

In the Minutes of the Little Rock Circuit, M. E. Church, now in the custody of the Arkansas History Commission, are two baptismal registers. The first contains records of the baptism of seven children. These are:

William Waltor, age 4 months, 25 days, son of Jno. R. and Sarah A. Lindsay, baptised December 17, 1838, by Jno. C. Parker, Presiding Elder.

Catharine Susannah, age 9 months, 19 days, daughter of Fountain and Mary D. Brown, baptised December 17, 1838, by Jno. C. Parker.

Martha Amelea, age 9 months, 18 days, daughter of Jno. R. and Sarah A. Lindsay, baptised April 18, 1841, by Jno. C. Parker.

Mary Offutt, age 7 months, 2 days, daughter of Fountain and Mary D. Brown, baptised April 18, 1841, by Jno. C. Parker.

Sarah Francis, age 8 months, daughter of Jno. R. and Sarah A. Lindsay.

Edward Sturling, age 8 months, 9 days, son of Fountain and Mary D. Brown.

Jacky, age 1 year, 6 months, 19 days, child of Jno. H. and Elisa A. Lenox. (No further information given about these last three).

The second register gives only the baptismal dates and the names of the children. On June 23, 1850, Thomas Friaces Best was baptised. On August 15, 1850, Mary L. E. M. Patterson and George Washington Patterson were baptised. On August 3, 1851, the following children were baptised: Harriett Winiford Powers, Mary Arlevi Deil, Seth Haynie, William Benjamin Lefevre, Frances Ann Lefevre, Mary Jane Lefevre, James Edward Lefevre, Lewisa Missouri Lefevre, Virginia Elizabeth Lefevre. On September 18, 1853 at Mound Church, the Rev. Stephen Carlisle baptised William Francis More Pence, William Charles Haynie, and Wilamena Deileth.

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The following description of the town of Little Rock was extracted from a letter signed "W" in the ARKANSAS ADVOCATE of September 22, 1830:

"The town was laid out in 1820, but in consequence of conflicting claims to the land, made but little improvement for two or three years, since which time the town has made considerable advance, containing a number of valuable buildings and a population of about 450 souls.

"In the town are five Dry Good and Grocery stores, one Drug Store, one Tavern, one Coffee-house, five Private boarding houses, two Black Smiths, one Gun Smith, two Tailors, one Hatter, three Shoe Makers, one Saddler, two Cabinet Makers, one Wagon Maker, two Carpenters, one Brick Maker, two Brick Masons, one Tanner, one Meeting house, one Baker, two Printing Offices, five Physicians, seven Lawyers, two School houses."

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The Little Rock Advertising Club is planning to use local history to boost civic pride in Little Rock and over the state. A Historical Facts committee has been appointed, with Rex Sutton as chairman. All possible media will be used in the promotion campaign, with the idea of interesting local people, as well as tourists, in the historical attractions of the area. It is interesting to note that most of the people concerned with the work of this committee are relative newcomers to Arkansas, yet they are willing to undertake this extensive project. We have wished them success and have offered our help, and we hope that other members of the Pulaski County Historical Society will do the same.