will transpire, but that there is a probability of reality in every case sufficiently strong to justify us in encouraging our readers by saying what we have concerning the outlook for the coming spring and summer in and around our prosperous little city.

March 13, 1885

TOWN TALK

Democrats Remember

The convention comes off at the opera house tomorrow night, and every Democrat in the city is earnestly requested to be there, and are expected to be there. The nominations are equivalent to an election, and if you want anything to say in the matter be on hand.

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The new county and city jail is to be supplied with water from the water works.

March 20, 1885

DIED

Miss Lucy Kenney, aged 23 years, daughter of Mr. Thomas Kenney, died. . . . Saturday last. . . . in this city.

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THE MAIL SERVICE

There has been much complaint of late about the inefficiency of the mail service between this place and Waldron and also on other lines. *The Waldron Reporter* says:

"The P.M. has a letter from P.M. Barnes at Fort Smith, in which he says that the delay of the newspaper mail last week was because the carrier on the Fort Smith end of the route refused to take the mail out of the office, claiming that the roads were so bad that he could not carry it all. Mr. Barnes desires the people here to understand that his office is not in fault."

We think if a man contracts to carry the mail he should be compelled to carry it or forfeit the contract, regardless of the condition of the roads. This matter should receive prompt attention.

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Mr. J.H. Mitchell and his son-in-law, R.E. Vicks, both with their families, arrived here on Friday last and will locate permanently. They are from Colliersville, Tennessee.

March 27, 1885

JUDGES AND CLERKS OF ELECTION

At a special meeting of the city council held Monday afternoon the following judges and clerks of election were appointed for April 7th.

First Ward — Judges: T.F. Moore, Jno. R.A. Hendry and W.H. Jacobs. Clerks: C.W. McManus and Wm. Dell.

Second Ward — Judges: J.K. McKenzie, F.W. Boas and W.W. Perry. Clerks: William Birnie and Frank Trimble.

Third Ward — Judges: R.T. Kerr, S.K. Robinson and J.R. Stephens. Clerks: Wm. Rutherford and Walter Ayers.

Fourth Ward — Judges: John Dodson, G.W. Harper and Farrel Dailey. Clerks: Pat Reiley and M.T. Duke.

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Mr. H.B. Manes died at his home in this city Monday last of consumption. He formerly resided at Alma.

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THE WATER WORKS

Considerable inquiry is made, and the people of the city are much concerned in regard to the delay in putting on steam by the company so that the water could be thrown higher and fire be put out quicker.

This must not be the case again, and the city officials must certainly guard against it.

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Rev. R.S. James, D.D., has been elected president of Buckner College, situated at Witcherville, Sebastian County, this state. . . .

April 3, 1885

THE NEW JAIL

This long needed structure has at last been completed, and on Tuesday last was turned over to authorities by the contractors. It is without doubt the best jail in the State by long odds, not only in general appearance but in security and comfort for those who are so unfortunate as to have to be locked up in it. It is thoroughly ventilated and provided with sewer pipes, water works, etc. Plenty of light and air and comfortable beds. That portion occupied by the county has four iron cages on the inside, each of which are large enough to accommodate six men, and there is no possible chance to escape from them. The city department is equally as secure.

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DEATHS

Mr. W.W. Brown, an old respected citizen, died at the home of his son-in-law, Thos. Chambliss on the 29th of March.

The wife of Harmon Degen died a few days ago. Mr. D. informs us that he has had ten cases of measles in his family.

The man who damages telephone poles or wires now, lays himself liable to a fine of \$200 and one year's imprisonment, the recent legislature having passed a law to that effect.

April 10, 1885

SCHOOLS

Miss Maggie Dodson, who is a graduate of the Louisville Training School, and who has had marked success in primary teaching, will open a school for little children, Monday, 20th inst., on Monroe St., 2nd door from Mulberry. Best of testimonials from former employees and patrons.

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CITY ELECTION

A Majority of one Elects Suratt Marshal

Two Republican Aldermen Elected

The city election last Tuesday was one of the most remarkable contests ever recorded in the history of Fort Smith, and although the result was not a complete Democratic victory, we think the party did remarkably well under the existing circumstances, and will profit by the experience gained in the future. The principal contest was for the city marshalship, and on this question the Democratic ranks were split to an alarming extent, as the vote plainly shows. . . . The total vote for city marshal was 1121, of which Suratt had 561 and Kemp 560, thus leaving Suratt but one majority over

his opponent, which must be recorded as the closest contest in the history of our city for any office, and also indicates that upwards of 175 Democrats went back on the nominee. . . . The new administration is as follows: Mayor, J. Henry Carnall; Recorder, Chas. H. Eberle; Treasurer, Henry Reutzel; City Marshal, Henry Suratt; Aldermen, 1st Ward, W.L. Reeves, Frank Freer; 2nd Ward, W.J. Johnson, C.M. Barnes; 3rd Ward, J. Kuper, Sr., Sam A. Williams; 4th Ward, Daniel Baker, William Breen. . . .

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NOTICE TO PACKERS AND SHIPPERS OF FRUIT

We have added facilities to our planing mill for the manufacture of packing boxes, shipping boxes, crates, etc. . . .

J.G. Miller & Co.

April 17, 1885

DIED

Mrs. L. Hager, wife of Mr. Geo. Hager and daughter of Col. Jas. M. Collins, died at her home near this city on Sunday night of consumption, aged 34 years. . . .

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April 28 is Arkansas Day at the New Orleans Exposition, and the railroads will make cheap rates for the occasion.

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As a result of last year's cholera epidemic an enormous emigration is expected this season from Italy to America.

April 24, 1885

A constant rain of 24 hours duration which began Tuesday night, has caused a rise of over twenty feet in the Arkansas River, which is now about ready to slop over its banks. This will be a great backset to the many farmers who have as yet been unable to plant cotton on account of previous rains.

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1200 CITY LOTS FOR SALE!

At Public Auction:

Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Ark.

Sale to Commence

May 20, 1885

Sold in Single Lots to Highest Bidder For Cash!

For many years the United States has held a Military Reservation of 300 acres immediately adjoining the main business portion of the city of Fort Smith, Ark. This barrier to the proper growth of the city is now removed. In 1884, this reservation was generously donated by Congress to the city to be sold for the benefit of the free public schools of the city. It is now divided into blocks and lots, size of lots 50x140, 12 lots in each block. Ground reserved for Federal, County

and City buildings and a public park.

The location and natural character of this tract render it suitable for residences, and the method of its division and its contiguous situation with the built up portion of the city and with various highways from the surrounding country, make it highly desirable for business purposes. It is bounded on its north and east sides by the city of Fort Smith; upon its south and west borders respectively the Poteau and Arkansas Rivers run, thus offering most excellent manufacturing advantages.

Sebastian County is rich in inexhaustible coal fields, fertile lands, forests of pine, oak, ash, walnut, and other valuable woods; a mild and salubrious climate, good water, good schools and thrifty, hospitable people. There are two county seats — Greenwood and Fort Smith. County scrip for the Fort Smith district is worth 100 cents on the dollar — but little or none now in circulation. The county will be out of debt in two years.

Fort Smith has a population of 10,000 — doubled in the last three years. She has gas, water works, telephone exchange, street cars, immense oil mill and cotton compress, furniture, wagon, lumber, sash doors, blinds, ice and other factories, and room for more. Two railroads — Little Rock & Fort Smith and the 'Frisco — and several others projected. Three public schools (an additional building will be erected this summer), several private schools, and churches of all leading denominations.

The financial condition of Fort Smith is second to no city. She is free from debt and her taxation is low. Her merchants and cotton buyers handle forty thousand bales of cotton annually.

She has a rapid, steady, substantial growth, and a bright future. Men desiring a new location, commercial men, manufacturers, and all who seek a rare opportunity to invest in real estate, are invited to attend the grand auction sale of 1200 city lots in Fort Smith, Ark., commencing May 20, 1885. For further information address:

J. Henry Carnall, Mayor
Fort Smith, Arkansas

May 1, 1885

NOTES ON CITY AFFAIRS

Wiley Hall was elected street commissioner at the last meeting of the city council.

Under the new rules adopted by the council, five aldermen constitute a quorum.

The contract for feeding city prisoners has been awarded to C.W. Williams at 30 cents per day for two meals, or 40 cents for three.

The saloon keepers have petitioned the council to reduce their license during the dull season. Don't think the petition should be granted.

Lots 7, 8, and 9 in block 70, corner Jackson (No. 11th) Street and Ash (North E) Street near residence of

Dr. E.R. DuVall, have been declared a nuisance and referred to the sanitary committee. The lots are considerably below the grade of the street and are constantly filled with stagnant water.

The city printing for the ensuing year has been secured by *The Tribune*, ordinances and council proceedings to be published free, and all other advertisements to be inserted at 25 cents per square for first insertion and 15 cents for each subsequent insertion. Cheap enough.

The sanitary proclamation of Mayor Carnall requires a general cleaning up and Mr. Dellinger, the sanitary policeman, has been engaged during the past week investigating the back alleys in the various parts of town. Let everybody endeavor to comply with the requirements of the proclamation and thereby keep disease at a distance.

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Mr. Tim Carrier and Mrs. Jennie Platter were married on Monday evening last in this city by Rev. Mr. Boswell.

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DIED

In this city, on Saturday evening last, of measles, Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. McAvoy, aged 4 years and four months.

May 8, 1885

CITY SCHOOL BUILDING

We can hardly realize that the site of the building to be erected for free schools should be on the reservation grounds over 500 yards from any resident or family, but we suppose the board is the best judge of this. It may soon be built up.

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Capt. J. Frank Eberle and J.T. Ginnocchio are now running *The Daily Tribune*, and propose making it a first-class paper in every particular. They are taking considerable telegraph news and paying strict attention to local events. Success to you boys.

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Mr. Antonio Marre and Miss Mary Braun were married on Thursday of last week in this city. On the same day Mr. Chas. Class and Miss Mary Kraus, both of this city, were married in Van Buren.

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THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

is now in full operation in Fort Smith, having been tested on Tuesday night. Many business houses on the Avenue are supplied with them.

May 15, 1885

SCHOOL TAX

For many years the citizens of Fort Smith have willingly voted an additional tax of five mills to make the

schools free to everybody. Now they have a munificent donation, which if properly handled will educate the children for many years to come, if the interest alone is used, but if we use the principal for building fine school houses we may tax ourselves always to raise money to educate the children. The State and County taxes already put upon us by law and a judicious use of the interest on the principal we may acquire from sale of the reservation is abundantly sufficient for the public schools. The probability is we will have in ten days from \$50,000 to \$200,000 to use as a public school fund, and what is the use of taxing ourselves? We had an idea that when the reservation could be made available for this purpose taxation over and above what is required of us by law might as well cease, but here comes an invitation to contribute 5 mills again. We think it is a useless and unnecessary burden on an already tax-ridden people, no way necessary, and there is plenty of money besides it for school purposes. We are for free schools, but no hiding our sentiments to seek popularity.

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EPIDEMICS LOOKED FOR

The medical board of Sebastian County has resolved that epidemic cholera threatens to invade America, and as measles are already raging here, P.R. Davis has purchased another large supply of his celebrated preventative, old Kentucky whiskey. Everybody should keep it in the house, and Davis has enough to supply everybody.

May 22, 1885

Mrs. Martha A. Bennett, widow of the late Dr. J.E. Bennett, died at her home in this city on Friday night last, after an illness of some days, aged 47 years. She leaves an only son, Dr. Leo Bennett.

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THE RESERVATION SALE

A Good Beginning —

Names of Purchasers and Prices Paid

The sales of lots on the military reservation began Wednesday in accordance with previous announcement. The sale is being largely attended. Joe Trone is the auctioneer, and the sales are made by driving to each respective lot, describing it and then crying for it. Wednesday the sales were confined mostly to lots and fractions of lots immediately and adjoining avenue property. Forty-seven were sold, and the following is the names of parties purchasing and prices paid:

| Fr'l. Lot | Block | Buyer | Price |
|--------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 500 | Mary Sullivan | \$ 25.00 |
| 2 | " | Mary Sullivan | 45.00 |
| 3 | " | Minnie Bock | 61.50 |
| 4 | " | Henry Williams | 101.00 |
| 5 | " | Henry Williams | 156.00 |
| 6 | " | Henry Williams | 410.00 |

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|---|-----|--------------------|----------|
| 1 | 501 | J.K. Barnes | 605.00 |
| 2 | " | Herman Krone | 357 00 |
| 3 | " | J.H. Clendenning | 355.00 |
| 4 | " | E.H. Devanny | 335.00 |
| 5 | " | Con Treisch | 365.00 |
| 6 | " | H. Mehan | 525.00 |
| 1 | 502 | D.B. Sparks | 600.00 |
| 2 | " | J.M. Sparks | 500.00 |
| 3 | " | Mrs. Coinson | 510.00 |
| 4 | " | L.S. Sparks | 600.00 |
| 5 | " | Geo. S. Cunningham | 630.00 |
| 6 | " | Geo. S. Cunningham | 650.00 |
| 1 | 503 | M. Zonone | 680.00 |
| 2 | " | W.J. Echols | 600.00 |
| 3 | " | Gen. Zcarniki | 800.00 |
| 4 | " | J.H.T. Main | 815.00 |
| 5 | " | J.H.T. Main | 500.00 |
| 6 | " | Wm. M. Cravens | 2,000.00 |
| 1 | 504 | Wm. Breen | 3,600.00 |
| 2 | " | Pat O'Shea | 1,375.00 |
| 3 | " | Judge Boles | 1,100.00 |
| 4 | " | R.M. Johnson | 825.00 |
| 5 | " | Speer & Thomas | 780.00 |
| 6 | " | D.B. Jacobs | 1,175.00 |
| 1 | 505 | E.B. Weitzel | 900.00 |
| 2 | " | E.B. Weitzel | 500.00 |
| 3 | " | M. Zenone | 400.00 |
| 4 | " | B. Okeefe | 425.00 |
| 5 | " | M.C. Wallace | 465.00 |
| 6 | " | M.C. Wallace | 1,050.00 |
| 1 | 506 | M. Zenone | 920.00 |
| 2 | " | Ed Hunt | 410.00 |
| 3 | " | J.H. Clendenning | 310.00 |
| 4 | " | M. Zanone | 305.00 |
| 5 | " | John Dodson | 300.00 |
| 6 | " | M. Zanone | 735.00 |
| 7 | 508 | S.F. Speare | 450.00 |
| 8 | " | Thos. H. Barnes | 460.00 |
| 9 | " | Thos. H. Barnes | 600.00 |
| 7 | 512 | L. Moore | 540.00 |
| 8 | " | L. Moore | 230.00 |

Thursday's Sale — The following constitutes the sales yesterday up to 12 o'clock.

| Lot | Block | Buyer | Price |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 7 | 513 | T.H. Barnes | \$ 825.00 |
| 8 | " | T.H. Barnes | 550.00 |
| 9 | " | T.H. Barnes | 525.00 |
| 6 | " | L. Moore | 500.00 |
| 5 | " | E. Henderson | 450.00 |
| 4 | " | M. Zanone | 285.00 |
| 9 | 512 | W.J. Johnson | 305.00 |
| 7 | 507 | Jas. K. & T.H. Barnes | 2,025.00 |
| 7 | 526 | J.J. Eichenberger | 240.00 |
| 8 | " | J.J. Eichenberger | 230.00 |
| 9 | " | J.J. Eichenberger | 260.00 |
| 10 | " | C.R. Jones | 260.00 |
| 11 | " | C.R. Jones | 265.00 |
| 12 | " | C.R. Jones | 360.00 |
| 1frl. | 529 | Thos. Ketchum | 330.00 |
| 2 | " | Thos. Ketchum | 500.00 |
| 3 | " | W.J. Johnson | 610.00 |
| 4 | " | Eugene Henderson | 335.00 |
| 5 | " | J.H. & T.H. Barnes | 210.00 |
| 6 | " | J.H. & T.H. Barnes | 255.00 |

Sales are progressing at a lively rate as we go to press. The above figures are considered fair prices for the property, both to the city and purchasers.

May 29, 1885

WAR IN EUROPE

has been proclaimed, and in anticipation of a scarcity of provisions resulting therefrom, P.R. Davis has purchased the largest stock of provisions in the country, and can furnish country merchants at wholesale as cheap as any house in Arkansas.

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LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS

Uncalled for in the Post Office at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, up to May 27, 1885. Those not called for in 28 days will be sent to the dead letter office, Washington, D.C. Please say "advertised" when inquiring:

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| Allen Mrs. M.A. | Boltin Mrs. Emma |
| Battle Robert | Bowling B.F. |
| Collier John C. | Cole Lizzie |
| Chapman J.S. | Cummings Arthur |
| Coffee John B. | Clock W.S. |
| Conder Math. | Cloud Betsy |
| Cory R.W. | Cloud Mrs. Hester |
| Davis David | Degraphenar Ed. |
| Davis Mrs. E. | Dickson Mrs. |
| Edwards Tom | Evans Frank |
| Gibson Ben | Gilliand Mattie J. |
| Gish F.L. | Goeliner Gussie |
| Hammock Samuel | Gray Thos. J. |
| Hale Miss Wadley | Hahn M.P. |
| Hall James | Hardin Thos. |
| Hill Mrs. Rosey | Hurley Mrs. |
| Hill Jas. | Hufsteller W.M. |
| Howard Mrs. Marion | Hurley Mrs. M. |
| House Mary E. | Haines W.H. |
| Johnson W.R. | Jones Mrs. Emma |
| Kearns C.F. | Lancaster J.A. |
| Lambert Richard | Love Joy Franklin |
| Loque James | McDale Miss Lillie |
| Martin John S. | Morgan Julia |
| Main William | McEwen Daniel |
| Maxwell Sam | Morgan Wm. |
| Nash Sam | McVey Miss Belle |
| Odwer Maggie | Nelson T.F. |
| Pinkston C. | Pierce Jas. M. |
| Page John Cap. | Price John |
| Raymond John | Pinn Calven N. |
| Reed John | Ruben Alec |
| Richey Jim | Ryerson John |
| Shigler Robert | Scales Kitty |
| Ship Miss Gibson | Smith M.F. |
| Slack Rebecca | Schullman Ottillia |
| Serew J.G. | Stanberg William |
| Taley W.W. | Sumpter Vick |
| Tablert Louisa M. | Thompson Joseph |
| Vandever Sarah A. | Turner G.R. |
| Wells Andrew | Waits John |
| Withfred N.P. | Webb Miss Mollie |
| | Jas. K. Barnes, P.M. |

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Carl Gest, a brother of Mr. E.C. Lanigan, arrived here a few days ago from the old country (Germany). He will make this his home.

June 5, 1885

Mrs. Teele Belt of Brooklyn, Choctaw Nation, is now visiting her mother, Mrs. V.W. King, in this city.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

The following is a list of the teachers for the next term and the salaries they are to receive:

Prof. N.P. Gates, Superintendent, \$150 per month; Prof. W.B. Morrow, high school, \$120 per month; Prof. W.W. Quartermass (of Ripon, Wis.), high school, \$90 per month; Miss Nora J. Cooney, \$65; Miss Emma McClure, \$55; Miss Belle Evans, \$50; Miss Lucy J. Sparks, \$50; Miss Mary B. Farrow, \$50, Miss Ophelia Campbell, \$40; Miss Maggie Dwyer, \$40; Miss Mary West (of Morrillton), \$40.

COLORED SCHOOL

Mr. E.O. Trent (Col), \$50; Mr. G.W. Mitchell (Col), salary not yet agreed upon. Mr. Woods is to be the principal of the new school when the building is completed and will not be here until that time.

On Tuesday morning last the school band met and opened bids for the erection of the two school buildings which were as follows:

For eight room school
For four room school

The grand sale of reservation lots for the benefit of the free public schools of Fort Smith closed last Monday. The sale realized about \$125,000 and only one-third of the property is yet sold.

THE BUTTER LAW

It is a fact probably not generally known that the recent legislature of this State passed a bill in regard to the sale of butter. It will be found on the first page of this paper. Read it.

Mr. B. Z. Gannaway and Mrs. Naoma L. Cardwell were married last evening in the home of the bride. ...

The Tribune has a new city editor in the person of Mr. W.L. Morris.

June 19, 1885

The old Belle Grove school building has been condemned by two different committees of mechanics sent up to examine it, and the school board has decided to remove it and build a new house on the ground on the same plan as the eight room building to be erected on the Reserve. The work must be completed by the 15th of October, 1885.

HACK LINE

The Fort Smith, Hackett City, Hartford and Choco-

ville mail hack will make three trips each week. A splendid outfit and charges reasonable. Office in Fort Smith, at present Ed. Paden leaves Fort Smith Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Mat Tault, of this city, was married Sunday last at Springfield, Mo. to Miss Mary Conley. The young couple were expected home yesterday evening.

Veva Vincent, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knoble, died on Monday morning last of cholera infantum, aged 4 months and 5 days.

June 26, 1885

BOARD OF TRADE

Steps Taken Toward the Organization of One in Fort Smith

We have several times urged the formation of a merchant's exchange or an improvement company, a part of whose duties it should be to keep an eye on the future improvement of the city, to organize persons or companies to look after our material interests in Congress and elsewhere—such as the procuring of appropriations for keeping the channel of the river in place, to prevent abrasions of the banks near town or their caving in so much as to destroy valuable manufacturing and buildings. The banks should be protected from the mouth of Poteau for a mile and a half along and below the city, by jetties or otherwise, and we think an appropriation of \$30,000 would do it.

The propriety and necessity of obtaining an appropriation for a courthouse here for the United States government, the site for which is selected by the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, and belongs to the government. Also to ask the government to build here on grounds retained by her a U.S. jail, it being the best point for one and the place whence more criminals are sent than any other south or west, and at a great expense to the government. The saving to the government by building here would be in transportation and in having the site and plenty of stone now in the walls of the old fort here, and belonging to the government.

There has always been needed here, and badly needed, an organization of persons who could and might act in concert, and this board could attend to such matters.

Another duty of such an organization ought to be to get up a circular showing the status of the town and country, the inducements to settle here and to answer the calls for information made almost continually of postmasters, doctors, lawyers, real estate men, etc., who are not the proper parties to do so, but it should be done by a company organized for the purpose and whose information would be more likely to be relied on than that of individuals.

There would be no impropriety in a board of trade

discussing everything relating to taxation, to gas, water works, sanitary matters, school matters, and proper use of our large school fund, public buildings and school buildings, etc., to get at the wishes and intentions of the people and prevent rings for improper encroachments on the city council and school boards, to cause them to be extravagant in the use of the people's money.

We look to much benefit from a board of trade, and are pleased to see an effort being made to organize one. A meeting was held for that purpose Wednesday night, at which a committee on membership was appointed, and also a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, who are to report at next meeting, which takes place on July 8.

SCHOOL MONEY

We understand the school board has yet on hand money to loan on city property at 8 percent, semi-annually in advance. It is better than paying 10 percent. How unnecessary the law requiring it all to be loaned in town is now to be seen.

Mr. Andrew J. Hudspeth and Miss Annie J. Cowlson, both of this city, were married on Wednesday morning. The groom is an industrious blind man, a manufacturer of brooms.

The school board has adopted a rule forbidding the use of tobacco in the school rooms, either by teachers or pupils.

Mr. J.C.W. Weems and Miss Agnes Hamilton took the prize as the best waltzers at Prof. Mooks Carnival last Friday night — a beautiful napkin ring on wheels. The prize for the best waltzer among the children, a silver napkin ring and gent's gold scarf pin, were carried off by Master Joe Matthews and Miss Maud Echols.

Mrs. J.C. Saunders, of Washington City, is here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W.A. Sample.

For Capitalists

If you want a steam flouring mill in fine order, in a good wheat country; if you want a good home with all the comforts of farm life around it, good rich land, wealthy and healthy neighborhood; if you would also like a stock of merchandise connected therewith; or if you want all three in one investment, let us know and we can refer you to a little paradise.

J. Carnall & Co.

The Bartholdi Statue of Liberty was received at New York on Friday last with great enthusiasm.

Undertakers Establishment

Messrs. J.F. Edmeston and William Siegreest have opened an establishment of this kind on Texas Road near Garrison Avenue. They have received a lot of fine coffins and caskets and will keep on hand everything pertaining to their business. Hearse furnished when desired.

For Sale

One hundred and fifty-four acres of well wooded bottom land on Arbuckle's Island in Sebastian County, one of the best tracts of bottom land to be had in Western Arkansas, at \$15 per acre. Apply to

J. Carnall & Co.

Indian Items

Mr. A.B. Cass and Miss Emily Tufts, daughter of Indian agent John Q. Tufts, were married at Muskogee Tuesday evening last.

The International Council of Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles met at Eufaula last week to discuss important measures relative to the five tribes, adopting resolutions calling on the government to pass certain measures now before Congress for the removal of intruders, to present bills for the different tribes providing for more perfect extradition laws, and for better civil laws for the nations. They also decided unanimously not to sell Oklahoma to the Government of the United States, and a decision was reached not to treaty with the Commissioners to be appointed by President Cleveland, as they (the Indians) fully believe the Oklahoma movement to be an entering wedge, and they resolved to hold it to the last.

THE NEW POSTAL LAWS Important Reductions Which Go Into Force On the First of July

The new postal laws which go into effect July 1 will make some marked reductions in rates which is to the interest of everyone to know. In the first place, on what is called first class matter, or letters, etc., the reduction does not take place in the rate of postage, but the limit of weight is increased. At present, letter postage is 2 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof; after July 1 it will be 2 cents for one ounce or every fraction thereof, a reduction of 50 percent. This law is applicable to all mail sent to the United States and Canada. The rates to all countries in the postal union still remain 5 cents for each half ounce. On second class matter, which includes all newspapers and periodicals registered at the Post Office as such, the reduction on and after July 1 will be from 2 cents, the present rate, to 1 cent a pound, also a 50 percent reduction....

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