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# Helbling Family

By Beverly Helbling Klein  
(Written in 1988)

There have been Helblings living in Fort Smith since 1857, but the history of the family dates much further back. The family originally came from Switzerland.

The earliest information on the Helbling Family dates back to the period of 1000 - 1100 A.D. During this time the Helbling's settled between the towns of Bolligen and Jona, Switzerland, located on the east side of Lake Zurich and twenty miles south of Zurich.

Where they came from is not known, but speculation has it that they came from Israel, later to Turkey, then finally Switzerland.

According to a Jewish Rabbi the Family Crest could date back to 2000-1000 B.C. and indicates High position or Royalty in the Jewish Nation. When the Helblings moved to Switzerland their name was HELWIG, then during the transition from Latin to German, the name changed to HELBLING.

In 1544 the Helblings moved to Rapperswil, located on the east shore of Lake Zurich and built around the Castle of Count Rudolph Von Rapperswil. The Family Crest can be found at the top of the Courthouse wall. Another building has the Family Crest with the date 1544 painted on top of an ancient door. There are still Helbling's living in Rapperswil.



The Helbling family crest is a red-orange modified shield, with a gold Star of David, gold crescent, white hammer, a green base and the Helbling family name.

The first Helbling that came to Fort Smith was Felix Johann Helbling, who came in 1857. He came to the United States in 1851 through the Port of New York. He lived in New York for awhile before moving west, first to St. Louis, then to Kansas City and finally to Fort Smith.

Felix Johann Helbling was born on August 19, 1832 in Rapperswil, Switzerland. His father was Balthasar Johann Helbling born September 24, 1794, married Katherina Klingenberger, born June 10, 1841, died November 30, 1864. He died on June 19, 1841. His father was Johann Baptist Helbling born April 19, 1766, died November 22, 1824. His mother was Maria Agatha Bueler born February 23, 1766, died December 10, 1808. Parents of Johann Baptist Helbling were Prosper Helbling and Ana Maria Breny.

Felix Johann had one sister, Maria Ana Philipina Helbling. He also had two brothers, Ferdinand Josef and Conrad Josef who remained in Switzerland.

Felix was a shoemaker by trade and opened a shoe shop in Fort Smith. In his obituary, he was described as a quiet unassuming man, but one whose reminiscences were most interesting. -

He was an excellent workman, and he became the garrison officers' bootmaker soon after he located in Fort Smith. He purchased a lot and erected a little shop at South Third street and Garrison Avenue, just off the parade grounds. The 1881 Fort Smith City Directory listed his shop address as 50 Garrison. The 1894, 1897 directories listed his business address as 302 Garrison. He occupied this location until he sold the lot to Reynolds, Davis & Company for the erection of their wholesale house. The city directories show that the Helbling family lived at Franklin & Pine streets in 1881, in 1894 they lived at 800 North F, then in 1897, 1904 and 1910 were living at 600 North 8th street.

He served in the Confederate army, and after the war returned to his trade in Fort Smith.

In his early days his business was exceedingly lucrative. Machine-made shoes were unknown, and \$25 was the ordinary price for a pair of dress boots.





The oldest known building still in use today built by the Helbling family circa 1000-1100 A.D., located between Bolligen and Jona, Switzerland. The picture of this Chapel was taken in August 1971 with JoAnn and James Helbling in the doorway.

Every person who gave any thought to dress had his own last and Mr. Helbling had more than 100 of these special lasts in his shop. They were for the society belles as well as for the officers and business men.

As the shoe factories increased their trade, Mr. Helbling's business diminished. He retired upon the sale of his shop, but after a few months he grew homesick for his bench and lasts, and opened a shop at 515 North "A" street, where he remained until his health began to fail.

On April 5, 1877 he married Katharina (Catherine) Weitz, born March 27, 1860, died February 18, 1937. She came from Burmah, Alsace Lorriane. She was 12 years old when she came to the United States with her aunt. Her parents were Ludwig Louis Weitz, born April 21, 1825, and Louise Metzger born 1830, who remained behind when she came to the United States. Felix and Katharina had two children:

- I. Emil Felix born August 1, 1880 in Fort Smith, died March 1, 1962 in Fort Smith, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery. He attended Kemper Military Academy,

married Irene Philomeme Wegman on February 10, 1904. Irene was born August 22, 1882 in Fort Smith. She died from a serious illness on September 7, 1927 and is also buried at the Catholic Cemetery. She was descended from two of Fort Smith's oldest families. Her parents were Henry Wegman and Rose McAuley. At her death she was survived by her husband, two daughters, Rosemary Helbling and Elizabeth Helbling; two sons, Felix Helbling, University of Arkansas student, and Henry Helbling; one-sister, Mrs. Ed Maledon, four brothers, John, Will, and Chris Wegman, all of Fort Smith, and Albert A. Wegman of Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was the niece of William Wegman, Con Wegman and of Mrs. R. C. Bollinger, of Fort Smith.

- II. Theolyena Philipina was born July 20, 1883 in Fort Smith. She married Giles Maas on April 21, 1908 and later moved to Dallas. They had no children.

Emil and Irene had four children:

- A. Emil Felix Edward born January 2, 1905, married Kitty Finger and had three daughters. Widowed he lives in Springfield, Missouri.
- B. Henry Wegman Joseph, born November 19, 1908 married Daisy Dean Hunter on December 2, 1931 and lives in Fort Smith. (Editors note: Henry W. J. was a golf pro).
- C. Rosemary Catherine born March 13, 1911. She married Charles Hill, then Floyd Gamble. She lives in Fort Smith. Never had children.
- D. Elizabeth Francis Ann born November 7, 1912, married Charles Gamble. Never had children. Lives in Fort Smith.

(Floyd Gamble and Charles Gamble were brothers)

( Editors note: Emil Felix Edward, Henry Wegman Joseph and Rosemary Catherine all died in 1995. Elizabeth Francis died in 1994)

Henry and Daisy had two children:

1. Henry Houston "Dusty" born April 21, 1934 in Fort Smith. On December 9, 1956 he married JoAnn Ruth Rogers who was born December 11, 1935 in Oklahoma City. Dusty grew up around golf. Since his father was a club golf pro, the family lived for a time on the second floor of the club house and the golf course was his playground. In 1986 he started collecting golf antiques and



studied the history of the game. In 1991 he opened his Golf Museum located at the Wiederkehr Winery, Wiederkehr Village, Arkansas. The telephone number there is (501) 468-GOLF. The museum is advertised as "The Only International Golf Museum between the East and West Coasts," and has been featured on the PGA Golf Show, Fox Network, CBS, international golf publications, **Golf Week**, **Teewest**, Florida's Golf newspaper, local news, PGA Golf Tournaments, Pro-Celebrity events from the Phillips Classic to the Mickey Mantle Golf Classic. Dusty and JoAnn had two children:

- a. James Houston born October 23, 1957, E1 Paso, Texas.
- b. Beverly Dawn born July 21, 1961 in McAlester, Oklahoma. On May 1, 1983 married Steven Joseph Klein born September 19, 1952. (Editor's note: Beverly Dawn died April 18, 1988 in a Fort Smith hospital. She was a homemaker, a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Fort Smith Historical Society and Varina Jefferson Davis chapter of United Daughters of the



Left, Irene Wegman (Helbling). Right, her sister Bertha who married Ed Maledon.

Confederacy. She was a 1979 graduate of Northside High School and was involved in Fort Smith Genealogy Research. She was buried in Gill Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. She was survived by her husband, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth; her father, mother, brother, and paternal grandparents.

2. Judith (Judy) Josephine born December 2, 1940 in Fort Smith. Married Paul Sabin February 12, 1962. They have two children.
  - a. Michael Brett born April 15, 1963.
  - b. Mark Andrew born April 6, 1964. They all live in Alabama.

Emil F. Helbling's second wife is Esther Floyd-Hoffman. who had one daughter by a previous marriage, Esther Morris of Poteau, Oklahoma. Emil and Esther had two children:

1. Giles Harold, born September 22, 1932 Fort Smith, is married and has children.
2. Terry Eugene born March 25, 1936, Fort Smith, married, had four children, moved to Houston.



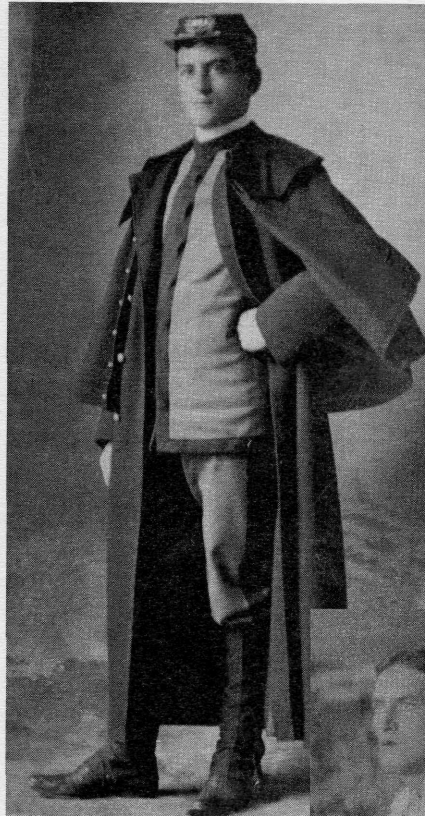
Theolyena Helbling (Maas) about 8 or 10 years old. Born circa 1882.



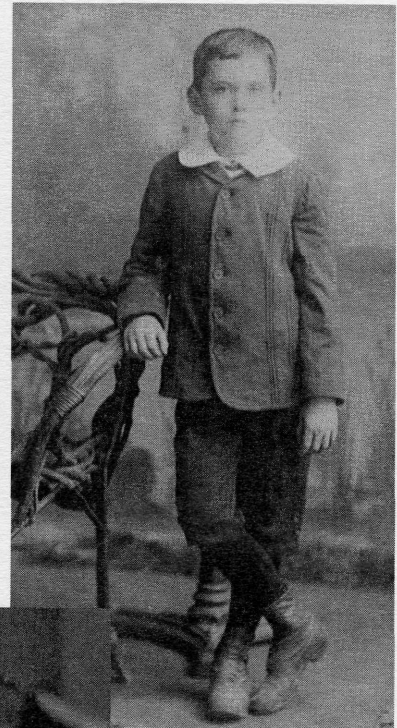
Emil was a plumber by trade. He worked for Moniot & Foster 1904-1907; Bruce Bros. 1907-1921; Francis & Hartmier 1925-1927; W. A. Evans 1928-1955, later retired. His residence was 204 Poplar. His son Henry W. worked for Weldon, Williams & Lick.

On May 28, 1912 Felix Johann Helbling died.

The funeral was at his home. Father Basil of the German Catholic Church officiated. He was buried at Forrest Park Cemetery. His widow later married Myron Bitgood. She is also buried at Forrest Park. One of the oldest members of St. John's Episcopal Church, she was outstanding in Church and parish work during her more active years. At one time she returned to Alsace Lorraine for a short time to do some church work there.



Above: Emil Felix Helbling made in 1900 – 19 years old.



Above: Emil Felix Helbling, 11 years old in 1881.



Right: Emil Felix Helbling, husband of Irene Wegman.



ZUM FROMMEN ANDENKEN  
IM GEBETE  
an unsere Cousine  
FRAU WITWE  
**Maria Johanna Philippina Reust**  
geb. Helbling  
geb. 13. Okt. 1857 - gest. 11. Mai 1937

O Herr, allmächtiger Gott, wir bitten Dich um des kostbaren Blutes Jesu willen. Du wollest die Seele Deiner Dienerin Maria Johanna in die ewigen Freuden aufnehmen, der Du lebst und regierst von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit. Amen.

Süßes Herz Maria, sei meine Rettung!  
Jesus, Maria und Josef!  
Vater unser. Ave Maria.



Maria Johanna Philippina Reust

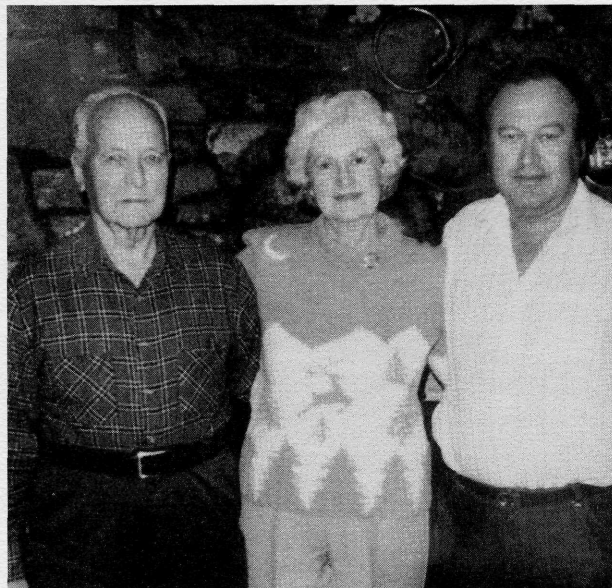


This photo is of a portrait of "Captain Jakob Helbling" painted in 1585 by his son-in-law, Johann Michael Hunger.





Family photo – Wedding of Beverly Dawn Helbling and Steven Joseph Klein, May 1, 1982. Left to right: Dusty Helbling, JoAnn Helbling, Beverly Dawn, Steven and grandparents, Daisy and Henry Helbling.



Henry and Daisy Helbling and son Dusty, December 1988.

## Evolution of a Golf Collector

As you can see, I grew up around golf. My Father was a club pro and we lived on the 2nd floor of the club house. My playground was the golf course. I took up collecting golf antiques in 1986 and studied the history of the game. In 1991, I took the big step into the golf exhibit business. We have the only "Traveling Golf Museum" in the U.S.A., according to my friends at the USGA and PGA. We are featured at the tournaments, malls, charity events, and golf and resort shows, etc. ... including the astrodome.



Dusty Helbling in 1936. Two years old and already a golfer.



Dusty Helbling with items from Golf Museum, 1992.



# Abstracts from the Docket of Justice of the Peace Samuel Edmondson

Transcribed and Abstracted by  
Amelia Martin and Janice Eddleman

Samuel Edmondson was born in Tennessee in 1808, but was taken to Georgia by his father Thomas Edmondson when he was a boy.<sup>1</sup> He lived there until 1832 when he settled at Crawford Court House.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Edmondson moved to Van Buren when the court was moved there. In 1840 he came from Van Buren to Fort Smith, cut the trees from his lot and built a house at the corner of Fourth and B Streets.<sup>3</sup> His second wife was Ann Manning and he had at least three sons: Rev. James Edmondson, who was a Missionary Baptist preacher<sup>4</sup>; T. W. Edmondson, who was a partner in the firm of Wood, Edmondson & Britt, Star Grocery House<sup>5</sup> and Col. Samuel M.

Edmondson who like his father became a Sebastian County Justice of the Peace<sup>6</sup>. The elder Samuel Edmondson died of cholera on October 4, 1866.<sup>7</sup>

Mr. Edmondson first became a Justice of the Peace about 1840 when Matthew Moore who was then the Justice of the Peace moved to Sugar Loaf.<sup>8</sup> He was to serve in that capacity and as a "practitioner at law in Fort Smith for over thirty years,"<sup>9</sup> earning himself the nickname of "Old Ginger."<sup>10</sup> When the first election for county officers was held from Sebastian County on January 27, 1851, Edmondson was elected as one of the commissioners to select a county seat.<sup>11</sup> These



Samuel Edmondson's Grave marker in Section 3, Row 3, Calvary Cemetery, Fort Smith, also serves as marker for the following children of Sam and Ann:

John M., b. Oct. 17, 1849, d. Jan. 24, 1851  
Hannah, b. May 12, 1851, d. April 12, 1859  
Francis B., b. Dec. 1, 1851, d. April 22, 1858







The grave of Ann Edmondson, born August 15, 1827, died July 31, 1898, wife of Sam Edmondson, is marked with a separate marker in Section 3 behind Sam's marker.

commissioners met at Jenny Lind in May of 1851 and "located the seat of justice on forty acres of land lying in Section 12, Township 6 north, Range 31 west, and donated by Reuben Coker for that purpose. They also named the place Greenwood."<sup>12</sup> He also served Sebastian County as a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives in both the Tenth (1854-1855) and Eleventh (1856-1857) State Legislatures.<sup>13</sup>

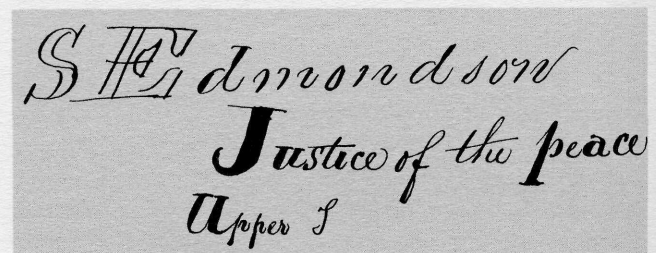
In spite of his long record of service to the courts, Edmondson was not without legal problems of his own. According to Goodspeed, "On the 19th of February, 1848, Jesse Merritt, a pardoned convict, was killed at Fort Smith by Samuel Edmondson. Some difficulty existed between the parties, and in the morning they met and quarreled, and about 3 o'clock P.M. Merritt walked into Edmondson's office to see Esquire Hudspeth, and after getting through with his business, and

being in the act of leaving, Edmondson fired at him from the outside through the back door of the office. The ball entered his right breast, and came out under the right shoulder-blade. Merritt fell upon the floor, uttered one short groan, and was dead. Edmondson fled, and went to the residence of Maj. Elias Rector, about two miles from town, where he sent for the sheriff. He was afterward tried for the murder and acquitted."<sup>14</sup>

The following information was abstracted from Samuel Edmondson's Justice of the Peace Docket dated in the front of the book 1860-1861. However, the entries are dated from September 8, 1859, to June 28, 1861. It should be noted that the role of the early justices of the peace was considerably different from that of today. They heard some civil and criminal cases then as well as the more modern role of performing marriages and acting as a county legislature. It is also important to realize that a justice's docket is not the court minutes; it is rather like today's diary or calendar.

The docket was loaned, for copying, to the Fort Smith Historical Society by Mr. George A. Toney of Little Rock, Arkansas. It is a ledger book, with several different handwritings and formats, which contains marriages and cases covering nonpayment of debts, stray animals, violent crimes including one case of child abuse and cases of runaway slaves. Most cases appear to have been heard without the assistance of an attorney. With a few exceptions herein noted, all of the entries were signed by Justice of the Peace Edmondson. Costs and fees are listed at the end of each case document with the fees for the Justice of the Peace ranging from fifty cents to three dollars and fifty cents and the witnesses getting about fifty cents.

(Editor's Note: A question mark indicates that there was a question about what was written directly before the mark.)



**Docket of S. E. Edmondson  
Justice of the Peace  
Upper Township**

Inside Front Cover

John Vinson  
Mrs. Price(?)

William Reeves  
John Martion

Waldron Scott County  
Richard J. Latchford, aged 21 years  
Patsey Adams, age 20 years  
Henry Edmondson, age 21 years  
Nancy Heger(?), age 21 years  
Morgan Bollin, age 23 years  
Serc(?) Britton, age 18 years  
Frank Huston (or Duston), age 27 years  
Angeline Snider, age 23 years

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S. E. Edmondson

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Elijah Jacobs

Lear Burg

Caswell Co.

North Carolina

Martha Jacobs

Married Benjamin Jacobs

Post office as above

\_\_\_\_ Bradsher Sen(?) (illegible)

Lear Burg

Caswell County

N.C.

Henry Kuper had the child of Jacobs and wife and it was kept by Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Ermann. The child is now in the hands of Mr. Coleman about one mile and a half from here. Mr. Kuper and Miss Ermann kept the child something over or about one year.

Title Page

SAMUEL EDMODSONS\*

DOCKET 1861 & 60

\*Note that Edmondson is misspelled here, also that James A. Davis's name is spelled Davies and Davie in a number of places in the docket.

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(Editor's Note: The index has been omitted here since it was both incomplete and inaccurate. The names are all listed in the general *Journal* index

and omitting this index saves valuable space for other items.)

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Samuel Edmondson Justice of

The Peace 1859 & 60

September

(Editor's Note: All the early entries are signed by Samuel Edmondson and are headed as follows:

The State of Arkansas

County of Sebastian

Township of Upper} in justice's court

of said township)

Page 1

John J. Garrett, Plaintiff vs Biven and Morgan, Defendant. 8th day of September 1859. Suit filed to recover account owed. Writ of attachment served by constable of upper township on Biven. No service on Morgan.

Page 2

Harper & Whittaker, Plaintiff vs Jacob M. Lantz, Defendant. 28th day of September 1859. Charles Perkins as the attorney for said Harper & Whittaker filed note against Jacob M. Lantz. Summons served by James A. Davis, Deputy Constable for Mr. Wheeler, Constable of Upper Township. Defendant did not appear. Judgment for Plaintiff.

Page 3

M. Mayers & Bro., Plaintiff vs William E. Finkley, Defendant. Suit filed 20th day of September 1859. A. C. Christian named Garnishee, 28th September 1859. Executed by being levied upon certain property of defendant. Hearing set for 22 October 1859. See page 4.

Page 4

M. Mayers & Bro., Plaintiff vs William E. Finkley, Defendant, and A.C. Christian, Garnishee. 22 day of October 1859. Defendant and Garnishee failed to appear. Case extended. Judgment for Plaintiff, \$42.72. Justice fees \$1.50. Constable Davis fees \$1.75. See page 7.

Page 5

R. M. Johnson vs Noah Ledford. Suit for \$18.17 for account owed. Judgment for Plaintiff. Justice fees \$1.00.

Page 6

24 October 1859. Wm. Burnett, E.R. Roberts and Jesse L. Taylor appointed appraisers to appraise and describe a stray horse. Appraisal and description delivered to John Pistole. Justice fees \$.50. Three appraisers \$.75. Clerk fees \$1.50.

Page 7

Mayers & Brother vs William E. Finkley and A.C. Christian. Judgment: Plaintiff recover from A.C. Christian \$42.72 debt, cost of suit recovered against defendant as also all of the costs in and



about the garnishment expended. Judgment: \$42.72. Justice fees: \$.50. Davis fees: \$.75. Costs on Judgment \$3.25. 25 January 1860. \$85.40 bond filed with A.G. Meyers as security. Execution issued against Garnishee. Directed and delivered to J.M. Wheeler, Constable of Upper Township, returnable on the 7th day of March, 1860. Debt: \$42.72. Costs of Suit: \$3.25. Interest on Judgment: \$.95. Justices fees: \$.50. Bond and execution and docketing same: \$1.00. Constable Davis's fees: \$.75. See page 40.

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I Samuel Edmondson do hereby certify that on the 9th day of November 1859 at the county of Sebastian and in upper township did duly join in marriage G.F. Thomas aged 20/26 years of age and Manda Ann McCurday, aged 13 years of age ... and declared them to be husband and wife.

On the 9th day of November did duly join in marriage G.W. Armstrong, aged 37 years and Ann Handley, aged 22 years, both of the county.

On this 9th day of November 1859 did duly join in marriage T. J. Palmer, aged 35 years of age and Sarah A. Palmer, aged 25 years of age, both of this county.

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H. C. Calico vs R. M. Weaver & Co. J. C. Calico, Plaintiff vs. R. M. Weaver & Co., Defendant. 9 November 1859. S.F. Clark, attorney for the defendant. Ben L. Duval, attorney for the plaintiff. Fifty dollar security bond ordered to be posted by plaintiff. Bond filed 9 November by defendant. Trial to be held 12 November 1859 at 10 o'clock A.M. On 12 November 1850 comes the said defendant by his attorney J.P. Spring as well as the said Plaintiff by his attorney B. L. Duval. See page 10.

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J. C. Calico vs R. M. Weaver } Suit from page 9. Attorneys appeared at 10 o'clock A.M. Plaintiff did not appear to give bond as required. Judgment to defendant. Justice fees: \$2.50. James A. Davie's fees as constable: \$2.25.

Page 11

In the matter of an estray muley bull taken up by F.M. Norton. 16 November 1859. J.B. Forbess, James Watson and James Johnson appointed to appraise and describe said animal.

Page 12

22 November 1859. Stray Rone mare found and taken up by Polly D. Roberson. William Bennett, John Butler, and Joseph Ress(?) appointed to describe and appraise. Mare found to be property of Jno. A. Bull (and Susan--lined out) a citizen of Sebastian County near Hodges

Prairie. Polly D. Roberson ordered to deliver mare to John Bull.

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James H. Murphy, Plaintiff vs Francis Wells, Defendant. 15 November 1859. Trial Date set November 22, 1859. Jury: T. J. Riley, Willie Birnie, Othenian Girard, John L. Stafford, A.C. Crichton, W.H. Sewould (?). Jury could not agree.

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J. H. Murphy vs Francis Wells } suit from page 13. Jury dismissed. Case submitted to Asa Clark and Mitchell Sparks to set as arbitrators with right to choose a third person if necessary. 23 November 1859. Arbitrators found for the plaintiff and assessed the damages to be \$11.00. Judgment: \$11.00. Justice fee: \$4.00. Constable fee: \$1.50.

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William Allen, Plaintiff vs Dean Hardridge, Defendant. Filed 11 November 1859. Writ of attachment returned 21 November 1859. Trial date set 21 November 1859. Case submitted to A.P.T. Smith, a Justice of the Peace. Judgment \$60.00 to Plaintiff. See page 16

Page 16

William Allen vs. Dean Hardridge. Judgment for Plaintiff: \$60.00. Justice Fee: \$2.50. Constable fees Davies: \$1.65. (Signed) A. T. Smith, J.P. Attest: Samuel Edmondson. The judgment is satisfied in full and each officer received his fees, this 5th day of January 1860.

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Simeon Stanton, Plaintiff vs J.A. Jenkins, Defendant. Suit filed October 3, 1859. Trial date set: 29 October 1859. Submitted to three arbitrators: Samuel J. Sorrells, Geo. Cook and Charles James. Verdict in favor of defendant J.A. Jenkins. Plaintiff pay court costs: Justice: \$2.25, Tax(?) fee: \$1.50, James Davies fee \$1.75.

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William Harper, Plaintiff vs F.P. Wells, Defendant. Filed 9 November 1859. Trial date set 16 November 1859. See page 19.

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William Harper vs F.P. Wells} suit from page 18. Cause adjourned until 22 November at 10 o'clock A.M. Adjourned until 7 December 1859. See page 25. Asa Clark and Mitchell Sparks chosen as arbitrators. November 23, 1859. Property (one horse) to be sold at auction and to retain the proceeds of said sale, subject to future order herein.

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28 November 1859. Stray brown pony taken up by Thomas McCarron. W(?) Burnett, John Corcoran and W. A. Clay appointed to describe

and appraise pony. Security John J. Johnston. Fees paid by Takerup.

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Thomas McCarron takes up stray steers. W. A. Clay. W. Burnett and John Corcoran appointed to appraise and describe. John J. Johnston security for Thomas McCarron.

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from page 12. In the matter of Polley D. Roberson of an estray mare. On his paying all legal fees and expenses attached to said cause.

Fort Smith, January 1, 1860. Henry Trush and Miss Ruth Fields(?) joined in the bonds of matrimony.

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Matter of an Estray taken up by Benj Fyffe on 6 day of December 1859. Security C. Bushy(?) and C. Lawson. Estray proven on 16 day of October 1860 by Mr. Rider as being the property of Capt. A. Montgomery, Ast. Qr. Master of United States Army at Fort Smith.

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E. B. Bright vs George Rebble} in Justice Court Attachment. The said E.B. Bright by his agent W.W. Perry having this 29 day of November filed before me his accounting with a bill of particulars against George Rebble ... Trial day set 8th December 1859. See page 30 (All of the above is crossed out.)

Matter of estray taken up by F.M. Noton(?) 7 December 1859. Security: James Watson, James Forbess, Ichew (?) Kasy (?)

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William Harper vs F. P. Wells } continued from page 19. And now on this day 7th December 1859 comes Asa Clark and Mitchell Sparks the arbitrators and on the examination of the evidence (illegible) ... We do find this verdict in these words and figures to wit: We Asa Clark and Mitchell Sparks being called on as arbitrators to decide the case of William Harper vs F.P. Wells and on the examination of the case we do find that the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff and assess the damage at thirty-two dollars and fifty cents. December 7, 1859. Signed: Asa Clark and Mitchell Sparks. It is therefore considered by the Justice that the plaintiff recover of and against the defendant the said sum of thirty-two dollars and fifty cents for his debt and also all of the costs in and about this suit expended. Judgment: \$32.50. Justice Fee: \$2.50. Arbitrators fee: \$2.00

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E.B. Bright vs George Ribble } In Justice Court Attachment. The said E.B. Bright his agent W.W. Perry having this 29th day of November 1859 filed

before me his account with a bill of particulars against George Ribble. Trial day set 8th December 1859. See page 30.

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The Estate of James Melvin, deceased Plaintiff, vs George Ribble, Defendant } Attachment. John Melvin as the administrator of said estate this 29th day of November 1859 filed before me his account with a bill of particulars against said George Ribble. Trial date set 8th November 1859. See Page 30.

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In the matter of a horse found in the possession of J.W. Webb the said horse being claimed by John Williams as his own property. And now on the day the 30th of December 1859, comes the said John Williams and on his oath, swears that he is the legal owner of a certain horse found in the possession of J.W. Webb. ... (illegible) ... was stolen out of his possession in Franklin County on or about the 25th Day of December ... (illegible) ... Therefore, comes the said J.W. (or H.?) Meinhart ... (illegible) ... says that he bought the said horse on the 27th instant in the city of Fort Smith at the stable of John J. Johnston from a man whose name is unknown to the deponent(?) but believes he would know the man (Describes man.) See page 29.

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Continued from Page 28. (Description continues) Bought the horse and paid the sum of twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents and sold the said horse to W. J. Webb for the sum of Thirty-five dollars on the 28th inst in the city of Fort Smith. Comes James W. Williams, a witness, and on his oath swears that is acquainted and has been for a number of years with John Williams and knows him to be a citizen of Franklin County. This deponent further says that he has often seen the said described horse in the possession of said Williams and does know that he raised the same and from his own personal knowledge he has reason to believe that said horse was stolen on or about the 25th inst. The above and foregoing name witness were all sworn by me on the 30th Dec 1859. Signed: Samuel Edmondson, J.P. I do certify that I believe the said horse to be the property of John Williams and order the same to be delivered to him on his paying the necessary expenses incurred in the preservation of said horse. Which said fees are all paid and the said horse delivered up to this claimant this day. Signed: Samuel Edmondson.

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E.B. Bright vs. George Ribble } suit from page



26. It is therefore considered by me that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the sum of twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents and all of his costs in about this suit expended. Plaintiff filed his bond with W.W. Perry as his security in the sum of \$54.50. ... (illegible) ... Directed and delivered to James A. Davis as deputy constable for Jere. M. Wheeler, constable, returnable on the 1st of February 1860.

The estate of James Melvin vs George Ribble }  
Dec. 31, 1859 } con's from page 27 } see page 31.  
Defendant fail to appear ... Judgment for plaintiff.

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Estate of James Melvin, Decd. vs George Ribble } cont. from page 30. Papers served and judgment paid in full.

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Thomas McCarron, Plaintiff vs Thomas McAllister, Defendant. 5th day of January 1860. (Page marked voided and designated as error.)

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I, Edward Butler being duly sworn do depose and say, that I am the lawful owner of a certain light Bay Pony mare, blazed face, branded thus on the near shoulder, J.B., on the hip is N.B., two years old next spring. Natural pacer. This deponent further says that he has found the above described mare in the possession of William Euper, that the said mare was stolen from deponent about the last of November past on Elk Creek in the Creek Nation West. That deponent has never sold said property directly or indirectly to any person or persons whatever. That deponent is the rightful owner of the same. Signed: Edward Butler. J.E. Herring testified the above is true. Judgment: horse property of Edward Butler.

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Edward Butler vs William Euper. I, William Euper, do depose and say that the annexed and foregoing mare, as described by Edward Butler is the identical mare that I purchased of (illegible) Nichols of the city of Fort Smith sometime in the month of December last past, that I paid said Nichols the sum of thirty-five dollars in American Gold and that he notified the said (illegible) Nichols of the said Butler's alleging and claiming said property as the same had been stolen from him and he now utterly refuses to pay me for said described property. Signed: William Euper. Sworn to before me on this the 16th day of Jan'y 1860. Signed: Saml Edmondson, J.P.

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I James Edmondson being duly sworn do depose and say that John Davis is justly indebted

to me in the sum of three dollars and fifty cents, which sum is now due and that the said John Davis, as I believe is about to put his property out of his hands, for the purpose of hindering and delaying this my just demand and unless an attachment shall be issued there is reason to believe that said debt will be lost or greatly delayed. Signed: James Edmondson. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January 1860.

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John Melvin, administrator of the estate of James Melvin vs Tom. H. Johnson. Account with bill of attachment filed 19th January 1860. Trial day set 26th Jan 1860.

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James Roberts vs Robert Snipes. 5th day of January, 1860. James Roberts filed account with bill of particulars against Robert Snipes. Trial date set 14th day of January 1860. 7th day of January 1860. Defendant filed his bond to dissolve attachment. This cause adjourned until 7th of March, 1860. 7 March 1860. Cause adjourned, both parties appeared by themselves and being ready for trial and upon consideration of which having heard the evidence. See page 51.

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E.B. Bright vs George Ribble } carried from page 30. Which said execution was returned by James A. Davis by selling the within described property for the sum of sixty-two dollars and ten cents and paid this judgment to said plaintiff and have his rights for the same, and has paid each officer his fees and has applied overplus to the judgment and execution of John Melvin, adms. of the Estate of James Melvin deceased. See page 31. This execution has been paid in full and each officer received his fees.

Page 39

J.N. Perkins vs John Hurly. 24th day of January 1860. J.N. Perkins filed suit against John Hurly for debt of two dollars and fifty cents. Judgment for plaintiff.

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Wm. H.(?) Mayers & Bro. vs Wm. E. Finkley } from page 7. Jan 25th 1860. Plaintiff filed bond to said defendant with A.G. Mayers as security in the sum of eighty-five dollars and forty-four cents for execution conditioned and according to law with Bond and security are approved by me and thereupon execution issued against said defendant directed and delivered to Jere M. Wheeler, Constable of Upper Township, returnable on the 7th day of March 1860. Debt: \$42.72. Costs of suit: \$3.25. Interest for judgment: \$.95. Justice fees: \$.50. Bond & execution & docketing \$1.00.

Cons. Davis fees: \$.75. 7 day of March 1860. Constable returned the execution unsatisfied and suggest to the plaintiff's attorneys for the case to be renamed. On the 7th day of March 1860 the execution is reissued and placed in the hands of James A. Davis, deputy constable for J.M. Wheeler, constable.

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State of Arkansas vs E.G. Miller. 25th day of January, 1860. John Young filed complaint in writing stating that E.G. (T.) Miller threatened to commit an offense against the person of John Young. Defendant brought before me in custody of James Dunn, special constable. Case adjourned until tomorrow at 9 of the clock a.m. and thereupon the said prisoner is remanded in custody of James Dunn. John Young as prosecutor came forward and refused to prosecute this suit. Defendant is released and each officer received his fees.

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John Melvin, adm. of James Melvin, plaintiff vs George D. Kinney. 16th day of January 1860 filed account against George D. Kinney. 26th day of January 1860 writ of attachment returned by constable, executed by being levied upon property of defendant. Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 27th int. at ten of the clock a.m. 27 January 1860, defendant failed to appear. Plaintiff appeared and proved his account of \$79.80. Judgment for plaintiff. See next page.

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John Melvin, adm of James Melvin Decd. vs George D. Kinney. As also of his costs by him in this suit. Judgment: \$79.80. Justice fees: \$1.50. Constable Davis's fees: \$1.25. 8th January 1860, Execution issued, directed and delivered to James A. Davis, deputy constable of Upper Township returnable on the 7th day of March 1860, endorsed. \$79.80 debt. \$1.75 Justice fees. \$1.25 Cons. Davies fees. \$.25 Execution.

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John Woods, Plaintiff vs Wm. H. Walton & Frank Rivers, Defendants}. 3 February 1860. John Woods filed suit against Wm. H. Walton and Frank Rivers for debt of forty-three dollars. 8th of March – trial day. Both parties appeared and on motion a jury was ordered: John Dotson, J.W. Reed, E. Springer (?), T.O. Williams, J. Freeze, Nathaniel Bell. After hearing evidence returned the following verdict: We the jury find for the Plaintiff and assess the damage at twenty-three dollars. Signed: John Dotson, Foreman. It is therefore considered that the said plaintiff recover of the said defendants the sum of twenty-three dollars, so found by the jury aforesaid, together with all his costs in this suit expended. See page 50.

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State of Arkansas vs Geo. R. Marshall. On this 5th day of February 1860 comes Zachariah Taylor and having filed before me his complaint in writing and upon oath, stating that said George R. Marshall, on or about the 4th day of February 1860, did feloniously steal, take and carry away one chopping axe, of the value of one dollar and seventy-five cents from said Taylor at said time and place, and pray that a warrant may be issued for the arrest of said George R. Marshall. Whereupon a warrant is issued, directed to the constable of Upper Township, commanding him to arrest said George R. Marshall and to bring him before me without delay. 5th day of February 1860. On this day comes the said George R. Marshall in custody of the constable and thereupon I proceeded to examine the complainant and witness in regard to said charge, the testimony of whom was reduced to writing and sworn to and subscribed by them. Whereupon being of opinion that the defendant is guilty as charged and the offense being bailable, it is ordered that the defendant enter into recognizance with sufficient security to the State in the sum of \$300, conditional for his appearance at the next circuit court to answer said charge and said defendant not entering into such recognizance. See page 46.

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The State of Arkansas vs George R. Marshall. He is committed to the Jail of Sebastian County until he so do or be otherwise discharged by law. Justice fees: for aff. and warrant \$.50, for subpoenaing & swearing witnesses \$.60, for (illegible) & taking testimony \$2.00, For certificate, etc. \$.50, for judgment \$.25, for warrant of commitment \$.50, Whole Amount \$4.35. Constable Davies fees: for arresting prisoner \$.50, keeping prisoner day & night \$1.00, for serving two subpoenas \$.50.

Marriage Certificate

I Samuel Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of May A.D. 1860 I did join together in marriage J.G. Tinsley, aged 26 years and Francis M. Clark, aged 16 years all of this city, all of which is hereby certified.

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Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 7th day of February A.D. 1860 at the county of Sebastian, in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage James B.



Hays of said county, aged 24 years and Rachel Isham of the county of Sebastian in said state, aged 25 years, and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 7th day of February, A.D. 1860. fees due. Transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 10th day of March A.D. 1860, at the county of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Amos Bennett, late of Missouri, aged 23 years & Elizabeth Asbill, late of the same place, aged 17 years, and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 10th day of March A.D. 1860. Fees paid.

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#### Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 9th day of February 1860, at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Charles Miller of said county, aged 20 years, and Francis Gibson of Sebastian County in the State of Arkansas, aged 17 years and there declared them husband and wife. Given under my hand this 10th day of February A.D. 1860. Fees due and transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 11th day of March, 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage William Happy Evans of said county, aged 50 years and Mary Evans of said county, aged 26 years and then and there declared them husband and wife. Given under my hand this 11th day of March A.D. 1860. Fees of \$2.50 due.

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#### Marriage Certificate

I, Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned justice of the peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 9th day of February 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage James Loyd of said county, aged 21 years and Mrs. Emma Campbell of Sebastian County in said State, aged 18 years and then and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 9th day of February A.D. 1860. Fees due and transcript sent to the clerk by mail.

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John Woods vs. Walton & Rivers } suit from page 44. Judgment for the plaintiff. This amount \$23.00.

Jury Tax fee . . . . .	1.50
Constable Wheeler fees . . . . .	.80
James A. Davis fees paid . . . . .	1.25
Justice fees . . . . .	2.00
Witnesses	
W.H. Walton, 1 day paid . . . . .	.50
A. Baretta, 1 day paid . . . . .	.50
John Fitzmorris 1 day paid . . . . .	.50
W. Moseby, 1 day paid . . . . .	.50
Total Cash . . . . .	\$30.55

Paid by Plaintiff

Recd by (?) of Mr. Rivers \$30.55 in fines March 12, 1860 S. Edmondson J.P.

Paid in full

Received by the hand of Samuel Edmondson as Justice of the Peace twenty-four dollars and fifty cents in full of this judgment. March the 12th, 1860. Signed: B.F. Williams, Atty for Woods

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James Roberts vs Robert Snipes, J. P. Spring } brought from page 37. It is by me considered that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant and James P. Spring as his security, the sum of two dollars and fifty and eight cents for his debt and all of his cost in and about this suit expended. Judgment: \$2.55. Justices fees paid me: \$1.25. Witnesses Fees: Irvin(?) Toss (?) 1 day paid \$.50; Zachariah Taylor 1 day paid \$.50; Leaven Howard 1 day paid \$.50; Terriage (illegible) \$.50; Mileage 10 m. \$.30; Fees(?) \$3.05. This 7th day of Apl. 1860 no stay or appeal being prayed Execution issued against said defendants made returnable on the 2nd day of May 1860. directed & delivered to James A. Davis as Deputy Const. for J.W. Wheeler, Const. Endorsed thereon that the debt is \$2.58, my cost \$1.25, cost of Irvin Trsse(?) witness \$.50, do Zachariah Taylor .50, do Leaner Howard \$1.30 this (illegible) & docketing do .50 J.A. Davis fee as D.C. \$3.10

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Merideth Fisher, plaintiff vs Seth Russell, defendant } attachment. 10 March 1860. Dismissed.

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John Melvin as the Administrator of the Estate of James Melvin, decd. vs John Goynes. 15 day of May 1860 the said John Melvin by his agent James A. Davis filed before me a note against John Goynes and a summons thereupon opined. Directed to constable. 11 day of June 1860. On this, the return day of the summons, which is

returned duly served, having waited 3 hours for the defendant, but he comes not, but made default, this action is found upon a note as follows: \$6.00 One day after date I promise to pay James Melvin or bearer six dollars for value recd. this 23d September 1859. Signed: John Goynes. It is therefore by me considered that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the sum of six dollars for his debt and the sum of twenty cents for his damages and all of his cost by him in this suit expended. Judgment \$6.00. Damages \$.20. Justice fees \$1.00. Con. Davis' fees \$.50.

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An estray taken up by M.F. Norton. 30 March 1860. Appointed J.A. Jenkins, William Adams and James Barnes to appraise estray mare.

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Butler & Arnett vs Rowing (?) Matterly } attachment. 28 March 1860. Attachment filed by Butler & Arnett against said Matterly. Trial day set 5th April 1860. Plaintiff failed to appear. Judgment in favor of plaintiff. See page 56.

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State of Arkansas vs Milton Hannas } misdemeanor. 2 April 1860. H. J. Hannas filed complaint that Milton Hannas threatened to stab him with a knife and destroy his property. Also that on 2 April 1860 came to his house and broke several of his sitting chairs, dishes and other property and acted in a turbulent manner with hot and angry words. Warrant issued for arrest. Case dismissed at request of prosecutor and defendant, and their agreeing to pay all court costs. April 15, 1860. Witnesses: Jane (illegible), Emmala Hannas.

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Butler & Arnett vs Rowing Matterly } suit from page 55, attachment. 6th April 1860, no stay or affidavit being prayed execution issued, directed and delivered to the Constable of Upper Township returnable on the 2nd day of April 1860. Endorsed on that the debt is \$13.25. Debt \$13.25. Justice fees \$2.00; Paid by Davis \$2.00. Fees Constable \$1.25

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20th Day of April 1860. Stray mare taken up by Thomas Smith. Jesse Rudch, M. Rice and Michael Scully appointed as appraisers. Jesse Reed and Calvin Smith securities. Mare proven to be property of H. L. Holleman and was delivered to him on 3rd of May 1860.

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State of Arkansas vs. Jo, a Creek Indian. 3 May 1860. James A. Davis filed complaint that Jo, a Creek Indian, on 2 May 1860 did commit a violent assault and battery on Suwakee, a Creek Indian,

by shooting him in the left arm in (illegible) of Farmsworth in the county of Sebastian with intent to kill. Suwakee asked a warrant be issued for arrest of Jo. After hearing testimony of witnesses, defendant was found guilty as charged and ordered to enter into recognizance with sufficient security in the sum of \$1,000. Order to be made to sell one brown pony mare. Writ issued 15 May 1860.

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E.B. Bright vs William Butler. (Page canceled with note to see page 80.)

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John Melvin, Adm. of the Estate of James Melvin vs John Goynes. 15 May 1860. Said John Melvin having filed before me a note against John Goynes the defendant and a summons thereupon issued directed to the constable of Upper Township on the 6th day of June 1860. On the 6th day of June 1860 on this the return day of the summons which is returned and duly served. See page 53.

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James Loyd, Plaintiff vs James D. Shrader, Defendant. 25 May 1860. Account filed for \$12.05 – summons issued, returnable on 6 June 1860, was returned on 6 June 1860, duly served. Both parties appeared. Case adjourned until 5 July 1860. Dismissed by order of the plaintiff at his costs 5 July 1860.

Marriage Certificate

I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 12th day of June 1860 at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Fredrick W. Grasse, aged 35 years and Marie Sophie Fransiska Beck aged 38 years, both of Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas and then and there declare them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 12th day of June 1860. Fees paid.

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In the matter of an estray taken up by Lewis Underwood, 14 day of June 1860. See page 65.

State of Arkansas vs Thomas F. Norman. And on this 18th day of July 1860 came the said defendant in custody of Jere M. Wheeler as court charged from the affidavit of William H. Austin here in filed on the 14th day of July 1860 that Thomas F. Norman did on the 9th day of July 1860 before Mr. Ellis, a Justice of the Peace, did then and there swear falsely in making an affidavit for a writ of attachment vs said Wm. H. Austin.



There upon I issued a warrant against the said Thomas F. Norman commanding him to apprehend the said Norman and now on this the 14th day of July 1860 comes the said Thomas Norman in custody of the constable and the parties appeared by their attorneys Spring as prosecutor and King on the part of the defense and then upon this cause adjourned until the 19th day of July 1860 at which time the parties appeared by their attorneys and there upon I proceeded to take down the testimony of the complainant and witnesses according to law and the same being reduced to writing and signed by each of them. See page 78.

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In the matter of an estray pony taken up by Lewis Underwood, 14th day of June 1860. Joseph Pero, James Edmondson and John Keirvan appointed appraisers. Fees paid, papers sent to clerk in a letter. See page 67.

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Two estray steers taken up by Joseph Shawl 29 June 1860. Wm. Barnett, James Edmondson and Wm. Cottrel appointed appraisers. See page 89.

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#### Marriage Certificate

I Samuel Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that on 30 day of July 1860, at the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas, I did duly join in marriage Joseph Oswald of said Sebastian County, aged 45 years and Barbara Seingel of Sebastian County in the State of Arkansas, aged 50 years and then and there declare them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand and seal this 30 day of July 1860. Fees paid and transcript sent to the Clerk by mail.

Cornelius Eagan vs Lewis Underwood } Suit from page 65. And now on this day comes the said C. Eagan and on his oath swears that the said stud pony so taken up in the case is his property, that he is the rightful owner of same so help him God.

His

Cornelius X Eagan  
Mark

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James D. Schrader vs Edward Martin } suit on account. 21 day of May 1860 said James D. Schrader having filed before me and a bill of particulars against the defendant Edward Martin for the sum of \$10 as summons thereupon issued

directed to the constable returnable on 6 day of June 1860. 6 June 1860. Summons returned duly served by Jerry M. Wheeler. Both parties appeared, case adjourned until 6 day of July when both parties appeared and case was dismissed at mutual cost.

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Squire Hunter, Plaintiff vs James Kennedy, Defendant } attachments. 6 July 1860 filed suit against James Kennedy. Writ of attachment served by constable. Defendant comes and files bonds and securities which are approved by me whereupon it is ordered that the attachments in this case be dissolved and that this cause proceed as other suits. Trial date set on the 14th day of July 1860. 7 day of July 1860 both parties appeared by their attorneys and by consent this cause dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

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State of Arkansas vs N.D. Munn. On this 12th day of July 1860 comes Martha Bowser and having filed before me her complaint in writing and upon oath stating that said N.D. Munn has certain property to wit one featherbed, Blue striped tick, was embezzled from her, the said Martha Bowser, that she does suspect the property is concealed in the house occupied by N.D. Munn in the county of Sebastian & in the city of Fort Smith. Thereupon issued a warrant directed to the constable and the same was delivered to him to search said place in the daytime.

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Estray horse taken up by Polley D. Robertson. 16 July 1860. A.P. Smith, Simon Shanton(?) and John Kirvin appointed appraisers. This property proven to be Ernst Speakers August 9th 1860. See page 72.

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16 July 1860 comes Ernst Speaker by his attorney James P. Spring and the said Polley D. Robinson appearing and the said horse was proven to be the property of the said Speaker. Horse delivered to Speaker with him paying all the costs and legal expenses.

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State of Arkansas vs Arch Stand, a Cherokee. 7 August 1860 comes Sol Nellis and made his declaration in writing he was shot on the evening of the 6th of August 1860 in the County of Sebastian and in the city of Fort Smith, that one Arch Stand, a Cherokee and a native of the Cherokee Nation, did on the said 6th day of August 1860, at said county and in said city of Fort Smith did draw and shoot at the said Nellis with a Colt's revolver, the same being loaded with leaden balls or slugs and

powder, did then shoot me, the said Nellis, in the abdomen with the intent to kill and murder me without any provocation whatever. I am fully satisfied that I cannot recover from the wounds inflicted. I believe that I must soon die. I make these declarations with the solemnity of impending dissolution and know that I cannot recover. When the difficulty occurred, I was going up toward the Indian in a peaceable manner, and told him he ought not to have his pistol out in that manner, throwing it round; that it might go off and kill some one, and just as I reached out my hand to take hold of the pistol, and was in the act of taking hold of it, he pulled the trigger and fired at me. I believe in the final accountability of all persons to the Creator and I have made these declarations with a full sense of that accountability, and under as solemn obligations as if under oath. And now on this 9th day of August 1860 comes the said defendant Arch Stand in custody of J.M. Wheeler as constable and thereupon I proceeded to examine H.S. Rossenfield (?) and other witnesses in regard to said charges. See Page 74.

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From Page 73. And the testimony of whom was reduced to writing and sworn and subscribed by them. And, thereupon I informed the said Arch Stand of said charge and that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any questions as put to him where upon the said Arch Stand declines making any statement what so ever. And, therefore, having the defendants witnesses whose testimony was reduced to writing sworn to and subscribed by them and thereupon are the testimony of S.H. Rumley that this said Sol Nellis died on the 7th day of Augt. 1860 from the wound received by the defendant's pistol and it being the opinion of the said Justice, that said Arch Stand is guilty as charged by the testimony of the deed and said offense not beingailable he is committed to the jail. The said witnesses are also required to enter into recognizance to appear at the next term of the circuit court to give evidence in this case with recognizances are also certified to the circuit court. Total fees \$14.60. See page 75.

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Con't. from page 74. Jere Wheeler fees as constable arresting prisoner and (illegible) 17 witnesses \$4.25 (illegible) \$2.25; Keeping prisoner 5 days \$1.00 per day \$5.00, (illegible) \$7.00; guard 5 days \$10.00 conveying prisoner to jail \$21.00; (Total) \$28.00. Witnesses of the State: James R. Dickson, 1 day .50; H. W. Capps 1 day .50; M. G. Whitsell 1 day .50; Robert Bond 1 day .50; Francis

Linton 1 day .50; A. Quesenbury 1 day .50; Jo Walton 1 day .50; N. Spring 1 day .50; H. S. Rumfield 1 day .50; and defense: P. R. Thomas 1 day; Crock Newton 1 day; G.W. Johnson 1 day; L. Joslenburger 1 day; N. Spring 1 day; C. Birnie 1 day; H.S. Rumfield 1 day.

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State of Arkansas vs Lorenzo D. Kelly. On 11 August 1860 (illegible) under oath stated that Lorenzo D. Kelly on 8 August 1860 came to his house and did steal, take and carry away one silver watch (illegible) one trunk and contents. Asked warrant be issued for arrest of Lorenzo D. Kelly. 11th day of August 1860 came Lorenzo D. Kelly in custody of the constable. Adjourned until Monday, 13 August 1860, prisoner to remain in custody of Jere M. Wheeler as constable. 13 August 1860 came Lorenzo D. Kelly in custody of constable and I proceeded to examine the complainant and witnesses (illegible). State closed her evidence. I informed the said Lorenzo D. Kelly of said charge and that he was at liberty to refuse to answer any questions put to him where upon the prisoner refused to make a statement and the said defendant having no witnesses and offering no proofs of his innocence, the Justice is of the opinion that said offense hath been committed and that the defendant is guilty thereof.

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It is therefore considered by the Court that said defendant be admitted to bail in the sum of Three Hundred dollars and in default of such bail that he be committed to the jail of Sebastian County and there to remain until such bond be given or he be otherwise discharged by the due course of law. (Fees listed here)

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The State vs Thomas S. Norman } suit from page 63. State testimony closed. Prisoner notified of charge and his right to make a verbal statement of same. Prisoner declined making statement and offering no testimony on the part of the defense, the case is closed. Defendant guilty as charged. Bail required \$800 and thereupon R.M. Johnson as Mayor & R.P. Ruskins(?) as Justice of the Peace being called on to sit in conjunction with one said justice and they do thereupon dissent from the assession of me said Edmondson (illegible) the said prisoner is discharge and that he go hence home without delay. (Fees listed)

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A.P. Smith, Plaintiff vs Joseph Reeder, Defendant. 15 August 1860. Suit filed by A.P.



Smith against Joseph Reeder for two dollars and fifty cents. Summons issued and delivered. 8 Sept 1860. Defendant failed to appear. Plaintiff appeared. Proved his account of \$2.50. Judgment for plaintiff that he receive from the defendant the sum of \$2.50 his debt and all of his costs in court. 4 October 1860. No appeal being prayed execution issued directed to the constable of Upper Township returnable on 7th day of November 1860 endorsed thereupon that the debt is \$2.50 costs \$1.50 and on said 7th day of November 1860 execution is reopened and placed in the hands of Jas A. Davis Constable on (illegible) day of December 1860.

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E.B. Bright, Plaintiff vs William Butler, Defendant. 10 May 1860, E.B. Bright filed bill of particulars against William Butler for sum of \$83.52. Summons issued. 6 June 1860. Plaintiff appeared in court, proved his account of \$83.52. Defendant did not appear. Judgment for plaintiff. Judgment unsatisfied. Constable reported there was no goods or chattels of the defendant's whereon to levy, but that defendant, William Butler, possessed lands and tenements; thereupon it is ordered that a transcript of the proceedings in this case be sent to circuit court. See page 81.

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Continued from page 80. Oath by Samuel Edmondson that foregoing was true and perfect transcript of proceedings had before him. 16th Aug 1860.

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William Giger vs Barnhart Shappy. Suit over wager owed to William Giger by Barnhart Shappy. By consent of parties, suit dismissed by mutual costs.

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N. Moroney vs H. McCarthy. 17 August 1860. Suit for debt of \$3.00. Debt paid. Suit dismissed. Jere M. Wheeler fee \$1.50; Justice fee \$1.50.

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A. Niece vs W.B. & S.H. Calhoun. 23 August 1860. Suit for sum of \$24.00 less credit of \$6.00 there being balance of \$18.00. Summons issued. Served by James A. Davie. September 5, 1860 defendant failed to appear. Plaintiff appeared and proved his account of \$18.00. Judgment for plaintiff to recover his debt and court costs. Witness: S.H. Calhoun

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Antoine Neice vs Alexander Nickels. 23 August

1860. Suit for sum of \$21.00 less \$10.00 credit, balance \$11.00. Summons issued. 5 September 1860. returned duly served. Defendant did not appear. Judgment for plaintiff.

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E.S. Walker vs Smitia Williams. 13 August 1860. Note filed. Summons issued. Not served. Judgment (illegible).

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H. W. Norton vs Joseph Pero. 23 August 1860. Note filed by H. W. Norton against Joseph Pero. Summons issued to be returned 5 September 1860. (Transcript not completed.)

Wm. Blakely vs James D. Schrader. Suit for \$10.00 account. Summons issued 18 May 1860, returned by constable Davis and on 6 July 1860 parties appeared. By consent of parties this suit dismissed at mutual costs.

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John Culberson vs Willice Byram & John R. Alfred. 23 August 1860. Summons returned non est inventus on 5 Sept. 1860, said writ being returned not served. Plaintiff considered without case. Defendant to hence without delay and recover of and against said John Culberson all of the costs in and about this case expended.

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Matter of an estray yoke of oxen taken up by Joseph Shawl I, William Colvard being duly sworn do depose and say that the annexed and foregoing yoke of oxen so heretofore listed as estrayed is my property, that I have never traded said steers directly or indirectly to any person or persons, the said oxen being posted by Joseph Shaw.

His

William X Colverard  
Mark

Statement of witness that above is correct by William Barnard. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 27 day of August 1860.

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L.D. Munn vs Patrick Talt (?). 23 August 1860. Suit for \$30.00. Summons issued and on 5 September 1860 comes said parties and by consent of the parties the papers in this case is withdrawn and the debt is paid to plaintiff and officers received their fees.

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E. B. Bright vs John Allen. 29 August 1860. Suit filed for sum of \$25.36. Summons issued. Returned 5 September 1860. Both parties appeared by defendant said nothing as preclusion to plaintiff's demand. Judgment for defendant to

pay plaintiff \$25.36 for his debt and all court costs. Judgment \$25.36. Justice's Fee \$1.00. Constable Wheeler's Fee \$.50 paid to him by Justice. Security bond E.P. Clark. Received of John Allen, the defendant, in this above case, twenty seven dollars and sixty two cents, it being in full for principal, interest and costs - the costs paid to officers. Signed: E.B. Bright. March 8th 1861

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E.B. Bright vs William Allen. 29 August 1860. Suit filed for \$16.03. Summons issued. 5 September 1860. Summons returned by Jere M. Wheeler, not served. Second summons issued on 6 Sept 1860. (Transcript not completed.)

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Estray black horse taken up by M.F. Norton. 21 August 1860. Appointed Joseph Pero, Cornelius Baurhyte and Wm. Adams Appraisers. I, John F. Wheeler, being duly sworn do depose and say that the above described horse is the property of my son William Wheeler. (signed) Jno. F. Wheeler

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Bennett & Walton vs W.L. Handfield. 7 November 1859. Bennett & Walton filed before me a note against Wm. L. Handfield, the defendant, in the words and figures as follows: \$12.35. Fort Smith, Arkansas, Jan 1st, 1854. One day after date I promise to pay to the order of Bennett & Walton, Twelve dollars and 33/100 value received with interest at the rate of (illegible) per annum. Signed Wm. L. Handfield. and the said Wm. L. Handfield files in writing this confession of judgment wherein he says that he is indebted to said Bennett & Walton in the sum of \$8.00 debt and \$3.83 interest due upon said note, and consents that judgment may be rendered against him for the same. Judgment for plaintiff, recover debt, interest and court costs. On the 7th day of November 1859 came the said defendant and prayed a stay of execution for the term of six months, and offered J.W. Southerland as his security who entered into recognizance as required by law; whereupon said stay is granted.

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J. W. Arnett vs Henry Ward. In the matter of two horses found in the possession of said Henry Ward. (Arnett's statement regarding the purchase of the horses and a statement by Richard Hood verifying the statement. There is no case transcript.)

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In the matter of George, a Runaway Slave. Comes on this 3rd day of September 1860 James A. Davie as constable and brings in his custody "George" is a runaway slave, and belongs to

William Reed of Columbia County, State of Arkansas, it is ordered that said James A. Davie convey and deliver to said Wm. Reed, said slave. Given under my hand this the 3rd day of Sept 1860. Or, whereas the said James A. Davis has some doubts, rather as to the ownership of said slave, and the same being manifested to me as such, as though the owner might be unknown, it is therefore ordered, with the description of said taken up, that he deliver said slave to the jail of the County of Sebastian. Given under my hand this 3rd day of Sept 1860. Mr. Reed of Columbia County proved the above described negro, paid charges and took him away on the 16th Sept 1860.

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The State of Arkansas vs Jesse Pruett } Search Warrant. Complaint made under oath by Gideon Young that twenty dollar gold pieces of American coin and also between five and ten dollars of small gold and silver was embezzled and that he suspects that such money is concealed about the person of Mrs. Pruett, the wife of Jesse Pruett or about the camp of the said Pruett or on the persons of some member of his family in the county of Sebastian, thereupon I issued a warrant directed to the Sheriff of Sebastian County, commanding him to search said place. And on the 31st day of August 1860 said warrant is returned by W.A. Porter as Sheriff stating that he went to the place specified in the warrant and made a thorough search of the persons and property in the daytime in said camp but did not find the property or any part thereof specified in the writ. It is therefore considered that this suit abate and defendant go hence there from and that the State of Arkansas for the (illegible) of said defendant record all her costs herein expended against said Gideon Young the prosecutor herein. Justice costs \$3.00. Sheriffs costs (?).

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(Editor's Note: This is the second page numbered "97")

A. Hamilton Cline vs Frank Rivers. 19 September 1860. A. Hamilton Cline filed bill of particulars against Frank Rivers. A writ of attachment was issued. Trial day set 22 Sept 1860. Writ of attachment returned, executed by being levied upon certain property of said defendant specified in said return, but not served upon the defendant personally. It is ordered that this case be set for trial on the 16th day of October 1860. It is further ordered that defendant appear before me on said day at my office in said township at ten o'clock in the forenoon and answer to said plaintiffs demand or that judgment will be entered against him on



that day and his property sold to satisfy the same, and that a copy of this order be delivered to said plaintiff to be by him set up by law.

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John I. Johnston vs Frank Rivers. On 14 Sept 1860, John I. Johnston filed bill of particulars against Frank Rivers. He also filed an affidavit and a writ of attachment was issued. Trial day was set for 22 Sept 1860. Writ of attachment returned executed by being levied upon certain property of said-defendant verified in said return but not served upon the defendant personally. Case set for trial 16 October 1860. Defendant ordered to appear and answer to plaintiff's demand or that judgment will be returned against him or his property to satisfy the same and that a copy of this order be delivered to said plaintiff to be by him set up according to the law. On 16th day of October 1860 this case adjourned until 17th inst. at ten o'clock a.m. Carried to page 113.

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L.W. Colby vs Frank Rivers & Robert Montgomery. 13 Sept. 1860. Account and affidavit filed by L.W. Colby against Frank Rivers and Robert Montgomery. Writ of attachment issued. 19 Sept. 1860. Writ returned executed by being levied on property, not served personally on defendant. Trial set for 11 October 1860. Defendant ordered to appear and answer plaintiff's demand or property be sold to satisfy same. Carried to page 105.

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On this 18th day of September 1860 comes Thomas Barnes and made his declaration under oath in writing stating he was shot on 18 Sept. 1860 on the north side of the Arkansas River opposite the steamboat landing in the city of Fort Smith (illegible) well within the Cherokee Nation by John Bonge(?) about one half inch below the right nipple and at the same time and place he was cut by a knife in the hands of James Bonge in the side of the neck, at the time he received the wounds his brother William Barnes had in his possession a large sum of money (perhaps from the weight of it) and from his own knowledge of counting the same, there was on or about One Thousand Dollars. Being well acquainted with the parties, I am of the opinion that their aim was to attack me before they could attack William Barnes believing that they dreaded me worse than him. They had good reason to believe that William Barnes had the above named amount of money in his possession and he verily believed that the attack was made for the purpose of robbing him of the said sum of money, or at least it

looks reasonable to him that such was their intention as they knew that he had the above amount on money in his possession at the camp meeting ground in the Cherokee Nation on Thursday last. Continued on Page 101.

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I am perfectly sensible of what I state, and I am of the opinion that I cannot survive the wounds that I have received, and believing myself to be at the point of death, I make this statement to be true.

His  
Thomas X Barnes  
Mark

Witnesses: F. Bass; Rufus Dunlop

And thereupon comes Wm. Barnes as witness, who being duly sworn by me, on his oath says that on the evening of the 18th Sept. 1860 he was attacked by James Bonge and Moses Edwards on the North side of the Arkansas River, near the ferry landing, opposite Ft. Smith, in the Cherokee Nation, at which time James Bonge seized him with violence whilst on his horse by the arm, at which time the said Moses Edwards stabbed him in the back, at which time they pulled him off his horse and on rising up, not seeing my own horse, I jumped on another horse and rode a short distance in the Nation, and then returned and crossed the river to Fort Smith. From the time that I was pulled off my horse, I never saw my saddle bages containing the money belonging to Peter Mankins which I had in possession at the time containing on or about one thousand dollars in gold and silver which money belonged to said Peter Mankins, the said saddle bags and money given into (See page 102.)

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My possession by said Mankins four or five days ago, during which time I had possession of the same most of the time. I have been in the habit of trading for and carrying money for said Mankin for several years. I do know that James Bonge knew that I had the money belonging to Mankins for he asked me and I told him so. It looks reasonable to me that the aforesaid attack was made on me and my brother, Thomas Barnes, for the purpose of robbing me of the above named amount of money. From the wounds inflicted on me, I have reason to believe that I may never recover and I make this statement knowing that I am in my proper mind as much as I ever was. I state that my brother and myself are both Cherokee Indians and that James Bonge and Moses Edwards are both Cherokee

Indians and that Pete Mankins is a White Man and a citizen of the State of Arkansas.

His  
William X Barnes  
Mark

Witnesses: F. Bass; Rufus Dunlap

Whereupon I Samuel Edmondson a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the city of Fort Smith in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify and make known (See Page 118.)

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And thereupon comes B.W. Alberty and in his oath says, that on the evening of the 18th of Sept 1860, I was on the north bank of the Arkansas River opposite Fort Smith in the Cherokee Nation. Whilst there I saw Ridle Benge who told me that Moses Edwards had in his possession the horse and saddle bags that I was inquiring for. He told me this when I inquired if he had seen Wm. Barnes horse and saddle bags on the bar. He asked me my reasons for asking him these questions and I replied that Wm. Barnes had lost a horse and a pair of saddle bags containing one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars in gold and that I was in search of them. He replied, you need not hunt for them because Moses Edwards has got the horse and saddle bags and run off with them. I was requested by Peter Mankin to hunt for them. Ridle Benge told me that another of the boys, John Benge or James Benge were near him, Ridle Benge, at the time of the shooting. He said that the horse that Wm. Barnes had with the saddle bags on ran towards him and he caught the horse. Moses Edwards ran to him, jerked the horse loose from him,

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jumped on him and ran off with him, and had the saddle bags on the horse. I asked him if he knew that to be Wm. Barnes horse. He said he did. I called on Carter Daniels as a witness to know if he would swear to that, he said he would. I said, if so I would go back and tell Mr. Mankin what had become of his saddle bags, which I did, and we quit hunting for the same. I consider Riddle Benge to be a clever, responsible man. Thomas and William Barnes are both Cherokee, also Moses Edwards, James & John Benge are all Cherokee. Peter Mankin is a white man. Signed: B.W. Alberty. Thereupon comes John Barnes & on his oath swears that he is the father of Thomas & William Barnes and that he knows these to be natives of the Cherokee Nation.

His  
John X Barnes  
Mark

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Levi W. Colby vs Frank River & Robert Montgomery} Debt by attachment. Brought from page 99. Action on application filed Sept. 24 for sale of property to satisfy debt. Ordered constable to advertise sale. On 11th day of October, 1860, plaintiff appeared. Copies of sale notice had been posted at four public places as required by law, and on said 11th day of October, it is considered by the Justice that this cause be adjourned until the 17th day of October 1860 to 10 o'clock a.m.

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Marriages 1860

I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Richard Catchford of the United States Army, aged 21 years, and Patsey Adams of the said county and state, aged 20 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Henry Edmondson of the United States Army, aged 22 years, and Nancy Hager of the said county and state, aged 20 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

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I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 30th day of September 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Morgan Boland of the United States Army, aged 23 years, and Sarah J. Britton of the said county and state, aged 18 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.

I Samuel Edmondson, an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas do hereby certify that on the 12th day of October 1860 at the County of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Daniel Maegher of the United States Army, aged 20 years, and Mary Dresy of the said county and state, aged 17 years, and then and there do declare them to be husband and wife.



State of Arkansas vs Lorence Jossenberger. On this 3rd day of Oct., 1860 comes Joseph Brown to file complaint in writing, and upon oath, stating that Lorence Jossenberger of the county of Sebastian, did on the 3rd day of October 1860, at said county of Sebastian commit violent assault and battery on him, the said Joseph Brown, by then and there striking him with his fist, with the intent to do him, the said complainant great bodily injury. Thereupon a warrant is issued directed to the constable of Upper Township, commanding him to arrest and bring said Lorence Jossenberger before me, such warrant being endorsed by said Joseph Brown as prosecutor.

Calvin Walker, Plaintiff vs J.H. Brown, Defendant. 29 September 1860. Calvin Walker filed account against J.H. Brown. Writ of attachment issued against defendant. Trial date set 10 October 1860. 10 October 1860. Both parties appeared for trial. Neither party required a jury. Case submitted to Justice. Opinion, defendant indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$22.00 for house rent up to the 22nd of October 1860. See page 110.

For this debt and all of the costs in and about this suit expended: Judgment, \$22.00; Justices fees, \$1.25; Constable costs, \$1.00; (?) bond & (?), \$.50. On this 11th day of October 1860 came the said defendant and prayed a stay of execution of six months and offered D.W. Heard as his security, who entered into recognizance as required by law in the sum of \$25, where upon said stay is granted. Satisfied in full this 30th day of April 1861. Each officer getting his cost. (?) I.H. Gray

Justin Benaux vs Wm. Todd } Attachment. 5 Sept. 1860. Writ of attachment filed by Justin Benaux against William Todd. Trial day set 11 September 1860. Both parties appeared. Justin Benaux filed note against William Todd as follows: \$33.19 1/4 (continued on page 112). (Fees listed but crossed out.)

Judgment for plaintiff: Judgment, \$23.94; Damages, \$2.38; Constable costs, \$.75; Justice fee, \$2.00. On this 11th day of September 1860 comes the said defendant and prayed a stay on the above judgment for six months and offered F.M. Davis as his security who entered into recognizance as requested by law in the sum of \$32.00. Stay granted. 10th day of March 1862. Debt paid by repossession. 21 March 1862.

John I. Johnson vs. Frank Rivers. And now of this day the parties appeared by their attorneys and this cause is dismissed.

A. Hamilton Cline vs Frank Rivers and Robert Montgomery. 7 October 1860. Plaintiff proved his account to justices' satisfaction that defendants are indebted to the said plaintiff in the sum of \$49.90. Judgment for plaintiff. 17 October 1860. It is agreed that the money remaining after the payment of the costs of the case of Colby vs Rivers & Montgomery, Johnson vs same and Cline versus same, be equally divided between the plaintiffs in the said cases.

In the matter of an estray mare taken up by Gilbert Lovman. 24 October 1859. Mare claimed by William A. Porter, as administrator of the estate of John Boyers, deceased.

The State of Arkansas vs L.D. Munn and his wife. Charged with cruel treatment of a minor female by the name of Ellen. On the 29th day of October 1860 comes the said Ellen in custody of John H. Lane(?) as policeman in the city of Fort Smith and thereupon comes L.D. Munn and made his voluntary statement in said case and asked to be heard on the part of the defense. Case adjourned until 2nd day of November 1860. Girl to remain in custody of John H. Lane(?) until further orders be given. This case is dismissed for want of a (illegible).

Jen Hackett vs John B. Forbiss/Forbus(?) attachment. Jen Hackett filed suit and writ of attachment was issued against John B. Forbus, defendant, returnable on 21 November 1860. Wherein, William Falconer is named as garnisher by request of the plaintiff. Trial day set 21 November 1860. See page 127. It is ordered that this cause be set for trial on 20 day of December 1860.

I Samuel-Edmondson an acting and duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sebastian in the State of Arkansas hereby certify that on the 3rd day of December A.D. 1860 in the city of Fort Smith in the county of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in marriage Charles A. Tankersly of the United States Army, aged 26 years, to Catharine Fifer, aged 16 years of the city of Fort Smith and state of Arkansas and then and there declared them to be husband and wife. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December A.D. 1860.

Suit from Page 102. that the foregoing statements of Thomas Barnes, William Barnes, B.W. Alberty, and John Barnes were reduced to writing by me on th 18th day of September 1860 (illegible) read over to them and certified as true. Justice's fee: writing down testimony \$5.00.

State of Arkansas vs Francis Casey. 4 December 1860. Comes E.P. Clark filing complaint in writing that about the 1st day of December Frances Casey and (illegible) supposed to be soldiers of the United States Army broke into his house, breaking doors and a window and threatened him (illegible).. See page 120.

State of Arkansas vs Francis Casey } suit from 119. 4 December 1860. Warrant issued. Defendant brought in by constable. After hearing the testimony, filed against him. Prisoner told he was at liberty to refuse to answer questions put to him. The said Francis Casey declines making any statement. Defendant ruled guilty and bailable. Ordered to enter into cognizance with sufficient security to the state in the sum of five hundred dollars conditioned for his appearance at the next term of the circuit court to answer said charge. Defendant not entering into said recognizance is committed to the jail of Sebastian County until he does so or he otherwise is discharged by law.

John J. Johnson vs Thos. McCaron. 17th day of October 1860. John J. Johnson filed an account and a bill of particulars against defendant Thos. McCaron for the sum of \$20.00. Summons issued. Returnable on 7th day of November 1860. Summons returned. Plaintiff appeared. Case adjourned until 2 January 1861. On 2 January 1861 case adjourned to 6 February 1861. On 6 February 1861, case dismissed.

Presley(?) Sanderson vs John R. Alford. 29 November 1860. Plaintiff filed note against John R. Alford for \$30.00 borrowed May 30, 1859. Warrant issued. Could not locate defendant. Default. Judgment for plaintiff.

Antonia Nice A. Romangale. 5 December 1860. Suit filed. Writ of attachment issued. Paid in full.

State of Arkansas vs Edward Hummel. 4 December 1860, Elizabeth Hohn filed complaint that Edward Hummel came to her house, drew his pistol, said angry words and said he was in the habit of having "elicit" intercourse with her, which deponent said was a falsehood and that she believed Edward Hummel would do her bod-

ily injury. Warrant issued. Defendant could not be found. Plaintiff ordered to pay court costs.

Testimony of John Lice that Molace on the 11th day of December in Sebastian County did assault William Toler, a Choctaw Indian, with intent to kill him by stabbing him with a large butcher knife in the neck. Deponent believes it will be fatal and asks warrant be issued for arrest of Molace. 12th day of December, Molace comes in custody of constable. I Samuel Edmondson examined the complaint and witnesses and reduced testimony to writing. Of opinion, defendant is guilty and offense bailable, it is ordered that the defendant enter into cognizance with sufficient security in the sum of \$300.00 to appear at the next term of circuit court to answer said charges. Upon failure to produce bond, defendant committed to jail in Sebastian County.

John W. Ridge vs Cess Russell. John W. Ridge filed account against Cess Russell. Writ of attachment issued. 20th December 1860, suit dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Court(?) fees, \$2.60. Justice fee, \$1.00. Constable fee, \$.75.

Jeremiah Hackett vs John B. Forbiss/Forbus(?) } from page 116. 20th day of December 1860. Plaintiff appeared. Defendant did not appear. Account proved to Justice's satisfaction. Judgment: plaintiff recover from defendant \$50.00 for his debt and all of his court costs. Plaintiff filed his bond to said defendant with M.M. Hanna as his security in the sum of \$100 for execution conditioned according to law. Execution against said defendant directed to Jere M. Wheeler as deputy constable for James A. Davis constable. Returnable on 6th day of February 1861, whereas was endorsed. Debt, \$50.00. Justice costs, \$3.50. J. Wheeler, Constable fees, \$4.00.

State of Arkansas vs John White and Permelia White } Search Warrant. 20 December 1860. Martha Johnson, wife of Joseph Johnson, filed complaint that certain property, to wit 2 pieced up quilts have been embezzled from her and she suspects the property is concealed in the house occupied by John White and his wife Permelia White. Search warrant issued and executed. Property found and returned by Jere Wheeler, Deputy Constable, to Justice. Judgment for plaintiff. Recover from defendant court costs

John H.T. Main vs Syllas Sanders. "Error" written across entire page. Error see page 131.



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M. McNamee vs Ward Coachman} attachment. 27 December 1860. M. McNamee filed account against Ward Coachman. Warrant issued, returnable on 4 January 1861. Trial day set 4th January 1861. Attachment levied on property of defendant but not served on defendant personally. Case set for trial 28 January 1861. Defendant ordered to appear to answer charge of plaintiff or judgment will be entered against him on that day and his property sold to satisfy the same and that a copy of this order be delivered to said plaintiff to be he him set up according to law. Constable ordered to proceed to sell such property at auction. See page 135.

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John H.T. Main vs Syllas Sanders. See Page 139. Error. See pages 156 & 157.

(Pages 132 and 133 are missing from the ledger, but a loose note written on a prescription blank of Dr. R.M. Gardner is inserted which reads: Fort Smith, Arkansas. recovered of W.W. Tate through J.J. Moore, seventy-five dollars in compromise settlement of later(?) note. Signed: D.M. Gardner, Sept. 30, 1907. This note was obviously place in the docket book many years later.)

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Shelton Robins, Plaintiff vs Frank Arbuckle and W.H. Walker, Defendants } attachment. James H. Sparks is Gar(illegible). Shelton Robins the 1st day of January 1861 filed an account against Frank Arbuckle and W. H. Walker. James H. Sparks is named as garnisher by request of the plaintiff. Attachment issued and on the 9th day of January 1861, by consent of James H. Sparks, attorney for the defendants, and S.F. Clark, attorney for the plaintiff this case is adjourned until 11 January 1861. Plaintiff and defendants appeared by their attorneys. After hearing evidence, considered by the Justice that the plaintiff be nonsuited and the defendants were let go. The plaintiff paid all costs to witnesses and each officer received his fee. Witnesses: E. Ferguson, A. Garrett.

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John Norman vs William Sagley } attachment. 5 January 1861. John Norman filed an account against William Sagley. Warrant was issued, returnable on 12 January 1861. 6th day of January 1861, defendant comes asking attachment be dissolved and case proceed as other suits. 12th January 1861, plaintiff and defendant appeared and by consent of the parties, suit is dismissed at the defendant's cost and defendant executed his note to plaintiff for \$10.00 with Edmunds Martin as his security payable in two

days. Justice fees, \$2.00. James A. Davis, constable's fees, \$1.25.

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E.B. Bright, plaintiff vs William Allen. 5 December 1860. E.B. Bright filed his account against the defendant William Allen for the sum of \$16.93. Summons issued, returnable on 2 day of January 1861. 2 January 1861. On this the return day of the summons which is returned duly served by J.M. Wheeler as deputy constable for James A. Davis constable and having waited three hours for the defendant, he came not but made default. It is therefore by me considered that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the said sum of sixteen dollars and ninety three cents for his debt and all of his costs by him in this suit expended. Judgment: \$16.93. Justice fee: \$1.00. J. M. Wheeler: \$.95.

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State of Arkansas vs Patrick Hines and John C. Hoopper. 10th day of January 1861, comes Albert Dunlap and files complaint and testimony in writing and under oath that on Sunday night the 6 Jany 1861 he missed his black cloth overcoat out of a sleeping room in Fort Smith and on the 10th day of Jany. 1861 comes the said Patrick Hines and John C. Hoopper in custody of James A. Davis, constable (illegible) questioned the witnesses. Testimony reduced to writing. Informed Patrick Hines and John C. Hoopper that they were at liberty to refuse to answer any questions put to them (illegible) declined making any statement. Bail required in the sum of \$400 from each one which was not given and they are committed to the jail of said county on the 10th January 1861. Fees: Writing down testimony of witnesses, \$2.00, (illegible) of case, \$.30; (illegible) 4 witnesses, \$.40; (illegible 4 witnesses do, \$.40; Judgt. & certificate, \$.50; Warrant commitment, \$.50; Recognizance 3 witnesses, \$1.20; James A. Davis for arresting, \$1.00; Total, \$5.30. For Guard: Prisoners (illegible) and Board, \$10.00; Subpoena 4 witnesses, \$1.00.

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S.M. Ellis vs Henry Marean. 12 January 1861. S.M. Ellis files account against defendant Henry Marean for sum of ninety three dollars and 50/100. Summons issued. 6 January 1861. Plaintiff and defendant appeared. Defendant filed a promissory note of hand against the plaintiff as set off for the sum of 450. Executed to (illegible) neither party requiring a jury trial case submitted to the Justice. Therefore evidence being heard by me and due deliberation had, I am of the opinion that the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in the

sum of \$10.40 and of the costs of this suit. Judgment: \$10.40. Justice fees: \$1.50. Constable fees: \$.50. Execution issued on the 30 day of September 1861. Made returnable on the 6 day of November 1861. See page 142.

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John H.T. Main vs. Syllas Sanders. 19th day of January 1861. Day of trial. Plaintiff appeared. Defendant did not appear. Error. See page 156 & 157.

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State of Arkansas vs Archibald Stroud & William Stroud } felony. 21 January 1861 comes Malachi Collins and having filed before me his complaint in writing and upon oath stating that the said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud did on the night of the 21st day of January commit a violent assault and battery on one James Kerr in the county of Sebastian in the state of Arkansas (illegible) cutting him with these knives in several places with the intent to kill and murder him (illegible) and praying that a warrant be issued (illegible) for the arrest of said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud. 21 January 1861. On this day comes the said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud in custody of the constable and thereupon it is ordered by the Justice that this cause be adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock a.m. and that these persons be kept in charge of the constable. See page 141.

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Suit continued from page 140. Tuesday morning. 9 o'clock a.m. January 22nd 1861. On this day comes the said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud in custody of the constable and I proceeded to examine each complainant and witness in regard to said charge, the testimony of whom was reduced to writing and sworn to be each of them. And thereupon I informed the said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud of said charge and that they were at liberty to refuse to answer any questions put to them and said Archibald Stroud and William Stroud declined making any statement whatever (illegible) being of opinion the defendants are guilty as charged and the offense being bailable, it is ordered that said defendants enter into recognizance with sufficient security to the State each in the sum of \$500, conditioned for their appearance at the next circuit court (illegible). Defendants not entering into such recognizance, they are committed to the jail in Sebastian County until they do so or be otherwise discharged by law. And the said Malachi Collins, John Kennedy, James Kerr, William Carcoran, Charles Powell, William Heffarman(?), Michael McNamee, A. Spring, and James A. Davis, witnesses

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Suit from page 141. all are (illegible) to give evidence. S.M. Ellis vs Henry Morean } suit from page 38, directed and delivered to the constable of Upper Township endorsed thereon that the debt is \$10.44, interest - \$.35, Justice costs - \$1.50, Constable fees - \$.50.

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State of Arkansas vs Thomas Betterton. 21 January 1861. Complaint by William Farmer that Thomas Betterton on 21 January A.D. did feloniously secret and make way with one horse property of Samuel T. Foust (illegible) with the intent to embezzel and convert to his own use (illegible). Whereupon a warrant is issued and directed to the constable of Upper Township commanding him to arrest said Thomas Betterton, and to bring him before me to be dealt with according to the law. 23 day of January 1861. On this day comes the said Thomas Betterton in custody of the constable and also John J. Duprey, attorney for the state for the prosecution and by consent of the parties, cause is adjourned until Monday, 28 January 1861. Thomas Betterton is remanded to the custody of the constable till such time of adjournment. And on said 28th January 1861 comes the said Thomas Betterton in custody of the constable and J.J. Lock, a resident and citizen of the city of Little Rock (carried to page 172)

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In the matter of an estray taken up by William Garrett. 26 January 1861. I do appoint John Putnam, George Garrett and George Nieuwier, who are citizen and householders in said county appraisers and describers of said animal. Appraisers give description of mule and evaluation of same (illegible) filed the original of appraisement in the office of the clerk of said county together with the bond of said William Garrett with John Putnam as his security (illegible) all which is certified.

Page 145

John L. Huson vs George Marley. 26 January 1861. The said John L. Huson filed an account against defendant for the sum of \$5.00. Summons issued. Judgment by default, \$5.00 for debt plus costs.

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John Moulder vs Cornelius Barteyte(?). 26 January 1861. John Moulder filed suit against defendant for sum of \$7.00. Summons issued. Case dismissed 6 February 1861 by defendant executing his note to plaintiff with H.L. Holoman as security in the sum of \$7.00 and plaintiff paid me 50 cents my cost and J.M. Wheeler fees as constable 25 cents yet due.



Page 147

John Moulder vs Fredrick Stoudt. 26 January 1861. John Moulder filed suit against defendant for sum of \$3.75. Summons issued. Trial 6 February 1861. Judgment for plaintiff. Judgment, \$3.75; Justice costs, \$.50; constable costs, \$.50.

Page 148

Bostick Griffith Pennywit, Plaintiff vs J.W. Vandever, Defendant. 26 January 1861. Plaintiff filed note against J.W. Vandever. Summons issued. 6 February 1861. On this, the return date, the said summons was not returned served and thereupon I am of the opinion that the defendant have his costs of suit in this case expended. Justice costs, \$1.00; constable costs \$.50. James A. Davis, the collector, said he would have assets in his hands of defendant to pay the plaintiffs demand.

Page 149

Bostick Griffith Pennywit vs W.C. Whitfield. 26 day of January 1861. Suit by Bostick Griffith Pennywit against W.C. Whitfield for unpaid note of \$100 with interest of 10% per annum, dated January 15, 1857. Summons served by default. Judgment of plaintiff. Judgment \$100.00; damages, \$40.20; Justices cost, \$1.40; Constable costs, \$.70. Judgment and interest satisfied in full by defendant executing his note to plaintiff with John Wallace and Ket(illegible) as his securities. Signed: James A. Davie, Constable of Upper Township.

Page 150

John Moulder vs Frank Smith. 26 January 1861. John Moulder filed suit against Frank Smith in the sum of \$3.50. 6 February 1861. Summons returned by constable with no service. It is considered by the Justice that the plaintiff is nonsuited and that defendant go hence without delay and have all his costs in this suit expended. Justices cost, \$.75; constable costs, \$.50.

Page 151

J.O. Williams vs Wm. Harper. 26 January 1861. J.O. Williams filed an account and bill of particulars against defendant for sum of \$3.00. Summons issued and served. February 6th, 1861. Plaintiff and defendant appeared. It was agreed that the defendant pay \$3.00 and case is dismissed by order of plaintiff. Justices cost, \$1.50 (paid); constable cost, \$.50 (paid).

Page 152

J.O. Williams vs Henry Trush. 26 January 1861. Plaintiff filed account and bill of particulars against the defendant for the sum of \$16.00 and summons issued. 6 February 1861. Summons returned served. Parties appeared. Judgment:

plaintiff have sum of \$16.00 for his debt and all of his costs in this case expended. Judgment, \$16.00; Justices cost, \$.50; Constable costs, \$.50.

Page 153

Williams and Baldwin vs Morean, Defendant. 26 January 1861. Suit for sum of \$2.50. Summons issued. 6 February 1861. Summons returned served. J.O. Williams, one of the plaintiffs, and defendant appeared ready for trial. Evidence introduced and after due deliberation judgment was for plaintiff. Defendant to pay debt of \$2.50 and court costs. Judgment, \$2.50; Justices cost, \$1.00; constable costs, \$.50.

Page 154

J.O. Williams vs H.(?) S. Baker. 26 January 1861. Suit filed for sum of \$800.00. Summons issued. February 6, 1861. Summons is returned by constable satisfied in full and plaintiff agrees to pay the cost herein expended. It is therefore considered by the Justice that the defendant go therefrom without delay and have and recover of the said plaintiff all his costs about this cause expended. Justice costs, \$.50. Costs paid by plaintiff to Justice this 9th day of February 1861.

Page 155

Michael McNamee vs Ward Coachman} suit from page 130. 20 January 1861. Plaintiff appeared. Defendant did not appear. Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of ten dollars for his debt and all costs. Judgment, \$10.00; Justices cost, \$3.00; Jas. Edmondson and plaintiff keeping horse 6 1/2 days, \$3.50; Constable costs, \$.75. And on this day the said plaintiff filed his bond to said defendant with John King as his security in the sum of \$20.00 conditioned according to law which bond and security are approved by me. Thereupon it is ordered by the Justice that James A. Davie as constable pay over to said plaintiff the sum of ten dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of said horse heretofore in this case attached and ordered to be sold as perishable property and to pay over all the costs in this case and the residue subject to the order of the defendant and make his report of the proceedings thereon.

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John H.T. Main vs Syllas Sanders } attachment. 20 December 1860. Writ of attachment levied against real estate: one town lot in Fort Smith known as lot no. four (4) in block no. twenty (20) fronting Green Street, measuring fifty feet on said Green Street by one hundred and forty feet deep to an alley. Notice properly posted. Plaintiff appeared for trial. Defendant did not appear. See page 157

Page 157

John H.T. Main vs Syllas Sanders } Suit from page 156. Note made to J.H.T. Main by Syllas Sanders: I promise to pay fifty four dollars (illegible) money loaned to me, a lien upon one of my lots in the city of Fort Smith. Signed 17 June 1860. Judgment for plaintiff: \$54, debt; \$30.81, damages; and all of the costs of suit expended. The above judgment has been satisfied in full February 5th 1861. Signed: J.H.T. Main

Page 158

D.W. Heard vs Antone Nice. 26 January 1861. D.W. Heard filed account and bill of particulars against defendant Antone Nice for the sum of \$8.00. Summons issued. 6 February 1861. Both parties appeared. Debt proven valid. Judgment for plaintiff. Rec'd. of Antoine Nice in full of the debt and costs of the above (illegible) and costs, May 22, 1861. Signed: Samuel Edmondson. Rec'd. by the hands of S. Edmondson, J.P., eight dollars and fifteen cents in full of the debt damages on the above judgment. May 22, 1861. Signed: D.W. Heard

Page 159

Joseph Bonefous vs Joseph W. Vandever. 26 January 1861. Account filed for \$46.10. Summons issued. 6 February 1861. Summons duly served. Plaintiff made default. Defendant had his costs expended.

Page 160

Ann Lane made an oath claiming to be the rightful owner of a cow and calf that she supposed was posted by J.C. Allison before James J. Baker a Justice of the Peace on the 7th day of January 1861. (The whole page is very difficult to read, but apparently is just Ann Lane's statement which was signed:

Her  
Ann X Lane  
Mark

Page 161

Joseph Brown vs Thomas Finney } attachment. 11 February 1861. Joseph Brown filed an account against Thomas Finney and a writ of attachment was issued. On the 25th of February 1861 neither party appeared. Case continued until 2 March 1861. Neither party appeared on 2 March 1861 and the case is continued until 20 March 1861. On that date the plaintiff failed to appear to prosecute the suit and the defendant was declared nonsuited.

Page 162

State of Arkansas vs John Cassedy. On 6 February 1861 comes Joel A. Hall filing a complaint in writing and under oath that John

Cassedy did on 6 February 1861 commit violent assault and battery on him, striking him with a "Jack plane" and forcibly taking his tool chest of the value of one hundred dollars. Warrant issued. 6 February 1861, John Cassedy was arrested by the constable. He entered into recognizance with John Cassedy and F.W. Colby in the sum of two hundred dollars for his appearance on the 11th day of February 1861. On that date, the suit is dismissed by consent of the parties at mutual costs. See page 163.

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Signatures and costs for the suit on page 162.

Page 164

State of Arkansas vs George Bennett, Toney Farmer and Matt Ellis. 11 February 1861. On this day comes Wesley Barnett and filed a complaint (illegible) that on 11 February 1861 George Bennett, Toney Farmer and Matt Ellis did shoot and kill a man known by the name of Butcher and did also shoot at with intent to kill and murder John P. Haag (illegible). Warrant issued to arrest defendants and bring them before said Justice and R.M. Johnson, Mayor of Fort Smith at the Mayor's office to be dealt with according to the law. 12th February 1861. Plaintiffs appeared in custody to constable and complainant and witnesses examined. Case adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. See page 165.

Page 165

Suit from Page 164. 13 February 1861. Plaintiffs appeared in custody of John H. Lane and Jacob Loudermilk, policemen (illegible). Examinations of witnesses resumed. Case adjourned until February 14, 1861. On that date examinations continued and case adjourned until next day. Friday, February 15, 1861. Examination of witnesses continued. Rights read to prisoners. Carried to page 167.

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Be it known that upon an inquisition taken the 15th day of February 1861 at the county of Sebastian and city of Fort Smith before Samuel Edmondson, J.P. of said, upon the view of the dead body of Toney Farmer, by the oath of William Northum, Eli Northum, W. Fenton, M.S. Wilcox, W. (?) Foss, J. Edmondson, G. Smith, Nathaniel Bell, J.G. Roberts, Nathan Rice, J. Bolin, A. Thompson, J.H. Dechazer, and David Day, 12 good and lawful jurors of said county, the said jurors being in due form sworn do say that the said Tony Farmer came to his death by the shot of a pistol from the hand of some person unknown to the jury. In testimony whereof as well the said



Justice as the said jurors do herewith respectfully set their hands this 16th day of February 1861. Signed: Samuel Edmondson, J.P.; E.M. Northum; William Northum; J.G. Roberts; G.C. Smith; M.S. Wilcox; Nathaniel Bell; David Day; Andrew Thompson; H. Wilcox; James Bolin; J.H. Deshazer; W. Fenton.

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The State of Arkansas vs George Bennett, Tony Farmer and Matt Ellis } Suit from page 165. which statement so made by said persons was reduced to writing and read over to him and by him admitted to be correct and declared by him to be the truth and the said Tony Farmer and Matt Ellis declined making any statement whatever in said charge and the defendants offering no testimony whereupon the Mayor R.M. Johnson and Samuel Edmondson as Justice of the Peace being of the opinion that the said George Bennett and Tony Farmer are guilty as above charged and said offense not being bailable they are presently committed to the jail of the county of Sebastian, there to remain until discharged by due course of law. Sworn under our hands this 16th day of February 1861. Signed: Samuel Edmondson, J.P.; R.M. Johnson, Mayor. Fees listed.

Page 168

Fritz Barcher vs Maurice Fritch} attachment. Suit dismissed.

Page 169

John Felch vs Frederick Gerber. Error. See page 182

Page 170

Joseph Parou vs William Garrett} attachment. 9 March 1861. Plaintiff filed against William Garrett and a writ of attachment was issued returnable 3 April 1861.

Page 171

John Goynes vs Jeremiah Trotter. Suit filed for \$99.82. Plaintiff and defendant agrees and makes their voluntary appearance before me Samuel Edmondson (illegible) on 6 February 1861 and the parties both appearing in their proper persons and the said defendant filed his affidavit praying a continuance for the want of evidence of James Goad, a material witness for him, thereupon said case is adjourned until 6 March 1861. 6 March 1861. Case adjourned until 3 April 1861. Leave given either party to take depositions before any judge or justice of the peace in this state or any of the United States or territories thereof to be read in evidence on the trial of this case upon notice given and a communication therefore is issued and directed to (sentence not completed).. and this case is adjourned until the 3 day of April

1861. The parties appeared by their attorneys and thereupon it is considered by the Justice that this case be adjourned until tomorrow morning ten o'clock a.m. See page 188.

Page 172

State of Arkansas vs Thomas Betterton} Case from 143. and declared that he was the rightful owner of said property but abandoned and absented himself from the prosecution of said cause thereupon the prisoner is hereby discharged.

Page 173

Robert Mann and Hale vs Wm. Smith. 11 March 1861. Suit for \$10.00. Judgment for plaintiff; debt plus costs, which was satisfied in full.

Page 174 (Missing)

Page 175 (Missing)

Page 176

State of Arkansas vs John Deshaser. On 12 March 1861 comes George S. Taylor and filed a complaint in writing that said Deshaser (illegible) is about to commit an assault and battery upon him (illegible) followed him to his boarding house at Mr. Wadleys (illegible) on 12 day of March 1861 and did (illegible) threaten to shoot, kill and murder him. Warrant issued for arrest of defendant. Defendant brought before me in custody of constable and thereupon I proceeded to take the testimony of complainant and other witnesses. Justice considers John Deshaser guilty as charged. Bond of \$200 posted for appearance at the next term of the circuit court. The said John Deshaser escaped from the constable. Justices fee \$4.00.

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Francis M. Wadley vs Wm. Smith} attachment. 13 March 1861. Justice, after examination of evidence finds for the plaintiff in the sum of two dollars and fifty cents and costs. Satisfied in full by D. Province.

Page 178

Philip Baum vs H.S. Baker. 13 March 1861 comes the said Philip Baum as well as the said H.S. Baker and the said Philip Baum and files his account against the said Baker for the sum of \$4.45 and the said H.S. Baker files in writing his confession of judgment wherein he says he is indebted to the said Philip Baum in the sum of \$4.45 debt and consents that judgment may be rendered against him for the same. It is therefore considered by the Justice that said Philip Baum recover of said H.S. Baker the sum of four dollars and forty five cents for his debt and all costs in and about this suit expended. Judgment, \$4.45; Justice fees, \$.50. I bind myself that the above judgment will be paid in the space of two months from 13 March 1861. Signed: A.G. Mayers(?)

F.M. Wadley vs George S. Birnie} Attachment.  
14 March 1861. Account filed for sum of \$28.75.  
Summons issued returnable on 3 April 1861.  
Summons returned duly served by J.M. Wheeler,  
deputy constable for Davie and on said 3 April  
1861, the parties appeared and the defendant  
filed his account as set-off(?) for the sum of  
\$39.25 as per bill of items herein filed and the  
said parties being ready for trial and by consent  
of the parties this case is left to C.B. Dunkard and  
A.J. Singleton as arbitrators, who after retiring  
and sitting as arbitrators in said case do return  
their verdict in the words and figures to wit: We,  
the arbitrators do agree that G.S. Birnie pay J.M.  
Wadley nine dollars. Said Wadley pay the costs of  
Justice and Constable fees. April 13, 1861.  
Signed: C.B. Dunkard; A.J. Singleton. It is there-  
fore considered by the Justice that plaintiff recover  
of defendant the sum of nine dollars and defen-  
dant recovers of plaintiff Justice and Constable  
costs here in expended. Justice Cost, \$1.00 (pd.);  
Const. Cost, \$1.25 (pd by Plff.); Judgment \$9.00  
(pd. plff. by deft.); Witnesses: Wm Allen, 1 day,  
.50; Wm Bleue(?), .50.

Page 180

E. Moore vs Wm. H. Whitefield. 14 March 1861.  
Plaintiff filed before me a note against the defen-  
dant W. H. Whitefield and a summons issued  
thereupon directed to the constable of Upper  
Township returnable on the 3rd day of April 1861.  
On this the return day of the summons which is  
duly served, having waited three hours for the  
defendant, he came not but made default, this  
action is founded upon a note as follows: "One  
day after date I promise to pay E. Moore, the sum  
of Twenty Dollars for value received." Signed:  
W.H. Whitefield. It is therefore by me considered  
that the plaintiff have and recover of the defen-

dant the sum of twenty dollars for his debt and  
five dollars and sixty cents for his damages and  
all of his costs by him in this case expended.  
Judgment, \$20.00; Damages, \$5.60; Justices  
Costs, \$1.50; Constable, \$.80. On this the 12th  
day of April 1861 comes the said William H.  
Whitefield the said defendant and prayed a stay  
of execution for the term of six months and  
offered Thomas Quinn as his security who  
entered into recognizance as is required, where-  
upon said stay is granted. Rec'd. the full amount  
of this judgment from M. Wheeler, constable,  
Sepr. 14, 1861. Signed: E. J.(?) Moore.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>**HISTORY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS**  
(Goodspeed: Nashville, Tennessee; 21889), p.  
1145.

<sup>2</sup>R. H. Mohler; **FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS,  
SOUVENIR OF THE QUEEN CITY OF THE  
SOUTHWEST** (NP: Fort Smith, 1898), np.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>**HISTORY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.**

Op cit.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

<sup>8</sup>W. J. Weaver, "Early Days in Fort Smith," **FORT  
SMITH ELEVATOR**, Dec. 25, 1896.

<sup>9</sup>Mohler, op. cit.

<sup>10</sup>Weaver, op. cit.

<sup>11</sup>**THE GOODSPEED HISTORIES OF SEBAS-  
TIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS** (Woodward &  
Stinson Printing Co.: Columbia, Tennessee;  
1977), p. 698.

<sup>12</sup>Ibid. 3 Ibid. p. 709.

<sup>14</sup>Ibid, p. 725

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# Nolon Springs Cemetery

By Janice Bufford Eddleman

On the southwest corner of Newlon Road and Newlon Lane, hidden in the woods, briars and tall weeds, there is what was once a fairly large cemetery. The sign on the corner names the cemetery as Nolon Springs, but there is dispute as the spelling of the name and for whom it was named.

Before January 1851, when Sebastian County was created, the location of the cemetery was in Crawford County. Crawford County Tax Records show that in 1843 the land was owned by Harriet Craig Nowland (the widow of Capt. Edward William Benjamin Nowland). It is believed that land in the area may also have been owned by a Charles Newlon at one time.

According to legend Jack C. Mussett's young son died and was buried near the Mussett home as was customary in those days. Mrs. Mussett spent so much time at his grave that Mr. Mussett became concerned for her health and decided to establish a community cemetery and move the boy's grave there, out of his wife's sight. Jack C. Mussett, William M. Cravens and R.T. Kerr bought the land from Wharton Carnall in 1887. The deed reads as follows:

Know all men by these presents that I, Wharton Carnall, for in consideration of the sum of seventy five dollars to me in hand paid by Wm. M. Cravens, R.T. Kerr and Jack C. Mussett and others of School District No. 22 of Upper Township in Sebastian County in the State of Arkansas do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey upon the said Jack C. Mussett Trustee for the inhabitants of said School District 22 and unto his successors and assigns forever the following lands lying in the County of Sebastian and State of Arkansas to wit: two acres of land off the north east corner of the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 34 of Township 9 of Range 32



Nolon Springs Cemetery sign.

described as follows, beginning at the NE corner of said forty acre tract and running south one hundred and forty yards along the east line of said tract thence west seventy yards, thence north one hundred and forty yards to the north line of said forty acre tract thence west seventy yards to beginning containing two acres more or less to be used and held as a burying ground for the people of said School District according to its present boundaries and no other. To have and to hold the same to the said J.C. Mussett, Trustee, and his successors in trust for the uses and purposes and no other purpose with all the appurtenances hereunto belonging. And I hereby covenant with said J.C. Mussett Trustee as aforesaid and his successors that I will forever warrant and defend the title to said land to the said J.C. Mussett Trustee and his successors against the lawful claims of all persons whatever. Witness my hand and seal on this the 1st day of January 1887. Signed: Wharton Carnall.

The cemetery has, for many years, been overgrown, undergoing an occasional cleaning by a Scout troop or a R.O.T.C. or other civic minded group. It has also been the victim of vandals. From time to time, various persons or groups, including the Southside High School R.O.T.C., Elaine Fant Metheny, Virginia Fant Bruce, Sam Allen and the late Chris Elmore Allen, have attempted to inventory the cemetery. The following is a compilation of the known lists, but probably does not represent nearly all the stones in the cemetery.

Pvt. Arthur Roberson, December 1893 - January 1920

Annie L. Wood, Died July 1, 1927

A.G. Taylor, November 22, 1929

Serrena Adams, November 18, 1893 - March 14, 1937

Son, O. Curtis Adams, August 1, 1922 - December 24, 1940

Talestena, dau. of Fay & Manda Sweeden, April 23, 1912 - May 19, 1912

Albert T. Lee Roberson, 11 February 1910 - 7 November 1937

Richard Caswell Pendleton, 23 Sept. 1880 - 29 July 1897

Ella, wife of Will Martin, 26 April 1877 - 17 Oct. 1906

Eliza, son of M.R. & S.E. Weatherly, 29 March 1892 - 4 October 1895

Colhain(?), Baby, 1922, Age 8

Lula Duncan, died 8 May 1907, age 3 years

Henry Wade, died 23 January 1906, age 13

Houston J., son of T.J. & N.J. Benjamin, d. 15 Sept. 1904

John T. Belcher, 1865 - 1941

Spencer Allen

Dove Franklin, 22 October 1808 - 17 August 1900

Tealie Franklin, November 4, 1902 - 19 December 1903

Seabon King, Died 30 March 1901, age 71 years

Martha L. Pegues, 30 May 1896 - 25 April 1914, Age 17

Charley Robinson, Sr., Died 7 July 1910, age 75 years

Edward Lee Parker, 1924 - 1925

Susie Bonner, 2 February 1909, age 22 years

Son, Royster, Died 6 Aug. 1911, age 18 mos.

R. C. Caldwell, 13 August 1872 - 13 May 1911

Levena King, Died 4 February 1910, Age 82 years

Granville Wilks, August (Everything else is illegible)

Albert Parks, died 19 April 1911, age 34 years

Martha Smith, 7 November 1906, Age 65 years

Samuel Harris, 21 September 1885 - 11 January 1895

John Smith, Died 21 July 1899, Age 69 years

Broken stone with only dates 6 October 1866 - 30 June 1899

Annie Wilson, 12 January 184? - 30 March 1916

Cornia Burnett, 14 May 1908 - 8 August 1923

J.W.B. Anderson, 2 April 1866 - 9 February 1926

Orvil Edgar Frank, Jr., Belcher, 8 November 1937 - 18 August 1938

Callie, Daughter of L.K. & J.L. Johnson, 29 May 1878 - 28 January 1909

Martha, wife of Henry Martin, 1 Jan. 1854 - 1 Jan. 1907

Ella, Wife of Will Martin, April 26, 1877 - Oct. 17, 1906

Abby Taylor, Died February 27, 1933

J.W. (small foot marker)

Minnie C. Blake, 29 November 1879 - 16 February 1915

Augustus, son of Alfred & Ann Wilson, February 18, 1883 - November 4, 1902

Josie McBride, aged 5 years

Son, Harris, died March 17, 1912

Emma Harris

C.W.

Baby, Burrow

Willee Wilson, June 21, 1885 - September 4, 1915

Virgil Robenson, Died September 15, 1912, Age 6 years

Dicy Jones, 9 March 1873 - 16 February 1922, Member of Queen of Sheba Court 159 - Canlanthe

Lennah Settle, 23 January 1897 - 23 June 1898

Carrie Miller, 12 September 1895 - 4 September 1899

Lucy A. White

A.C. White, 25 September 1862 - 11 January 1916

Bettie Perteet(?), At Rest, (foot marker: B.P.)

Daisy Cravens, d. 4 March 1931 (Stone is buried.)

Herman Cravens, Ark. Private

Leroy Lockett (Stone buried)

Josie Mae Jones, 1920 - 1924

Louther Nelson, 1 May 1893 - 19 August 1895

Claud Allen, 16 July 1880 - 20 May 1894

John R. Allen, 12 July 1850 - 27 November 1900

M.M. Cockrum (?), 30 January 1868 - 11 March 1898, Her acts were noble, Her deeds just, Truth was her motto and God was her trust.

## Book Notes

By Janice Bufford Eddleman

**LASTING MEMORIES: A Guide to Writing Your Family History**, by Dana Jordan Alexander and Amy Shea. 140 pages. Soft cover, spiral bound. Price \$16.95 plus \$2.25 shipping. Available from Generations Publications, 1937 Dembrigh Lance, Charlotte, NC 28262.

This book is a workbook for writing a family history. The first five chapters are devoted to writing your own personal history, but are a good guide for writing the history of individuals in your family tree. Chapter Five is devoted to the immigration of family members to the United States and Chapter Six consists of worksheets asking those interviewed to tell of their reaction to such technological changes as the invention of the automobile. The next chapters are dedicated to questions to answer about the family in decades from 1910 to 1980 and the final chapters ask the person being interviewed to tell such things as what they think the most important event in their life was and what they would like people to remember about them. As a former history teacher, I could think of a lot of ways to use some of the worksheets in a classroom. In my opinion, if you are working with children in either history or genealogy, a copy of this book would be "chucked full" of ideas for your use. It would also be very helpful in helping a family historian to "flesh out" a genealogy and save it from the bare bones of names, dates, events and places.



# In Loving Memory

## **BARBARA J. KERN MINOR**

Barbara J. Kern Minor, 67, of Harwich, Mass., formerly of Fort Smith and a contributing writer for *The Journal*, died March 24, 1996 in Harwich. A graduate of Boston University with a degree in journalism, she wrote for a number of newspapers and other publications, wrote music and plays. While living in Fort Smith from 1980 to 1994, she worked in community theater productions, appeared in the motion pictures, "Biloxi Blues" and "Frank & Jesse" and was a volunteer for the Fort Smith Historical Society and the Old Fort Museum. She is survived by her husband, Captain R. C. Minor; a son, Robert C. Minor of New Bedford, Mass.; a brother, Norval C. Kern Jr., of Henry, IL; three grandchildren and two nieces.

## **ELMO CARUTHERS, JR.**

Elmo Caruthers, Jr., 90, of Englewood, NJ, formerly of Fort Smith, died December 29, 1995 in Englewood. A life member of the Fort Smith Historical Society, he descends from the Caruthers and Miller families, both pioneer Fort Smith families, and the Henry Peoples Bell family of Greenwood, Ark. He attended schools in Fort Smith and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in mechanical engineering, where he was a star athlete and a contender for the 1928 United States Olympic team as a high hurdler. He served in the Navy during World War II and at the end of the war was assigned to help decommission the fleet on the West Coast. He served with the rank of captain in the U. S. Naval Reserve, was a member of the Belle Pointe Masonic Lodge in Fort Smith for more than 50 years, the Fort Smith Trolley Museum, the Fort Smith Historical Society and the Old Fort Museum.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood. On June 15, 1996 a memorial service and burial were held at Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith. He is survived by his sister, Frances Caruthers Cassebaum of Englewood, N.J.; a cousin, Barbara Shapard of Englewood; three nieces, Frances C. Galloway of Scarsdale, N.Y., Anne Melyn Cassebaum of Elon College, N. C. and Mary Elizabeth Meyers M.D. of Russellville, Ky. and seven grandnieces and grandnephews.

## **MONSIGNOR GALVIN**

Monsignor William E. Galvin, 83, of Fort Smith died June 1, 1996 in a Fort Smith hospital. He was pastor at Immaculate Conception Church for almost 30 years. He was a chaplain in the Army during World War II, administrator of Catholic High School in Little Rock for 20 years, Dean of Western Deanery, counselor to the Bishop of Little Rock, chairman of the clergy personnel board and a member of the Priest Senate. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Texarkana, Ark. under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

He is survived by a sister, Mildred Larson of Waco, TX; a sister-in-law, Charlie Galvin of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception School Endowment Fund.

## **MILDRED STEIN**

Mildred Stein of Fort Smith died Monday, May 6, 1996 in her home. An accomplished musician and writer she wrote music and poetry. She wrote "Come One, Come All," a poem officially acknowledged and published by the Fort Smith Sequicentennial Commission. It is also published on page 25, Volume 10, Number 1 of *The Journal of the Fort Smith Historical Society* together with a biography of Miss Stein. She was a native of Fort Smith and her parents owned the Stein Wholesale Dry Goods Company. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mildred Stein Scholarship Fund, c/o Merchants National Bank, Account No. 2106505655, 723 Garrison Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72902.

## **MACK STANLEY**

Mack Stanley, 89, of Spiro, Oklahoma, died March 30, 1996 at a Fort Smith hospital. He was a writer, an insurance and real estate agent, a motel builder and operator and a Methodist. He was the writer of 12 published books and "Home Town Tales," published in the Times Record, Spiro Graphic and several other newspapers. Burial was at New Hope Cemetery in Spiro. He is survived by his wife, Bess and a half-sister, Hazel Elliston of Long Beach, California. A beautiful letter of tribute to Mack, written by Jack Moseley, editor of the Times Record, was published on Wednesday, April 3, 1996 in the Times Record.

### **BERNICE PATTON**

Bernice Garrison Patton, 83, of Fort Smith died April 8, 1996 after a long illness. She was a member of First United Methodist church, United Methodist Women, Methodist Nursing Home Board, president of Mount Magazine Girl Scout Council, a member of Children's Service League, Uplifters Sunday School Class and a Sunday school teacher for the 3-year-old department. Burial was at Forest Park Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, J. Fred Patton; a daughter, Ann Patton Dawson of Fort Smith; a son, James Fred Patton Jr. of Seminole, Fla.; a sister, Ama Powers of Baton Rouge, La.; a brother, J. B. Garrison of Fort Smith and five grandchildren.

### **VIVIAN WOOD**

Vivian Wood of Fort Smith, a contributor to *The Journal*, died Sunday, June 16, 1996. She was historian of the Fortnightly Study Club, and wrote the history of the organization which was published on pages 23-24 of Volume 13, No. 1 of *The Journal*. The Fortnightly Club established the first library in Fort Smith which later became the Fort Smith Public Library. The widow of Dr. Wm. H. Wood, she taught an Adult Ladies Bible Class in the First Baptist Church for over 30 years, and served as president of the Women's Missionary Union of both First Baptist Church and Concord Association. A private music teacher, she served in many leadership capacities in local, district and state music organizations. She composed and produced an operetta for piano and voice students and wrote a devotional book "Blueprints for Building a Better Way of Life." She is survived by three nieces, Stella Metzler of Ocean Springs, Miss., Jeanne Ferdinand of Shreveport, La., and Jeanne Wood Albright of Tyler, Texas, and two nephews, Tom Carey of Winnie, Texas, and James Carey of Springtown, Texas.

### **JULIA ETTER YADON**

Julia Etter Yadon, who spent nearly 30 years of her life trying to save and reclaim the downtown and historical area of Fort Smith, died April 25, 1996. She was a leader in the group that set up "Operation Civic Pride" to relocate the Coke Hill shantytown families into decent housing and clean up West Garrison Avenue of drunks, dope dealers and other "undesirables." This done, she turned her attention to the historic houses on North Sixth and Seventh Streets, many of which were about to be destroyed in the name of Urban

Renewal. She spearheaded the drive to save one of the most important historical houses, Clayton House, the former residence of Judge Parker's prosecutor. She personally surveyed and documented dozens of other mansions turned rooming houses. She went to Little Rock time after time to plead for their preservation as historical treasures. She helped form a Heritage Foundation to create a Historic District for Fort Smith. It is now one of the chief tourist attractions for Fort Smith. Together with Sue Ross Cross and Randall Ross Viguet she co-authored the book *Reflections of Fort Smith*.

The widow of Douglas P. Yadon, she was a homemaker, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She is survived by a son, Douglas P. Yadon, Jr. of Tulsa and a brother, Herbert Etter of Tulsa.

### **HOWARD MAPSTONE**

Howard E. Mapstone, 92, of Fort Smith died April 28, 1996. He was a traveling commercial salesman retired from Crossman Seed Corporation; was a member of First United Methodist Church and active in the Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two stepdaughters, Toy Baker and Theda Baker Jackson, both of Fort Smith; his stepson, Mayor C. Ray Baker of Fort Smith; his sister, Doris Loeb of Pinellas Park, Fla.; his half brother, Shirley Mapstone of Syracuse, N.Y.; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society, 3800 Kelly Highway, Fort Smith, AR 72904.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Change of Address Cards are free at your post office. If you move, please fill one out and send it to

Fort Smith Historical Society  
c/o Fort Smith Public Library  
61 South 8th Street  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

**Address for  
Descendents of Mexican War  
Veterans National Office is  
1114 Pacific  
Richardson, TX 75081**



# News and Opportunities

## **FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REMINDER — Time to renew memberships for 1997.

1996-1997 officers of the Fort Smith Historical Society are:

President, Bill Kirk; Vice President, Ben Core; Treasurer, Joanne Swafford; Recording Secretary, Cynthia Bedell; Co-corresponding Secretary, Julie Galonska; Co-corresponding Secretary, Sue McCain; Membership Secretary, Jo Tillery; Editor, Amelia Martin; Associate Editor, Sarah Fitzjarrald McCullough; Associate Editor, Jan Eddleman.

## **DOWNTOWN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

On June 11, 1996, a trolley bus built to resemble the streetcars that once ran in Fort Smith, inaugurated the Fort Smith Public Transit System downtown. Telephone number for the Transit system is 783-6464.

The system is operating on a demand-response basis, with limited, fixed route service in the city's downtown area from 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from 7:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Saturdays.

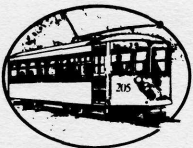
Springdale-based Ozark Regional Transit has been hired by the city to run the transit system.

**This system has no connection to the Fort Smith Trolley Museum.**

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Telephone numbers for Fort Smith Tourism and Visitor's Center (Miss Laura's) are 783-8888 and 783-7690.

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## **FORT SMITH TROLLEY MUSEUM**

**The Fort Smith Trolley Museum is not connected with the Downtown Transit System in any way.** The museum is at 100 South 4th Street and operates an electric streetcar. Telephone numbers for the Trolley Museum are 783-0205, 783-1237 and 783-0145.

Hours for operation of the electric streetcar are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tokens to ride the streetcar can be bought at the Old Fort Museum or from the operator of the streetcar.

The April 21st tornado narrowly missed the Trolley Museum. A brick building one half block

from the Museum and across the street from the annex was totally destroyed. The only damage received by the museum was that one of the front doors was blown open resulting in bent hinges.

The track crossing of Rogers Avenue has been delayed due to the tornado. The track switch necessary to complete the crossing arrived just before the tornado. The city was to cut the street so the connection could be made. The tornado has given the city more important tasks to do but the crossing should be completed in the near future.

Five years ago a weaker tornado hit the museum, blew all the front doors in three feet and destroyed thirty feet of the east wall. Nothing inside the museum was damaged. The mural on the wall adjacent to the museum trolley stop was blown over and had to be rebuilt. John Bell and his students re-did the mural that shows the history of the Fort Smith trolley system. We hope the museum isn't in a tornado alley.

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## **CRISIS CENTER FOR BATTERED WOMEN**

The Crisis Center for Battered Women has relocated their Crisis Center offices to 322 South 17th Street. 24 hour Crisis Line Services for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is 782-4956.

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## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Internet users worldwide – more than 35 million – now have access to the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce Web Page and can discover that "Fort Smith is the Perfect Home for Business and You." The Fort Smith Chamber and Regional Business Community are wired to the world. Internet address for Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce is:

<http://www.fschamber.com>

and

<http://www.business.fs.com>

is internet address for Business Fort Smith.

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## **ISAAC C. PARKER FEDERAL BUILDING**

On April 30, 1996, President Clinton signed into law a bill that re-names the Fort Smith Federal Building the Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building. Dedication and re-naming ceremony expected to be held in mid-October.

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## **NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

On February 3, 1996, the National Historic Site rededicated the oldest building on the park grounds, the 150 year old building today referred

to as the Commissary. It was the original home of the Old Fort Museum.

During the tornado on April 21, the Historic Site had about \$300,000 worth of damage. Repairs are being made.

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### **HISTORY CONFERENCE**

On Friday and Saturday, November 14-15-16, 1996, the National Historic Site will hold a History Conference.

On Thursday evening before the conference begins on Friday, there will be a reception for Conference Participants, hosted by Mayor Ray Baker, in the Lobby of the Fort Smith Civic Center.

Friday and Saturday programs will feature outstanding speakers on the Judge Isaac Parker era, his marshals, and the Tribal Policy in Indian Territory. There is a luncheon and banquet on Friday and a luncheon on Saturday.

There is no registration fee, but there will be a charge for the luncheons and banquet.

Also, on Friday there will be special tours of area museums and on Saturday there will be a Deputy Marshal Encampment and Special Tours.

On Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be a Deputy Marshal Encampment. Also on Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. there will be a Wreath Laying on Judge Parkers' grave at the National Cemetery commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Judge Parker who died November 17, 1896.

For more information, please contact Julie Galonska at 501-783-3961.



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### **VALLEY OF THE ARKANSAS GATHERING**

Groups of re-enactors spanning almost 150 years of frontier history will be among the highlights of the first annual "Valley of the Arkansas Gathering" in Fort Smith November 1, 2, and 3, 1996.

The three day "Gathering" on the banks of the Arkansas River is planned as a unique tourist-oriented event that includes exhibits and displays that focus on the rich multicultural heritage of the early Southwest.

In the 19th century, the original Fort Smith was the dividing line between the civilized South and the lawless West. The Gathering is planned to draw attention to this area's influence on the his-

tory of our great country, from the point of view of the settlers, the Indians, the outlaws, the cowboys and the military. They all tried to co-exist here.

Another of the Gathering's premier attractions will be marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Isaac C. Parker, the federal judge credited with bringing law and order to the frontier. His restored courtroom and gallows are part of the Fort Smith National Historic Site.

Other events planned for the three-day Gathering include an authentic Indian Powwow, a living historical time-line, the arrival of the Delta Queen steamboat, a two-state Craft Fair, an original historical drama, a World War Two USO dance at the Old Fort Museum, bands and concerts presenting period and contemporary music and dance, thematic food booths, concessions and an antique car show.

Special events are being planned by most Fort Smith tourist attractions, including the Old Fort Museum, Fort Smith Trolley Museum, Fort Smith Art Center, the William Henry Harrison Clayton (Judge Parker's prosecutor) House, the General William O. Darby Home, and the Fort Smith Patent Model Museum. Watch newspaper and television for detailed schedule of events and activities.

The event is tri-sponsored by the City of Fort Smith, the National Park Service, and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

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### **WESTARK SEASON OF ENTERTAINMENT**

For information regarding the schedule for Westark Season of Entertainment, call the Westark Student Activities office at (501)~ 788-7301 or write to: Student Activities Office Westark Community College 5210 Grand Avenue Fort Smith, AR 72904

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### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESQUICENTENNIAL**

The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary this year, 1996. Throughout the year the congregation will be reminded of the different events and happenings of its past with the real focus planned for Sunday October 20.

This will be a day-long celebration with the church services, a congregational coffee, and a luncheon with a program following the second service. The sermon will be shared by past and present ministers and a commissioned hymn for the occasion will be prepared by the chancel choir



and brass. There will be bag pipes at the luncheon program to remind us of our Scottish heritage. The Christmas Ornament sold by Fort Smith Pride for 1996 will depict this church.

An article on the history of the First Presbyterian Church was published in Volume I, Number 1 of The Journal of the Fort Smith Historical Society.

For more information about the schedule for the celebration contact the church office at 116 North 12th, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or call 501-783-8919.

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### **FORT SMITH ART CENTER**

**423 North 6th Street**

**Fort Smith, AR 72901**

**PH: 501-784-2787**

#### **Calendar of Events**

Sept 8-29	2nd Annual Native American Invitational Exhibition
September 21	2nd Annual Native American Festival
October 6-27	Exhibitions to be announced
Sat. Oct 19	14th Annual "Oh What A Night"
November 3-30	20th Annual Photography Competition
	Lynn Smith New Works
December 5-20	Children's Christmas Card Design Competition
Jan 5-26, 1997	Exhibitions to be announced
February 2-23	Small Works on Paper
March 2-23	21st Annual Student Competition
	3rd Annual Westark Student Art Guild
April 6-27	Juried Exhibition 47th Annual Art Competition

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### **FORT SMITH SYMPHONY**

The new director for the Fort Smith Symphony is Ya-Hui Wang, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and the recipient of many national and international awards. In addition to her new position in Fort Smith, Miss Wang is presently the Mentor Conductor of the Baltimore and Singapore Symphony Orchestras. She will debut with the Naples and Lexington Philharmonic orchestras this season.

#### **Schedule October 6, 1996 to May 10, 1997**

Saturday, October 5, 1996, All American

Saturday, December 7, 1996, Holidays Around the World

Saturday, February 22, 1997, Undoubtedly French

Saturday, May 10, 1997, Two for the Show Symphony Pops

Saturday, April 12, 1997, Happy Birthday Schubert

For tickets or more information, contact The Fort Smith Symphony, P.O. Box 3151, Fort Smith, AR 72913 or FAX 501-4528985, or phone 501-452-7575.

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### **OAK CEMETERY ON NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER**

The Oak cemetery in Fort Smith, location of the Varina Jefferson Davis Chapter's United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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### **1996 CIVIC CENTER AWARDS**

Recipients of the 1996 Civic Center awards were Walter Minniear, 85, who was chairman of humanities at Westark Community College and established other programs there, also served as conductor and music director of the Fort Smith Symphony from 1969 to 1984; Ozie Payne, 90, for her poetry readings and drama performance at churches, schools and community groups (see Volume 1, Number 2, December 1977 issue of The Journal for story about Ozie Payne and her broom making); Nancy Wood, founder of Western Arkansas Ballet, helped create the Fort Smith Ballet and the only residential dance camp in Arkansas, the Lorraine Cranford Summer Dance Workshop held at Arkansas Tech University; and the Whirlpool Corporation for its many contributions to the arts in Fort Smith, including Fort Smith Little Theater, Fort Smith Symphony, Fort Smith Chorale, Red Stocking Review, Fort Smith Art Center, Arts Live, and Westark Season of Entertainment.

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ABC television station KHBS-TV in Fort Smith and its satellite, KHOG-TV in Fayetteville, sold to San Antonio based Argyle Television Inc.

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In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the Cooper Clinic, on November 5, 1995 the clinic had open house in their new \$10 million clinic building at 6801 Rogers Avenue.

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### **FLOY LOOPER, GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD**

Floy Looper, Fort Smith native, ex-Army nurse and former member of the board of the Fort Smith

Historical Society who has dedicated her life to helping the city's young and old received the 1996 Fort Smith Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds. She has strived to make a difference in people's lives. In addition to other things, she has volunteered her service as a nurse for the Head Start Program at Belle Grove School, was instrumental in setting up a medical clinic at the Inter-Faith Community Center (a local pre-school for disadvantaged children), has volunteered her services to the Center, providing immunizations for the center's children, and providing transportation for elder and disabled people. Active in the League of Women Voters, she assists in registering homebound residents to vote and takes them to the polls to vote.



## **HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY 1996**

### **MARCH - JULY**

*(Extracted from Southwest Times Record by  
Sarah Fitzjarrald McCullough and Amelia  
Whitaker Martin)*

#### **MARCH**

3rd – For the third year in a row, Northside Highschool quiz bowl team was named grand champion. They also won first prize in their division of large high schools at the High School Invitation Scholars Bowl.

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19th – Lady Lions won NJCAA national championship. They ended the season with a perfect 35-0.

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21st – The Colonial Dames of the XVII Century will commemorate the 15,000 Cherokees and other Native Americans forcibly relocated from their homelands to the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1838 and 1839 by placing markers along the water route of the Trail of Tears. The first marker on the trail was dedicated at Belle Point Park in Fort Smith.

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31st – Billie Bull of Greenwood was crowned Miss Westark Community College.

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#### **APRIL**

4th – A fire safety house built by the Fort Smith Fire Department to teach area school children fire safety, is mounted on wheels so it can be taken to area schools.

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11th – The Fort Smith Civic Center Task Force voted to recommend to the city directors a \$23.5 million plan to expand the civic center.

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12th – Fort Smith Social Studies Educators' Frontier Achievement Awards were accepted by Lynn Horn for the Ramsey Junior High School PTA, Judy Mosley for Belle Point Quilters Club, Richard Griffin for overseeing restoration of Adelaide Hall, and Mark Parker and Sue Clark for securing tombstones to mark graves of Deputy Marshals buried in Oak Cemetery.

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After keeping the peace over Bosnia for 30 days, 11 members of Fort Smith's 188th Fighter Wing flew home into the arms of their families Thursday.

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13th – Even with the chance of bad weather on the way, the annual Area IV Special Olympics Track and Field meet took place at the Southside High School track with special events in the Southside gym.

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14th – Beginning in today's *Southwest Times Record*, Harry Blackman and his close friend, Ted Miller, will share their postcard collections of Fort Smith since its beginning. Called "Postscripts," the pictures of historic buildings, etc., will not be identified and a phone number will be given for readers to call to share their knowledge of the old buildings.

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16th – All first-time Arkansas public school teachers will be required to undergo a criminal background check to receive certification effective July 1, the state Board of Education ruled yesterday.

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21st – Re-enactors from outlying areas brought back to life the takeover of the Fort by Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

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22nd – Reported a tornado six-tenths of a mile wide with winds between 158 and 206 miles per hour hit the area about 11:10 p.m. on April 21. It carved a 6.5 mile path of destruction along the Arkansas River through historic downtown Fort Smith and residential Van Buren. Angelica Marie Flemming 2, of 1917 High St., and Kyle Richard Johnson, 5, of 3419 North 23rd St., were killed in homes six blocks from each other in North Fort Smith. The E. S. Stephens Boys Club, North Sixth Street, suffered an estimated damage of \$250,000.

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23rd – Fort Smith and the Weather Service dispute the timeliness of the tornado warning.



(Essentially, it hit without warning.)

Jack Moseley, Editor of *SOUTHWEST TIMES RECORD*, wrote that this area deserves a radar system.

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25th – A roaring inferno, believed to have been caused when the lights were turned back on Wednesday in the tornado-damaged Eads Brothers Furniture Co. Building, destroyed five businesses on Garrison Avenue in Fort Smith's already ravaged downtown area.

Along with Eads, which had stood at its 414 Garrison Avenue location since 1901, the blaze completely wiped out Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, Kelley Realty Co., Herb's Feed and Vet Supplies and A Print Above, the other business on the north side of the block, said Fort Smith Fire Marshal Joe Wing.

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26th – Reported Tulsa ignored call from weather spotters Sunday night, April 21 regarding tornado approaching Fort Smith. "Where's Pocola?" That was the only response Fort Smith ham radio operators Mitch Llewellyn and Wayne Johnson got when they notified the National Weather Service in Tulsa about a wall cloud and funnel near Tri-State Speedway at 10:57 that night.

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28th – Polly Crews, Josephine I. Decker, Ann Patton Dawson, Sherry Cawhorn and Mollie H. Wilson were honored by the Mount Magazine Girl Scout Council as 1996 Women of Distinction.

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## **MAY**

2nd – Judge Parker is immortal. Or, should that be immortalized? With the stroke of his pen, President Clinton signed into law Tuesday, April 30, a bill that renames the Fort Smith Federal Building the Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building. (Ed. Dedication ceremony for re-naming of the building will be held sometime in mid-October. Watch the media for more information on this.)

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3rd – Arkansas Proteins, a rendering plant that for years was the center of a stench debate on Fort Smith's north side, burned Thursday, April 2, officials said.

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4th – U. S. National Park Service officials plan to reopen the Fort Smith National Historic Site today at 10:30 a.m. The park received about \$300,000

in damages from the April 21 tornado. Cleanup and repairs have been under way since.

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5th – Julia Yadon, who is credited with helping to save and reclaim Fort Smith's History by urging rebuilding efforts of the city's historic buildings downtown, is eulogized in an editorial after her death on April 25.

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6th – Vivian Yoes, leader of the ever-growing Retired Senior Volunteer Program for all of its 22 years, is retiring.

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Ann Woods Patterson, daughter of John and Carol Ackley Woods, has been nominated by President Clinton to become the U. S. Ambassador to El Salvador. She could become the first woman from Arkansas to serve as an American ambassador in a foreign country.

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12th – First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton offered words of encouragement and support Saturday to victims of last month's tornado during her mototcade's stops in stormdamaged areas of Van Buren and at a town meeting in Fort Smith.

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13th – The Fort Smith area should begin receiving prompt warnings about possible tornadoes June 1, through a satellite system now being tested.

The system will notify Fort Smith and other police departments via the Arkansas Crime Information Center in Little Rock. The storm warnings will be downlinked via satellite from the National Weather Service.

"The problem the other night (prior to the April 21 tornado) was the weather service issued a warning for us, and when the phone failed, they called the crime information office to tell them to call us," Sgt. David Overton of the Fort Smith Police said Friday. "It cost us a couple of minutes."

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## **JUNE**

2nd – Monsignor William E. Galvin, 83, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church since 1966, died June 1.

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6th – Fort Smith Regional Airport was named the 1995 air carrier of the year in recognition of its contribution to the state airport system. Airport manager Bob Johnson said the award represents the hard work and leadership expressed by both airport employees and city officials throughout the past year.

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7th – A tanker truck explosion and fire downtown earlier this week (it was hauling about 8,000 gallons of gasoline) damaged two buildings (about \$5,000 worth to the southeast corner of the federal courthouse and an estimated \$15,000 to the Hanna Oil & Gas Co. office.) Quick action by the Fort Smith Fire Department and firefighters from the 188th Fighter Wing of the Arkansas National Guard kept the damages from being much worse.

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12th – The Sebastian County Humane Society, not the Fort Smith Animal Shelter, should manage a program to rein in disease-spreading stray and wild cats, the city board of directors said Tuesday.

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28th – On June 27th Lt. Col. David J. Pfleeger became the 42nd commander of Fort Chaffee in its 55-year history.

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**JULY**

1st – More than 8,000 Fort Smith residents get new zip code. Beginning July 1, mail addressed to homes and businesses in an area south of Arkansas 555 and west of Arkansas 45, including Fianna Hills must use 72908 as their zip code. For years this area has been included in the 72903

zip code area. Soon the area will also have a Fianna Hills branch post office.

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2nd – On July 1 Fort Smith hosted the flotilla of 35 barges, yachts and tugboats marking the 25th anniversary of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The barges and other boats were part of the "Flotilla for the Future" – a recreation of the flotilla that dedicated the McClellan-Kerr System in 1971. It began its journey on June 28 at the Port of Catoosa, Oklahoma and the celebration will conclude July 6 at Dumas, following stops in Ozark, Dardanelle, Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

The McClellan-Kerr System is the largest civil works project ever undertaken by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It took 14 years to complete, at a total cost of \$1.3 billion. The system is named for former Senators John McClellan of Arkansas and Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, who secured funding for the system during their tenures in the Senate.

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2nd – On Saturday, July 8, 68 year old Monsignor John Francis O'Donnell will assume the duties as pastor at Fort Smith's Immaculate Conception Church.

## Inquiries and Genealogy

**Inquiries and letters are printed free as space allows, but must have some connection to Fort Smith or be submitted by a member of the Fort Smith Historical Society. Effective inquiries must contain full names, dates, places and submitter's name and address – some people actually do fail to give an address where they hope to receive an answer to their communication.**

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WARREN – Looking for information on Johnston WARREN who accompanied Edward BEALE on wagon train taking camels from Fort Smith to Colorado.—Jim Drewery, P.O. Box 9365, North Hollywood, CA 91609

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CATES – Searching for birth records of Mary Exer Cates, born July 20, 1882 in Arkansas, and Thomas Walter Cates, born July, 1888 in Arkansas, daughter and son of William Alden Cates and Janie(Jeannie) Cates, both born in

Alabama. – Billy E. Cates, 7805 Hooper Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308.

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HICKS-CHRISTENBERRY – Searching for information on Steven Pleasant Hicks and ? Christenberry. Pleasant Hicks was a circuit rider from the Methodist church, sent out from the Holsten Conference and was possibly on the Trail of Tears. Possible that he went with a George Hicks who led some 1100 people in November of 1838 and reached Fort Smith in January 1839, or have been with Elijah Hicks in October 1838 who also led several on the trip. Believe he was in Fort Smith by 1840. Married first Nettie LEWIS. Married second Nervie CHOATE who may have been from Fort Smith area.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christenberry, first name unknown, was in Fort Smith around 1879 to 1885. Was killed during a political race about 1885. – Betty (Hicks) Taylor, 1307 East Knollwood St., Tampa, FL 33604. PH (813) 238-5544.



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DUNN – Looking for info on DUNN family: William C. (Cosmo?) Dunn and Alexander H. Dunn were deputy marshals for Judge Isaac Parker; W. T. “Bee” Dunn was killed by peace officer Frank M. Canton in 1899; Rose V. Dunn (Rose of Cimarron) what was her association with the Doolin and Dalton gangs?—Lois J. Bakewell, 802 Fair Circle, Palm Springs CA 92262.

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HOLLAND/ NICHOLS – Moses King HOLLAND and wife Galitha NICHOLS Holland; their son Caleb Alvareen Holland and his wife Sarah E. ; and Caleb’s son Joseph Holland and wife Minnie LIGHTFOOT. Joseph and Minnie were married in Fort Smith on December 20, 1924. I believe they were American Indians.—Donna Pless, 1550 South Florida #42, Borger TX 79007-6347.

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GARDNER – Need info on Allen Kendrick Gardner, b. May 3, 1849 Polk Co., Missouri and wife Mary E. JAMES, b. December 1842 Missouri. One daughter was born August 30, 1881 in Fort Smith. Gwen Lundry, P. O. Box 494, Mt. Hope, KS 67108.

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FARLEY – Searching for the first wife of John Farley, who was the mother of daughter Mary E. Farley, born 1870 in Monroe County, Ohio. Other

children were born in Crawford County, AR. A John Farley died and was buried in Morrison Cemetery, Crawford Co. AR, no dates. – Stella Hickman Thornburg, RR 2, Box 1050, Wister, OK 74966.

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WEBBERS FALLS, OK – Searching for burial records and genealogical materials on the Webbers Falls, Ok area. – Linda Alderson, 939 East Snider, Springfield, MO 65803.

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HARRIS – Searching for information on William Ancil Harris who died in Sebastian County AR and was buried at Chokerville, AR. – Addie Ruth Steele, P.O. Box 182, Bridgeport, TX 76426.

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DAVISON – Searching for information on Arnold Douglas Davison and Purmindy Jane Thomas Mooney Davison who lived outside Fort Smith, AR until mid to late 1920s. – Marie E. Davison, 10814 Manchester Road, Port Richey, FL 34668.

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WHITE – Searching for information on William Lafayette White, born Edinburgh, Scotland, about 1847. He lived around Jonesboro, AR after the Civil War and married Elizabeth (last name unknown) about 1877 or later. – Faye Roberts, 614 North Elleworth, Marshall, MO 65340

## 1896 Newspapers

**FORT SMITH ELEVATOR – February 21, 1896 - June 26, 1896**

(Abstracted by Mary Lou Jacobsen from microfilm in the Fort Smith Public Library)

### **FEBRUARY 21, 1896**

#### **J. C. LITTLE & CO'S POTATO OFFERING**

The unqualified success of our premium offers on Potatoes last fall, has led us to again try to do something to encourage the growing industry this spring.

Therefore we have decided to offer the following premiums: One \$15.00 suit for the most potatoes grown on one acre, each exhibitor to furnish one bushel potatoes with sworn statement as to grown on same.

One \$12.50 suit of clothes for the smallest number of potatoes contained in one-half bushel.

One \$10.00 suit of clothes for one-half bushel of handsomest potatoes.

The day of exhibit will be named by the Potato Growers Association of which due notice will be given to all parties interested.

All potatoes exhibited to be our property. We cordially invite all potato growers to contest.

Respectfully

J. C. LITTLE & CO. LEADING CLOTHIERS  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

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Just see what a big piece  
BATTLE AX PLUG

you can get for 10 cents. Largest piece of good tobacco ever sold for the money.

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### **THE LEGALIZED PRIMARIES**

If any doubt existed as to the wisdom of legalizing primary elections it has been removed.

The Sebastian primaries were conducted under the general election laws of the state, and legalized according to an act of the last legislature.

The scheme worked to perfection. The election was conducted in an orderly and decent manner. The saloons were closed. The polls were free from the presence of the heeler and rounder, and

the voter went to the polls without interference and cast his vote for whom he chose. The disgraceful scenes and practices which usually attend such elections were entirely wanting.

The legalized primary has worked so successfully that we trust it will be continued.

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### **SPARKS LIGHTNING RELIEF**

For internal and external use. Warranted to relieve pain instantly. As an external application for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, sprains, bruises, stiff joints, etc. and as an Internal remedy, Lightning Relief certainly stands preeminent. It penetrates through all the tissues and muscles and strikes at the root of the disease. 25 and 50 cent bottles.

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At the next meeting of the City Council, Alderman Sengel will introduce an ordinance providing that the streets be sprinkled at public cost. This is an ordinance which should have a good place on the statute books.

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### **FEBRUARY 28, 1896**

The organ recital for the German Catholic Church has been postponed until the 10th of March.

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The caving in of seven rooms in mine No. 45 at Huntington last week, created considerable consternation but fortunately nobody was injured. The loss to the company will be considerable.

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A barn belonging to Dr. W. W. Bailey burned in the Southern part of the city Wednesday night. The loss was very heavy.

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### **MARCH 6, 1896**

The bill to abolish the fee system and put United States Marshals and attorneys upon a salary is now under discussion in the House of Representatives and will likely become a law. It puts the marshal and attorney of the Western District of Arkansas upon a salary of \$5,000. each.

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Fort Smith was visited a short time ago by five employees of the post office department at Washington. These gentlemen did not reveal their identity, but skirmished around to size up the manner in which Tom Ben Garrett is running the post office. Their report is favorable to the post office except in one particular, they recommended that the number of mail carriers be reduced.

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John McDonald, a peddler, was sent to jail last week by Esquire John Kennedy for taking a watch from a lady who lives with her mother at a boarding house on Eleventh Street. The watch was not

of sufficient value to put McDonald in for a penitentiary offense, so he got a fine for petit larcency. He was drunk when he took the jewelry. His home is said to be Little Rock.

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Wife: Do you think there is a man that would conscientiously say to his wife - "You are the only woman I ever loved"?

Husband: Only one I can think of ...

Wife: Who? You, dearest?

Husband: Oh No, ADAM.

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### **MARCH 13, 1896**

### **THE KEELEY INSTITUTE**

Hot Springs, Ark.

for the cure of

OPIUM

CIGARETTES

MORPHINE

WHISKEY

SNUFF

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### **FUN FOR THE LAWYERS**

There are two suits on the docket of the coming circuit court of the Fort Smith District which will attract much attention and give lawyers a chance to liven up the usually dull proceedings of the session. One is a suit filed by I. N. Dodge, Assistant Clerk of the United States Court, against P. Burman, the well known merchant, for injuries occasioned by coming in contact with a wire which hung in front of Mr. Burman's building. The amount claimed is \$10,000.

One night last December Mr. Dodge was in Galer and Brunaldi's store making a purchase. Just as he had concluded, the streetcar passed and Mr. Dodge ran to catch it. As he stepped from the sidewalk, a wire that had been stretched from one awning post to another in front of Mr. Burman's store caught him under the chin and threw him violently on the pavement, injuring him so severely that he has never yet recovered from the effects.

The other suit is by Ed Haglin against Mr. Belt. It is for \$5,000., and was instituted because of an assault made by Mr. Belt upon Haglin shortly after Belt's building at Jenson was burned.

In Greenwood Circuit Court a suit has been filed by Belt against Haglin for \$6,000. This suit grows out of the burning at Jenson of Belt's building which was occupied at the time by Haglin with a stock of goods.

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### **NURSES WANTED**

A number of good nurses can secure steady employment at St. John's Hospital. Address Mrs. Stephen Wheeler, Fort Smith, Ark.

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AN EXTRA WAS PUBLISHED  
ON MARCH 17, 1896,

### **CHEROKEE BILL EXECUTED**

The opening sentence of a very lengthy report is as follows: "The final act in the career of the noted criminal Cherokee Bill, was consummated this afternoon at 2:15".

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### **MARCH 20, 1896 TROUBLE IN CAMP**

There is a kicking in some quarters about the manner in which the Republican State Convention was conducted. The kicking comes from an element of the party who believe there is something more to politics than a mere struggle for spoils, and who are disgusted that so large a body of people as the Republicans of this State should be compelled to submit so subversively to the dictation of the bosses.

Mr. W. D. Mathews, editor of the Stuttgart Free Press, is loud in his denunciation of the manner in which Powell Clayton and his strikers managed the convention at Little Rock.

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Miss Francis Willard, the great temperance advocate delivered an eloquent lecture Wednesday at First Methodist Church.

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Vinita has the small pox and the other towns of the territory are quarantining against her.

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Dixie Fever and Pain Powder is the best thing to cool fever and cure aches and pains. It is perfectly safe and contains no opiates or poisonous drugs. Your money back if not satisfactory. 25¢ a box - sold by all druggists.

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### **PASTORS ASSOCIATION**

A number of pastors of the churches met Monday morning at the First Methodist Church and organized what is called The Fort Smith Pastors Association. The following officers were elected for a term of six months. Rev. W. T. Allen of St. John's Episcopal Church, president; Rev. O.L. Hatley of First Baptist Church, vice-president; and Rev. F. C. Fletcher of Central Methodist Church, secretary and treasurer.

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### **March 27, 1896 "Bourbon"**

The celebrated Jack, "Bourbon", will stand the ensuing season at my farm 2 1/2 miles northwest of Jenny Lind, Ark.

Terms: \$7 to ensure a colt; season \$5; \$2.50 single leap.

"Bourbon" is 15 hands high, iron gray, 8 years old.  
W. R. Weir

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There have been several sharp frosts this week, but we are pleased to state that the fruit crop was not injured by them.

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William Harder is lying dangerously ill at his home on Fourteenth Street. His advanced age renders his recovery doubtful, much to the regret of his many friends.

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### **SHOT HIMSELF**

Charley Lamb, one of Marshal Crump's deputies, shot himself in one of his legs just above the knee, at Pryor Creek, one day last week. He was rubbing the barrel of his pistol and by some means caused it to be discharged, with the result that he caught the shot. He will probably suffer from the wound for some time.

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### **April 3, 1896 EFFORTS FOR A PARDON**

Jailer Berry this week received letter from W. C. Endicott, pardon attorney, of Washington, inquiring about the health and conduct of the Pierce brothers, who have been sentenced to hang the 30th of the present month. This indicates that efforts are being made to secure for the prisoners either a pardon or a commutation of sentence.

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### **APRIL 17, 1896 THE POPULIST PARTY**

The central committee of the Populist party of Sebastian County has selected June 20th as the day for holding township conventions. The county convention will be held June 27th.

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The Grand Jury has returned an indictment against Ben Ayers for assault with intent to kill.

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Mrs. E. H. Stevenson was severely bruised Monday by jumping from a buggy which was about to collide with the runaway team of the street sprinkler. Mrs. J. W. Patrick who was in the buggy with her, was not injured.

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### **A BIG ORDER**

The Fort Smith Chair Factory to furnish chairs for St. Louis Convention.

The Fort Smith Chair Factory is in receipt of an order from the managers of the National Republican Convention for 12,000 chairs, to be used at the great Republican convention.

The managers of the chair factory received the contract through a bid. The chairs are to be delivered at St. Louis by the 20th of May.

It is estimated that it will require a train of 14 cars to get the order to St. Louis and it will require every moment of time between now and the 10th to complete it.

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### **THE DOGS**

Mayor Hoffman has issued a proclamation notifying all owners of dogs within the city limits to obtain a license for their animals by the 15th of May. Those who fail to comply with the ordinance are likely to have their pets killed.

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**APRIL 24, 1896**

Governor Clarke has pardoned Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gurdon, who were convicted in Pulaski County of hoeing cotton on Sunday. Gurdon and his wife are Seventh Day Adventists. They were convicted April 9 and sent to county farm for thirty one days. The pardon was secured through the intercession of Dr. Allen Moon, of Achicago, president of the International Religious Liberty Association.

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### **FREE SILVER V.S. THE GOLD STANDARD LOOK OUT YE FREE SILVER MEN**

#### **"A Farmer's Story"**

#### **"A Tale that can not be too often told"**

It will be in print and ready for distribution June 1st, perhaps sooner, and will wield a wide influence in the coming campaign wherever read.

It covers the whole ground of the tariff and free silver questions in a nutshell and makes both so simple that "even a woman can understand them".

While in the form of a story it deals with facts and figures which carry conviction along with them irresistibly. Every intelligent man in the state and the United States should read it.

Ex-Governor Wm. M. Fishback is the author and this fact alone is of sufficient guarantee that the contents of the little work will be worth perusal.

This little work is coming full of statistical agreement and is overwhelmingly convincing. It will be sent to any address in the United States, postage prepaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Orders for this work will be filled in the order received. Address Weldon & Williams Publishers - Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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### **BICYCLE FOR SALE OR TRADE**

A No 1 Rambler bicycle in good repair, for sale cheap, or will trade for good horse. Apply to  
J. L. Lieber

at Reynolds, Davis & Co.

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**MAY 1, 1896**

### **THE COLORADO BEETLE**

The dreaded Colorado Beetle seems to have made his appearance among us, and our potato growers will do well to see that he does not get a foothold in their fields.

Recently Mr. J. H. Alexander, who grows potatoes extensively in the Cherokee Nation, near this place, found a strange looking bug preying upon his crops, and collecting specimens, sent them to Prof. Monks, at the Arkansas University, for examination. In a short time a letter was received stating that the insect in question was the veritable Colorado beetle. This is sorrowful news for our people. The Colorado beetle is a great pest, and has caused incalculable damage in the regions which have been infected with his presence. Paris green is said to be efficacious in checking his ravages.

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The dry weather of the past ten days has seriously injured the strawberry crops and has hurt potatoes to some extent. The latter show good tops but are backward in the development of tubers.

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### **GENERAL DISABILITY**

Caused by overwork, over study, overcare, old age, weakness or female infirmities is very distressing. A tonic and strengthener try

### **BROWNS' IRON BITTERS**

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**MAY 8, 1896**

Unless there was a hitch in the arrangements H.H. Holmes, the wholesale murderer of Philadelphia, was hanged yesterday.

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**MAY 15, 1896**

Nath Reed was turned out of the jail Tuesday. At least he went to the Indian Territory, whether he was released for good or not we do not know.

Reed was one of the witnesses who convicted Jim Dyer last year. He was shot through one of his legs at the time of the Blackstone robbery, and while suffering from his wound in the hospital here gave evidence that landed Dyer in the penitentiary. He is a hard case, and there are very few people in the territory who know him, who would give credence to anything he might say.

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The Sparks family of Ft. Smith were very much in evidence at Little Rock last week, Mr. George T. Sparks presiding over the deliberations of the Bankers Association and Mr. James M. Sparks being elected president of the State Association of Pharmacists.

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**MAY 29, 1896**

### **POLITICAL DATES**

Democratic National Convention - Chicago, Ill. July 7

Republican National Convention - St. Louis, Mo. June 16

Populist National Convention - St. Louis, Mo., July 22



Arkansas State Democratic Convention – Little Rock, June 17

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### **JUNE 5, 1896**

2,000 Potato Pickers wanted. In the vicinity of Fort Smith, crop will be ready to gather by June 1st. Fair wages. Apply to Potato Shippers Association.

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### **TROWBRIDGE AND SENDEL**

Mr. Merritt Trowbridge and Miss Mary Sendel were married Monday evening at the residence of Rev. Mr. Wylie, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet one. The most intimate friends of the contracting couple only were aware that it was to take place and not many of them even were present.

Mr. Trowbridge is a steady, industrious and sober young man and is very popular with his acquaintances. His bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sendel, well known residents of this city, is a charming young lady, and when Mr. Trowbridge captured her he gained a noble prize. *The Elevator* extends congratulations.

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### **JUNE 12, 1896 GENERAL NEWS**

The St. Louis tornado relief fund amounts to nearly \$200,000.

The owners of the Cambria, Wyo. coal fields have just discovered that the coal which they have been selling at \$2 per ton carries \$5 to \$8 gold per ton.

Last week the steamer St. Paul ran from Southampton, England to New York in six days, 5 hours, and thirty seven minutes. This distance is 3,017 miles.

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### **THE CYCLISTS**

The Wheelmen will open a 3 month racing season at the fair grounds on the 19th of June with the following program:

Races to begin promptly at 1 p.m.

1. Amateur's half mile novice. 1st prize, pair of Ball Bearing shoes; 2nd prize, 1 combination pump and tool bag.

2. Amateur's half mile race, boys between 12 and 16, 1st prize 1 bicycle pump; second prize 1 sweater, 3rd prize one bicycle bell.

3. Amateur's one mile - 1st prize 1 lamp tally ho; 2nd prize 1 silk umbrella.

4. Professional 2 miles. 1st prize \$5; 2nd prize \$3. All entries 50 cents except boys and they shall be 25 cents. All entries must be made to Will Haglin, secretary by noon June 19. The Wheelmen expect to make this event an exceedingly interesting one.

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There will be a steamboat excursion to Wildcat

Mountain next Sunday. Those who go may expect a good time.

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### **JUNE 19, 1896**

Last Saturday night Abe Mijia, the man who sells chili con carne in front of the Two Tom's Liquor store was robbed by someone who entered his house. The thief got away with about \$21.00 and some clothing. A check for \$1.40, which was among the stolen effects, was found Sunday morning on Sixth street, but further than this there is no clue to the thief.

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Some good work has been done on B Street near the Frisco Depot, a very substantial coating of McAdam being laid.

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The commencement exercises of St. Anne's Academy will be held Friday, June 26th. We understand a very interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

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Maude Allen, the woman who was shot by Mrs. Fagan Bourland a couple of weeks ago, is reported to be convalescing. Maude's narrow escape from death should teach her to forsake the paths of sin and behave herself in the future.

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Workmen are busy removing the old building on the corner of Garrison and Third Street, which for a number of years was known as Fitzgerald's Hotel. Upon the site of the old building J. Foster & Co. will erect a fine four story brick building for their wholesale business. The new structure will add greatly to the appearance of that part of town and will speak volumes for the energy of its owners as well as for the progress of the city.

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### **JUNE 26, 1896**

Judge W. H. H. Clayton is back from St. Louis and is full of Convention talk.

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### **TO EX-CONFEDERATES**

I have arranged a rate of \$26.70 for a round trip ticket from Fort Smith, for the annual reunion at Richmond, June 30, July 1 and 2. All wishing to attend the reunion should send in their names by the 24th inst.

Ben T. DuVal, Aide-de-Camp, Gen. W. Cabell, Commanding Trans-Mississippi Dept. U.C.V.

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Considerable interest is being manifested in the new town of Mena, which has just been platted in Polk County, at the present terminus of the Gulf road, and a number of people have their eyes upon it with a view to investment.

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