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# *Moulton Family*

## *Providing Medical Care in Fort Smith Entire 20th Century*

**By Amelia Whitaker Martin**

Four generations of the Moulton family, all ophthalmologists, have provided medical care in Fort Smith for more than a hundred years – Drs. Herbert Moulton, Everett Crockett Moulton, Sr., Everett Crockett Moulton, Jr., and Everett Crockett “Kit” Moulton, III.

### **DR. HERBERT MOULTON**

Dr. Herbert Moulton, the first of the four generations was born January 14, 1861 at Waverly, Illinois, and died January 23, 1951 at Fort Smith.

His grand-parents were the Samuel Moultons and his parents were Samuel Field Moulton, a

farmer, and Martha Jane (Wadham) Moulton.

The grandfather, Samuel Moulton, after completing his education at Armhurst College in Massachusetts, became a missionary teacher among the Choctaw Indians.



**Dr. Herbert Moulton, 1884**

In the Bible which is now in the possession of Dr. Everett Moulton, Jr., is the following letter written by Dr. Herbert Moulton:

“These five volumes given to Herbert Moulton by his grandfather, Samuel Moulton on or about the year 1873.

“Samuel Moulton was born at Bolton, Connecticut, April 16, 1801, became a member of

the American Missions to the Heathen and departed on his mission November 20, 1826. He followed the Choctaw Indians from Georgia into Mississippi and through Tennessee and Arkansas into Indian Territory. He was stationed at Bethel, I.T. (Indian Territory) from January 1, 1834 to April 7, 1837. Ill health caused his release on June 13, 1837. He retired to Waverly, Illinois in 1844 where he made his home with his son, Samuel Field Moulton until his death August 8, 1879. Missionary Ridge near Chattanooga, Tennessee was named in honor of his activities in that region.

Herbert Moulton now, June 1940, gives these same volumes to his grandson, Everett Crockett Moulton, Jr.”

Samuel Moulton was a teacher at the Dwight Mission in both Arkansas and Oklahoma.

His son, Samuel Field Moulton, was born in Mississippi, but later moved to Waverly, Illinois, where Herbert Moulton was born January 14, 1861.

Dr. Herbert Moulton was educated at Waverly Seminary, Waverly, Illinois, graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois in 1879; five years later, in 1884, graduated from the Chicago Medical College, the Medical Department of the Northwestern University; and did graduate work in London and Vienna. He was one of the first physicians to do eye surgery in the United States.

While attending medical college he was a student in the office of Dr. N. S. Davis who was at that time editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association. By assisting Dr. Davis in editing the Journal, he gained a great deal of knowledge about different fields of medicine, a high regard for scientific research and an appreciation of organized medicine.<sup>(1)</sup>

After graduation from medical school, he practiced general medicine in Stuart, Iowa 1884-89; Kansas City, Missouri 1889; and Fort Smith, Arkansas 1890-1940.

In addition to a very active practice, Dr. Moulton was also a member of numerous medical organizations, wrote scientific papers that were published in a number of medical publications,



and contributed to various medical societies which bestowed honors on him. He constantly studied, keeping abreast of modern medical science and took post graduate courses in European and Eastern clinics.

He was a member and twice president (1898-1908) of the Sebastian County Medical Society; member and president (1925) of the Arkansas Medical Society; member of the Arkansas Medical Society Fifty-Year club; Southern Medical Association; American Medical Association; Fellow of American College of Surgeons; Fellow American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology; charter member of Southwestern Clinical Society with headquarters in Kansas City, which was the nucleus for the formation of the American Academy of O.O.R.I.; Pan American Society of Ophthalmology; International Congress of Ophthalmology.



The Dr. Herbert Moulton's 50th wedding anniversary. Left to right: Dr. Moulton, daughter Elizabeth, son Everett and Mrs. Moulton, Lynn.

Dr. Moulton was married September 21, 1887 to Lynn Elmer Crockett of Kittery, Maine and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary September 27, 1937. They had two children: a son, Dr. Everett Crockett Sr. who associated with him in practice, and a daughter, Elizabeth Martha Moulton (wife of Dr. Sidney J. Wolferman).

Because of Dr. Moulton's health, they came to Arkansas in 1890, intending to settle in Little Rock, but on the way to Little Rock, the Moultons stopped in Fort Smith to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Carrie and Charles Smart. They liked Fort Smith so much they decided to stay. During the first World War, he served in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. He died January 23, 1951 in Fort Smith.

Elizabeth Martha Moulton was born November 25, 1897. In a video taped<sup>(2)</sup> interview on September 20, 1997, shortly before her hundredth

birthday, Elizabeth spoke about the whole Moulton family, and about growing up in Fort Smith.

She said "my father encouraged me to be a physician, but I didn't want to, so I did the next best thing, I married a doctor."

Elizabeth had the distinction of probably being the only person living in 1997 who attended the Arkansas Medical Society meeting in 1925. She attended the meeting with her mother because she was not married, and at

that time, only the spouse of a physician could belong to the auxiliary. She said she especially wanted to attend that meeting because her father, Dr. Herbert Moulton, who was the 1924-1925 president of the Arkansas Medical Society, was going to speak.

When asked by Polly Crews, the interviewer, what she wore to the meeting, she said, "I have no idea."

In addition to being present at the organizational meeting of the Auxiliary to the Arkansas Medical Society, both Elizabeth and her mother were present for the organization of the Auxiliary to the Sebastian County Medical Society in 1928.

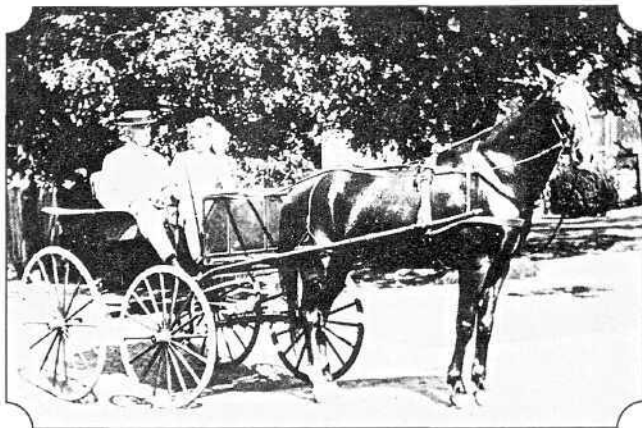
Three Moulton wives, Mrs. E. C. Moulton Sr. (Juliette), Mrs. Sid Wolferman (Elizabeth Moulton), and Mrs. E. C. Moulton, Jr. (Betty), have served as president, as well as other officers and committee chairmen of the Sebastian County Medical Auxiliary, which is now called the Sebastian County Medical Alliance.

Mrs. Wolferman served as third vice president and treasurer of the state medical auxiliary. She also was State Commander of the Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, and under her direction local units of the Field Army were formed in cities, towns and counties.



Elizabeth Martha Moulton  
Circa 1904.





**Elizabeth making housecalls with her father, Dr. Herbert Moulton in his buggy.**

Elizabeth described growing up in Fort Smith as a lot of fun.

Dr. Moulton's practice in Fort Smith was rural as well as urban and he made house calls in a horse-drawn buggy. As a child, Elizabeth often went with him and waited in the buggy while he made his calls.

Elizabeth had a horse she rode all over town in the afternoon after school. Most of the streets were dirt streets, very few of them paved. She always loved horses and dogs, and had many photographs made of her with her pets. In 1974 she was a Rodeo Queen.

She had two nicknames – "Mutt" (shortened by friends from "Mutto" that her French teacher called her – and "Dewey" that she acquired while a student at Wellesley college. While attending Wellesley she played on the Field Hockey team. In 1989 she attended the 70th reunion of her graduation from Wellesley and rode in a vintage truck which had a sign on it which read "1919", the year she graduated.

The whole Moulton family loved the outdoors and did a lot of fishing and skiing. One special place they liked to go to on vacation was Creede, Colorado.

The Moulton family, as well as many of their friends and neighbors, belonged to the Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death, Elizabeth had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith for 89 years.

While never running for public office, the whole Moulton family has been active in community

affairs and politics, including Elizabeth's mother who always talked about politics and always voted after women were allowed to vote. She cast her first vote at the age of ninety.

In September 1997, for her many years of community service in Fort Smith, Mayor Ray Baker presented Elizabeth with the "Mayor's Good Neighbor Award." Still a modest woman, she said, "I really don't know why I received this award, but to be a good neighbor, you have to have good neighbors, and I have good neighbors."

Elizabeth had a favorite joke she loved to tell about the man who went to a doctor. After an examination, the doctor said "I'm sorry to have to tell you this, but you have Alzheimer's disease and you also have cancer." The man said, "that's bad, but I'm glad you didn't say Alzheimer's disease."

Elizabeth married Dr. Sidney J. Wolferman on June 6, 1928.



**The Wolferman family, 1934.  
L to R: Elizabeth, Sidney, Linda  
and baby Elizabeth.**



**Four generations of lovely ladies in 1956.  
Left to right: Linda Moulton Hauptert and  
Elizabeth Moulton Wolferman. Center:  
Lynn Crockett Moulton. Front: Identical  
twins, Lynn and Lee Hauptert.**

They had two daughters, Elizabeth (m. Selby A. Hauptert, June 13, 1953) and Linda (m. John S. Hauptert, November 29, 1952.)

Elizabeth is a teacher in the Fort Smith Public School system. Linda, who was also a teacher, is deceased. She died January 9, 2000 in her home in San Luis Obispo, California. Elizabeth and Selby Hauptert have two children, Leisa Hauptert Jones and John Moulton Hauptert. Linda and John Hauptert's children are twin daughters, Sydney Lynn Lok and Selby Lee VanSant.

Elizabeth Moulton Wolferman wanted to live until the year 2000 so she could say she had lived in three centuries, but that was not



**Sidney J. Wolferman, M.D.**

to be. She died in her home January 22, 1999 at the age of 101.

Elizabeth's husband, Dr. Wolferman, was one of the organizers of the Cooper Clinic, Fort Smith. He was born January 7, 1889, in Streator, Illinois, and died February 18, 1945 in Fort Smith. His parents were David and Carolyn "Carrie" Frank (Heller) Wolferman. He

graduated from Northwestern University School of Medicine in 1911, served as assistant resident and resident physician, St. Louis City Hospital, and as assistant to the dispensary physician of St. Louis until he located at Fort Smith for practice October 1, 1913.

During World War I, he served as a first lieutenant in the regular army medical corps, attending the schools of oral and plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, and the army x-ray school after graduation from the Army Medical School, Washington D. C. When he returned to Fort Smith from military service in 1920, he became one of the original partners in the Cooper Clinic.

In organized medicine he served the Sebastian County Medical Society as president and secretary; the tenth councilor district as councilor for nine years; and the Arkansas Medical Society as president in 1945-46. He also served as councilor from Arkansas to the Southern Medical Association from 1939 to 1944. He was a fellow of the American Medical Association and of the American College of Surgeons. A member of the clinical staffs of St. Edward's Mercy and Sparks Memorial Hospital, Fort Smith, he served on the executive staffs of both, and had been both chief of staff and president of the clinical society at St. Edward's Mercy Hospital. Dr. Wolferman wrote and published many scientific papers.

His civic interests were extensive. He was a member and past president of the Fort Smith Rotary Club, a member of both the York and Scottish Rite Masonic bodies, the Grotto, the Shrine, the Elks Club, American Legion, 40 and 8, Military Order of Caraboo (1940 elected Ternero Caraboo), Military Order of World War I, and the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith. To his wife goes the credit for interesting him in his first hobby, Trout dry fly fishing.

## **EVERETT CROCKETT MOULTON**

Dr. Herbert Moulton's son, Everett Crockett Moulton, was born August 6, 1889 in Stuart, Iowa, and died July 19, 1952. He graduated from Northwestern University with degrees of B.S. and M.D. in 1911 and 1914. His social fraternities were Phi Delta Theta and Phi Rho Sigma,



**Dr. Everett C. Moulton, 1914**

and he was the first undergraduate at Northwestern University to be awarded Sigma Xi. This was for work done on the "Poison Squad" under government grant. He was awarded Alpha Omega Alpha in medical school, graduating eleventh in class standings; and did graduate work at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Moulton and Juliette Gates of Wilmette, Illinois, a graduate of Northwestern University with B.A. degree in 1911, were married April 6, 1915. They had two children, both graduates of Northwestern University: Dr. Everett Crockett Moulton, Jr. and Juliette Moulton (Mrs. George Eldridge, Jr.).

Dr. Moulton served in World War I as 1st Lt., Medical Corps, under Dr. Meyer Wiener in the Eye Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; served as Examiner and Army Consultant at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, during World War II; and was awarded the Selective Service Medal for voluntary civilian service in World War II. With the exception of military service, he spent his entire time, from completion of graduate work until his death, in the practice of ophthalmology and otolaryngology with his father, and later, with his son, in Fort Smith.

Dr. Moulton was a diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology; a fellow of American Academy of Ophthalmology; a member of the American Medical Association, Arkansas Medical Society, Sebastian County Medical Society (which he served as president in 1932), Southern Medical Association, Kansas City Association of Ophthalmology, Pan-American Association, of Ophthalmology; vice-president Area Council of Boy Scouts; and on the staff of Sparks Memorial Hospital and St. Edward Mercy Hospital. In 1922, Dr. Moulton was certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, and later made a life member



of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith; the American Legion, and the Noon Civic Club, which he served as president in 1941.



**Dr. Everett C. Moulton, Jr.**  
1948

**DR. EVERETT  
CROCKETT  
MOULTON, JR.**

Dr. Everett Crockett Moulton Jr., the son of Dr. Everett Crockett Moulton and Juliette (Gates) Moulton was the third generation in the Moulton family to become a physician. He was born August 28, 1916 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, educated in the Fort Smith public schools, graduating from high school with all A

work. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, he graduated from Northwestern University and Northwestern University Medical Schools with degrees of B.S. and M.D. He interned at Evanston Hospital. His school honors include Phi Beta Kappa, awarded in his junior year, and membership to the Alpha Omega Alpha in Medical School, graduating 11th in his class. His social fraternities are Phi Delta Theta and Phi Rho Sigma. From September, 1941, to November, 1945, he served as 1st Lt., and later Captain with the 4th Cavalry Group.

He was assigned to the cavalry (horse) at Fort Meade in the Black Hills of South Dakota September 1, 1941. He had seventeen months service there during the mechanization of the unit which included maneuvers in Louisiana and Tennessee, and also graduation from the Medical Field Service School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In January 1943 the 4th Cavalry was sent to the Mojave Desert in southern California for intensive training with armored and mechanized units. A short stay at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas, was succeeded by a convoy crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and seven months in southern England.

The 4th Cavalry participated in the Normandy invasion with mission accomplished of liaison from Utah Beach with the 82nd and the 101st airborne divisions. There followed eleven months of combat from Normandy to the Harz Mountains in east Germany. By V-E Day this encompassed five major campaign battles including the Battle of the Bulge where the 4th squadron was awarded a

coveted Presidential Citation. Dr. Moulton received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and was awarded the Combat Medic Badge.

After some occupational duty in Germany, Dr. Moulton returned to the States in the fall of 1945 and took up his residency in ophthalmology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston on January 1, 1946. In 1948 he returned to Fort Smith and began practice with his father.

On November 8, 1941, he married Bettye Tripplehorn of Fort Worth, Texas. She is a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, with a B.A. degree and also a graduate of Parsons (New York School of Applied Arts). Their four children are Bettye Lynn Moulton (Mrs. David Gancher) PhD, who is a Clinical Psychologist at Kaiser Permanente, California, and the mother of two children, Sarah and Elizabeth; twin sons, Everett Crockett Moulton, III (called Kit), who is in practice with his father, and David Crockett Moulton who does computer graphics and design for Acme Manufacturing Company in Fort Smith and has one daughter, Margot; and James Robert Moulton, who received his PhD in history in June, 2000. Dr. Moulton's memberships include the American Medical Association; Arkansas Medical Society of which he is past chairman of the Eye Section; Sebastian County Medical Society of which he has been president; Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology; Diplomate American Board of Ophthalmology; Fellow American Academy of Ophthalmology; Fellow American College of Surgeons; and the Kansas City Society Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He is on the staff of St. Edward Mercy Medical Center and Sparks Regional Medical Center; and is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith.



**Dr. Everett C. "Kit"  
Moulton III**

**EVERETT CROCKETT  
MOULTON, III**

Dr. Everett Crockett III (called Kit), who is now in practice with his father, was born November 23, 1947, in Boston, Massachusetts, an identical twin, the son of Dr. Everett C. Moulton, Jr. and Bettye (Tripplehorn) Moulton. When he graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in June 1975, he represented the



fourth generation of Moultons in a direct line to receive his M.D. degree: his great-grandfather, Herbert Moulton, graduated in 1884; his grandfather, Everett C. Moulton, graduated in 1914; and his father, Everett C. Moulton, Jr., graduated in 1941.

Kit received his primary education in the public schools of Fort Smith, Arkansas: Ballman Elementary School, Ramsey Junior High, and Southside Senior High, a member of the first class to graduate from this school. After attending the University of Arkansas one year, where he was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity, he spent a year abroad at the American School of Switzerland at Lugano, Switzerland. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Kansas in 1971; received M. D. degree from University of Arkansas Medical School June 8, 1975; served a four-year ophthalmology residency in the Kansas University Medical School, Kansas City, Kansas, beginning July 1, 1975, and began practice in Fort Smith with his father in July 1979.

Dr. Kit holds membership in the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Sebastian and

Arkansas Medical Societies and the Kansas City Society of OORL. He is on the active staff of Sparks Regional Medical Center and St. Edward Mercy Hospital.

He is the father of three daughters, Alyson, Juliette and Mackenzie.

#### FOOTNOTES:

1. Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society, July 1924.
2. A video interview made on September 20, 1997 with Elizabeth Moulton Wolferman for the Sebastian County Medical Alliance and Arkansas Medical Alliance. The interview was done by Polly Crews, radio and TV personality. Cameraman for the interview was David Moulton, great nephew of Mrs. Wolferman.

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Elizabeth Wolferman with her daughters  
 September 20, 1997, day of video interview.  
 Left to right: Elizabeth Wolferman Hauptert,  
 Elizabeth Wolferman holding Pumpkin,  
 and Linda Moulton Hauptert.



Elizabeth Moulton, 1899,  
 two years old.



Fishing with Sidney, Creede, Colorado, 1940.



September 20, 1997  
 Polly Crews  
 and  
 Elizabeth Moulton  
 Wolferman.



Rodeo Queen

# *C. Ray Baker, Jr.*

## *Fort Smith's 2000 Mayor*

**By Jan Eddleman**

Ask any visiting group to Fort Smith who impressed them the most and you are sure to hear, "Your mayor and his slogan, 'Life's worth living in Fort Smith, Arkansas'." His enthusiasm for the city and its history has been a positive influence ever since he was first elected mayor in 1990. Prior to that time, he had served Fort Smith as a member of the Board of Directors for ten years and as Vice-Mayor. Mr. Baker has also served the youth of our community with his 39 years as a teacher, 37 of which have been as a history teacher at Southside High School. An active member of the First Methodist Church, Ray has also been active in community and civic service, holding offices in the Sebastian Retired Citizens Association, the Western Arkansas Planning and Development District, the Avenue of Flags Committee, Downtown Christian Business Men's Committee, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Fort Smith Civic Ballet, Fort Smith Red Sox Baseball Team and the AARP.

Ray is a native of Fort Smith and holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas and was a recipient of a Fulbright Study Grant to the Middle East. He and his wife Nancy have two children and four grandchildren.

As a teacher, Ray has received numerous awards including the 1984 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, National DAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award, the University of Arkansas' Outstanding Teacher Award, Arkansas PTA Teacher of the Year Award and the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. He has been voted the Outstanding Public Servant Award and the Favorite Male Fort Smithian Award by the Readers Choice Poll of the

*Times Record* several times and has received numerous leadership awards.

Fort Smith is fortunate to have Mr. Baker as its mayor – a public servant who is always ready and willing to lend a hand, to attend any meeting or occasion where he can be of assistance and who helps to make Fort Smith a place where life is worth living.

## *Fort Smith – 2000*

### *The State of the City*

**By Mayor C. Ray Baker, Jr.**

As 2000 A.D. began in Fort Smith, Arkansas, progress and activities were to be seen everywhere. Fort Smith is one of the top 300 cities in the United States in which to work and live. It is the manufacturing capital of all of Arkansas and one of the best places for a good quality of life.

A new Civic Center complex is under construction along with the Riverfront Development and new libraries – three branch libraries and one main library. Plans are underway to build a new

water impoundment by enlarging Lake Fort Smith and Lake Shepherd Springs into one large lake. A new state park will also be constructed. Major road projects are underway in the city along with improvements to neighborhood streets. A new Senior Citizens Center is being constructed in the southern part of Fort Smith. Public transportation has reappeared to serve a large segment of our city.

Fort Smith enjoys a low crime rate and a good, safe community. The introduction of the Police Bike Patrol into all areas of Fort Smith has made



**Fort Smith Mayor  
C. Ray Baker, Jr.**

the police more visible and available to the neighborhoods. Our fire rating is one of the best in the nation. Education in Fort Smith is outstanding and contributes greatly to our good quality of life.

The business climate is excellent as Fort Smith continues to enjoy economic prosperity and economic growth for the tenth straight year.

Our citizens work together in a partnership to continue to improve the community. New arrivals

in Fort Smith from other countries led to the establishment of the Multi-cultural Center in our city.

Fort Smith is a treasure on the western edge of the frontiers, the second largest city in the state and a tourist paradise. In June, the National Historic Site will be re-opened and a new Judge Parker's courtroom will be introduced to the public.

In all, life continues to be worth living in Fort Smith, Arkansas, gateway to the West and to the Frontier.

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## *Fort Smith Flag Given to City*

In 1936 Mrs. Oscar Gwyn presented to the city a Fort Smith flag that had been out of sight of the public for more than 30 years.

The red, yellow, white and blue flag with its Goddess of Mercy and Sword of Justice emblem was accepted by Fort Smith Mayor James Yarbrough and Commissioners John Rogers and Melvyn Bell.

The old flag was worn and frayed in a few places but was still colorful and fairly durable.

Former Mayor Henry Reed, who served as mayor from April 1913 until April 1917, presented the flag to Mrs. Gwyn after dedication ceremonies for the stone portion of the National Historic Site. Mrs. Gwyn was regent of the Martha Baker Thurman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the time. She and several other DAR members had been instrumental in collecting stones from the walls of the old stone fort after they had been torn down and the stones were used for the wall portion that now stands at the corner of South 3rd street and Rogers Avenue.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn were pioneer citizens of the region. Gwyn's father was born in Alabama



The official city seal has been reproduced on the nylon flag that replaced the original flag given to the city)

in 1829 and came to Arkansas before the Civil War. According to Oscar Gwyn, his father started the first coal mine ever dug at Hartford.

Mrs. Gwyn said her grandfather, back in 1847, rigged out a schooner and sailed to California by way of Cape Horn.

The original flag's whereabouts are unknown, but the design has been reproduced on a nylon flag still used at city functions.

Abstracted from article by staff in  
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# *Meek Family*

## *Commemorates Beginning of Third Century as Bottlers in Fort Smith*

To commemorate the beginning of their third century in the bottling business in Fort Smith, the Meek family commissioned John Bell Jr. to recreate on canvas the first home of the local Coca-Cola Bottling Co. franchise.

A Fort Smith native, Bell is known for painting his hometown. The result – “Classic Bottling Works” – depicts an early morning scene with a horse-drawn delivery wagon arriving at the plant on the southwest corner of Rogers Avenue and 2nd Street. To the left, workers are readying some early model delivery trucks for their routes.

J. W. and Robert Meek built the original building in 1899 over a cistern on the former property of the second military fort to house their Fort Smith Steam Bottling Works, a soft drink operation they had purchased in 1895.

When the Meek brothers heard about a new soft drink called Coca-Cola, they obtained an

agreement allowing them to bottle and distribute the new product within a 50-mile radius of Fort Smith. The first Coca-Cola produced in Fort Smith was bottled in 1903. Recognizing they were on to something good, they purchased the rights to operate as a first line Coca-Cola bottler in 1907.

The rest, as they say, is history. Today, third and fourth-generation Meeks own and operate the oldest Coca-Cola franchise west of the Mississippi River to remain in the same family.

In 1940, the top floor of the building was removed and an addition to the right side constructed for office space and a garage. The outside of the building was finished in white.

The business moved to its current, modern complex on Phoenix Avenue in 1980, and the property became part of the Fort Smith National Historic Site. The building was torn down in 1984.

*Southwest Times Record, May 14, 2000.*



“Classic Bottling Works” used by permission of artist, John Bell Jr.

# South Side Baptist Church

By Amelia Martin

The Area Church Directory published every Saturday in the Fort Smith Times Record lists one hundred and fifty one churches in Fort Smith under nineteen religious faiths. Founding dates for these churches range from 1842 to the late 1900s.

South Side Baptist Church, 2400 Dodson Avenue, neither the oldest nor the newest church in Fort Smith, was founded in 1948 and is affiliated with the Concord Baptist Association and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

On May 18, 1948, one hundred and twenty five persons met for prayer in the Sebastian County Circuit Courtroom. As the result of this prayer meeting, they were led to organize a church and call the Reverend Victor H. Coffman as pastor.

The following Sunday afternoon the group assembled in the Fort Smith Senior High School auditorium at 2301 North B Street and with Lowell Ledford as moderator and Joan Crouch as clerk, the church was organized with 191 persons joining by letter and eleven by profession of faith. Brother Coffman accepted a lifetime call as pastor and at his suggestion the church was named South Side Baptist Church.

Charter membership was extended through July 18, 1948, a Sunday School, Training Union, two womens missionary (WMU) circles and children's activities were organized. Later a Men's Brotherhood was organized and a graded choir program for beginners, primaries and juniors was begun, supplementing the already active youth and adult choirs. Also, a handbell choir has been added to the music program.

At the present time, September 2000, South Side has an extremely active and growing youth program. A group of youths and adults, led by the present pastor, Ken

Overturf, went on a mission trip to Mexico in 1999 and again in 2000.

At the founding meeting the church voted to erect a 100x50 ft. brick building at South 24th Street and Dodson Avenue to provide auditorium, offices and classrooms. Until that building was completed in January 1949, services were held regularly in the Peabody Elementary School building at 501 South 10th Street.

That same year a six-room parsonage was built and a 60x25 ft. mess hall from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma was bought in September and moved to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly grounds at Siloam Springs. It was used as a 50-bed dormitory for people from South Side attending the assembly until 1972. At that time it was deeded to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

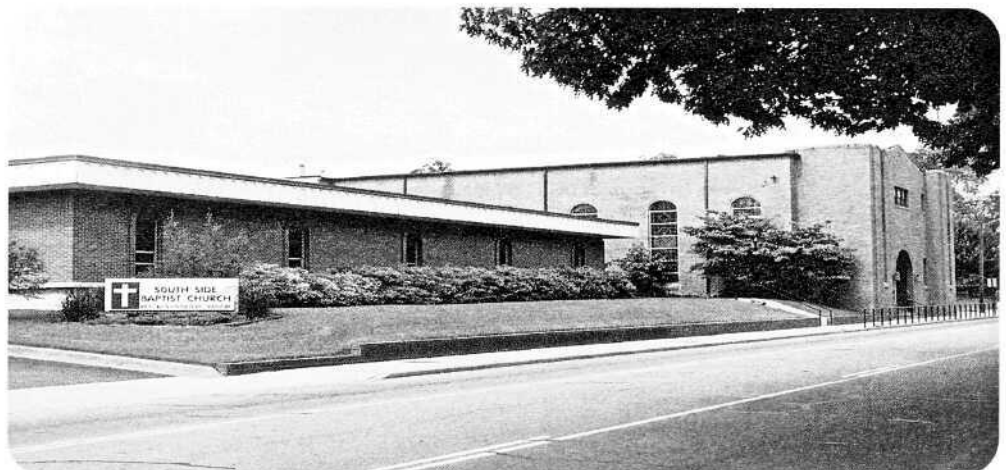
One month after the mess hall was moved to Siloam Springs, a barracks building was moved from Camp Gruber and placed east of the first building at 24th and Dodson. It provided space for a kitchen, dining room and additional Sunday School rooms.

In July 1959, Brother Coffman retired. The church elected him pastor emeritus and deeded the parsonage at 2600 South M Street to him and Mrs. Coffman.

South Side began its radio ministry on August 25, 1948, with a 30 minute broadcast on each Sunday night from 8:00 to 8:30 over Radio Station KWHN. This ministry, which has been discontinued, was continuous for over forty-five years with changes of time, cost, etc. from time to time. When discontinued, the broadcast time was

South Side Baptist Church today shows auditorium built in 1952 and addition built in 1970.

(Photo by Dr. Art Martin)



one hour, 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, during the Sunday morning worship, aired over Radio Station KTCS.

In 1950, the church library came into being in a corner of the church office with Ina Lee Utey, church secretary, acting as librarian. Ten years later a separate room became available. This library now, after a complete reorganization and redecorating has approximately 4,000 books. The expansion of the library is primarily through memorial gifts.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in June 1949. Eighty-eight were enrolled and Jean Marie Christy, who later served as a foreign missionary to Ghana, was principal.

The church entered another building program in February, 1952, for the erection of a 60x90 ft. sanctuary with a seating capacity of almost 850. The first service was held in it on May 24, 1953 on the 5th anniversary of the church.

The eleven art-glass windows in the sanctuary tell the story of the life of Christ from the manger to the ascension. The baptistry painting, done by Mrs. Feldred Loveless of Fort Smith, is a reproduction of a color photograph of the Jordan River at the traditional place where Jesus was baptized.

The two adjoining lots on the east became available in 1958, and the church approved their purchase on May 14. The houses were remodeled to provide facilities for the nursery and young adults until a new one-story structure of approximately 7,500 square feet was built to replace them and the barracks building. The new building is occupied by the nursery, beginner and primary departments, dining facilities and church offices.

On August 12, 1968 the church became debt-free for the first time since its organization.

In 1975 the sanctuary underwent a major renovation, including a new heating and air conditioning system, new furniture for the chancel area, and new sound equipment and lighting con-



**"Ark of the Covenant" used on "Pledge Day" each year of Victor Coffman's tenure as pastor.**

trol from a console in the balcony. The church was once again in debt, but early in 1989 members of the church, under the leadership of Pastor Horne, conducted a fund-raising campaign under the slogan "Together We Can" and together they did – the church today is again debt-free.

Memorial gifts to the church, too numerous to mention individually, include the art-glass windows and a lighted cross in the sanctuary, a Steinway piano, an organ, a public address system for the fellowship hall, communion ware, books, records, film and equipment for the library, furniture, gifts to the library, building fund, van fund, choir robe fund, etc. A book is kept in the front foyer for listing memorial gifts and a record of library memorials is kept by the library staff.

Early members of this church will remember the large gold colored box that was called the "Ark of the Covenant" which was used on "Pledge Day" each year of Victor Coffman's tenure as pastor. At the beginning of the service, the "Ark" was carried into the sanctuary by the deacons and placed before the altar. Members filed before the altar and put their pledge cards into the "Ark" through an opening between two cherubims on the lid.

In 1958 the influence of South Side Baptist Church widened when the church extended the arm of the church to Chaplain William J. Clardy, authorizing him to represent the church, with full authority to baptize and receive members into South Side.



**South Side Baptist Church 1959. Front of building on right is sanctuary which was built in 1952. Back part of building is the building completed in 1949. Left are houses and barracks building used as temporary annex buildings until replaced in 1970 by new addition to church.**



South Side has always welcomed soldiers from Fort Chaffee, and as groups from foreign countries have come to Fort Smith, South Side has welcomed them. The first of these groups was nurses from the Philippine Islands who came to work at Sparks Hospital. They were not only invited to worship at South Side, but the WMU held an open house honoring them.

In 1975 the church cooperated in providing help to the Vietnamese displaced persons housed at Fort Chaffee. From May 1981 to March 20, 1988 the Vietnamese Christian Fellowship used South Side facilities for their congregation. They were led by Pastor Phuc Nguyen, a member of South Side.

Since its creation, South Side Baptist Church has ordained six young men to the gospel ministry and licensed three others. In addition to the short term youth missionary ministry, six members have gone from South Side Church to serve full time on foreign mission fields, and three other members served as volunteer missionaries on foreign mission fields – Ghana, Finland, Panama, Russia, India and New Guinea.

The author of a history of South Side on its tenth anniversary said "This is a story of a monument to righteousness. Not a cold, dead monument, but a vibrant, vital living one."

The greatest history of any church is written in the lives it has touched.

South Side is a growing church concerned for people.

Visit South Side Baptist Church's web site at [www.hows.net/72901ssbc](http://www.hows.net/72901ssbc) for a complete history of the church and current information.

#### **PASTORS:**

<b>Dr. Victor Coffman, Sr.....</b>	<b>May 1, 1948</b>
	<b>July 5, 1959</b>
<b>Rev. Marvin Gennings .....</b>	<b>August 10, 1959</b>
	<b>January 21, 1968</b>
<b>Rev. Jack Pollard .....</b>	<b>June 2, 1968</b>
	<b>September, 1975</b>
<b>Rev. Steve Hyde .....</b>	<b>March 7, 1976</b>
	<b>March 7, 1980</b>
<b>Rev. Jack Clack.....</b>	<b>Interim Pastor</b>
<b>Rev. Wade Tucker .....</b>	<b>March 8, 1981</b>
	<b>January 1987</b>
<b>Rev. John Horne .....</b>	<b>October 1987</b>
	<b>September 21, 1997</b>
<b>Dr. Trueman Moore .....</b>	<b>Interim Pastor</b>
	<b>November 5, 1997</b>
	<b>March 11, 1999</b>
<b>Rev. Kenneth W. Overturf ...</b>	<b>March 19, 1999</b>
	<b>present</b>

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# *Dr. Victor H. Coffman, Sr.*

## *First Pastor of South Side Baptist Church in Fort Smith*

*(Church History File, Author Unknown)*

Born in the rural area of Northwest Kentucky, close to the Missouri line, in 1892, the life of Dr. Victor Coffman, Sr., was influenced to Christ and the ministry by two Godly women: one his own mother, and the other, Miss Jewell Midyett, who taught him in his four years of high school in Ohio Valley Baptist College in Sturgis, Kentucky.

The influence of these two Godly women continued to live on in the hearts and lives of the 7,500 people who Dr. Coffman won to Christ during his Fifty years of preaching, teaching, and living the word of God.

Thirty-eight young people who surrendered to special service under his ministry served around the world.

After high school, Brother Coffman finished Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. May, 1916 was an eventful year in the young minister's life. He finished the seminary, married, and took his first pastorate, the Woodbine Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. To quote Dr. Coffman, "In St. Joseph the frigid winters, 26 below zero, and the Yankee spirit froze me out." He moved down to Adrian, Missouri for two years, then entered the army as a Chaplain.

After his army service, he returned to Adrian, then to Republic and from there to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he got two Baptist churches together after a big split, paid off a ten year debt and doubled the membership with 200 additions in three years. In South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, he led it from 80 members to 850 in 5 years. He led Immanuel Church in Fort Smith from 300 members to 2,390 members in 20 years. There were 3,700 additions to the Immanuel Church.

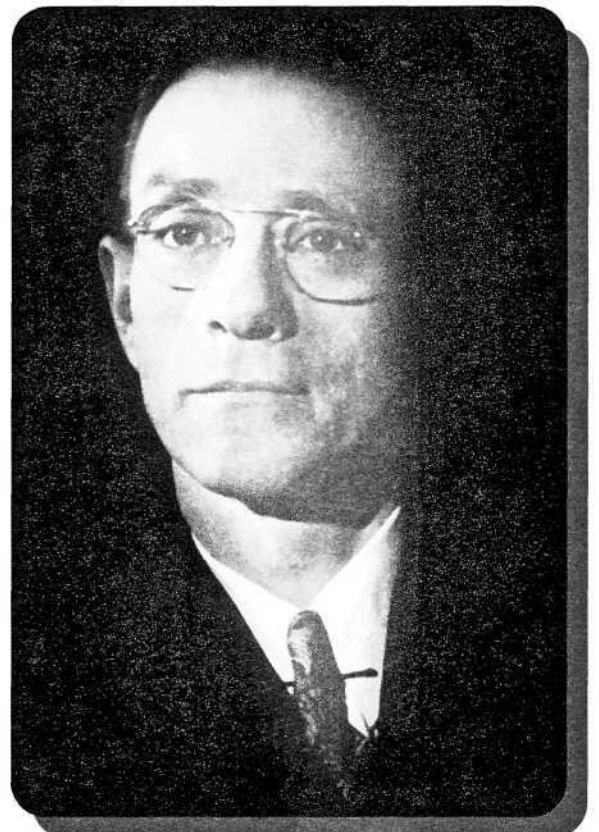
He led the South Side Baptist Church, Fort Smith, from almost nothing to 900 members and a \$300,000 church plant in nine years.

In his first revival in Pine Bluff church, there were 96 additions by baptism. The same number were baptized in the first revival held in Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

Brother Coffman served on nearly every board and committee in state and associational work. He served on five different Southern Baptist Committees and Boards, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary in Louisville.

His advice to young preachers: "First, be sure God has called you to preach; Second, preach only the word of God."

Forced to retire from the ministry in 1959 by illness, Dr. Coffman was elected Pastor Emeritus of South Side Baptist Church.



Dr. Victor H. Coffman

# Tilles Theatre

In the beginning of the 20th century, the Tilles Theatre at 422 Garrison was featuring live stage shows. The following advertisement ran in the *Fort Smith Elevator* newspaper on April 4, 1900:

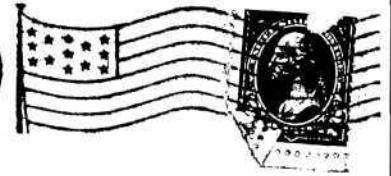
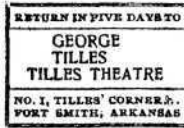
**Tilles Theatre**  
**Geo Tilles Leese, Mgn**  
**one week, Mon April 2nd**  
**THE GRIFFINS**  
**Scientific Hindo Hypnotist**  
**price 50 and 25 cents**

**Tilles Theatre**  
**Geo Tilles Leese, Mgn**  
**One night only**  
**Tuesday April 10**  
**The Record Breaker**  
**HOYTS, A TEXAS STEER**  
**Katie Putnam as "Bossy"**  
**Jas. R. M'Cann,**  
**as Maverick Brander**  
**The original**  
**Texas Steer Quartette**  
**and all Star Company**

**Prices \$1.00, 75, 50, 25 cents**

In 1901 Madame Modjeska, the great tragic actress who was making her farewell tour of the United States was scheduled to appear at the Tilles Theatre on February 20th.

On February 7th, 1901 he wrote the following letter to Mrs. Eugene Henderson, a resident of Fort Smith, asking her judgment as to which play from the repertoire of Madame Modjeska would be the most appropriate. Obviously the same letter, while appearing to be a personal request, probably was sent to a number of people.



Mrs. Eugene Henderson,  
 City.

Population of City, 26,000.  
 Population of 72000 within a radius  
 of 20 miles, accessible by Rail.  
 Six Railroads.  
 Two Daily Papers.  
 Electric Street Railway System.

Route Your Company via Frisco Line  
 Stop at Hotel Main  
 Bill Posting Company, Sec. Tilles  
 Transfer Company, Sec. Tilles

Season 1900-1901

**Tilles Theatre**

Geo. Tilles, Leese Manager

Seating Capacity, 1000.  
 Stage, 30x50. 24 Sets Scenery.  
 Twelve Dressing Rooms, Carpeted  
 and Decorated.  
 Electric and Gas Lighting.  
 Steam Heat.

Office and Sale for Reserved Seats at No. 1 Tilles Corner

Fort Smith, Ark., February 7th, 1901

Dear Madams:-

As already noted in the public press Madame Modjeska, the great tragic actress who is now making her farewell tour of the United States, will appear at the Tilles Theatre on February 20th. There is hardly need to dwell upon the importance of the event either from a general dramatic standpoint or from the association it will have in future years with the history of the local stage. It is an event that will interest all elements of the community, not alone the regular playgoers, but likewise the scholars and teachers of our educational institutions.

Wishing to make the occasion as popular as it will surely be artistic, I would greatly appreciate the favor if you would advise me by letter which of the plays listed below, in your judgment, would prove the best selection. By arrangement with the Modjeska management the matter has been left to the public choice and the majority vote will therefore decide it.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Modjeska's repertoire:

"Mary Stuart"

"Macbeth"

And Shakespeare's historical tragedy of  
 "King John".

*Geo. Tilles*  
 Manager.



# Cooley's Drug Store

By Doug Smith, Jr.

Cooley's Drug Store, located in the triangle building at South 21st Street and Rogers Avenue, was a Fort Smith institution and gathering place for generations of Fort Smithians and Camp Chaffee (later Fort Chaffee) soldiers from 1929 until the late 1960's.

It was at one time the largest drugstore in Arkansas, featuring gift, cosmetics, candy, toy and liquor departments, plus a restaurant and soda fountain to complement the drug section.

In the early days, there were carhops to serve such specialties as Mandies (a snow cone made using two Dixie cups), the famous Chickburger (which was never served again after the cook ran off with the secret recipe of ground chicken and spices) and the mammoth double-meat cheeseburgers.

There was a pinball machine, and in the 30's, even a slot machine, and lots of folks sitting on the hoods of their cars.

Sunday lunch was a "must" for churchgoers, and they usually had the blue plate special. You could dial the simple phone number 3400 (this was before SUNset, MIssion, GLadstone and other prefixes), and the delivery boy, wearing a black felt beanie and riding a bicycle, would deliver the smallest of items, even purchases as little as 5 cents.

An additional location known as Cooley's No. 2 was across from Fort Smith High School (now North Side). It was THE hangout for teens in the 1940s. Neighboring businesses were Famous Chili and Smith's Dog House.

In the 60s the drugstore was moved to the first block off North Greenwood, next to the Cooley residence. Both structures were torn down to make room for the construction of Walgreen's drugstore.

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## FREE JOIE THEATRE TICKETS

Once again the Williams Oil company is going to give away absolutely FREE regular 41-cent tickets to the Joie Theatre.

Williams Oil company is opening station No. 5 today (Friday) at 600-602-604 Towson avenue. This latest station is in reality the latest in modern construction and convenience. No expense has been spared to make it everything it should be.

The station is brick, stucco, steel and plate glass. It is painted snow white and the front is trimmed in neon lights. There is an outside driveway into the shop in the rear of the building. The rest room is modern and up-to-date. The building is sitting on a 150 foot lot on Towson avenue with wide spacious drive-in.

The Oldsmobile will make its home at this new station and you just must drop in and see the beautiful cars on display. In the rear of the station is a

newly equipped modern repair shop where expert repairs may be had on any make of cars at a reasonable rate and out at the time promised. This repair department is under the foremanship of Benny Bernard who is an expert car repair man.

## THE FREE TICKETS

Many will ask how it is possible to give away a 41-cent Joie Theatre ticket with each 5 gallons or more of gasoline....well, remember when the station No. 4 was opened on Rogers avenue across the street from Cooley's? No doubt you got some free tickets at that time. There are no strings to this offer and all you have to do is drive in and get your 5 gallons or more of Super Shell or Tydol gasoline and your ticket will be handed to you without one word. Fair enough isn't it?

These free tickets will be given out only on Friday and Saturday, so if you fail to get yours, don't blame any one but yourself.

*SWTR, Friday, July 14, 1939*

# *Ella Falk: A Giver and A Doer*

Ella Falk, descendent of one of Fort Smith's pioneer families, was one of the "givers" in life since she was a child, telling stories on Sunday afternoons at the Rosalie Tilles Home.

Born on March 12, 1902, in Fort Smith, she lived in Fort Smith most of her life. She was the daughter of Lillian and George Tilles and her grandparents settled in Fort Smith in 1866. She was in high school during World War I and participated in charity drives and knitted, sewed and made bandages for the American Red Cross.

Through the years she worked as a volunteer for countless causes, including a Red Cross Gray Lady at Camp Chaffee, working in the Blood Mobile at the army camp and in town, serving as a USO Hostess, in USO Traveler's Aid at the bus station, in an executive capacity on the USO Council, and in an executive capacity as a member of the Jewish Welfare Board. She was the first Fort Smithian to volunteer for Civil Defense, worked on the Ration Board, registered men for the draft, and received a certificate from the United States Government for completing and passing the exam for "Comprehensive Bombing Reconnaissance." She was an Air Raid warden, one of the organizers of Operation Heart Start, helped organize the Fort Smith Little Theatre and the Broadway Theatre, was a member of the Friends of the Library, the Fort Smith Art Center and the Fort Smith Symphony.

She was a past member of the Explorer's Club, Community Concert, Audubon Society, Great Books Discussion Group, Women's Federation, Musical Coterie, United Hebrew Temple Board, Temple Sisterhood Board, and a member of the Sebastian Republican Committee.

She was a member of the Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee since it first organized, assisted hospital nurses for many years, was a Sparks Foundation Charter member 1971-1985, and raised funds for the Sparks Regional Medical Center facilities and an annex of Sparks Manor.

She was a member of the Board of the Fort Smith Day Nursery, the board of the Fort Smith Welfare and Goodfellows Committee, and one of the organizers and board member of the Family Service Agency. She organized Home Maker's Services, organized the Fort Smith branch of the American Association of University Women, served as a board member of the Mental Health Association, and worked with Operation Santa Claus, which provided gifts to patients in Little Rock hospitals.

She was one of the organizers and a member of the Republican Women's Club, worked as a chairperson for United Way agencies and on drives for the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society, and organized the city for the Red Cross drive with a pattern used for years afterward.



**Ella Falk**  
(Courtesy Westark College)

She talked on various subjects for radio, television and to clubs, schools and organizations, including "Social Work" for Junior League Provisionals and "Early Child Care" from the pulpit of Quinn Chapel.

She was a life member of the YWCA, a member of the Sparks Women's Board for 60-plus years, Bonneville House, Fort Smith Historical Society, Old Fort Museum and the Heritage Foundation.

She gave annually to the Cancer Society, the Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the Fort Smith Trolley Association, Easter Seals, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Arthritis Foundation, the Arkansas Children's Hospital, United Way, Jewish Welfare Fund, St. Jude's, St. Edward Mercy Medical Center's "Commitment to Excellence," and Westark Community College.

Thousands of men, women and children derived pleasure from viewing her doll collection. The dolls have been shared with individuals, Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts, school classes, Sunday schools, Y-Teens, and adult groups.

Ella Falk, a giver and a doer, died on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. Fruits of her vision and unselfish dedication live on today in the lives of the untold thousands of people touched and helped by her work. She spent her lifetime giving of her time, her energy, her ability, her money and herself to others.

The widow of George Falk who died in 1963, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Roberta Carver Jolly of San Bernadino, California, Mrs. Rosalie Cloud of Tehachapi, California and Paula Boelsems of Santa Monica, California.

Funeral services were held April 26 graveside at the Jewish Cemetery in Fort Smith.

**Source: Obituary, Southwest Times Record**

# *In Loving Memory*

## **LINDA WOLFERMAN HAUPERT**

Linda Wolferman Haupt, 69, of San Luis Obispo, California, died Sunday, January 9, 2000, in her home. She was a native of Fort Smith. (See article on Moulton family in this issue).

She is survived by her husband, John S.; twin daughters, Sydney Lynn Lok of Montebello, California, and Selby Lee Van-Sant of Sacramento, California; one sister, Elizabeth W. Haupt of Fort Smith; and three grandchildren, Aja and Tasha Noble and Lindy Lok, all of Montebello.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 150, Calabasas Hill, CA 91301-5104.

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## **PHILLIP JOHN MILLER**

Phillip John "Phil" Miller, 82, of Denver, Colorado, formerly of Fort Smith, died Saturday, May 27, 2000 in Denver. Phil was a dedicated member of the Fort Smith Historical Society. In the early years of the organization, he served as vice-president, then as president. He served as office manager for a lot of years, set up the index system for *The Journal* and kept a composite index card file until he retired a second time to Plant City, Florida.

He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and a veteran of World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. After retirement he served five years as South Sebastian regional librarian. While living in Fort Smith, in addition to his work in the Historical Society, he was active in the Noon Civics Club and Christ the King parish.

Memorial service was held Monday, June 5 at the U. S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith with burial with military honors.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Armistice Byrum Miller; a daughter, Mary Kay Kisseberth of Denver; a son, James P. Miller of Lock Haven, Pa.; a sister, Elizabeth Nicolaus of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, James L. Miller of Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Creston P. Smith, Randy J. Miller, Rachel Fisher and Julie Miller; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sebastian County Library, P. O. Box 400, Greenwood, AR 72936, or the Fort Smith Historical Society, c/o Fort Smith Public Library, 61 South 8th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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## **PAT BIRKETT**

Pat Birkett, 81, of Fort Smith, died April 14, 2000 in Fort Smith. She was a retired executive secretary for

the Whirlpool Corporation, served 35 years as a church organist, was a charter member of the Fort Smith chapter of the Professional Secretaries Internationals, past dean of the American Guild of Organists, past officer of the board of the Fort Smith Historical Society, member of the Oklahoma Historical Society and member of South Side Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son and his wife, David and Ollie Birkett, of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother, Dr. Frank W. Patterson of San Angelo, Texas; three step-grandsons and seven step-great-grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Side Baptist Church, 2400 Dodson Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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## **DONALD J. McMINIMY, M.D.**

Donald J. McMinimy, M.D., F.A.C.P., 80, of Fort Smith died May 15, 2000. Dr. McMinimy was a life member of the Fort Smith Historical Society and had served on the board.

He was a physician of internal medicine with Holt Krock Clinic for 30 years, a Navy veteran, member of the First Baptist Church, Sebastian County Medical Society, American Medical Association and the American College of Chest Physicians. He was a Fellow in the American College of Physicians.

He is survived by his wife, Nell; one daughter, Meridith Ann Dahlin of Ontario, Ore.; three grandchildren, Claire Dahlin, Camilla Dahlin, and Angela Dahlin Greenwald, all of Ontario; and one great-granddaughter, Ava Greenwald.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

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## **STANLEY RANKIN McEWEN, M.D.**

Dr. Stanley Rankin McEwen, 73, of Fort Smith died June 1, 2000. Dr. McEwen, an ophthalmologist, served as a physician in the Navy during the Korean War, and was chief of Ophthalmology Service at the Kansas City, Missouri Veterans Hospital. He retired from the Navy as a commander. He graduated from the Kansas University Medical School and completed residency training in ophthalmology at K.U.

After moving to Fort Smith, he joined Dr. E. C. Moulton, Jr. in practice and was a founding member of the Ophthalmology Clinic, which is now known as the Eye Group.

He was a member of county, state and national medical associations, American College of



Surgeons, Society of Military Ophthalmologists and American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of the Fort Smith Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Fort Smith Girls Club Board, patron member of the National Rifle Association, a life member of the Old Fort Gun Club and a life member of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Stodder McEwen; one son, Fred J. McEwen of Fort Smith; one daughter, Kelsey Alexander of Custer, S.D.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-9400, the Old Fort Gun Club or to the charity of donor's choice.

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### **JAMES A. BARRY**

James A. "Jimmie" Barry, 93, of Fort Smith, died May 15, 2000. He was a member of Goddard Methodist Church and the Fort Smith Historical Society and shared his extensive knowledge of the history of Fort Smith by contributing many articles for publication in *The Journal*.

He sold Fort Smith Times Record newspapers during World War I, began his broadcast radio career at age 15 at WGAR radio station and at 17 designed and built a radio called the Brown Teletone. He was manager and advertising manager for KFPW in the 1930s, two radio stations in Muskogee in the 1940s and manager of KWHN in the 1950s. He was survived by his wife, Myrthine A. Barry; one sister-in-law, Maurine Slates of Fort Smith, two nieces and three nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Goddard United Methodist Church, 1922 Dodson Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72901 or to the charity of donor's choice.

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### **MYRTHINE BARRY**

Myrthine A. Barry, 91 of Fort Smith died June 1, 2000. She was the widow of Jimmie Barry and a member of Goddard Methodist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Maurine Slates of Fort Smith; two nieces and three nephews.

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### **URSULA MENDELSON**

Ursula Wolfe Mendelson, 83, a long-time resident of Fort Smith and widow of Dr. Ernest Mendelson, a radiologist who was associated with Holt-Krock Clinic for many years, died in New Haven, Conn., May 2, 2000.

Graveside service was held at the Jewish Cemetery in Fort Smith.

She is survived by three daughters, Janis Mendelson, M.D., of Chicago, Carol Mendelson of Nice, France, and Marion Coleman of Hamden, Conn.; and one son, Dr. Larry Mendelson of Little Rock.

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### **ROBERT HARRELL VICK**

Robert H. Vick, 71, of Fort Smith, died May 23, 2000. He retired as vice president of Weldon, Williams and Lick and served on the board of directors there. He was a 32nd-degree Mason, member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Amrita Grotto and Scimitar Shrine Club, a member of St. John's Church and the Fort Smith Historical Society.

He was preceded in death by one son, Cap Vick. He is survived by his wife, Sally; one daughter, Sarah Sullivan of St. Louis, Mo.; two sons, Bobby of Fort Smith and Charlie of Greenwood; and seven grandchildren. Funeral was in St. John's Episcopal Church with burial at St. John's Columbarium.

(See Volume 19, No. 2, September 1995, pages 20-25 of *The Journal* for the story of the Vick family.)

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 215 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901 or Westark College, P.O. Box 3649, Fort Smith, AR 72913.

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### **MADGIE ROGERS**

Madgie Lola Rogers, 100, of Arkoma died January 2, 2000. She was the widow of W. E. "Bill" Rogers and is survived by one daughter, Flossie Brown of Parsippany, N.J.; one son, Loyd of Arkoma; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Funeral was in Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Smith with burial at the U. S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith.

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### **PHUOC THI VO**

Phuoc Thi Vo, 76, of Fort Smith died March 18, 2000 in a local hospital. She retired from the Packing Department of OK Foods, Inc. and was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. Rosary was at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel, funeral at Christ the King Catholic Church with burial at Calvary Cemetery in Fort Smith.

She is survived by two stepdaughters, Lienchi Vilayvanh of Fort Smith and Phet Capizzi of Adelaide, South Australia; two stepsons, Loc Van Nguyen of Fort Smith and Long Ocean Nguyen of Essex, Mass.; three sisters, all of Vietnam; three brothers, all of Vietnam, 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Koonkeo Chanthorn, Boualy Phammanivan, Manichanh Vilayvanh, Souphanh Souvannarath, Phoukham Sananikone and Cuong Gia Phan.

# *Oak Cemetery: Aunt Sarah Clark's Graveyard*

**By Charles Raney, Assistant Director of Community Services, City of Fort Smith**

In a neglected grave in Oak Cemetery lies the body of Miss Sarah Clark, who initially donated property of this cemetery to the City of Fort Smith. No flowers are ever placed on her grave, for few know what a benefactor she was to Fort Smith. This cemetery was known as Aunt Sarah Clark's graveyard. When she donated the cemetery, she reserved the lot in which her remains now reside.

Miss Sarah Clark, who came to Fort Smith in 1850, died at her residence at the corner of North Sixth and B Streets, August 4, 1887. Miss Clark had resided in the house continuously since 1851 and was widely known to be a kind and charitable woman.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Arkansas back in the 1840s. Her family first settled in Pope County, where her two bachelor brothers Aaron and Abram Clark engaged in the lumber and saw mill business and obtained considerable wealth. In 1850 they moved to Fort Smith, and having wealth, erected several residences. The family at that time consisted of Aaron, Abram, Miss Sarah and their mother.

About the time of their move here, Abram died, leaving all of his property to Aaron, in accordance with a mutual agreement entered into by writing by the two brothers, but left no will to that effect except by said agreement. Aaron died in 1855 and left his property to his mother and sister, Sarah.

It was an agreement between the Clark brothers and Mr. Hershey, who married a relative, that he, Hershey, never should benefit by the estate they built up, and in this matter, Sarah and the mother were intended to be beneficiaries and they personally knew it. Mr. Hershey brought suit for an interest in the property. Miss Sarah put another relative, Mr. Miller, who was with her in her last hours, in possession and made a will in his favor a few days before her death.

After Miss Sarah's death, Mr. Miller made arrangements for the funeral to take place the next afternoon. Mr. Hershey visited the house that day, and Mr. Miller being absent, entered a protest against the funeral taking place before several days, and accordingly went to the *Tribune* office and stopped the printing of the funeral notices. He also went to the Birnie Undertaking establishment where he countermanded Mr. Miller's instructions. Mr. Birnie however paid no attention to him, and when Mr. Miller was apprised of Mr. Hershey's actions, he, on the advice of attorneys, had a policeman stationed in the residence to prevent Hershey from interfering further.

About three o'clock, Mrs. Hershey came to the funeral with some friends, and was given admission. Everybody else was there as a big sensation was expected. Later, Mr. Hershey appeared and was also permitted to enter the home while the funeral services were in progress.

After Miss Clark's body was taken to the hearse, Mrs. Hershey refused to leave the house and took charge of the house, including possession of the premises. After delaying the funeral 15 to 20 minutes, she was ejected by the police while Mr. Miller locked the house and the funeral proceeded.

The actions of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey on this occasion was severely criticized and, condemned by the entire community as reflecting extremely bad taste.

Miss Clark seems to have been somewhat of an eccentric character. About 1872, she employed Mr. Sam Lawrence to prepare a tombstone for her. The stone was a marble slab, four feet long and two feet wide and also a marble foot stone was made. The tombstone laid in her backyard. The inscription was "In memory of Miss Sarah Clark, Born Jan 25, 1807 (here a blank space was left for her death date). World. Farewell

I must return to dust till Jesus, in whom I have believed from youth to old age, bids me rise and live with Him in a world without end. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." When Miss Sarah had the tombstone made, her friends tried to persuade her to leave the "Miss" off of the stone, that she might change her name, but she said she came to the world a Miss and was going out missed.

The stone lay in her back yard for many years. A high board fence enclosed part of the yard where the stone lay, but the stone could be seen through the cracks, and was a curiosity to the children attending Belle Grove school.

The large "knot hole gang" that lingered on the corner of North Sixth and B Street, on their way to Belle Grove school in the early 1880s were not baseball fans, but they found the tombstone so interesting that many a pupil lingered too long and was late for school. Miss Sarah Clark's house stood on this corner and the attraction was a tombstone, the owner of which was still living. Many mysterious stories were invented about this stone. The children rarely ever got to see Miss Clark but for each new pupil, this was an interesting sight to be shown.

After the death of Miss Clark's brothers, Mrs. Wells, the wife of a steamboat Captain, resided with Miss Clark. Mrs. Wells had a very large cat that was as fierce as a dog, and would bristle up and jump at the children as if protecting the property. Before Mrs. Wells died she asked her friends to chloroform the cat and bury it with her, but they did not comply with her request.

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#### Writer's Comments

Miss Sarah Clark is buried in Oak Cemetery next to her brother Aaron Clark who died in 1855 and her mother, Nancy Clark, who died in 1861. Miss Clark donated the first acre of what became Oak Grove Cemetery and today is known as Oak Cemetery. She only reserved enough space for herself, her mother and brother, and for six kiosks, three on each side, that mark the way to her final resting place. The Oak Cemetery Commission and the City of Fort Smith have restored the three tombstones and the kiosks in 1999. Restoration and preservation continue to receive high priority for those that have no one to speak for them or to maintain their stones. "LEST WE FORGET"!

**Acknowledgment: Phoebe Parke "Old Folks & Facts"**



## MEMORIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS IMPORTANT TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**When making a gift to honor or remember someone important to you, please remember the Fort Smith Historical Society. Gifts may be made in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday, graduation, anniversary, or other event.**

**Memorial gifts are acknowledged with a letter to both the donor and the family of the person honored. Gifts may be made in any amount.**



# Genealogy News

The Arkansas Genealogical Society's 2000 Fall seminar and book fair will take place on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, 2000, at the Holiday Inn-Airport East in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Friday sessions will begin with registration and the opening of the book fair at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. a series of mini-classes will start which feature the following:

"Neglected Genealogical Resources"

by Russell P. Baker

"Some Genealogical Sources on the Web"

by David Burdick

"Courthouse Research" by Ed Sanders

"Genealogy from the Roots Up, Part I & II

by Jan Eddleman

"Land: Metes & Bounds, Township & Range"

by Lynda Suffridge

Saturday's seminar by Desmond Walls Allen will feature, in the morning session, "A Strategy for that Difficult Ancestor" and "Maximizing Death Records" in the afternoon session. For further information and registration forms you may either write to the Arkansas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 908, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902-0908 or visit the AGS web site at

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ags/index.htm>>

The Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas offers genealogical conferences at very reasonable prices with cheap housing in the dormitories. Their fall seminar will be October 6 and 7, 2000 and features Melvin C. Johnson, MA, of Layton, Utah speaking on using Mormon genealogical resources. For more information, write to Community Services Division, Angelina College, P.O. Box 1768, Lufkin, Texas 75902-1768 or e-mail [vcates@ballistic.com](mailto:vcates@ballistic.com) and ask to be put on their mailing list.

## NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE'S WEB SITES

The Fort Smith National Historic Site has added a wonderful new data base to its web site – a listing of all the known employees of the Federal Court for the Western District of Arkansas in the Judge Parker era. This includes

the marshals. You may reach the site at <<http://www.nps.gov/fosm/ctdbast/index.htm>>

(Note: Almost all of the national parks and sites now have their own web sites with lots of good information. For example, the Vicksburg site has a list of all the Confederate soldiers captured there.)

## NEED OLD ARKANSAS MAPS?

If you are in need of an old Arkansas map, they are on-line. Maps of all the Arkansas counties in 1895 are available at

<<http://livgenmi.com/arcounty.htm>>

In fact, you can get maps from all the 1895 states by changing the "ar" in front of county to the two letter abbreviation of that state (i.e., "tn" for Tennessee).

## ARKANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COMPUTER SERVICES

Aside from their web site, the Arkansas Genealogical Society also sponsors two other computer services for genealogical researchers. There is a mailing list for queries and Arkansas genealogical tidbits to which you may subscribe by simply e-mailing [AGS-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:AGS-L@rootsweb.com) and putting the word subscribe in both the subject and the text. There is also a growing amount of Arkansas genealogical data available at the following AGS site

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ags/GenConnect.htm>>

To get an overview of the holdings of the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives try their web site at

<<http://www.state.ar.us/ahc>>

The National Endowment for the Humanities has an interesting new program entitled "My History is America's History" which features family histories that have been written for the program and a place to record your own history. The program is on-line at <<http://www.myhistory.org/>>

## ADDRESS FOR FRONTIER RESEARCHERS:

Frontier Research  
P.O. Box 2123  
Fort Smith, AR 72902-2123

# Inquiries

**Inquiries 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. Remember, effective inquiries must contain full name, dates, places and submitter's name and address.**

## ***IHLE, STROBEL***

I am looking for information on Anton Ihle, b. ca. 1860; married Frances Strobel November 10, 1885. They were living in Logan County, Arkansas around that time. They had 9 children: Bernard, A.J., Joseph T., Kathryn, Fronie, Marie, Annie, Leopold and Rose. – Jan Roark, 20 Wildwood, Linn Creek, MO 65052

(E-mail: rocket@advertisnet.com).

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## ***BURKHART***

Searching for the parents of Leander Burkhardt, b. October 20, 1884 in Harlan County, Kentucky. Believe he may have gone to live with relatives in Sebastian or Crawford County prior to 1900. Peggy Phillips (e-mail: peggyln@juno.com). (Editor's Note: If you can help Ms. Phillips, but do not have e-mail capability, send your reply to Jan Eddleman, 1807 Sunshine Mine Road, Hackett, AR 72937-4453 and she will forward it.)

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## ***PRICE, WILLIAMSON***

I am seeking information on my great grandparents William Walter Price and Marena Williamson. They were married in Fort Smith, Sebastian County on August 22, 1860. I find them living in Fort Smith on the 1860 census with his father Charles Price. I know absolutely nothing about her parents or siblings and I am anxious to find out anything that might help. – Melba Bishop, 4966 Tyler Street, Oceanside, CA 92057.

(E-mail: melba@nctimes.net).

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## ***CARTER, LITTLE, STRONG, SUTHERLAND***

Looking for information on John Walter and Rebecca Catherine Sutherland. John came to Sebastian County during the early 1850's. They had four children: Robert Henry (b. 1856, left

Arkansas in 1879-1880 for Texas), Catherine Belle (b. 1858, called Belle, m. Charles Strong, had 2 daughters), Gideon Thurston (b. 1860, m. Sarah Maria "Sally" Carter, had 10 children) and Mary Magnolia "Maggie" (b. 1863, m. John Morgan Little, had 10 children). John was a stone mason and died in Mena, Arkansas, while rocking a house there. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Mena. Rebecca is buried in Franklin County. – Teresa Sutherland Hammer, 224 N.W. End Street, Springdale, AR 72764

(E-mail: sans\_peur13@aol.com)

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## ***HESTERLY, PUCKETT***

My grandfather Elijah Hampton Hesterly and my great grandfather Elijah Lynch Hesterly were doctors in the southwestern and northwestern areas of Arkansas. Elijah Hampton Hesterly died in a drowning incident in the Little River in southwestern Arkansas in 1920. His widow remarried to a man named Puckett. When she died in childbirth in 1922 or 1923, she was buried in Forest Park Cemetery in Fort Smith, but under which name I do not know. I am seeking any information surrounding my grandmother Lula May Hesterly/Puckett including date of death, location of burial, any will or names of other related families. H. L. Hesterly, 12827 Woodbury Glen Drive, Orlando, FL 32828.

(E-mail: NHHS48@aol.com).

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## ***HARRISON***

Searching for descendants of James M. and Carrie Draper Harrison who lived in Sebastian County and Benton County, Arkansas. They are buried in the Robinson-Yell Cemetery outside Siloam Springs, Arkansas. James died about 1945 and Carrie about 1952. Also searching for James' brother's descendants. His name is Thomas Harrison and he was a grocer in Fort Smith for many years. His wife was Maggie. Thomas died about 1935. – Alta Harrison Vernatti, 3117 South Winfield, Joplin, MO 64804

(E-mail: avernatti@aol.com).

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### **NANCE**

I am researching the W. H. Nance family who lived in or around Greenwood, arriving there from Benton County, Tennessee sometime between 1870 and 1880. Any information would be appreciated. – Pat Nance, 2712 Denise, Benton, AR 72015.

(E-mail: patn@mail.up-link.net).

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### **GARRISON, HAYES, HOLT, PARNELL, PEEVYHOUSE, SULLIVAN**

I am looking for this family: Frederick W. Holt (b. about 1838, Prussia), Emma Sullivan (b. 1842, Illinois), John C. Holt (b. 1864 Illinois), Mary L. Holt (b. 1866, Illinois; m. Steve Garrison, Sebastian County; m. 2nd Isaac C. Parnell, 1891, Sebastian County), Adaline Holt (b. 1870, Illinois), Tilla I. Holt (b. 1875, Arkansas, m. Charles Hayes, Sebastian County), Pluma A. Holt (b. 1878, Arkansas), Henry C. Holt (b. ca. 1881 Arkansas, m. Malissa Katherine Peevyhouse, 1901, Greenwood, Arkansas), John Lee Holt (b. August 11, 1902), Elmer Henry Holt (b. October 28, 1904), Fred Holt (b. March 19, 1908), Marvin Jackson Holt (b. March 26, 1910), Elsie Mamie Holt (b. May 14, 1912), William Columbus Holt (b. September 1, 1914), Linnie Holt (b. May 17, 1916), Gladys Beatrice Holt (b. August 26, 1918), Lulu May Holt (b. September 7, 1920). Does anyone know from where in Illinois this family came? Was William F. Holt (b. ca. 1832, Prussia) who migrated to Sebastian County from Illinois in 1872 the brother of Frederick? Darlene Warner, 16991 Climax Road, Jackson, CA 95642.

(E-mail: darharwar@cdepot.net).

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### **BLAYLOCK**

Looking for information on Charles Blaylock's son, Benjamin Franklin Blaylock, b. 1850. Would like to find out the true parentage of this child listed on the 1850 and 1860 Sebastian County census. Looking for further information on Benjamin Blaylock who stated he joined the Civil War from Arkansas. In 1870, he is said to have been in Fort Smith. – Melisa Johnson, 615 North Charlotte Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98312.

(E-mail: Ffeathers@aol.com).

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### **KELLY**

Would like information on James and Hannah McIntyre Kelly and her daughters who lived in Fort Smith in the 1870s and 1880s. In 1880 cu

Hannah, age 60, born Ireland, widow; Anna, age 18, and Mary, age 14, both born in Indiana. James Kelly died in 1878, location unknown. The family story is that he left his family and went out west during the gold rush and was killed in a knife fight. – Linda Kelly Talley, 317 West Orchard Lane, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. PH: 317-881-1540

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### **PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS**

Searching for information concerning a photographic process in which my great-grandfather, Judson Hillery, was involved in early 1900's. According to my grandmother's memoirs, he had a studio in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the time. He ordered a chemical from Germany (so it must have been prior to WWI), put a shadow on a piece of glass, then placed another picture under it. He then painted the picture with oil paint onto the glass. He moved from Fort Smith to Texas where he did the same thing. – Wendy McLaughlin, P. O. Box 45, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

(E-mail: wendym@access.mountain.net)

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### **HAGGARD/SPANGLER**

Need information on Lydia Haggard and Peter Spangler who lived near Hackett. Peter died on 2 June 1905 and Lydia died on 28 July 1904. – Marvin Persinger, 778 West 1300 S #130-7, Hurricane, UT 84737.

(E-mail persinger@sginet.com)

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### **DAVIS/McCRARY/FORTUNE/TEMPLETON**

Need information on Thomas Sumner Davis (b. 5/4/1812) and Louisa Ann McCrary (b. 11/7/1819) and John W. Fortune (b. 1807) and Martha Templeton (b. 1831 or 1832. The Davises and the Fortunes both appear on the 1870 census of Sebastian Co. Children, Robert Sloss Davis and Julia Elizabeth Fortune eventually moved to Little River County. It appears others of the families moved there too. — Beverly Davis Tilley, The Lookout, 338 Country Creek Lane, Fredericksburg TX 78624-7039.

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### **TRYING TO FIND SOMEONE?**

Need information on someone that is connected to Fort Smith? Send in your inquiries to *The Journal*. Remember, effective inquiries must contain full name, dates, places and submitter's name and address.



# News & Opportunities

## GOOD NEWS

The Journal received two awards in the Arkansas Historical Association's Local History Publication competition: Best Graphics and Best Church History published in 1999.



At the annual meeting of the Fort Smith Historical Society in April, the following persons were elected to serve three-year terms as board-members: Jack Arnold, Gene McVay, Jerry Atkins, Lewis Young. Board members whose terms had expired and they were re-elected for another three-year term are Martha Lou Barry and Bill Pitts.

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F. S. Historical Society board member, Julie Galonska, historian and chief of interpretation at the Fort Smith Historic Site, has been transferred to a new job as exhibit specialist at the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area in Brecksville, Ohio.

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## TIME TO PAY DUES

Except for life members, it is time to pay dues for the year 2000 - 2001. (See dues schedule on Contents page).

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANTS

The Arkansas Historic Program has awarded \$84,400 in Certified Local Government (CLG) grants to nine Arkansas communities, including Fort Smith and Van Buren.

Fort Smith received \$6,200 for a survey of historic churches that are not included in any of the city's existing historic districts and for technical assistance. Van Buren received \$8,700 to continue the Phillips Landing archeological project and for technical assistance.

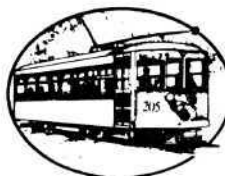
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## SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Recipients of the Social Studies Educators Achievement Awards are: Tom Pryor for work on preservation of Oak Cemetery; Scott and Velma Graham, restoration of the William Ayers house built in 1888. Special awards were made to Clyde Simmons and Charles Christy. The awards were made in April, 2000, at the joint annual meeting of the Social Studies Educators and the Fort Smith Historical Society.

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## FORT SMITH TROLLEY MUSEUM



A second operating streetcar is going to be a reality. To date the museum has restored only one car that has operated for the past eight years with over 112,000 riders. The museum has never lost

over four hours a day due to mechanical problems of the one trolley.

Hot Springs car #50 built in 1904 is the next project, thanks to financial help from the city of Fort Smith. This is a larger car exactly like the cars that ran to Van Buren. The city plans to delay the planned track expansion for probably two years by using the designated track extension funds to complete the riverfront project. With this delay a second car that will be needed when the track is finished, should be operational.

The museum is also indebted to the 20th Century Electric Railway Foundation for a \$2000 matching grant to purchase and pay the transportation of double trucks for the #50 from the Seashore Trolley museum in Branford, Connecticut. This matching grant money had to come from new donations. The total cost of the trucks was \$15,000.

Volunteer help of all types is solicited. The car is wooden and will require extensive rehabilitation and rebuilding. Work is done 6 to 10 PM on Tuesday evenings and 8AM to 4PM on Saturday. With the acquisition of the trucks, most of the parts have been obtained.

The shop extension is nearing completion. The metal building is part of the freight dock of the Midland Valley railroad station on 4th street that was demolished. This expansion will allow room and storage needed for the #50 restoration.

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### **NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE REOPENS**

The Fort Smith National Historic Site had its grand reopening of the Historic Barracks/Courthouse/and Jail Building on Saturday, June 24, 2000. The historic building and park grounds have been undergoing a major \$7.5 million rehabilitation project for the past three years.

The opening ceremony was preceded by the dedication of the new overlook and educational panels along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The panels were written and designed with the assistance of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Muskogee (Creek), Chickasaw and Seminole tribes. The exhibits were funded by a grant from the National Park Foundation.

Fort Smith National Historic Site, located in downtown Fort Smith, Arkansas, embraces the remains of two frontier forts and the nineteenth-century Federal Court for the Western District of Arkansas. The site commemorates a significant phase of America's westward expansion, and stands today as a reminder of 80 turbulent years in the history of Federal Indian policy.

The building has a theatre, information desk, elevator and stairs, restrooms, a multi-purpose classroom/exhibit space, bookstore, and five exhibit areas. The new exhibits focus on Fort Smith's military history from 1817 - 1871, Judge Isaac C. Parker and the Federal court's impact on Indian Territory, U. S. Deputy Marshals and outlaws, Federal Indian policy, and Indian Removal including the Trail of Tears.

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### **\$1 BILLION GRANT**

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) will administer the \$1 Billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The historic grant will establish the Gates Millennium Scholars program. The scholarship program will target minorities who have academic promise, unmet financial need and demonstrated leadership. It is anticipated that the program will reach some 30,000 students who annually don't attend college because of financial limitations. This scholarship program is designed to increase the number of African American, Hispanic, Native American and Asian American students completing their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

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### **LIBRARY CATALOG ON INTERNET**

The Fort Smith Public Library Catalog is now available on the Internet. To access the library's online catalog, go to [famollie.fspl.lib.ar.us](http://famollie.fspl.lib.ar.us), or you can follow the link from the library's home page.

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### **CITY RECEIVES AWARD**

The City of Fort Smith received the Community Tourism Development Award at the 26th Annual Governor's Conference held in Bentonville March 26 - 28, 2000.



### **NEWS CHRONOLOGY**

**January 16, 2000 - June 13, 2000**  
**(Abstracted from Fort Smith Times Record**  
**Chamber of Commerce (CoC) and**  
**The Lincoln Echo (LE)**  
**by Amelia Whitaker Martin)**

### **JANUARY**

15th – Times Record news staff, Jeff Brasher, John Dunn, Amy Kennedy, Jack Moseley, Pam Smith, Amy Sherill, and Grant Tolley receive Arkansas Associated Press awards for excellence. Awards received for Outstanding Team Efforts were: 1999 Community Service Award,

Oklahoma News Executives; 1999 Editorial Page Award, Arkansas Press Association; 1999 Arts and Culture Pages Award, Arkansas Press Association. *Times Record* Staff also received the 1999 Citation for Contributions to World and National News Reports from the National Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

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16th – Sparks Regional Medical Center is one of four hospitals around the nation to test a new heart angioplasty device on patients. The new surgery uses what is called a “cutting balloon” and could reduce by half the number of cases in which arteries reclose after surgery.

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(LE) – Northside Grizzlies football team 1999 AAAAA State Champions.

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26th – Fort Smith Airport reaches all-time high in passenger activity.

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28th – Local businesses and industries feeling the pinch from last fall’s closing of a rail-to-truck intermodal ramp in nearby Sallisaw have found some measure of relief in the form of a transfer facility established in Fort Smith by the Union Pacific Railroad.

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28th – Carol Ann Cross Park new playground, one of the largest in the state will provide separate handicap-accessible play areas for children 2 to 5 years old and children 5 to 12 years old. Chuck Raney, assistant director of community services said “the installation of the park completes a two-year program to replace all old playground equipment in all city parks and to ensure safety and accessibility of all playgrounds within the park system.”

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29th – Winter dumps 11 inches of snow in Fort Smith.

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(CofC) – Chamber of Commerce’s recently compiled 1999 Economic Data Report reveals there were: 465 new and expanded business and industry, 5,720 new jobs created, and \$503,133,513 in total direct capital investment.

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(CofC) – More than \$151.7 million worth of building permits were issued during the year, surpassing last year’s record number of \$118.2 million by more than 28.

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(CofC) – Fort Smith Regional schools scored above state and national averages on a recent battery of standardized testing.

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(CofC) – River Valley Christian School has expanded and added another 4th grade class. The school, which was established in 1998 is an independent, non-denominational school serving students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The school also received \$120,400 of donations in December as an anonymous donor offered to match all gifts made to the school during that month. In addition to the funding match, the donor also provided the school with a \$200,000 endowment.

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(CofC) – Fort Smith-based Zero Mountain Inc., is helping pioneer the state’s first electronic pasteurization system to kill food-borne pathogens.

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(CofC) – Ellen Campbell has been hired as the new Director of The Fort Smith Museum of History.



## **FEBRUARY**

2nd – The Westark College Dental Clinic opened to the public February 1st, offering service at a reduced cost and learning opportunities for students.

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3rd – Fort Smith and Van Buren businesses and organizations on February 1st participated in the third National Groundhog Job Shadow Day when Arkansans had a chance to teach the tricks of their trades to about 3,000 students. Nationwide about a million students were expected to learn about the work world from journalists, health-care workers, retailers, attorneys, car dealers, educators and other professionals. This project demonstrates for students the connection between academics and careers.

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4th – Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats from the People’s Republic of China perform at Westark College.

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5th – The long-running U. S. economic expansion and a booming area economy have combined to propel area industrial and manufacturing companies to new heights, according to recent economic surveys by the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and the *Times Record*.



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5th – The Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC), though a ministry of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), is a nonprofit, non-denominational organization.

Through volunteer mentors, it ministers to women needing to move from dependency to self-sufficiency. For more information call 648-3005 or 646-9410, or e-mail gharris@ipa.net.

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6th – Col. Royce D. Jones' long and distinguished Arkansas Army National Guard career came to an end February 5th after 35 years of service as he retired and passed the command of the Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center to Lt. Col. James E. West, interim commander of Fort Chaffee.

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7th – Lauren Weigand, Southside High School junior makes perfect scores on SAT, ACT, and PSAT tests. Rarely does a student make a perfect score on any one of the tests.

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7th – Christ the King church, on Sunday, February 6, celebrated the Vietnamese New Year with Mass at 2 p.m. followed by festivities that continued into the early evening. The Vietnamese and Laotian congregation observe the same new year as the Chinese culture.

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(LE) – Dr. Mary Frances Berry, chair of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, spoke on "Women in Society-Where Do We Go From Here?" at a 2:30 p.m. February 13 program in Breedlove Auditorium at Westark College.

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14th – 77 year old Charles Schulz, creator of the famous comic strip "Peanuts", died Saturday February 12 and the final farewell strip appeared in newspapers on Sunday.

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15th – Manmade satellite first to orbit the near-earth asteroid Eros.

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15th – George Hernreich, Fort Smith broadcast pioneer dies at age 97.

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20th – First Tee of Fort Smith on February 14th received 50 acres located east of Ben Geren Regional Park and south of MacSteel, from the county. The property was deeded to the county by Richard Syrgley and Charles Palmer, both of Fort Smith, with the understanding that it would be transferred to First Tee.

First Tee is a national program designed to

create facilities and programs to make golf more affordable and accessible, with a strong emphasis on introducing children of all races and economic backgrounds to golf.



## MARCH

11th – Northside High School basketball Lady Bears won Class AAAAA State Championship. Fort Smith teams have won four of the last five Class AAAAA state titles. Southside won titles in 1996 and 1998 while Northside won back-to-back championships in '99 and again this season.

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12th – Miss Arkansas 1999 Brandy Rhodes, and Miss Westark 1999 Gina Calhoun crown the new Miss Westark 2000, Cheryl Turpin, Saturday evening March 11 at Breedlove Auditorium.

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13th – Fort Smith will spend about \$2.2 million this year for neighborhood street projects in addition to the \$13.2 million slated for four major road widening projects.

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13th – Westark College maps out plan for widening and reconstruction of North 51st Street south of Kinlead and Kinlead avenue from Waldron to North 58th Street, to meet increased traffic demands as new building construction at the college continues on schedule.

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14th – Regions Bank to acquire Deposit Guaranty branch banks in Fort Smith. This is the fourth sale for the former Merchants National Bank, one of the city's long-time financial operations. Initially bought by Deposit Guaranty, the bank was then acquired by First American, before AmSouth acquired it in October.

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21st – The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism unveiled a plan to relocate Lake Fort Smith State Park from below the dam to a site next to the western side of the expanded lake, which is expected to be complete in 2005.

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21st – Northside Quiz Bowl team took first place in the Savannah, Mo., invitational this weekend after competing against 32 teams from four states.

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22nd – With less than 8 percent of registered voters determining the outcome, Fort Smith restaurants and hotels soon can serve alcoholic drinks on Sundays.

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22nd – City agrees to pay a \$340,000 tab to end a three-year legal dance with a local strip club.

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22nd – City Directors OK design standards for construction, remodeling or demolition of downtown Fort Smith buildings that will ensure new construction “is in character with the important elements of the existing” historic structures downtown and along Garrison Avenue. -

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26th – A \$3.5 million development to aid disabled and homeless people will have frontage on Arkansas 59, thanks to the Fort Chaffee Public Trust’s award of additional land to Bost Human Development Services Inc.

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28th – Thanks to almost \$100,000 in grant money, the Fort Smith Art Center is undergoing a major renovation and refurbishing project. Once completed, the center will be restored to the original elegance of the Victorian home built in 1873.

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(CofC) – Renovated Chamber of Commerce web site – [www.fschamber.com](http://www.fschamber.com) – promotes Fort Smith Region.

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(CofC) – The family of Ross Pendergraft has pledged \$500,000 for development of a public park at 200 Garrison Avenue to honor his service to the community. Pendergraft, who passed away in 1998, was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Donrey Media Group and a Past Chairman of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce (1977-78). The site for the park was donated by the Beverly Enterprises to the City of Fort Smith.



## APRIL

7th – Beginning May 8, the news, classified, business and advertising departments of the *Southwest Times Record* will operate out of the Donrey building at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, just north of Phoenix Village Mall.

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18th – At Hardscrabble Country Club on April 17th, the inaugural charity classic was held with 17 teams teeing it up to raise money for the Fort Smith First Tee program. First Tee will be a six-hole practice facility with a driving range and putting and chipping areas and a learning center with a computer instructional center and library.

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29th – The second man to set foot on the moon, lunar astronaut Buzz Aldrin, was at the Whirlpool plant in Fort Smith April 28 to celebrate the launch of Whirlpool's new Conquest model refrigerator.

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(CofC) – On April 17th Beverly Enterprises, the Fort Smith based Fortune 500 company, held a dedication ceremony for its corporate headquarters in south Fort Smith.

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(CofC) – Indiana Tube, which produces small diameter welded steel tube for the refrigeration and automotive industries, broke ground on April 13 on a \$2 million facility at 7510 Ball Road that will be home to more than 20 new jobs when completed.

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(CofC) – The Veterans Administration Medical Center will be opening a satellite veterans clinic offering primary medical care to Fort Smith area veterans. The clinic, expected to open in August, will be located on the first floor of Sparks Medical Plaza at 1500 Dodson Avenue. For more information, contact the Fayetteville VA Medical Center at 501-444-5014.

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(CofC) – Abilities Unlimited of Fort Smith has opened AJO's (Abilities Jobs Opportunities) Restaurant, located at 3300-1/2 Kelley Highway inside Midland Bowl. AJO's serves as a training restaurant for individuals with disabilities and will develop and train individuals in the restaurant business to become a growing part of the Region's workforce.



## MAY

2nd – Dr. Bob Skinner of Fort Smith has been inducted as the 106th president of the Arkansas State Dental Association.

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3rd – May 2, Fort Smith director's unanimously approved a conceptual plan for landscaping along Garrison Avenue.

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5th – “Love Bug” a worldwide computer virus on May 4th shut down about 8,200 Arkansas state government e-mail accounts.

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5th – A \$42 million commercial addition permit for expansion at the St. Edward Mercy Medical Center brought construction permits made by the city in April to \$48.3 million.

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8th – J. C. Penny and the United Way of Fort Smith Area Salute the 2000 Golden Rule Award Winners: Adult Category, Patty Buchanan, Hannah House; Group Category, Southside Partners Club; Education, Junior League of Fort Smith; Youth Category, Cortney McKinney, Fort Smith Public Library.

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13th – South Sebastian County Historical Society is building a miner's memorial park just east of the Greenwood town square on land donated by First National Bank, Dr. and Mrs. James Burgess and Trey Burgess. Approximately 3,000 names of men who worked in the coal mines will be placed on an 80 ft. black granite wall. A 6 foot bronze statue and coal car will be placed in the center of the park.

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14th – To commemorate the beginning of their third century in the bottling business in Fort Smith, the Meek family commissioned John Bell Jr. to recreate on canvas the first home of the local Coca-Cola Bottling Co. franchise.

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18th – St. Edward Mercy Medical Center on May 18 officially launched its new Web site at St.EdwardMercy.com. The launch of the site is being accompanied by an advertising campaign, featuring billboards, print advertisements, posters, postcards, table tents and bus shelter signs at the medical center campus.

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18th – A house fire on May 18 claimed a vacant residence at 1121 North Ninth street that was a vital piece of history to the black community of Fort Smith which the Black Historical League Organization had hoped to restore. It was once the home of Dr. E. A. Dennard, a physician, who was a co- founder and president of Fort Smith's NAACP. His wife, Hattie Dennard, worked for the Fort Smith public school system.

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23rd – "Tales of the Crypt" set Memorial Day at Oak Cemetery. For the third year, "Tales of the Crypt" will offer a glimpse of Fort Smith's frontier. Actors portraying the deceased buried in the cemetery will bring back 13 from the dead to tell their stories.



## JUNE

2nd – The Northwest Arkansas Food Bank will celebrate the delivery of a new refrigerated truck with its own delivery: a truckload of fresh food

donated to Children's Paradise, a non-profit Fort Smith children's feeding program. The truck was donated by Nebraska-based food giant ConAgra through its Feeding Children Better program.

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5th – First Tee golf clinics have begun. The clinics, supervised by PGA professional Mark Curlett, cover the beginning par level of The First Tee curriculum which includes basic etiquette and fundamentals of the grip, set-up and swing.

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6th – Kathy Williams named new director of Fort Smith Art Center. Williams replaces interim director Kay Dishner.

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7th – Wal-Mart employees and executives donated \$14.5 million toward building a World War II memorial in Washington which is projected to cost \$100 million and be located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

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9th – Jeff MacNelly, the Chicago Tribune editorial cartoonist and creator of the "Shoe" comic strip whose deft caricatures and gentle wit earned him three Pulitzers over a 30-year career, died June 8 of lymphoma at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

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9th – When Lt. Col. Scott Porter, serving with the American peacekeepers in Kosovo, wrote his parents in Fort Smith about the plight of many civilians suffering in the bitter cold, the letter was publicized by the *Times Record* and Channel 5. Area residents responded and donated 3,000 pounds of coats, caps, gloves and socks, and also contributed the money to pay for mailing the clothing to Scott Porter.

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11th – David Kale, a 2000 graduate of Northside High School, recently was selected as a 2000 Presidential Scholar by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, one of the highest honors given to graduating seniors. One male and one female were chosen from each state to receive the award. Kale is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kale of Fort Smith.

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12th – In a ceremony at Fort Chaffee on June 11, command of the Army National Guard 39th Infantry Brigade passed to Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Chastain of Conway from the current commander, Brig. Gen. Walter A. Paulson II of Little Rock.

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13th – Fort Smith Public School Athletics Director Jim Rowland was named the Arkansas Athletics Director of the Year.



# 1899-1900 Newspapers

## **FORT SMITH ELEVATOR**

**April 21, 1899 - January 26, 1900**

*(Abstracted from microfilm in the  
Fort Smith Public Library*

*by Dorothy Doville and Mary Lou Jacobsen)*

**April 21, 1899**

### **MATTIE MARGARET HALL**

Mattie Margaret Hall, daughter of W. D. and Esther Hall was born in Sequoyah District IT, Nov. 6th 1887 and departed this life April 9, 1899 aged 11 yrs., 5 mos. and 3 days. In her death her parents, sisters and brothers who loved her affectionately, have lost a lovely child and sister, the community a treasure, and her class in the school a bright and amiable associate. We feel that in this providential dispensation, heaven has but claimed this lovely earthly flower as its own. Let us feel that he doeth all things well. Prof. A.G.B.

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Over eighty thousand letters were written to Mrs. Pinkham during the year 1897 from women. Surely this is strong proof of her ability to help these suffering women.

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The Indian Telephone Co. has been organized at Vinita and will construct lines to Chetopa, Miami, Afton, Fairland, Wagoner, and perhaps other points.

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Mooser Narharkey, while returning home from Tulsa the other night with a Winchester, a jug of booze, and a jug, fired three shots into the house of T. W. Jones while he slept. The Indian was captured and sent to jail without bail.

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**APRIL 28, 1899**

Mr. Frank P. Leiber, Reynolds-Davis popular traveling man, is rejoicing at present over the advent into his household of a ten pound girl, which arrived there in good condition Wednesday night.

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A series of daylight robberies occurred on North 12th street last week and the police as yet have been unable to apprehend the thieves. The homes of Dr. Moulton and Charles H. Crockett

were entered on the same afternoon and the aggregate looting amounted to a very considerable loss. A pocketbook containing \$25.00, 2 gold watches, a large quantity of silverware, two fine overcoats, a sealskin cap and other articles were stolen.

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Ed Reeves, the Negro who attempted last week to kill Emma Littlejohn at Judge Oglesbys residence, was arrested near Van Buren by Constables Shannon and Berry and brought to this city, where he was placed in jail. When arrested, Reeves denied any knowledge of the crime with which he is charged. Reeves has once before done time behind the bars for cussedness, being convicted several years ago for perjury. His attempted murder of Emma Littlejohn will afford him an opportunity to again visit his old quarters.

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Annual Meeting Confederate Veterans, Charleston, S.C. May 10, through 13th, 1899. On May the 8th and 9th the Iron Mountain route will sell round trip tickets to Charleston, S.C. and return for \$23.10, good to return until May 21st.

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**MAY 5, 1899**

The following Confederate Veterans have made arrangements to leave Fort Smith Sunday for the Charleston reunion: Ben T. DuVal, Wm. M. Cravens, Thos. Rye, Charles A. Birnie, Henry C. Birnie, Dr. R. D. Seals, H. Kuper, Con Triasch, Frank Parke Sr., J. L. Winder, Jas. Bourland, Henry Mineheart, W.F. Braden and Dr. Breedlove. A special train for the Arkansas Division will leave Memphis Monday morning. The fare to Charleston and return is \$23.10. Special rates for the veterans have been made at all the hotels, and the people of the hospitable city of Charleston will see that all visitors are well taken care of.

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The Hotel Main has closed its doors and is undergoing extensive repairs.

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City Council to the people of Fort Smith (anent a stock ordinance). We'll monkey with this thing a while longer.

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Last Saturday the Van Buren Horticultural Society awarded Thomas Weems, of this city, a premium of \$30.00 for the first crate of strawberries of the season.

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Ulysses S. Prime, who escaped from the federal jail about three years while resting under a charge of robbing the postoffice at Kaela Chaba I.T. was arrested last week and is now under the watchful care of Jailer Frank McKibben. (correct as written in newspaper)

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### OBITUARY

C. P. Andrews departed this life Friday April 27 at the age of 33 years, 1 month and 15 days. He was a good, quiet, and peaceable citizen well liked by all who knew him. His father, sisters, and relatives have the warmest sympathy of many friends in losing the third youngest and last of the Andrews boys who lived on the Van Buren Road of this city. The remains were interred at Oak Cemetery.

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Always buy  
JOHN DEERE  
Plows and Cultivators and you  
will be sure to get the best.  
Don't buy the "just as good as" kind.  
Ernest Warren  
Sales Agent - Fort Smith Arkansas

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OPIUM and whiskey habits cured at home without pain.

Book of particulars are sent FREE.

Dr. L. M. Woolley Co.

Atlanta, GA. Office 104 North Pryor Street.

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R. A. Hornberger, the proprietor of the Walnut Lumber Mill in this city has returned from a weeks visit to Binghampton, N.Y., his home.

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### REVIVAL MEETINGS

The revival meetings at the First Baptist Church are still in progress and much religious interest is being manifested. Dr. Cecil Cook of Webb City, Missouri, is preaching some able and helpful sermons which are being well received. The meetings will continue through the week.

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**MAY 12, 1899**

A young lady ran away from Waco, Texas and was found disguised in male attire and living with a farmer near Texarkana. The couple were married, the bride still wearing male attire.

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Mr. F. M. Jamison, one of the leading lawyers of Fort Smith says: "Dixie Fever and Pain Powder" is the best thing I have seen to cure fever and to cure headaches. I am never without it in the house and find it very useful. Sold by all druggists.

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The Indian Territory comprises an area of 44,154,240 acres owned and occupied by more than twenty five different tribes with a population of about 73,000 Indians and 340,000 whites.

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Rich, Red, and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult.

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The "Great Unloading Sale" at Isaacson's still continues. You do not know what cheap prices on goods means until you have done your trading with Isaacson's. Isaacson's Store offers unheard of bargains. See Him.

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Mr. L. C. Locke, 16th and B Streets has lost a cow, mixed Jersey and Holstein; has short horns that come straight out and then back, underneath is nearly white; white spot on right hip; all legs white to the knees. Send information to above address.

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Joe Tate was taken to South McAlester Monday by Deputy Lunsford. Recently Tate and Manuel George Clark, and several others were carousing together in the lower part of the city, and both drifted into Smokey Row. There the carousel terminated in a row, in which Tate shot Clark in the leg. Tate claimed his companions assaulted him and he shot at them in self defense.

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The attorney general has instructed United States Attorney Soper to remove all cattle in the Creek and Cherokee nations not belonging to Indians. In the event of refusal or neglect of the cattlemen to remove their cattle, their cattle will be driven out by deputy marshals and in addition a fee of \$1 per head will be imposed.

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**MAY 19, 1899**

Lost on or about the 15th or 16th of April, one claybank 6 year old mare, 14 hands high, branded with "O" on left jaw, both hind feet and one fore foot white. \$5.00 reward will be paid for return of mare to Ella McGill. Live in Choctaw nation near Fort Smith, on Chet Leflore's land, or Elmo Carruthers, Fort Smith, Ark.

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Those who went to Eureka Springs Sunday on the Woodmen's excursion train pronounce the excursion a huge success. Nearly eight hundred were on the train. The excursion ran in two sections, one consisting of seven the other of six coaches. J. P. Collier was conductor of one section, P. J. McNamara of the other. There was no disorderly conduct during the trip, notwithstanding the large crowd. At Eureka the excursionists had the best sort of time. They had good rates at the hotels, they strolled about the city, through the valleys, and up its hills and rode on the electric cars. During the afternoon the Third Regiment Band gave a sacred concert at the auditorium to an immense audience.

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One forty horse boiler and engine, two seventy saw smith gins, one seventy saw gullets gin and one Thomas standard press, all in fine shape. Call on or address – Perry Wheeler, Sallisaw, I.T.

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A parcel of crooks in Washington are robbing the ex-slaves of the country by inducing them to believe that the government had pensioned them. A short shrift and a stout rope is none too good for such wretches.

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The river came up again during the early part of the week but is now rapidly receding.

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### MARRIED

Charles M. Crane and Miss Mazie Emma Long, two of the employes of Lemen Bros. Circus were married at the office of the county clerk on the 11th inst.

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The Commercial League is making an effort to have Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture pay Fort Smith a visit on his return from the gulf ports.

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### JUNE 9, 1899

The New Catholic Church Dedicated  
With Solemn and Impressive Ceremonies  
The Crowning Work of a Clergyman's Pastorate  
A Magnificent Edifice

With all the religious dignity and realistic beauty that at all times marks the ceremonies of the Catholic church, the handsome new edifice at the head of Garrison avenue was consecrated to the service of God on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 1st, under the patronage of the Immaculate

Conception. (The entire article is too long to extract – full details of the ceremony are given)

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"Why is it" they asked, "that you let your husband have his own way in everything?" "Because," she replied, "I like to have someone to blame when things go wrong."

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The uniform which the Fort Smith Elks will wear at the St. Louis convention consists of white duck pants, blue serge coat, white straw hats with purple bands, white collar and purple string tie, tan shoes and belt. The suit is quite showey.

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The prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries takes place tonight on Coney Island, N.Y. Time will be called at 9 o'clock. Telegrams will be received at the Electric Saloon at the end of each round.

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### JUNE 16, 1899

The war department has prepared a statement showing the number of enlistments in the regular army since the war began. At that time the army consisted of 25,000 men. The enlistments since have been about 75,000 men. This would make an army of 100,000, but there were a large number of enlistments made for service in the war with Spain alone, and these men have since been discharged.

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An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goebel died Monday night. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the residence of the parents on North B. Street.

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### JUNE 23, 1899

A number of owners of slot machines were tried in Justice Falconer's court Tuesday on warrants sworn out by Prosecuting Attorney Johnson. Several of those arrested pled guilty and paid their fines while others have appealed their cases.

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The corner stone of the new Baptist church was dedicated yesterday afternoon with appropriate and interesting ceremonies.

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### FOURTH OF JULY

Although the Driving Club took the matter in hand rather late, it is working hard to get up a creditable celebration for the 4th and has aroused much enthusiasm. The greatest interest is being



taken in the stake race, for the records made by the horses last fall are very close together and there is much discussion between their admirers as to which possesses the most speed.

The following program will include among others the following features:

Parade of Fort Smith Fire Department headed by bands.

Parade around the last of single rigs.

A purse of \$25 will be given by Will Schulte for the most handsome turnout in the parade. This contest is open to all.

\$1000 stake race, pace or trot between B. Juno, Tilus and Suets, mile heats best 2 in 3.

\$500 stake and purse races half mile dash between Cyclone, Joe Bell and Hell Buck.

\$100 purse race, half mile dash open to all.

\$50 purse, half mile dash for 2 year olds.

One fourth mile race open to all.

Shooting contest by crack shots of the State.

Exhibition drill by the Turners.

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### **JUNE 30, 1899 FIFTY YEARS OLD**

Why let your neighbors know it? And why give them a chance to guess you are even five or six years more?

Better give them good reasons for guessing the other way. It is very easy for nothing tells of age so quickly as gray hair.

#### **AYERS HAIR VIGOR**

##### **Is Your Remedy**

It hides the age under a luxurious growth of hair the color of youth.

It never fails to restore color to gray hair. It will stop the hair from coming out also.

It feeds the hair bulbs. Then hair becomes thick hair and short hair becomes long hair.

It cleanses the scalp; removes all dandruff, and prevents its formation.

We have a book on Hair which we will gladly send you. If you do not obtain the benefits you expected from the use of the VIGOR, write the doctor about it. Probably there is some difficulty with your general system which may easily be removed - address

Dr. J. C. Ayers, Lowell, Mass.

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The Treasury Department estimates the deficit for the fiscal year of 1899 will be about \$100,000.

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The Odd Fellows annual memorial took place Sunday. The members of the lodge went to Oak

Cemetery in an electric car, chartered for the purpose, and decorated the graves of members who are buried there. The graves of Odd Fellows in the National Cemetery were also decorated.

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Send your orders for  
TURNIP SEEDS  
to Robt Reichardt  
23 Garrison Avenue

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\$19 Denver, Colorado Springs and return \$19

\$31 to Glenwood Springs and return \$31

\$32 to Ogden and Salt Lake and return \$32

Via the Great Rock Island Route. Are you going west to spend your vacation? If so, this will be your chance to obtain benefit of cheap rate. Tickets will be on sale June 25th to July 11th. Final return limit for Colorado points October 31st; from Ogden and Salt Lake three months from date of sale. Fast Trains. Fine Equipment. Dining cars (meals a la carte) Elegant service. For information address:

A. F. Moffet, G.S.W.P.A.  
Kansas City, MO.

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### **DEATH OF MRS. MONTA BAXTER**

Mrs. Monta Baxter died last Saturday afternoon at the residence of her father, Mr. Jacob Maledon, on Fifth street of typhoid pneumonia, aged 25 years. Her funeral took place Monday morning, services being conducted from the Catholic church. Beside her husband she leaves three small children.

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### **JULY 7, 1899**

The flower parade Wednesday evening was a notable affair. The display was tasteful and the decorations beautiful. Mrs. Robert Meek took the first prize.

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Monroe Shaw, who was serving a sentence in the federal court for selling whiskey in violation of the statutes, was released Monday upon promise to go home and sin no more and take care of his family which is said to be in a suffering condition.

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### **MARRIED**

Mr. Nathan Frizzell, of Rich Mountain, and Miss Minnie Greenlee, of this city were married Monday evening, at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, 110 South Twelfth street, by Rev. O. H. Hailey. The wedding was a strictly home affair and was a great surprise to the

friends of the contracting parties. The ELEVATOR extends congratulations.

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**JULY 21, 1899**

The first car load of cantaloupes, shipped from Van Buren to New York, sold for \$1,636. If the remainder of the crop holds up well the result will go far towards relieving the strain caused by losses on strawberries and potatoes.

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Hot lemonade before breakfast will keep off malaria.

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Rev. Waymus Smith of Cleveland, O. has been called to the pulpit of the Episcopal church of this city.

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Last Saturday, Mrs. Fannie Cohn, widow of the late Isaac Cohn, filed letters of administration upon her husband's estate, accompanied with a bond for \$200,000.

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The afternoon of the 13th a small shed at the rear of the Echols building, formerly occupied by Will O'Leary, caught fire and burned to the ground. The fire was quickly controlled by the firemen after their arrival but the proximity of the shed to several large buildings made things look squally for a time.

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Where Custer was killed now stands a plain wooden cross, on which appear these simple but thrilling words:

HERE FELL CUSTER

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**DEATH OF CHARLES AYERS**

Charles Ayers died last Saturday at his home on North Eighteenth street, of bilious fever, age 40 years. Mr. Ayers was an employee of the Frisco Railroad and had been a resident of the city but a short time. He leaves a wife and 3 small children. His remains were shipped to Miami, I.T. for interment.

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Postmaster Brizzolara has kept pegging away at Uncle Sam until the latter has at last furnished him with a bran (correct as spelled in newspaper) new typewriter and consented to make a number of changes in the interior of the office. Among the changes to be made is one removing the money order office to the southeast corner, now occupied by officers of the internal revenue. Other changes are to be made, all of which will go

toward the comfort and convenience of the postoffice employees.

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Mr. F. M. Masters, the electrician, has been awarded the contract to put a new system of electric lighting in the opera house. The new system will require more than 400 lights.

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Mr. Frank Stewart, county assessor, gives notice that he will be at the county court house on the 31st of July and remain there for ten days for the purpose of assessing the real and personal property of the city.

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The young ladies of Central Methodist church had charge of the McCloud's electric car last Monday and Monday night, and did a smashing business. They gave a picnic at the end of the line in the afternoon and a social at night. The novelty of young ladies acting as conductors attracted in swelling the church fund. Botefuhr's band furnished music for the evening.

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**AUGUST 4TH, 1899**

Physicians recommend a liberal use of lemons to ward off chills.

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Henry, a young son of Lt. Stroup, had the misfortune to fall last week and break the thigh-bone of one of his legs.

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William Waterfield and Perry Mann, who live near Winslow, were brought to the federal jail Saturday on a charge of opening a letter that belonged to another man.

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Ground has been broken for the foundation of the building to be erected by the Truscheil Commission Company on Rogers avenue. The building will be of brick and two stories in height.

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A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's cure will do up the worst case of Itch, Tetters and Ringworms known. Price 50 cents.

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Patrick Sweeney was arrested last week in Polk county on a charge of moonshining and brought to this city. He was examined by Commissioner Armistead and bound over to the action of the grand jury.

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A negro who lives just north of the city came in Monday in search of a physician to cure the bite

of a kissing bug. At least that is what his ailment is supposed to be. One of his lips was so badly swollen that it was a sight to behold.

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Our old friend Capt. W. T. Rye tells us that last Monday was with him the anniversary of a day he will long remember. It was on the 31st day of July, 1856 that he was married to Miss Elizabeth Bunch, daughter of the late Martin Bunch, who is well remembered by all of our oldest citizens. The ceremony was performed at Steep Hill by Rev. M. Pelly. Mr. and Mrs. Rye are still hale and hearty and their friends hope they may be with them for many years to come.

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Pilgrimage of Cryptic Masons to Colorado, August 6th to 13th. On August 4th, 5th and 6th the Frisco Line will sell round trip tickets to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo for \$24.99, tickets good until August 31st. By getting your tickets via the Frisco, you can stop over at Pueblo and Colorado Springs. Call at the Frisco depot for information.

W. A. Vickers, Agent.

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\$1.50 per day salary.

A few energetic ladies and gentlemen wanted. Above salary guaranteed. Call or address J. C. More, Van Buren, Ark.

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### **AUGUST 11, 1899**

The Greenwood Democrat says Judge Spradling and Judge Powell are preparing to open a new coal mine on the DuVal place south of town. Bob McConnell, Jr. is also prospecting for a site for a mine.

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Among the partnerships recently formed in the city is that of Allen and Joe Kennedy for the conducting of an insurance business. Joe Kennedy has been with his brother for several years, but in the capacity of an employee, being most of the time on the road. Now he is a full partner.

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Judge Spradling gives notice that the law requires all appointments as beneficiaries to the state university to be before the court by the first of September. Sebastian County is entitled to twenty-eight appointments, and as yet but little more than one-half have been taken up.

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The Van Buren Venture says word has been received that the condition of Andy Daugherty, of

Alma, who was shot some time ago while defending his watermelons against the ravages of thieves, was rapidly growing worse and that there were no hopes entertained for his recovery.

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### **AUGUST 18, 1899**

Mrs. Flora Townsend has brought suit in the circuit court against the Frisco railroad for \$1,999 damages for the killing of her husband, Dick Townsend, on the track of the road near the city sometime ago.

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Mrs. Durden, mother of Col. J. P. Durden, county clerk, was in the city last Saturday visiting friends. Although she is 97 years of age she is in excellent health and much more active than many persons of fewer years.

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Emanuel Fallere was found under a street car on First street last Monday evening in a lamentable condition, suffering from fever and other kindred diseases. He was taken to Belle Point Hospital, where he died Wednesday. He was 44 years of age.

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### **AUGUST 25, 1899**

Mr. Garland Rushing and Miss Lula Manning were married in this city on the 17th by Esq. Dan Baker.

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A kindergarten school for girls and boys will be opened at St. Anne's Academy on September 4. Send the little ones. Terms - one dollar per month.

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Miss Ella Huddleson died Monday evening at the residence of her father, D. N. Huddleson, on Towson avenue, aged 22 years. Her remains were taken to Van Buren for interment.

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Four kids who amuse themselves by jumping on and off of moving trains were before Judge Freer Saturday and got a fine of \$3 each and a lecture from the judge on the heinousness of their offense.

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### **SEPTEMBER 1, 1899**

#### **THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETS AND MAKES ARRANGEMENTS**

The Exhibition will begin Monday October 16 and last six days - A splendid program. (Full details of the plans too lengthy to extract)

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#### **FOUND DEAD**

Thursday evening of last week some Negro girls came across what they supposed to be a



drunken man on the river bank at the foot of Garrison avenue, but upon closer examination they discovered that instead of being drunk the man was dead. The body was that of James Hennessy. It was taken to Birnie Bros. and an inquest held. The investigation showed that Hennessy had been drinking considerably during the day, and that his death was due to liquor and the excessive heat. In his pockets were found \$14.30 and an order on Harper & Harper for \$60.00. The Sheriff was instructed to take charge of the body and give it a burial.

Upon suspicion that Hennessy's death might have resulted from foul play, James Cresgan and Henry Trent were arrested. They had been with Hennessy a good deal shortly before his death, and it was thought they might know something about his taking off, but the money and the order for \$60 found in Hennessy's pockets removed any suspicions that might have existed.

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It is too much to have to scratch for a living and for relief also. Hunt's Cure will not help you in the former case, but will cure the Itch, Ringworms, and Tetter or cost you nothing. Price 50 cents.

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It is a popular belief that a holly bush planted near a dwelling protects the house from lightning.

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### **SEPTEMBER 8, 1899**

Joe Porter and Dick McDonald mixed it up in Harper and Wilson's saloon Monday evening, and as a result Porter was badly used up, Both will tell their troubles to Judge Freer today or tomorrow.

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Last Sunday evening at 4 o'clock the funeral of Mr. Henry Geheb took place from the residence of Mr. Grebe, his brother-in-law. The fire department of which Geheb has been a member, turned out, and preceded by Michaelis' band, escorted the remains of the young man to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery.

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### **SEPTEMBER 15, 1899**

Last Monday Esq. Baker conducted the marriage ceremony for two couples. Mr. L. L. Hutchinson and Miss Eva Harvey and Mr. W. A. Palliam (Pulliam ?) and Miss Ida Cresick. It is seldom that a justice gets in this much work in one day.

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John Nedry, stock catcher, was fined for wrapping a black snake whip around a boy's legs but

will appeal the case. We were not present at Mr. Nedry's trial and know nothing about which he has been compelled to defend in court, but are inclined to give our doubts in his favor. There is a big gang of kids in Fort Smith who should have whips wrapped around their legs on general principles.

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### **SEPTEMBER 22, 1899**

HOLBEGS - NATHAN MERCANTILE COMPANY  
Wholesale Liquors, Cigars, Distiller's Agents  
313 Garrison Avenue Fort Smith, Ark.

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### **JOHN DEERE**

Plows, Cultivators, Harrows, and Planters  
Gillett Gins and Presses

We make a specialty of Wind Mills and pumps for wells of all depths. Plans and specifications cheerfully furnished.

Office and Salesroom - 413 - 415 Garrison  
Warehouse - Corner Garrison Avenue  
and First street

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Revival services are being conducted at the First Methodist church. There has been a large attendance at all the meetings, and the services have been interesting and will be productive of much good. The music is in charge of Prof. Morris, a gentleman who has had extensive experience in work of this kind.

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This is the Bread That Sells. Write us for prices. We ship bread to points within 100 miles of Fort Smith. You can retail it at 5 cents and make a good profit.

WILLARDS BAKERY  
Fort Smith, Ark.

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THIS ISSUE CONTAINS TWO LENGTHY ARTICLES CONCERNING FORT SMITH SCHOOLS — IF INTERESTED — TAKE TIME TO GO TO THE LIBRARY AND READ. Incidentally, the fall term of school opened on Monday September 18.

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### **SEPTEMBER 29, 1899**

Last Monday James Craig was fined \$10 by Judge Freer for whipping his wife.

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Mayor Garrett has served notice on the Water Company to lower their water boxes on Towson Avenue which were left uncovered by the excavations made by the electric light company. Superintendent Rosamond says that the company has

no money at present to comply with the Mayor's order, but will lower the boxes as soon as the city pays the company what she owes it, about \$11,000.

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### TO THE HUNGRY

Who may attend the Street Fair - Mrs. Loug's Sunday School Class will serve lunch from a window of Cutlers' Store each day during fair week.

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### HOSPITAL GRADUATES

At Turner Hall, Tuesday evening, Misses Iza Boyd, Georgia McKibben, Etta Griffith and Vinnie Middleton, having completed the three years course at Belle Point Hospital training school for nurses, were presented with diplomas by Dr. J. G. Eberle, president of the hospital board of physicians. Appropriate addresses were made by Col. T. P. Winchester, Rabbi Currick, and John Ayers. A large audience enjoyed the exercises which were very interesting.

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**October 6, 1899**

President Diaz, of Mexico, attributes his failure to visit the United States to his wife's illness, but there is good reason for suspicion that the growls of his people had something to do with it. People down that way are somewhat inclined to resent any closer relations with the United States. They say that like John Bull, his ancestor, Uncle Sam has an itching palm.

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The board of equalization has about completed its work, but the notices to be sent to those whose property has undergone a change in valuation have not yet made their appearance. It is said the tendency has been to raise values rather than lower them.

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### VIRGINIA HOUSE

Mrs. John T. High, proprietor of the Virginia House, wishes her friends to understand that she still retains control of the Virginia House. She has good board, good rooms, charges reasonable rates, and treats every body well who stops with her. No. 121 Corner North Third and B streets.

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**OCTOBER 13, 1899**

### CRIMSON WEEK

The Big Street Fair - - -

An Unusual Exhibition for this Country  
Parades, Races, Bands, Flower Carnivals and  
Stock Shows - - Balloon Ascensions and  
Slack-rope Performances

During the past week Garrison Avenue has presented a scene of activity seldom witnessed. The activity has been brought about by the street fair which will be held next week. The handsome booths which have been erected in front of business houses exceed in number the anticipation of the Street Fair managers. This shows more than ordinary interest in the event. Most of these booths are completed, so far as outside work is concerned and lack only the handsome trimmings with which they will be decorated in the showy display of goods, which will decorate on the inside. Some of them have been described by architects and erected under the supervision of parties who have had experience in such affairs, and all of them cost a good wad of Uncle Sam's dollars.

(There is much more about the fair—Reads as though it was to be a splendid event)

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### AN UNPARALLELED OFFER

To our subscribers renewing their subscription or to any new subscriber to the "ELEVATOR" we will send Absolutely Free For One Year

"HOME AND FARM"

One of the very best agricultural papers published in the South. The "Home and Farm" is a 16 page paper, filled with choice reading matter for the farmer and his family. This offer is good only until

November 1st, 1899

Remember the "Elevator" and "Home and Farm" one year for One Dollar.

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Col. Sam McLoud has very kindly consented to permit his electric lights to run all night during fair week. Good four (correct as printed) your Uncle Samuel.

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### THE RACE TRACK

For several days Col. Sam McLoud has had a force of workmen tearing up the rails on Rogers Avenue and leveling the track. This is the street to be devoted to the race next week. It will be in splendid shape by the time it is wanted for use.

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**OCTOBER 20, 1899**

The charge against Joe Jenson, prosecuting attorney, by the bar association of this city, will be tried before Judge Rowe on the 24th inst. The charges made are unprofessional and unbecoming conduct. Mr. Johnson expresses himself ready to meet any of the allegations made.

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## TWIN BABIES

Out at the county farm is a mother with two babies, twins, boy and a girl. The little ones are interesting, healthy, one month old. Col. McClure, commissioner for the poor, is desirous of finding a good home for the little ones, someone who will take both, if possible.

The babies can be seen at the county farm.

(Information – the county farm was located at the present site of Westark College).

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## Hair Goods and Toilet Articles

Ladies, you will find a fine assortment of hair goods, face and hair preparations, also hair work done in first class style.

Mrs. Kubale  
703 Garrison Ave.  
Over Klein & Fink

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**OCTOBER 27, 1899**

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Nakdimen became parents of a fine daughter last Saturday evening. Congratulations and good wishes for the young lady's future.

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Wanted – by a young lady stenographer and type-writer a position with some mercantile or professional firm. References given, if desired. Address "S" care Elevator.

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Mr. John Carnahan, the well known druggist, and Miss Dora Hunt, one of the most charming young ladies of this city, were married on the evening of the 19th at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edward Hunt, by Rev. Mr. Carnahan. We congratulate the happy couple.

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Wednesday evening the grand jury of the circuit court returned an indictment against A. G. Root, editor of the Fort Smith Times charging him with criminal libel. Mr. Root was arrested but gave bond of \$500 dollars and was released. The basis of the indictment is the reflections cast upon Miss Agnes Frizzell at the time when that lady superintended the erection of a monument in memory of Miss Ella Kies.

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## THE CLOSE

The Great Street Fair a Thing of the Past  
It Winds up with Fire Works, Fiddlers' convention  
And a blaze of glory – the sham battle –  
Friday night's carnival – The Premium List –  
Fine display of poultry.

(A listing of all winners is shown along with other items, almost 5 full columns)

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**NOVEMBER 3, 1899**

In the Circuit court last week Pink Thompson was convicted of the crime of seduction.

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Another daughter has made her appearance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner.

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The case of Col. B. T. DuVal against the School Board of this city, which has been pending for some time in the Supreme Court, has been decided in the favor of the Board.

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The Morris-Morton Drug Company are rapidly pushing the erection of their building on Garrison avenue. The new building will be four stories high, with demensions of 45 x 145 feet.

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The quorum court of Fort Smith district, at a recent session, authorized the erection of a four room building on the county farm, a greatly needed improvement.

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Mr. W. J. Murphy has been selected to fill the vacancy in the School Board occasioned by the retirement of Hon. J. B. McDonough. An excellent suggestion.

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Frank Carroti, the young jockey who was badly injured during a horse race at Pine Bluff last week, is a resident of this city.

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J. W. and Robert Meek are moving into their new building on the corner of Rogers avenue and Second street. The quarters they have vacated will be occupied, we understand, by the Overall factory.

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Mrs. Maud Zerr died on the evening of the 24th ult, at the residence of her father, Mr. Daniel Speer, 1119 North Fifth street. The funeral took place Thursday, the 26th, services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Luce.

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Mr. W. G. Sadler, formerly of Booneville has purchased a half interest in the hardware store of C. J. Murta, and the stock of the new firm has been transferred from the Main Hotel to the building recently occupied by Hammond's Racket store. The new firm will be known as Murta and Sadler.



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**NOVEMBER 17, 1899**

Governor Jones appointed Judge Edgar E. Bryant and Mr. George Sengel delegates to the deep water convention, which was held in Memphis this week.

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Judge Rogers and Marshall Stahl are at Texarkana holding court. The docket of the court of that division of the district, both civil and criminal, is unusually large, and the session will probably last a couple of weeks.

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Jim Robinson, a negro, was put under arrest Saturday night by Policemen Jackson and Jones for robbing a white farmer by the name of Flippin, who lives in Crawford county, of a gold watch and some money. When taken in custody, the watch and money were in his pockets. While officers were taking Robinson to jail he made a break to run and was shot through the body. He now lies at Belle Point Hospital with a pretty bad wound, but will recover.

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**NOVEMBER 24, 1899**

Postmaster Brizzolara is making arrangements for the changes to be made at the postoffice, but the contemplated improvements will not be effected for some time yet. The office now occupied by Major True, revenue collector, is to be transformed into the money order and stamp departments, and additional windows will be placed in the corridor partition so that each carrier will have a window from which to deliver mail on Sundays. Major True's office will be removed to the second floor, and it is possible that a room may be made near the big windows on the southeastern portion of the building.

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Somebody whispered into the ear of Judge Rowe, the other day, that several members of the petit jury had been boozing a little more than was consistent with the position they occupied, and the result was a pretty sharp admonition from the judge that such offenses would not be countenanced by the court, and would be visited by the punishment they deserved.

The Sheriff was directed to keep his eye open in regard to this matter. We do not know whether any of the jurymen have been offended in the matter indicated, but if they have, they deserve the implied rebuke given them by the judge. No boozy man has a right to occupy a place in a jury box.

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Wednesday evening a jury was empannaled to try the charges made against Prosecuting Attorney

Jo Johnson by the members of the Fort Smith Bar, and the trial is in progress as we go to press.

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**DECEMBER 8, 1899**

The members of the Fortnightly Club held their annual meeting Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Joseph M. Hill, Vice President, Mrs. T.W.M. Boone, Secretary, Mrs. Stone, Librarian, Mrs. Thos. Barnes, Assistant Librarian, Mrs. J. B. McDonough, Treasurer, Mrs. Madie M. Johnson. The report of the president and other officers shows an increased interest in the work of the club, and the report of the president urges the erection of a building for the exclusive use of the organization.

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Last Friday morning, Robert Kelley, a man who has been playing the role of labor agitator in this section for a couple of months, was arrested by Jesse Lunsford, deputy marshal, on a writ from federal court in Illinois, charging him with the violation of an injunction. Judge Rogers being at Charleston at the time, Mr. Kelley was compelled to stay in the federal jail until Saturday, when a writ of removal was issued. Kelley was then taken to Springfield, Mo., where he gave bond for his appearance at court and was released. Kelley is the man who gained some notoriety a short time ago by a speech at Jenny Lind in which he referred to Superintendent Haye in a manner which, had that gentleman not been a law abiding man, would have caused a shot gun matinee.

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The Huntington Journal says Hartford will be incorporated in a short time.

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Do not fail to attend the good roads convention to be held in Fort Smith December 20th.

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John Wren of this city, now occupies the position of stenographer and bookkeeper in the office of the Western Coal and Mining Company at Lind.

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Dick Thompson, a Negro who has lived in the city for a number of years, was found Sunday lying in the middle of the road near McNally's Hill, about four miles east of the city. He had wandered off and fell in the road from exhaustion. He is supposed to be nearly ninety years old.

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Bert J. Reed, a Fort Smith volunteer, was wounded in the leg last week in a fight with Filipino insurgents. Reed was a member of company D, First Arkansas Infantry, during the Spanish war of 1898, but shortly after the disbandment of the regiment, re enlisted and was assigned to duty in the eighteenth infantry.

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The supreme court has affirmed the verdict of the circuit court in the case of the city of Fort Smith vs. T. B. Garrett et.al. This suit was in relation to an ordinance reducing the salaries of certain city officers. Its validity was contested by the mayor and other persons concerned and a decision rendered in their favor by the circuit court. The supreme court upholds this decision.

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One day last week, a party consisting of S. J. Rosamond, Frank Coffey, Bob Hunt, and Walt Webber, were arrested by an Indian policeman while prowling around in the Territory and compelled to return to Fort Smith. They violated a law without knowing what they were doing. The Elevator has frequently told our sportsmen that they were liable to get in a mess if they persisted in hunting in the Indian Territory without permission from the authorities. Gentlemen, hunt on your own premises. If there is no game at home consult your neighbor before you encroach upon his preserves.

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#### **JANUARY 5, 1900 BUSINESS CHANGES**

A number of Fort Smith firms will occupy new quarters this year. The Long Shoe company will move to No. 7 Second street vacated by the Berry-Wright Dry Goods Co. The latter will occupy two buildings vacated by the Berry-Wright Company.

The Webber-Seely Hardware Company will occupy one of the three buildings occupied formerly by the Berry-Wright Company. Fleming Brothers are closing out their stock, Payne and Gant have moved to the building recently occupied by Yaden & Company. The latter having closed out their stock preparatory to moving to the State of Washington. The Standard Dry Goods Company, J. H. Mann, will move to the building vacated by Payne and Gant's drug store and Pat O'Keeffe will hold fort for the next twelve months in John Maledon's old stand.

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At the last meeting of the school board, Mr. Frank Youmans was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. J. B. McDonough, and among other items of business transacted was the election of Miss Lewis to fill the vacancy in the Howard School occasioned by the retirement of Miss Miller.

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#### **JANUARY 12, 1900**

Dr. W. T. Cate was elected First Vice President of the Arkansas Dental Association which met in Little Rock last week.

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The Natural gas people are working steadily in their project and express a belief that they will be ready to begin operations at an early date. We have no doubt that with proper management gas can be secured not far from the city in a volume that will prove successful.

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John Morgan and Shelby Pitts, colored, mixed up in a little scrimmage Sunday afternoon. Pitts threw a knife and Morgan responded with a shot which missed its mark. Both were before Esq. Falconer Monday but were turned loose with an admonition to behave themselves.

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#### **DEATH OF REBECCA KING**

Mrs. Rebecca King died Wednesday, the 10th from an attack of pneumonia. Her illness was brief. Just one week before, her beloved husband Mr. Nelson King died from the same ailment. Mrs. King, in her distress over her great loss, said at the time that she felt that she would follow her husband in a week and her prophecy came to pass. She was about 30 years of age and leaves four little children to mourn the loss of mother and father. A sad lot is that of the poor little creatures.

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#### **JANUARY 19, 1900**

A movement is on foot to get up an amateur minstrel show, the proceeds to be devoted to Belle Point Hospital or the Children's Home. The object of the proposed entertainment should insure a big house and the well known abilities of those who are at the head is a guarantee that it will be first class in every respect.

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#### **JANUARY 26, 1900**

We want to buy gum, elm, and hackberry logs. Will pay \$5.50 per 1000 for same F.O.B. Careys any station within fifty miles of Fort Smith

**FORT SMITH CHAIR CO.**

We also buy gum, elm, and hackberry lumber. Write for specifications.

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Last Saturday morning at an early hour the safe of the Ferguson Lumber Company on Towson was blown open. Fortunately there was nothing in it. The police are of the opinion that two or more parties were engaged in the work, but as yet are in doubt as to who they are.

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