

# Citizens In St.Francis County at the End of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

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**Abel, James Henry, Sr.:Page 70-James H.Abel Sr., son of O.S.Abel, was born in 1878 in Old Town, Phillips Co., Arkansas, and moved to Palestine with his father in 1886, attended the Palestine Public Schools and then served as foreman of several large saw mills in the area before entering into the well-drilling business when his father, Obediah Silas Abel, died in 1910. Mr.Abel has seven children, five by a previous marriage to Mrs.Lucy Wilkerson, who died in 1920, and two by his present wife, Miss Jesse W.Cooper of Palestine. For relaxation he loves to fish.**

**Abel, Obediah Silas-Amid pioneer surroundings in the latter part of the nineteenth century when Forrest City was a small struggling community of a little over 500 hardy souls with the Bank of Eastern Arkansas only one year old, the late O.S.Abel, an early Arkansas settler, founded his well contracting business which today is being proudly continued by his son and his grandson, James H.Abel Sr. and James H.Abel Jr., as one of the oldest firms in St.Francis County. The business of well and house-moving contractors dates back to 1887 when their sturdy pioneer ancestor started bringing in his first well in this rich agricultural community. The last O.S.Abel came to Old Town, Ark., in Phillips County, in 1850 from Mississippi and in 1886 moved to Palestine. His father had moved from South Carolina to Mississippi, a few years after the Revolutionary War. Spouse Permelia Johnson Abel d.1929.**

**Ables, John J. b.1844: Goodspeed's Biography: John J. Ables, proprietor of one of the leading groceries of Colt, is a native of this county, and when a boy worked on his father's farm, attending school at intervals; although not regular in attendance, he being a bright scholar and willing to learn, received a fair common-school education. In May, 1861, at the age of seventeen, he entered the Confederate service, enlisting in Company B, Fifth Arkansas Regiment, Govan's brigade, Pat Cleburne's division, Hardee's and Cheatham's corps of the Army of the Tennessee, commanded by Beauregard, Albert Sidney Johnston, Braxton Bragg, Joseph E. Johnston and J. B. Hood, of Texas. Mr. Able's career as a soldier led him through many different battles-Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Franklin, from Bowling Green, Ky., to Bentonville, N. C., via Nashville, Chattanooga and Dalton down the railroad and State line to Atlanta, thence to Jonesboro via Augusta, Ga., back to Bentonville. He fought the last battle under Johnston at that place, that famous general then falling back to Greensboro, N. C., where he surrendered. Mr. Ables took his chances for his home in Arkansas, and was in all the engagements of that march, soldiering through East Tennessee, around Knoxville, on Clinch River, at Clinton, with Bragg through Cumberland Gap to Kentucky. He was wounded in the right hand, losing his little finger, which, though a small and seemingly unimportant member, necessitated**

his absence from active duty for three months. He served throughout the war, and took an active part in every battle of his division in the Mississippi Valley, with the exception of those during the three months of his disability. Returning home in May, 1865, Mr. Ables was married the following August to Miss Mary A. Stutts. They are the parents of eight children, all of whom are living: Cora Belle, John W., Willis R., Anna C., Micager C., Samuel, James D. and Emma Lou. Following his matrimonial venture Mr. Ables engaged in farming, and now has a nicely improved farm of 160 acres. He was born in 1844, being the son of M. C. and Jane C. (Moore) Ables, natives of Tennessee and Alabama, respectively. M. C. Ables came to Arkansas in 1828, and settled in this county at a time when there were but few families in the locality. Here he bought a farm of 320 acres, on which he lived until the time of his death, with the exception of a year or two during his residence in Wittsburg, and also while in the Mexican War. In 1887 our subject sold out his farming interests and came to Colt Station, embarking in the grocery business, in which he is still engaged. In this he has been very successful. He held the office of constable of his township before moving to Colt, and was also justice of the peace for ten years, and has now a commission as notary public. Mr. Ables is a staunch Democrat and a member of the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Honor.

Adare, J. L. b.1850 d.1899-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: J. L. Adare, a native of Northern Alabama, is a son of Samuel W. and Mary J. (Freeze) Adare, who also came originally from that State, the father being of French descent, and the mother of Irish ancestry. J. L. Adare assisted his father on the farm until twenty years of age, when he was engaged in clerking for about four years. In 1879 he came to Arkansas and located in St. Francis County, gave his attention to farming the first year, and the following year entered the employ of Mr. Vital Lesca, as clerk, and is now at the head of the business. Mr. Adare was born in Madison County, Ala., on December 27, 1850, and was married on September 8, 1889, to Mrs. Delia Lesca, widow of his former employer, and a daughter of Stephen Snowden, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Adare is a member of the K. of H., and is a well known citizen and highly respected.

Ahlstedt, Charles A. b.1861 d.1939- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 106: The building trades are well represented in the growing city of Forrest City, and some of the most expert mechanics in Eastern Arkansas are numbered the several contractors and builders, who pursue their avocations in this town. Mr.C.A.Ahlstedt came here in 1898 from Little Rock, to build the handsome courthouse under a contract with Mr.C.W.Clark, of Malvern. The subject of this sketch was born September 2,1861, the country of his nativity being Sweden. His parents moved to America in his early youth, and he was educated in Iowa, attending the country schools until he was admitted to college at Cornell, in the same state, where he studied for some time. In 1888 he came to Arkansas from California, where he had spent two years, and in 1898 came to Forrest City as above stated. He was married in 1882 to Miss Jennie Liddle, of Nevada, Missouri,

who died in 1897. His second marriage occurred in 1891, Miss Maria O. Smith, of Little Rock, becoming his wife. To this union one child has been born,-Mary, now aged ten years. Mr.Ahlstedt owns his home, one of the most substantial, beautiful and comfortable homes in Forrest City. He affiliates with the democratic party, and is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which lodge in this city he is one of the trustees. Mr.Ahlstedt is reportedly buried with his SECOND wife MARIA in the City Cemetery in the Southwest portion, but it appears the stones have washed away, per Alan Ford, son of Mary Bernard Ford, Dec.2006

**Alderson, John William, Sr. b.1876 d.1942- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 97 and 98:Mr.John W. Alderson, Vice-President of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., is a native of Virginia, having been born in Lebanon, on December 31,1876. He is a son of Judge T.M. and Ada V.(Davis) Alderson. His father is also a native of Virginia, and his mother of Tennessee. Mr.Alderson served his time at clerking, and at the age of nineteen, embarked in the shoe and hat business, at Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, which was carried on successfully, the firm being The Davis-Alderson Co.. He was educated in the public schools, and finished at the Baker-Himel University of Knoxville, Tennessee. On October 31,1901, Mr.Alderson was married to Miss Annie Katherine Rollwage, youngest daughter of Mr.& Mrs.L.Rollwage, of this city, and one child, Ada Louise, born Sept.1,1904, has blessed their union. The subject of this sketch came to Forrest City from Bristol in 1902, and a short time thereafter succeeded Hon. Otto B.Rollwage in the mercantile business of L.Rollwage & Co., and the firm name was changed to Rollwage & Alderson. He owns his home, farming lands in the St.Francis and L'Anguille Bottoms, and is also associated in several other businesses, viz.;Bank of Eastern Arkansas, the Forrest City Gin Co., and the Forrest City Hotel Co. He owns a beautiful home in this city, and farming lands in St.Francis and L'Anguille bottoms. He is a member of the Baptist church, and of the Masonic and Elks fraternities, in all of which he is active and popular.**

**Aldrich, Charles S., Dr.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 86:The subject of this sketch is one of the most prominent and successful Veterinary Surgeons in the South. He is a native of New York State, having been born In Ontario County, January 30,1852, and is a son of Charles and Dorcas (Heringdeen) Aldrich, both of whom were natives of that county. Dr. Aldrich was primarily educated in the public schools, and at Hillsdale Academy in Michigan. For fifteen years Dr.Aldrich has been practicing in Alabama, Illinois, and Arkansas. He located here in Forrest City in 1902, coming here from Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to that time he was practicing and training race horses. His first visit to this city was ten years prior to the above date, when he entered a stable of race horses at the grounds and track of the Eastern Arkansas Fair Association, one mile north of town. It was during this time that he met and married the splendid woman who is now his helpmate. They were united in marriage on April 5,1902 and are now living happily in this city. One child, a sweet baby girl, came to brighten their home for a**

brief time, and died at the age of five months. Dr. Aldrich has been twice married, the first time to Miss Lucinda A. Power, of his native county, who died in 1887. He is a member of the Baptist church, and in politics is a Republican

**Alexander, Carnes See Johnson Township**

**Alley, Wilbur Smith: b.1879 d.1958- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 98:Mr.Wilbur S.Alley, the efficient and painstaking Secretary and Treasurer of the Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., and who has charge of their books and accounts, is a native of Byhalia, Marshall Co., Mississippi, in which well known and deservedly popular town he was born August 11,1878. He is the only living son of W.D. and Caroline (McCombs) Alley, his father being a native of Tennessee and his mother of Mississippi. The family came to this county on December 10,1885. Mr.W.S.Alley was educated in the public schools of Forrest City, and began his career in the office of which he now has charge. He is an expert accountant, and keeps one of the neatest and most exact set of books in the State, and is an enthusiast on the principal that "what is worth doing is worth doing well." He holds his present position due to his ability and foresight in handling their immense bookings accurately and promptly. In politics, Mr.Alley is a democrat, as was his father before him. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a young business man of sterling integrity and many manly virtues. He owns his home, a very pretty and cozy cottage, which he built the past summer on Forrest street. He is buried next to his sister, Lerah Eudora Alley in the old Forrest City Cemetery.**

**Alley, William H. Dr.b.1861 d.1923 See Physicians: -The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir 1905 Page39: Eight: Dr.J.O.Rush/ Dr.L.H.Merritt/ Dr. W.H.Alley/ Dr.D.O.Bridgeforth/Dr.J.H.StoneDr.T.C.Strong/Dr.F.C.Smith/Dr.J.T.Longest-Born Mississippi, husband of Emma L. Cobbs b.abt 1864 in Arkansas, child Mary Alley b.abt.1888 Arkansas. Obituary: Dr.W.H.Alley passed away Thursday night, Dec.6,1923, shortly before midnight. The end had been expected for several days, Dr. Alley realizing it himself earlier in the week that his condition was hopeless. Death was from diabetes, from which he had had been suffering for some time, but had been confined to his bed for only 16 days. Funeral services were conducted grave side by Rev.W.V.Womack and H.M.McLain; interment in the Forrest City cemetery. The pall bearers were: Rolfe Eldridge, Leo Grobmyer, John R.Grobmyer, S.J.Dean, John W.Snyder, J.T.Harris, active, and T.A.Buford, S.H.Mann Sr., E.A.Rolfe, W.A.Pearson, J.M.Nichols, L.C.Marshall, A.C.Bridewell, W.W.Campbell, Burt Mallory, James Wolfe, M.B.Norfleet Sr., J.E.Ferguson, Dr.J.F.McDougal, Dr. P.P.Boggan, Dr.J.A.Bogart, Dr.N.C.McCown, and Dr.J.O.Rush honorary. Seldom has the city witnessed as large and outpouring to pay last respects to one of its departed citizens, the funeral cortege extended from the residence to the cemetery. Dr.W.H.Alley was born in Byhalia, Miss., in 1861. He was a graduate of**

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He came to Forrest City in 1884, and has lived here since that date, practicing medicine from that time to sixteen days of his death. For a long term of years he was a practicing physician for the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific Railways. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Lou (Cobbs) Alley; his mother, Mrs. Ophelia Eudora m.McCombs Alley; his brother, James Lucius Alley; two sisters, Mrs. Pearle Vaccaro of Memphis and Mrs. Eva Cherry of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Alley(Leon K.)Brown of Houston, Texas. Forrest City Times-Herald Dec.11,1923. Goodspeed's Biography:W.H. Alley, M.D., in his connection with the professional affairs of this community has attained a well-deserved prominence. Born in Mississippi in 1861, he passed his boyhood days in the common schools of that state, obtaining a practical education, and manifesting at an early age an unusually bright mind. At the age of fourteen he was head of classes in which majority were many years his senior. When seventeen years old he commenced the study of medicine under a tutor, and in 1879, entering the Vanderbilt University, was graduated from the Medical Dept. of that institution in March, 1881. He first located in his home in Mississippi, where he practiced with success for two years, but later became located at Lewsiburg, Miss., for one year, and then Bellevue, Miss., where he remained until 1888. Dr.Alley then came to Arkansas and settled in Forrest City, and though only a few years have elapsed since his entrance, he has built up a practice of which others of more advanced years and experience might feel proud. Dr.Alley's wife, the former Miss Emma L. Cobbs, daughter of Paul M. Cobbs, State and Land Commissioner of Arkansas. To their union one interesting little daughter has been born, Mary. The doctor owns an attractive home, which is furnished in excellent taste, and three valuable farms. He is a Democrat in his political views, a member of the Knights of Pythias and prominently identified with the County Medical Society. James H. and Ophelia (McCombs) Alley, his parents were natives of Tennessee. Goodspeed's 1890.**

#### **Alzheimer, Louis and Ben-Early merchants of Forrest City**

**Altman, Enos Thomas -With over a half century of residence in Forrest City, Enos Thomas Altman has rendered faithful and loyal service to his adopted home town, first as Clerk with the old Forrest City Times, and now as City Clerk. Mr. Altman was born in Elsah, Illinois, the son of John W. and Sarah (Ramsey) Altman. In 1892 he moved to Forrest City from Marianna and has been a citizen here ever since. He attended the old Crowley Ridge Institute. On Mar.11,1914 her married Mary Elizabeth Hughes, daughter of Mears and Mattie (Hill) Hughes of Forrest City, and to this union was born one son, Enos Ramsey Altman, now of Brookhaven, Miss. Mr. Altman was with the Forrest City Times for 27 years, then owned by Landvoigt & Vadakin, advancing from printer's devil to bookkeeper-manager. From Sep.1, 1930 to April 1940, he served as City Clerk, which he regained in 1946 till now. He is a member of the Methodist Church, has been Consul Commander of the Woodmen of the World Camp 29, of Forrest City. In addition he has farming interests in St.Francis County.**

**Anderson, Margaret Elmire m.Houston, Mrs. b.1839 d.1925-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:On the first day of January, 1839, was born in St. Francis County the subject of this sketch. Her father, Alfred Kingston Houston, first saw the light of this world in South Carolina, December 21, 1814, and came to Arkansas with his parents at the age of five years, who settled in St. Francis County, Ark., where he was reared, and followed the occupation of a farmer, dying in this county in March, 1879. He was married to Miss Sallie Evans, of North Carolina origin, who came to Arkansas when a girl, and who departed this life in 1860. The issue of this union was seven children, four of whom are living: Margret E. (the principal of this sketch), Wellman C. (a farmer of this county), Hiram (living in this county, whose sketch is given elsewhere), Francis M. (also a resident of this county). Mrs. Anderson has been twice married, and is now a widow, her second husband dying some ten years ago. Her first marriage, on June 20, 1855, was to Aaron Matthew Hughes, of Georgian birth in 1838, and who died May 18, 1862; by this marriage were two sons, only one of whom is living, Wellman T., born November 15, 1860. She married again on June 20, 1867, to Robert Anderson, of South Carolina, and a son of Robert and Lucy (Beazley) Anderson, who died February 20, 1879. Four children were given to them, three of whom are still living: Sarah L., Robert K. and Nancy E. Of her husbands it can be said they were honest, industrious farmers, who succeeded in life and laid up some property for those who were dependent on them, and merited the great respect shown them. Mrs. Anderson is now living on her magnificent farm, situated on the banks of the St. Francis River, and in connection with this, owns a half-interest in 560 acres of valuable land, also the homestead, 115 acres. Her son, William T. Hughes, a model and rising young farmer, has the affairs of the farm under his supervision, and is making a decided success of it, and they have a happy home, wherein dwells ease, comfort and plenty. Mrs. Anderson is a member of and worships with the Methodist Episcopal Church.**

**Apperson, Samuel D. b.1853 d.1909:Samuel D. Apperson-Goodspeed's Biography 1884 Samuel D. Apperson, the present popular and capable assessor of St. Francis County, was born in Marshall County, Miss., near Holly Springs, February 22, 1853, being the son of W. T. and Martha (Howes) Apperson, originally from Virginia and Tennessee, respectively. The parents had a family of six children, three now living, of whom Samuel D. is the third in order of birth. The latter accompanied his parents to Arkansas when quite young, and having settled near Forrest City before the present site was located, can justly be deemed a pioneer of the community. He remained here until 1873, attending the schools of the county, and then drove stock over the States of Tennessee, Indiana and Mississippi. In 1875 he returned home and came to Forrest City, where he conducted a general freight and dray business until 1880. His fitness for the position becoming recognized, he was elected marshal of Forrest City and served two terms of one year each. In 1886 he accepted the superintendency of trestle work on the Bald Knob Railroad**

from Bald Knob to Memphis, receiving a salary of \$115 per month. Returning to Forrest City he found employment awaiting him as farm superintendent, which position he held for one year. Mr. Apperson was then elected county assessor to fill a vacancy, and is now discharging the manifold duties of that office in a highly creditable manner. He is a member of the K. of H. and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and a Democrat in his political views. He is of French descent, his grandfather having been a native of France. Mr. Apperson is progressive in his ideas, and many improvements in the city owe their existence to his liberal support and hearty co-operation. Lisa Hamilton submitted the above data from ARKHISBIO's, 1884; she did so to help others, she is not researching the above person or families mentioned therein.

**Armstrong, J. R.-Wife Delia m.Snowden, Mrs**

**Ashworth, Florence m.Davenport, Mrs.b.d.1913:The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 129:Rawlison is a post office two miles north of above the Cut Off. Mr. Samuel Lee Ashworth is the postmaster, and the office is located in the store of Ashworth Brothers. Mrs.Ashworth, nee Florence Davenport, of Forrest City, takes a very great and proper pride in their home. Per her obituary, her remains were brought up the St.Francis river via Madison to her brother's home in Forrest City, Mr.L.E.Davenport for interment in Forrest City Cemetery. She was born in Mississippi and was 39 years of age. Surviving are her husband of 18 years, Samuel Lee Ashworth, and one of three children, John Casey Ashworth, a 12 year old son. She leaves a sister, Mrs.Vallie Mauck of Princeton, Indiana.**

**Aven, John W.-St.Francis Co. Treasurer 1892 to 1894. Per 1900 Census:Wife:Alice N.Laughinghouse age 47;Child:Thomas Lisle Aven b.1895 d.1897**

**Bank of Eastern Arkansas-Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 45:Two first Class institutions are located here:Bank of Eastern Arkansas, established in 1886 by Capt.Jesse W.Wynne, then the senior member of the large mercantile firm, Wynne, Dennis & Beck, of this city, now the senior member of the firm of Wynne, Love & Co., of Memphis, Tenn., was elected its first president, a position he held until he removed to Memphis. Mr. Charles H. Sanders of Lebanon, Tenn., who was largely responsible for its organization, was elected Cashier, which he held until 1903. Captain James V.Fussell was elected the next President, and Mr.J.T.Fondren, the assistant Cashier, succeeded Mr. Sanders as Cashier. Current Stockholders: Capt.Jesse W.Wynne, of Wynne, Love & Co., Memphis; Capt. James Fussell; and Mr. John W.Alderson of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co.;Mr.John W.Naylor, Capitalist and Planter; A.Becker, of Becker & Lewis; Thomas Clarence Folbre, Jr. Of T.C.Folbre, Jrs. & Co.; Judge Nathan W.Norton, Lawyer; Samuel H.Mann, Lawyer; and E.P.Taylor, of Taylor, Knight & Co.**

**Bank of Forrest City-Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 46:The Bank of Forrest City-organized by Mr.W.E.Talley, of The Frederickstown Trust Co. in 1902, other stock holders are Mr.George B.Pettus, of the mercantile firm Pettus & Buford, President;Mr.J.D.Baugh of the mercantile firm of Brandon & Baugh, as Vice President; and Mr. Eugene Williams, elder son of Hon. William Eugene Williams, high Sheriff of the County, was chosen Cashier. The board consists of J. Debauch, G. B.Pettus, J.E. Franklin, N. Benison, E. A. Rolfe, Ellis Turley, G. P. Walker, Otto B.Rollwage, and R. L.Pettus.**

**Barker, Percy Harrison, Sr. b.1866 d.1929:The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905 Page 77:Percy Harrison Barker, of whom the halftone is a splendid likeness, is a native of Louisiana, and was born in Shreveport on June 1,1866, soon after removing with his parents to Mississippi, in which state he was raised. He is a son of William Wallace and May Fran (Harrison) Barker. His father was a native of Alabama. A graduate of West Point, and resigned to join the Southern army. He was Commissary General of the Confederate Army, Southwest Department, until the surrender. The mother of our subject was a Virginian, and a niece of the famous Wm.H. (Tecumseh) Harrison, who was inaugurated President of the United States in 1841. Mr.P.H.Barker was educated in the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee, and the University of Virginia. He is a professional accountant and general office man, and came to this city from Memphis in 1898, to take charge of the office and books of the large mercantile business of J.W.Beck & Co., and is now business manager of the Forrest City Ice and Power Company. On June 24,1899, Mr. Barker was happily married to Miss Ada McDaniel, youngest daughter of Capt.W.H. and Mollie (Fondren) McDaniel, and now occupies the old homestead at the head of North Washington Street. One child, a bouncing baby boy, Percy Harrison Barker, Jr. b.1904 d.1935, has blessed their union, and he will celebrate the first anniversary of his birth on Christmas Day of the present year.-Marriage:Cupid's Capers-Married at Forrest City, Saturday morning, June 24,1899 at ten o'clock, Mr.Percy H.Barker and Miss Serap Ada McDaniel. The bride is the youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs.W.H.McDaniel, of this city. The groom was born in Shreveport, La., and lived at Terry, Hinds Co., Mississippi until he became of age. He attended the University of Virginia, and now occupies the position of bookkeeper for J.W.Beck & Co. of this city.-Cupid's Capers-Married at Forrest City, Saturday morning, June 24,1899 at ten o'clock, Mr.Percy H.Barker and Miss Serap Ada McDaniel. The bride is the youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs.W.H.McDaniel, of this city. The groom was born in Shreveport, La., and lived at Terry, Hinds Co., Mississippi until he became of age. He attended the University of Virginia, and now occupies the position of bookkeeper for J.W.Beck & Co. of this city. Note: Cannot confirm story of Father's military and/or, the Confederacy.**

**Barrow, Eugene J.-Buying and Selling Mules, Horses, Etc.- : The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:E.J.Barrow, M.Isaacs and several merchants connected with the**

large established houses. Mr. Eugene J.Barrow and Miss Emily H.Davis happily married in Memphis Tuesday, at the First Methodist church by Rev.Dr.Lewis Powell followed by a luncheon at the Peabody Hotel. They left on a trip via New Orleans to San Francisco. Commercial Appeal. Infant Child Eugene J. d.1864 with Mother in Forrest City Cemetery.

**Barrow, Thomas W.- -The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 52 and 91:Ad for T.W.Barrow, Fresh family groceries, hardware, tin ware, Queensware, Glassware, Fancy Goods, china, Etc. Cooking and Heating stoves.-Free Delivery call telephone 24. Thomas W.Barrow was born on Aug.7,1872, at Forrest City, and is a son of W. H. and Margaret E.Barrow. He was educated in the public schools of this place and at Bell Buckle, Tenn. Returning from the latter place he began work as a clerk, and after a time engaged in business on his own account, at the present time carrying a large line of hardware and groceries, his average stock being worth at least \$5,000. He conducts a strictly cash business, and has always been successful in controlling a desirable patronage. On April 30,1895, he was married to Miss Carrie Chew, of Helena, and to them three children, Margaret, Julia and Elizabeth, have been born. All are living, and form a lovely family group. He is an active and valued member of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He is the fortunate possessor of half a section of the incomparable St.Francis basin land, and of the settlement of this fertile country is an enthusiastic advocate. The Forrest City Times. Jan 17, 1907. Just as we go to press we learn the sad news of the death of our dear friend, Mr. Thos. W. Barrow. He died this afternoon at twenty minutes past 1 o'clock and, though not unexpected, it has cast a terrible gloom over his home and the hearts of his beloved wife, Mrs. Carrie m.Chew Barrow Dawson, married 1895, and three little daughters, children per her obituary in 1968, She is survived by four daughters, (Mrs. Elizabeth (Thomas Jesse)Aycock, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Margaret Gorman(Richard) McColluch Sr. of Forrest City; Mrs.J.A.Gowen of Sheffield, Alabama, and Mrs.L.H.Scarborough of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Ted Jones of Memphis, and Mrs.R.B.Byerly of Chatsworth, Calif.) are torn asunder and they are prostrated beneath an agonizing sorrow pitiable to contemplate. We deeply deplore his death. He was a true friend, a splendid citizen and an honest, manly, man. We loved him well and his death shock us beyond expression. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved relations in their great loss, and will pay tribute to his memory in our next issue. The funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Maggie E. Hatcher Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Edw. T. Mabley and interment in Mt. Vernon cemetery under auspices of the W. O.W., of which order he was a beloved member.**

**Basket, Samson, Captain:(Early Steamboat On St.Francis River Was The "Mollie Hambleton (Hamilton) Built By Capt. Bowman-Till When It Was Sunk Near Madison In 1875)**

**Batts Brothers-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Also blacksmiths, horses hoers, and woodworkers.**

**Beasley, J. R., Judge-Legal Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.R.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. A notice that Judge J.R.Beasley died this morning at St.Joseph's Hospital in Memphis was received too late for today's paper. Details are unknown at this time. 9-13-1912 Judge Beasley was born in Richmond, Va., about 1842, being it is said, about 70 years of age. He came to Forrest City from Winchester, Tenn., about thirteen years ago, and made it his home ever since, until two weeks ago when due to his health, he went to Memphis for care at St.Joseph's Hospital. His friends here never heard from him after he left, and knew nothing of his condition until a message came he was dying. He expired last Friday, Sep.6,1912, and his remains were interred in the Confederate Cemetery in Memphis, under the auspices of the local camp. The career of Judge Beasley has been a remarkable one, but we do not have the data at hand. He was a Confederate soldier and was living at Memphis at the time of his enlistment. We think he was once in the newspaper business, at Knoxville, Tenn., where he was shot with a pistol in the hands of Judge Sneed of the Supreme Court, whom he had criticized in the columns of the paper, the ball shattering one of his arms. He was an able lawyer, but not particularly successful, because he usually championed the right, and justice is very fickle. He spent his declining years principally in trying to preserve the rightful heirs to the Hiram Evans estate, but the courts have been against him, and he had not succeeded. Judge Beasley had no family, having never married, and we know of no known relatives His illness and death were perhaps indirectly due to an runaway accident several months ago, at which time a mule that he was driving to a buggy, was frightened at an automobile, and subsequently threw the Judge and caused severe bruises, and he became emaciated after that, and died from inflammation of the bowels. He was a genial, polished gentleman of the old school, and was respected by all that knew him. Forrest City Times Newspaper, Forrest City, Arkansas- Paul V. Isbell**

**Beauchamp, Nicholas P., Dr. b.1850 d.1916:The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905- Page 107:The St.Francis County News was established in 1902 at Madison, by Mr. Charles R.Izard, a native of St.Francis county, and a former employee of The Forrest City Times., in which shop he "learned the business". In 1904, Dr.N.P.Beauchamp took an interest in the paper, and moved it to Forrest City above the E.Turley & Co. in the Hancock building. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. Coroner of County from 1890 to 1894. Spouse: Mamie Izard Beauchamp 1865-1945, child: Baby Boy Beauchamp b.d.1888**

**Beck, Joe A.- - The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Has the largest blacksmithing and woodworking establishment in the city, and does a variety of work not usually don in everyday shops of this character.**

**Becker, Alexander- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 111:Alexander Becker, the senior member of Becker & Lewis, is a native of Altenstad, Grossherzogthurm, Hessen, Germany, and is a son of Herz and Hannah Becker. He was born in1840, and his education was acquired in the famous schools of Frankfort-on-the-Main. In the latter city, according to customs of the country, he was apprenticed to a merchant when only 13 years of age, and learned the mercantile business. His father was married in 1840, and practiced law, achieving some prominence at the bar. Our subject came to America, when he was 16 years of age, remaining in New York two years. Thence he went to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he received and held clerkship for one year, and then went to Uniontown, also in Alabama, and was similarly employed for about 12 months. Thence to Yazoo, Miss. in 1870 for five years, and then to Forrest City and establishing the business of which he is now the head, in 1881. Mr.A.Becker was happily married to Miss Fannie Lewis, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Lewis, , of Richmond, Va., on Jan.27,1879, and two children, Miss Jeanette and Master Hazel, now bless their union. Besides his large mercantile and city real estate possessions, he owns stock in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, the Forrest City Ice & Power Co., The Forrest City Gin Co., and several Trust Companies of St.Louis, Memphis, and Little Rock, plus a lovely residence in Forrest City. He is a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum, and holds to the orthodox Jewish faith. In politics he is a democrat.**

**Bell, John C.- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 70 and 71: John C.Bell is a native of Indiana, born on farm in Fulton Co., on April 11,1857 to Charles and Elizabeth Bell. His father was born in Allegheny City, Pa. and his mother in Holmes Co., Ohio. He finished his school work at the age of 18 years, having attended schools in Plymouth and the Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. He worked in several occupations before coming to Forrest City in Feb.1891, when he was manager for A.M.Nash in the sawmill and lumber business four and a half miles east of Forrest city, on St.Francis river, and remained until Apr.1,1898, when he was appointed postmaster at Forrest City, which he still holds up to the present time. He was married at Plymouth, Ind. On Oct.9,1882, to Miss Emma A. Soice. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has held office as Chancellor Commander, and is affiliated with the Republican party in politics. He owns a good farm of eighty acres, seven miles west of Forrest City, and is interested in everything which for its object the up building of this section.**

**Block, Raphael b.1852 d.1941:Board of Directors of National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. Goodspeed's Bio.-Cogbill Cem.- Raphael Block is a leading merchant of Vandale, was born in the town of Tremblade, Alsace, France, in May, 1852, and was the fourth in a**

family of five children, born to Herman and Rebecca Block, the father a successful businessman of the old country. Raphael remained at home attending schools, until thirteen years of age, and in 1871 determined to seek his fortune in America, and came to Wittsburg, Cross County, Ark., and engaged as a clerk for D. Block & Co., but about two years later, became an employee of G. M. Arnold & Co., general merchants of the same place. In 1874 he engaged in general merchandising at Wittsburg, being associated with B. Block, and they immediately began doing an extensive trade, the largest in all probability that has ever been done by any one firm in Cross County. This partnership was dissolved in 1886, and our subject became sole proprietor, and in 1887 he bought the interest of J. W. Killough, of that well-known mercantile firm of Killough & Erwin of Vanndale, and since January 1, 1889, has been sole proprietor of this establishment also. He has a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, amounting to about \$10,000, and he commands a large and consistently improving trade. He is quite extensively engaged in buying and shipping cotton, and is an enterprising and wonderfully successful young businessman, and is courteous, pleasant and cheerful, a leading spirit in the commercial affairs of the county. He is quite an active politician, and is always found at the polls on election day. Socially he belongs to Arcadia Lodge No. 183, of the A. F. & A. M., at Vanndale, and he also belongs to the K. of H. and the K. & L. of H. December 28, 1874, he was married to Mrs. Hester C. (Hamilton) Perry, a daughter of J. G. Hamilton, a member of the firm of D. Block & Co. They have had five children: Herman (attending school at the Christian Brothers' College of Memphis), Felix, Nina, David and Mary (who died in infancy).

**Bogart, Clarence Nall, Dr.** was born Aug.2,1904, in Wheatley, Ark., the son of Nell Manasco Bogart and the late Dr.J.A.Bogart. A leading physician with his father, he operated the Bogart Clinic in Forrest City for a number of years. He volunteered for the Armed Forces, serving in the India-Burma Theatre during World War II, leaving as a Major. On his return to Forrest City, he retired in July of 1949 because of ill health. He attended the University of Tennessee Medical School, from which he graduated in 1929. He has two sons, John of Houston, Texas, and Forrest, of Palestine, Arkansas. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the King-Beazley American Legion Post and the Graham Memorial Presbyterian church. He died of heart ailment on May 24,1950, in Forrest City.

**Bogart, Julius Abram, Dr.-b.1869 d.1941** was one of Eastern Arkansas' most widely-known physicians. A most lovable and colorful individual, as was Dr.Bogart, will be held in high esteem for years to come. He was born on April 13,1869, in Vermillion County, Illinois; was married to Miss Nell Manasco, Feb.4,1892. They had two children living, Forrest and Nall Bogart. He received his license to practice medicine when he was 20, and began in North Little Rock, and practiced about fifty years in St.Francis county and Eastern Arkansas. Moving to Wheatley in 1894, and Forrest City in 1906, where he

practiced until a year before his death, when he retired because of ill health. He established the first clinic in Forrest City, and held offices in the County and State Medical Associations. He served on the City Council of Forrest City many years. At the time of his death, he was on the Police Commission, a Scottish Rite Mason, Knight Templar and a member of the Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff. He died of a heart ailment at his home on Nov.17,1941. One child died in infancy, William Lindon Bogart b.d.1898

**Bond, Scott Winfield: The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 120:Scott Bond was born in Madison County, Mississippi, March 15th, 1852. Three years later, he, with his mother and younger brother, was brought to Cross County, Arkansas by his master, where he served as house boy until the close of the Civil War. His mother having died when he was thirteen years old, he was obliged to work for the support of his younger brothers thus cutting off the advantages of an education, having only two months of schooling. At the age of 22 years, he was married to Magnolia Nash of Forrest City, Ark., Jan.11th, 1874, which neither has regretted, she being his chief counselor and help-mate through life. Boldly they entered the arena of life, without money and with but little credit, but fired by ambition and perseverance to gain some of this world's goods and establish an honest reputation among his fellow beings. Just after his marriage he moved to a large plantation. His credit being small and limited, he was obliged to commence farming on the halves, using economy and saving his earnings. The second year he was able to rent twenty acres of land, gaining the confidence of his landlord. At the expiration of five years, he found himself in possession of the entire farm of 560 acres as renter, since which time he has owned one half interest in the entire farm of 2200 acres. Most of his life has been devoted to stock raising and farming in which he has been successful, growing chiefly cotton, corn and potatoes, and is recognized as a skillful and energetic farmer, owning two thousand, one hundred acres of land situated in the St.Francis county basin; he has dealt largely in timber which to him has been profitable. In 1898, he became successor to the Madison Mercantile Co., of Madison, Arkansas. The present firm, known as Scott Bond & Sons carries a complete line of Dry Goods, Groceries, and Farming Implements, doing both a furnishing and a cash business, and is recognized as a leading mercantile house of the county. He is also a stockholder in the Madison Brick & Tile Co., and has just recently completed a first-class gin plant at Madison. Scott Bond is a father of eleven boys-six dead and five living. Those old enough have received their education at Roger Williams University at Nashville, Tennessee, and he is sparing no pains in trying to raise an intelligent and useful family.(Note: Later he was known as one of the first black millionaires in this country.) Seldom in the eventful history of St.Francis County has there come to the front a man who accomplished in his life's span as much as did the almost legendary Negro figure, Scott Bond, a slave child who became one of Arkansas' largest and most prosperous landowners and an inspiring leader. In the small town of Madison, on the west bank of the St.Francis River at the foot of Crowley's Ridge**

**will always be recognized and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Canton, Madison Co., Mississippi on March 15,1852, son of slave parents. When he was three years old, he and his mother and younger brother were moved to Cross County by their master. Young Scott served as a house boy until the end of the Civil War. His mother died when he was thirteen years old, when he took on the raising of his younger brothers. On Jan.11,1874, he married Miss Magnolia Nash of Forrest City. Scott Bond with his step father moved to Madison in 1872 and remained with him until he was 22 years of age. That year he rented his first piece of land-35 acres. The first land he owned was 300 acres along the Rock Island railroad near Madison. He greatly increased his land holdings, with the Allen farm totaling over 2,200 acres on the old Military Road along the St.Francis river. I later years, another famous highway, the Broadway of America, Highway 70 passed thru his land. Before he passed away on March 23,1933, when he was fatally injured by one of his registered bulls, he owned and farmed 12,000 acres and ginned over 3,600 bales of cotton, and owned six cotton gins, and a successful lumber business, a sawmill, and a orchard of 3,000 Alberta peach trees, and 2,000 Ben Davis Winesap apple trees, and owned some of the finest gravel pits from which for thirty years furnished the Rock Island Railroad many thousand cars of gravel, produced at one time 62 car loads of potatoes, raised registered livestock, and operated a large mercantile store in Madison, along with being a stockholder in the Madison Brick & Tile Co. Scott and Magnolia Bond had eleven boys, all of whom were exemplar and gained and retained the respect of the community. Magnolia Bond passed away Oct.6,1943, and today the only surviving member of the original family is U.S.Bond. Another outstanding son was Theo Bond before his death on April 19,1949.**

**Bond, Theo- was born near Madison and spent his entire life in the familiar surroundings which had been developed by his father. When Scott Bond died among the things he loved it went to the shoulders of Theo to carry on. He was involved with his brother, U.S.Bond, in the Bondol Laboratories and the Funeral Directors Exchange, both located at Madison. The exchange made wooden caskets sent all over the nation, and Bondol made embalming fluid furnished to approximately fifty percent of the Negroe morticians in America. During World War II, he aided in the War Bond sales, was a staunch supporter of the Red Cross. Before the death of Theo Bond, there was no distinct separation of the activities of Theo and U.S.Bond.**

**Bond, Ulysses S. still adding to the success of his father, Scott, and brother, Theo, he was born Aug.1,1897. From 1913 to 1917, he studied at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.. On leaving Morehouse, Ulysses S.Bond completed a business course at Oberlin Business College and then joined his father and brother's firm, Scott Bond & Sons, as junior partner. Since U.S.Bond joined the firm, the two senior partners have died; the partnership has been dissolved; and U.S.Bond is operating the various businesses with his affable and efficient wife, the former Cliffie Carter, whom he married April 19,1926.**

**He ceased operating the farm, renting it out, and mainly concentrated on Bondol Labs, and has opened a motel, known as the U.S.Bond Motel on Highway 70 between Madison and Forrest City. Mrs. Bond is active in the local and county schools, the Red Cross, tuberculosis, Infantile Paralysis, and United Negro College Fund. She is a member of the Madison Light church, local PTA President for fourteen years, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from A.M.& N. College at Pine Bluff. She is a former teacher of English and history in the Booker T.Washington High School in Memphis. Sep.4,1967-U.S.Bond dies in Chicago on Monday-Funeral arrangements for U.S.Bond, 70, of Madison who died in Chicago are at present incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Mr. Bond had been a patient under intensive care in the Illinois Masonic Hospital since August 15th. Born Aug.1,1897, Mr. Bond was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bond of Madison. In addition to having extensive land holdings in St.Francis county, Mr. Bond established several other enterprises during his life, including Bondol Labs of Madison, Manufacturer of undertaking supplies. In 1953, Mr. Bond was named as one of the 10 leading Negro citizens of Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cliffie Bond, whom in married in April, 1925. Forrest City Times-Herald**

**Boney, J. S.-Coroner 1878 to 1880 St.Francis Co.**

**Bonner, Edward L. b.1841 d.1913:Goodspeed's Biography: was born in Spartanburg, District, S.C., in 1841, being the son of Andrew and Louisa Bonner, also natives of that state. Young Edward remained in the vicinity of his birthplace until grown to manhood, receiving but limited advantages for an education, and attending school only a portion of each year. When nineteen years of age he assumed charge of his father's farm, and after the latter's death remained with his mother conducting the business in a most satisfactory manner. When twenty years old he enlisted in the Confederate Army in Company G, Fifth South Carolina Regiment under, Captain Carpenter, commanded by Col.Jenkins, and participated in the first battle of Manassas, but being taken ill shortly thereafter, he was detailed to manage the Magnetic iron works, located at Cherokee Ford, S.C. This was one of the most important branches of industry in connection with the Southern cause. Mr. Bonner remained in this position until the close of the war, after which he commenced business as a merchant at Limestone Springs, S.C. After one year, at his mother's earnest solicitation, he returned to her home and resumed control of her extensive business. In 1869 he was married to Miss Julia G., daughter of Elijah and Julia (Ray) m.Harris, and their marriage has been blessed with three interesting children: Edward L., Carl Ray and Erma Bonner, married to Adolph Chilner. The oldest child, Edward is a promising young man, and bids fair to be a leader among men, standing intellectually far above the average, a young man whose example is worthy of imitation. Mr. Bonner moved to St.Francis Co. in 1884, locating in Forrest City, and four years later was appointed first postmaster at that place, serving in that capacity for five years, and also as agent for the Southern Express Company. The change of administration in 1883,**

or President Garfield's reign, caused his removal from the position of postmaster. Since leaving the office Mr. Bonner has been merchandising, and at present managing the co-operative store at Forrest City inaugurated by the people for their benefit. The stock is valued at \$45,000 and under his efficient control is rapidly increasing in value, and is one of the city's leading enterprises. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Baptist, as is also his wife. Mr. Bonner is a liberal contributor to all charitable movements, and, in fact, every act that be tokens the good or growth of the county finds him a staunch supporter. Previous to the war his parents were quite wealthy, but the ravages incident to that period robbed them of nearly everything, their land being about all that they possessed. The paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, born near Petersburg, but afterward moving to South Carolina, died there at the age of sixty three. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Camp, of South Carolina nativity, who was called to his final home at an advanced age. Mrs. Bonner's father was Rev. Elijah Ray, a Baptist minister of South Carolina. Her mother's father, Col. William Washington Harris, a native of North Carolina, was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as Colonel in the volunteer service, and died at the age of eighty-eight years. He was one of the first settlers of Spartanburg, S.C.

**Boone, W. L.-Early Settler of Palestine**

**Bowman, Thomas R., Captain-(Operated Early Steamboats, St. Francis No.1 And No.2 With His Wife Pauline, Until (Civil War When Confederacy Took A Boat Of His, And It Burned In The Fall Of Little Rock), On St. Francis River)**

**Boyle, Arthur Donald-b.1866 d.1926-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 62:**The subject of this sketch was born in Memphis, Tennessee, September 28,1866, and is the second son of Peter D. and Euphemia Boyle. His father is a native of Grennock, Scotland of Irish parents, and came to this country when nineteen years of age. His mother was born in Glasgow, Scotland, of Scotch parents, and is a third cousin to Robert Burns, Scotland's immortal bard. She came to this country when four years of age. Our subject attended school in Memphis and Forrest City about two years. His education is self-obtained, and he has filled various positions of trust. He came to this city in 1875 from Memphis, and in 1881-2 he learned telegraphy, and took his first position in April, 1882, at Blackfish, as operator for the old Memphis & Little Rock Railroad. He worked at various stations for this and other railroads until March 1888, when he accepted the agency for the Southern Express Company, which position he held until that company withdrew from this territory in 1892. He worked for several other positions until he accepted the position as telegraph operator for the Forrest City Cotton Exchange. Mr. Boyle was married on November 14,1889 to Miss Lucretia Hinton of this city. One child, Mary E. Boyle, Married to Karl Edward Gustafson, has blessed this union. Early mayor of Forrest City. Mr. Boyle is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He is a

**member of the Woodmen of the World, in which order he has held office as Consul Commander.**

**Bradley, Mary, Mrs.-Granddaughter of Gen.Nathan B.Forrest**

**Bradshaw, C. E.-Early Merchant of Forrest City**

**Bradshaw, Sidney "Earnest" J., Jr.-M.A., Ph.D.-b.1869 d.1938- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 53:S.E.Bradshaw, familiarly known as Ernest Bradshaw, without his earned titles, is the second son of Sidney J. (both d.1881) and Mollie H. Bradshaw, who came to Forrest City, when he was a mere baby. He was born in Tipton Co., Tennessee, grew up as a boy in this city, and besides attending the free schools, was educated at Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky; the University of Virginia; Leipzig and Berlin. He toured Europe in 1895, and again in 1904. He held the chair of English in Bethel College for a term of years, and is now Professor of Modern Language in Furman University at Greenville, S. Carolina. He has published a work on "Southern Poetry Prior to 1860" Which is a very valuable contribution to the historic and literary archives of our dear Southland. He has considerable real estate in this city and county, and delights in paying his friends here an annual visit, and is always interested in whatever tends to up building and prosperity of this section.**

**Brandon, Baugh & Co.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118:Composed of Messrs. William P. Brandon b.1856 d.1930, Joseph D.Baugh b.1851 d.1932, and Dan Wylds. This firm is one of the largest and most substantial in Eastern Arkansas, and do an immense furnishing business.**

**Bridewell, Alexander Carver, Sr.-Early Mayor of Forrest City-Spouse: Martha F.m.Hatcher  
Bridewell Children: Ida Mae Bridewell (1908 - 1995)\* David Alexander Bridewell (1909 - 1999)\* Alexander Carver Bridewell (1922 - 1985)\***

**Bridgforth, David Oliver, Dr.-b. d.1878 d.1941-Son of David Thomas Bridgforth and Mary Alinor Jenkins Bridgforth. His father died of yellow fever when David Oliver was 2 mos. old & mother returned to Jenkins Family home. 1895-1902 Old Miss, Vanderbilt Med, Natchez Hosp. 1901-1904 Practiced in Forrest City AR with J.E. Johnson. 1904 Mar. #1 Norma Allison Rollwage-b.1880 d.1960 Marriage: groom's name: D. O. Bridgforth-groom's birth date: 1879 Of Forrest City, St. Francis, Ark.-bride's name: Norma A. Rollwage, bride's birth date: 1880 bride's birthplace: Of Forrest City, St. Francis, Ark., bride's age: 24marriage date: 18 Jun 1904, marriage place: St. Francis, Arkansas, 1905 twin sons born only find record of one, Otto Rollwage Bridgforth d.1976. (Divorced 1925) 1910 Practiced in Memphis, TN. 1917-1920 WWI U.S. Army Medical Corp.1925/6 - Vet Adm. Hosp Wichita KS, where married #2 Hazel Jennings in 1927 & had 5 children born, Wichita,Ks., Fayetteville AR,& SLC Utah.-Medical Profession:- The Forrest City Times**

**1905 Art Souvenir page 39: The doctors are Dr. J. O. Rush, Dr. L. H. Merritt, Dr. W. H. Alley, Dr. David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr. J. E. Stone, Dr. T. C. Strong, Dr. F. C. Smith and Dr. J. T. Longest.**

**Bridgforth, Lindsey - b. 1884 d. 1940 Consumers' Cotton Oil Company - The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 44: A branch of the Consumers' Cotton Oil Co. of Chicago. It was built in 1899, and employs from fifty to seventy five people. Mr. Edward Roleson is manager, assisted by Mr. H. W. Cook, and Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth. Mr. R. G. Smith is superintendent of works, and is one of the finest mechanics in the South. 06/27/13**

**Bridgforth-Gatling: Cards were received last week by their friends announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Elizabeth Gilliam Gatling to Mr. Lindsey Bridgforth, June 28th, 1913, at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Miss Elizabeth is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. John Gatling of this city, and the groom is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver Bridgforth, prominent planter and capitalist. Dr. Charles H. Lockwood, dean of Helena, presiding over the ceremonies. Mother per 1930 Census: A. Bridgforth b. 1860 in Mississippi, (Might be Ora Jenkins Bridgforth d. 1932) with daughter Eva Bridgforth Grobmyer age 42 and Son In Law: Leo Peter Grobmyer d. 1956**

**Brown, C. E. - Treasurer of St. Francis Co. 1872 to 1874**

**Brown, James - Assessor 1892-1898 - St. Francis County**

**Brown, John M. - b. 1850 d. 1924 - Early Mayor of Forrest City - FC Times Art Souvenir 1905 Page 90 Bio: John M. Brown was born Mar. 31, 1850 at Blackhawk, Miss. being the son of John and Euphemia McKinley Brown. His parents were born in Scotland. He began his trade as a clerk, afterward learning the printer's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. In 1874 he located at Forrest City, where he engaged as a clerk and occasionally working as a printer. Mr. Brown was twice elected Recorder and three times Mayor of this place, filling these important positions with credit to himself and entire satisfaction of his constituents. In 1876 he was married to Miss Stella Miller, of Forrest City, but his married life was of short duration, his wife soon dying. In 1880, he was again married, this time to Miss Mary A. Long, b. March 1853, eight children, four living in 1900 census, of Grenada, Miss. Two sons, John b. Feb. 1885 and William M. b. Nov. 1887, and two daughters, Lealia b. Jan. 1882, and Alma L. b. Nov. 1893, have blessed this union. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Woodmen of the World. In 1882 he was appointed agent of the Iron Mountain road at this place, in which capacity he served both the railroad and the people well. When the old Little Rock & Memphis and the Iron Mountain were united, C. L. Eggleston was selected to fill the joint position, and that gentleman's acumen prompted him to appoint Mr. Brown check clerk, and he eventually was placed in charge of the Pacific Express Company, where he rendered entire satisfaction until he resigned in 1889 to embark in the hardware business in the building next to the Times. Obituary: Hon. John M. Brown died Saturday morning, Dec. 20, 1924, in the St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, after an illness of a month.**

The remains were brought to Forrest City and the interment was had in the new Forrest Park cemetery Sunday afternoon, services by Father Norton of the Catholic church. John M. Brown was born March 31, 1850, at Blackhawk, Miss., being a son of John and Euphemia McKinley Brown. He began business as a clerk, afterward learning the printer's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. He received a moderate education in private schools in Carrollton, Miss., facilities in that section being rather limited after the war, during his youth. In 1874 he located in Forrest City, where he engaged as a clerk and occasionally working as a printer. Mr. Brown was twice elected Recorder and three times Mayor of Forrest City, filling these positions with credit to himself and entire satisfaction of his constituents. In 1876 he was married to Miss Stella Miller, of Forrest City, but his married life was of short duration his wife soon dying. In 1880, he was wed to Miss Mary A. Long of Grenada, Miss. Two sons, John and William Brown, two daughters, Lealia and Alma have blessed this union. John died in early manhood. I worked for some time with Mr. Brown in early days on the Times, and have known him for a half a century. Forrest City Times-Herald Dec. 25, 1924

**Brown, John M., Jr. b. 1885 d. 1911-Obit:** Though not unlooked for, the news Saturday, Mar. 25, 1911, that Mr. John M. Brown, Jr., had passed away that morning at his home in this city, caused a sincere wave of sorrow to sweep over the community, where the young man was so well known and universally beloved. Mr. Brown had been in failing health for about fourteen months, and various treatments had been resorted to in hope of saving or prolonging his life. He had been examined and underwent treatment at the hands of various physicians in Memphis and Little Rock, as well as home, and finally underwent an operation just before Christmas in Little Rock, from which he recovered, and after which he seemed to get better. But the improvement was only temporary, and in a few weeks was compelled to take to his room and bed, and in spite of all that medical care and kindly loving care could do, grew gradually weaker and weaker until the end. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. John M. Brown of this city, and was in his twenty sixth year, having been born on Feb. 27, 1885, and had spent his life in this city. He was a quiet, unassuming young man, of a kindly, gentle disposition-sober, industrious and honest, and was beloved by all that knew him. Two years ago he was elected City Recorder, a position he held until his failing health caused his resignation. He had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for four years. He is survived by father and mother, one brother, William M. Brown, of this city, and two sisters, Misses Lealla A, and Alma A., of this city. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Forrest City cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. J. R. Nelson of the Methodist church. Interment was had in the family plot, to which an immense concourse of sorrowing friends followed the hearse to pay their last respects to the deceased, and mingle their tears with those of the bereaved family. Forrest City Times Newspaper Mar. 31, 1911

**Brown, John R. 45421520 b.1833 d.aft.1911-Unknown-Early Mayor of Forrest City-Co.F-1st Arkansas Cavalry Birth:abt 1833 Unk Death: after 1911 Burial Unknown St.Francis Co. Arkansas Confederate Pensions Surname: Brown Given Name: John R.-Application Number:12507-Company:F Regiment:1 State Served From: Arkansas Division: Cavalry Pension County's. Francis Application Year:1911 1880 United States Federal Census-Name: John R. Brown-Home in 1880:Widowed Madison, Saint Francis, Arkansas Age:47 Estimated birth year:abt 1833-Birthplace: Alabama-Relation to Head of Household:Self (Head) Father's birthplace:N.Carolina Mother's Name:Amanda-Barne Divorced b.1827 N.Carolina Occupation: Farmer-Marital Status:Widower-Children:Step Children:Anna L.Davis b.1867, StepSons:Keel A. Davis b.1870, Hugh Davis b.1873, Luiss Davis b.1875 Brown, John R. Age 44 m.1877-12-02 Spouse:> Davis Isabella Mrs. Book D Marriages Age 28 By W.C.Malone, D-79-Brown, John R. Age 45 M.1878-12-31 Spouse:> Lockhart Elizabeth Mrs. Book D Marriages Age 28 By Jas.Shackelford, Mg, D-124-Forrest City Times, 1905 Art Souvenir Page 61: Bio:Merchant by training and application, was born in Lauderdale Co., Alabama, May 24,1833, and moved to Arkansas in Sept.1860. His parents were natives of N.Carolina, and moved to Alabama in 1818. In 1861, at the age of 28, he entered the Confederate Army and served through the entire period, surrendering at Wittsburg as a Confederate, and was paroled. The writer has known him intimately for twenty years, during which time he has followed his chosen occupation, and dealt honorably with the public. He is a lifelong member of the Baptist church, and has ever contributed his influence to the best interests of the community. He is at present engaged in the grocery and restaurant business on North Washington street, catering especially to the trade and patronage of the farmers, to whom he is a staunch friend and with whom he is popular to a degree of great personal satisfaction. Mr. Brown is a Mason, in which order he is highly esteemed as a consistent brother. He has held many positions of trust, and for several years was magistrate of this township. Per 1900 Census:b.May 1833-Forrest City: Spouse Mattie Brown age b.Nov.1837 Alabama-Married 8 years**

**Brown, Robert-Assessor 1876-1880-St.Francis County**

**Buford, Charles D.-Early Mayors Of Forrest City After Grogan**

**Buford, Thomas A.-Mr.Claude D.Buford was born in Forrest City on Sep.14,1914, the son of the late Thomas A. and Claudia (Mallory) Buford, and is well-known and resourceful farmer of St.Francis County.**

**Caldwell, James L. b.1846:Goodspeed's Biography 1884- James L. Caldwell is a native of Tennessee and a son of William and Amanda (Christan) Caldwell, who came originally from South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. William Caldwell was born in 1811 and was reared on a farm, removing to Bedford Co., Tenn., when a young man, where he was married in 1844 to the mother of our subject. In 1861 they came to this county, and here**

**the father engaged in farming and also in the milling business, in which he was occupied until his death in 1865. He was a prominent citizen of his county, a member of the Masonic order and of the I.O.O.F, and belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and at one time, while a resident of Bedford Co., Tenn., represented that county in the State legislature. Mrs. Caldwell was born in Bedford Co.,Tenn., in Feb.,1816, and died in April, 1888. James L. Caldwell also first saw the light of day in Bedford County, his natal day being March 23,1846, and when a young man he took charge of his father's mill, continuing it until 1864. Then he enlisted in a company raised by C.M.Biscoe, which formed a part of McGee's regiment,(The Fifth Arkansas Cavalry), was elected second lieutenant, and a short time after promoted to First Lieutenant. After the war he returned home and engaged in merchandising for about a year, subsequently entering into the saw mill business, which he followed in this and Cross Counties until selling out to his brother in 1887. He erected a mill two miles west of Caldwell, and also took a contract for building ten miles of the Bald Knob Railroad which he completed the following year. Mr. Caldwell has built and owned fourteen different mills in St.Francis and Crittenden Counties, and now owns the mill near Caldwell and a half interest in a mill in the last named county; besides this he has and operates several farms in these two counties and Cross County, in all about 1,800 acres, with over 100 acres under cultivation, the rest being fine timber land. He aided largely in putting in most of the bridges in St.Francis and Crittenden Counties, and now has taken the contract for the erection of the buildings for the Little Rock Oil Company. He was married November 20,1974, to Miss Annie Halbert, a daughter of John Halbert, a native of Missouri. They are the parents of six children: Willie J., Lillie A., Mary Ann, Henry H., Tennie and James L. Mr. Caldwell was justice of the peace of Johnson Township for six years, and is one of the prominent men of his county. He is a member of the Masonic order, and belongs to the County Wheel, being made vice-president at its organization here.**

#### **Calvert Brothers: Pioneers-Among The Earliest Settlers In The County)**

**Campbell, Annie Austin, Miss.:Few men and women in public service in Arkansas enjoy the deep respect and unqualified confidence the people of St.Francis County have shown in her due to her abilities as County Clerk, Miss Annie A.Campbell. In an office which is charged with the responsibility of the county's tax record, Miss Annie has few peers, if any. Miss Annie is the daughter of Silas Calvin and Jessie (Griggs) Campbell. Griggs township was named for her great grandfather, J.M.Griggs, Sr., who was one of the early county judges. Her grandfather, J.M.Griggs, Sr., also served as a county judge. Miss Annie was first elected in 1940-and has been re-elected each succeeding term without opposition. Miss Annie can always be found in her office attending to the tremendous amount of detailed bookkeeping. The cherished reputation for competence, accuracy, and honorable public trust Miss Annie has earned is deeply appreciated by the people of St.Francis County and is recognized throughout the state. She is a member of the**

**Methodist church, County Clerk's Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, and Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the original Garden Club. She attended Forrest City High School and Draughon's Business College in Little Rock. She is a sister of Tom C. and William W.Campbell, other well known citizens of Forrest City. County Clerk 1941-1955-St.Francis Co.**

**Campbell, R. P.-See city of Caldwell-Carpenters and Builders-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 38:C.A.Ahlstedt/ G.W.Leggett/ M.L.Monroe/A.Franks/James Franks/ W.E.Evans/Shell Ezell/Bark Ezell/John Waterman/ Charlie Bohne/John Klopp/John Winfield/J.B.Beck**

**Campbell, Silas Calvin b.1854 d.1935:Married to Miss Jessie (Griggs), had three children:William W.Campbell, Miss Annie A.Campbell, and Tom T.Campbell=Son Of Thomas Campbell And Martha Phillips (Izard), Daughter Of Mark W.Izard**

**Campbell, William Wilson b.1889 d.1970- In "Mister Will," for thirty years President and now Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas (NBEA), the people of Forrest City and St.Francis County have an almost legendary figure in United States banking. Born in 1889 on the family farm nine miles north of Forrest City on Crowley's Ridge, the same place as where his mother was born. A graduate of the old Crowley Ridge Institute, Mr.Campbell furthered his education at the University of Arkansas and later at the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he specialized in Business and Banking. He returned to become Assistant Bookkeeper at Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. for six months, and when a vacancy occurred at the NBEA. His father's friend, Capt. James Fussell, President of NBEA, who gave him his first position in banking, which was to become his life's work. He eventually became President in 1923 when Capt.Fussell died. On Dec.14,1916, he married Miss Victoria Mann, daughter of W.B. and Pearl (Parham) Mann, prominent in business and farming in Lee County. To this union has been born two children, William Mann Campbell, now President of NBEA, and Ann, gracious wife of Mr. Dennis Y.Jarratt, a progressive farmer of St.Francis county. Mr.Campbell is the son of Silas Calvin and Jessie (Griggs) Campbell. They had three children, William W. and the late J. Tom Campbell, respected Sect./Treas. of The Service Company, and a daughter, Annie A., beloved County Clerk of St.Francis County. Silas Campbell, who died Feb.25,1935, was one of the most honorable men who ever lived in this county. Mrs. Jessie Campbell, being 89 years, is probably the oldest surviving pioneer women in the county. The article goes on with him many accomplishments to date!**

**Carson, E. R.-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Colored, an artist of rare ability, and has painted portraits in oil of several prominent citizens with great and creditable success. He is also proprietor of the Washington Street Tonsorial and Bath Parlors.**

## **Casbeer, Jet-see Telico Township**

**Casbeer, Thomas Casbeer Sr. was one of the pioneer families in St. Francis County, arriving in 1817.**

**Casteel, Calloway-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 33:Among the old landmarks of Forrest City Methodism were also the late Calloway Casteel and his wife. They were octogenarians, and had been members of the Methodist church for sixty years**

**Casteel, John: Goodspeed's Biography 1884 from Blount County came to Arkansas c 1828 Sometime probably around 1828 John Casteel [3] from Blount County, TN moved to Arkansas, settling down about 20 miles west of the Mississippi near what would become Forrest City in St. Francis County (see map below). According to history (1884) the first settlers came into St. Francis County starting around 1819 from TN and KY, and the "Castiles" are named as early pioneers. The case connecting this John to the John Casteel [3] of Blount County is straightforward and convincing. For example, not only is John [3] the only John that we know of that was born in the 1760's (taken from the 1830 census), but he sold his land in Blount in 1828 (the same year he moved to Arkansas), several neighbors of John's from Blount moved to the same area at the same time (e.g. Henry Franks), and his daughter Patience married John Varvel (son of the Philip Varvel who was John [3]'s neighbor in Greene County, TN) who also came down to St. Francis County and lived among the Casteel's for several years. John is mentioned several times in early St. Francis County records. He purchased an 80 acre tract on Nov 10, 1830 [#3 on map below], and sometime before 1840 he acquired a 160 acre tract just south of there (both tracts are mentioned in his 1840 administration). He is named in the 1830 census as 60-70 years old (dating his birth to the 1760's) with a wife the same age. In this census he is listed immediately after Philip Casteel, then Henry and Chisley Franks, (and a page after Moses Casteel and John Varvel). By 1840 John died, survived by his wife Jemima and his several grown children. The administration of his estate was executed in 1840, as detailed below: To Henry Casteel, John Varvel, - right of his wife Patience Varvel, alias Patience Casteel; Robert Haslip, in right of his wife Nancy Haslip, alias Nancy Casteel; and Elizabeth Gilbreath, and to all whom it may concern. Take Notice that we, the under signed Administrators of the estate of John Casteel, late of St Francis County, and State of Arkansas, deceased, will apply to the Probate Court of St Francis County, State of Arkansas, at the October term thereof next ensuing this date, for partition of the slaves and real estate belonging to the estate of the said John Casteel, late of said county, deceased: the negroes of the following names, to wit: Tisby, Molly, Alexander, Adam, John, and Charlotte: the real estate is of the Half of the south-west quarter of section three of township four north in range three east, containing eighty (80) acres. Also, the south-east quarter of section fourteen (14) township four (4) in range three (3) east, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres all in St Francis county and State aforesaid; - if it can be equitably done, and if not, that the said Negroes**

and land be sold, and the proceeds divided, as the law directs. John Casteel - Phillip Casteel, Administrators of the Estate of John Casteel, deceased, Madison - August 5, 1840 - 32-6th Robert W Casteel, adm. of the estate of John Casteel Sr., Dec'd, Court at Most Vernon - 1848[Casteel Research, Jean Brown, XVII-r, p 229] John's estate - 6 slaves; 2 tracts of land: 80 acres - « of SW quarter of S3, T4N, R3E; 160 acres - SE quarter of S14, T4, R3E (both in St. Francis County)

**Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir of 1905 page 116:They occupy the ground floor of the west end of the Marion Hotel as the passenger station and telegraph, ticket and express office, handling the large business of the Wells-Fargo Express Co.. Mr.M.L. Bowers, of Martinsburg, Pa., is the capable and courteous agent, having been transferred to this place from Tishomingo, Indian Territory. He succeeded Mr.H.O.Enger, a few months ago. He, with four years service, had previously had 20 years experience with the Missouri-Pacific road. Mr.Frank Doyle is the cashier, a Forrest City boy who works hard, saves his money, and is highly esteemed for his affable disposition. Other assistants are Mr.J.T.Moore, day operator, and Mr.Clarence Dicus, night operator, and Mr.Bruce Wilgus, freight man.**

**Clark, James Albert b.1884: James Albert Clark holds a prominent place in the development of St.Francis County. In addition to supervising the operation of his highly cultivated 1000 acre farm along Hwy 70 East of Forrest City, he is also a partner in the Hill & Clark Mercantile Store, and Director of the Hill Gin. Mr. Clark was born June 3,1884, son of George and Betty Clark of St.Francis County. In Sep.1910, he married Miss Allie B.Watts of Little Rock, who passed away Nov.1,1913. He returned to his home county in 1922 and engaged in farming. "Jim" Clark then married Miss Vera Mae Lancaster on Dec.12,1923, daughter of Ulman and Mary Lancaster of St.Francis County.**

**Clifton, William Thomas: Goodspeed's Biography: an active carpenter of Forrest City, was born in Elerton, Jefferson Co., Alabama, near Birmingham, March 23,1823, being a son of Amza H. and Adeliss (Goode) Clifton, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Clifton was a Scotch man by birth and came to America about the close of the Revolutionary War, settling in North Carolina, where he married a Miss Martha Rice, daughter of John Rice. Mr.Rice was in the employ of the United States Government as a surveyor under President Monroe, and assisted in moving the Indians west, receiving 5,000 acres of land for his services, part of which tract is the land on which Memphis is now situated, and to this day it is known as the Rice grant. The father of Adelissa Goode (Thomas Goode), was a soldier and served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and was commissioned colonel in Gen. Washington's body guard, and his grandson, Thomas Goode Clark, was a soldier in the late war, and fell at the battle of Gettysburg, together with his son; the pine boards which marked their resting place are now among the relics at the Libby Prison War**

**Museum. Mr. Amza H. Clifton was born in Caswell County, N.C., and was married in 1821 at Hopkinsville, Ky. he settled in Jefferson County, Alabama, moved to Tennessee about 1828 and located in Covington, Tenn. where he lived about ten years, and then moved to Mississippi in 1837. In 1840 going to Memphis, Tenn., he resided there until his death in 1849. William T. Clifton gave his attention to the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction until of age, and in 1845 came to Arkansas, but remained only a short time, in 1847 making another trip. IN 1848 he was married to Miss Araminta Cathey, and settled in Mount Vernon near the present site of Forrest City, where he has since lived. He and wife are the parents of three children: Mattie C. (wife of Joseph M. Davis, of this city), William, ( a confectioner of Morrilton, Ark.), and Mollie, now Mrs. Ritter of the same place. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton are members of the Baptist church. He is a strong Democrat and a prominent citizen.**

**Coffey, William H., b.1841 d.1902 Judge 1886-1892-St. Francis County: Goodspeed's Biography 1884-Judge W.H.Coffey, an eminent lawyer of St. Francis County, widely known and highly esteemed by his associates on the bench, is originally of Fayette Co., Tenn., but was taken by his parents when an infant, to DeSoto, County, Mississippi, in which state his father died two years later. His mother then returned to her father's home in Hardeman County, Tenn., and afterward married John Coates, of that county. In 1861 Mr.Coffey enlisted in the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, taking an active part in the battles of Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, and a number of others. He was captured and taken prisoner at the battle of Missionary Ridge, thence conveyed to Camp Morton, Ind., held in captivity for nine months, when he was exchanged, and receiving a furlough turned his face toward his native land, walking over 225 miles, and reaching home a short time before the surrender. He then took up farming for his livelihood, and in 1869 was married to Miss Mary E. Harris, who died in 1870, leaving one son, James W. In 1872 Mr.Coffey removed to Arkansas, and settled in St. Francis Co., on a farm nine miles from Forrest City, purchasing the first 160 acres of land, to which he has added from time to time, until now he owns 1,120 acres, and besides these he has his home farm, 225 acres, which are under cultivation. Two years after his removal to this county, he was elected justice of the peace, holding this office until 1886, when he was elected county judge, and was again elected to this office in 1888, and is now finishing his second term. In December, 1873, he was again married to Mary A. Houston, a daughter of James M. Houston. They are the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living: Mary E., Martha T., Noma, Nora Belle and Clarence Elbert. Mr.Coffey affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, in which order he has taken the degree of Royal Arch., and in the thirteen years of membership, he has not missed but four regular meetings. He is also a charter member of the County Wheel, being one of the charter members of this lodge, and was its first president.**

**Cole, John H.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: In passing through Eastern Arkansas it would be impossible to meet a gentleman of more marked characteristics than J. H. Cole, the subject of this sketch. He is a typical Tennessean, and a man of more than ordinary physical strength and activity, and the observer needs to be no expert to recognize in him a person of un-yielding determination and will. He still stands erect and walks with the agility of a man of forty years, although three score years and two have passed their mantle upon him, his birth occurring in 1827. He spent his boyhood days in Stewart and Humphries Counties, Tenn., but the monotony of his quiet life made him restless and the opening of the Mexican War gave him an opportunity to see life in its most exciting phase. Eagerly embracing the opportunity, he enlisted in 1846, and followed the fortunes of the war until its close, participating in the famous battles of Monterey and Buena Vista. At the close of hostilities he went to New Orleans, and for two years engaged in the drug business. Returning thence to Tennessee, shortly after he was married in Carroll County to Miss May Mathews, and moved to Hickman, Ky., where he accepted a position as marshal and wharf master. He then came to Madison, the old county seat of Arkansas, landing there in September of 1857, having made the journey from Helena in a dugout or canoe. In Madison he opened a livery business, acting as agent for the line to Hot Springs, and contractor for the lines from Helena to Cherokee Bluff. At the breaking out of the war he joined the Fifth Arkansas State Troops, under Ristor, but when they joined the Confederate army he left and took charge of Hardee's wagon train for Missouri. He was suddenly taken ill, and obliged to come home, but afterward reported to Col. Walker, and was with him in the fight at Helena. He was taken prisoner by Powell Clayton, a short time after receiving his parole; and was once charged with the burning of a boat, and on trial for his life, but Clayton proved him in his hands as a prisoner at the time, which act saved his life as soon as the war closed he opened at Madison the first store in St. Francis County, under the firm name of Cole & Prewett. He received all the goods with which to conduct it from New Orleans on credit, through the influence of friends, and from that departure made a fortune, The firm continued till the Governor of the State called for civil instead of martial law. A committee was appointed to select some reliable man to go and secure the commission from the Governor, but, although various parties were appointed, no one would undertake the venture; accordingly Mr. Cole-always fearless as he was shrewd-started without telling any one of his intention. He went on horseback to Memphis, and from there by boat to Little Rock, where he secured an interview with the Governor, and received the commission. He then returned home and immediately called together some of the most reliable men of the county, appointing them to the various offices. Then in a field close to an old court house, he organized the first county court after the war. The records had been buried there during the war. The commissioner of the post came and ordered him to jail, but he read him the commission from the Governor, showing him that his time of service had expired the day before. Mr. Cole was not in favor of secession, but went with his State when it seceded. A man by**

**the name of Inge was sent from Mississippi before the war for the purpose of preaching secession. Mr. Cole made the remark to Judge Pierce of the county, that it would have been better if South Carolina had slipped into the sea than to have slipped out of the Union. The secessionist procured a pistol and cowhide, and began to whip Mr. Cole. A fight ensued, in which Mr. Inge was killed. Our subject was afterward wholly exonerated by the court.**

**Cook, H. W.-Consumers' Cotton Oil Company- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 44: A branch of the Consumers' Cotton Oil Co. of Chicago. It was built in 1899, and employs from fifty to seventy five people. Mr. Edward Roleson is manager, assisted by Mr.H.W.Cook, and Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth. Mr.R.G.Smith is superintendent of works, and is one of the finest mechanics in the South.**

**Cotton, John Newton: ii. John Cotton died 1836 Ark. had lived near Memphis TN married in Ky., Sarah Easter Nelson 1815 - 10 March 1834 1. John Newton Cotten 2 Mar 1834 - aft Feb 1921 CSA married 20 June 1859 Letha Carolina Taylor 1841 - 1865 a. Emma Howell Cotten 20 April 1862 - married 12 June 1879 Mark Whitaker Izard 2 Mar 1855 - I. John Josephus Izard 17 Nov 1881 - red. Van Buren Ark. married April 1911 Adell Cory ii. Mark Whitaker Izard 5 Aug 1884 - married 1909 Lydia Carolina Smith iii. Letha Cotten Izard - lived Hot Springs Ark. married 2nd Mrs. Louise Pruet. Early Mayor of Forrest City. Goodspeed's Biography 1884:M. W. Izard & Co. are the owners and operators of the largest saw and grist mills and cotton gin in St. Francis County, located near Colt Station. The firm is composed of M. W. Izard and John N. Cotton, both representative, active young business men, and thoroughly worthy of the position to which they have attained. Mr. Izard was born in Fayette County, Tenn., on March 3, 1855, being a son of F. J. and Sarah E. (Whittaker) Izard. Reared in this county, he attended public and private schools and received a good education, and at the age of seventeen was employed as a clerk, which occupation received his attention for about ten years. Subsequently he went into business for himself as a butcher, and two years afterward entered in the saw-mill business, later forming a partnership with his father-in-law, John N. Cotton, in the grist-mill and cotton-gin business. He also owns a large farm of 190 acres of land, with sixty-five acres under cultivation, having good improvements, a small orchard, etc. Mr. Izard was married June 12, 1879, to Miss Emma Cotton, daughter of J. N. Cotton, his partner in business. They are the parents of two boys: John and Mark W. Mr. Izard is an out spoken Democrat, and he and wife are members of the K. & L. of H. John N. Cotton owes his nativity to Western Tennessee, where his birth occurred March 2, 1834. His parents, John and Easter (Nelson) Cotton, were natives of Virginia and of English descent, their ancestors coming to this country in colonial days and taking part in the great struggle for liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton moved from Virginia to Kentucky, and in 1834 to Arkansas, settling on a farm in this county, where they both died within two years after their arrival. John N. worked on a farm, and attended school three months during the first**

seventeen years of his life, improving his spare moments and finding opportunity to prosecute his studies for a few terms after reaching that age. Thus he acquired a good common-school education. He was then engaged in clerking in a grocery at Taylor's Creek, now Colt, until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Twenty-third Arkansas Infantry and served as first lieutenant until the close of hostilities. After peace was restored he embarked in the general mercantile business in Forrest City, followed it for ten or twelve years, and then entered into the tie and timber business in company with his son-in-law, M. W. Izard. Mr. Cotton was married on June 20, 1861, to Miss Taylor, who died in 1865, leaving one daughter, Emma, the wife of Mr. Izard. He was married the second time, September 2, 1867, to Mrs. Gullett. They are the parents of three children: Edna, Guy and Willie. Mr. Cotton has held several important offices since living in Forrest City, among them chief magistrate of the city, and deputy sheriff of the county. His family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities and of the County Wheel, belonging, too, to the K. & L. of H. He is also a thorough Knight of Labor.

**Couch, John-Early Lawyers-Of Forrest City**

**Couch, Judson(Picture 1900 Champion Baseball Team The Choctaws)**

**Council, Simeon-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: The village of Council Bend was named after Redwick Council, who built the first house in that locality, and who was the grandfather of the subject of this biography. His son Simeon, was born in North Carolina, in 1805, and removed to Arkansas in April, 1822, settling in Crittenden county for a short time and then removed to Walnut Bend on the Mississippi River, being married in St. Francis county, in 1827, to Rebecca Lane, who was born in Alabama in April, 1811. He died in April 1848, and his wife in 1879. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are still living: Allen ( a farmer of St. Francis county), Mary J. (now Mrs. McKay, of Hood County, Texas), and William A. The latter was reared in this county and began life for himself at the age of nineteen. He was born here on December 28, 1847, and was married, February 22, 1874, to Miss Anna M. Smith, who died in July of that year. The following April, Miss Elizabeth Filingim became his wife, who died April 22, 1881, leaving one child, now deceased. Mr. Council's third matrimonial venture was in February 1883, to Miss Margaret L. Hubbard, of Alabama nativity, who died two years later, having borne one child, that died in infancy. He joined the Union army at the age of 16, enlisting in the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Infantry, participating in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Big Shanty, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and a number of others. After the conflict Mr. Council went to Wisconsin, and remained two years, then returning to Arkansas and settling in St. Francis County. He is now engaged in the timber business in connection with farming, and owns 160 acres on the St. Francis river, which is very fertile and well timbered.**

**Covey, J. M.- Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 70:On Jul.1,1905, Mr. Eugene Williams partner in the firm, Mr. W.M.Partridge sold his interest in the City Electric Co. to Mr.J.M.Covey, a practicing electrician of Fordyce, who is now operating the plant in an expert manner, and to the satisfaction of their patrons. The plant is situated on the Choctaw tracks, just west of the Crossing of the Missouri Pacific, and is equipped with the latest and most improved machinery. Since Mr.Covey has been connected with the plant, the service has been the best in its history, and they have recently installed a 300 H.P.Southern Corliss Engine, an 150 Kilowatt Bullock 3-Phase rotary field Alternator, and will add other machinery as required. In addition to lighting the homes, business houses, public buildings, factories, streets, and other places at night, they furnish power to the Forrest City Spoke Factory and the Forrest City Bottling Works, and run a fan service day and night. They also sell various electric appliances and conveniences, and will shortly be prepared to furnish motor power to shops and places with which to operate their machinery and take the place of steam and gasoline engines or other power. Mr.Covey is a son of B.C. and Mrs.H.A.Covey, and was born at Ft.Smith, Ark., on Dec.16,1878. His father is a traveling salesman, and a man of considerable means and business sagacity. Our subject received schooling in the Van Buren HS and spent a short time in the Univ. of Arkansas. After finishing school and while yet a mere boy, he began work at the electrical business in Ft.Smith, receiving a salary of \$20 per month. He later went to Little Rock where he engaged in electrical work for two years. From there to Fordyce where he organized a company with a light and water plant, as Superintendent and Manager for 18 months. He was married on Jun.7,1901 to Miss Flora Graham of Ft.Smith, and two fine children, a boy and girl, named John Edward and Thelma Frances, have blessed their union. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and has always given liberally of his means to churches and schools.**

**Cowan, John S. R., Judge b.1847 d.1930-John S.R.Cowan, who was county judge of St.Francis county when the present court house was built in 1899, owned a plantation, one mile from what is now Hughes. He established a post office in his commissary and named it Lulu after his daughter. His land, on the other side of the section line with property owned by Robert M.Hughes, which parallels the present county road through the town, Judge Cowan owned most of the land. He donated land for a hotel and years later gave some more land for the negroes school. Trains of passenger cars and boxcars operated on the new railroad in 1913, hauling thousands of car loads of logs. The official name for the road was "Marianna Cut-off", but most local citizens called it the "Mud Line" or the "Limb Dodger". In 1916 Judge Cowan built the first brick building in the town, one is now occupied by R.B.Wise Drug Store No.1 and the other by the Good Luck store. Judge 1894-1898-St.Francis County-Obituary: Cowan, J.S.R. Judge-d.Jan.1930-Obit-Forrest City, Jan 17- J S R Cowan, who served as St. Francis county Judge from 1894 to 1898, died at his home in Memphis, 139 N.Evergreen, on Wednesday afternoon. Burial**

was in Memphis today. Mr. Cowan built the town of Hughes and owned many business buildings there. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Cowan, and two daughters, Mrs. G L Brady of Memphis and Mrs. T K Russell of Chicago, Ill; ag1/18/30 Per Death Certificate in Memphis, Tenn., Died on Jan.15,1930, b.Tenn., age 83- He was a lawyer, His father was Alex T.Cowan b.Tenn.; wife was Rebecca, per daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou (Cowan) Parker-Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Crawford, John Calvin b.1878 d.1943-Obituary: Death Claims J. C. Crawford, Coroner of St. Francis County For 12 Years -St. Francis County Coroner, John Calvin Crawford, beloved husband of Bennie Mae McLaren Crawford, died Tuesday morning at his home at 11 West Front St. following a short illness of three weeks. He was 65 years old. Coroner Crawford's last official act was to hold the inquest, Friday, for victims of the Downey Hotel fire. Although ill, he did not decline to fulfill his duties. Mr. Crawford had held the office of coroner of St. Francis for about 12 years. He is survived by his wife, a son-William (Bill) Crawford of Mississippi, a daughter Mary Myrtle Beadles-of Forrest City, and two granddaughters-Billie Clarice and Mary Louise Beadles. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Johnnie Mae Crawford. Services for Mr. Crawford will be held Thursday at Steven's Funeral Home. Rev. Cobb of the Presbyterian Church will officiate. Mr. Crawford will be buried in Hughes Cemetery. (Courtesy of Descendant Clarice Beadles Dec.1,2008)**

**Notes on Family in St.Francis County: I think the other McLarens (McClarens) were descendents of my great-grandpa's brother. They came to St. Francis County at the same time in 1880's. My Great-grandpa settled on RT. 1 North of Forrest City and built a dog trot house there. His brother went to the Madison area. Stevens Funeral Home took care of all the dead in the family. My grandpa, John C. Crawford; grandmother, Bennie Mae McLaren; sister, Carlene Beadles; infant aunt, Johnnie Mae Crawford; great aunt, Myrtle McLaren; Great grandpa, William McLaren; Great grandma, L.A. Dillon McLaren (she married again after her husband died and is buried as L.A. Clark); and Mr. Clark are all buried in Hughes Cem. Yes, she lived with Grandma and Grandpa after Mr. Clark died and rented the farm on Rt. 1 out to other people. She is in the 1930 census in their home. My Uncle Bill was buried in Holly Springs, MS.; My mother, Mary M. Beadles dad, Aaron Carl Beadles; and sister Mary Louise Beadles(Harris, Ward, House/ married three times) are all buried in Lone Tree Cem. in Stuttgart. Two aunts on the Beadles side of the family are buried in St. Francis Co. at Posey Cem. out from Wheatley. Their names were Mary Lue (Aunt Mamie) Klutts, and Josephine ( Aunt Josie) Clifton.**

**Crawford, P. P. Coroner 1862-1864-St.Francis County**

**Crouch, Spencer-(Circuit Clerk 1829-1833-St.Francis County**

**Crowley Ridge Institute School- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 43:The Forrest City Times took the need for a new school for the city in the Oct.27,1893 issue of**

the paper. On Jun.11,1894, a meeting of the School Board was called for the purpose of discussing plans, etc. of a \$15,000 building. Judge John Gatling and Hon. Walter Gorman, of the Board, were appointed to secure options on a site. At a meeting on Feb.15,1894 Hon. Walter Gorman had stated there was only \$5,000 available for building purposes, and that it would be necessary to call for private subscriptions. After the school board elections, Capt. James Fussell and Mr. Louis Rollwage were re-elected, and the board begin in earnest to supply a new building. The site was selected and rough plans drawn. At a mass meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> with Rev.W.H.Paslay presiding, and Hon. Walter Gorman as Secretary, Judge John Gatling, Rev. F.E.Taylor, Eld.H.Rhodes Moran, Sen. R.J.Williams, Rev. N.B.Fizer, Mr.J.M.Prewett, Mr. Louis Rollwage, Mr.I.H.Lutz and others addressed the meeting. After subscribing some of the money, on Jun.29<sup>th</sup> building plans of C.G.Rosenplanter , of Memphis, were accepted. John Eichbert was given the contract for the heating apparatus. On July 19<sup>th</sup> the bid of Bartl & Eberhart, contractors, of Memphis, was approved and they began work on the 24<sup>th</sup>. On Aug.20,1894 the cornerstone was laid under auspices of the Masonic Lodge. Some loans were needed in order to pay for the construction which took many years to repay. Three courses are given, English, Latin and Science.

**Davant, R. C.-First School Teacher-Of Forrest City**

**Davis, Anthony D.-1836 Goodspeed's Biography: Anthony D. Davis, also actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in 1836 near the present site of Corinth, Miss., made historic during the war by one of the most famous battles of that period. His parents were Arthur and Elizabeth E. (Smith) Davis, natives of North Carolina. Anthony Davis did not receive many advantages from an education in youth, a few months passed in a neighboring school during the winter months, comprising the whole amount of his literary instruction. His first venture on his own account was at the age of nineteen, when he accepted a position as manager of a large plantation, discharging the manifold duties connected therewith in a most satisfactory manner. Soon becoming tired of this employment, and wishing to own land of his own, he resigned his position, much to the regret of his employers, and went to DeSoto County, Miss.. Not long after his arrival at that point the War broke out, which, of course, destroyed all his plans, for the time, at least. He enlisted Sept.15,1861, in Company G., Thirty-first Tennessee Regiment, Capt. Baker's company and Col.Bradford's regiment, and participated in the battles of Belmont, Chickamauga, Perryville, etc. At the close of the war Mr. Davis removed to St.Francis County, purchasing a farm of 240 acres, of which he has cleared and has in a good state of cultivation 140 acres. His improvements are such as would credit to any country, and his beautiful residence furnished in such excellent taste, gives evidence of culture and refinement. In addition to his farming operations he is an extensive stock raiser. In 1865 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Maria Prewett, and to them a family of four children were born: Daisy and Arthur now living, and Cheatham and William (deceased). In politics Mr.**

**Davis is a Democrat, and in religious faith a Methodist. His wife is a Baptist, and a lady of many excellent traits and characteristics. Mr. Davis is a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises, but many of his generous acts never reach the ears of the world.**

**Davis, D. W.- Coroner 1834-1836-St.Francis County-Goodspeed's Biography: D. W.Davis, a brother of John M.Davis, whose sketch appears in this work, and a relative of Jeff.Davis, is a son of Cornelius Davis, the latter having come to Arkansas from Kentucky, his former home in 1828. At that time the Territory was but thinly settled, the forests were filled with bear, deer, wild turkey and other game, and the mode of traveling was in ox carts or on horseback. Our subject was reared to farm life, but had no advantages for acquiring and education when he was a boy, and it is a fact that, up to his eighteenth birthday, he could neither read nor write. He was born in this county December 9,1833. In 1851 he ran away from home, and went to Fulton County, Illinois, where he attended school for three years, working for his board and enough to keep him in clothes. Then returning home he commenced teaching school, and in that way earned means to take him through college, after which he took a course in civil engineering at the McKendrie College. Subsequently he went to Leavenworth, Kansas, and took part in the border wayfarer in Missouri and Kansas. Becoming located at Omaha, he was engaged in his profession of surveying a short time, but later returned to St.Francis County, and in 1857-58 held the position of deputy sheriff. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the Crittenden Rangers, the first company raised in Arkansas. A few months later he helped Marsh Walker raise his regiment, of which he was made Captain and commissary. After the war, Mr. Davis came home and commenced farming, and also took up the study of law, afterward entering upon his practice, but soon abandoned the legal profession and resumed farming. This he still follows, and is also engaged in surveying, in addition being timber inspector of the Third district, comprising St.Francis, Cross and Poinsett Counties. He has the credit of sending in more money than any other inspector in the state. He has a fine farm with over 100 acres under cultivation, upon which are good buildings and a fine orchard. His principal crop is cotton, but does not confine himself to that one product as do some. He has also tried introducing thoroughbred short-horned cattle, but the country is not yet educated up to seeing the value of fancy stock. Mr. Davis was married in 1863 to Mrs.McClintock. They are the parents of five children:Blanche (wife of James W.Steward, who was superintendent of the public schools for ten years), De Witt (nineteen years of age and who is studying surveying, of which he has practical knowledge, having at the State Fair at Little Rock competed and taken the prize for the best plot of a thirty-two sided farm and architectural drawings), Annie, David, and Mabel. Mr. Davis and wife are member of the Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor, and is a strong Democrat.**

**Davis, H. C.- Circuit Clerk 1874-1880-St.Francis County**

**Davis, John M. b.1845 d.1923-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:John M. Davis is numbered among the well-known farmers and stock raisers of Franks Township. He was born on the farm on which he still lives, in 1845. His parents Cornelius and Eliza (Holbert) Davis, were natives of Kentucky. The former came to Arkansas in 1828, and remained one year, then returning to Kentucky, where he was married in 1832, moving permanently to this county, and engaging in farming. At that time the country was very thinly settled, the nearest market being Helena. He first entered 160 acres of land, but at the time of his death, in 1868, at the age of sixty-three years, owned 600 or 700 acres. John M. Davis grew to manhood on his father's farm, his early educational opportunities being limited, as the senior Davis was one of those men who believed in acquiring a competence before spending it. When eighteen years old John went to Kentucky, and attended school for about two years. After the war, in which he did not take part on account of poor health, he returned to Arkansas and resumed farming, and is now conducting the old homestead which his father entered and improved on coming to this State, and where he was born. Mr. Davis has been twice united in the bonds of matrimony. First, in 1868, to Mary C. Folbre, who died in 1871, leaving one son, Thomas C., who was killed in a railroad wreck in 1887. Mr. Davis took for his second wife Miss Hester A. Davis, in January, 1874, a daughter of Rev. Arthur Davis, of Western Tennessee. They are the parents of ten children: Benjamin, Arthur W., Mattie P., Drucilla, John, Susie, Eliza, Myrtle, Claudia and Elizabeth. Mr. Davis is one of the most prominent Democrats of this locality, and is now the efficient sheriff of St. Francis County, and a man whose name is a terror to law breakers. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Davis is also connected with the Masonic order. Goodspeed's 1884. Obituary: Obituary: It was with sorrow and regret that the news of the death of Mr. John M.Davis, better known as "Uncle Jack", was received over the city today. He died Friday night and had been ill for several weeks and passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends. In the death of Uncle Jack another of the old landmarks is obliterated, he having been born in St.Francis county, 78 years ago, July 11, 1845. He was the son of Cornelius and Eliza Halbert Davis, who were early settlers of the county in the Millbrook Community a few miles from the city. He leaves 10 children who will greatly miss him:B.L.Davis of Little Rock, A.W. and J.L.Davis of Prescott, Ariz.; Miss Pearl Davis of the city; Mrs. Joe Mosby of Crawfordsville; Mrs.E.J.Barrow of this city; Mrs.J.A.Cargile of Memphis; Miss Myrtle Davis of Memphis; Mrs. John Mosby of Memphis; and Mrs.M.R.Atkinson of Memphis. Uncle Jack served as high sheriff of St.Francis county in the early days, and was a familiar figure in old time politics. He had been a famous bear hunter and his exploits in chasing bruins was listened to with interest by all. Interment will take place Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Services by Rev.W.W.Womack, of the Methodist church. Active pall bearers: W.P.Gorman, J.F.Wolfe, J.L. Alley, Arthur Mosby, Minor Atkinson, A.D.McDaniel, Rolfe Eldridge, Bert Mallory,. Honorary:Ed Landvoigt, Jim DeRossitt, M.H.Gaines, W.J.Lanier, W.A.Pearson, H.A.Ferrell, E.B.Smith, Dr.D.A.Pelton,**

**Robt.Brittain, J.R.Scott, D.E.Hoshall, W.S.Alley, J.V.Campbell. Peace to his ashes. Forrest City Times-Herald May 19,1923**

**Davis, Thomas Jefferson:The The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 63:Thomas Jefferson Davis was born near Forrest City on February 17,1844. He is a son of Cornelius and Eliza (Halbert) Davis, who were among the early settlers of Arkansas, and his father was of old English and German stock. Mr. Davis received an education in the schools of this county, and by close study of current literature is one of the best posted men in Eastern Arkansas. He was married on January 27,1871 to Martha "Mattie" A. Hood, of Somerville, Tennessee, and five children have blessed this union, as follows: Lulu, now Mrs.S.C.Neel;Lollie, now Mrs.R.K.Fitzhugh of Woodruff county; Jessie Hood, Thomas Brandenburg and Mattie Mal. Mr. Davis is a planter, owning his home of 200 acres of the finest land west of Crowley Ridge, and has been eminently successful and given each of his five children a college education. Obituary: Thomas Jefferson Davis died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ollie Davis Fitzhugh, Augusta, Ark. on Thursday night, May 13,1920. The tiding of his death reached this city Thursday night, and caused regret, sorrow, and sympathy from his legion of relatives, friends and acquaintances. Mr. Davis a year or so ago had a stroke of paralysis, which incapacitated him from active life, but was apparently recovering. On Thursday evening he appeared in fairly good spirits and insisted that his wife, and Mrs. Neel, should go to the movies. However, his wife remained at home, and about 9 o'clock Mr. Davis was seized with a fainting spell, and in a few moments passed into the great beyond. He was born near Forrest City on what is known as the Jack Davis farm, on Feb.17,1844. He was son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius and Emma (Halbert) Davis, who were among the earliest settlers of Arkansas. Mr. Davis received an education in the schools of this county, and was one of the best posted men in Eastern Arkansas. He was married Jan.27,1871 to Mattie A.Hood, of Somerville, Tenn. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Lula Davis Neel, Mrs. Ollie Davis Fitzhugh, Chicago, Illinois, Miss Mattie Davis, one son, Mr. Jesse Davis of Baltimore, Md. and a brother, Mr. Jack Davis of this city. The remains were brought to this city Saturday night, accompanied by his wife and three daughters, and interment was had in the Forrest City cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev.O'Bryant of the Methodist church conducting the ceremony. All immediate members of the family were able to attend, save Mr. Jesse Davis, who was out west on a trip, and unable to be contacted. Others from out of town:Mrs.Lila Hood Barry (adopted daughter of the deceased), Mr. and Mrs.J.B.Hood, Miss Myrtle Davis and Mrs.Elziabeth Davis Adkins of Memphis, B.F.Hood, Edwin Hood, and Ben L.Davis of Little Rock. Forrest City Times Newspaper May 20,1920.Arkansas Confederate Pensions Surname:Davis Given Name:T. J.-Application Number:8990-Company:B Regiment:Hart's ( 30 )State Served From: Arkansas Division: Infantry Pension County: Phillips Application Year:1914**

**Dean, Samuel Jewel b.1891 d.1963--The name of Samuel J.Dean will always occupy a position of prominence in the history of the banking profession of Eastern Arkansas because of the outstanding career of this unusual man which began when he was 18 years of age. Mr.Dean was born Feb.5,1891, in Pike County, Arkansas. His father, Miles P.Dean was born in South Carolina. He came to Arkansas with his parents, who settled on a farm, and he himself was a farmer. His father died in 1919, Mrs.Lellie (Hanna) Dean, mother of Samuel J.Dean was born in Tennessee and she died in 1931. He attended public school in Okolona, Clark County. In 1909 he became the bookkeeper for the Clark County Bank of Gurdon, Arkansas. In 1920, he accepted a position with the State Banking Dept. as a Bank Examiner. On Jan.17,1921 he came to Forrest City as VP and Vice President of Planters Bank & Trust Co., and became President in 1934. He held several other positions over the years, and sold his interest in Planters in 1948. He was appointed State Bank Commissioner of Arkansas in and served in 1949. In Oct.1911, he married Claudia Turrentine of Arkadelphia, and they have three daughters; Margaret Louise, now Mrs.C.C.Fogg of Widener, who have three children, Shannon, Dean, John Sidney and Claudia Christine, now Mrs J.M.York of Montgomery, Pa.; and Dorothy, employee of Forrest City Finance Co.**

**DeRossitt, Frank W. b.1859 d.1922--The Forrest City Times' At Souvenir-1905-Page 55:Hon.Frank W. DeRossitt, the subject of this sketch, was born on October 1,1859, in Kentucky, and is a son of Tolbert and Medussa DeRossitt, who were pioneers of Texas. He was educated in the common schools and came to Arkansas in 1879, locating in Mississippi county. Later he moved to Crittenden county, and in 1888 came to St.Francis County, where he expects to live and die. He was married in 1887 to Miss Sallie Persons, of Tennessee, and lived happily until her death in 1900. In 1901 he was married to Miss Mattie Watts, of Missouri, and two children-a boy and a girl, named respectively James and Louise-have blessed their union. He owns and operates a farm, of over 700 acres, 500 in cultivation, and yields a bale of cotton or 60 bushels of corn per acre, with a minimum amount of work, He is out of debt and is prosperous, and attributes his success in life to his indomitable energy. On the farm is located the celebrated Fishing lake. He was selected in 1897 to represent the county in the lower house of the General Assembly of Arkansas, and again in 1901, and now holds that position. In this position he has had many bills of local and general importance. The DeRossitt game law, for instance is known far and near. His four wire fence law now applies to the entire territory of St.Francis County.**

**DeRossitt, James M. b.1851 d.1931--The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 57: James DeRossitt was born in the Lone Star state in 1851. He is the eldest son of Tolbert and Medussa DeRossitt, who were pioneers of that country. He later moved to Kentucky, and thence in 1874 to Arkansas and located in the St.Francis basin. He very patriotically believes the latter act to have been the greatest event in his life. He is a farmer by**

occupation, and has made a success at his chosen calling. He is a Democrat in politics, having learned its principles in infancy, and is intensely southern in his views, a characteristic which is admired by his friends, of whom he has a host. Jim DeRossitt, as he is familiarly known, is well posted on the local conditions and a thorough believer in the future of this section.

**Dickerson, M. H.- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 82:Operator of Forrest City Gin Co. with James Wolfe. He had full charge of the mechanical department, and had over fourteen years experience in erecting gins for Continental Gin Co. of Birmingham, Alabama. He is a native of Alabama and was married on Feb.14,1900 at Greenville, Alabama to Miss Myrtle Ellen Rees, of Louisville, Ky., and they located in Forrest City in 1904. He has carefully overhauled the plant of the gin, and much of its popularity is due to his integrity and painstaking efforts. It is one of the two of the best square bale gins in Forrest City. It is known as "The Big Red Gin" and was organized in 1898 by: James Fussell, now the President, W.S.Graham, J.W.Beck, L.Rollwage, and Becker & Lewis. Mr. Alexander Becker is Vice President, Mr.J.T.Fondren is Sect/Treas., and James Wolfe is Superintendent. Located on Rosser street between North Front and Jackson on the "Y" of the two railroads. They ginned 3,875 bales of cotton last year. The other gin is the Planter's Gin Company which was organized in 1903. They at first leased what had been the Havens Gin on North Rosser Street which they operated for a year, with great success, ginning about 2,500 bales of cotton. The following year they leased land from Mr.R.J.Izard, on the corner of Grant and Garland streets, near the Missouri Pacific Railway Depot, and the plant was erected during the summer of 1904 with four Gullett gin stands, four Pratt gin stands, two presses, and two Sailor cotton elevators, a 100 hp engine and boiler, and other equipment. The incorporators were: Pettus & Buford, Brandon & Baugh, Eugene Williams, J.B.Terry, N.B.Nelson, E.Turley, Jack Pipkin, J.O.Bridgforth, Dan Wylds, W.C.Beasley, T.B.Sellers, Tom Lewis; with J.D. Baugh as President, Mr.R.L.Pettus as Vice President, Mr. Eugene Williams as Sect/Treas. Mr. John Banner Terry was the Manager last year. The business this year is under Manager Mr. Will David.**

**Dooley & Horney- Painters and Paperhangers-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:They are Charles Vogel, Ernest Hammond, Dooley & Horney, Bob Littell and Bill T. Hall.**

**Dooley, Hammond Porter, Dr.-b.1847 d.1929-CIVIL-McDonald's Company of Tennessee Cavalry. BIO-Photo May 2006-Husband of Rhoda H.Dooley-Grave Stones. Among those who have contributed liberally to the numerous enterprises of Forrest City, and are recognized as leading citizens the name of H. P. Dooley, dentist, is a familiar one. He is a native of Tennessee, his birth occurring in Maury County in 1847, being the son of W. A. and Sarah (Joyce) Dooley. W. A. Dooley was born in 1820, participated in the Civil War**

and died in 1877. The grandfather came originally from North Carolina and raised the first company of soldiers in Tennessee for the Creek War. He entered the service as captain, but came out as colonel, dying a few years afterward. The great-grandfather was of Ireland origin, and the great-grandmother from Scotland. H. P. Dooley, the subject of this sketch, received his literary education in the schools of his native State, afterward entering a seminary near Memphis, where the breaking out of the war found him. Putting away his books, despite his ambition to obtain a good education, he joined McDonald's Company of Tennessee Cavalry, serving in the Confederate army two and a half years. He was twice wounded, first receiving a severe wound in the leg, and the second time his arm was broken. Eighteen of his company were shot down, and a ball, which passed through his arm, knocked the mounting from his gun and injured him quite seriously. After recovering sufficiently to admit of his again entering the service, he returned and remained until the final surrender. The first year after the war Mr. Dooley engaged in farming, but attended school the winter of 1866, subsequently commencing the study of his profession under the tutelage of R. G. Edwards and next with one W. F. Southern. After one year spent in traveling in Northern Mississippi he came here, locating in Forrest City in 1870. When he began he had but very little, except undaunted courage and a determination to succeed, which is doubtless the secret of his present prosperity. He has amassed quite a fortune, and owns one of the most attractive residences in the city. He takes much interest in fine stock, paying careful attention to raising the same, and is trying to get the people interested generally in this industry. Mr. Dooley was married in Forrest City to Miss R. H. Johnson, a native of Arkansas and a daughter of G. V. C. Johnson. He was sheriff of this county at the time of his death. His father, John C. Johnson, was representative of St. Francis County for several years. Mr. Dooley has traveled quite extensively, and is a genial, courteous gentleman, one who makes friends wherever he may go. His business takes him in various parts of the State, and his reputation as an efficient dentist is an enviable one. He became a member of the Masonic lodge when it could boast of only seven members, and to him the lodge owes its present prosperous state. He was Worshipful Master four years, but recently refused to act any longer, though prevailed upon to accept the secretary ship; he has held an office ever since becoming identified with the order in 1872, in which year he was made Master Mason. From Goodspeed's Biography, 1884. He was married to Rhoda H. Johnson (daughter of G. V. C. Johnson and Cynthia A.) in 1872. Rhoda H. Johnson was born in 1851 in Arkansas. Obituary: Dr. H. P. Dooley, one of the older residents of the city, passed away at his home last Thursday, Feb. 21, 1929, at the age of 82 years. Funeral services were held the following day, conducted by Rev. Eli Myers, pastor of the First Methodist church, and by Forrest City Lodge No. 198, F. & A. M. Deceased was probably the oldest Mason in this county and held many offices of honor in this order. He is survived by one brother, George M. Dooley, and three sisters, Mrs. McCain of Pine Bluff, Mrs. W. F. Horney and Mrs. Laura Mallory. Pall bearers were from the Masonic order as follows: John

**W.Alderson, Dr.H.R.Clark, J.M. Gilliam, A.C.Bridewell, W.J.Lanier, and H.A.Knight. Dr. Dooley was one of the best known men of the county, and held in high esteem by all. He had been in failing health for some time and the end was not unexpected, but nevertheless brought genuine sorrow to the hearts of many.**

**Dorriss, James S.- Goodspeed's Biography 1884: O. E. Dorriss, one of the oldest and most prominent of the early settlers of St. Francis County, was born in Jackson County, Ill., in the year 1819, being the son of James S. and Catherine Dorriss, of English and Irish descent, respectively. James Dorriss was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his father was chaplain to Andrew Jackson during the Creek War, participating in the famous battle of Horseshoe. Hamlet F., a brother of O. E. Dorriss, served in the war between Mexico and Texas, taking an active part in all the engagements of note, and was present at the capture of Gen. Santa Anna at Santa Jacinto. O. E. Dorriss' advantages for an education were extremely limited, but his constant reading and keen sense of observation have made him a well-informed man, conversant on all the important topics of the past and present. At the age of fourteen he left home, starting out to make his own fortune. In 1834 he came to Arkansas on a trading expedition, going south west, and upon reaching the Saline River, in the southwest part of the State, he was suddenly taken ill, which put a quietus to his business prospects for some time. After recovering he discovered to his horror that his partner had absconded with all the finances. This left him entirely destitute and among strangers, but in time he made his way to Little Rock, suffering many privations during his long journey. At this point he was met by his father, who had come to him in response to an appeal, written in a trembling hand during his convalescence. He returned to his home in Missouri, but soon after returned to St. Francis County, arriving here in 1835, and locating on a farm of 320 acres, which he improved and has since made his home. Mr. Dorriss ran among the first steamboats that ever plied up the St. Francis River, in the years 1844-45. In 1847 he was married to Miss Julia Hanson, of Morgan County, Ga., and to their union nine children were born: Josephine, Georgia A., Lugene, Franklin, Jenette, Julia, Sallie Vick, Lou Kate and Lee, of whom four are now living. In March, 1865, Mrs. Dorriss died, and in 1866 Mr. Dorriss married Miss Ann T. Ellis, who bore him six children: James, Mary, Ada, Willmorth, George and Thomas; of these three are deceased. Mr. Dorriss was a member of the Fifth Arkansas Regiment, Confederate army, during the war, and represented his county in the legislature of 1866. for ten years he was justice of the peace, discharging the duties of that office in a highly commendable manner, and during his entire term of office, from 1856 to 1866, only one of his decisions were taken to a higher court. He filled the office of sheriff by appointment for several years, and in this, as in everything else, gave entire satisfaction. In his political opinion he favors the Democratic party, but is not an enthusiast. Mr. Dorriss assisted in the removal of the Indians to their present home in the Indian Territory, and also gave his valuable support in laying out and opening up the old**

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**Douglas, John E. , has attained to a position of credit as a farmer and surveyor of St. Francis County. A native of Tennessee, he is the son of John E. and Elizabeth (Sparks) Douglas, who came originally from Alabama and Tennessee, respectively. The principal of this sketch was born on January 18, 1837. His father died when he was less than two years old and his mother then came to Arkansas and settled in St. Francis County where she was shortly after married to Curtis G. Tyer. Young John lived with his mother after her second marriage, and had the advantages of a good education in the subscription schools of the county, at the age of seventeen engaging in teaching in order to raise money enough to enable him to continue his studies, as he was very desirous of taking a thorough course in civil engineering. Three years later he was offered the position of assistant teacher in St. Francis Academy, where he completed his education, acquiring a superior knowledge of surveying, in both its theoretical and practical phases. Following this he resumed teaching until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Twenty-third Arkansas Infantry and served in Price's famous raid through Missouri. After the war Mr. Douglas again turned his attention to the instruction of the young, continuing it until 1868, when he bought 120 acres of land and commenced farming. He was married on March 7, 1866, to Miss Mary A. Casbeer. They are the parents of six children: Charles M., Thomas E., Nathaniel E., Effie D., Lucy A. and Leta J. Mr. Douglas owns a fine farm with good buildings, his large orchard containing all kinds of choice fruit, and also owns forty acres of desirable land in Cross County. In 1880 he was elected census enumerator, and the same year was made county surveyor, which position he has held since that time with a faithfulness and ability which have rebounded largely to his personal esteem and worth. Mr. Douglas is a member of the Knights of Honor and is an enterprising citizen, contributing liberally toward those enterprises which tend to the development or improvement of the community, physically, morally or intellectually. Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

**Downey, Thomas S.-Legal Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39 and 61:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beaasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles**

**R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. T.S. Downey is a son of Dennis and Julia A.Downey, and was born in Randolph Co., Arkansas on Feb.24,1879. He was educated in the free schools and (Principally) at Abbott College, at Maynard, Ark., and began his career as a school teacher. In July 1902 he came to Forrest City as a traveling representative of the Lines Music House of Springfield, Missouri. He liked Forrest City, was favorably impressed with the surrounding territory, and decided to locate here, which he did. Shortly afterwards he wrote "to the old folks at home," giving them a glowing description of the country, and insisted upon them moving here, which they did the following year, his father engaging in the music business with him. They sold instruments on the installment plan, and made quite a success of their business. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Downey concluded to take up the profession of law, and after close study and a rigid examination, was admitted to the bar in March of the present year, and is now enjoying an excellent practice. In addition he has a very profitable real estate and loan business. Per his father's obituary, he lived in Shreveport, La. in 1925.**

**Dunn, Poindexter, Captain-Raised First Company In Civil War-Attached To Cross Regiment-Fifth Confederate Regiment**

**Duvant, R. P.—Recorder When Records Were Brought From Madison To Forrest City**

**Dye, Reuben G., Dr., Sr. b.1840 d.1886-Early Merchants-Of Forrest City**

**Elliott, William H.-Deputy Sheriff-Coroner 1826 Coroner 1886-1888-St.Francis**

**Elliott, William-b.1826 Goodspeed's Biography 1884:Prominently identified with the prosperous and influential citizens of St. Francis County is William Elliott, who is a native of Alabama, his birth occurring in Huntsville, in 1826. He was the son of Allen and Jane Elliott, originally from the same State. When William was one year of age his parents moved to Arkansas, settling in St. Francis County, where his early boyhood days were passed in assisting his father on the farm. At the age of twenty-one years he homesteaded the place on which he now resides. This farm consists of 200 acres, with 125 acres under cultivation. Mr. Elliott is, aside from his many farming interests, quite extensively engaged in stock raising, and also has an interest in a good steam-gin, with a capacity of ten bales per day. He was united in marriage in 1851 to Miss Sarah Styres, and by her became the father of three children: John A., Sarah and Jane (all deceased). Mrs. Elliott died in 1854, and for his second wife Mr. Elliott chose Miss Adeline E. Adams, who bore him three children: James H. and Benjamin F. (both deceased) and William H. In 1861 Mr. Elliott enlisted in the Fifth Arkansas Regiment, Company A, and participated in several of the most important battles of the war, among them being Paducah, Tupelo, Prairie Grove and Union City. In 1863 he was married to Melissa J. Adams, and their union has been blessed by five children: Robert L., Elisha T. (deceased), Mary E. (deceased), Martha and Mary. Mr. Elliott is a Democrat, and with his wife is a member of**

**the Baptist Church. He has held the office of magistrate, coroner and deputy sheriff in his township, serving acceptably in these various positions. He is one of the public-spirited citizens of the community.**

**Ellis, William T.-b.1858,Goodspeed's Biography 1884: another enterprising farmer of St. Francis County, was born in North Carolina in 1858, as the son of James G. and Christiana Ellis, both also natives of the same State. The father enlisted in the Second North Carolina Infantry during the late war, but being wounded in the battle of Petersburg, Va., received his discharge and returned home. In 1871 William T. removed to Cross County, Ark., with his parents, with whom he remained until twenty-six years of age. However he had been married during this time to Miss Martha C. Hall, who lived only a short time after her marriage. In 1883 he was married to Melinda O. Hall, and by this union four children have been born: Mattie S., Mollie A., Thomas J. and James L. Mr. Ellis owns a farm of 123 acres, with thirty-two acres under cultivation, being engaged principally in stock raising. He is a staunch Democrat and a member of the County Wheel, and he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Ellis is justice of the peace of his township, which office he has held for the past twelve years. He is well known throughout this part of the county, and is generally liked and respected, lending his aid and influence to all public movements for the good of the order.**

**Enos, William-(Pioneer-1835)Judge 1835-1838-St.Francis County**

**Evans, B. G.-Coroner 1872-1874-St.Francis County**

**Evans, J. J.-Believe They Are Buried On The Poland Place- J. J. Evans, of the prominent and substantial firm of H. Evans & Co., druggists of Forrest City, was born in this county in 1864, being the son of H. and Eliza (Ragsdale) Evans, also natives of Arkansas. Mr. Evans is now one the wealthiest planters of St. Francis County, and has the satisfaction of knowing that his fortune has all been acquired by his own personal industry and integrity. He received limited advantages for obtaining an education in youth, but determined that his children should receive a good, practical literary instruction, and is giving them every chance to become scholars and students in whatever right direction their ambition may lie. To himself and wife a family of eleven children have been born, eight of whom are now living, our subject, the youngest. Mr. Evans is still living, and, though having reached an advanced age, is quite active in business, managing the affairs of his large plantation with a sagacity that would put to shame many men of younger years who take pride in their superior and advanced ideas. J. J. Evans finished his literary education in Louisville, Ky., graduating from Bryant & Stratton's College in the scholastic year of 1883 and 1884. He had been occupied in laboring on the farm before going to college, earning enough money to defray his expenses, and although his father was generosity itself, he preferred to pay his own way, and at the end of his career, still had some \$4,000 with which to commence business. Having a great admiration for, but**

**no experience in the drug business, Mr. Evans engaged the services of an expert pharmacist and established a store at this place, and has made his business house as good as can be found in an average city of 40,000 inhabitants. The store is 23x180, and the stock contained therein is worth about \$12,000, an annual business of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 being accorded this firm; this necessitates the services of three clerks. Mr. Evans is not a Benedict, but a sincere admirer of the fair sex. He is a member of the K. of P. and A. F. & A. M., and is a Democrat in politics. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

**Evans, William Perry-b.1869 d.1944- The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir page 87 and 89: The subject of this sketch, was born at Linden, in this county, on Nov.10,1869, and is a son of John A. and Annie Howard Evans, who were pioneers in the settlement of this section, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Tennessee. At the close of the Civil War they located at Linden, where Mr. Evans engaged in farming and merchandising. For a short time William attended school at Forrest City, and the remainder of his schooling was received at Batesville, Ark. In his youth he entered the printing office at Forrest City, where he became an expert job workman. Owing to the state of his health he was compelled to seek other employment, and entered the family grocery establishment of B.F.McCrary, and here he set work to master the details of the business. This he accomplished in his usual thorough manner, and in the 90's purchased the business of C.L.Knight & Co., and how successfully he has conducted it is well known to our people. He is now one of the leading and most enterprising retail grocers of Eastern Arkansas. In 1890 he was married to Miss Daisy Nash, of this place, and two lovely children, Nannie and Mrs. Carrie Evans Pearson d.1938, have blessed this happy union. They own one of the coziest homes in Forrest City, and also farm at Linden Mr. Evans is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor and of the Woodmen of the World. (picture on page 87)**  
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**Ezell, O. A. and Shell-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Gunsmiths and Locksmiths.**

**Featherston, L. B., Honor deserves prominent mention in the present volume not only as the efficient ex-president of the County Wheel at Forrest City, but on account of his worth as a citizen. A native of Mississippi, he was reared in Tennessee, and received a thorough, common-school education, and then attending the Law School at Lebanon, Tenn., which he was obliged to leave and give up the study of law on account of his eyesight, having lost one eye by hard study. He was then engaged in farming in Tennessee until 1881, when he removed to Arkansas and settled in St. Francis County, buying a farm, and now he owns 16,000 acres of land, with between 300 and 400 acres under cultivation. In 1886 he was elected to the State legislature from this county and served for two years. He entered politics to defeat the influence of the 'American Oil**

**Trust', and introduced into the legislature the first anti-trust bill ever presented before any legislative body in the United States. The bill passed the house by a vote of seventy-two to five, but was defeated in the senate, and not allowed to come to a vote. Mr. Featherston was the recent nominee for the United States Congress, of a convention which met at Jonesboro, having for its platform, 'Fair ballot and free count for every citizen of the United States.' He is a man of influence and thought and willingly assists the promotion of what he considers the best interests of his adopted section. Mr. Featherston was born in 1851, being a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Porter) Featherston, natives of Alabama and Virginia, respectively. The former is of Scotch descent, and removed to Georgia with his father and brother at an early day, then going to Alabama and later to Mississippi; he is now a respected resident of Shelby County, Tenn. The subject of this sketch was married in 1874 to Miss White, a daughter of E. A. White, of Memphis. They are the parents of five sons: Elbert, Lewis, John D., Paul and Douglass. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

#### **Ferguson, J. E.-Early Mayors Of Forrest City After Grogan**

**Ferguson, William C.. b.1848 d.1906--Mr.W.C.Ferguson, of Fergusonville seven miles south of Forrest City, celebrated his fifty second birthday, attendees included parents, Mr.& Mrs.C.W.Ferguson (the father being 81 years of age and the mother 68 years of age) among four generations of family members.-8-24-1900 William C. Ferguson, the son of Joseph L. and Bettie E. Ferguson, was born in Shelby County, Tenn., in 1848, being denied in youth even such advantages for an education that were to be obtained at that period. When eighteen years of age he began life on his own responsibility, choosing for his vocation the most independent of all callings, farming. In 1874 he came to St. Francis County, Ark., locating on his present farm, which consists of 539 acres, with 340 cleared and carefully improved. He has also a gin (steam) with self-acting press, and a capacity of twenty bales per day, ginning on an average 700 bales each year. He is also extensively engaged in stock raising, in which he has been quite successful. In 1887 Mr. Ferguson opened a store on his place, carrying a stock valued at \$3,500, from which he is realizing very satisfactory returns. He was married in 1870 to Miss Bettie E. Ligon, a daughter of J. A. and Bettie A. Ligon, natives of Dixon County, Tenn. The result of this union is nine children: Emma D., William R., Annie V., Joe, Elton T., Cleveland, Blanche, Lulu M. and Cora E. (deceased). Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat in his political views, and in religious belief, a Presbyterian. Mrs. Ferguson is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. In secret societies he is identified with the Knights of Honor. His maternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The paternal grandfather, a native of South Carolina, reached four-score years and six. Lisa Hamilton submitted the above data from ARKHISBIO's, 1884; she did so to help others, she is not researching the above person or families mentioned therein.**

**Fillngen, Sam-Pioneer**

**Finley, L.-Judge 1876-1880-St.Francis County**

**Fisher, G. E.- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 42: Operate the American Hotel in Forrest City.**

**Fitch, Josh-Sheriff 1890-1892-St.Francis County**

**Fitzpatrick, Thomas O.-b.1849 d.1940-Circuit Clerk 1886-1892-St.Francis County/Rode With Forrest Equipment And Workers On The Steamer Mollie Hamilton In 1866/Rode On First Train Thru Forrest City-Memphis To Little Rock, Apr.27,1871. Thomas O. Fitzpatrick, a successful resident of St. Francis County, is of Scotch-Irish descent, his great-grandfather having been obliged to come to this country from Ireland for political causes. He struck for the liberty of his countrymen. Upon arriving in the United States in the forepart of the eighteenth century, he served in the Revolutionary War. His son, Edmund Fitzpatrick, (grandfather of our subject) took part in the War of 1812, in which he held the position of captain. He had a family of nine children. David Fitzpatrick, the father of Thomas O., was born in Charlotte County, Va., on February 19, 1813. He was twice married; first to Miss Clementine Walker, a native of Virginia, and next to Permelia Hargrove who was the mother of three children: Marietta (the wife of Rev. C. H. Ford), Isabella (wife of E. H. Sanders, of Little Rock) and Thomas O. David Fitzpatrick was engaged in speculating in real estate until the panic of 1837, when he was financially ruined, after which he followed farming in Arkansas. Thomas O. was born in Lauderdale County, Tenn., in April, 1849. He spent his younger days on the farm, and attended the common and high schools of his county, and also had the advantages of a private tutor. On his return from school he was appointed county surveyor of Cross County, which position he held, also giving his attention to teaching, until 1871. He then started the Wittsburg Gazette, the first paper published in that county, which he continued to operate until he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and in this capacity remained until the adoption of the new constitution in 1874, when he was again a candidate on the Republican ticket, but was beaten by seventy votes. Coming to St. Francis County he embarked in farming, and also erected a steam-gin, which has proven a very profitable enterprise. In April, 1872, Mr. Fitzpatrick was united in marriage to Miss Sallie E. Eldridge, and they have five children: Eola, Garnett, Ernest D., Kate and Garfield. In 1883 Mr. Fitzpatrick was appointed postmaster of Forrest City, holding that office until Cleveland's administration. In September, 1886, he was elected county clerk, and still discharges the duties of that position with satisfaction to the community, and with credit to himself. He has also been a candidate on the Republican ticket for State senator. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of L., K. of H. and of the County Wheel. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

## **Fitzsimmons, John-First Telegraph In His Home-Of Forrest City**

**Fizer, N. B., Rev.-In 1885, the St.Francis County Abstract Company was founded Capt. J.G.Stern, a northern man who located in St.Francis County and owned extensive real estate east of St.Francis River. The next owner was N.B.Fizer, lawyer and preacher and father of Mrs.J.G.Sanders. About 1897, Mr.Fizer sold the firm to Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, a sister of John I. Jones and Mrs.A.A.French. both still residents of Forrest City. Mrs. Matthews married S.H.Mann in 1912 and the company was operated by Mr. Mann until his death in 1938. After his death, the company was purchased by Mr.F.F.Harrelson, lawyer and owner of the Title Guaranty and Abstract Company, until 1950 these two companies were operated together until 1950-first by Mr.Harrelson until his death in 1946, and then by F.C.Harrelson and Carroll C.Cannon. In 1950 the firm is owned and operated solely by Mr. Carroll C.Cannon.**

**Fleming, Charles A.-Prosperous farmer, merchant, County Judge, State Representative and candidate for Governor of Arkansas-all have been attained by Charles A.Fleming, retired, now of Forrest City. Judge Fleming has been a resident of this county since 1900. "When I first came to Round Pond I had 30 cents in my pocket." I bummed my first meal from Mr. Ed Mallory and slept in the seed house my first night there. Wild bears could be killed anywhere there at that time. The first name of Round Pond was Mile Post 34, the second, Womack I helped name the town. It was named after a lake north of town. I was burned out in 1922 and lost nearly everything I had, but gained it all back in later years. I owned most of the town at one time. I operated a store and cotton gin there for several years before moving to Forrest City in 1942. Judge Fleming was born in Covington, Tenn., the son of the late Matt and Mary Fleming. He is a self-made and self educated man. He served a short time in the Army during the Spanish American War. In 1906, he married Miss Lessie Clark, daughter of S.V. and Leona Clark of Wiville, Arkansas, and to that union has been born four sons: Charles Jr., Henry Michael (Mike), Earl (Deceased), and James Archie (Pat), and a daughter, Lessie Dora, now Mrs. Hubert Christopher (divorced). The Flemings have four granddaughters: Gail and James Archie, whose parents are Mr.& Mrs. Pat Fleming; and Hubert Charles and Berkley, whose parents are Mr.& Mrs. Hubert Christopher. Judge Fleming's grandfather Fleming came from Ireland, and his other grandparent, Mr. Carr is thought to have come from Ireland also. Mr. Fleming served as County Judge from 1933-1935 and four years later was re-elected and was retained in office from 1939-1945. In 1930, he was elected to State Representative. Always active in politics, he unsuccessfully ran for Governor of Arkansas in 1948, under a much publicized slogan of "The Poor Man's Friend." He had used this slogan from the time he operated a store at Round Pond. He owned at one time about 1200 acres of land scattered throughout the county, but the most valuable is located at Round Pond. He belongs to the Church of the Good Shepherd, and is a 32nd degree Mason, Shriner, and a member of the McCrory Masonic Lodge. Judge 1933-1935, 1939-1945-St.Francis County**

**Fletcher, John Brice b.1898 d.1974-Exec.Vice President of Planters Bank & Trust Co., is one of the most popular banking figures in St.Francis County. He is active in civic, religious, business and municipal affairs of Forrest City. He began his banking career in 1918 as the bookkeeper for the old First National Bank of Forrest City. He joined Planters in 1924 as Asst. Cashier, and in 1933 became Cashier for the Forrest City Water & Light Co., remaining on the Board of Directors. He rejoined Planters in 1936, as Executive Vice President, and has been head of the loan department for the last 17 years. He was born on May 9,1898, on a farm about 12 miles north of Forrest City on Crowley's Ridge, the son of William R. and Annie (Hamilton) Fletcher. She was born in Alabama, and he in Arkansas. On June 28,1922, he married Miss Wava Elizabeth Wyatt, daughter of J.H. and Martha (Green) Wyatt of Newbern, Tenn. She was a former school teacher, and is also active in the social, civic, and religious affairs of the community. Obituary: Dies In Memphis-J. Brice Fletcher, Chairman of the Board for Planters Bank and Trust Company here, died this morning at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Mr. Fletcher, Aged 74, had been in very poor health since January, and critically ill for the past two weeks. Funeral Services will be held at the First Methodist Church, with burial at Forrest Park Cemetery. Mr. Fletcher, who retired from active banking December 31,1970, began his successful career in 1918 as bookkeeper of the First National Bank in Forrest City. In 1924 he joined Planters Bank and Trust Company as assistant cashier and held this position until April 1933 when he became cashier of Forrest City Water and Light Company.**

**Fogg, E. K.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 Page 118:Mr.E.K.Fogg, the senior proprietor of the Palace Bar, is a gentleman of high standing in the community.**

**Fogg, George Benjamin, Sr. George Benjamin Fogg, now as the efficient and competent owner of G.B.Fogg Insurance Agency of Forrest City, has a wide and varied experience in several fields. Mr.Fogg, was born in Pleasant Hill, Miss., on Feb.26,1898, the son of the late Chris C. and Mary (Tarver) Fogg, Sr.. He attended Forrest City High School and after graduation from the Tennessee Military Institute, he studied at Nelson Brothers Business College in Memphis, completing a course in business administration in 1918. On June 20,1920 he married Miss Rosa Faye Sterling of Jonesboro, daughter of F. Cornell and Mildred (Brooks) Sterling. They have one son, George B.Fogg, Jr., now with the same firm, and a daughter, Mary Jane, now Mrs. James Gafford with A.P.& L. in Forrest City. They have three grandchildren, Deborah Fogg, Benjamin Gafford, and Rosamin Gafford. Mr.Fogg served as Circuit and Chancery Court Judge from 1937 to 1942, and Asst. Cashier with the Planters Bank & Trust Co. in Forrest City 1945-1948. In 1947 he established his insurance agency. He was one of the original organizers of the Forrest City Production Credit Assoc. and was the First President. He is a member of the Methodist church, and a 32nd Degree Mason.**

## **Folbre, Linden-(Linden Isle Named For Him)**

**Folbre, Thomas Clarence, Jr., Son of Judge Thomas C. and Mary M.Folbre. The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 89 & 90: Mr.T.C.Folbre and his brothers, Homer and Hubert, manage and own the Magnolia Bar located at No.111 North Washington St., Forrest City. A specialty is made of Old Yannissee Whiskey, though many other leading brands are sold, this place is up to date, having undergone a \$3,000 renovation in 1903. This house was established by the Senior Folbre fourteen years ago, in 1891, in the Lutz building. In 1892 the business was removed to Bonair, and in 1893 returned to Forrest City and occupied the Cook building, later, in 1901, succeeding I.W.Mallory, and moving to the Mallory building, which was purchased at the same time. Ever since the inception this firm has made an enviable record for excellence of management, superior quality of goods and eminent respectability, which have gained for it the large and popular patronage it enjoys. This bar is the handsomest in the city and is fitted with large mirrors of plate glass and the very finest in glassware. Only the finest quality of wines, liquors, Whiskies, brandies, beer, ale and imported and domestic cigars are kept on hand or served over the bar. T.C.Folbre, Jr., who with his brothers, Homer and Hubert, manage and own the business, are all natives of this city, and justly popular with a large circle of friends. Obituary: Thomas C.Folbre, Jr., eldest son of Thomas C. and Mary Medora (McCrary) Folbre, died Sunday morning, Dec.6,1914, in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, where he had been taken for an operation for the relief of bladder and kidney trouble. The intelligence was quickly flashed to Forrest City, where it created profound sadness among a wide circle of friends. The fatal operation was the third which he had undergone, and the two previous ones had left him too frail of physique to withstand the added draft upon his relative powers. At his bedside when he passed away were his wife and brothers, Homer and Frank. The remains were brought to this city on the 4:30 train Sunday afternoon and the funeral party were met at the station by a large concourse of grieving friends and escorted to his previous residence. Interment was made in the Forrest City Cemetery the following day, Monday afternoon, following funeral services conducted at the home by Rector O.M.Yarger of the Episcopal Church, and was attended by a throng of friends and former schoolmates and boyhood companions. Tom Folbre was born in Forrest City on Feb.13,1874, and was educated and grew to manhood here. Forrest City Times Newspaper -Marriage:FOLBRE-LAIRD=Mr.Thomas Clarence Folbre, Jr. and Miss Mary Elizabeth Laird were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr.& Mrs.R.M.Laird in Newport, Rev.M.B.Umsted performing the wedding ceremony. The groom is the eldest son of Judge T.C.Folbre. Miss Laird is one of Newport's fairest and sweetest girls. Nov.2,1906-Forrest City Times Newspaper**

**Folbre, Thomas Clarence, Sr.- Birth: Jun. 15, 1841 Indiana, USA Death: 1911-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 81 and 82:This sketch is about Judge Thomas C. Folbre, now judge of the County and Probate Courts of St.Francis County, and one of the**

most popular and efficient officers the county has ever had. He is a son of Charles L. and Mary J. (Baldwin) Folbre, and was born on June 15, 1841, at Aurora, Indiana. He was educated in private schools in Indiana and Kentucky, and in 1850 became a citizen of Arkansas. At the age of sixteen years he began business for himself at Linden. in this county. He came to Forrest City from near that place in 1869, to accept a situation as salesman for the Altheimer Brothers, who were then doing a general merchandise business on the corner of Washington and North Front Streets, now occupied by the Rollwage building in which J.S. Shields & Co. are doing general drug business. Forrest City was incorporated the following year, 1870, and he was elected the first Mayor, and G. Altheimer and Capt. Frank M. Prewett were also members of the Board of Aldermen. During his residence he has frequently been elected to the Town Council, Board of Health, and other official bodies, and in 1894 was elected Circuit and County Clerk, which he held two years. He was elected in 1902 to the office of County and Probate Judge of St. Francis County, and was re-elected in 1904. Judge Folbre was a gallant Confederate soldier. He enlisted in Confederate service in August 1861, and served through the entire period, surrendering May 25, 1865, at which time he held the rank of Lieutenant of Co. A., Fifteenth Arkansas Infantry. He was the father of ten children. His wife was Mary M. Folbre and died earlier in 1886. Judge 1902-1908, Assessor 1880-1884- St. Francis County. A photo of his residence is on page 81. Obituary: Judge T.C. Folbre, stricken by icy hand of death Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10, 1912. Again are the people of Forrest City and St. Francis county called upon to mourn the death on one of their most prominent and popular fellow citizens, a good man, honest and true, in the person of Thomas C. Folbre, Sr., who departed this life last Saturday evening, after having suffered for several months with a malady that had held him prisoner in his home, and mostly confined to his bed. Judge Folbre had been in extremely bad health since early in the spring, and though all that medical skill and the skillful attentive care was done for him, all to no avail. Thomas C. Folbre, Sr., was born in Aurora, Indiana in 1841. He received his education in the public schools of that state and Kentucky, and came to Arkansas in 1850, settling in this county. At the age of sixteen he began business for himself at Linden in the southern edge of this county, and in 1869 came to Forrest City as a salesman for Altheimer Bros., a general merchandise on the corner of Washington and Front Streets, where the Rollwage building now stands. In 1870, when Forrest City was incorporated, he was on the first city council. He was tax assessor of the county for four years, as well as a salesman for L. Rollwage & Co. In 1894, he was elected circuit and county court clerk, which he held for two years. Next he was selected to be the office of county and probate judge for three terms, retiring in 1908. He was a continuous resident, except two years spent in San Antonio for his health. Judge Folbre was a gallant Confederate soldier, having enlisted in August, 1861, and served throughout the entire war, surrendering on May 1865, at which time he held the rank of lieutenant in Company A, Fifteenth Arkansas Infantry. Just before the last resting place of the body was begun,

taps were sounded by Bugler Joe Reltano of Wynne and Forrest City, and this remembrance of what he had been as a soldier, and citizen, and his now departing, brought fresh tears to the eyes of not only his devoted family, but of the on looking friends. He was a member of the Episcopal church, the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Honor, Knight and Ladies of Honor, and Red Men. Judge Folbre was married, first in 1870 to Miss Henry Adams, the wedding taking place on the Walker place, near Haynes. One child, a little girl who died in infancy, was born to this union, and its mother only lived two years after the marriage. In 1874 he was married to Miss Dora McCrary, of this county, and the couple lived together for about eight years, before they separated. To this union four boys, Thomas Clarence Folbre, Jr. d.1914, Claude Alvin d.1906, Herbert or Hubert per 1880 Census, and Homer d.1938, all except Claude survive him. In 1889, he was married to Mrs. Lillian J. (Long) Andrews, the marriage taking place when she visited her sister, Mrs.J.M.Brown. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive, Frank, Gene and Gerald. He also leaves three cousins, Misses Clara, Elizabeth, and Mary Folbre, of Aurora, Indiana; a nephew, Mallon Folbre, a step daughter, Mrs.W.R.Ferguson, and grandchildren:Reullura and Lillian Ferguson. Hubert's two children, Charles Hubert, Jr. and Thomas Walthall; and Homer's daughter, Dora Belle. Funeral services were held at the home, and interment was in the Forrest City cemetery, Rev.E.T.Mabley officiating. The services were under the auspices of the Geo.P.Taylor Lodge No.196, I.O.O.F., and the pall bearers from that lodge: W.A.Pearson, George Swartz, Robert Brittain, Max Yoffie, J.R.Carder, and P.W.Lewis. Aug.16,1912

**Forbes, J. H.- Coroner 1840-1846, 1850-1852-St.Francis County**

**Forrest City Ice & Power Co.- Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 47:Established in 1900, owned by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assoc. of St.Louis, Mo. and several Forrest City capitalists. The incorporators are A. Busch, A. Nicoud, St.Louis;F.M.Polhamuius, Texarkana; J.W. Beck, James Fussell, Charles Lewis, and I.W.Mallory of Forrest City. Mr. James Fussell is President and Treasurer; Mr.A.Nocud is Vice President; Mr.F.M.Polhamius, Sect.;Mr.Percy H.Barker is manager. Ice is sold at forty cents per 100 pounds in small quantities, and they also have cold storage available. They employ about ten persons.**

**Forrest City Lumber Company-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38 and 111 and 112:The only exclusive Lumber firm. Established in Feb.1903, with its main office at Little Rock, with Mr. Gus K.Jones, a practical lumber man of large experience, as general business manager. The local office, yards, sheds, etc . are located at 201 Hill Street, at the intersection of Grant street, near the Missouri Pacific Railway Depot, occupying the entire V. shaped grounds lying between Grant street and the tracks. Mr. Henry E.Euart is the genial, competent and hustling business manager. A native of North Carolina, where he was born twenty six years ago, and came from Little Rock to Forrest**

**City in 1903. Mr. Ewart is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Masonic, I.O.O.F., and Hoo-Hoo secret bodies. He has had twelve years experience in the lumber business, and stands for the highest ideals in Forrest City's business life, being a man of superior and enterprising methods. He is ably assisted in the office by his cousin, Mr. James O. Ewart, and Miss Mary Mason; the former being a splendid young business man, and the latter one of Forrest City's most charming and highly esteemed young women.**

**Forrest City Manufacturing Company-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 116: Among the industrial features of Forrest City, perhaps none give greater promise of value to our commercial and social life than the Forrest City Manufacturing Co. whose work of constructing the plant was recently begun. They will be situated just west of town, south of the Choctaw road. The main building will be 180 by 40 feet, three stories high, with the latest labor saving devices. They will be planing or finishing mill, furniture factory, a veneering factory, and a machine shop foundry. They expect to be working 600 men plus in the next two years, other timbermen, railroad men, etc. Mr. G.V. Nash, of Manitowoc, Wisc. is Vice President and general manager of this company; Mr. George W. Jones of Appleton, Wisc. is the President; and others of the firm of the G.W. Jones Lumber Co., of Appleton, are stockholders. They also own a modern saw mill at Nettleton, Ark. Mr. P.N. Anger, who has charge of the plant at this place, is also the designer. He was born at DePere, Brown Co., Wisc. on Sep. 1, 1869, consequently is still a young man.**

**Forrest City Spoke Factory: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39 and 103 and 105: Manufactures spokes and staves. The Forrest City Spoke Factory is an enterprise of which every hustling citizen should be proud, and to which he should offer every encouragement. This factory was established in 1899 by J.J. Reedy and R.L. Taylor and has since changed hands several times. In May, 1903, it was incorporated for \$6,000, with H.M. Blossom, President; R.G. Hobbs, Vice-Pres.; J.J. Reedy, Superintendent. They have been succeeded by Rolfe & Reedy, and they are making extensive improvements in the plant. This mill has a capacity of 6000 spokes which are already sold in advance of manufacture, and they cannot supply the demand. Our forests of hickory are practically virgin and prolific. They employ about 50 people, besides many teams, etc. Messrs. Rolfe & Taylor are interested in two handle factories, one at Colt and Caldwell, cutting blank axe, pick, sledge, hatchet and hammer handles, and then they are shipped north for finishing.**

**Franks, E.-Judge 1840-1844-St. Francis County**

**Frisk, Captain-Commander Raised Second Company In Civil War-Attached To Cross Regiment-Fifth Confederate Regiment**

**Fulkerson, Andrew J.-b.1855 d. was born in 1855, St. Francis County, Ark., claiming the advent of his birth. He is the son of John J. and Frances E. Fulkerson, natives of Arkansas and Indiana, respectively. Mr. Fulkerson died in 1880 and his wife in 1858. Andrew J. received but limited advantages for an education, and when only nineteen years of age commenced farming on his personal responsibility. He was married in 1877 to Becky J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Casteel, and to their marriage five children have been given: Frances E., John H., James Arthur, William A. and Charles. Mr. Fulkerson owns 563 acres of excellent land, with over ninety under cultivation, and everything on his plantation gives evidence of thrift and prosperity. He is a Democrat in his political views, and in his religious faith a Baptist. He is a member of the Wheel and the K. of L. Mrs. Fulkerson belongs to the Methodist Church. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

**Fussell, James Vaulx, Captain-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905:Page 97- Capt.James Fussell, the President and General Manager of this large business is one of the foremost and best-known men in Eastern Arkansas, and is identified with this people in various and sundry ways, having always taken a prominent part in the advancement of the best interests and prosperity of this city and county. He is the son of James Vaulx d.1875, and Louisa (Alston) Fussell, who were natives of Davidson Co., Tenn., and Chatham Co., N.Carolina, respectively, and is directly descended from the Alston and Ramsey families who are prominent in the history of North Carolina. He was born at Trenton, Tenn., and moved to Memphis at an early age, where he attended the free schools of that city, and was engaged in various occupations from newsboy to salesman. As a newsboy, he handled and sold the first extras of the Memphis Appeal, containing the news of the first battle of Bull Run. He moved to Forrest City in the fall of 1875, and was employed for two years by Stewart-Gwynne & Co. to straighten out some business matters for them, after which time he formed a business connection with them under the name of Pollock, Fussell & Co., of which the present Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. is a "lineal descendant." Capt. Fussell was married on Nov.1,1880, to Miss Lucile Galloway, daughter of Col. Matthew C.Galloway, who was, prior to his death, one of the most prominent of Tennessee's distinguished editors and statesmen. Four children blessed their happy union, namely, Fannie Galloway, Annie, (now Mrs. E.P.Taylor), James and Lucile, of whom three survive their mother, who died in 1894. On Mar.1,1897, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Randolph, and they now live happily in the lovely home at the corner of Rosser and Hill Streets, a splendid view of the premises being printed herein on page 38. He is a member of the Methodist church, and the Knights and Ladies of Honor, being local treasurer of the last named order. He was one of the originators of the great St.Francis Levee Project, and for thirteen years from its organizations was treasurer of the Board, and handled upwards of \$3,000,000, every cent of which was properly paid out upon vouchers or turned over to his successor. He owns and cultivates about 1,500 acres**

of farming lands, and is interested in various enterprises in this and other cities. He owns stock in and is President of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, the Forrest City Gin Co., the Madison Brick & Tile Co., and the Forrest City Ice and Power Co.. Also a director of the Forrest City Hotel Company, and in the Widener Gin Co., and Gwynne-Treadwell Cotton Co. of Memphis. He is identified with every public institution in the city, gives liberally to churches, schools and charity. **Obituary: Captain James Fussell Passed Away Sunday Afternoon: Captain James Fussell, Sr., passed away at 4:25 Sunday afternoon at his home in the city, surrounded by all of his immediate relatives except his sister, who arrived from Oklahoma about one hour later. The end had been expected since Saturday, though his weakened condition was not generally known over the city until a few hours before his death. Captain Fussell had suffered with a partial paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. Difficult to read. He was at the ball game between Forrest City and Paragould towards the end of the game when he suffered a slight collapse, caused by weakening of the heart, and from this collapse he never entirely recovered, though his condition had improved Friday. He lost consciousness Saturday afternoon. He is survived by his second wife, and by two children, James Fussell Jr. of Forrest City, and Mrs. Burke Mann of Marianna; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Cole of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother, Berry Fussell of the city; and five grandchildren, Elizabeth and James Fussell children of Mr. and Mrs. James Fussell, Jr., and Edgar, James, and Alston Taylor, sons born to Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor died about two years ago. Funeral services were held Monday morning by Rev. Homer M. McLain, and the remains carried to Memphis for interment in Elmwood Cemetery, in the family burial plot. Funeral arrangements in Forrest City were under the direction of W.E. Stevens Undertaking Co. Pall bearers, active were: John W. Alderson, M.C. Hambleton, W.W. Campbell, W.S. Alley, E.B. Smith, and J.F. Wolfe. Honorary: Walter Gorman, S.H. Mann, J.D. Baugh, R.J. Williams, C.W. Norton, Walter Allen, R.J. Lanier, Ed Landvoigt, J.T. Fondren, John B. Johnston, S.C. Campbell, Eldridge Butler, A.G. Sweet, Chas. Lewis, John W. Naylor, S.T. McDaniel, who accompanied the body to Memphis, and the following honorary pall bearers at Memphis: Joel E. Wynne, H.A. Ramsey, Joe Stewart, John Johnson, Joe L. Mewborn, and E.L. Rice. The body was met in Memphis by the pall bearers, the immediate family.**

**Fussell, James, Sr.- b.1888 d.1969-The son of Captain James Fussell, who was one of the most successful businessmen in this area, James Fussell Sr. is head of The Service Company associated with the city for over fifty six years in such enterprises as cotton ginning, auto dealer ships, and auto repair and gasoline station, and tire re treading. Mr. Fussell Sr. was born and raised in Forrest City. The grandparents of Mr. Fussell Sr. were pioneers who played a vital role in the history of North Carolina and Tennessee. He attended the Forrest City High School, the Webb School at Bellbuckle, Tenn., and then Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, N.York. He returned to Forrest City in 1909 as a bookkeeper for the Fussell-Graham-Alderson Company, of which firm his father was**

**President. In 1916, Capt.Fussell asked his son to join him as manager of the gin. In 1923, when Capt.Fussell died, he assumed complete control of the firm. Mr.Fussell Sr., married Miss Mildred Ford of Marianna on June 28,1910, and to this union were born one daughter, now Mrs. Elizabeth Ghoulson, and two sons, James Jr., who is Sect.-Treasurer of The Service Co., and Marshall, now with the Auto-Lite Company. Mrs. Fussell passed away May 12,1935. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, has been President of the Rotary Club, President of the original Young Business Men's Club and he served as a member of the Forrest City School Board from 1926 to 1951, and as Secretary of the board part of that time. It was during this time that the old Crowley Ridge Institute was torn down, and the new school built in 1931. Bricks from the Institute were used to construct the Lincoln High School. He has served on many civic roles and was instrumental in having the street lights upgraded by almost single-handedly raising the funds. Mr.Fussell has just passed the 65th milestone on life's journey, and his life, as his father's, has, and is one of conscientious service to his business and to his community.-**

**While Louis and Otto Rollwage were busy building their mercantile firm to large proportions, another ambitious concern made its appearance in Forrest City and had also enjoyed a thriving business. It was called Fussell, Graham & Co. and was started by Capt. James Fussell with W.S.Graham as a partner, in 1875, on North Front Street in the building now occupied by Dixie Furniture Co. (1954). Mr.Graham was with the firm until his death in 1900. Captain Fussell, who was to become President of Fussell-Graham-Alderson co., President of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas and The Service Company, and was the son of James Vaulx and Louisa (Alston) Fussell, who were natives of Davidson Co., Tenn., and Chatham Co., N.C., respectively, and was directly descended from the Alston and Ramsey families who were prominent in the history of North Carolina.**

**Capt.Fussell was born at Trenton, Tenn. He moved to Forrest City in 1875 to straighten out some business for the now extinct Stewart-Gwynne & Co. and stayed to start his own firm. He was married on Nov.1,1880 to Miss Lucille Galloway, daughter of Col M.C.Galloway, statesman and Nestor of Memphis journalism. Captain Fussell was beloved by men of all races and his Negroe friends proudly stated that he was always fair and a man of his word. He promoted the timber and agriculture of the area and promoted the adequate levee protection for the St.Francis Valley. He believed in raising blooded stock cattle and hogs and encouraged the breeding of the very finest poultry both at his home and his beautiful Galloway Farms about three miles southwest of Forrest City. He was also a proponent of the Chamber of Commerce as well as a strong advocate for paved streets, improved roads, and better schools. He was one of the founders of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, served as its first Vice President for two years, and in 1889 as President until the time of his death in 1923. He was a liberal contributor to the building of the Graham Memorial Church, named for his associate, W.S.Graham, under construction at the time of his death. He was also President of the Madison Brick & Tile Co., and the Forrest City Ice Coal Co., and Director of the Forrest City Hotel Co., Widener**

**Gin Co., and Gwynne-Treadwell Co. of Memphis. Original Board of Directors of National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. PICTURE-He succeeded Capt.J.W.Wynne as President, and remained until his death in 1923. Capt. Fussell was indeed a remarkable man of activity and usefulness. His accomplishments were many and highly successful. The scope of his varied activities was so wide and complex that even today, with our indispensable telephones and automobiles, he is an inspiration to those who are tempted to neglect their work because they are "too busy." He was one of the foremost financiers of his time, and love of the soil, was one of the first exponents of conserving the soil to retain its fertility. His clear vision and foresightedness were invaluable in the sound growth of the National Bank of Eastern of which he served as President for 34 years. It was also through his keen foresight and acute sense of character evaluation Captain Fussell's that the Bank attracted a promising young 20 year-old Assistant Bookkeeper from the esteemed Fussell-Graham-Anderson Co. in 1909. Today that quiet and spectacularly successful St.Francis Countian has not only built the most outstanding record in his home town of Forrest City but also is one of the most distinguished bankers in the entire nation.**

**Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905-Page 95:Of the hundred or more commercial houses that do business in Forrest City, great and small, there are, perhaps, a dozen to which the business community refers with pride as being representative of the solid substance, the commercial weight, the financial responsibility of this growing city. Among that select few occurs the name of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Company. A great business house like this has many aspects which may be studied with interest and pleasure, many of which must necessarily be omitted from a short sketch of this character. The history of this house, however, develops the fact that it is the successor to two of the largest and most successfully managed business enterprises of this city, and that both were started modestly, and grew to present proportions by popular methods. The firm of Fussell, Graham & Co. was established in this city in the year 1875 and the firm of L.Rollwage & Co. in 1874, the latter changing to Rollwage & Alderson in 1902. These two firms did an immense furnishing business in this county for thirty years, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January their stocks and interests were consolidated, and the business incorporated under the style of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Company. At this time several young men who had been employed with the old firms were taken in as partners, and the firm now consists of:Capt.James Fussell, President, Mrs.W.S.Graham, Mrs.L.Rollwage, Mr. John W.Alderson, Vice President, Mr.W.S.Alley, Sec'y-Treas., Mr. James L.Scott, Director, Mr. Peyton T.Scott, Director, Mr.M.C.Hambleton, Director, and Mr.C.E.Turley, Director. Owners who are deceased from the original firms include Mr.Graham who died in 1900, Mr.L.Rollwage who passed to his reward Apr.11,1905. One of the original owners is now practicing law, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage.**

**Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co.-Down through the years as historians reach back for those diminishing threads of memory which so closely tie the adventurous struggles of our hardy pioneer ancestors with the twentieth century hustle and bustle, the familiar name of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. and those of its scholarly associates stand prominent and respected as no other in the history of St.Francis County. It began in 1874 in Forrest City, in that year Louis Rollwage and his brother, Otto B.Rollwage, established the firm L.Rollwage & Co. on the corner of Broadway and Washington where the present day FGA, (1954) stands. Louis Rollwage was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24,1851, the son of Frederick and Mina (Kuker) Rollwage, originally of Hanover Province, Germany. He spent his early boyhood days in Cincinnati and received a common school education there. After working a few years as Assistant Bookkeeper in the Franklin Type Foundry, he moved to Memphis in the autumn of 1872 and shortly thereafter accepted a position with Noe, Hoy & Co., a firm then doing a mercantile business in Forrest City. Two years later he and his brother, Otto B., founded the prosperous and widely known firm of L.Rollwage & Co., which was soon recognized as one of the strongest and most substantial business firms in Eastern Arkansas. In 1902, the firm was dissolved, when Otto B. retired to become a prominent attorney here. He was succeeded by John W.Alderson, son-in-law of L.Rollwage, and the firm continued under the name Rollwage & Alderson. In 1873, Mr.Rollwage married Miss Lizzie McDaniel, daughter of John and Margaret (Davis) McDaniel, and to this union were born a son, Louis F., and four daughters, Minnie, now Mrs.J.L.Jelks; Alice, now Mrs. Watson M.Fairley; Katherine, now Mrs. John W.Alderson; and Alleyne, now Mrs.J.M.White. Mr.Rollwage never aspired to political office, but served on the City Council, and for twenty six years was a member of the school board, many as President. He was also a major stockholder in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas; a Director and former President of the old Forrest City Hotel Co; Treasurer of several of the benevolent orders here, and was interested in the Forrest City Ice & Power Co., a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and one of the most genial, beloved and prominent citizens of Eastern Arkansas. His death on April 11,1905, was deeply mourned by all who had come to know him as a man of acute intelligence, penetrating judgment and calm wisdom.**

**Gaines, M. N.-:The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38 and 63: Mr.M.N.Gaines handles especially Real Estate, Timber and Farm Property. Mr. M. N.Gaines was born on Westwood Plantation, situated in Lee County, Ark., on the St.Francis river on Jul.25,1850. His parents were James Augustus and Winifred Foster Gaines, who came to Arkansas in 1844. His father was a lieutenant in the Mexican War, under his uncle General Gaines, and they were afterwards prominent planters. Mr. Gaines obtained his education at Franklin, Tenn., and at the Univ.of Mississippi at Oxford. On Feb.12,1880 he was happily married to Miss Vela Allen of Walnut Bend, Ark., where he spent his life, except four years in Florida, where he engaged in farming and orange culture. Four children blessed**

**this union, only one of whom, Mrs. Ada Alice Hamilton-is living. She resides in Redfield, Ark., and recently gave birth to twins, of whom and their mother is justly proud. Mr. Gaines came to Forrest City in 1889 and engaged in real estate business. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, in which he has been an enthusiastic member. He owns several tracts of valuable land in the St.Francis basin, and is probably more familiar in that section than any other citizen of St.Francis County. Mr. Gaines is correspondent for several newspapers, and is also Secretary for the local branch of the Southern Cotton Association, and can catch more fish than any other living man.**

**Gandy, Oscar J., Sr. was born in Smithdale, Ark., on July 16,1902, son of Charles S. and Charlotte (Homewood)\_Gandy, and a year later came to St.Francis county with his mother. His father met an accidental death on Dec.10,1901. He has been a successful and respected citizen of the county, operating a store in Colt, and farming 500 acres together with two rice wells. He also has 90 head of Polled Hereford cattle. A graduate of the Forrest City High School, he studied at the Victor G.Blue School of Navigation, Norfolk School of Business Administration, Norfolk, Va., and the Navy Signal School, Hampton Roads, Va. He joined the Navy on Sep.27, 1923, and was assigned to the U.S.S. Bobolink Mine Sweeper, saw duty during the League of Nations Disarmament Program. He was honorably discharged on Sep.26, 1927. On Apr.29,1928, he married Miss Annie Grace Hamilton, daughter of Dewitt and Mae (Waldrep) Hamilton of Forrest City, and to this union has been born a son and two daughters; Dorothy Louise, now Mrs. Donald T.Williams, with one daughter, Toni born May 17,1953; Rose Marie, married to Joe Burch, farmer of Hughes, with a daughter, Malinda; and Oscar J.Gandy Jr., born Jul.21,1932 who married Martha Sweet, a son, Oscar Gandy III born Jan.15,1954. Oscar Jr. is working on the farm with his father. Mr.Gandy is a member of the Methodist church, Lions Club, and the Arkansas Real Estate Brokers Assoc., and the Arkansas Insurance Association. He has served as state representative from St.Francis County from 1938-1940, and from 1936-1940 he was a Committeeman of the Farmers Home Administration. He was a director of the Woodruff Electric Coop., and was also involved with the Shearin-Wright Motor Co.**

**Gatling, John Williams, Judge b.1851 d.1916-Legal Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. Goodspeed's Biography: John Gatling, an attorney of Forrest City, is of Scotch descent, his ancestors coming to this country many years ago. He is a son of James and Mary E. Gatling, natives of North Carolina, and was born August 2, 1851, in Perquimans County, N. C. His boyhood was spent on a farm and he attended school at an academy at**

**Hertford until 1870, when he entered the University of Virginia, remaining there two years, and taking an academic course. After graduating he returned home, and in 1875 began the study of law in Raleigh, in the office of Moore & Gatling, where he continued about six months, then entering the Law School of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. In January, 1877, he was examined by the supreme court of North Carolina, and admitted to the bar. He then returned to his native county and remained until 1881, when he came to St. Francis County and located at Forrest City, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession and enjoys a large practice. He was married in 1881 in Hertford, N. C., to Miss Elizabeth Gilliam. Mr. Gatling is a member of the K. of P., and a Democrat and now holds the position of United States commissioner. He has one of the finest libraries in this city, valued at about \$1,000. Per Harvard records, he attended 1875 to 1876, and graduated with a Law Degree in 1876.**

**Gilliam, James Mullen, Sr. b.1880 d.1960--The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 57 and 58:Mr.Gilliam was born Aug.1,1880 at Halifax, N.Carolina, and is a son of George and Nettie Mullen Gilliam. He was educated in the high school of his native town, and began his business career as a clerk, coming to Forrest City Sept.25,1898, to accept a position with Fussell, Graham & Co., with whom he remained thirteen months, when he went with L.Rollwage & Co., remaining there for three years, and then became a member of the firm E.Turley \* Co., Sept.1,1902. Mr. Gilliam is unmarried, is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Maccabees, and besides his mercantile interest, he is part owner of 560 acres of fine farming land. In 1930 census he is a cotton oil seed buyer, is married to Louise Gatling Gilliam, and has a son, Henry Gatling Gilliam age 17 d.2002, and a son named Julian Gilliam age 9 1/3 years of age. Another son, James Mullen, Jr. b.1902 d.1921**

**Goodard, Pauline m.Mallory, Mrs. b.1852 d.1942- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 41 and 42:Proprietor of the Hotel Marion. Picture shown. It was formerly the Belser, The Forrest City Hotel, and originally the Avery, and was completed and opened in 1886, she is assisted by Mr. Charles Buford as clerk. It is the largest single structure in the city, besides the Courthouse and Crowley Ridge Institute. It is lighted by electricity and contains forty rooms, with bath and toilets on the second floor and the basement. It was built by a stock company in 1885, composed of local capitalists. The present officers of the company are John W.Naylor, President; John W.Alderson, Vice-Pres.;J.T.Fondren, James Fussell, T.W.Yerzley, E.P.Taylor and A.Becker. Also we have two first rate dollar-a-day hotels-the Hotel St.Francis, by Mr. and Mrs.R.K.Swan, and the American, by Mr. and Mrs.G.E.Fisher, and a number of public and private boarding houses.**

**Goodloe, Granville, Dr.:b.1857 d.1911-Granville Goodloe, M. A., was born at Tulip, Ark., January 23, 1857. He was the eldest of twelve children of the Rev. Dr. A. Theodore**

**Goodloe and Sallie Louise, daughter of Granville La Force Cockrill and Louise M. Turner. Dr. Goodloe was a native of Maury County, Tenn.; was educated at the University of Virginia, took the degree of M.D. at Hampden Sidney College, Virginia, and practiced two years in Bellevue Hospital. Just before the war he settled with his brother in St. Francis County, Ark., and engaged in farming. He entered the Confederate service in April, 1862, as third lieutenant in the Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment; the same year he was promoted to first lieutenant, for gallantry; he served through the war, and in 1868 entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as an itinerant preacher, in which he is still engaged. His wife is a native of Tuscumbia, Ala., and a relative of the Cockrills and Hardings, of Nashville; her great-grandfather, John Cockrill, was the first white man married in Middle Tennessee. His wife was a sister of Gen. James Robertson. The subject of this sketch, Mr. Granville Goodloe, was a pupil of the Culleoka Institute (Webb. School) for three and one-half years. In 1873-75 he was a student of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and from 1875 to 1879 of the Vanderbilt University, where he was the first to take the degree of M. A., May 30, 1879. In 1879-80 he was principal of the Black River High School in Smithville, Ark. In the summer of 1880 he became associated with his classmate, the Rev. E. R. Chappell, as joint principal of McKenzie College, as McTyeire Institute was then called. He still presides over this institution. He is a member of the Methodist Church.**

**Goodloe, Granville, M. A.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:was born at Tulip, Ark., January 23, 1857. He was the eldest of twelve children of the Rev. Dr. A. Theodore Goodloe and Sallie Louise, daughter of Granville La Force Cockrill and Louise M. Turner. Dr. Goodloe was a native of Maury County, Tenn.; was educated at the University of Virginia, took the degree of M.D. at Hampden Sidney College, Virginia, and practiced two years in Bellevue Hospital. Just before the war he settled with his brother in St. Francis County, Ark., and engaged in farming. He entered the Confederate service in April, 1862, as third lieutenant in the Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment; the same year he was promoted to first lieutenant, for gallantry; he served through the war, and in 1868 entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as an itinerant preacher, in which he is still engaged. His wife is a native of Tuscumbia, Ala., and a relative of the Cockrills and Hardings, of Nashville; her great-grandfather, John Cockrill, was the first white man married in Middle Tennessee. His wife was a sister of Gen. James Robertson. The subject of this sketch, Mr. Granville Goodloe, was a pupil of the Culleoka Institute (Webb. School) for three and one-half years. In 1873-75 he was a student of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and from 1875 to 1879 of the Vanderbilt University, where he was the first to take the degree of M. A., May 30, 1879. In 1879-80 he was principal of the Black River High School in Smithville, Ark. In the summer of 1880 he became associated with his classmate, the Rev. E. R. Chappell, as joint principal of McKenzie College, as McTyeire Institute was**

**then called. He still presides over this institution. He is a member of the Methodist Church.**

**Gorman, Paris Arthur b.1876 d.1913-Stenographers: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:Are Mrs. J.M.Nichols, Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, and Mr.P.A.Gorman, Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth, Miss Eunice Nimocks, and Miss Maggie Terry. Obituary: Eldest son of Hon. and Mrs. Walter Gorman dies in his room in the family residence, an attorney. He had been employed in Washington, D.C. earlier.**

**Gorman, Walter-Legal Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39 and 77 and 78:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-Senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. (Page 77) On the following page is a splendid portrait of Hon. Walter Gorman, Mayor of Greater Forrest City, who has accomplished more for this city than any Mayor it ever had. The writer of this sketch does not make this as an empty assertion, nor for the purpose of fulsome praise, but as an honest expression of an honest opinion which we believe, is fully borne out by the facts. Block after block of concrete or granolith pavements have been and are being put down as a result of his personal efforts backed by the Council. Walter Gorman was born in Marshall county, Mississippi, November 12,1851, and is a son of Paris A. and Ann Eliza (Mallory) Gorman, both of whom died in 1858 before he was eight years old. His childhood was divided between his paternal grandfather, George Gorman, in Marshall county, Mississippi, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs.E.C.Mallory, in this St.Francis county. He began his business career as a farmer, and was educated in Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. In July 1873, he was married to Miss Cora Petticolas, of Richmond, Virginia at LaGrange, Tennessee, and resided there until February 1878 when he came to Forrest City. He kept books for Fussell, Graham & Co., of this city, and afterwards for R.& R. Block, of Wittsburg and Vandale, until 1886, when he returned to this city. He read law while thus engaged, and was licensed in that year to practice. Hon. and Mrs. Gorman have four children, all living and blessing their union. They are: Paris Arthur d.1913,Elise Braddock d.1914, Walter P., and Henry F.P.Gorman d.1950, and son Walter P. Gorman was living in Fayetteville, Ark. in 1900 Census, and died in Memphis Sep.4,1935, wife on death certificate is Margaret Gorman. He owns his home in this city, and is successfully cultivating four hundred acres of the rich St.Francis county basin. He owns stock in the Bank of Forrest City. He was an alderman for 10 years, school director from1891 to 1896. Justice of the Peace from 1898 to 1902, and has been Mayor of Forrest City since April of 1902. He is a democrat pure and simple, and a communicant of the Episcopal church, a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor fraternities, in which he has held numerous official positions. In addition to factories of**

**all kinds, he very properly believes there should be an addition to our school building; that the sewerage system, now about two thirds complete, should be finished, and that we need a Park. He will take pleasure in disseminating information of the splendid resources of this town and county. As Mayor, under his administration, Forrest City has been made a city of the second class. For three years he toiled and begged for an industrial spur of the Choctaw railroad, and today it is an accomplished fact, and a large mill is being erected as a result, which will employ 200 persons.**

**Grady, Abraham Lafayette-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 99: A. L. Grady, Well known "Ham" Grady, was born on May 18,1876, at Forrest City. His father, Abraham Lafayette, Sr. was one of the earliest merchants of this place, and was a power in the mercantile life of Eastern Arkansas. His mother, Mrs. Emma Casteel Grady Cummings, is a member of one of the most prominent and influential families of this section. The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of Forrest City, at Bell Buckle, and Nashville, Tennessee; Huntsville, Alabama; and Fayetteville, Arkansas. Having finished his education, Mr. Grady returned to Forrest City and engaged in general mercantile business, which he still successfully conducts. On July 18,1900, he was married to Miss Lela Joe Neel, one of Forrest City's most popular and prepossessing young women, and the union thus formed has indeed been a happy one, though no children have blessed it. He owns a mercantile establishment, two valuable city lots, and two productive farms.**

**Graham, W. S.-Original Director on board of Bank of Eastern Arkansas**

**Griggs, J. M.- Great grandfather of Miss Annie A.Campbell, daughter of Miss Jessie (Griggs) who married Silas Calvin Campbell. Griggs township named for him. Her grandfather, also named J.M.Griggs Sr., was an early county judge. Judge 1854-1860, 1862-1864-St.Francis County.**

**Grobmyer, Louis Richard, Sr.-b.1859 d.1931The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir of 1905 page 112: Since it was established in 1887, by the founder of the firm, Louis R.Grobmyer, it has two outstanding distinctions, one, it is the third oldest firm in St.Francis County, and second, it has done business in the same location longer than any other in St.Francis County. He was born on Feb.9,1859, in Carrollton, Ky., son of Henry Harmon and Elizabeth (Cassin) Grobmyer. The elder Grobmyer had been a wealthy and leading distiller of Carrollton, but his property was lost during the terrible ravages of the war. At the age of 17, he managed his mother's farming interests, and at 19 went to Texas, where he lived for three years, and engaged in farming and clerking. He was called home in 1881 by the death of his mother, and soon thereafter engaged in the butcher business. He came to Forrest City in 1887, direct from Carrollton. He operated buying, feeding, and shipping cattle to large markets in addition to operating a meat market, and owned more than a thousand acres of farming land, a 400 acre farm south of Forrest City where he had the cattle. He married Mary Emma Grasmick of Carrollton, on Oct.16,1883, and they reared**

**four of five children; Leo, Albert, Anna May, and Louis Richard Grobmyer Jr., and Joseph Edward who lived only one day. Annie May married Mr. Arthur L. Bucholz. In religious leanings he is a Catholic, being one of the main pillars of his community. Mr. Grobmyer has engaged in the business of feeding and shipping of cattle for the larger markets, and in these ventures his good judgment and discrimination have brought practically uniform success. Mr. Grobmyer for several years served as alderman, and in this position brought to bear the same energy and conscientiousness which have characterized his private relations. In addition to a lovely home in the city, he owns over one thousand acres of farm lands in St. Francis County.**

**Gurley, J. R.- Sheriff 1864-1872-St. Francis County**

**Halbert, H.-Circuit Clerk 1858-1868-St. Francis County**

**Halbert, J. M.- Sheriff 1840-1848-St. Francis County**

**Hall, Bill T.- Painters and Paperhangers-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: They are Charles Vogel, Ernest Hammond, Dooley & Horney, Bob Littell and Bill T. Hall.**

**Hambleton, Murray Charles, Sr.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 98 and 99: Mr. Murray C. Hambleton first saw the light of day in Fayette Co., Tennessee, April 17, 1871. He is the eldest son of Oliver Ellsworth and Mary Ellen (Rhodes) Hambleton, d. 1884. His father Mr. O. E. Hambleton, is kindly remembered by a large portion of the citizens of this county, he having held the office of County Treasurer for four years. He was a native of Virginia, and came to this county in 1880, living here till his death in 1899, and his wife was a native of Tennessee, being born near Covington. The subject of this sketch was educated in the country schools of Franks Township in this county, and Bethel College, at Russellville, Kentucky. He began his business career by teaching school for a short time and then clerking. He came to this city in 1880 and has been with several firms before becoming a member of the board of directors of The Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. and has never missed a day from business. On December 22, 1897, he was happily married to Miss Estelle, youngest daughter of Elder and Mrs. W. H. Paslay of this city, and one child, a boy, who was born on May 6, 1905, and has been named Murray Hambleton, Jr., blesses their home. He is a businessman who comes from business stock, and endeavor, well directed, has won for him business success, and the esteem of his patrons and competitors. He has a keen sense of honor and is always faithful to his word. He is a consistent member of the Baptist church. He is a fraternity man, and belongs to the Sigma Nu College fraternity, the Woodmen of the World, and the Maccabees-holding the position of manager in the Woodmen. He owns his pretty home in this city, and altogether is one of our most reliable and highly respected citizens**

**Hammond, Ernest- Painters and Paperhangers-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:They are Charles Vogel, Ernest Hammond, Dooley & Horney, Bob Littell and Bill T. Hall.**

**Hancock, George Edwin, Rector-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 29:The subject of this sketch was born in Warren County, Kentucky, August 2,1871, and is a son of John W. and Elizabeth Hancock, who were of the sturdy yeomanry of that state, his father being a strong southern man and fought in the Southern army. His mother died when he was but three years of age. Thus he was compelled to learn the lesson of self-reliance when very young. He attended the public schools until the age of fifteen years of age. He entered Union College, at Barbourville, Kentucky, Jan.1,1894, and graduated with honors in 1896. After teaching for several years, he became the minister of the Presbyterian Church Jan.1,1904 in Forrest City. He married Miss Salome Otey, who is a relative of the pioneer Bishop Otey of Tennessee on June 7,1894. One child, Inez Morrell, has blessed this union. -Inscription: Rector Of The Church Of The Good Shepherd -Rector Of The Church Of The Good Shepherd. Obituary: Beloved Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd Dies-Attack of malaria revives chronic hip trouble, necessitating amputation of his leg. Operation performed in Memphis on Monday, Nov.27, 1905, from which he never recovered, and died at 10 pm. A fearful pall of gloom o'er spread this city on Tuesday morning, when the news of the death of Rev.George Edwin Hancock, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, became generally known. Rev.Hancock had been ill for some time. He had an attack of malaria in October, immediately after his return from a very pleasant vacation at Sewanee, Tenn., and he had been a sufferer for many years of a chronic hip trouble, and this illness revived that affliction, and when he was strong enough, went to Memphis for assistance. The precious remains were brought to this city Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Rev.Dr.Thomas D.Windiate, of Memphis, and were met at the train by a large concourse of friends. They were taken to the rectory and there lay in state until Wednesday morning, when they were moved to the church. The services were held by Rev.Dr.L.L.Lloyd, Archdeacon of Arkansas, assisted by Rev.G.Gordon Smedes of Little Rock; Rev.Joseph J.Cornish, now of Marianna, and Dr.Thomas Windiate was with Mrs. Salome m.Otey Hancock and sweet baby Inez Morrell, during the services until the remains were laid to rest. The services at the FORREST CITY were supervised by the George P.Taylor Lodge, followed by a large crowd of friends. The subject of this sketch was born in Warren Co., Ky., Aug.2,1871, and was a son of John W. & Elizabeth Hancock, both of that state, his father having served in the Southern cause during the Civil war. His mother died when he was but three years of age. He attended public school until the age of 15, and entered Union College at Barbourville, Ky. Jan.1,1894 and graduated with honors in 1896. After serving as Chair of History and Latin in his alma mater for four years, he became Supt. of schools in Pineville, Ky., for a few months, when he was called by the Bishop of Lexington to take up missionary work among the native**

mountaineers in Eastern Kentucky, beginning this work in Corbin, Ky. He was married on June 7, 1894, to Miss Salome Otey, who is a relative of the Pioneer, Bishop Otey, of Tennessee., one child was born, and survives him along with his wife. SEE BIO. Mr. Milton Hancock, brother of Bowling Green, Ky. attended the funeral. Forrest City Arkansas Times 12-1-1905

Harinen, J. H.- - The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:A German, has recently opened a tailor shop on Washington Street.

Harrison, W. B.- Coroner 1838-1840-St.Francis County

Haskins, Thomas Edward, Capt. b.1836 d.1904- Treasurer 1898-1902-St.Francis County- Obituary: Capt.T.E.Haskins has gone to his just reward. He had been ill at times during the last three years of his life, and was recently brought to his bed by a malignant attack of pneumonia. He died Monday morning, Nov.7.1904, surrounded by friends and relatives. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from his country home, and the remains were laid to rest in the Forrest City cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, under auspices of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, Rev.H.M.McLain assisted Rev.S.H.Babcock in the religious services, and the choir of the Methodist church sang several of his favorite hymns. "This time for Thomas Edward Haskins-soldier, patriot, citizen, Christian-familiarly known as Captain Haskins." He was born in Prince Edward County, Va., in the fall of 1836. While quite young, he moved to Mississippi. He enlisted with the 18th Mississippi, and after being sent to Virginia, he was transferred to Co.K, 34th Cavalry, Wickam's Brigade, Fitz Lee's Division, and served with Stewart's cavalry from the beginning of the Civil war to the end. On June 12, 1876 he was married to Miss Fannie Moore, and they had five children, one of whom survives him. His wife preceded him to heaven by 27 years. He has lived at Forrest City since 1872, and has served as bookkeeper, general merchant, and public office. He was sheriff by appointment, and was elected Treasurer for St.Francis county for three consecutive terms. He was a man of clean life, and gentlemanly bearing. He was a longtime member of the Presbyterian church, and led an exemplary life as a Christian gentleman. Attending the funeral:Mr.Archer Haskins, brother of deceased, Mehaernia, Va.; Mrs. Gertrude Wiggins, and little daughter, of St.Louis, niece of deceased; and Miss Patty Moore of Memphis, sister in law of deceased. 11-18-1904 Card of thanks from Miss Fannie and Mr. Archer Haskins to Capt. James Fussell and Mr.G.B.Mallory, the Times and others who were so kind in their late distress. 12-16-1904 Tribute in Scott County Register, Mississippi, by his friend, Jno.J.Hood-We were intimate friends before the war, but then this feeling was intensified during the war, at his father's home in grand old Virginia. The old Virginia hospitality was liberally dispensed at that splendid home, where was assembled the highest type of southern womanhood and the chivalry and honor of the south's peerless manhood. Capt. Haskins rode with the Knightly Stuart, and followed his

**black plume wherever his dauntless courage led. It is needless to say that where Stuart fought and passed, there lies today a shaft of light and fame, and to those who followed him the glory of his great achievement. After the war he merchandised with his cousin, Capt. David M.Womack.**

**Hatcher, T. A.-Early Merchant of Forrest City-Secretary, Founded Ex-Confederate Assoc. Formed Aug.20,1886.**

**Hatcher, Benjamin David b.1864 d.1921- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: Dr.J. E.Stone and B.D.Hatcher, respectively, own the two livery stables.**

**Havens, Charles Henry-b.1844 d.1914-Obituary: Death of C. H. Haven-Familiar Figure of Man Who Succeeded, In Spite Of all Vicissitudes Passes Away. Chas. H. Haven was born in Germany on October 22. 1844, and came to this country when but three years of age, and at the time of his death was 69 years, 8 months and 8 days old. The story of his life would make a book of wonderful interest, and is of great value to boys, as showing what energy conserved and enterprise and tenacity in a chosen life work will accomplish. The writer of this feeble memorial knew C. H. Haven for upwards of a quarter century. We knew him at a time when he had invested his last penny in property and business in this city and had not prospered as he deserved. He was discouraged for a brief moment, and the thought occurred to him to give up, but he said no to me, "No sir, I am going to stay with `em, and sink or swim." And he did, and from that day he prospered. He began in a small way. He owned a gin and saw mill. He purchased lot after lot in the old Dillard & Chouffin addition, cheap, and when business was dull he took his mill hands and built a house. He continued in this line for years, and at the time of his death owned 49 dwelling houses in this city from which he derived a monthly income of six or eight hundred dollars. It was his stick-to-ittiveness that won. He was honest almost to a fault, and straight forward in all his dealings. He paid his debts and was esteemed by a very large circle of friends. We lately saw him on the streets and talked with him just a few days ago. He was Comparing this year with last, and related some of his experiences. We have often laughed with him about the time he told us he would "let `em take it," meaning what little property he had at that time, when had almost come completely discouraged, but took another grip on himself, and went to win out and did so. We thought him in splendid health. On Wednesday of last week he had some indication of heart trouble. He had been effected similarly several times lately. He was prevailed upon to go to Memphis, which he did on Thursday morning of last week. He first went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tim Ezell, and later to the home of another daughter, Mrs. Frank Barlow, and gradually grew worse until Tuesday night at 9 o'clock when his spirit quietly took its flight, it left its earthly habitation without a struggle. The remains were prepared for burial and returned here Wednesday afternoon, arriving at 4:.30 over the Rock Island, and lay in state at his late residence until yesterday afternoon, when in the presence of a**

very large gathering of relatives and friends, Rev. F. W. Gee of the Methodist church conducted religious services and delivered a brief address, the funeral cortege leaving the home at 10 o'clock. The remains were interred in the Forrest City cemetery in the presence of one of the largest gathering ever seen there. C. H. Haven was a member of the Methodist church. He was quiet, and unostentatious, honest in his dealings with all men, a loving husband, kind and indulgent father, a good neighbor, charitable and "true blue." He was a soldier of the Civil War, in which he wore the Gray. He leaves to mourn their great love, a broken hearted widow, four daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. Mattie Barlow, and Mrs. Nannie Ezell of Memphis; Mrs. Emma Hodges of this city, and Mrs. Lucy Looney of Dupou, Illinois; Messrs. John Haven of Wynne, Charley, Willie and Louis Haven of this city, all of whom, with their families, were present around the casket. It is a remarkable fact that until this death this large family ....had suffered a death in the trunk of the family...the first to give up the fight. Goodspeed's Biography: Charles H. Havens, a prosperous and energetic citizen of Hickory Withe, was born October 22, 1844, in Germany, and is a son of Henry D. Harms, and is one of two sons, both living, The parents were both born and married in Germany. Our subject's mother died when he was an infant. The father afterward married Dora Copeman, and in 1849 came to America and settled in Saline County, Mo., where he remained until he died in 1878. By his last marriage two sons and two daughters were born, all living, and their mother is living in Kansas. Our subject remained at home until sixteen years old, then went to Vernon County, Mo., and in 1860 went to Texas, and at the commencement of the war enlisted in the Seventh Missouri Infantry (Confederate Army) at Little Rock, Ark. He was taken prisoner in 1864 at Waverly, Mo., and held as a prisoner until the spring of 1865, when he was exchanged at Richmond, Va., and at the close of the war located in Shelby County, Tenn., where he engaged in farming and milling in connection with cotton ginning until 1880, then moved to his present location at Hickory Withe, where he started a grist and cotton mill, and soon added a saw mill and planing mill and has done a large and prosperous business with all. In 1868 Mr. Havens married Matilda Ophelia Teal, a native of Shelby County, Tenn. They have had three sons and five daughters. One son and one daughter died. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Havens and family stand well in the community and are greatly esteemed! for their good qualities

Heustess, Charles Whiteford b.1886 d.1959- The life of Charles W.Heustess has been one of successful farming in Yocona Community, south of Forrest City, on the west side of Crowley's Ridge, near Bonair, where he was born May 3,1886, and became one of St.Francis County's prosperous and respected farmers and livestock raisers. He is the son of the late Whiteford S. and Sarah Elizabeth (Mathews) Heustess. He received his schooling in his local community where he has spent his entire life developing and improving the extensive farm lands, 1200 acres, he owns and operates. In 1908, he married Miss Ella Mae Hollewell, who passed away in December 1933. Later he married

**Miss Lida Nabers. Mr. & Mrs. Heustess have four sons and two daughters. The following three sons are engaged in farming with their father, Mack, who has one daughter, Ella Claire; Henry Edward, two children, Ann and Henry E. Jr.; and Paul Marshall. The others are Mary, now Mrs. William G. Oswalt of Forrest City, three sons, Gerald, Glen, and Ray; Willie, now Mrs. Melvin Holder of Memphis, two children, Mariella and Melvin Jr., and Haywood Heustess of Nashville, one daughter, Beverly. A member of the Baptist church, the St. Francis County Farm Bureau, and for many years, a Justice of the Peace for Franks Township.**

**Hicks, Thomas J.- The early history of The Herald. it was founded as the Forrest City Times back in 1871, the year the town became incorporated into a town. The Times was published weekly as a six-column newspaper and was recognized as one of the most enterprising papers in the state. The Times changed hands frequently until 1886, when it became the property of Col. Ed Landvoigt and his son-in-law, Edwin L. Vadakin for \$700, these two country printers who "knew the business from sweeping out to paying off," bought the paper including its good will and accounts from Thomas J. Hicks. In 1904, a momentous occasion was dutifully recorded when the firm of Landvoigt & Vadakin was "replenished and greatly augmented by the addition of a beautiful new press of 300 pounds of handset type, a Reliance Drum Cylinder press, complete with steam fixtures, a folding machine, 3-horsepower gasoline engine, etc., and this is the first and only power outfit ever operated in the county." The Herald, founded in 1904, is incomplete but it is believed the paper was taken over at one time by the late Eugene Williams of Forrest City, and then bought by John T. Durst, who later was joined by his wife in the operation of the paper. Mr. Durst formed a stock company in 1919 and purchased The Times to form the Times-Herald. In 1931, he discontinued the weekly publication and started the Daily Times-Herald. In October 1943, Mr. Fred N. McCollum Sr. purchased the paper located on Front Street from Mr. Durst.**

**Higgs, J. A.- Assessor 1874-1876-St. Francis County**

**Hill, Charles Walter-The story of the life of Charles Walter Hill, prominent land owner of Heth, Arkansas, who passed on to his reward on Apr. 5, 1949, is the story of outstanding success by a self made man. Mr. Hill was born in Wynne in Cross County, in 1872, the son of the late John and Betty Hill. All his life. he lived close to the soil for it was his choice and good fortune to be of that essential class of men who have since the beginning of Man, been the backbone of any way of life-a farmer. Besides farming, he was a partner in the firm Hill & Clark Mercantile Store and was part owner of Hill Gin Co. On Apr. 15, 1931, he married Mrs. Frankie Castleberry of Burnt Cane, Ark. He is survived by his wife and a son, Charles Walter Hill Jr., and a stepson, J.W. Woodson, both following in the footsteps of Mr. Hill as farmers of St. Francis Co., and three grandchildren, Charles Walter Hill III, and Rosemary and Melanie Woodson.**

**Hinton, Cephas F.- Cephas F. Hinton, a prominent druggist of Forrest City, has been a resident of this county all his life. His father, A. G. Hinton, a native of North Carolina, came to what was then considered the wilds of St. Francis County, in 1850, where he died in 1874, at the age of forty-seven years. He had a family of twelve children, six of whom are still living: M. D. (now Mrs. Gwynne, a resident of this State), Frank M. (of this city), Lucretia M., Annie G., R. E. and C. F. The latter remained on the farm until his eighteenth year, when he came to Forrest City and embarked in general merchandising with T. E. Hastings, with whom he was connected as a partner until 1874. Then selling out to his associate he commenced in the drug business, but was unfortunate in having all of his stock destroyed by fire, on which there was no insurance, and later he entered the employ of Fussell, Pollack & Co. Three years afterward he went into the grocery business, and continued it about two years, when he was seized with a desire to alleviate the sufferings of humanity, and the study of medicine occupied his attention the following two years, after which he again entered into the drug business. The high water at that time stopped traffic on the railroad, and the goods which he had ordered with which to commence business, were laid over at Mariana. Mr. Hinton obtained help and loaded his stock on a handcar, which was pushed by hand to Forrest City, and thus was made his second start in the drug trade. He has by strict attention to business and honest dealing, built up a large and lucrative patronage, and now carries a stock of goods valued at \$4,000. He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary A. Brown, a daughter of John Brown, and a native of Mississippi. They are the parents of four children: Robert Emmet, Arthur Gordon, William W. and Mary Bertha. Mr. Hinton also owns several hundred acres of land, and is one of the most prominent citizens of the county seat of St. Francis County, having held the position of mayor for seven years in succession. He is a decided Democrat, and a member of the K. of H. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.**

**Hodges, J. B.-Original Bd. of Directors of Bank of Eastern Arkansas**

**Hodges, James Vernon-Integrity in business is the keynote of the Economy Furniture & Appliance Store, where the owners Vernon Hodges, Floyd Moncrief, and Kyle Woods, live their religion every day and are noted for their courtesy, service, and friendliness. During World War I he served with the U.S. Army, but never left the states. Mr. Hodges has 35 years experience in the furniture business, first with Parker and Gregory; later with Gregory's Store. In 1937, he opened Hodges Hardware & Furniture Co., which was located on North Front St., in 1940 he moved into the old Becker and Lewis Building; then sold out in April, 1946 to Fred Moseley, his partner. In 1947 he opened Hodges Appliance Store. A year later, Floyd Moncrief became a partner, and in 1952, Kyle Woods, son-in-law of Mr. Hodges, joined the firm and the name was changed to Economy Furniture and Appliance Store. Mr. Hodges is the son of Mrs. Samuel Lee Hodges and the late Samuel Lee Hodges, and was born in the Hodges home on North Division, where his mother still**

**lives. He attended Forrest City Schools, and on April 9,1922, married Miss Norma Sellers, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs.R.E.Sellers. They have two daughters, Mary Bob, now Mrs. Glenn Hammons, and Verna Marie, now Mrs. Kyle Woods. Grandchildren of Mr.& Mrs. Hodges are Cathy Hammons, and Kyle Woods, Jr. Mr. Hodges is a member of the First Baptist Church, served as Alderman from Ward 2 from 1936 to 1941; member of the Chamber of Commerce, and American Legion; leadership in the local District Scout work; and other community affairs.**

**Hodges, Samuel Lee- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:The only exclusive tinner. Children in 1900:Doris Ophelia Hodges, James Vernon Hodges,**

**Horton, Eugene L.- Early Settlers Of New Castle Community: Eugene L.Horton, Also First Postmaster**

**Horton, Haveus Asbury--Twenty eight years of faithful and conscientious service as Executive Secretary of the St.Francis County Chapter of the American Red Cross is indeed exceptional and deserving praise by the people of this county. That is the record of Mrs. Clyde (Ruth Griffin) Horton, who also has been local Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, since 1946. Mrs. Horton is the daughter of Mrs.C.D.Henson of Toccoa, Ga., and the late W.V.Griffin. She was born in Newport and later lived in Augusta before coming to Forrest City thirty four years ago. Her maternal great-great-grandfather Robbin Davis was a pioneer of Georgia and her paternal great-great-grandfather, Thadius Griffin, were among the earliest settlers of Alabama. On June 30,1919, in Augusta she became the bride of Clyde D.Horton, son of the late Haveas A. and Cora (Anderson) Horton, widely-known pioneers of the Newcastle community in St.Francis, and to this union has been born a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Logan of Memphis. They have a daughter, Judy Logan.**

**Houston, Hiram: Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Hiram Houston is a native of this county, and as he was reared in a locality but thinly settled, his advantages for a schooling were somewhat limited, but these were enough to lay the foundation for his success in life as a farmer, which occupation he engaged in for himself at the age of twenty-two, and now owns 223 acres of fine bottom land on the St. Francis River, seventy-five acres of which are under a fair state of cultivation. He also owns a steam grist-mill and cotton-gin. He was married November 2, 1884, to Miss Annie L. Clark, a daughter of Thomas A. and Susan A. Clark, originally of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They are the parents of three children, only one of whom is living: Nannie E. (at home). Mr. and Mrs. Houston belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Alfred K. Houston, the father of our subject, was born in North Carolina in 1814 and died in St. Francis County in 1879, and was a most successful farmer. He married Sarah E. Evans, a South Carolinian by birth, and who was the mother of seven children, four of whom are still living: Margaret E.**

(widow of Robert Anderson, of this county), William C. (a farmer of this county), Francis M. (also a farmer of St. Francis County) and Hiram (the principal of this sketch).

**Hughes, Elijah C.-** Elijah C. Hughes, of St. Francis County, Ark., is too well known in this vicinity to render a formal introduction necessary, but in compiling a volume of biographical sketches of prominent men hereabouts, the omission of his biography would leave the work incomplete. His farm, which is one of the finest in the county, consists of 2,000 acres of valuable land, with 900 under a successful state of cultivation. He grows from 350 to 450 bales of cotton yearly, 4,000 bushels of corn, and is extensively engaged in stock raising. Mr. Hughes was united in marriage, in 1857, to Miss Martha M. Reddill, and by her became the father of five children, all deceased. He enlisted in the Confederate service during the war, as a member of Company B, McNeil's regiment, and participated in the battle of Cotton. He afterward employed a substitute and remained at home, running his steam mill for the Confederate army. Mr. Hughes is a staunch Democrat, and though not a member of any church is an adherent to the Methodist doctrine, as is also his wife. His birth occurred in Marengo County, Ala., in 1837, he being the son of John and Susan Hughes. When only one year old his parents moved to Arkansas, which has been our subject's residence ever since, with the exception of eight years spent in Shelby County, Tenn. He has served as magistrate in this county for some time, discharging the duties of the office in a highly commendable manner. He is a member of no secret organization. Mr. Hughes lends his support to all movements of a worthy character, and is considered one of the most responsible and influential men of the county, winning by his courteous manner and honesty in all business details, the respect of those who know him. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.

**Hughes, John J.-** John J. Hughes is the son of John J. and Mary S. (Patrick) Hughes, natives of Georgia and Alabama, respectively, who were residing in the latter State when John J. was born, his birth occurring in the year 1828. Twelve years after they moved to Arkansas and located in St. Francis County, where Mr. Hughes died four years later, his wife surviving him only one year. The subject of this sketch was married in 1855 to Miss Margaret Ross, daughter of James F. Ross, and their union has been blessed by seven children: William S., John J., James L., Robert Lee, Leona, Bertha R. and Cora E. The boys are engaged in the mercantile business at Haynes Station, Lee County, Ark. Leona and Cora are deceased, Mrs. Hughes died in 1873, and two years later Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Fannie J. Ballout, by whom he became the father of three children; Thomas S., Walter E. and Samuel T. Thomas S. is the only child surviving. The estimable wife and mother departed this life in 1885. Mr. Hughes owns 1,000 acres of land, with 550 acres under cultivation, and the numerous late improvements placed upon it indicate the owner's spirit of progress. A comfortable and pleasant home, furnished in a quiet, refined way, show that culture and good taste have not been lacking in his busy career. Mr. Hughes has a gin with a capacity of fourteen bales per day, and he is also engaged in

raising stock. In his politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith a Baptist, though not a member of any church. The above data from Goodspeed's Biography 1884.

**Hughes, Robert M.-** In the 1890's three love brothers came to this area from Senatobia, Miss., and a fourth brother later. Two of them operated stores and bought up some land. The late N. L. Love bought a farm adjoining New Hope Farm. He was amused that his boat landing was named Blues Point, his post office named Happy, and the farm next to his New Hope; so, he named his farm Bright Future, now owned by Hugh Dillahunty. Mr. Love died in 1906 and on May 27, 1907, the heirs sold this farm to a fellow Senatobian, Robert M. Hughes, for whom Hughes is now named. Mr. Hughes had considerable interest around Senatobia and never actually moved to Arkansas. On Jan. 1, 1910, he bought a half-section of land from L.F. Dunn. Soon afterwards, the Missouri Pacific R.R. started a survey for a "cut-off" from Marianna to Memphis, abandoning the old circuitous route of its predecessor, the Iron Mountain. The survey came through the recently purchased Dunn Place and Mr. Hughes donated the right-of-way for a depot. The railroad stop was called Hughes. Mr. Hughes laid off lots and sold them for homes and businesses from time to time.

**Ingram, G. W.-** Coroner 1886-1888-St. Francis County

**Ingram, Joseph L.-** 1884 Goodspeed's Biography: Joseph L. Ingram owes his nativity to North Carolina, and is a son of Thomas and Ellen (Covington) Ingram, who also came originally from that State. Thomas Ingram in 1849 removed to Northern Mississippi, where he resided until his death, reaching the age of seventy-five years. His grandfather, whose name he bears, was a Virginian by birth and a wealthy planter of the old Dominion, subsequently removing to North Carolina where he lived until his final summons in 1825, when about eighty-five years old. Joseph L. Ingram was born in North Carolina in 1830. At the age of twenty-seven he commenced business for himself, and the following year was married to Martha Young, daughter of Tandy K. Young. They were the parents of four children: W. C., Martha Y., Eben J. and Lady. Mr. Ingram was engaged in farming in Mississippi from 1848 to 1885. He then removed to Arkansas and located in St. Francis County, where he purchased a farm and is still employed in planting. He joined the Confederate army in 1862 and served two years, then returning to his plantation, which he found in a bad state of dilapidation, the crops and stock having been confiscated by both armies. He was justice of the peace for several years while in Mississippi, and also served on the board of county supervisors for a term of years. Mrs. Ingram died in 1888 at the age of fifty. Mr. Ingram is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and of the A. F. & A. M. and also the Knights of Honor.

**Isaacs, M.-** Buying and Selling Mules, Horses, Etc.-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: E.J. Barrow, M. Isaacs and several merchants connected with the large established houses. M. Isaacs also sells exclusively Carriages and Harnesses.

**Isaacs, M.-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 38:M.Isaacs-Izard, Charles Reuben- b.1872 d.1954 The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 107:The St.Francis County News was established in 1902, at Madison, by Mr. Charles R.Izard, a native of St.Francis County, and a former employee of the The Times, in which shop "he learned the business." In 1904, Dr.N.P.Beauchamp took an interest in the paper, and the plant was removed to Forrest City, and located upstairs over E. Turley & Co.'s store in the Hancock building. From the 1954 History of St.Francis Co.: The colorful writings from the magic pen of Charles R.Izard have delighted thousands of readers, and his columns have been followed with avid interest in the Crowley Ridge Chronicle Newspaper in Forrest City which he found in 1905. An enthusiastic supporter of his home city and county, he always boosted his home by giving free space to promote worthy enterprises. Illness forced his retirement after fifty five years of newspaper experience. He began his career with the Forrest City Times in 1888 as office manager, in 1902 he established the St.Francis County News at Madison, but it was known as the Crowley Ridge Chronicle for which he was widely known. Born in Forrest City, Jan.21,1872, the son of Mark Whitaker Izard, Jr. and Emma (Sullivan) Izard and the grandson of the distinguished pioneer Mark Whitaker Izard, the first territorial governor of Nebraska. It is a matter of record while Arkansas in 1825 had its governor George Izard from South Carolina, The descendant Charles R.Izard was an orphan at an early age, his father died when he was three and four years later his mother died of yellow fever during the epidemic of 1879, leaving two children, Charles and Mary Izard. They were reared by relatives, namely their uncle George Izard, a bachelor; aunt Julia Izard Hemenway and Silas C.Campbell, all deceased but the memory of those relatives is held in high honor and appreciation by many who knew him. In young manhood and until his marriage, he made his home with a kinsman, Mark W.Campbell, and Mrs. Campbell, the latter, whom he called "Mrs. Arnold", was a community mother in helping others, a Mrs.Wiggs in her little world. She became this wanderer's beloved fairy godmother when she willed her home to Mr. Izard's first born. On June 3,1905, he married Miss Mattie Cobbs, daughter of Sedley H. and Nettie (Taylor) Cobbs of Colt, and to this union were born five daughters; Virginia of Fort Worth, Texas; Rachel, now Mrs. Fred D.Troutt, Jonesboro; Mary of Memphis and Forrest City; Sedley now Mrs. J.W.Lipscomb, Jr. of England, Ark.; and Jessie Annette, deceased. The Izard's have one grandchild, James (Jimmy) Izard Lipscomb, who is 16 months old. A 2nd Lieutenant, Co.H. 2nd Arkansas Infantry, in Spanish American War, Mr. Izard was one of St.Francis County's most public-spirited citizens during his active years. He united with the First Baptist Church when he was eleven years of age, with Pastor, Elder G.A.Grammer at that time.**

**Izard, Richard J.- Early Mayors Of Forrest City After Grogan-When Forrest City, rising on the gentle west slope of Crowley's Ridge, was only a country town of about 1500 souls and only a few buildings were built of brick, Richard J.Izard, a hardy pioneer of foresight, opened the local insurance agency which still proudly bears his name. It was in 1893,**

now some seventy-one years later, the R.J.Izard Insurance Agency is now operated by Mrs. Zell R.Izard and Fenner Laughinghouse in the Old Planters Bank Building on East Broadway. Mrs. Izard, took an active part in the business when her husband, the founder of the agency, passed away in 1938. A Methodist, she has two daughters living, Mrs. James (Hazel) Mays of Tusculumbia, Alabama, and Mrs.C.F. (Mary) Manly of West Memphis. She has a charming granddaughter, Mary Katherine Plummer, whose mother, Mrs. John (Kathryn) Plummer, has passed away.

**Izard, Richard J.-Insurance and Real Estate: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Business is handled by R.J.Izard, F.G.Pettus, and Taylor, Knight & Co.**

**Izard, Van Buren, Colonel b.1837 d.1921-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 114:Probably the best-known man in St. Francis County is Mr. Van Buren Izard. He was born February 27,1837, and enjoys the distinction of being the first born white-child in the territory of what is now Forrest City. His parents, Mark W. and Permelia (Shackleford) Izard, were among the early pioneers, having located here in 1824. Mr. Izard saw the first light on the site of the old Baptist church on the hill near the cemetery. His father was a noted man. He was twice speaker of the house in the Arkansas legislature and twice the president of the senate, which is an unusual record. By appointment of President Pierce he was made governor of the then territory of Nebraska, and his incumbency was continued under President Buchanan. He was appointed the purchasing agent and made superintendent of construction of the first capitol building of Nebraska at Omaha. Mr. Izard was a large slave holder, and with his help did much to develop this section. He was educated in the private schools of St.Francis county, public schools at that time being an unknown quantity. When the war came he enlisted and was a participant in the battles of Prairie Grove and Helena, besides numerous minor engagements. He was a member of Co.E, McRae's regiment, of the Confederate Army. Col. Izard was appointed by Governor Berry to be Colonel of the militia of the eastern district of Arkansas, and that commission was never revoked. When the troubleness times of 1889 came he was appointed Sheriff by Governor Eagle, and he was a very strong factor in conserving peace of our town and county. He has been a member of the city council at various times from the establishment of municipal government here, and his work on the school board, of which he was a member for several years, was of a most valuable and conscientious sort. On January 29,1859, Colonel Izard was married to Miss Mary Fondren, of Oxford, Mississippi, and five children were born to them. Lena, the eldest, is the wife of Mr.J.W.Williams, the successful merchant of Wynne; Richard J. Izard is a thriving lawyer and insurance man of Forrest City; Kate is now Mrs. Ernest A.Long, and also resides in this city; Van B. Jr., born Dec.1877, and still living in Devalls Bluff in 1930 census, is in a large mercantile establishment at DeVall's Bluff; Pearl died at the age of four years. Col. V. B. Izard, whose name is identified with only that which is good and noble, and who has attained an enviable position in the hearts of the citizens of Eastern Arkansas, owes his**

nativity to St. Francis County, Ark., where he was born in 1837, being the son of Mark N. and Permelia (Shackelford) Izard. The genealogy of the Izard family is traced to Scotland, whence at an early day the great-grandfather of our subject emigrated to the New England States. Three of his sons afterward settled in South Carolina, and some time subsequent the grandfather of Col. V. B. Izard separated from his two brothers, and located permanently in Lexington, Ky. His occupation was that of a farmer, and he was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. His son, Gov. Mark W., was born in Lexington, Ky., in 1800, removing from his native State to St. Francis County, Ark., in 1824. Here he was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits for some years, and also opened one of the first farms or plantations in the county. Mark N. Izard was not a man who attained high intellectually as the result of a collegiate education, for he had scarcely more than ordinary literary attainments. Something besides scholarly accomplishments drew around him hosts of friends in the pioneer days of Eastern Arkansas, it may have been his inborn worth, and intuitive genius. He entered the political field with no other qualifications to recommend, or guide him, than his own broad sense, un-tiring energy and clear judgment. First elected to the Territorial legislature, he served as a member of the Constitutional Convention, distinguishing himself in both cases, and to the credit of his county. He afterward served in both branches of the Arkansas State legislature (two or more times each), assisting first as speaker of the house, and later as president of the senate. While still actively engaged in the affairs of his own State, a candidate for another term in the State senate, an incident occurred which changed the field of his political labors from the State of Arkansas to the then Territory of Nebraska. This was his appointment as United States marshal of the Territory mentioned, by President Franklin Pierce, the first to hold that office. The demise of Gov. Burt, the incumbent of that position when Gov. Izard was serving as marshal, made it necessary that another Governor should be appointed. There were, of course, many aspirants for the place, but Gov. Izard with his usual characteristic originality of method, carried the official news of Gov. Burt's death to the President, and solicited the influence of the then two senators of Arkansas, W. K. Seabastan and R. M. Johnson, to have him made Governor, but they thought action on their part useless. This rebuff, however, did not daunt him. Going in person to President Pierce, after a clear statement of his ideas, he received the appointment to the coveted office.

**J. W. Beck Company- The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118: Composed of Mr. George Philip Walker, Sr. b.1869 d.1941, President; John M. Nichols, Vice Pres.; John Henry Tipton b.1870 d.1938, Sect/Treas; John Banner Terry, N.B. Nelson, James "Jim" Gwyn Sanders b.1872 d.1938, and Robert Walker Benson b.1878 d.1918.**

**Johnson, J. T.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118:Lannan & Co.-The other member of the firm, Mr. J. T. Johnson, is a native of Fayette Corner, Fayette Co., Tenn., where he was born Aug. 22, 1870. His parents were James Redus and Mollie**

**(Crowder) Johnson, both having died when he was quite young. Our subject was educated in the common schools and at Hendrix College, and began his business career on a farm. He came to Arkansas in 1871, locating at Marianna, which at that time was embraced in the St. Francis County. He moved to Wheatley about twelve years ago and engaged in the cattle business with Mr. E. T. Gray, now deceased, and came to Forrest City in 1899 to take an interest in the firm, succeeding E. T. Gray and known as Paslay & Johnson. He recently formed a co-partnership with Mr. James Lannan, in the brick and paving business. Mr. Johnson owns stock on the Bank of Forrest City. He is a democrat, and though he has held many trusts as Deputy Sheriff, etc., and with the exception of the office of school director, which he now holds, never ran for office in his life. Mr. Johnson was married on Jun. 30, 1898 to Miss Etta Paslay, daughter of Elder William Henry Paslay d. 1911 and Mrs. Anna C. m. Dozier, d. 1900, of this city, and one child, Geraldine, blesses their union. He is Consul Commander of the Woodmen of the World, and Right Support to the Vice Grand in the I. O. O. F. Lodge.**

**Jones, John I., Mrs.- Mrs. John I. Jones is a true matriarch, beloved by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. A native of Forrest City, the daughter of W. H. Aldridge, who came to this area when he was three years old from Jasper, Alabama, and Cathrine (Hester) Aldridge, born at Madison, Ark. Mrs. Jones became the bride of John I. Jones, Deputy Sheriff and Tax Collector of St. Francis County on Jan. 23, 1902. To this union were born two daughters, now Mrs. Adline J. Moore and Mrs. Cathrine J. King, both of Forrest City. The Joneses have four grandchildren, Lieut. J. G. Charles Moore, ( a physician), John Irby Moore, Patsy Moore, and Ray H. Patterson, son of Mrs. King, and a great-grandson, Mark, son of Lieut. and Mrs. Moore. A graduate of Forrest City High School, Mrs. Jones has been active in social, and civic and church circles. Among which were President of the PTA in 1916, and now Custodian and Historian of the Cosmos Club, and a member of the First Christian Church.**

**Jones, Nathaniel M.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Nathaniel M. Jones came to St. Francis County with his father in 1832, when nine years of age, the country at that time being a comparative wilderness. He remained with his father until his death, which occurred in 1851, and in 1856 was married to Martha A. Agerton, who has borne five children: Mary C., Nancy, James P., Cleopatra and Senoth. Mr. Jones was born in Lawrence County, Ala., in 1823, to the union of Branch and Nancy Jones, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, respectively. Mr. N. M. Jones owns a farm of 146 acres, with sixty acres under cultivation, and is extensively engaged in stock raising. He is a Democrat in politics, and was a firm adherent to the Southern cause during the late war, serving in the Confederate army throughout that conflict. He is a member of the Baptist Church (as are also all of his family, with the exception of one of the children), in which he has been an active worker. Few men have led a more honorable life or contributed more liberally to the support of religious and educational enterprises than Mr. Jones.**

**Jones, W. J.- Judge 1860-1862-St.Francis County**

**Keathley, J. P.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 33:The name of J.P.Keathley, a one time a prominent merchant here, is still familiar to the people. He was for many years an efficient member of the Methodist church and one of her truest and best.**

**Kelsoe, J. F.- Coroner 1888-1890-St.Francis County**

**Killough, A.- Original Board of Directors of National Bank of Eastern Arkansas**

**King, Benjamin Franklin-Since its founding seventy eight years ago in 1876, the Avery Insurance Agency, by W.H.Avery, who sold to George P.Taylor, grandfather of Alston Taylor, who changed the name to Taylor Insurance Agency. The firm is now composed of Harry A. Knight Sr., Alston Graham Taylor, and B.F.King. Edgar P.Taylor joined the firm when the elder Mr. Taylor died in 1898. At that time, a promising young Forrest Citian, became a partner in the firm and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight & Co. When Edgar P.Taylor passed in January 1935, they consolidated with B.F.King and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight-King Insurance Agency. Meanwhile, James Taylor, son of Edgar continued with the firm until his death in Oct. 1950, when Alston Taylor, another son of Edgar, joined the firm. The second oldest member of the firm, B.Frank King, who came to this city 35 years ago from Greenwood, Miss., is the son of the late R.C. and Letitia L.King of Greenwood, and was born at the old Agricultural & Mechanical College in Mississippi. Mr. King married on June 17,1918, the former Mattie Mann of Forrest City, daughter of the late Judge Samuel H. and Mary R.Mann, prominent pioneer settlers of St.Francis County. The Kings have one daughter, Alice Letitia, now Mrs. Morris G.Harrison, of this city, and two granddaughters, Letitia and Mary Harrison. Their son Frank Jr., was killed when World War II at Pier, Germany, while fighting with the 104th Army Division. The King-Beazley American Legion Post bears his name as a memorial for Frank. Mr. King was in training as a pilot at the end of World War I ended. He came to Forrest City, the home town of his wife, to become a clerk at the old First National Bank, now consolidated with the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas, and in 1933 founded the King Florist, now Henley's Florist. In 1925, he went to St.Petersburg, Fla. to head the New Business Dept. in the First National Bank there. In June 1930, he returned to Forrest City to purchase the J.E.Ferguson Insurance Agency, which he continued until it merged in March 1953 with Taylor-Knight & Co. He received his formal education at the Greenwood High School and at Mississippi State College. He served as Alderman from Ward I from 1949-1951 and has been President of the Rotary Club, a member of the Young Business Men's Club and the Elks Club. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is Committeeman from Ward 1 of the St.Francis County Democratic Central Committee.**

**Kirby, Elisha-John H. McCrary is widely-known and respected throughout Eastern Arkansas not only as a successful farmer and livestock dealer, but also for his intelligent raising of Tennessee Walking Horses on his well-cultivated 460 acre farm four miles north of Forrest City on Hwy. 1. The son of Miles R. and Victoria (Kirby) McCrary, he was the fifth of twelve children. His parental grandfather, M.M. McCrary, as a young man moved to Forrest City from Alabama with his bride and engaged in farming two miles west of Forrest City where he reared his family. A former county treasurer, he also served in the Confederate Army in the Civil war, riding home the same faithful horse on which he had left four years before. His maternal grandparents, Elisha and Tecessa Kirby, moved to Forrest City with their family from Mississippi in 1871 and started farming near the city.**

**Kleiber, Fred & Co. - The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: Exclusive Bakers.**

**Knight, Harry Avery, Sr. - The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir page 91: Since its founding seventy eight years ago in 1876, the Avery Insurance Agency, by W.H. Avery, who sold to George P. Taylor, grandfather of Alston Taylor, who changed the name to Taylor Insurance Agency. The firm is now composed of Harry A. Knight Sr., Alston Graham Taylor, and B.F. King. Edgar P. Taylor joined the firm when the elder Mr. Taylor died in 1898. At that time, a promising young Forrest Citian, became a partner in the firm and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight & Co. When Edgar P. Taylor passed in January 1935, they consolidated with B.F. King and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight-King Insurance Agency. Meanwhile, James Taylor, son of Edgar continued with the firm until his death in Oct. 1950, when Alston Taylor, another son of Edgar, joined the firm. Mr. Knight, now seventy nine years old, was born in Forrest City on Nov. 17, 1874, the son of the late Curtis Luther "C. C." and Harriet (Avery) Knight of Forrest City. His father was one of the pioneer merchants of Forrest City, locating here soon after the town was established. The subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of this place, and is also a graduate of the Gem City Business College, of Quincy, Illinois. Returning home he began his business career by entering the store of his father, where he remained until Feb. 1896, when he went with L. Rollwage & Co., with whom he worked until Jan. 1, 1903, when he purchased a half interest in the firm of George P. Taylor & Co., real estate and insurance agents, in which business he is still engaged under the firm style of Taylor, Knight & Co. Mr. Knight married the former Mary Merwin, daughter of T.C. and Emily (Govan) Merwin, of Forrest City on Sep. 14, 1904, and to this union was born a son, Harry Jr., and Emily, now Mrs. J. A. Patterson, both of Forrest City. The Knights have a grandson, Jerry Patterson. In his early days he was very active in politics, serving as Mayor for two terms, and as County Clerk in the un-expired term of his father-in-law, T.C. Merwin. He was also active in Red Cross work and was Food Administrator during World War I. He is a former President of the Rotary Club, former Master of the**

**Masonic Lodge, former Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and a former Council Commander of the Woodmen of the World. He has also been a member of the original Young Business Men's Club. He was graduated from the Forrest City High School. He is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.**

**Landers, S. N.-. The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Also blacksmiths, horseshoers, and woodworkers.**

**Landvoigt & Vadakin.-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39 and 106:Up to date News, Book and Music Store along with standard magazines, also novelties and holiday goods. The Forrest City Times, of which this Art Souvenir is a supplement, is a large, six column, 12 page paper, practically all home print, except two auxiliary advertising pages.**

**Landvoigt, Ed, Colonel- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 106 and 107:Col.Ed Landvoigt, senior member of the firm, is a native of Washington City, where he was born on Jun.11,1840. He was educated in the schools of that city, and served an apprenticeship at the printing business with Buell & Blanchard, publishers of the National Era, of that city. Becoming a master of the art, he came to Memphis in 1858, and held the position of foreman of the old Enquirer job office, one of the best in the city. He entered the Confederate service in 1861 at the first call for volunteers, serving through the entire period of the war. He was a gallant soldier as been attested many hundreds of times by those with whom he served. He participated in the great battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Fort Donelson, Farmington, Stone River, Shelbyville, Perryville, Lookout Mountain, Ringgold Gap, and Ft.Morgan, besides many minor engagements, and was among the captured at the later place. He bravely followed Wheeler in his famous raid through Kentucky and Tennessee, and endured the hardships and sufferings of that cruel period like the man that he is, uncomplainingly and unselfishly. After the great strife was ended, our subject returned to Memphis and served as foreman in the printing establishments of Whitmore Brothers and Tracy & Co. In September, 1886, in conjunction with the writer, he became interested in the Forrest City Times, as its senior proprietor, and in March, 1891, removed to this city, where he has since resided. Col.Landvoigt is a thorough newspaper man, and is regarded one of the most expert printers in the South, and to be master of the business in all its branches, and work requiring skilled labor is right in his line. The early history of The Herald. it was founded as the Forrest City Times back in 1871, the year the town became incorporated into a town. The Times was published weekly as a six-column newspaper and was recognized as one of the most enterprising papers in the state. The Times changed hands frequently until 1886, when it became the property of Col.Ed Landvoigt and his son-in-law, Edwin L. Vadakin for \$700, these two country printers who "knew the business from sweeping out to paying off," bought the paper including its good will and accounts from Thomas J.Hicks. In 1904, a**

momentous occasion was dutifully recorded when the firm of Landvoigt & Vadakin was "replenished and greatly augmented by the addition of a beautiful new press of 300 pounds of handset type, a Reliance Drum Cylinder press, complete with steam fixtures, a folding machine, 3-horsepower gasoline engine, etc., and this is the first and only power outfit ever operated in the county." The Herald, founded in 1904, is incomplete but it is believed the paper was taken over at one time by the late Eugene Williams of Forrest City, and then bought by John T. Durst, who later was joined by his wife in the operation of the paper. Mr. Durst formed a stock company in 1919 and purchased The Times to form the Times-Herald. In 1931, he discontinued the weekly publication and started the Daily Times-Herald. In October 1943, Mr. Fred N. McCollum Sr. purchased the paper located on Front Street from Mr. Durst. Biography from Centennial History of Arkansas, vol. 2, 1922- Colonel Edwin Landvoigt, vice president of the Times Herald, published at Forrest City, Arkansas, was born in what is now the District of Columbia, then a part of Virginia, June 11, 1840, his parents being George and Dora (Kramer) Landvoigt. The father was a native of Austria, while the mother was born in Bremen, Germany. Coming to the United States in young manhood, George Landvoigt located in Baltimore, Maryland. He had previously been a soldier in the Austrian army and he was a botanist of renown, devoting his life to botanical work and to the conduct of a greenhouse in Baltimore until he removed to Washington, D. C., where he continued his activity along the same line, becoming recognized as one of the foremost botanists in the capital city. He entered the United States army with the rank of captain, serving with the regulars. He went to Mexico with the American forces and was killed during the progress of the Mexican war. His wife had come to the United States when but six years of age in company with friends, her parents having previously died. She was reared in Washington, D. C., and was there married. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. In their family were four children: Charles E., who served as a surgeon in the Confederate army and is deceased; John A., who was a member of the Federal army during the Civil war and is also deceased; Doris W., who served with the Federal forces; and Edwin. The last named attended a private school in Washington and was also a student in the Georgetown College for a year. He afterward entered the employ of the Buell & Blanchard Printing Company in Washington and while thus employed he set up captions for Uncle Tom's Cabin. He also acted as proof reader on Hinton Helper's Impending Crisis of the South. In 1858 he went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he took charge of the job office of the Eagle-Inquirer, being thus connected until the war, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, becoming a member of Wicks Mounted Infantry. Thus two of the four brothers of the family were in the Federal service and two with the Confederate forces. Colonel Landvoigt was wounded at the battle of Perryville and sustained two wounds at Fort Morgan, where he was captured. He was afterward taken to New Orleans and Ship Island, also to Point Lookout and to Castle William in New York, thence he was sent to Elmira, New York, where he was held as a prisoner of war until the close of hostilities.

He afterward returned to Washington, D. C, and later again went to Memphis, where he entered the service of Whitmore Brothers as foreman on the Evening Ledger. In 1885 he came to Forrest City, Arkansas, where he purchased the Forrest City Times, which had been established by Bill Oury in 1871. This was a weekly paper, which he continued to publish until 1919, when he organized a stock company and retired from active management. He had previously consolidated this with the Herald under the name of the Times Herald. He remains vice president of the company, owning stock, but is not active in its control. In connection with newspaper publication he also did commercial printing and built up a business of gratifying proportions, having devoted the greater part of his life to newspaper interests. Colonel Landvoigt was married in young manhood to Miss Fannie White, a native of Kentucky, who died in 1902, leaving two children: Nettie, who is the widow of Charles Power of Los Angeles, California; and Dora, deceased. Colonel Landvoigt's daughter, married Edward Lincoln Vadakin, partner in the Times newspaper. In May, 1886, Mr. Vadakin was united in marriage with Miss Lillie B. Landvoigt, and to their union one child has been born, Dora Annette. Probably had another daughter who married George Edgar Neal. The daughter, Lillie was killed in Memphis in mysterious murder, and must be buried with her husband in City Cemetery. No tombstone found, although the plot is overgrown and could have more graves than shown here on FindAGrave. Colonel Landvoigt is today the oldest member of the Arkansas Press Association and has frequently served as a delegate to various meetings of the press association in this and other states. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and his discussion of vital political themes through the press has been an influencing factor in molding public thought and opinion on many occasions. Fraternally he was connected with the Knights of Honor, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal Church. He has lived through many momentous periods in the history of the country, watching its development since the beginning of the fifth decade in the nineteenth century and at all times his influence and aid have been given on the side of progress and improvement and in behalf of those plans and projects which he believed would prove of public benefit and of worth to community, commonwealth and country.

Lanier, John T.- John T. Lanier, prominent manufacturer and landowner of Forrest City, has accomplished much in an eventful life, and now, as President and General Manager the Forrest City Machine Works, Inc., manufacturers of agricultural implements on a large scale. Mr. Lanier was born on the Lanier Place north of Forrest City, on July 21,1893, son of the late Robert Jefferson and Ora (McKnight) Lanier. His paternal grandparents were Robert Potter and Margaret Angeline (Bendiman) Lanier. His maternal grandparents were Dr.John David McKnight, onetime Sheriff of St.Francis county, and Victoria (Williams) McKnight. A graduate of Forrest City High School, Mr. Lanier studied at the Univ. of Arkansas from 1917 to may 17,1917, when during, World War I, he entered

**the first officer's training camp at Fort Logan, H.Roots, Little Rock, and after graduation was assigned to the 32nd Division and later to Company K, 163rd Infantry, 39th Division. On Sep.1,1918, he landed with the 39th Division in Europe and then was transferred to Company 1, 357th Infantry, 90th Division. Returning to civilian life, he went to work with Planters Bank & Trust Co. in Forrest City and farmed until Dec.31,1923 when he went to Brinkley to manage the Brinkley Motor Company. In 1936, he opened the Lanier Auto Supply, and stayed with it till 1944. He returned to Forrest City, and in 1946, helped organize the Forrest City Machine Works, Inc. On July 5,1918, he married Betta Adrion, daughter of Michalie and Mary (Foisy) Adrion, of Alexandria, La., they have three children, Mary Bob, now the wife of Major Joseph E.Fogg, U.S. Marine Corps, and they have three children, Robert Lanier Fogg, Mary Faith Fogg, and Patricia Ann Fogg; John T.Lanier, Jr., now associated with his father in the Machine Works; and Betta Adrion, wife of Frank Tillman Shackelford, partner in the Shackelford Motor Co. in Forrest City, and they have two children, Frank T.Shackelford, Jr., and Betta Park Shackelford. Mr. Lanier is a member of the King-Beazley American Legion Post, Masonic Lodge, Forrest City Country Club, St.Francis Co. Farm Bureau, Arkansas Agricultural Council, Church of the Good Shepherd. He also supervises the farming of 1200 acres.**

**Lanier, William Joseph, Sr.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 Page 94:William J. Lanier was born on Feb.28,1868, on a farm three and a half miles northwest of where Forrest City now stands. His parents, Robert J. and Angeline Lanier, moved from Maury Co., Tenn., in 1856, and settled on the old homestead, consequently they may justly be numbered with the pioneers of this section. Five children were born to them. Mr. Lanier was of French descent and a Henry Clay Whig and his wife was of Scotch-Irish parentage. The subject of this sketch began life as a farmer boy then qualified himself as a school teacher, which avocation he pursued successfully. He was educated in the public schools of St.Francis county, at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., where he spent five years and took the A. B. degree, following this with a three year term in the law department of the Univ. of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was accorded the degree Master of Laws, all his expenses being paid from the fruits of his own labor. He located in Forrest City to enter upon the practice of law in February, 1903, coming here from Harrison, Ark.. His father and mother had died when he was a mere boy, and he is in every sense a self-made man, as he received no assistance whatever from any source during his struggle for a calling. Mr. Lanier has always been a Democrat. He was married on Dec.24,1900, to Miss Katie S.Story, of Harrison, and to them two sons, John Sidney and William Joseph Lanier, have been born. He is a member of the Episcopal church, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is Senior Deacon in the Blue Lodge of Masons, and Master at Arms in the Knights of Pythias of Forrest City. Mr. Lanier owns his own home in this city, and has made a success in his profession, being rated among the**

**leading young lawyers of this section. Other children born later, James G. Lanier (1908 - 1942)\* Paul Story Lanier (1911 - 1982)\* Sara E. Lanier (1917 - 1975)\***

**Lannan, James-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 117 and 118:Lannan & Co.-They manufacture granolish pavements, a new firm. During the last six years all the manufacturing and industrial plants have located here. The general manager, James Lannan, was born May 1,1864 at Lafayette, Indiana, and is a son of Bryan and Helen Lannan, who moved to Arkansas in 1871, locating at Taylor's Creek, in the northern part of St.Francis County. The elder Mr. Annan was a machinist and blacksmith, and was successful in his chosen vocation. After a limited education in the common schools in Indiana and Arkansas, Mr. Annan began his business career as a brakeman on a railroad, and soon worked his way up to the position of conductor, and in his twenty years of service, be it said to his credit, he never had an accident' of any kind or was the cause of a mishap which cost the companies he served a penny. In March 1903, he left the employ of the Red River Valley road, where he held the responsible position of conductor on a local freight train and came to Forrest City, where he formed a partnership with Mr.W.W.Rainbolt, and leased the Blanton farm just west of the city. After the tragic death of that lamented officer, Mr. Annan continued the farming operations, winding up the business at the close of the year to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In conjunction with Mr.J.T.Johnson, Mr. Annan entered upon the manufacture and construction of concrete work, and is at present putting down a splendid system of granitoid walks and crossings in Forrest City, and this work has been superbly done, affording our people the utmost' satisfaction. In politics, Mr. Annan is what we calls a "died -in-the-wool" democrat, having served the party faithfully and never asking for any reward. On June 23,1898, he was married to Miss Cornie Sanders, of Little Rock, the wedding being attended by some romantic features which attracted considerable attention at the time. Veva, aged six, and Bernard Lannan, aged four, have come to bless this union. Mr. Annan is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Woodmen of the World and the Order of Railway Conductors, and in all these his standing is the best. Mr. Annan's real estate holdings consist of a valuable and productive forty-acre farm two miles east of Forrest City. Note: last mention in news was school in 1908 for both children.**

**Laughinghouse, George W., Dr.- Judge 1874-76-St.Francis County d.1876**

**Laughinghouse, J. Fenner, Jr.-b.1888 d.1955 When Forrest City, rising on the gentle west slope of Crowley's Ridge, was only a country town of about 1500 souls and only a few buildings were built of brick, Richard J.Izard, a hardy pioneer of foresight, opened the local insurance agency which still proudly bears his name. It was in 1893, now some seventy-one years later, the R.J.Izard Insurance Agency is now operated by Mrs. Zell R.Izard and Fenner Laughinghouse in the Old Planters Bank Building on East Broadway.**

**Mrs. Laughinghouse who is equally active in the insurance agency, was born and reared in Forrest City. She is the former Bess Stevens and have two fine children, Albert of the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas, and Janie, wife of attorney Richard McCulloch Jr.. The Laughinghouse's are members of the First Methodist church. Treasurer 1904-1908. Circuit Clerk 1892-1894-St.Francis County-When Forrest City, rising on the gentle west slope of Crowley's Ridge, was only a country town of about 1500 souls and only a few buildings were built of brick, Richard J.Izard, a hardy pioneer of foresight, opened the local insurance agency which still proudly bears his name. It was in 1893, now some seventy-one years later, the R.J.Izard Insurance Agency is now operated by Mrs. Zell R.Izard and Fenner Laughinghouse in the Old Planters Bank Building on East Broadway. Mrs. Laughinghouse who is equally active in the insurance agency, was born and reared in Forrest City. She is the former Bess Stevens and have two fine children, Albert of the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas, and Janie, wife of attorney Richard McCulloch Jr.. The Laughinghouse's are members of the First Methodist church.**

**Lewis, Charles The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 111:The junior member of the firm Becker & Lewis, Mr. Charles Lewis, is a native of Memphis, Tenn., where he was born Jan.4,1862, being the second son of Benjamin, d.1870 in Richmond, Va., and Sarah, d.1912 Lewis. He was educated in the schools of that city, and began what was proven to be a very successful career, by buying hides and furs. He came to Forrest City with his parents in 1876. In religion he clings to the Jewish faith, and in politics is a democrat of the truest type. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and Chapter, which latter lodge he holds the office of secretary. Besides his mercantile business, farming and city real estate interests, he is a shareholder and director of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, Forrest City Ice & Power Co., Forrest City Gin Co., and is connected with several Trust Companies located at New York, St.Louis, Memphis, Little Rock, and Helena. He owns a very comfortable home in Forrest City, where he lives happily with his mother, who is 74 years of age, and one of the best known figures in Forrest City. He is also one of the proprietors of the Opera House which bears the firm name.**

**Lewis, Sol-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 103: Sol Lewis, the leading haberdasher of Eastern Arkansas, and one of the best men in the county, was born on Nov.25,1854, in New York City. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah Lewis who came to the United States from Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, in 1850 the elder Lewis located in Memphis, where he engaged in merchandising. Mr. Lewis began his career in 1868 as a clerk, continuing in that capacity until 1872, when he entered into business for himself in Memphis for four years, when he came to Forrest City, in 1876. From 1880 until 1886 he was a member of the firm of Becker & Lewis, and the last named year moved back to Memphis, where he engaged in the wholesale tobacco and cigar business. IN 1891, he disposed of his holdings and moved back to Forrest City, and since that time he has been**

a well-known figure in our commercial circles, being the only exclusive dealer in Gent's furnishings goods in our city, and perhaps Eastern Arkansas. In this he has been eminently successful, carrying a stock of about \$5,000, and doing a business of at least \$25,000 per year, which he conducts on a strictly cash basis. In politics Mr. Lewis has always been a democrat, clinging stubbornly, even in the darkest days of the party's history in Tennessee and Arkansas. In 1885 he was married to Miss Pauline Levy, of Memphis, daughter of Henry Levy b.Germany and Caroline Hayman Levy b.Germany, born on Dec.10,1861, and to this union has been born-Ben Charles and Henry J., manly, bright young men, who bid fair to follow in their fathers' successful footsteps. Mrs. Levy died in Memphis Jan.9,1948 as a widow. In religion he adheres to the Jewish faith. His lodge relations are very creditable, indeed, he having climbed the ladder to the Thirty-second Scottish Rite degree in Masonry, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is Chancellor Commander; of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and at the present time is Sect. of the Blue Lodge of Masons in this city. He owns a valuable residence in Memphis, his business house in Forrest City and a good farm in St.Francis county. Mr.Sol Lewis died in Memphis on Jun.30,1930. His mother who died in 1912, came to Forrest City with her two sons, Sol and Charles, and daughter who married Mr. Alexander Becker.

**Lewis, W. E.- W.E. (Ed) Lewis, a native of Forrest City, now affiliated with the (C.I.T.) Commercial Investment Trust Corp. of New York City, Financing and Industrial Banking Division, lives in Little Rock, but frequently visits his mother, Mrs. Wright Lewis, and to renew old acquaintances. He was born here Oct.24,1904, the son of Mrs. Mary (Stark) Lewis and the late Wright Lewis. His grandparents, Mr.& Mrs.H.Walter Lewis, who came here from Virginia were charter members of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Forrest City. His mother's parents, Mr.& Mrs. Bonaparte Stark, were from Georgia. A graduate of the Forrest City High School in 1922, Mr. Lewis attended Nelson's College in Memphis,. He has had positions in banking, playing baseball, buying cotton, and in politics. On Apr.23,1931 he married Miss Shirley Jane Ahrens, daughter of Mrs. Lillian (Hyde) Ahrens and the late J.D.Ahrens of Little Rock. They have one daughter, Shirley Jane, now in junior high in Little Rock. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the Little Rock Country Club, Little Rock Club, Little Rock Engineers' Club, Arkansas Engineers' Club, and the Elks Club.**

**Lincecum, G. B.- Coroner 1830-1832-St.Francis County**

**Littell, Robert "Bob" b.1877 d.1957- Painters and Paperhangers-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:They are Charles Vogel, Ernest Hammond, Dooley & Horney, Bob Littell and Bill T. Hall.**

**Long, Ernest A., Dr., Sr.-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38 and 85: The only practicing dentist in the city. He was born on Aug.20,1871, in this city, and is a son of Abram J. and Mrs. Mollie mJones Long, the former a native of Dayton, Ohio, and the**

**latter Pontotoc, Miss. Picture of Mr. Long with his offices, located on Long Block, are on page 85. Our subject is a carefully educated man, eminent in his own profession, that of dentistry, and possessing a deep interest in the welfare of Forrest City. He spent three years at the Univ. of Arkansas, and is a graduate of the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and also a graduate of the Univ. of Tennessee, and a post-graduate of the dental department of the Hospital College of Medicine, of Louisville, Ky. On Oct.14,1896, Dr. Long was happily married to Miss Katie Izard, younger daughter of Col. Van Buren Izard and Mrs.M.T.Izard, of this city, and to this union one child, Ernest A.Long, Jr., has been born. Dr.Long is an Odd Fellow and a Elk, and votes the straight Democratic ticket. He owns the handsome brick block shown in the picture, and the old Dennis homestead on South Washington Street. He has been practicing here for ten years now.**

**Longest, J. T., Dr.-Medical Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest. Spouse is Mrs. Alice m.Sanders Longest**

**Love, Gordon-Hughes Auto Company, Chevrolet dealer of Hughes, Arkansas, is proudly entering its 28th consecutive year as a dealer. Gordon Love has owned and directed the operations of this firm for nearly a quarter of a century. He moved here at age 3 with his parents, the late Robert E. and Nancy (Gordon) Love, who moved here in 1900 from his birthday in Senatobia, Miss. He was born on Aug.17,1897, and received his degree from Marianna High School. He was employed by the Peoples Savings Bank in Marianna, and served in the U.S. Army during World War I. On Oct.22,1925 he married Miss Polly Jeffries, daughter of Richard W. and Mary (Wooldridge) Jeffries of Memphis, Mrs. Love passed away on June 2,1953. Mr. Love became manager of the Hughes Motor Company firm on Feb.1,1930, started by E.A.Rolfe, Sam Rolfe, and W.C.Bowen. They moved to their present site in 1925 when they sold Ford vehicles. He was elected the first President of the Hughes Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Hughes Rotary Club, and is also a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. He is part owner of the Hughes Implement Company.**

**Love, N. L.- In the 1890's three Love brothers came to this area from Senatobia, Miss., and a fourth brother later. Two of them operated stores and bought up some land. The late N.L.Love bought a farm adjoining New Hope Farm. He was amused that his boat landing was named Blues Point, his post office named Happy, and the farm next to his New Hope; so, he named his farm Bright Future, now owned by Hugh Dillahunty. Mr. Love died in 1906 and on May 27, 1907, the heirs sold this farm to a fellow Senatobian, Robert M.Hughes, for whom Hughes is now named. Mr. Hughes had considerable interest around Senatobia and never actually moved to Arkansas. On Jan.1,1910, he bought a half-**

section of land from L.F.Dunn. Soon afterwards, the Missouri Pacific R.R. started a survey for a "cut-off" from Marianna to Memphis, abandoning the old circuitous route of its predecessor, the Iron Mountain. The survey came through the recently purchased Dunn Place and Mr. Hughes donated the right-of-way for a depot. The railroad stop was called Hughes. Mr. Hughes laid off lots and sold them for homes and businesses from time to time.

**Love, W. E.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 91 & 93:Wynne, Love & Co..** The firm is located in Memphis, at 105 South Front street, and are Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, and is a familiar sign to the cotton raising people of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi, and stands for a firm who have no superiors in fair dealing, prompt accounting and sterling integrity. Mr.W.E. Love originally from Loves, Mississippi, where he was a member of the firm of Banks, Love & Co. He moved to St.Louis in 1882, and there was a member of the firm Warren, Love & Co., until 1889, when realizing the superiority of the Memphis market over that of St.Louis, he moved to Memphis to form the firm of Wynne, Love & Co., of which Capt. J.W.Wynne, formerly of this city, is the senior member, and they have grown into one of the largest cotton-handling concerns in the whole south.

**Mallory George B., Sheriff-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 79 and 81:George B.Mallory,** the subject of this sketch, was born in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, on February 25,1849, and is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Chambliss) Mallory, who were among the pioneers of this section. Edward and Elizabeth Mallory were born and reared near Petersburg, Virginia. They came to Shelby County, Tennessee and engaged in farming near Memphis, and later (in 1850) moved to this county, locating near what is known as Mt.Vernon, where he engaged in the practice of law. He was elected to the legislature, and afterwards to the office of County and Probate Judge, in both of which high positions he served faithfully and well. At the outbreak of the Civil war, he raised a company, and served as captain throughout the entire period. Our subject was educated in the common schools of the county, the war having made it impossible to take advantage of higher institutions of learning. He began his business career as a farmer, and has never abandoned completely. His parents died when he was quite young, leaving a family of five children, of which he was the first born, and he devoted his talents and means to their comfort, remaining single and taking care of them until they were grown. In 1896, he was elected Circuit and County Clerk, and has been elected by handsome majorities since, since 1900 only the office of the Circuit Clerk, they being separated at that time. In 1873, Mr. Mallory was happily married to Miss Cornelia M. Laughinghouse, of this county, and they are the parents of 13 children, only three of whom are living, viz.:Mrs.Claudia Mallory Buford d.1949, Mrs. Mary Mallory Taylor d.1972, and Bert Mallory d.1946. He owns his home and a farm of about 560 acres in the St.Francis basin, a part of which he is now cultivating. Obituary: Sheriff and Tax

**Collector George B. Mallory, passes away peacefully. Another of Forrest City's landmarks, a pioneer citizen, a tried, true, and faithful servant, has gone to his reward after a well spent life, during which he made friends of all with whom he came in contact, and departing, has left behind him naught but loving memories and a feeling of deep sorrow. Mr. George B. Mallory, died peacefully at his home Monday morning, Feb. 12, 1912, surrounded by family and friends. For several years Mr. Mallory had been in a desperate battle with the grim destroyer, who had claimed him as a victim in the guise of the white plague, and during the last four or five years had spent much of his time in Colorado or other resorts trying to regain his health. Mr. Mallory was an honest, upright Christian gentleman, one of nature's noblemen—a man of whom it could be truly said that no man could say aught that was detrimental or hurtful, and whom it was a pleasure to know. He was a loyal member of the Methodist church, and of Forrest City lodge No. 198, F. & A. M. Besides his widow, he leaves one son, Mr. Bert Mallory, two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Buford, and Mrs. Geo. P. Taylor, one brother, Mr. Ike W. Mallory, and two sisters, Mrs. Eddie Chambless (W. E.) Williams d. 1941, and Mrs. Pauline Goddard d. 1942, all of whom except Mrs. Goddard live in this city. The funeral services were held at his late residence, Tuesday, the Rev. J. K. Farris presiding. Mr. Mallory was born in Memphis Feb. 25, 1849, and was in his sixty third year. His parents moved to this county about a year after his birth, and since then he has resided here. His parents died when he was young, leaving a family of five children, of which he was the oldest. He engaged in farming as he raised the other children. He first entered politics in 1896 to the office of circuit and county clerk's office. In 1910, he was elected Sheriff to succeed his brother in law, Mr. William Eugene Williams. Interment was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery along with the parents and others of his family. A picture of his residence is on page 81. He loved fox chases, and had lead many chases with large parties of men, women, and young folks, who have taken advantage of his generous invitations to join him. His pack of hounds is composed of some thoroughbreds and the best in the section.**

**Mallory, Edward: The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 79: Edward and Elizabeth (Chambliss) Mallory, who were among the pioneers of this section. Edward and Elizabeth Mallory were born and reared near Petersburg, Virginia. They came to Shelby County, Tennessee and engaged in farming near Memphis, and later (in 1850) moved to this county, locating near what is known as Mt. Vernon, where he engaged in the practice of law. He was elected to the legislature, and afterwards to the office of County and Probate Judge, in both of which high positions he served faithfully and well. At the outbreak of the Civil war, he raised a company, and served as captain throughout the entire period.**

**Mallory, Ike-W.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 73: Ike W. Mallory is a native of St. Francis county, having been born on November 21, 1860. He is the youngest son of Ned and Bettie (Chambliss) Mallory, both of whom were pioneers of this county,**

and his father was one of the first volunteers in the Southern army in the war between the States. His mother died when he was yet in infancy, and his father survived her only a few years, dying in 1868, and he grew up a orphan. After his father's death, he lived with his aunt, Mrs.I.D.Nash, for a year, and then with his brother and sisters, who lived happily together. After the marriage of his brother he lived with him on the farm until 1877, when his brother engaged in the livery business in this city, and he was a handy man around the barn for twelve months, and "could do anything from swilling the hogs to driving the best team in the stable." This was before the Iron Mountain railroad was built through this county, and, to use his own words: "When it came to driving a drummer to the outlying towns, why that was pepper in my gravy, because I got to eat at a hotel and sleep in a real bed, for which I stayed at home and worked in the stable I had to eat with 'Mose', and sleep in the hay loft with John Womack and a bear." His sister, Mrs. Goddard took him in for a night after his brother cut him loose. Then he went to live with Mr.George Seaborn. When the yellow fever broke out in Forrest City, and I hope it never be my misfortune to have to go through another yellow fever epidemic. Under the firm name Mallory & Vaccaro, with Mr.A.J.Vaccaro, "I have the best saloon and the best liquors in Eastern Arkansas: I have the best wife, and prettiest boy (Ned) of any man in the state." On January 20,1892 , he married Miss Elma Raiford, of Byhalia, Mississippi. The son, Ned, was born April 5,1898.

**Mallory, John W.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:** John W. Mallory was born in Petersburg, Va., in the vicinity of which he resided with his mother until the year 1842, when she moved to Fayette County, Tenn. Leaving home in 1843, when fifteen years old, John went to Memphis, Tenn., and became engaged in clerking in a dry-goods store, continuing at that business until 1849. During his stay in Memphis he enlisted in a company fitting out for service in Mexico, but as their services were not needed it was soon disbanded. In the winter of 1848 he returned to Fayette County and in the January following was married. In 1852, moving to St. Francis County, Ark., he engaged in the mercantile business at Mount Vernon, at that time the county seat. To Mr. Mallory's marriage nine children were born: Etta, Cora, Emmett, Bessie, Eddie, John, Roger, Robert and Neeley. He now resides on his farm where he has made his home for thirty-seven years. He is a Mason, having passed the Blue Lodge to the Chapter, and thence to the Knight Templar degree. He is also a member of the L O. O. F. and K. of H. Mr. Mallory's father was a native of Louisa County, Va. He was of Scotch descent and his mother of French, descended from the Huguenots who fled to America on account of religious persecution. At an early age he moved to Petersburg, Va., and engaged in business, subsequently enlisting in the War of 1812 as a member of the Petersburg Blues, and served in Canada under Gen. William Henry Harrison. He was present at the principal engagements of that war, among others the battle of the Thames, in which the celebrated chief, Tecumseh, was slain, and he was only a short distance from him when he fell. He secured his

tomahawk, which is still in the possession of the family. It is a piece of wonderfully unique and grotesquely finished workmanship. After the close of the war he was elected high sheriff of Petersburg, which office he held until his death in 1830. In commemoration of his untiring energy and devotion to his office the city council presented him with a silver cup, bearing the date of his birth, March 10, 1790. It is now in the possession of his son, the subject of this sketch. The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 34:Mr.Mallory has been Recording Steward for the Methodist Church for forty-five years. His wife before she became a cripple, was an active member and remembered with great clearness and accuracy the history of her church.

**Mallory, Lowry-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:** Lowry Mallory is a native of Alabama, and grew to manhood in his native State, supplementing his primary education by an attendance at Oxford College. Upon leaving school he came to Arkansas, locating on White River, in Jackson County, where he opened up a farm and remained for twelve years, improving his land; but overwork impaired his health, and he was obliged to travel for a few years. Thus were spent all the savings which he had made during that time in seeking restoration to his former condition, and he had only about \$50 remaining. He then went to West Point, and was engaged in the real-estate business until 1884, when he entered the employ of the Little Rock Oil Company, and for four years was occupied as general purchasing agent of the company, employed in buying cotton seed. Mr. Mallory's marriage was to Miss Bessie Mallay, who was born in St. Francis County. She died in 1886, leaving three children: Walter E., J. W. and Bessie. William Mallory, the father of our subject, is a Virginian by birth, and moved to Alabama at an early date, being one of the pioneers of that part of the State. He was there married to Miss E. J. Blackwood. He was a son of a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was of Irish descent.

**Mallory, Ned-Ned Mallory,** son of the late I.W. and Elma (Raiford) Mallory, was born April 5,1898. He is one of the county's best known residents with ancestry in St.Francis County extending back to pioneer days. His grandfather, Ned Mallory, moved here from Virginia and was of the first volunteers in the Southern Army during the Civil War. His maternal grandfather was Phillip Raiford, who moved here from Marshall County, Miss. Ned attended public schools in Forrest City and later studied at Bingham School, Asheville, N.C. and Castle Heights, Lebanon, Tenn. He volunteered for service in World War I Aug.5, 1917, during which time he got an appointment to Annapolis but preferred the Army from which he was honorably discharged Apr.30.1919.On July 20, 1935 he married Miss Elizabeth Scott, daughter of W.W. and Eva (Finley) Scott, and to this union two daughters were born, Elma Elizabeth, a senior in the high school, and Mary Ned, who is in the seventh grade. Known throughout the state for his activities in the American Legion, Mr. Mallory has served as local Commander and District Commander, and at present is Child Welfare Chairman of the American Legion Dept. of Arkansas. The

**Mallorys are Methodists and live on the corner of IZARD and GARLAND, where Mr. Mallory was born and reared.**

**Mallory, Ned, Mrs.-1<sup>st</sup> person buried in Hughes Cemetery**

**Mann, Samuel Henry-One of the leading attorneys of the Forrest City bar. He is the son of William Berkley and Victoria (Wilson) Mann, and was born at Brownsville, Tenn., on Oct.1,1867. His father was a native of Virginia; came to Brownsville when only twelve years of age, and, though not a politician, was elected and served several terms as Mayor. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native town, and began his business career at the age of fourteen years as a clerk in a mercantile firm, moved to Pine Bluff in 1890 and was in business there until he came to Forrest City in October 1891, when he established the firm of Mann & Oliver. He retired from the mercantile business, and in 1894, was admitted to the bar. His prominence in the legal world is the best proof of his capacity, and he is now enjoying a very lucrative law practice. He was happily married on Jun.5,1889 to Miss Mary G.Ramsey, eldest daughter of Rev.N.P.Ramsey, of Humboldt, Tenn. Four children have been born to them, namely Frances, Sam, Martie, and Edwin Earl, all of whom are living except the last born, Edwin Earl, who died in 1898 of pneumonia, at the age of eighteen months. Mr. Mann is a stockholder and Director in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, and owns his own home, several houses and lots, and some valuable farming property. He is chairman of Improvement District No.1 of this city. He belongs to the Methodist church,, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in all his relations with the business or social world is greatly respected and remarkably popular. In 1885, the St.Francis County Abstract Company was founded Capt. J.G.Stern, a northern man who located in St.Francis County and owned extensive real estate east of St.Francis River. The next owner was N. B.Fizer, lawyer and preacher and father of Mrs.J.G.Sanders. About 1897, Mr.Fizer sold the firm to Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, a sister of John I. Jones and Mrs. A. A.French. both still residents of Forrest City. Mrs. Matthews married S. H.Mann in 1912 and the company was operated by Mr. Mann until his death in 1938. After his death, the company was purchased by Mr.F.F.Harrelson, lawyer and owner of the Title Guaranty and Abstract Company, until 1950 the two companies were operated together until 1950-first by Mr.Harrelson until his death in 1946, and then by F.C.Harrelson and Carroll C.Cannon. In 1950 the firm is owned and operated solely by Mr. Carroll C.Cannon. Forrest City Library:Mr.& Mrs. Sam Mann Donated In March 1927 To The First Books, \$500, For Five Years If Others Would Contribute. Over the years they contributed liberally to the library.- Legal Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were admitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There**

are no others in the county. Obituary: Jan.29,1938--:Judge S.H.Mann: The passing of Forrest City's distinguished attorney, Judge Sam H.Mann, was mourned throughout the city today by his colleagues in the legal profession. Services for Mr. Mann, who died yesterday, Jan.28,1938 in Barnes Hospital in St.Louis, Missouri, were held this afternoon at the First Methodist Church and the Rev.R.S.Hayden officiating. Tributes to Judge Mann's high character and his brilliant career were paid by his fellow workers. Chancellor A.L.Hutchins said of him, "Judge Mann's life should be an inspiration to every young and aspiring lawyer. From adversity with little early educational advantages he achieved success in that most difficult profession-the law. That achievement was due not to unusual opportunity, it came from industry, honesty, integrity, hard work, and thrift." Reviewing his life one cannot but appreciate the necessity of the fundamentals on which his life was built. The Bar has lost an outstanding and valued member; the community a good citizen; and his friends have sustained an irreparable loss. C.W.Norton said, "Mr. Mann was a pillar of strength in his profession, not alone as an advocate for the rights of his clients, but in the broader view of his proper part in the administration of justice." Mr. Mann died at 6:45 this morning at Barnes Hospital in St.Louis. Little hope for his recovery was held by the family since Monday when he entered the hospital. He had been in ill health since October. His son, Sam Mann, Jr., and Frank King, a son-in-law, were with him when he passed away. Mr. Mann's activities have covered a wide field of interests. A living monument which he leaves to Forrest City is the public library. It was largely through his and Mrs. Mann's interest and contributions that the library first was established, and for more than 10 years he has aided in its upkeep. At the time the present First Methodist church was built, Mr. Mann was chairman of the Board of Stewards and he was active in its erection. Except for a brief period when he organized a mercantile establishment in Pine Bluff, Forrest City has been the home of Mr. Mann. Here he has built up an extensive law business, known as the firm of Mann and Mann. A number of years ago, his son, Sam Mann, and son in law J. R.Bussey were associated with him, before they moved to Florida to make their home. For the last six years however Mr. Mann has had as his associate, his nephew, Burk Mann. He was born at Brownsville, Tennessee, Oct.1,1867, one of a family of 13 children, eight of whom survive him. On June 5,1889, he married Miss Mary Ramsey of Humboldt, Tenn.. To them were born four children, Frances, Sam, Mattie, and Edwin Earl. The latter died as a baby. After the death of Mrs. Mann he was married to Mrs. Alice Matthews, Oct.1,1912. They had no children. Mrs. Alice Matthews Mann, a prominent state and national leader died last June. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Forrest City. Services will be in charge of the Rev.H.S.Hayden. Mr. Mann is survived by three children: Mrs. James R.Bussey, Sam Mann Jr. of St.Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Frank King of Forrest City. Seven sisters:Mrs.W.A.Morrow, Forrest City; Mrs. John Knox, Atlanta, Ga.;Mrs.William Crutcher, Mrs. William Brasher, Mrs. Marcus Baker, all of Pine Bluff, Ark.;

**Mrs.W.J.Northcross of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. John Herron of Jackson, Tenn.; and a brother,J.H.Mann of Pine Bluff. and Nine grandchildren.**

**Mann, William Burkley "Burk", Jr. b.1889 d.1959-The name Burk Mann will always occupy a prominent and secure place in the annals of St.Francis County and the State of Arkansas for its distinguished owner has made a deep and lasting impression upon the professional and business life of the state as a noted attorney and one of the foremost financiers of his time in Arkansas. As a member of the Mann & McCulloch law firm of Forrest City, his consummated some of the largest financial transactions in the state. Mr. Mann was born in Forrest City on Jan.19,1889, son of the late William Berkley and Anna Pearl (Parham) Mann, prominent citizens of the city. He received his early education in Forrest City Public Schools before attending Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn.. He later attended the University of Arkansas and received his L.L.B.Degree from University of Michigan Law School in 1911. He joined a firm in Marianna with F.M.Burke, a local attorney. The partnership was dissolved in 1913, when he formed a partnership with Richard McCulloch Sr., also of Marianna. They stayed there for sixteen years, and then the firm moved to Forrest City. From 1928 to 1931, Mr. Mann lived in Little Rock and worked with Rogers Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, Tenn. in the purchase of banks and insurance companies. In 1931, he returned to his home town to become a law partner with his uncle, the late Samuel H.Mann, prominent local attorney. On April 10,1912, he married Miss Lucille Fussell, daughter of the late Captain James Fussell and Lucille (Galloway) Fussell of Forrest City. Her father was one of the most distinguished business and civic leaders in Eastern Arkansas, and her grandfather, Col.M.C.Galloway, was one of the most prominent of Tennessee's distinguished newspaper editors and statesmen. The couple are members of Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mann is a member of St.Francis Co. Bar Assoc., Chamber of Commerce, Forrest City Country Club, Memphis Country Club, and Old River Club.**

**Manning, William-William Manning was born near the city of Cork, Ireland, on August 12, 1835. In 1844 his father and mother emigrated to the United States, and located in Dutchess County, N. Y., the subject of this sketch, with the other children, following in 1845. The family remained in New York, engaged in the nursery business and farming, until 1856, when all moved to Will County, Ill., and settled on a farm. There our subject continued till 1866, the time of his removal to Jasper County, Iowa, where he was engaged in the nursery business until 1874. Selling his nursery, he returned to Illinois, and remained on the homestead until 1876, when he moved to his present location in St. Francis County, Ark. He was married on April 8, 1863, to Miss A. D. Harrah, a native of Pennsylvania. In September, 1861, Mr. Manning enlisted in the band of the Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in June, 1862, when the band was mustered out of service. While in Illinois he served one term as commissioner of highways, and one year as collector of taxes. In 1888 he was elected representative**

**from St. Francis County on the Fusion ticket. He is a Democrat in politics, but not of the ballot-box stuffing variety. In the legislature he upheld every measure that was in the interest of progress and development, and supported every local temperance measure, and was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the native wine bill. His family consists of seven boys and one girl, ranging in age from four to twenty-five years. Since coming to Arkansas Mr. Manning has been engaged in farming and stock raising, and has been fairly successful. Goodspeed's Biography 1884**

**Matthews, Alice E., Mrs.- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Abstractor -In 1885, the St.Francis County Abstract Company was founded Capt. J.G.Stern, a northern man who located in St.Francis County and owned extensive real estate east of St.Francis River. The next owner was N.B.Fizer, lawyer and preacher and father of Mrs.J.G.Sanders. About 1897, Mr.Fizer sold the firm to Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, a sister of John I. Jones and Mrs.A.A.French. both still residents of Forrest City. Mrs. Matthews married S.H.Mann in 1912 and the company was operated by Mr. Mann until his death in 1938. After his death, the company was purchased by Mr.F.F.Harrelson, lawyer and owner of the Title Guaranty and Abstract Company, until 1950 the two companies were operated together until 1950-first by Mr.Harrelson until his death in 1946, and then by F.C.Harrelson and Carroll C.Cannon. In 1950 the firm is owned and operated solely by Mr. Carroll C.Cannon.- Stenographers: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:Are Mrs. J.M.Nichols, Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, and Mr.P.A.Gorman, Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth, Miss Eunice Nimocks, and Miss Maggie Terry.**

**May, Archibald S.b.1854 d.1936-Archibald S. May, a well-known farmer of St. Francis County and numbered among its younger citizens, was born in that county in 1854, being the son of R. A. and L. C. May, natives of North Carolina and Georgia, respectively. With the exception of a few months spent in Texas he has passed his entire life in Arkansas. Mr. May was not fortunate in receiving a liberal education, the advantages at the period of his boyhood being far from satisfactory, but by constant and close application to study of late years he is conversant with many topics of importance of the past and present. He was married in December, 1888, to Miss Mollie Taylor, a daughter of James H. and Lucinda C. Taylor of Arkansas. Mr. May is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and also of the Wheel. His principal business is that of stock raising, and he is a man who stands high in his community-possessing true worth and integrity and being a liberal supporter of all public enterprises.**

**May, John R.- John R.May, well-known farmer north of Forrest City on Crowley's Ridge, is the proud descendant of one of the earliest pioneer families in St.Francis County, his hardy and prominent ancestors settling in what is known as the Hughes community in the early 1800's. His great-great grandfather, Benjamin May, was born in North Carolina in 1779, and came to Arkansas and finally to the fertile farming land on the sloping west**

side of Crowley's Ridge east of Colt shortly after the turn of the nineteenth century. The farm Benjamin May developed and improved has passed through two generations of the May family and is now owned and operated by the great-great grandson of this early St. Francis County settler. John R., the great-great grandson, was born on Feb. 5, 1906. His parents were the late A.S. and Mollie (Taylor) May of the Hughes community. His grandfather was Reading A. May. On May 30, 1931 he married Mary Elven Voss, daughter of George and Lily (Poe) Voss of Forrest City. To this union were born five children: Charline, now the wife of Arbert L. Rushing; Rayburn, who married Catherine Clark and has a son, John Rayburn, Jr.; Mitchell May; Marshall May; and Phylliss Diane May. It is through the public-spirit of such early ancestry of that of John R. May that St. Francis Countians of this fast moving twentieth century are better able to maintain a gradually disappearing connection with the substantial contributions of those courageous and determined pioneers. Among the precious written evidence of the May family's once extensive land holdings in the possession of the present day May family is an old wrinkled and fade abstract dated 1821, which states that Edward and Lida May (great-uncle and aunt of John May) were legal "homestead" owner of the land they farmed in St. Francis County.

**McClendon, Thomas W.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 87: b. d. 1937-** T.W. McClendon is a son of Joel W. and Rebecca Jane m. Wall McClendon, and first saw the first light of day at Talledega, Alabama. His parents, pioneers of that state. His father was a surgeon of his regiment in the Civil war. The family came to Arkansas in December, 1870. While growing up our subject worked on a farm and attended the public schools. In 1887 he left the farm, and in 1890 located in Forrest City. He has held the position of Street Commissioner since 1896. Before coming to Forrest City, he resided at Brinkley, and was married March, 1878, to Miss Fannie Webber, of Lee County, Arkansas. Mr. McClendon owns his home on Cook Street in Forrest City, pictured on page 78. He is a member of the Methodist church, of which he is a Steward; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand; of the Knights of Honor, in which he is the Chaplain; of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which he is presiding officer; and of the democratic party. He has superintended the building of our graveled streets, and much of our sewerage system, and has been closely identified with the success of our water works system, and the progress of this city.

**McCord, J. A., Elder b. 10-1-1875-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 31:** Elder J.A. McCord is the present pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church in this city. He was born in Christian County, Kentucky, October 1, 1875, where he was reared on a farm, and thus became familiar with every phase of farm life. His education was obtained in the district school. He professed faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 16, and was baptized into the fellowship of West Mt. Zion Church, in his native county. He was from his conversion a regular attendant at Sunday school and prayer-meeting, taking an active part in both.

**In January 1895 his church liberated him to preach the gospel. He was married December 28,1903 to Miss Emma V.Johnson, of Crofton, Kentucky.**

**McCrary, John H.- John H.McCrary is widely-known and respected throughout Eastern Arkansas not only as a successful farmer and livestock dealer, but also for his intelligent raising of Tennessee Walking Horses on his well-cultivated 460 acre farm four miles north of Forrest City on Hwy. 1. The son of Milas Reubin d.1938 and Victoria L.(Kirby) McCrary d.1931, he was the fifth of twelve children. His parental grandfather, M.M.McCrary, as a young man moved to Forrest City from Alabama with his bride and engaged in farming two miles west of Forrest City where he reared his family. A former county treasurer, he also served in the Confederate Army in the Civil war, riding home the same faithful horse on which he had left four years before. His maternal grandparents, Elisha and Tecessa Kirby, moved to Forrest City with their family from Mississippi in 1871 and started farming near the city. Like his father and his grandfather, Mr.McCrary, as the third generation of his family, is actively farming in the county. Mr.McCrary graduated from the Forrest City High School and then attended Arkansas State College in Jonesboro. He operated a cotton gin for the Forrest City Cotton Oil Mill at Forrest City, Caldwell, and Heth from 1917 to 1942, except for a brief time in the service. He and John Poe are partners since 1946 the Planters Auction Barn in Forrest City. On Nov.18,1940, he married Miss Peggy Austin Dunlap, daughter of John A. and Willie (Standifer) Dunlap of Oxford, Mississippi, and they have a daughter, Helene, now the wife of Edwin Pettigrew, farmer and livestock dealer of Clarendon. Mrs. Pettigrew is a n accomplished rider and has received many awards for her horseman ship. The McCrarys are members of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian church, have a granddaughter, Jan McCrary Pettigrew. Mr.McCrary belongs to the St.Francis County Farm Bureau, Arkansas Walking Horse Association, Masonic Lodge, and the King-Beazley American Legion Post.**

**McDaniel, John- Bonair Community, located four miles south of Forrest City on Highway 1, is also known as McDaniel, the McDaniel's being prominent in the community. John McDaniel and his wife, whose descendants are still living in the community, came from Kentucky by covered wagon, crossed the Mississippi at Helena, and with cane axes cut through the wilderness in 1824, settling south of the present site of Forrest City. At that time there were only 12 white families between Helena and what is now Wynne. Other families now prominent in the community are Heustess, Danehower, and Pollard.**

**McDaniel, Louis b.1890 d.1945-The late Mr. Louis McDaniel established the St.Francis Motor Company Co. in 1914, and is one of the oldest active dealer ships for Ford. The activities of the company today are much different from the time of those in early 1900's, when they assembled Model-T's on the second floor. Mr. McDaniel was one of the most beloved and esteemed business and civic figures in the growth of Forrest City. He did not**

live a long life, having died just past the half century mark when death claimed him on April 21, 1945, but he always had made his life count to the utmost. He was born July 3, 1890, in Forrest City. His father, Sidney Thomas McDaniel was a prominent farmer of St. Francis County. His mother was Lou (Kirby) McDaniel, also a native of Arkansas. A graduate of Forrest City Public Schools, Mr. McDaniel completed his formal education at the University of Arkansas. In successfully operating the St. Francis Motor Company, which he founded in 1914. Mr. McDaniel married Montine Kirkpatrick of Ripley, Tenn., April 16, 1914. They were the parents of five daughters. Montine McDaniel is now Mrs. Richard W. Freeman of New Orleans. Jenny Lou McDaniel, born Aug. 15, 1916, died Dec. 2, 1916. Laura Louise McDaniel, born Dec. 2, 1918, married John C. Bowen Aug. 15, 1939. They have three children, John C. Bowen III, Montine, and Louise McDaniel Bowen. Mrs. Bowen took over on her father's death until her husband returned from military service in Dec. 1945. Another daughter is Marjorie McDaniel who is now Mrs. Louis F. Haven, Jr.; their children are Marjorie Gwendolyn, Jenny Lou, and Louis Franklin III. Van Louis McDaniel, wife of William Tucker, also of Forrest City, a son, William D. Jr. Louis McDaniel was also survived by two half-sisters, Mrs. Guy Brinkley and Mrs. W. H. Dyer; one brother, Sidney A., and three half brothers: S. P., Carl, and Thomas McDaniel.

McDaniel, Sterling Price-b. 1861 d. 1922-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 71: The constant influx of new inhabitants who seek this growing city in search of health and wealth, and the active enterprise of those already here, is constantly adding many new homes to our residence districts, and one of the successful industries of this city, as well as one of the most essential is that of plumbing. Mr. McDaniels' plumbing business house was established in 1895. His shop and office is located at No. 211 South Front street. Mr. S. P. McDaniel is a native of this county, having been born at McDaniel, four miles south of Forrest City, on December 17, 1861. His parents were Ambrose Dudley and Mary E. (Orsborn) McDaniel, and his grandfather was one of the first settlers in this fertile section. His father was a planter and mill man, and was noted for his charities and disposition to console all those in trouble who sought his aid or advice. Mr. McDaniel was married in 1882 to Miss Margie P. Lewis, who died the following year. In 1885 he was again married, this time to Miss Sally "Sallie" J. Evans, daughter of Hiram Evans, a wealthy planter of Franks township, now deceased. One child, Charles "Charley" Wellington McDaniel d. 1950, blessed their union. Mr. McDaniel came to this city to reside permanently in 1885, from McDaniel, whence he had been engaged in the general merchandise and mill business for a number of years. Since coming here he has been a member of the City Council for three years, and Chief of the Fire Department for six years. He is a member of Knights of Honor, of which he was Dictator for a term. He owns his home, a beautiful cottage on Cross Street, and two splendid farms of great fertility and value. He figured prominently in the splendid system of waterworks in this city.

**Obituary: Obituary:S.P.McDaniel Passes On To His Reward: S.P.McDaniel died at his home on South IZARD street Thursday night, Dec.7,1922, of pneumonia. He had only been ill for a few days, and his condition was not considered alarming until a few hours before his death. Funeral services were held Friday, by Rev.William Sherman and W.W.Womack of the Methodist church, with interment in the Forrest City cemetery. The services were attended by a large number of persons, and the floral offerings were abundant. Mr. McDaniel was one of the best known men of the county, and held in the highest esteem by all. He had many warm friends, attracted to him by his genial manner, his charities, and his disposition to console and aid those in trouble. He was, in every sense, a man's man, and thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and camping. He was a former president of the Old River Club, and one of the foremost advocates in the county for good roads. Deceased was born four miles south of Forrest City, on Dec.17,1861. His parents were Ambrose Dudley and Mary E.(Osborn) McDaniel, and his grandfather was one of the first settlers in this county. His father was a planter and mill man. He was raised to manhood on the farm. He came to Forrest City in 1895, when he established the present business of S.P.McDaniel & Son, plumbers, steam fitters, and dealers in mill supplies, and has been active in the business until taken ill a few days ago. He served several years as Alderman, a long term as Chief of the Voluntary Fire Dept., and at the time of his death, a municipal judge. He is survived by a son, Charles, who was associated with him in business, and four brothers, S.T., L.O., A.D, and A.J.McDaniel, all of this county. Dec.9,1922 Forrest City Times Herald**

**McDaniel, William Howerson, Capt. b.1834 d.1904-Original Board of Directors of National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. Coroner 1858-1860-St.Francis County-William Howerson McDaniel. He was Nancy Brooke McDaniel Izard's brother. His middle name of "Howerson" was originally Howison, the surname of his maternal grandmother, Ann Wood Howison, who married Landon Calvert. Their daughter, Nancy Brooke Calvert, married John McDaniel, and they were the parents of Nancy Brooke McDaniel Izard and William "Howerson" McDaniel. (I am a member of UDC, and have proved William H. McDaniel as a Confederate ancestor, along with four of the Izard brothers, including James S. Izard.- The father of this respected citizen, John McDaniel, of Scotch origin, was born near Lexington, Ky., January 25, 1799, but grew to manhood in Virginia, where he married Miss Nancy Calvert, of Welsh descent. Soon after that event they decided to move, the tales related of the rich valley beyond the 'Father of Waters,' inspiring them to seek a home in the then new territory of Arkansas, coming of ancestors who were used to conflicts with the Indians, and the hardships of pioneer life, they did not hesitate to start for this new land of promise. Their trip was made by boat to a point several miles above the mouth of L'Anguille River, where they landed in 1824, and set ashore their worldly goods, consisting of one pony, two cows, and what household goods the pony could haul on a sled, and 12« cents in money. With his family, which then consisted of his wife and**

two children, and with no guide but the compass, Mr. McDaniel struck out through the forest and staked off the farm now owned and occupied by the principal of this sketch. At that time there were not more than twelve families within the limits of the present St. Francis County. Upon the breaking out of the war, Mr. McDaniel was worth over \$75,000 in lands, negroes and stock, all accumulated in a little over thirty years, in a wild and unsettled country, and upon a start of only one shilling; such a record is marvelous, and shows the latent force and energy, which was lying dormant in the character of John McDaniel when coming to this locality. Mr. McDaniel lived to a ripe old age, and died October 31, 1869, his wife surviving him only four years. She died September 15, 1873, aged seventy-four years and six months. Ten years after their arrival here, January 17, 1834, was born William H. McDaniel, who, together with his brother, John L., are the only survivors of this pioneer family. The early life of William H. was spent on the farm, helping his father clear up the land which he had settled when coming to Arkansas; the outbreak of the war found him still on the old homestead, but with the enthusiasm of a patriot, and the love of his native State burning in his breast, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry. Entering as a private, his bravery and good conduct were soon rewarded by his being promoted, first to the position of orderly-sergeant, then first lieutenant, and after the battle of Shiloh to the rank of captain. He participated in the battles of Belmont, Shiloh, Richmond and Murfreesboro (where he was wounded and disabled for a short time, also being wounded at Chickamauga) then at Missionary Ridge, and a number of other hard-fought battles, among which was the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864. In August, 1864, the Captain was sent west of the Mississippi, to gather up recruits for the service, and while on duty, in October of that year, was captured and taken to Chicago, and then to Johnson's Island, where he was held until the close of the war. Then returning home, he has since been engaged in farming in this county, with substantial success, and now owns 1,480 acres in one tract, having 900 under cultivation. His principal crop is cotton, and he owns his own cotton-gin and saw-mill, and a supply store to furnish goods for his tenants. On January 24, 1867, Mr. McDaniel married Miss Mollie E. Fondren, of Tennessee. They are the parents of three daughters: Willie, Nannie and Ads. Several years ago Mr. McDaniel moved his family to Forrest City, where he has since lived, and has been a member of the city council for a number of years; also a member of the school board, and at one time was coroner of the county. Goodspeed's Biography 1884

McDonald, James P.-b.1830 d.1910-Resolutions of Respect=To the Worshipful Master Warden and brethren of Rising Star Lodge No.211, F. A. and M. We, your committee appointed to draft suitable resolution to the memory of our deceased brother, J.P.McDonald, who died the 9th day of March, 1910.Robt.Brown,David Duncan,Henry Hughes, Committee. Goodspeed's Biography 1884:James P. McDonald was born in Kingston, Canada, in the year 1830, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. When quite a young

man he left the parental roof, engaging in the lumber business, some little distance from home, and afterward worked on the Erie Canal, in 1854 going to sea. He next went to New Orleans, and having commenced boating on the Mississippi, followed that occupation until 1857, only discontinuing to accompany Albert S. Johnston to Salt Lake City. After sojourning in the land of the 'Mormons' for a while the spring of 1859 found him in California. Later he went to Leavenworth, Kansas., and from there to Hagerstown, Md., where he accepted the position of wagon master in the Federal service, gaining the approbation of his superior officers for his faithful attention to every detail of his business. In 1864 Mr. McDonald moved to Memphis, Tenn., and remained until 1866, leaving to take up his permanent abode in St. Francis County, Ark. In 1870 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Williams, who died two years later. In 1874 Miss Lucy Halbert became his wife, and by her he had two children, who have since died: Rosie A. and Sallie Baker. Mrs. McDonald closed her eyes to the scenes of this world in 1876, and in 1881 Mr. McDonald was united in matrimony with Mrs. Lane, his present wife. Mrs. McDonald is a very estimable lady, and enjoys the respect of a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. In secret organizations Mr. McDonald is identified with the Masonic order, and is also a member of the Wheel. In politics he votes the union labor ticket, and with his wife attends the Baptist Church, in which they have been members of many years standing.

**McGee, J. M., Captain-Raised Third Company In Civil War--Attached To Col.Mcneil's Regiment In The Fifth Arkansas Cavalry.**

**McGowen, Joseph b.1829-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Joseph McGowen, a native of North Carolina, was left an orphan at the age of seven years, his mother having died in 1836 and his father four years later. He was then bound out to a Mr. Turnage, with whom he remained until his seventeenth year, when he commenced working for himself at common farm labor in Shelby County, Tenn., and in 1852 purchased a farm in Tipton County. He was married November 19, 1854, to Cordelia A. Joyce, a native of Tennessee. They were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are still living: William Oliver (born January 15, 1856), Eugenia H. (born September 6, 1857) and Thomas Martin (born April 26, 1862), who are married; Edward G. (born October 1, 1860), Annie Eliza (born January 10, 1867), Mary Frances (born December 25, 1868) and James Taylor (born June 28, 1872). Eugenia H. was married to William Williams March 4, 1875; William Oliver was married to M. J. English December 28, 1881; Thomas Martin was married to Gertrude Tennant December 21, 1887. Mr. McGowen remained in Tipton County until 1878 when he removed to Lee County, Ark., but after one year there, came to St. Francis County, where he still resides. He owns a quarter section of land with all but twenty acres under cultivation. Mr. McGowen has always been an active Democrat, and is a strong advocate of the public school system.**

**McKnight, Clarence W., Dr. b.1868 d.1904-Child Of Dr.John David McKnight And Victoria Williams-Probably Clarence William**

**McKnight, John David, Dr.-Sheriff 1902-1906 St.Francis Co.-b.1842 d.1905-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 59:In memory of Dr. John David McKnight who was born near Somerville, Tennessee, March 12,1842, where he resided until 1871, when he came to Arkansas, locating near Wittsburg, where he had charge of a large plantation for one year. He then removed to Forrest City and resided here three years, going hence to New Castle, where he lived until 1897, when he returned to Forrest City and resided here until his death on Jan.8,1905. He was a gallant and fearless Confederate soldier, who knew no right above his country's welfare. He enlisted in the Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment in 1862, and served throughout the war faithfully, participating in the battles of Belmont, Shiloh, Perryville, Richmond, Murphreesboro, all engagements between Sherman and Joseph E. Johnson from Murphreesboro to Jonesboro, including Mission Ridge, Above the Clouds, Franklin, Tennessee, and many others of more or less importance. He was married on March 13,1867, to Miss Victoria Williams, with whom he lived happily until her death in 1891. She was a daughter of Judge J.W.Williams of Winchester, Tennessee. To this union five children were born, three of whom were reared and lived to manhood and womanhood in this county. Dr. Clarence W. McKnight, his eldest child, died July 14,1904. His two daughters, who survive him are, Mrs. Mary Ora m.McKnight(RobertJ.)Lanier, Sr., of Caldwell, and Mrs. Genevieve m.McKnight (Robert R.) Dixon of Wynne, who were married Nov.10,1896 at New Castle, Ark.. Mr. and Mrs. Lanier had two sons, John T. Lanier d.1969 and Robert J.Lanier d.1918. He was married May 8,1893 to Mrs. Martha "Matte" E. m.McGowan Horney. Only one child, Frede McKnight, d.1986, blessed this union, but he left, besides his heart-broken wife, two step-daughters, Misses Addie Horney, who was married to Allen, and Beulah Beverly Horney, who was married to Thomas H.Tarver, who were as dear to him, and he to them, as they could have been had they been his own. Dr.McKnight was a practicing physician in this county for twenty-five years, and for eight years resided in Forrest City. He had diplomas from Vanderbilt University and the Memphis Medical College. He was twice elected to the office of Sheriff and Collector of this county, and had only just entered his second term when he passed away. He was a conscientious and painstaking officer, and the business of the office was in good shape when he died. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Odd Fellows and Masonic Fraternities, and was an exemplary citizen who has been sorely missed and greatly mourned. Obituary: Death of Dr.J.D.McKnight=Died very suddenly of Congestion of the Lungs. Was High Sheriff of St.Francis County-  
Dr.J.D.McKnight is dead. This was indeed appalling news to his friends as they awoke on Monday morning, Jan.9,1905; and when we say, his friends, that includes every citizen of St.Francis County who has ever come in contact with him. He had not an enemy. Even political opponents were his personal friends, and there is scarcely a family in the county**

**to some member of which he has not done some personal favor or kindness. He was universally esteemed. He was Mason in the true sense, and not in name only, and this is as great a compliment as we can pay our deceased brother.**

**Memphis Coffin Co.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118:**

**Mr.J.T.Willingham, President of the company, is largely interested in this county.**

**Merritt, L. H., Dr.-b.1869 d.1921Medical Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest. Spouse: Sarah Ellen m.Proctor Merritt d.1949. Per 1910 Census:Children:Azille Merritt age 10 and Leonidas Merritt age 4**

**Merwin, Thorburn Chartres, Capt. b.1845 d.1922-Thorburn Chartres Merwin born Jefferson,Kentucky-1880 census in Marianna, 1910 in St.Francis County-ALL CHILDREN: Mary Merwin b: 16 Jul 1881 in Marianna, Lee, AR Eaton Govan Merwin b: 12 May 1883 William Lister Merwin b: 11 Jun 1886 in Little Rock, Pulaski, AR Georgia Merwin b: 12 Apr 1894 in Marianna, Lee, Ark.:Given Name: Georgia Surname: Merwin Sex: F Birth: 12 Apr 1894 in Strawberry, AR Death: May 1974 in Forrest City, St. Francis, AR-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905 page 79:Capt.T.C.Merwin, County Clerk of this St.Francis County, is a son of A.W. and Anna L. (Chartres) Merwin, and was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on Christmas Day, 1845. His father died when he was but seven years of age, and he was educated in the public schools. He began his business career on a farm, afterwards clerking, and early becoming an expert accountant. He came to this state in 1860 from Louisville, and located at Walnut Bend, Lee county. In July, 1861, or subject enlisted with Company F, First Arkansas Cavalry, served through the entire period, and was paroled at Johnson's Island June 18,1865, with transportation and without subsistence. He came to Forrest City in November, 1893, and took the position of deputy clerk under F. Laughinghouse, which he held under succeeding Clerks, until October 1,1900, when, the offices of Circuit and County Clerks having been separated, and having been elected at the primary election a few months previous, he was appointed by Governor Jones, and entered upon his duties as County Clerk, to which official position he has since been twice elected, and now fills the place with extraordinary ability and fidelity. Captain Merwin was married December 26,1874, to Miss Laura Campbell, who died in May, 1877, and he was again married on May 28,1879, this time to Mss Emily Govan, daughter of E.P.Govan, of Lee county. Six children, Olivia, Mary, Will, Georgia, Frank, and Govan have blessed their union, all but one of whom are living. Govan having died in May 1885, at the tender age of two years. He is a Mason and a democrat of the old school, owns his lovely home in West Forrest City at the foot of Hill street, a very good halftone of which appears herewith. Obituary Aug.19,1922-Forrest City Times Herald:Captain T.C.Merwin, Following an Operation, Passed Away This Morning:**

**Capt.T.C.Merwin, County Clerk of St.Francis county for the past twenty-two years, and one of the best known and most useful men of the state, died about 10 o'clock this morning, Saturday, Aug.19,1922, following an operation Friday night for appendicitis. The body is expected to arrive in Forrest City at 4:17 p.m., and while arrangements have not been made it is probable that they will be held Saturday afternoon. Capt.Merwin was ill but a short time, working up until noon, Thursday at his office in the courthouse, He remained home Thursday afternoon, and was seriously ill Thursday night; Friday his condition showed no improvement and Friday afternoon he was carried to Memphis, accompanied by Dr.J.A.Bogart, Mrs. Wade McCoy and Mr.H.A.Knight. His condition was such that an operation was performed last night, by Dr.R.L.Sanders. His chances were slim for survival of the operation. Capt.Merwin was born in Louisville, Ky. on Christmas day, 1845, the son of A.W. and Anna L. (Chartres) Merwin. His father died when he was but seven years of age, and he was educated in the public schools. He began his business career on a farm, afterward clerking, and early becoming an expert accountant. He came to Arkansas in 1860 from Louisville, and located at Walnut Bend, Lee County. In July 1861, he enlisted with Co.F-1st Arkansas Cavalry, United Confederacy, and served the entire period of the war between the states, and was paroled at Johnson's Island, June 18,1865, returning to Lee County. He came to Forrest City in Nov.1893, and took the position of deputy clerk under the late Fenner Laughinghouse, which position he held under succeeding clerks until Oct.1,1900, when the offices of Circuit and County Court Clerks having been separated, and having been elected as County Clerk. Captain Merwin was married to Miss Laura Campbell Dec.26,1874, who died in May 1877, and he again was married to Miss Emily Govan. Six children, Olivia, Mary, Will, Georgia, Frank and Govan, blessed their union, all but one still living, Govan having died in May 1885 age two. When Mrs. Govan died, her sons Will and Frank lived in Pueblo, Colorado, and her step-daughter, Mrs.E.F.Bomar lived in Greenville, S.Carolina. He was a Mason, and Odd Fellow, and Elk, and Democrat, and a faithful and consistent member of the Episcopal church. He is survived by two sons, Will and Frank; three daughters, Mrs.E.E.Bomar, Mrs. Mary (H.A.)Knight d.1961, and Mrs.Georgie (Wade) McCoy d.1974, and by the widow, whom the entire community join in mourning the death of this truly good and useful man. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the residence and at the graveside, conducted by Rev.Myron Lewis Morley, rector of the Episcopal church. Interment was at the Forrest City cemetery. Active pall bearers were: W.W.Campbell, J.J.Hughes, Othello McDougal, Dr.Hugh Puckett, Chas. D.Buford, and James M.Gilliam; Honorary: Dr.J.F.McDougal, J.O.Winford, F.T.Whitted, N.B.Nelson, J.M.Nichols, J.G.Sanders, Walter L.Lacefield, S.H.Mann, Jr., S.A.Rolfe, John W.Alderson, J.T.Sanders, E.B.Smith, James L.Scott, A.C.Bridewell, John T.Durst, C.R.Hine, Ed Landvoigt, W.A.Morrow, W.S.Alley, W.G.Ferguson, and Robert Berry.**

**Mohler, Thomas I., Dr.-b.1844 d. -Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Thomas I. Mohler, M. D., who occupies a position of prominence in the medical affairs of Eastern Arkansas, was ushered into the world on March 10, 1844, in the State of North Carolina, but was reared in Kentucky, spending his boyhood in a tobacco factory. At the age of eighteen he went to Illinois and the following January enlisted in the Thirty-first Illinois Infantry as a private, before the close of the war being promoted to the position of second lieutenant. He served in Sherman's 'March to the Sea,' and participated in all of the battles in that campaign. After the war going to Johnstown, Mr. Mohler bought a farm, and in April, 1866, was married to Miss Judy S. Lawrence, who died in January, 1878, leaving six children. He was engaged in farming for four years, after which he went into partnership with his brother in the manufacture of tobacco and cigars. Following the death of his wife he commenced the study of medicine and attended lectures at the St. Joe Medical College, subsequently traveling over Missouri, Iowa, Utah, California and all of the Western States. In 1887 he located at Palestine, Ark., and commenced the practice of medicine, and has built up an extensive patronage. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the K. of P.**

**Moore, Creed T. b.1863 d.1936-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 127:Creed T. Moore, Esq., the subject of this sketch is a magistrate of Telico township, and a agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Colt. He is a native of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, where he was born on August 15,1862, and is a son of Major B.B. and Ruth Stovall (Rowland) Moore. His father was of Irish descent, a native of Georgia, and a soldier in the Mexican and civil wars, having been promoted to Major in the latter. He was graduated from the best college of the state; was a scholarly man, a lawyer, editor, and politician; but gave them all up in disgust, and retired to his farm, spending his remaining days in teaching, and writing for various newspapers and magazines. He lived to the age of 89. The mother of our subject was of Irish descent and a native of Virginia. Mr. Moore was educated in the common schools, beside having the advantage of 20 years constant scholarly association, and began life as a farmer, in which he is still engaged. He left home at the age of 23 years, and came to Arkansas, locating in this county in 1886. He worked in timber for a year or so, when he married and resumed farming. In 1888 he was elected magistrate of Telico Township. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster and railroad agent at Colt; again elected magistrate in 1893 and 1902, and in 1905 was appointed to that office by the Governor to succeed H.C.Phillips. In 1887 he was married to Miss Mattie Srum of Colt, the daughter of Jonas Srum, and granddaughter of Mitchell Taylor. Eight children, viz: Ira B., Seabie Eron, Ruth E., Howard Gordon, Harold Garland, James Vernon, Orma Leone, and Jeff Davis, four of whom died in infancy. He owns his home and forty acres of good land.**

**Moose, T. V.- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 99:Mr.T.V.Moose, Photographer, was born and reared at Taylorsville, N.Carolina, where he received his**

early education and business training. He came to Forrest City on June 1,1904, and being so well pleased decided to stay and purchased a building next to the Presbyterian church. He is the official photographer of the Times Art Souvenir Supplement. He is a bachelor who says his greatest event of his life was, "several times trying to marry."

**Muller & Co.-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The only manufacturers of carbonated drinks.**

**Muller, Christian Peter b.1879 d.1951-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 87:The Forrest City Bottling Works was established In 1898 by Powell & Moody, of Wynne, who sold the same two months later to Mr. W. T.Sanders. He changed the name to Sanders Bottling Works, improved the plant and operated it with success for five years, when on Mar.4,1903, he sold it to Messrs. A. Muller & Son of Desoto, Mo. These gentlemen having had experience in the manufacture of all carbonated drinks, and realizing that Forrest City, by reason of its central location, is an ideal point for their business. They built a roomy plant near the railroad and the electric light plant from which they are furnished power and water, and installed the latest machinery. They manufacture Ginger Ale, Soda Pop, Mineral Waters, Seltzer, and all carbonated drinks, with a capacity of two hundred cases per day. Mr.A.Muller, the senior partner up to this time has given the business his personal attention during the season, and Mr. Christian P. Muller, junior member of the firm which operates the A.Muller & Son Bottling Company, has permanently resided here in Forrest City. Mr. Chris Muller is a native of Missouri, and is twenty two years of age, and has been engaged in this line of business for eight years. Marriage: Last Saturday afternoon, Rev.Andrew Haeringer pronounced the solemn ritual of the Catholic Church uniting in holy matrimony Mr. Chris P.Muller and Miss Fleetwood Kirby, both of Forrest City, at the priest's residence in Brinkley. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. E. Kirby, Mr. Muller is employed with the Forrest City Bottling Works 11-4-1910. Mr.& Mrs. Chris Muller are rejoicing over the birth of a baby nine pound girl who arrived on Tuesday morning. 1-5-1912. Later he remarried, this time to Miss Julia Bishop**

**Nail, Irving P. or Alexander Irvin b.1825 d.1899-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Could be Alexander Irving Nail-Irving R. Nail owns one of the carefully cultivated farms of St. Francis County, Ark., it consisting of 120 acres, a greater portion of it being under the plow, and the general impression of the observer, is that thrift and prosperity prevail. He owes his success to no one, being thrown on his own resources at the age of thirteen, and though the prospect was not one to encourage one, he never grew despondent, but kept bravely on, with what success is already known. He was born in Tennessee in the year 1825, being the son of Andrew and Lucy, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Nail came to St. Francis County in 1838 where he breathed his last a few years later. Irving R. Nail enlisted in the Confederate [p.486] army in 1861 in**

**Johnston's Company, Thirteenth Arkansas Regiment, participating in the battle of Belmont. He was shortly after discharged on account of illness, this ending his war career. He was married in 1863 to Amanda Raney, a daughter of Thomas and Jane Raney. The result of this union was four children: Martha J., William R., Dorinda and John C. Mrs. Nail died in August, 1877, and Mr. Nail remained a widower until January, 1881, when he took for his second wife Miss Nancy Cobb, whose father, W. M. Cobb, immigrated from South Carolina to Arkansas in 1855, having been born in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Nail are members in high standing of the Baptist Church, to which the former lends his hearty support and influence. He is a Democrat politically.**

**Nall, T. C., Professor- Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 53: The subject of this sketch was born in Princeton, Caldwell County, Ky. on Dec.7<sup>th</sup>, 1875 and is a son of John J. and Sarah E.Nall, both natives of Kentucky. His father is a representative in the state legislature in Kentucky. After completing high school course at his home, Professor Nall graduated from the Southern Normal University at Huntingdon, Tenn., and began his career as a teacher. He located at Wheatley, this county in 1898, from Kuttawa Co., Ky., and held the position of principal of the Wheatley HS until 1902, and in this year returned to Kuttawa and accepted the position of principal of the Kuttawa graded school, which he held until 1904, when he returned to Wheatley to take charge of the school there. At a recent meeting of the Forrest city School Board, he was tendered the principal ship of Crowley Ridge Institute, which he accepted, and in now engaged in what promises to be the most satisfactory and progressive term in its history, there being every evidence of a hearth co-operation on the part of its patrons. Professor Nall was happily married on Sep.19,1898 to Miss Mayme P'Pool, daughter of Dr. A. G. P'Pool, of Lamasco, Ky., and his wife assists him in his school work. He is a Methodist in Christian belief, and a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Woodmen of the World, and a Mason (Chapter and Knight Templar), and in each of these fraternities he has held every important station, being at present Consul Commander of the W.O.W., and senior Deacon in a local Masonic Lodge.**

**Naylor, John Woodfin:b.1865 d.1938 Announcements of the marriage of Miss Willie Howerson McDaniel, eldest daughter of Capt. & Mrs.W.H.McDaniel, to Mr. John Woodfin Naylor, on Wednesday, Feb.21,1900 at the Baptist church, with Eld.W.H.Paslay officiating. The groom was born and raised in Fayetteville, Tenn., and is connected as commercial traveler with a large wholesale house in Cincinnati.2-9-1900-Husband of Mary E. Naylor-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 55:John W. Naylor, the subject of this sketch, was reared at Fayetteville, Tennessee, and is the son of John W. and Martha (Powell) Naylor. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's store, afterwards, with his brothers, succeeding to the business. Mr. Naylor was married on February 21,1900 to Miss Willie Howerson McDaniel, eldest daughter of Capt. W.H. and Mollie (Fondren) McDaniel, since which time he has constantly prospered in his various**

**business undertakings. He has two farms, aggregating 1,109 acres, in the cultivation of which is used the most modern labor saving implements of various kinds, being under the watchful care of Mr.W.A.Johnson, overseer for over three years. Mr. Naylor has just finished a complete, modern and up to date 170-saw Munger System Gin, and is otherwise improving the plantation. He is identified with the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, the oldest bank in the city, being a member of the Board of Directors, with the Forrest City Hotel Co., of which he is President, and numerous mercantile enterprises throughout the territory which he travels. In addition to his other interests, as enumerated above, he represents Mayer, Scheuer, Offner & Co. in a portion of five states, which position he is very proud of, as this firm is one of the most reliable manufacturers of clothing, and also financially one of the highest rated firms in the world.**

**Nelson, Norburn Bland b.1862 d.1927: The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 105:Mr.N.B.Nelson is the senior member of the firm N.B.Nelson & Co., dealers in Fine Wines, Liquors, Cigars and Tobaccos, who do a large retail business on North Washington Street. The senior proprietor is a native of Stanton, Haywood County, Tennessee, where he was born on December 10,1860. He is a son of W.L. and Mary E. (Bland) Nelson. His father was a railroad man nearly all his life, and was for years a passenger conductor on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, and "pulled" the first passenger train from Memphis to Stanton, over that road. N.B.Nelson was educated in Nashville, Tennessee, and began his career as a farmer, a noble calling which he has never entirely abandoned. He came to Forrest City in 1889, Mr. Nelson, besides his saloon business, is a stockholder in The J.W.Beck Co., The Bank of Forrest City, The Planters Gin & Mfg. Co., and the Choctaw Brick & Tile Co. of this city, and the Southern Trust Co. of Little Rock. In 1882 he was happily married to Miss Mollie Rives of Mason, Tennessee, and to this union four children were born, only one of whom, Mamie, surviving her mother. In 1889 he was married to Mrs. Mattie Rhodes Williams, of this city, and to them six children have been born, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are Susie W., Annie Claude, and Kathleen Rhodes Nelson, and a step-daughter, Corrine Williams, now Mrs.Hequembourg, of Missouri. The Nelsons own a lovely home on South Washington street, and besides his other interests, owns 400 acres of the best farming lands of St.Francis County. He is a member of the Order of Redmen.**

**Nichols, J. M., Mrs.-Stenographers: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:Are Mrs. J.M.Nichols, Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, and Mr.P.A.Gorman, Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth, Miss Eunice Nimocks, and Miss Maggie Terry.**

**Nichols, John Merritt-b.1857 d.1930-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 115:Jno.M.Nichols was born July 11,1857, at Raleigh, N.Carolina and is a son of Julius and Mary H.( Ferrell) Nichols. The elder Nichols was a merchant in Raleigh, until shortly after the war, when he moved to near Des Arc, in this state, and engaged in pioneer**

**farming. At the age of 15 years the subject of this sketch began clerking in the general merchandise store of Eddins & Bros., of Byhalia, Mississippi, holding said position for seven years until the fall of 1879, at which time he formed a partnership with George H. Benson under the firm name Benson & Nichols, at Byhalia, and for a long time did a thriving business, but finally got on the wrong side of an erratic cotton market and was compelled to make an assignment. In 1887 Mr. Nichols located in Forrest City and secured employment as salesman and bookkeeper for T.A.Hatcher, where he remained until the dissolution of the firm of Wynne, Dennis & Beck in 1889, when the firm of J.W.Beck & Co. was organized and he took a partnership in the new concern. After several changes, he and Messr. Beck bought out Mr. Wynne, and Mr. Nichols took the position as buyer and outside man for the firm, and Mr. Beck looked after the office affairs and their cotton interests. In addition, Mr. Nichols has been seven years manager of Waters-Pierce Oil Co. for Forrest City and contiguous territory. On April 11,1882, he was married to Miss Lena Pierce of Trenton, Tennessee, but she lived only one year after their union. On January 15,1891, he was married to Miss Adelaide "Addie" Bard of Forrest City, a daughter of the lamented and beloved J. H. Bard, at one time agent of the Little Rock & Memphis railroad, and for a long term of years the capable manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at this place. Of the latter union two children have been born-Bard and Helen-Nichols, and these are the prime factors in making one of the happiest homes in the country. Miss Helen later married Walter Edwin Stevens, and helped in the funeral home business with him, and then their son. Mr. Nichols owns a town residence, and in addition to an interest in some of the most valuable farming lands in conjunction with Mr. Joel Wynne of Memphis. He has also been seven years manager of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. for Forrest City, and contiguous territory. He is now Vice President of the J.W.Beck Co. For five years he has served the city at Treasurer, and is a member of the City Council and the School board. In politics Mr. Nichols is a Mississippi democrat, which stands for about everything good in democracy. His fraternal connections are the Masons, and Knights of Honor.**

**Nimocks, Eunice, Miss.b.1886 d.1923-Stenographers: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:Are Mrs. J.M.Nichols, Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, and Mr.P.A.Gorman, Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth, Miss Eunice Nimocks, and Miss Maggie Terry.**

**Nimocks-Stevens Co.- Wholesale Grocers, Hay and Grain Dealer--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 46 and 47:Mr.Robert Mitchell Nimocks, the President of the Company, and Mr.A.L.Stevens, as Sect. Treasurer of the company, and Mr. Otis Stevens, The Vice President, son of Mr.A.L.Stevens. Miss Eunice Nimocks, is the remaining stockholder and director, the daughter of the president.**

**Nimocks-Stevens Co.-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Large warehouses, are the wholesale dealers in Groceries, Feed and Mill Stuffs.**

**Norton, Nathan William, Judge-Legal Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39 and 93: The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W. Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H. Mann, Mr. P.A. Gorman, Hon. Otto B. Rollwage, Judge J.E. Beasley, and Messrs. T.S. Downey and M.P. Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R. Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. b.1850 d.1912- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 93: Judge Nathan W. Norton is one of the most prominent lawyers in Eastern Arkansas. He enjoys an extensive and a very large and lucrative practice. The subject of this sketch was born October 15, 1850, near Lick Springs, Kentucky, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Kennedy) Norton, she died in 1875, who came from Virginia to Kentucky at an early day. Nathan W. Norton was educated in the schools of Oxford, Ohio, and he has added a wealth of information by close reading and study. He came to Cross County, Arkansas, in 1869, and began his business career by teaching school, afterward holding a position of Deputy Clerk of Cross County, and following with book-keeping. He resided in Cross County from the time he was eighteen years of age until 1885, representing that County in the legislature that year, and soon after came to Forrest City, where he has since resided. Judge Nathan W. Norton was married to Miss Carrie V. Roleson, of Cross County, on November 13, 1879, and four children, all now living have blessed their union. Judge Norton is interested in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, of which he is Vice-President. Obituary: Again the icy hand of the Death Angel has fallen heavily upon Forrest City, and once again a bereaved widow and children, mourn the absence of one whose voice is forever stilled. The news of the death of Judge Nathan William Norton Wednesday night, Mar. 6, 1912, after an illness of only two weeks from an attack of uremic poisoning. came as a surprise to the people of the city, but when it became generally known the expressions of grief and sympathy for the bereaved family were general deep and sincere. Judge Norton was a learned, scholarly man, a jurist of great renown, and a man whose death causes a vacancy that is hard to fill, not alone to the people of his home town, who knew and loved him so well, but throughout the state at large, he was widely known, and as highly esteemed. He was the senior member to the law firm of Norton & Hughes, of this city, and a former President of the State Bar Association. Judge Norton was born on Oct. 15, 1850 in Blue Lick Springs, Kentucky, and was a son of William and Rebecca (Kennedy) Norton, who came to Kentucky from Virginia at an early day. He was educated in the schools at Oxford, Ohio, and in addition to this added a wealth of information and knowledge from reading, close study and observation. He came to Cross county in 1869, and began his business career by teaching school, he later held the position of deputy clerk of that county, followed by bookkeeping. He resided in Cross county from the time he was nineteen years of age, until 1885, representing that county in the legislature that year, and soon after came to Forrest City, where he has since resided continuously. He married Miss Carrie V. Roleson, of Cross county, on Nov. 13, 1879, and she and three sons,**

and a daughter survive. Two of the sons, Messrs. Charles William Norton and Edward Roleson are in business in Benton, and another son, Mr. Nathan Britton, and a daughter, Miss Virginia Norton, reside in this city. He had at various times filled the bench of both the Circuit and Supreme Court, as special judge, and was prominently mentioned as a candidate for election to the associate justice of the supreme court, and at a later day as a candidate of the Democratic nomination for gubernatorial office. He was also a Vice President of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas and financially interested in other ventures in the city. The funeral proceeded from the family residence to the Forrest City cemetery, where interment was had, Rev. Geo. H. Kirker of the Presbyterian church presiding at graveside services. The pallbearers were: W. W. Campbell, Louis McDaniel, H. A. Knight, Eugene Williams, W. P. Gorman, and John Grobymer. Honorary Pallbearers were: Walter Gorman, S. H. Mann, W. W. Hughes, Chas. Lewis, E. A. Rolfe, Jas. Fussell, T. O. Fitzpatrick, and T. C. Merwin. Forrest City Times Newspaper Mar. 8, 1912

**Pace, W. A.- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: The only Stone Cutter and dealer in Monuments.**

**Parham, John, Captain-Sheriff 1872-1880-St. Francis County. b. 1838 d. 1896-Obituary: June 19, 1896 Forrest City Times: Capt. John Parham, Ex-Sheriff Of St. Francis County, And Well Known Throughout This And Adjoining States, Died At 11 O'clock Monday Night, June 15, 1896 At The Residence Of His Daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mann, Of Congestion Of The Brain And Was Buried The Following Day, Tuesday, In The Forrest City Cemetery. Rev. F. Bozeman Officiating. Capt. Parham Was The Son Of Mary Hill Parham And John Parham. His Parents Moved From Sussex Co., Va., In The Year 1835. He Was Born Mar. 14, 1838 In Fayette Co., Tenn., Was Educated At Oxford, Miss., And Married To Miss Anna Westwood Harwell, Of Lagrange, Tenn. Dec. 10, 1860. Moved To Arkansas The Same Year. He Was Elected Sheriff Of St. Francis Co., Sep. 9, 1872, And Filled The Office For Eight Years. Then Was Legislator From St. Francis Co. For Four Years. For Many Years He Was A Man Of Wonderful Personal Popularity, And Was Well Known Through Arkansas. He Leaves One Daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mann, And One Son, Willie Lee Parham, And Little Tom, An Orphaned Grandson, Who Has The Sympathy Of A Large Circle Of Friends And Relatives In Their Sad Bereavement.**

**Parrott, Cynthia m. Witter, Mrs. b. 1834 d. 1914- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905- Page 122: Johnson Township is situated in the center of the northern half of the county and contains part of the Crowley's Ridge and some of the St. Francis bottom. It's area is approximately 25,000 acres, or a little more than thirty-eight whole sections. Congress during the early years of Jackson's first administration, provided for the opening of military roads to what was then our Western Territory. The trail from the Chickasaw Bluffs, on the Mississippi river to Arkansas Post, crossed the St. Francis river at a point near the present line between Cross and St. Francis Counties, and continued its course**

westward on a line nearly parallel with the county line to a point on top of Crowley Ridge. The red man had been charmed by this land before the white man arrived and found a large thriving community of the Cherokee Indians, located at what is now the Jones' farm, on a beautiful clear water, afterward called Village creek from this fact. Plenty of land here was designated for Bounty Land by the U.S. Government surveyors for the soldiers of the war of 1812, and the Indian Wars. It remained status quo until the state was admitted to the Union. The first white settlement is unknown, but some of the first three families related, named Filingrin, Tyer, and Strong appear to be first to locate. Samuel Filigren settled Old Wittsburg about 1798, and shortly after moved down into what is known as Johnson Township. John Johnson, for whom the township was named, came about 1812: the Mays shortly thereafter. The remains of Carnes Alexander along with wife, Mary Alexander, are buried with John Johnson in Loughridge Cemetery, hers being dated 1826, is probably the oldest in the county. The county seat remained in Johnson Township from 1827 to 1840. Wm.Strong and Caleb S.Manley both residents of the township were members from the county to the Constitutional Convention of 1836, and Strong was for three terms Sheriff of the county. John Johnson was for two terms County Judge. J.M.Parrott, clerk from 1842 to 1856; and J.M.Halbert, sheriff from 1840 to 1848, were residents of Johnson Township. In 1838, W.S.Mosly, a resident, went to the legislature. In 1840 W.S.Mosly and Wm.Strong went. In 1842, Dr.C.L.Sullivan, a whig, then a young man and a resident of the township, was sent as one of the members of the legislature. In 1841 W.S.Mosly was appointed prosecuting attorney for the judicial court, and shortly after followed his tragic death due to assassination on one Sunday morning, on the old Helena and Batesville road about a half mile south of the farm known as the Yarbrough Place. Second wife of John W.Parrott. Obituary: Death of Old Citizen: Mrs.Cynthia A. Parrott, mother of Mrs.H.P.Dooley and who had made her home with Dr. and Mrs. Dooley for some years. In fact since after the death of her husband, Judge John M.Parrott. died Sunday evening, Mary 15,1914, at 5 o'clock of old age and general debility, aged 79 years, 10 months, and 18 days, and was buried in the Forrest City Cemetery on Monday following, Rev.F.W.Gee of the Methodist Church, of which she had been a devout member for forty years officiating. She came to Mt.Vernon in 1841, and has resided in this county since. A short time after coming here she was married to Hon. Gus Johnson, then High Sheriff of this county, when she was sixteen years of age, and three daughters survive her, namely:Mrs.Dooley, Mrs.Geo.W.Martin of Memphis, and Mrs. Ida Miller of Johnson township. Eight grand children survive her, viz three children:Mrs.S.B.Swan(Mattie Augusta) b.1871 d.1901, four children of Mrs. Ida Miller, and one child of Mrs.Geo.W.Martin. Hon. Gus Johnson died in 1855?. Some years after the death of her first husband, she married the late Judge John M.Parrott, who was county judge of St.Francis County, who died in 1896. Grandma Parrott was a splendid woman. In her life time she was a kind and indulgent mother, a neighbor who would go to help in sickness or distress. She watched by the bedside of the sick, nursed the babies, and was

**an invaluable friend. Her death is a great bereavement not only to her devoted relatives, but to scores of other citizens who have at some time or other been the beneficiaries of her kindly administration. May 22,1914**

**Parrott, John M., Judge b.1814 d.1896-John M. Parrott, a retired lawyer of Forrest City, is native of Tennessee. His father, John Parrott, moved to that State at a very early day in its history, where he engaged in the saddlery business, serving as a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1845, his wife surviving him twenty years. They were the parents of a large family, of whom John M., our subject, who was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., in October, 1814, is the only survivor. He lived at his native town, Dandridge, attending the academy at that place, until seventeen years of age, when his father moved upon a farm in the vicinity. In 1836 he commenced life for himself at Blountsville, Ala., going into the mercantile business, and three years later came to St. Francis County, continuing the same business at Madison. In 1840 he was appointed deputy clerk by Isaac Mitchel, then clerk of the St. Francis circuit court, and in 1842 was elected circuit clerk, which office he filled with such satisfaction to the citizens that he was made his own successor for fourteen years in succession; during this time he applied himself closely to the study of law, and in 1856 he was admitted to the bar and commenced practicing, which he followed until within a few years, when he retired from active professional life. In 1864 Mr. Parrott was elected to the legislature, but did not serve the term, owing to the fact of there being no session that year. In 1874 he was delegate to the constitutional convention. He was a candidate for nomination for the office of auditor of State in 1876, but was beaten by John Crawford. During the war he entered the Confederate service and acted as assistant adjutant, though being in no engagements. Mr. Parrott has been twice married; first, in 1841, to Rhoda Johnson, who died in 1858. His second union, in 1859, was to Mrs. Johnson (nee Witter). They are the parents of six children, three of whom are still living: Kate C. (now Mrs. Martin), Ida Lee (now Mrs. Miller) and Mattie A., all residing in this county. Mr. Parrott has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the past forty-five years. He is also connected with the Masonic order. Goodspeed's Biography 1884-Obituary:It is with the feeling of great sorrow that the Times chronicles the death of Judge John P.Parrott. which sad event occurred at his home, five miles north of the city, on Monday, March 23rd, 1896, in the eighty second year of his age. He was buried in the family cemetery, near Andrew's Landing, on the following day, under the auspices of the F. & A. Masons. Judge Parrott settled in this county in 1835, having moved from Knoxville, Tenn. He represented the county in the only two constitutional conventions held by our state, and held the office of circuit court clerk for fourteen years., and served as County and Probate Judge for one term. There never lived a purer or more honored citizen in this county, and to his last day on earth wore his crown of labor, love, and forbearance meekly, submitting to his long suffering with resignation and courage to the last. May the rising generation imitate his noble life,**

and that in death they too may be prepared to go in peace. Judge Parrott was a member of the Bar of Eastern Arkansas, and highly esteemed by all the courts. The service was officiated by Dr.H.P.Dooley and Gen.Geo.P.Taylor, in a sweetly impressive manner. He was a charter member of the W.M.W. and brethren of the Rising Star Lodge, and was the first Secretary of the lodge.-3-27-1896.

**Paslay & Johnson-- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:They sell Lumber, Paints, Oils, Hay, Grain, Coal, Brick and variety of other merchandise.**

**Paslay, William Henry, Rev. b.1831 d.1911-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Rev. W. H. Paslay, prominently associated with the Baptist Church of Forrest City, first saw the light of day in South Carolina, December 18, 1831, being the son of H. W. and Mary (Wright) Paslay, born in South Carolina, in 1803 and 1802, respectively. H. W. Paslay was a graduate from the Medical Institute of Charleston, and also a minister of the Baptist Church. He was recognized as a gentleman of unusual attainments, both in his practice of medicine, and as a minister of the Gospel. He immigrated to Arkansas in 1857, where his death occurred in 1872. To himself and wife a family of eight children were born. The mother of Mr. Paslay closed her eyes to the scenes of this world in 1873. W. H. Paslay received his education in the schools of his native State, afterward taking a full course in the well-known Furman University of South Carolina, graduating there from in the year 1855. He then taught school for several years, and was ordained in Alabama, where for fifteen years he was engaged in preaching and teaching. Coming to Arkansas in the fall of 1872, he located in Monroe County, and has endeared himself to many friends and acquaintances by his conscientious and faithful work in the church, as well as by his efficient discharge of the manifold duties of teacher in the schools. He has been occupied in preaching (as at present) in St. Francis, Lee, Monroe and Phillips Counties, his work covering a period of over thirty-one years. During the Civil War he was prevailed upon by many soldiers, who went into active service, to remain at home to look [p.487] after their families, they feeling that his watchful care would keep them from all harm, so his work in the war covered only a short time. Mr. Paslay was first married to Miss Geraldine Rupum, of Alabama, who left four daughters, viz.: Mary Tula, Ora Lana, Alna Mona and Etta Leta. He was next married to Miss Julia Prince of Alabama, who died leaving one child, Estelle. His third and present wife was formerly Miss Ann Dozier of Jasper County, Ga., and by her he became the father of three sons; W. H., Woode D. and Rob E. Mr. Paslay in connection with his many other duties, carefully cultivates a farm of 320 acres of valuable land. He is a Mason in the Blue Lodge and Chapter, and also a Knight of Honor.**

**Pearson, George W. b.1830 d.1905 The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 111: The subject of our sketch, was educated in the schools of Simpson Co., Miss., where he was born, and later attended Centenary College at Jackson, Miss. , from which**

institution he was graduated. He began life as a farmer, but abandoned that for the vocation as a bookkeeper, at which he became very expert. In 1852 he was married to Miss Margaret Ann Taylor, of Brandon, Miss., and to this union were born a son, William A. Pearson, and a daughter, Annie, who married C.C.McMurchee, both of whom are residents of Forrest City. When the Civil war broke out, Mr. Pearson enlisted as a private in Co.I-6<sup>th</sup> Miss. Regiment, C.S.A., under command of Colonel (Afterwards General) Lowry, since governor of the state, and served with credit during the continuation of hostilities. In 1872, Mr. Pearson located in Forrest City, and was soon afterwards appointed station agent of the Memphis & Little Rock Railroad, which later became the Little Rock & Memphis road, then formed a part of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf, and is now a link in the Rock Island. He served in this capacity for nine years, and was conceded to be one of the best agents the company ever had at this place. In the early days of the town, Mr. Pearson was elected City Recorder, for which position his training especially fitted him, and after the lapse of years, he was again elected and is now serving his third consecutive term. Mr. Pearson is a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic fraternity, of which latter order he is the steward and tyler. In addition to his cozy home in the western part of town, Mr. Pearson owns 120 acres of farm land two miles northwest of Forrest City, and may be considered to be in comfortable circumstances.

**Goodspeed's Biography 1884: G. W. Pearson, deputy circuit and county clerk of St. Francis County, was born in Mississippi December 25, 1830, being the third in a family of nine children born to John Atkin and Nancy (Nichols) Pearson. They were natives of North Carolina (near Fair Bluff), and married there, moving to Southern Mississippi in 1829. At the date of their deaths they lived near Brandon, Miss. John A. Pearson was a Methodist Episcopal minister, and had preached from the earliest recollections of his son until his death, in 1842. Of their large family of children, G. W. is the only one now living. Everett died at Nashville, Tenn., in the Confederate army, in the Sixth Mississippi Regiment; John was waylaid and shot by a negro; the sisters married and all died after the war. G. W. has in his possession a cane which was made by his grandfather (a native of North Carolina) when a young man. He was a carpenter and natural mechanic, and died in his seventy-third year. G. W. Pearson received his education in the schools of Mississippi, and selected farming as his occupation, in which he was actively engaged until coming to Arkansas, in 1872. He was married in Mississippi to M. A. Taylor, and their union was blessed by two children: William Atkins and Annie Everett. Mr. Pearson owns a residence in town. He was agent for the Memphis & Little Rock Railroad for nine years, subsequently being appointed magistrate, and has been filling the position of deputy county clerk since May, 1889, discharging the duties of his office in a highly creditable manner. The grandfather of Mr. Pearson and two brothers were taken captives by Indians and carried far back into the interior of the country, after which the savages held a council to determine the best way to dispose of their captives. The brothers were lashed to the ground to await their terrible death, but an Indian maiden became**

enamored of one of them-a very handsome man-and went to his relief, cutting the lashes that bound him, and telling him at the same time to flee for his life, which injunction he was not slow to follow. He released his brothers, and after running nearly all night, they crawled into a large log, whose capacity was sufficient to hold them all. The Indians followed in hot pursuit, and were close upon them when a herd of deer crossed their path, thereby destroying the trail. The redskins gave up the chase, and actually seated themselves on the log in which the brothers were secreted, and in which they remained until night. They had been without food for three days, and when an opossum crossed their path they killed and devoured it without waiting to have it broiled, their intense hunger making them forget that it was raw. They made their way to a white settlement, and then on to their old home, where they were welcomed by their relatives and friends, who had despaired of ever seeing them again. Mr. Pearson has not been particularly fortunate in amassing property, but he and his honored wife enjoy that which is of far more consequence-an unsullied name and the sincere love of a host of friends. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, his wife also being connected with the same church.

**Peevey, Robert Wadkins, Major-b.1827 d.1906-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Hon. R. W. Peevey, farmer, stock raiser, and one of the prominent old settlers of St. Francis County, owes his nativity to Alabama, being a son of W. H. and J. A. (Childers) Peevey, originally from Georgia and Tennessee, respectively, and of Irish descent. The parental grandparents of our subject came to this country shortly after the Revolutionary War. R. W. Peevey was born January 8, 1827, and was the fourth son in a family of seven children. He spent his boyhood [p.488] days on his father's farm, and before his twentieth birthday was married to Miss Nellie A. Collier, who died in 1850, leaving three children, two still living: James J. and Emma J. (wife of W. H. Fogg), both in this county. In 1862 Mr. Peevey enlisted in the Confederate army and served in Col. Robinson's regiment, being elected captain of his company at starting out, and in May, 1863, he was promoted to major. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Corinth and a number of others. After the war he engaged in farming in Madison County, Ala., until 1873, when he came to Arkansas and located in St. Francis County, where he bought his present farm. In October, 1859, he married Miss Louisa Curry. She died in August, 1878, having borne seven children, and of these four survive: Thomas Elbert, Robert H., William H. and Luther B. Mr. Peevey married his third wife, Mary J. Dew, in January, 1880. He is a prominent Democrat, and has ably served his county in the State legislature, to which he was elected in 1876. He also held the office of justice of the peace for several terms, and is still filling that position. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he is also connected with the Masonic fraternity.**

**Pettus & Buford-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118:Composed of Messrs. George Baskerville Pettus b.1866 d.1910, Thomas A. Buford, Sr. b.1876 d.1930, and**

**Eugene Adrian Rolfe, Sr. b.1865 d.1947, do a large furnishing business and are largely interested in St.Francis bottom lands. Mr.Pettus is a member of the Forrest City Business League, as Vice President, and President of the Choctaw Brick & Tile Co.**

**Pettus, Frank G. b.1856 d.1927.-Insurance and Real Estate: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Business is handled by R.J.Izard, F.G.Pettus, and Taylor, Knight & Co. Obituary: Frank G.Pettus, aged 71, died Monday morning, Nov.14,1927, at the home of his daughter, Mrs.M.L.Morley, following an illness that had confined him to his bed for the past several weeks. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, in the Methodist church, conducted by pastor Rev.Chas.Franklin, assisted by Rev.J.C.McJunkin of the Presbyterian church, followed by interment in the Forrest City cemetery. Pall bearers were as follows, Active:N.B.Rice, C.E.Hammond, Jack Ferguson, J.Othello McDougal, Gazzola Vaccaro, and C.R.Garrison. Honorary: A.C.Bridewell, Homer Folbre, Dr. J. F. McDougal, E.A.Rolfe, T.A.Buford, Lon Pipkin, John Tankersley, Tom Hughes, Ray Bonner, A.L.Stevens, James L.Alley, R.L.Stockard, S.H.Mann, and W.P. Gorman. He was born in Meckenburg, Virginia, Apr.9,1856. Before reaching manhood the family moved to Mason, Tipton Co.,Tenn., where he resided until 1901, when he came to Forrest City. He was united in marriage Feb.26,1879 in Tipton Co., Tenn., to Miss Alice Summerville, and this union was blessed with three children, Thos.S.Pettus, Mrs. Myron Lewis Morley (Mary Joe), and Mrs. J.E.Ferguson (Mabel), the three children surviving him; their mother preceding him in death about thirty years ago. He engaged in insurance, real estate in this area until his health failed, and he sold to Mr.J.E.Ferguson a few years ago. He also was engaged in farming on an extensive scale, owning with his brother, H.E.Pettus a fine plantation of seven hundred acres near Rawlison. He is also survived by two brothers, R.L. and H.E. of this city; and two sisters, Miss Lillie E.Pettus of Forrest City, and Mrs. Annie Sheaf of Ft.Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George B. and Joseph F.Pettus. Forrest City Times-Herald Nov.17,1927**

**Potts, L. H.-Auctioneers--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Are T.E.Prewett, white, and L.H.Potts, Colored.**

**Prewett, Thomas Erastus b.1855 d.1935- Auctioneers- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Are T.E.Prewett, white, and L.H.Potts, Colored. Obituary: An Oldtime Citizen is Gathered Unto His Fathers, Saturday: T.E. (Erastus) Prewett, 80, a widely known and beloved citizen and descendant of two of the old pioneer families in Arkansas, died at the family home on North Rosser Street in this city Saturday night. For many years deceased led a very active life and for several years served as City Marshall of Forrest City, but for the greater part of his life he engaged in farming and merchandising. While serving as a peace officer in this city, he made a fine reputation in carrying out a policy of fair and impartial law enforcement. He was a true and loyal citizen, courageous to a fault, and his friendship was something to be prized. His father,**

**Frank M.Prewett d.1914, was a Mexican War veteran and also served with honor and distinction in the Confederate Army. Rass Prewett enjoyed the sincere friendship of all the oldtime citizens and everywhere he was known, he was loved and held in high esteem. God rest his soul. His mother was Elizabeth Iazard-Prewett and was among the prominent women of the state during that early Civil War period when Southern women endeared themselves to the entire nation by standing up loyally for the traditions of their country and which, on down through the years has added luster and glory to the bright pages of our dear Southland which to this writer's way of thinking is just now coming into its own. We wish we could say something adequate to the memory of the good citizen who has been gathered unto his fathers. Deceased was born July 15,1859. He is survived by a devoted wife, who before their marriage, was Miss Mary Buford and two children, Walter Prewett of this city, and Mrs. Emory Sweet of Widener; three sisters, Mrs.Balnche Sizemore, Mrs.H.M.Doty, Lake Charles, La., Mrs.R.H.Williams Knoxville, Tenn., and two brothers, John M.Prewett, El Paso, Texas, and Oscar Prewett, a railroad man whose field of operations has for many years been in Mexico and South America. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Stevens' Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev.Grover Prince, with burial in the City Cemetery. Those acting as pallbearers:R.C.Eldridge, A.C.Bridewell, Tom Buford, Mallory Buford, A.W.Buford, and Marion Prewett of Helena.**

**Prewitt, Frank E. b.1859 d. Goodspeed's Biography 1884: George C. and Frank E. Prewitt are now prominent young farmers of this county, though natives of Missouri. They removed to St. Francis County, Ark., in 1886, and settled on the St. Francis River, a section noted for its fertility and productiveness. Their father, Joseph E. Prewitt, was a native of Scott County, Ky., where he was reared and married, Miss Naomi M. Nash, a native of Covington, Ky., becoming his wife. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Nash, and died in 1879, leaving six children: Robert C. (M. D.), William L. (a teacher in Missouri), Bettie A. (wife of George W. Watts), George C. and Frank E., and Mattie C. (now Mrs. Clifford, of Missouri). Mr. Prewitt died in 1874 at the age of sixty-five. George C. Prewitt was born on May 20, 1850, and received a good education, being instructed in the rudiments of farm work by his father, who was an agriculturist of advanced ideas. At the age of twenty he commenced farming for himself. Frank E. was born in Pike County, Mo., June 18, 1859, and started out in life as a tiller of the soil at the age of nineteen, in 1886 becoming associated with his brother George. They are industrious and enterprising young farmers, and are turning their attention to that most lucrative branch of agricultural pursuits, as well as that most beneficial to the community, the breeding of fine stock, in which they will undoubtedly make a decided success. They are Democrats in politics and liberal donators to all charitable and worthy enterprises.**

**Remley, Milton Powell b.1854 d.1921-Legal Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-**

**senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county.**

**Roleson, Edward Joel b.1861 d.1945-Consumers' Cotton Oil Company- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 44: A branch of the Consumers' Cotton Oil Co. of Chicago. It was built in 1899, and employs from fifty to seventy five people. Mr. Edward Roleson is manager, assisted by Mr.H.W.Cook, and Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth. Mr.R.G.Smith is superintendent of works, and is one of the finest mechanics in the South. Parents of Mr.Roleson are Britton and Anna Virginia Roleson in the Forrest City cemetery.**

**Rollwage, Louis F., Sr. b.1851 d.1905-Down through the years as historians reach back for those diminishing threads of memory which so closely tie the adventurous struggles of our hardy pioneer ancestors with the twentieth century hustle and bustle, the familiar name of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. and those of its scholarly associates stand prominent and respected as no other in the history of St.Francis County. It began in 1874 in Forrest City, in that year Louis Rollwage and his brother, Otto B.Rollwage, established the firm L.Rollwage & Co. on the corner of Broadway and Washington where the present day FGA, (1954) stands. Louis Rollwage was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24,1851, the son of Frederick and Mina (Kuker) Rollwage, originally of Hanover Province, Germany. He spent his early boyhood days in Cincinnati and received a common school education there. After working a few years as Assistant Bookkeeper in the Franklin Type Foundry, he moved to Memphis in the autumn of 1872 and shortly thereafter accepted a position with Noe, Hoy & Co., a firm then doing a mercantile business in Forrest City. Two years later he and his brother, Otto B., founded the prosperous and widely known firm of L.Rollwage & Co., which was soon recognized as one of the strongest and most substantial business firms in Eastern Arkansas. In 1902, the firm was dissolved, when Otto B. retired to become a prominent attorney here. He was succeeded by John W.Alderson, son-in-law of L.Rollwage, and the firm continued under the name Rollwage & Alderson. In 1873, Mr.Rollwage married Miss Lizzie McDaniel, daughter of John and Margaret (Davis) McDaniel, and to this union were born a son, Louis F., and four daughters, Minnie, now Mrs.J.L.Jelks; Alice, now Mrs. Watson M.Fairley; Katherine, now Mrs. John W.Alderson; and Alleyne, now Mrs.J.M.White. Mr.Rollwage never aspired to political office, but served on the City Council, and for twenty six years was a member of the school board, many as President. He was also a major stockholder in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas; a Director and former President of the old Forrest City Hotel Co; Treasurer of several of the benevolent orders here, and was interested in the Forrest City Ice & Power Co., a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and one of the most genial, beloved and prominent citizens of Eastern Arkansas. His death on April 11,1905, was deeply mourned by all who had come to know him as a man of acute intelligence,**

penetrating judgment and calm wisdom. **Obituary: The closing of a Great and Beautiful Life=**The immortal spirit of Mr. Louis Rollwage passed to its maker Tuesday, April 11, 1905 at 6:30 am. His death was not unexpected, as he had been confined to his room several weeks by a malignant cancer of the throat, having not been seen in his usual walks of business since Feb. 24th, on which day, the accidental explosion of an alcohol lamp with which he prepared his medicinal treatment, gave him a severe shock and painful burns about his face. Louis Rollwage was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24, 1851, and had he lived until the 24th day of this month, would have been 54 years of age. He spent his boyhood days in Cincinnati and received a common school education in the public schools of that city. He began work at the age of 13 at the Franklin Type Foundry as an assistant bookkeeper, until he left for the south. He and his brother, Hon. Otto B. Rollwage formed the L. Rollwage firm in 1874. When the firm was dissolved, Mr. John Alderson came into the firm replacing Otto, and the name changed to Rollwage & Alderson. On the first of this year, the firm was changed merged with Fussell, Graham & Co. into the Fussell, Graham, Alderson Company. He was involved with the Bank of Eastern Arkansas as a large shareholder and vice president, and President of the Forrest City Hotel Co., treasurer of several other benevolent firms established here, and interested in the Forrest City Ice & Power Company. He was a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He was married to Miss Lizzie McDaniel in 1873, daughter of Mr. John McDaniel, deceased, who with one son, Louis F. and four daughters, viz: Mrs. J. L. Jelks, of Memphis; Mrs. Alice McRae, recently of Texas; Mrs. John W. Alderson, and little Miss Allyn Rollwage, survive him. The funeral services took place at the residence on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. George E. Hancock of the Episcopal church presiding. A large concourse of friends, relatives, and acquaintances followed the precious remains to the Forrest City cemetery, where they were laid to rest under the auspices of the Forrest City Lodge, No. 198, F. & A. M. He also leaves an aged father, Mr. F. Rollwage, and one brother, Hon. Otto B. Rollwage, to both of whom he was very dear, and whose hearts are terribly lacerated by his untimely death. He was the eldest son of Mr. F. Rollwage. Pall bearers were: Capt. James Fussell; Mr. Sol Lewis; Mr. John M. Nichols; Judge John Gatling; Mr. F. Laughinghouse; and Mr. M. Isaacs. Honorary Pall bearers: Mr. Thos. J. Fondren; Mr. G. N. Laughinghouse; Judge N. W. Norton; Mr. John W. Aven; Mrs. S. H. Mann; and Mr. Berry Fussell. It is believed his estate to be from \$50,000 to \$70,000, including life insurance. The remains were interred in a handsome casket, which was lowered into an Oakey steel frame burial vault, and hermetically sealed. Forrest City Times Newspaper March 31, 1905-Daughter Alice (Rollwage) Fairley buried in Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, N.C.

**Rollwage, Otto Benjamin b. 1853 d. 1936-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Hon. Otto B. Rollwage, mayor of Forrest City, and a member of the firm of Rollwage & Co., one of the leading mercantile houses in Forrest City, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854, being**

reared and educated in that city. At the age of twenty years he came to Forrest City, and engaged as salesman in a store in this city for three months, after which he entered into the mercantile business with his brother Louis. They commenced on a small scale, but by close attention to business and strict economy, enjoy a very extensive trade, employing eight salesmen in their store. They own five business houses besides the one they occupy. Mr. Rollwage was a member of the board of aldermen for some time, and so efficient were his services in that capacity, and so diligently did he attend to the duties devolving on him that he was complimented with a nomination for mayor of Forrest City, while away from home, and without his knowledge. His administration has been very beneficial to the city, he having enforced the many ordinances that were before a dead letter on the status, and especially has he been vigorous in the prosecution of all parties violating the whisky laws; as a result there is now no better regulated city in the State. In his domestic relations Mr. Rollwage is not less happily situated than in business circles. He married Miss Jennie E. Anderson in 1877, of Monroe County, a graduate of a female college in Tennessee, and a highly educated and refined lady. She is a leader in the society of Forrest City, and is one of the prominent members of the W. C. T. U. in Arkansas, having been a State delegate to the National Convention held at Nashville in 1887. This worthy couple are the parents of five children: Norma, Otto, Tolise, De Velling and Madeleine. Mr. Rollwage is a son of Frederick and Mina (Kuker) Rollwage, both natives of Germany. Frederick Rollwage is still living and resides in Cincinnati, but spends about half of his time with his son, our subject. Goodspeed's Bio1884; The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 94 and 95:Hon.Otto B.Rollwage is a lawyer by profession, and is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was born On Sept.23,1853. He is a son of F. and Mena (Kuker) Rollwage, who emigrated from Germany in 1838. His father was a tailor by trade, who continued at his chosen calling until sixty-five years of age, when he retired. Our subject was reared in Cincinnati and educated in the common schools of that city. In 1874, at the age of twenty years, he came to Forrest City and was engaged as a salesman for the firm of Sparks & Rollwage, said firm being composed of William Sparks, and L.Rollwage, brother of our subject. They then formed L.Rollwage & Co. and operated until December 31,1902, Otto Rollwage retired from the firm and soon thereafter, admitted to the bar, and since has been practicing law with marked success. In 1877 he was happily married to Miss Jennie E. Anderson, of Monroe County, who was born and reared in Arkansas, and is a highly educated and refined lady whose friends are legion. Ten children have blessed this match, namely, Tolbert C. d.1882, Norma, Otto, Tolise, DeVeiling, Madeline, Ardale, Herman, Virginia and Ralph, all of whom, their first born, Talbert, who died when four years of age, are now living in this city. He was a member of the board of aldermen for three years, and Mayor for two terms, having been nominated for the latter the first time while away from home and without his knowledge. He was chosen President of the Arkansas State Merchant's Association in 1900 at its organization in Little Rock. In addition to large and valuable real estate holdings in this

city, Mr. Rollwage is a stockholder and Director of the Bank of Forrest City, The Planter's Gin & Mfg. Co., The Choctaw Brick & Tile Co., and the Madison Brick & Tile Co.. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen of Forrest City for three years, and Mayor for two terms.-Legal Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39: The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W. Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H. Mann, Mr. P.A. Gorman, Hon. Otto B. Rollwage, Judge J.E. Beasley, and Messrs. T.S. Downey and M.P. Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R. Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county. Obituary: Otto B. Rollwage, Civic Leader, Dies Following Illness of Few Days: Forrest City mourns today the passing of one who contributed greatly to the "unbuilding" of this city. Otto B. Rollwage, 83, died shortly before midnight, Saturday, following an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were held at the residence at 2:30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. R.S. Hayden, pastor of the First Methodist Church, followed by interment in the family burial plot in City Cemetery. Pallbearers were as follows: Active- Otto Bridgforth/Scott Kirkpatrick, Jr./J.W. Kirkpatrick/ E.J. Butler/Edwin Stone/John Schlosser, Jr./Jack Grobmyer/Brown Pilkington-Honorary: Ira Woodfin, Little Rock/Joe McGregor, Cotton Plant/Dr. J.L. Jelks, Memphis/John W. Alderson/William Alderson/Louis McDaniel/E.L. Staten/S.H. Mann/Bobby Wright/ R.J. Williams /C.W. Norton/ Brooks Norfleet/Roy Campbell/Dennis Horton/Edmund Norfleet/Robert Griffin/Walter Gorman/Burk Mann/F.F. Harrelson/W.J. Lanier/A.M. Bradford/and Judge A.L. Hutchins. Mr. Rollwage had been confined to his home only a short while, but his condition had been known to be critical almost from the day of his confinement to his home from an infection on the foot, and Wednesday the family was advised by attending physicians, Dr. J.O. Rush of Forrest City, and Dr. John L. Jelks, of Memphis, that the end was near. Forrest City and St. Francis County mourn today the passing of this grand old man, one who truly enjoyed the confidence and respect of everyone, and who contributed generously of his time, energy and talent for the upbuilding of the city in which he had lived since first coming here from Cincinnati 62 years ago. Mr. Rollwage was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rollwage, who emigrated from Germany, in 1853. He worked as a printer in Cincinnati, before coming to Forrest City in 1874 to become associated with an elder brother Louis Rollwage, in the mercantile business. He was successful in business and accumulated considerable property before retiring from mercantile activities. In 1902, to engage in the practice of law. His was such that he was selected President of the Arkansas State Merchants Association which was organized in Little Rock in 1900. In the practice of law Mr. Rollwage again met with success and further increased his usefulness to his adopted city and county. Mr. Rollwage served two terms as mayor of Forrest City, was one of the trustees of the first public school established here, served several terms as alderman, served two terms in the Arkansas House of Representatives, served several terms as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was for more than a third of a

century president of the Anti-Saloon League, and a foremost leader for prohibition up to his death. He was one of the first to advocate state-wide prohibition. Mr. Rollwage at the time of his death was secretary of three improvement districts in Forrest City, namely District No. 5, which did the first paving in the city, and which was organized in 1918; Forrest City Special Improvement District, which has supervision of the water and light plant and the sewage system; Forrest City Improvement District No. 6, which was organized only a few weeks ago, and has direction of the paving work now in progress in the city. His annual reports to the City Council on the status of the districts were always gratifying and rendered promptly. No bond of either district of which he was a member was ever in default. The same careful attention was given to his official duties that he gave to his own business affairs. He and his wife, the former Jennie E. Anderson, Monroe County, recently observed their 59th wedding anniversary. Surviving are his wife, a son, Otto W. Rollwage, Ft. Smith; six daughters, Mrs. Norma R. Bridgforth, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. John R. Grobmyer, Little Rock; Mrs. Sam Chandler, Union City, Tenn.; Mrs. John H. Schlosser, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Scott L. Kirkpatrick, Forrest City; Mrs. Jack Collier, Washington, D.C., 18 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Rush, James Oddy, Dr. b. 1867 d. 1960 - The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir - 1905 - Page 19: Perhaps the most handsome views in the county is "Rushmore", which represents the typical Southern Plantation, owned by Dr. J. O. Rush, of Forrest City, and comprises 300 acres situated one and a half miles due west of said city in the very heart of prolific agricultural section. The improvements include an overseer's residence, two-story servants' quarters and ten tenant houses, several of which are large double houses built of huge cypress and poplar logs hewn down to 5 and 6 inches, and showing almost a solid face, the lengths varying from 14 to 24 feet. Rushmore is situated in the center of a proposed improvement district for the purpose of drainage, and is on the line of a canal to be constructed from Forrest City to Spy Buck creek, which empties into the L'Anguille river. These public ditches are the backed by Dr. Rush and Capt. James Fussell. [From History of St. Francis Co., 1954 - Times Herald Publishing Co.] Born near Mayview, Mo., Dr. Rush was the son of the late Joel G. and Annie (Brigg) Rush. He moved to this county in April 1896, and began practicing at Colt, moving to Forrest City in 1900, where he had an office in the Dyer building on Front Street. It was in 1907 that he built his home, which included his office at 300 North Front St.. He has lived there ever since. Dr. Rush married Miss Cora M. Peak, daughter of James and Belle (Langdon) Peak of Lexington, Mo., on April 24, 1901. Their children include Frances Marian, who is Mrs. E. T. Slaughter of Dallas, Tex.; Anne Virginia, Mrs. David Gates of near Forrest City; and Stella Mae, who is Mrs. W. B. Rich, Jr. of Forrest City. Dr. Rush has over 3,700 Indian relics in his home museum, which are catalogued and form one of the largest collections in the state. These are now in the St. Francis Co. Museum in the same home! He bought the first Ford second-hand in the county, and had the first Ford dealership here. By 1952, he had 600

acres of land when he transferred his farms to his children. A sketch of Dr.Rush would not be complete without something else, however-his deep, hearty laughter, which has sounded up and down Forrest City streets for more than half a century. Medical Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest.

**Saloons-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:There are four which pay a revenue of \$1,200 each into the city treasury annually. They are T.C.Folbre, Jr. and Co., Mallory & Vaccaro, E.K Fogg & Co., and the N.B.Nelson & Co.**

**Sanders, Charles Hughes b.1858 d.1913-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905:The Bank of Eastern Arkansas was established and opened for business in 1886, Mr. Charles H. Sanders of Lebanon, Tennessee, who was largely responsible for its organization, was elected cashier, a position he held until 1905. The bank flourished from the beginning under their able and careful management. Obituary: On last Monday at Osceola, where he had been on business, Mr.Chas.H.Sanders, a prominent insurance man, of this city, was suddenly taken ill from ptomaine poisoning, from food taken that morning in Memphis. A physician was called, and administered to him, some hours later, and he was able to return home by way of Memphis, where he also had medical attention, arriving here Wednesday afternoon a very sick man. Local physicians were called in and ministered to his suffering, and everything that science and loving wife and friends could do was done for him, but the poison had done its work, and he lingered and suffered greatly, and at about 7 o'clock this morning, his spirit took flight. We are just closing our forms to go to press, and are unable to get full particulars. The funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the interment will be on Sunday morning. June 6-At the time of his death he was 55 years of age and was born in Rutherford Co.,Tenn. and was the son of Wm.R. and Susan E. Sanders. On the 27th of February, 1885, deceased was married to Mary Rettie Mosley, a most charming and accomplished lady of this city, and this union was blessed with a daughter, who along with her mother, survive. Mostly unreadable, sorry. Forrest City Times Newspaper, two children:Lizzie Temple Sanders b.d.1875, Lucile Sanders b.1900 d.1902**

**Sanders, J. T. "Papp"-b.1873 d.1943- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905 Page 75:The Enterprise Drug Store. Forrest City is proud to point its finger of guidance to the Enterprise Drug Store, and attest that it is just what its name implies. Mr.J.T.Sanders, the proprietor, was born on October 13,1873, in Prairie County, Arkansas. He is the youngest son of Joe Boone and Lucy Clay (Gwyn) Sanders, who came to Arkansas in 1870 from Mississippi, the former being a native of North Carolina, born in 1834, and his mother in Virginia, in 1844. Our subject worked on a farm and attended school in Prairie county until 1891, when he came with the family to Forrest City. He was educated in the**

common schools and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and began his business career by sweeping out, washing bottles, &c., in the store which he now owns. He rose gradually in importance, paid his own way through college, receiving no financial aid from friends and relatives, and in 1899 purchased a one half interest in the business of his employer, and two years later bought him out completely. He was married on May 11, 1904 to Miss Lizzie Rose Moores, of Russellville, Arkansas, and one child, Rebecca Sanders, now aged eight months, has blessed their union. He carries the largest stock of drugs in the city, all paid for, has other property and money outside of business. He owns a four room cottage in West Forrest City, and is administrator of the Gray estate, and guardian of Hy and Thomas Gray. He is a member of and a deacon of the Missionary Baptist church, Chaplain of the Maccabees, Banker of the Woodmen of the World, and though not a politician, always votes the Democratic ticket. Per Jean Meaney, he later married Miss Rose Lee Wallace. Per her death certificate she was born in Texas, and died in Memphis, parents were W.W. Wallace b. Texas and Sallie Williams Wallace b. Tenn.

**Sanders, Joseph Boone, Professor-b.1834 d.1910- In Memory Of J. B. Sanders=**The subject of this sketch was born in Johnson county, in the State of North Carolina on the 19th day of August, 1834. He was married in 1856 to Miss Eva Denson, with whom he lived happily until the summons came from her Lord, and she passed into eternal life. To this union were born three children, of which only one survives, Mr. R. H. Sanders, of Devalls Bluff, Ark. He was married a second time to Miss Lucy Clay Gwyn, in 1865, who survives him. Of this union there were born seven children, of whom five, W. T. Sanders, J. G. Sanders, J. T. Sanders, Mrs. Alice Longest, who married Dr. J. T. Longest on Jan. 2, 1906, and Mrs. Lucy Hargraves—all living. His life span was 76 years, of which he gave 60 years in loving service to the Lord. He had a Christian home, and all his children have turned to God. He was a brave soldier during the Civil war, and served with the 18th Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers, under N. B. Forrest, and he was always ready to engage old comrades and friends in pleasant conversation about their common experiences in and principal events of army life. After the war, he with vigor pursued his vocation of teaching and farming, soon repairing his broken fortunes. He moved from Mississippi to Arkansas, and settled in Prairie county in Des Arc. He came from Hazen in that county to Forrest City in 1894, and resided here until his death, which occurred on Nov. 6, 1910. Committee: J. F. Fondren/W. W. Campbell/J. M. Prewett. 1-13-1911-Obituary: **J. B. Sanders Passes Away. Aged and respected citizen succumbs to an attack of Pneumonia. Was sick only two days. Funeral Monday Afternoon From Baptist Church. Interment in Forrest City Cemetery. The passing away on Sunday night at 11:20 o'clock of Prof. J. B. Sanders, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of St. Francis county, caused a great wave of profound sorrow to o'erspread the hearts of all our citizens, among whom he was widely known and loved. Prof Sanders had been ill only a short time, having been confined to his bed just two days, and a very few were aware**

that he was sick, or especially that his sickness was serious, and therefore the news of his death that traveled upon swiftest wings Monday morning, was indeed a terrible shock. He had been suffering with an attack of pneumonia, and thought everything possible to be done by skilled physicians and the loving care of his family and friends was done, it all proved of no avail, and the gentle spirit succumbed to the inevitable, and winged its way to the great beyond, where it is at rest with its Maker, whom he served so faithfully and well for so many years. Mr. Joseph Boone Sanders was a native of North Carolina, having been born in Johnson county, in that state, on August 19, 1834. He was married in Mississippi in 1856 to Miss Eva Denson, three children having been born to their union, one of whom, Mr. R. H. Sanders, of De Valls Bluff, survives him. In 1865 he was married to Miss Lucy Gwyn, to which union seven children were born, five sons and two daughters. He is survived by his widow and five children, Messrs. Walter Troy d.1923, Jim Gwyn d.1938 and J. T. Sanders, Mrs. Alice Longest, and Miss Lucy Olmon Sanders (Hargraves) d.1980, two sons, Messrs. Clay Hall d.1903 and Joseph Ratliff Sanders d.1898 having preceded their revered father in answering the final summons. He was next to the eldest of eleven children, all of whom have passed away, and was the grandfather of eighteen children. He served gallantly for two years in the Confederate army as a member of Forrest's Cavalry, 18th Mississippi regiment, and was a active member of Forrest Camp, U. C. V., of this city, and of the Masonic order. He was a devout and consistent member of the Baptist church for 60 years, and was active in all of its good works. Several years ago he retired from active business life and devoted his time to his duties as a justice of the peace, which office he conscientiously and capably filled for many years. His face was a familiar one on the streets and around the place of business of his son, Mr. J. T. Sanders, where he made his headquarters, and always had a pleasant word and a hearty greeting for his friends and acquaintances. He was widely known and universally loved and esteemed, and his death removes from our midst a man whose place it will indeed be hard to fill. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church in this city Monday at 3 o'clock, Elder E. P. J. Garrott officiating in his usual solemn and impressive manner. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: V. B. Izard, J. D. Baugh, J. D. Verser, Bruce Smith, Jno. M. Prewett, Jno. W. Anderson. Interment was had in the Forrest City cemetery. The services at the church and at the cemetery were largely attended, a great concourse of people having attended to pay their last tribute of respect to their friend and neighbor, and to mingle their tears and convey at least a faint expression of their deep sympathy with those of the sorrowing member of the bereaved family, and in all those expressions of genuine and sincere sorrow The Times desires to join. Prof. Sanders was our friend and we esteemed him highly. His family has lost a kind and loving husband and a good father, his associates a loyal friend, his church a faithful devout member, and the city and county, an exemplary citizen whose good deeds will long be remembered, and who is now enjoying his eternal reward. "He has run the race, he has fought a good fight, he has kept the faith." May he

**rest in peace, and may God comfort those whose hearts have been so terribly lacerated and bereaved.-Magistrates of Madison Township:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:J.B.Sanders and J.E.Stone are magistrates of the county seat, Madison Township.**

**Schmidt, George- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Harnessmaker and does repairing. There is no exclusive Harness dealer in Forrest City.**

**Scott, James L.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905-Page 98:Mr.James L.Scott is a director and salesman in the The Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., and has charge of the Gents Furnishings Dept. of their large stores. He came to the this county from Danceyville, Haywood Co., Tenn., on Jan.1,1883, that being his native town and state, and located in Franks township, where he followed merchandising for many years. He was born Nov.23,1863, and is a son of Thomas W. and Jane R. (Walker) Scott, who were natives of North Carolina, and who early moved to Tennessee. He received his education in the public school in Danceyville, and began his business career as a clerk in a general store. On Sep.21,1887, per certificate, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth E.Evans, nee Nelson, age 24, of this county, and Jan.1,1901 they moved from Bonair to this city, where Mr. Scott held positions with Trapp, Barker & Co., and Brandon & Baugh successively, until the organization of the present company. His training made him the most prominent in the business arena of Forrest City, and having come to this enviable connection by legitimate means, he is one of the best examples of fidelity to his calling that we have. He is a member of the Methodist church, and of Masonic and Maccabees lodges, in which latter order he has held the position of Record Keeper, a number of years. In politics he is a true democrat. He owns his home, a very comfortable and pretty residence on South Washington Street, and 320 Acres of farming lands west of Crowley Ridge in this county.**

**Scott, Peyton Thomas b.1877 d.1943-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 98:Mr.Peyton T.Scott is a valued member of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., and has charge of the Dry and Dress Goods. He was born at Danceyville, Tennessee on Feb.22,1877, and is the youngest of four brothers. His father was Thomas W., and, his mother, Jane R. (Walker) Scott, both natives of North Carolina. Mr. Scott came to Forrest City on January 3,1883, from his native town. He was educated in the public schools of this city, having been a student of Prof.James W. Stuart, who was the popular and efficient educator of this district during the 80's, and spent two years at Hendrix College at Conway. He was married on November 2,1905 to Miss Julia Rogers, age 26, of this city. When not in school he found employment in the stores of Forrest City, and at one time served several months as an apprentice in the Forrest City Times office. He has grown up amid the business circles of this city, is a young man of splendid business attainments, and an efficient and reliable salesman. In politics he is a democrat, and is a popular and**

consistent member of the Masonic, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Maccabees lodges, and is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of enterprise which prevails in this city.

**Shields, James Surget, Dr. b.1878 d.1926- The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir page 89:**In none of the business establishments devoted to supplying the needs of home patrons is skillful management and good equipment more important than in the pharmacies, and there is, perhaps, no class of business enterprise exemplifies this more than the **J.S.Shields & Co.'s Pharmacy**, located at No.202, corner of Washington and North Front streets. Mr. J. S. Shields, the managing proprietor, is a registered pharmacist of sixteen years experience. He was born in Natchez, Miss., and came to this city five years ago. He is a business man of the highest standing and integrity. **Obituary: Dr.J.S.Shields** passed away Sunday morning, Feb.14,1926, from a strep infection, occasioned by a severe attack of tonsillitis. Announcement of his death came as a severe shock to the city, as his condition had not been considered serious until a few hours before his death. He had been confined to his home but a few days, and was up and about in his house early Saturday morning. **J.S.Shields** was born in Natchez, Miss. 46 years ago. He came to Forrest City about twenty six years ago, where he established the present drug firm of **J.S.Shields & Co.**, which he has successfully operated during his entire residence in the city. He was a long standing member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, an active member of the Masonic community, a charter member of the local lodge of Elks, and several other fraternal organizations. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning from the residence, the Rev.Myron L.Morley officiating. The Masons made up the pall bearers: Active:**W.W.Campbell, E.P.Taylor, H.A.Knight, Dr.H.R.Clark, O.N.Warren, Dr.J.A.Bogart**; Honorary: **Linn Turley, H.W.Gregory, A.C.Bridewell, John W.Alderson, W.P.Gorman, J.E.Ferguson, Rolfe Eldridge, J.H.Tipton, W.J.Baker, and Ellis Ewing.** The deceased is survived by a widow, Mrs. Ellen Wortham Shields, and one son, Surget, and a sister, Miss Catherine Shields. Surget was attending school in Lynchburg, Va., and arrived Monday night; Miss Catherine Shields arrived Tuesday night from her home in Florida to attend the funeral. Feb.18,1926-Forrest City Times-Herald

**Short, E. A.- -The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 58:** On Jun.14,1860, at Shongaloe, Miss., was born the subject of this sketch. He is the son of Edward M. and N.G.Short. He spent his early days at Valden, Miss., and afterwards received his education in the Kosciusko, Miss, high school. He began his career by close application to business, serving his time pleasantly and profitably as an apprentice to the trade of jeweler, which occupation he has since followed except for three years. On account of ill health he went on the road and spent this time as a traveling salesman. On Jun.11,1901, he came to Forrest City from New Orleans, and embarked in business. He is now enjoying a lucrative patronage at the corner of North Front and Washington Streets, where he carries a very complete line of novelties in jewelry, umbrellas, watches, clocks, silverware, etc., and has a large repairing trade. He has been married twice, the first

time at Kosciusko, to Miss Lizzie Baccus, with whom he lived for fifteen years, when she died. Three children blessed their union, but they, too, have passed away. On Nov.6, 1901, he was married to Miss Mattie Tullula Krider of Statesville, N.Carolina, and one child, Mary Eugenia Short, blesses their union. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He has held the position of Treasurer of the Masonic lodge and Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. Obituary: Forrest City Arkansas Times 2-18-1910 - Mr.E.A.Short Dead=News reached the city early this week of the death in New Orleans, La., of Mr.E.A.Short, who was formerly a highly respected and popular citizen of this city, who was engaged in the watch making and jewelry business for a number of years. He left here about three years ago for Prescott, Ark. where he stayed two years, and then to New Orleans. He leaves a widow and other relatives. The remains were returned to Valden, Miss. for burial.

**Skinner, James W. b.1842-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: James W. Skinner was born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1842, as the son of Benjamin F. and Lucinda Skinner. His early life was passed in the schools of his native State, from which he received a superior education, and at the age of nineteen he began in business on his own responsibility in New Orleans, making many friends both in social and business circles during his stay in that city. In 1861, going to Memphis, Tenn., he enlisted in the Confederate service, where he remained for one year and then commenced steam boating on the Mississippi River, following this business until the Federals gained control of the river. In 1868 he came to St. Francis County, Ark., and embarked in the manufacture of staves. Two years later he settled his present farm, which is well improved and gives evidence of thrift and prosperity. Mr. Skinner is a believer in the Christian Church, and in his political views is a Democrat. He is liberal in his support to all worthy enterprises, and a man generally esteemed by the entire community. His ancestors came from Ireland, having emigrated to America previous to the Revolution, in which conflict his grandfather was a gallant soldier.**

**Smith, F. C., Dr.-Medical Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest.**

**Smith, Henry K.- Mr. Henry K.Smith, Jr., President of Rice Growers Bank of Wheatley is not only one of Wheatley's outstanding citizens, but also one of the most prominent and successful businessmen, landowners, and agricultural leaders in Eastern Arkansas. He is now President of the Arkansas Rice Growers Association. He was born in Wheatley on May 9,1911, one of five children of the late Henry K.Smith, Jr., founder and President of the Rice Growers Bank and who came to Arkansas in 1884 from Byhalia, Mississippi. Before his death in 1943, the senior Mr. Smith was one of the first to realize the unlimited**

possibilities of raising rice in this area. The mother of Henry K. Smith, Jr., was Ella Lyon Smith, who was born in Arkansas and is still living. After graduation from Wheatley High School in 1928, he entered Hendrix College and graduated in 1932 with a B.A. Degree. In addition to serving as President of the bank, Wheatley Grain Drying Corp., and of the Wheatley Gin Company, he is actively engaged in farming 3300 acres in St. Francis, Lee and Monroe counties. On his extensive farm lands the principal crops are rice and cotton, and he is also interested in livestock. He is past President of the Business Men's Club of Wheatley, a member of the American and Arkansas Bankers Associations, and a leader in the Farm Bureau and National Cotton Council. For the past twenty years he has served as a member of the Town Council. Mr. Smith has three living sisters; Mrs. R. A. Pickens II, who resides at Pickens, Ark.; Mrs. J. E. Allmon of Little Rock; and Mrs. W. L. Horner of Blytheville.

**Smith, R. G.-Consumers' Cotton Oil Company- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 44: A branch of the Consumers' Cotton Oil Co. of Chicago. It was built in 1899, and employs from fifty to seventy five people. Mr. Edward Roleson is manager, assisted by Mr. H. W. Cook, and Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth. Mr. R. G. Smith is superintendent of works, and is one of the finest mechanics in the South.**

**Snowden, Stephen Francis b.1844 d.1890 Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Stephen F. Snowden was born in Gibson County, Tenn., in 1844. His father and mother immigrated from North Carolina at an early day and when he was about two years old the father died. At the age of ten years his mother moved to Memphis, Tenn., where she still resides. Stephen's first work in Memphis was in a butcher shop, where he remained about three years. He then went on the Mississippi River as cabin boy, continuing for some time in this and other capacities, or, till about 1863, when he entered the employ of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad as brakeman. He remained at this business about one year. In 1864 Mr. Snowden farmed and cut cord wood on Island Forty in the Mississippi River eighteen miles above Memphis. In 1865-66-67 he was employed on a tug plying the Mississippi River above and below Memphis. His last work on the water was acting as mate on a steamer running up and down White and Black Rivers in 1868. On the second day of March, 1869, he landed in St. Francis County, Ark., where he still resides. He has been occupied in farming since his arrival and now owns 250 acres of land, seventy acres of which are in a high state of cultivation. W. Snowden's father dying when he was quite young and leaving his mother in indigent circumstances caused him to be raised without any education. Consequently he had to depend on mother wit alone, but to his credit be it said he is in better circumstances than many who have had the advantage of a good schooling. Mr. Snowden was married in 1871 to Miss Temperance M. Claiborn, daughter of Thomas and Laura A. Claiborn. To Mr. and Mrs. Snowden have been born four children: Johnie (born May 18, 1873, and died October 6, 1875), Vital (born January 1, 1876), Delia (born August 14, 1878) and Mildred (born November 2, 1882). Mr. Snowden is**

**a Democrat of the first water, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is a member in high standing of the Knights of Honor and enjoys the respect of all who know him. He is a liberal supporter of all worthy objects that indicate the growth and prosperity of the country.**

**Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 Page 110:In 1903, the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. acquired the local exchange established in this city in 1895 by Capt. George M.Head, and now have in operation 212 phones, and in addition furnish free service to patrons to several phones at Madison and Palestine. Mr.H.C.Gilchrist is the local manager, and the business is very satisfactory. He is tireless in his efforts to give the best service, and is surrounded by a force of competent operators, who are patient and painstaking. Mrs.T.V.Prude is cashier of the Exchange, and the day operators are Misses Ula Zuber, Lucile Crews, Mary Eppes, and Georgia Eppes, while Misses Emma Prewett and Nellie Staats comprise the night force. Mr.H.E.Roberts is the expert lineman.**

**Sparkman, R. H., Dr.-b.1828 d.1902-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: R. H. Sparkman, M. D., one of Forrest City's enterprising citizens, was born in North Carolina, May 10, 1828, being the son of John and Nancy (Wooten) Sparkman. John Sparkman owed his nativity to North Carolina, but moved to Tennessee when the subject of this sketch was quite small, locating in Shelby County, Tenn., where his death occurred in his fifty-ninth year. Mrs. Sparkman was also of North Carolina origin and by her union with Mr. Sparkman became the mother of five children, R. H. being the only one now living. The name Sparkman, as might be supposed, is Irish, the ancestors of the family coming at an early day from the Emerald Isle. The grandfather was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and the maternal grandfather served in the War of 1812. Dr. Sparkman received a good common education in the schools of Shelby County, and afterward attended his first course of medical lectures in Cincinnati, his early ambition having been to be a physician, and by his determination and diligent application to his studies he became a credit to that most noble of all professions. He graduated with honors from the Medical School at Memphis in 1857, and immediately began practice in Shelby County, but a year afterward, in 1858, making a trip to Arkansas became convinced that that State promised a better opening, so located on the Helena road, five miles from Forrest City. At the breaking out of the war he had built up an enviable practice. He joined the Confederate army, McGee's company, McNeil's regiment, afterward becoming surgeon of that regiment. The company was soon made independent and reported to Col. Dobbins, Dr. Sparkman remaining in the service about two years. He returned to Arkansas and practiced until 1875, but succeeded in collecting only about half of his bills, some of them of long standing. He has since retired from active practice, and is now engaged in farming, owning 450 acres of valuable land. Dr. Sparkman was united in marriage on**

**December 23, 1859, to Mrs. Liza (Purvis) Daniel, of North Carolina. Dr. and Mrs. Sparkman are members of the Baptist Church, and the former is a member of A. F. & A. M.**

**St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 116:In 1892 they built a neat and commodious depot, and Mr.W.S.Durborow, one of the most capable station men in the country, in April of that year was installed as agent. He also handles the business of the Pacific Express Co. assisted by Mr. Willie Merwn. Mr.Max Durborow handles the telegraph work**

**Stayton, D. H., Dr.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Dr.D.H.Stayton, formerly of this county, more recently, of Searcy, died at his home Monday. He is the brother of Judge J.W.Stayton of Newport.8-23-1895 D. H. Stayton, M. D., was born and reared in Phillips County, Ark. His father, Thomas N. Stayton, made his advent into the world in Delaware, in 1809, and landed in Arkansas on February 14, 1829, settling in Helens, which was at that time only a village numbering but seven families. Mr. Stayton painted the first house in that present city. His father, Hill D. Stayton, was employed as State surveyor at the time, and helped to lay out the section lines of those counties. Pioneers of such early days depended largely on their rifles for subsistence, as the farms were small and not cleared, but their children are the large land owners and prosperous farmers of the present. Mr. Stayton was married after coming to Arkansas to Miss Easter Harris, a daughter of William R. Harris, who moved to this State in 1833. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living: John W. (a lawyer of Jackson County and at one time judge of the court), Ruth (now the wife of Dr. Hearing, of Brinkley, Ark.) and D. H. (the subject of this sketch). The latter was born on September 13, 1837, being reared on the farm in Phillips County. His first absence from home was to attend the University of Louisville (Ky.) Medical Department. After taking his first course he served four years as assistant surgeon in the Confederate army. At the close of the war he practiced in Lee County until 1870, when he returned to the University and completed his course, which hostilities had interfered with, and graduated in the spring of 1871, afterward resuming his practice at his old home. In 1887 he came to and located in St. Francis County, at Palestine, where he has since been engaged in attending to the prosecution of his chosen profession, his practice being large and steadily increasing. Dr. Stayton was married May 9, 1862, to Mrs. Caroline Bowden (nee Lockart), a daughter of Thomas Lockart, of North Carolina. They have a family of three children: David H. (who is married and lives near Palestine), Thomas L. and Lelia C. Dr. Stayton was once president of the board of medical examiners of Lee County, and is medical examiner of the Royal Arcanum; he is also a member of the United States board of pension examining surgeons for this locality, and examiner of the K. of H. and of the K. & L. of H. Besides being a member of the three lodges named he belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has occupied all of the positions of honor. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife**

are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is now lord mayor of the incorporated town of Palestine, Ark.

**Stayton, Joseph Neal-b.1873 d.1956** Joseph Neal Stayton was among the early pioneers of St.Francis County, contributing much to its growth and development. The son of Joseph Kelsie and Ann Herring Stayton, he was born Sept.13,1873 at Blackton, Monroe County, Arkansas. At an early age, following the death of his parents, he went to Searcy to live with his uncle, Dr.Dave Stayton, and his family. It was here that he received his education. After studying medicine for three years at Searcy College, he was discouraged by his uncle because of the hardships of physicians of that day. he then began study of surveying. He later moved to Palestine with his uncle, who practiced medicine there. He lived there for many years, and in 1912 was elected County Surveyor. In 1929, he moved to Forrest City, and for a time served as night Chief of Police and worked with the Soil Conservation Service. After thirty seven years a surveyor for the county in 1949, at which time he moved to Little Rock to be near his children. It has been said that, "Uncle Joe", as he was called by his many friends has covered more miles on foot than any other man in St.Francis County. Wife is Laura E.Whitby Stayton b.1890 d.1975

**Stern, J. G., Captain-Circuit Clerk 1890-1892-St.Francis County-Goodspeed's Biography 1884:** Capt. J. G. Stern's first trip south was an unwelcome one, but he remained for some time, boarding at Libby Prison and Belle-Isle. After his exchange he was again taken prisoner at the siege of Petersburg. Preferring death to that of prison life, he took the desperate chances and left his captors on the field of battle; this being done in daylight on the run. He was given a parting salute by a volley of musketry. The patriotic enthusiasm with which it was given was shown by a bullet hole through his equipage and one through his coat. Although given such a hearty farewell he stopped not until he reached his regiment, the Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry. He participated in a number of battles, among the principal ones were Fredericksburg. Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Appomattox Court House, through the siege of Petersburg, and was present at the surrender of Gen. Lee. He was born April 17, 1844, in the State of Pennsylvania. At the close of the war he followed his parents to the State of Illinois, where he completed his education, which was very limited up to that time. During the latter years of his residence in that State he was employed in teaching school. In 1872 he went south a second time and located in Arkansas, Phillips County, at the mouth of St. Francis River, where he worked as a laborer in a saw-mill. He soon engaged in business on his own account, getting out logs and staves. A few years later he accepted a position as agent for the Helena Lumber Company, and purchased a half interest in a boat running on the St. Francis and Mississippi Rivers, of which he was captain and pilot. Selling out his interest in the boat about seven years ago, he came to Madison, where he is now engaged in the timber and shingle business. He leased a shingle-mill about five years ago

with a capacity of from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 shingles per year. He owns a number of thousand of acres of timber land, located near his mill and to which he is connected by a tramway, operated by steam-power and leading into the woods for several miles. His parents are both living in the State of Illinois, his father at the age of seventy-one, and his mother one year younger. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living. In 1885, the St. Francis County Abstract Company was founded Capt. J.G. Stern, a northern man who located in St. Francis County and owned extensive real estate east of St. Francis River. The next owner was N.B. Fizer, lawyer and preacher and father of Mrs. J.G. Sanders. About 1897, Mr. Fizer sold the firm to Mrs. Alice E. Matthews, a sister of John I. Jones and Mrs. A.A. French. both still residents of Forrest City. Mrs. Matthews married S.H. Mann in 1912 and the company was operated by Mr. Mann until his death in 1938. After his death, the company was purchased by Mr. F.F. Harrelson, lawyer and owner of the Title Guaranty and Abstract Company, until 1950 the two companies were operated together until 1950-first by Mr. Harrelson until his death in 1946, and then by F.C. Harrelson and Carroll C. Cannon. In 1950 the firm is owned and operated solely by Mr. Carroll C. Cannon.

**Stevens, Albert Lee b.1861 d.1933-** Since 1898 the name Stevens has been associated with the funeral business in St. Francis County because it was at that time that A.L. Stevens Co, Undertakers, was founded. The business extends even further back, because the late A.L. Stevens bought the old Russ Stockard Undertaking concern, which formerly had been owned by I.H. Lutz. They also were involved in the livery business, with the first site being where the Gates Bros. Lumber Co. now stands, then moved to the corner of Washington and South Front Street where now stands the Quality Cleaners. For a short time it was located in the Elks Building. In 1931, it was moved to a new building on the corner of Washington and Garland street, where it now stands. At that time the old Nichols home was there, and was completely remodeled to become a faithful part of the attractive and modern day Stevens Funeral Home. A.L. Stevens came to Forrest City about 1896 to eventually enter into a partnership with the late R.M. Nimocks to found the Nimocks-Stevens Wholesale Grocery Co., of which he was Sect. Treasurer. At the same time he was operating his undertaking firm with his brother, Robert S. Stevens b.1852 d.1938, assisting him. In 1888 he married Mrs. Emma Ahrens of Fort Scott, Kansas and to that union were born four children, all of Forrest City; Otis, now deceased; Irma, now Mrs J.B. Wright; Bessie, now Mrs. Fenner Laughinghouse; and Walter Edwin Stevens, Jr., who has owned and operated the Stevens Funeral Home since his father's death in 1933 until April, 1952, when a severe attack of rheumatic condition confined him to his bed. In 1931, the Stevens built a home on North Washington in what was country at that time, and was the old county's race track. The land was also used for a circus, carnival, and ball ground. The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:Are Funeral Directors, Embalmers, and dealers in Picture Moldings and Frames.

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**in time of sorrow. He joined the firm in 1936 after completing his formal education at the Forrest City High School and the Louisiana State University where he received a B.A. Degree in 1935. He got his professional training at the Cincinnati School of Embalming. On June 23,1938, he married Miss Sara Rauscher, daughter of Ira W. and Keokee (Metcalf) Rauscher, and to this union was born a daughter, Edwene, and a son, Walter III. They are members of the Presbyterian church. The Funeral home underwent extensive remodeling and expansion in 1952. The competent employees include Mrs.Amy Ellis, Meredith Wilson, and Herman Wyms.**

**Stewart, James M.-b.1842 d.1938-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: James M. Stewart, of the representative firm of Stewart & Taylor, abstract, loan and general insurance agents of Forrest City was born at Collierville, in Shelby County, Tenn., in 1842. In 1859 he came to Arkansas, locating at the old county seat of Madison, in St. Francis County, where for two years he was engaged as clerk and book-keeper by an establishment at that point. When the war between the States was declared he went to Kentucky to join the cavalry service, but the delicate condition of his health caused him to be rejected, much to his chagrin. Giving his supplies to a companion who had been more fortunate in being accepted, he returned to Arkansas and joined the Fifth Arkansas (Hart's) Regiment as a private of Company A; he was afterward adjutant of his regiment, and at the close of the war was commanding Company A, in the Trans-Mississippi Department. He served for four years, and participated in all the principal engagements of the State. When peace had been declared Mr. Stewart accepted a position of trust with a firm at Memphis, Tenn., where he remained until 1868, leaving at that time to return to St. Francis County to fill a position as clerk and book-keeper. In 1879 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, in which capacity he served for four consecutive terms, in a manner eliciting the satisfaction and admiration of all concerned. Mr. Stewart then ceased to be an aspirant for office, and at that time was more popular with the people of the county than he had ever been before. By this prudent and all-wise step he still remains one of the most esteemed and influential men in the community. Soon after leaving the clerk's office he, in company with Mr. Taylor, formed the present real-estate firm, which is one of the most widely known and substantial establishments of this branch of business in this section of the State, they owning over 10,000 acres of valuable land. In societies Mr. Stewart is identified with the F. & A. M., K. T., K. of H. and K. & L. of H. Washington G. and Sarah W. (Griggs) Stewart, his parents, were natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, he being the fourth of a family of nine children born to their union. Washington Stewart was a millwright by trade, and enjoyed an extensive business in Tennessee and Mississippi. He executed a greater part of the work on the plank road out of Memphis, Tenn., through Mississippi, on Big Creek Plank Road, and many other public highways. He was a man of prominence and influence, and was one of the first mayors of Madison, the old county seat of St. Francis County. He died in 1868. J. M. Stewart was**

married, in 1866, to Miss Ollie E. Colson, of Paducah, Ky., and by her became the father of three children: James H., Elbert and Mary E. Mr. Stewart, besides his other interests, is a stockholder in and one of the incorporators of the Forrest City Hotel Company. He was elected secretary of that company at its organization, serving as such until forced by ill health to vacate in the winter of 1888. He is also a stockholder in and one of the original incorporators of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, located at Forrest City. A member of the city council of the town of Forrest City and chairman of the finance committee, he was also twice elected a member of the school board of the special school district of Forrest City, and as such took an active interest in educational affairs. He served as Master of the Masonic Lodge here several terms and was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of this State, also Dictator of the Lodge of K. of H. at same place, several consecutive terms.

**Stone, J. E. Dr.-b.1839 d.1912-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 38 and 115:Dr.J.E.Stone, practicing physician and proprietor of Stone's Livery, Sale and Feed Stables on Jackson Street, is one of Forrest City's most useful and highly respected citizens. He is a native of Boyton, Virginia born on Feb.10,1839. He attended schools of his native county until going to receive his literary education in Tennessee. He began the study of medicine in Arkansas, under a tutor, afterwards graduating with honors from the Missouri medical college located at St.Louis. Dr.Stone was a gallant soldier, entering the Confederate army in May 1861, in Co. B-1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Mounted Rifles, and serving over four years. He was an earnest and fearless participant in the battles of Springfield, Mo. and Pea Ridge, Arkansas, and was severely wounded during the former. He was transferred to the Army of Tennessee, and took an active part in the engagements at Jackson, Miss.; Chickamauga, Richmond, Ky., Duggin's Gap, New Hope Church, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and elsewhere. When the hostilities ceased, he located in Van Buren Co., Ark., where he practiced his profession for five years. He then went to Memphis, and thence to Walnut Ben, Ark., coming to Forrest City in 1883, where he has continuously resided, and enjoyed a liberal patronage both as a physician, and as the owner of a livery stable. He was married to Miss Ora Branch, of Shelby Co., Tenn. on Oct.22,1872, who died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of Oct.1874. He again was married on May 10,1879 to Miss Mansfield Rodgers Dupuy, to whom he has been entirely devoted. The greatest sorrow of his life lacerated his heart, when on Wed. May 3,1905, Mrs. Stone passed away. He owns considerable property in this and Lee County, and is one of Forrest City's most liberal and enterprising citizens. He is a member of the Episcopal church and of the several Masonic Lodges of this city. He is also one of the magistrates of Madison township, and stands high in the esteem and confidence of this people. Goodspeed's Biography 1884: J. E. Stone, M. D., has reached an eminence in his profession which renders his name almost a household word throughout Forrest City, and the surrounding locality. He received his literary education in Tennessee, and commenced the study of medicine**

under a tutor in Arkansas, afterward entering the Missouri Medical College (known then as the old McDowell College, and situated in St. Louis), where he was graduated with honors. Entering the Confederate army in May, 1861, in Company B, First Arkansas Mounted Rifles, he served over four years, participating in the battles of Oak Hill (where he was severely wounded) and Pea Ridge, and was then transferred across to the Army of Tennessee, just after the battle of Corinth. He also took an active part at Jackson (Miss.), Chickamauga, Duggers' Gap, New Hope Church, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, and several other engagements of minor importance. After the war Dr. Stone located in Van Buren County, Ark., where he actively followed the practice of his chosen profession for five years, then going to Memphis, and thence to Walnut Bend, Ark. In 1883 he came to Forrest City, and still enjoys an extensive patronage, besides a large livery business, also owning considerable land, both here and in Lee County. He is one of Forrest City's most enterprising and influential citizens, and has done much in his own peculiar way toward the present advancement and prosperity of the place. The Doctor has been twice married, his first union occurring in Tennessee, and the second in Arkansas. He was born in Virginia in 1839, and is the son of M. G. and Martha (Stovall) Stone, also originally from the Old Dominion. Dr. Stone is a member in high standing of the various Masonic lodges of this place.-Medical Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest.-Magistrates of Madison Township:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:J.B.Sanders and J.E.Stone are magistrates of the county seat, Madison Township.

Stout, J. W., Captain b.1829 d.1898-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Capt. J. W. Stout enlisted in the Rebel army, in 1862, in the First Battalion, Arkansas Cavalry, Gen. Price commanding. He was captured at the battle of Big Black Bridge, Miss., May 17, 1863, and sent to military prison on Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie, where he was kept till February, 1865. After the collapse of the Confederacy, he returned to his family, and subsequently removed to Cross County. Ark., remaining there till 1871. Coming to St. Francis County, he purchased a home of 200 acres of land, and has since followed farming regularly and successfully, also serving the public as a mill and gin proprietor. Capt. Stout was born in McMinn County. E. Tenn., in 1829, and is of German descent, being a son of Daniel and Elisabeth Stout. His father was born in Virginia, and his mother in Kentucky. Her maiden name was Franklin. The senior Stout was a professional school-teacher in McMinn County, E. Tenn., for a series of years, and taught ten years in succession in the same academy. J. W.'s boyhood was spent in Tennessee, in attending school, and in 1851 he moved with his father to Walker County, Ga., following farming for about one year. Then he was engaged as salesman with Parham & Lee, in the mercantile business, till December, 1854. He was married December 26, to Mrs. Elizabeth B. Brooks, daughter of Benjamin C. Hardin, who had one daughter. They have had nine children born to them,

four of whom are dead, three sons and one daughter. Five children are living, two sons and three daughters: Minnie (the wife of Rev. W. W. Hendrix), Hollace W., Flora (wife of Dr. A. A. Berry), Thomas J. and Ophelia. Georgie A., the daughter of Mrs. Stout, is the wife of A. C. Shaver. Capt. Stout and wife, and all the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He also belongs to the Masonic order and the Knights of Honor. His wife is a member of the K. & L. of H. He is Democratic politically. Obituary: Colt-Capt.J.W.Stout, an old and respected citizen of New Castle, died last Thursday. His remains were buried in the Loughridge graveyard last Friday, where they were followed by a large concourse of friends.8-5-1898-Capt.J.W.Stout, who was favorably known throughout the county, died at his home ten miles north of Forrest City, July.28,1898, ages 69 years. The death of Capt. Stout caused deep gloom in the family circle and the entire community. His presence will be greatly missed by his daily associates; he was a kind husband, a kind and charitable citizen. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic fraternity and was buried by that fraternity at Loughridge cemetery. Capt. Stout leaves a wife and four children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

**Strong, T. C., Dr.-Medical Profession:- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The doctors are Dr.J.O.Rush, Dr.L.H.Merritt, Dr. W.H. Alley, Dr.David Oliver Bridgforth, Dr.J.E.Stone, Dr.T.C.Strong, Dr.F.C.Smith and Dr.J.T.Longest.**

**Stuart Springs- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 41:The health giving waters of Stuart Springs have brought relief to many sufferers. Children at teething time with summer complaint, are quickly benefitted. Sore eyes, eczema, dysentery, flux, and bowel movements, are quickly benefitted, and have often permanently cured. Several years ago a stock company was organized for the improvement of these Springs. A pavilion was erected, and the Springs proper were walled up and furnished with handsome rock basins as seen in the picture. A bowling alley, shooting gallery, croquet grounds, and swings were erected by Mr. Edwin Lincoln Vadakin as an individual enterprise. These beautiful grounds are the favorite picnic resort of people for miles around. The property has since reverted to private control, and the improvements have been allowed to waste away.**

**Stuart, James-Discovered Stuart Springs**

**Sulcer, Samuel F. b.1846 d.1926- Early Settlers Of Palestine: Sam F.Sulcer-Also Has The Oldest House, A Log Structure, In Palestine. Obituary: Death of Sam F.Sulcer-(by Col.Landvoigt)-Not a day passes but what records the "thinning of the Line of Gray." On Saturday last, "taps" echoed over the mound which covered all that was mortal of Sam F.Sulcer, of Palestine, Ark., whose spirit passed away on Friday, Nov.12,1926. Mr. ulcer had been an invalid for many months, which sickness he bore with Christian fortitude. He was born in Alabama, and with the spirit of Southern Rights, at an early age enlisted in**

**Co.I-Fourth Alabama Cavalry, and followed the fortunes of war to the end. On April 9th, of last year he had passed the "four score years mark," eighty years. In 1869 he came to Arkansas, settling in what is now Lee county, thence to Palestine in St.Francis county, where he has been a resident for more than half a century. He was a good friend, a fine citizen and a great believer in Arkansas. "As we laid him to rest in his cold narrow bed, The proudest tribute our sad hearts could pay. He never disgraced the "old faded Jacket of Gray."-Forrest City Times-Herald-Nov.18,1926-Per the 1900 census, the children were: Frank W Sulcer , age 26, born 1874, and Married Belle Scott in Dec.1907 or 1908 ;James A Sulcer, age 21 born 1879;Samuel F Sulcer Jr., age 13 born 1887. The daughter, Georgia b.1881 d.1887, before mother, Dovie America. Mr. Sulcer remarried to Kate, age 50 in the 1910 census, born 1860. The marriage of Mr.S.F.Sulcer and Mrs. Kate Alcorn was the result of cupid in the form of Mr.S.E.Sweet and was conducted by Rev. J.M.Workman of the Hunter Memorial church. Attendees included Samuel Sulcer, son of Mr. ulcer. Dated in paper, 3-12-1909 Note: In 1920 Census his wife is Sallie, age 44 born in Arkansas 1876.**

**Swan, Robert Knox b.1868 d.1925- The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 42:Hotels-operate the St.Francis Hotel in Forrest City. Obituary: R.K. Swan, known to hundreds of friends throughout the county as "Bob." passed away at his home noon Saturday, May 9, at his farm in Johnson township. Mr. Swan had been in poor health for some months, suffering from Bright's Disease and grew rapidly worse during the few weeks prior to his death. Funeral services were held at the Hughes cemetery Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev.W.V.Womack, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Forrest City, of which deceased had been a member for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Jackson Swan, and five sons: Bozeman, Fred, W.B., and Ernest of Forrest City, and R.P. of Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Swan died at the age of fifty seven years; about 40 of those were spent in St.Francis county. He was a native of Middle Tennessee, moving to this county when he was seventeen years old. He was well and favorably known thought-out the county, and many friends will mourn his passing. He was a well to do planter, and an influential citizen. May 14,1925-Forrest City Times-Herald**

**Sweet, Silvius Emory, Sr. b.1843 d.1921- Colonel Sweet Reminiscent-Widener, Dec.30,1911-For the past 15 days, whenever you meet a man his first words are, did you ever see so much rain and mud in your life. I have frequently, but especially forty nine years ago, on the 15th of December,, when the 19th Tennessee Infantry was detached from the Army at Murphreesboro and sent to LaVergne fifteen miles from Nashville, and there employed as skirmishers to combat the whole Yankee army, until we reached Racon creek on the night of Dec.28th, where we burned the bridge, and delayed the battle of Murphreesboro one day, the Yankees having to rebuild the bridge before they could cross with their artillery. The rain having ceased on the night of the 29th, on the night of the 30th, we were placed in line of battle on the north bank of the Stone river, the ground frozen hard, we were not allowed a spark of fire or light; the Yankee army in**

line on the Wilkerson Pike with a battery composed of eighteen Napoleon guns, with their line of pickets and sharpshooters only 300 yards in front. We had orders from the commanding general, detailed each regiment by the Adjutant, to watch for the sky rocket that would go up in the town of Murphreesboro the next morning, for Cheatham's Division to open fire and advance on the enemy. We caught the Yankees napping, and got some of their good coffee and ham, something we had not had in a long time. I would like to know how many in St. Francis county today who were on that memorable field. And well do I remember on the night of the 31st, in line of battle all night, still cold and without light, and on Jan. 1st, when the gallant General Raines charged those masked field pieces on the Murphreesboro Pike and thereby lost his own life, three comrades who were there, W.H. Coffey, W.H. McDaniel, and J.B. Hodges have crossed the river. I know no others besides myself, but possibly many others in this county were there. I had the honor, or misfortune to be there myself. I held the rank of high private in the rear rank of Company C, 9th Tennessee Infantry; since the close of war, I have held higher positions, having reached the rank as Colonel. Respectfully, S. Emory Sweet. Our Senior, Col. Edwin Landvoigt, was in this memorable fight, as a member of the organization known throughout the army as "Clay King's Hellhounds," which was stationed on Breckinridges's right. Ed Vadakin, The Times.

Tate, G. W.- - The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: Owns the large and handsomely fitted up shop located in the Long Block, which was formerly run by W.E. Duncan, deceased.

Taylor, Alston Graham-Since its founding seventy eight years ago in 1876, the Avery Insurance Agency, by W.H. Avery, who sold to George P. Taylor, grandfather of Alston Taylor, who changed the name to Taylor Insurance Agency. The firm is now composed of Harry A. Knight Sr., Alston Graham Taylor, and B.F. King. Edgar P. Taylor joined the firm when the elder Mr. Taylor died in 1898. At that time, a promising young Forrest Citian, became a partner in the firm and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight & Co. When Edgar P. Taylor passed in January 1935, they consolidated with B.F. King and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight-King Insurance Agency. Meanwhile, James Taylor, son of Edgar continued with the firm until his death in Oct. 1950, when Alston Taylor, another son of Edgar, joined the firm. The youngest member of the firm, son of the late Edgar P. and Annie (Fussell) Taylor, pioneer family of Forrest City. He received his formal education at the Forrest City Public School, Western Military Academy, and the University of Arkansas. He helped found the Taylor-Casbeer Men's Store, but has sold his interest in that firm. He joined the U.S. Army in August 1941, and was discharged in April, 1945. He married the former Lollie Williams, daughter of the late J.M. and Lenora (Whittenton) Williams of Forrest City, and they have one daughter, Marilane Sulcer. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian church, the Chamber of

**Commerce, King-Beazley American Legion Post, a Mason and Shriner. In addition to the agency, he has farming and real estate interests to look after.**

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cause of freedom. Early in the history of Kentucky John Taylor emigrated to this new territory, and here was born and reared his son, upon whom was conferred the family name of John. He grew to manhood in a locality even then thinly settled, but being lured by the tales of the new region across the Mississippi, followed the train of emigrants westward, and among the prominent names in the early history of Cooper County, Mo., appears that of John Taylor. He was there married to Miss Cochrell. After remaining in that county until the breaking out of the war he moved to St. Louis. George P. Taylor spent his early life in his native State, and attended school at Boonville, conducted by the renowned Dr. Kemper. He was fourteen years of age when his father removed to St. Louis, and in 1867 removed to Arkansas, settling in Lee County, on a plantation, where he remained until 1873. Then he came to Forrest City and died here in 1879 of yellow fever, his wife preceding him about one year. George P. Taylor located as a citizen of St. Francis County in 1870, where he was engaged in farming, being married in February, 1873, to Miss Alice Koonce, a native of this county. She is the mother of six children: Edgar P., Walter R., Alva J., Alice N., Nannie and George P., Jr. In 1874, after the reconstruction act, Mr. Taylor was elected representative from St. Francis County, though at that time only twenty-four years of age; he was re-elected in 1878, and in 1880 was appointed county collector. In 1880 he entered into the real-estate business at Forrest City. In 1885 the 'Forrest City Manufacturing Company' was formed, with Mr. Taylor as president, but a \$5,000 fire shortly after caused the dissolution of the company. In 1884-85 he formed a partnership with Hatcher & Mann in the mercantile business, this remaining for two years. December, 1886, he was associated with James M. Stewart, as real-estate agents and brokers, then the only firm of the kind in the county. He is one of the organizers and is secretary of the Forrest City Hotel Company, a corporation with a capital stock of \$24,000, and is also a stockholder and director of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, located at Forrest City, which has a capital stock of \$50,000. Both enterprises yield good returns, and their stock is quoted above par. Mr. Taylor also owns several large plantations in this county, and is conceded to be one of its most prominent citizens, especially having the esteem and confidence of the Democracy of this locality, as is shown by the fact that for eight consecutive years he has been chairman of the County Central Committee, and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention of 1888. He was also a delegate to the National Farmers' Congress, held at Montgomery, Ala., in November, 1889. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Masonic order, in which he holds the office of Master, also belonging to the order of Knights of Pythias. Besides these he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Baptist Church. Their home in Forrest City is one of the finest here, elegantly furnished, and contains one of the largest and best-selected libraries in the county. Obit: Buried under the auspices of the Masons. Judge George P. Taylor, who was stricken with apoplexy on May.7, died Tuesday, May 13,1902 at his home. He never spoke again from the attack on the 7th, but lay

unconscious until death claimed its victim, and he passed away peacefully and without a struggle. "Death loves a shining mark," in claiming Hon. George P. Taylor as its victim, it has robbed the family of its mainstay and protector; of a loving husband, and a kind and indulgent father. He was perhaps better known and more universally esteemed than any other character in Eastern Arkansas. He has been prominent in social, business, church, political, and fraternal circles for many years, and in the discharge of his duties as a representative of his constituents here and following of his inclinations, has mingled with the great men of the state and nation among whom he has a legion of friends. The writer has known the Judge for sixteen years, and he has always been our friend, and his counsel was always wise and never selfish. The funeral sermon was delivered by Elder W.H. Paslay, who was assisted in the ceremonies by Elder A.N. Couch, at the Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The remains were accompanied from the residence by the Blue lodge and a Knights Templar escort, to the Forrest City cemetery under the auspices of Forrest City Lodge No. 198, F.A. & M. The Woodmen of the World also attended the funeral in a body, and accompanied the body to its resting place. The funeral procession was lead by Tyler, Geo.W. Pearson, and the Citizen's Concert Band, and was one of the largest in the history of the city.

Taylor, James Fussell b.1909 d.1950-Since its founding seventy eight years ago in 1876, the Avery Insurance Agency, by W.H. Avery, who sold to George P. Taylor, grandfather of Alston Taylor, who changed the name to Taylor Insurance Agency. The firm is now composed of Harry A. Knight Sr., Alston Graham Taylor, and B.F. King. Edgar P. Taylor joined the firm when the elder Mr. Taylor died in 1898. At that time, a promising young Forrest Citian, became a partner in the firm and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight & Co. When Edgar P. Taylor passed in January 1935, they consolidated with B.F. King and the name was changed to Taylor-Knight-King Insurance Agency. Meanwhile, James Taylor, son of Edgar continued with the firm until his death in Oct. 1950, when Alston Taylor, another son of Edgar, joined the firm.

Taylor, Knight & Co.-.-Insurance and Real Estate: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38: Business is handled by R.J. IZARD, F.G. PETTUS, and Taylor, Knight & Co.

Taylor, Knight & Co.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 118: Real estate and insurance agents.

Taylor, Thomas W. -Goodspeed's Biography 1884: Thomas L. Taylor, a prominent planter of St. Francis County, is a native of Missouri, and a son of John and Mary Elizabeth (Cockrell) Taylor, originally from Virginia. John Taylor and wife came to Arkansas in 1866, where he engaged in farming (in this county), during his life. Thomas L. received a good education at the public schools of this township, and later attended college in Clay County, Mo., supplementing this by an attendance at the Kemper School of Boonville. He left this institution in the fall of 1861 to join the Confederate army, in which he served

until taken prisoner in 1863, being confined eight months, after which he was paroled. His health having suffered by close confinement he went to California, but returned in 1866 by wagon train, as the cholera which was prevalent along the rivers prevented a passage by boat. Mr. Taylor was married in August, 1874, in Shelby County, Tenn., to Miss Sallie A. Jarman, but she lived only a few months. He owns a fine farm of 120 acres, with a large part of it under cultivation, having good improvements, etc. He is a prominent Democrat of the Jeffersonian type

**Taylor, W. Mitchell-St. Francis County History-During the early history of St. Francis County, Taylor's Creek, which later developed into Colt when the Iron Mountain railroad was constructed through that area, was widely known because it was on the famous Military Road. Taylor's Creek got its name from W. Mitchell Taylor, one of the first settlers about where Colt is now. He was born in Franklin Co., N. Carolina, in 1826. He built a large log house on what is known as the Blaylock Place, one mile south of Colt, now owned by Fred McCollum, Sr. The house was built of hand hewn poplar logs, cut on his place and hewn with a whipsaw and put together with wooden pegs filled between the logs with small pieces of wood, mud, and mortar. The stage coach traveling the Military Road with the mail stopped there to change horses. Mr. Taylor married Nancy Casbeer in 1827 and had 14 children. After her death he married Mrs. Mary Temp'e in 1852 and had six children. He also had two step children. He had an exceptionally brilliant mind and made many trips by horseback to Little Rock to transact business for friends and relatives. He owned about 1500 acres of land, extending down to Dark Corner. When one of his children married, he gave them their choice of 80 acres of land or one thousand dollars. He built the school house and church, non-denominational, known as Oak Hill. The church was constructed of lumber made by his whipsaw. The seats were poles, cut flat on one side with pegs for legs. Mr. Taylor was eighty at the time of his death, Dec. 11, 1884. His surviving descendants include six grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. This information was compiled by Mrs. P. S. Stapleton, great granddaughter of Mr. Taylor's. As mentioned above the present town of Colt at the north end of St. Francis County on Highway 1 and the Missouri Pacific, was established in 1882, when the old Iron Mountain Railroad put a station there. It was called Colt Station for the railroad conductor of that name who built the railroad through that section of the county. Numerous residents at that time thought the new town should be called Taylor in honor of Mitchell Taylor, but he asked them to name it for the railroad contractor. The town of Colt was incorporated in 1916. At the time Colt was incorporated it had two cotton gins, six general stores, one drug store and two saw mills. In 1954 Colt now has two stores, one filling station and one gin. The town has two churches, Methodist and Baptist. (PIONEER)**

**Terry, John Banner- Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 99 and 101: John B. Terry was born June 28, 1867, on a farm five miles north of Forrest City, in this county. He is a**

son of James Alvin and Elizabeth Jane (Newman) Terry. His parents were pioneers, his father coming here in 1848 from Tennessee and his mother in 1851 from Maury county, in the same state. His father was one of the successful farmers of the county. The subject of this sketch received a limited education in the schools of Forrest City and began his career as a merchant. He located in Forrest City from Caldwell in January 1898, and has since been engaged in farming and merchandising. He is a stockholder in The J.W.Beck Company, of which he is one of the directors; in the Planters' Gin & Manufacturing Company and the Choctaw Brick & Tile Company. In 1904 Mr. Terry was appointed assessor to fill out an unexpired term and was elected to the same office in the September election. He enjoys the distinction of having made the largest and best assessment ever made in this county, turning in two of the neatest and prettiest books ever filed in the clerk's office. Prior to his removal to Forrest City, Mr. Terry was postmaster and railroad ticket agent at Caldwell for four years. He is a Democrat in politics, having cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland. He was first married in 1891 to Miss Mary Lindsey, of Caldwell, and to them two children, Lida and Velma, were born. The latter, Velma, died in 1901. He was again married, this time in 1901, to Mrs. Roberta Montgomery, of Searcy, White county, Arkansas. He is a member in good standing of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Knights of the Maccabees and the Redmen. He owns his lovely home in this city, a splendid picture of which is shown herewith, and three good farms, comprising about seven hundred acres, all situated in this county, west of the St.Francis river. He will be glad to answer any inquiries concerning the resources, opportunities, etc., of this vicinity, and his thorough knowledge of conditions will render his answers valuable. He has been entirely successful in his business undertakings, and from the day he started as a farmer boy has gradually attained his high position. He will be a candidate for re-election before the Democratic primary next March.. He regards manufacturing establishments as the greatest need of our section. Mr. Terry considers coming to Forrest City the greatest event in his life-except marriage.-with permission, Publisher Weston Lewey, Times Herald Publishing Company. Obituary: community Shocked by Tragic Killing-County Treasurer J.B.Terry meets death at hands of "Pug" Smith, Coroner investigates. Accused man in jail. Like a bolt out of a clear skies came the news on Wednesday evening, Feb.5,1913, at about 6 o'clock that County Treasurer J.B.(Banner) Terry had been killed. The entire community was struck dumb with horror as the awed whisper passed from lip to lip: "Pug Smith has killed Banner Terry!" Treasurer Terry is survived by a daughter of his first wife, Miss Lyda Terry; about 21 years of age; mother, Mrs. Eliza Terry, 65 years of age, and a second wife and her four children, Misses Virginia, Pete and Mary York and Earl Montgomery; two brothers, Dr.P.E.Terry, Blackton, Ark., and Earnest Terry, clerk at the new Capitol Hotel in Little Rock; also one sister, Mrs. Edgar Darr, of Charleston, S. Carolina, and sister in law, Mrs. Emma Terry and little daughter, Eunice. The body was

removed to the residence on South Washington yesterday afternoon, where it will remain in state until Sunday, awaiting arrival of family members from out of state.

**Terry, Maggie, Mrs.-Stenographers: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:Are Mrs. J.M.Nichols, Mrs. Alice E.Matthews, and Mr.P.A.Gorman, Mr. Lindsay Bridgforth, Miss Eunice Nimocks, and Miss Maggie Terry.**

**Thomas, John D.-Vice Pres.-Ex-Confederate Assoc. formed Aug.20,1886.**

**Trapp, Sydnham B., Jr. b.1874 d.1924-Farm- Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 48:Pictured Mr.S.B.Trapp, Jr., wife, son, Sidney McDaniel Trapp, Mr.J.A.Gray, Manager of the Farm; Charley Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs.J.A.Gray;Elbert Hammond, Manager of Store, and W.F.Sanderson, Master Mechanic. Page 49:Mr.Trapp, born at Cuthbert, Ga. on Nov.15,1871 to S.H. and Mrs.M.E.Trapp, natives of Charleston, S. Carolina, and the father traveled as a salesman for McFerrin, Shallcross & Co., of Louisville, Ky. He afterwards embarked in the wholesale grocery business at Anniston, Alabama in the firm Comer & Trapp. Mr.S.B.Trapp Jr. began business in Forrest City under the firm name of Brandon, Baugh & Trapp. After 15 months, he began under the firm S.B.Trapp, Jr. & Co., backed by his father in law, Capt.. W.H.McDaniel. After several years of successful business in this city, he moved his stock to his wife's farm at Bonair, Ark., where he does a large and profitable advancing business. He operates the farm with seventy four head of stock and a full complement of men, and possessing some of our finest lands. He also owns stock in the Bank of Forrest City, a 4-gin Munger outfit, grist mill, etc. and is now the largest farmer taxpayer in the whole of St.Francis Co. He was married Nov.14, 1895, to Nancy Ellenor, Second daughter of Capt. W.H. and Mollie m.Fondren McDaniel. He father was a native of Arkansas, and by hard work, close attention to business and keen foresight, accumulated quite a comfortable fortune. He served through the war, was wounded several times, and was loved and honored by all who knew him. They have one child, Syd McDaniel Trapp born Jun.2,1898, d.1921. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, and is generous and hospitable, and identified with the best interests of St.Francis County. He is also an admirer of fast horses and good bird dogs, and owns some of the best of each in the county. Obituary: R.K. Swan, known to hundreds of friends throughout the county as "Bob." passed away at his home noon Saturday, May 9, at his farm in Johnson township. Mr. Swan had been in poor health for some months, suffering from Bright's Disease and grew rapidly worse during the few weeks prior to his death. Funeral services were held at the Hughes cemetery Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev.W.V.Womack, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Forrest City, of which deceased had been a member for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Jackson Swan, and five sons: Bozeman, Fred, W.B., and Ernest of Forrest City, and R.P. of Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Swan died at the age of fifty seven years; about 40 of those were spent in St.Francis county. He was a native of Middle Tennessee,**

**moving to this county when he was seventeen years old. He was well and favorably known throughout the county, and many friends will mourn his passing. He was a well to do planter, and an influential citizen. May 14,1925-Forrest City Times-Herald**

**Trice, Richard Benjamin: d.1927The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 62:The Forrest City Cotton Exchange is a branch office of the Memphis Exchange, which is under the management of Mr.C.P.Hunt, and was established in this city in Dec.1900 by that firm, with Mr. John M.Hines, who is kindly remembered, as manager. The business prospered for a season, but owing to business reasons, it was discontinued. Some six months afterwards it was re-established, and again Mr. Hines had charge. The business was, perhaps, more successful, and is now looked upon as one of the fixed institutions of this city. In 1903 Mr. Hines was succeeded by Mr. Richard B.Trice, of this city as manager, and he has associated with him, as operator, Mr. Arthur Donald Boyle. The exchange has private wires to New York, Chicago, St.Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, and all the principal market centers, and in addition to buying and selling grain, provisions, stocks, bonds, etc., receives the markets daily, which are free to all who wish to avail themselves of the same. The subject of this sketch, Richard B.Trice, was born in Montgomery Co., Tenn., Mar.11,1860, and is a son of Henry and Fannie L. m.Buckley Trice. He received instruction in the district school until ten years of age, and has since been his own tutor. He then worked on a farm until eighteen years old, and clerked eight years. He was married on Oct.11,1885, to Mrs.Sarah Ida m.Ramsey Altman, of Jersey Co., Illinois, mother of Enos T.Altman, of this city, and located here on Sep.12,1895. He came to Arkansas in 1891 from Christian Co., Ky. Until taking his present position as manager of the Cotton Exchange, he managed the business of Trice & Altman. Mr. Trice is a member of the Christian church, and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and is a William Jennings Bryan Democrat. He owns one business lot and three residence lots, and is now building a cozy cottage home on Iazard street.**

**Turley, Charles E., Sr. "Bunn" b.1882 d.1949-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905:Mr.C. E.(Bunn) Turley came to Forrest City in Jan.1900 from Byhalia, Miss., in which town he was born on Oct.18,1882. He is a son of N.P. and Ann Elizabeth (Hicks) Turley, the former a native of Missouri, and he later of Mississippi. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and began his business career in a general store, which he followed until he became a member of The Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., in which he is a member of the Board of Directors, and one of the best posted salesmen, having charge of the hardware department, and making a specialty of Ellwood woven wire fencing. Mr.Turley is a democrat in politics, and a member of the Woodmen of the World and Maccabees. He is one of the best natured young men in the city, and a thorough-going business man, who keeps abreast of the times, devoting his energies to building up his patronage by honest methods and painstaking efforts to please. He married Nora B. m.Coffey and had a child, Charles E. Turley b.abt.1926.**

**Turley, Ellis-b.1848-The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 57: A halftone on the next page is a splendid portrait of the members of the firm of E.Turley & Co., who carry a \$10,000 stock of general merchandise, and do a cash and furnishing business amounting to \$35,000 to \$40,000 per annum in this city. The members of this firm are all Democratic in politics, and communicants of the Episcopal church. Mr. Ellis Turley, the senior member, is a native of St.Francis County, Missouri and a son of Aaron P. and Frances L.Turley. His father was a native of Kentucky and his mother of Missouri. He came to Forrest City in 1885 from Byhalia, Miss. Besides his mercantile business and farming interests, he owns stock in the Bank of Forrest City, Planter's Gin Co., Choctaw Brick & Tile Co., and Widener Gin Co., in each of which corporations he is a director. He was married on Jan.7, 1892 to Miss Anne Leigh Gilliam, of Hertford, N.Carolina, and one child, Frances Louise Turley has blessed their union. He owns a beautiful home in this city, which is elegantly furnished and supplied with modern conveniences, and, besides, owns 385 acres in St. Francis basin and 280 acres west of Forrest City. He is a Knight Templar, and has held the office of Sect. of the Chapter and Temple for a number of years. Mr.Turley has prospered exceedingly well since coming to this county.**

**Turley, Linn-b.1872 d.1938- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 58:Lieut.Linn Turley is a nephew of the senior member of the firm of E.Turley & Co., and was born in Marshall county, Mississippi, July 8,1873. His parents were Newton Paston and Artillia Turley, and he received his education primarily in the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville. He begins his business career on the farm and came to this city on Sep.1,1889, from Byhalia, Mississippi, to accept a position with J.W.Beck & Co.. He remained with this firm for eight years, until he went to the Spanish American War. He was a First Lieutenant of Company H, which went from this city, and he was in camp ten months, being mustered in on February 28,1898. He returned to Forrest City and accepted a position with Mr. Robert L. Pettus with whom he remained until Sept.1,1904, when he became a member of E.Turley & Co. Lieut. Turley was married on Dec.26,1900, to Miss Maxine V. Webb of this city. She was the daughter of Dr.William Manville Webb and Mrs. Mollie m.Thomas Webb. He also owns interest in 560 acres of farming land in this county, and is doing well. The firm of E. Turley & Co. is one of seven large furnishing houses in Forrest City.Turley & Co. He is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and has held the office of Master of Finance in the latter order for five years. Besides merchandising, he has an interest in 560 acres of fine farming land in this county, and is doing well. The firm of E.Turley & Co. is one of seven large furnishing houses in Forrest City.**

**Vaccaro, Andy-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir 1905 page 101:Andy J.Vaccaro, of the firm of Mallory & Vaccaro, dealers in standard liquors, is a native of Italy. He was born on Sep.21,1864, near Genoa, and is a son of Joseph and Clara (Vaccaro) Vaccaro, thought they were not related, Vaccaro being a very common name in that county. His parents came to the United States in 1867, and his father died soon thereafter in 1868, and his**

mother was a victim of the yellow fever in 1878. Our subject was educated in Memphis, finishing in the Christian Brothers College, and in Jan.1895, located for one year in Forrest City. In 1896, he went back to Brinkley, remaining there until this year, when he came back to Forrest City, and associated himself with Ike W.Mallory in the saloon business. Andy Vaccaro began his business career in Memphis. He worked for D.Canale & Co. two years, and then went to Marianna, where he engaged in the whisky business, in which he has continuously traded. Besides his interest in the firm of Mallory & Vaccaro, he is the principal stockholder and President of the Vaccaro Cigar & Liquor Co. of Memphis, and owns a large farm near Brinkley, of 280 acres. He owns his own home in this city-a splendid residence which he recently acquired from Mr. Eugene Williams. On Dec.9,1895, he was happily married to Mrs. Pearl Vann, nee Alley, and to this union have been born two splendid boys, Gazzola, now eight years of age, and Leo, who has just turned three years old. Mr.Vaccaro is a member of the Catholic church, and in politics is a democrat.

Vadakin, Edwin Lincoln b.1864 d.1914- The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 107:E.L.Vadakin, a native of Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, is the junior member of The Forrest City Times firm, and managing editor. He is 41 years of age, and has been engaged in the printing business almost continuously since June 13,1879, at which time he entered the office of the Stewardson (Illinois) Enterprise as printer's devil. He came to Arkansas On October 11,1881, and to Forrest City in 1886. He was married in 1886 to Miss Lillie D. Landvoigt, daughter of the senior member of the firm, Col. Edwin Landvoigt, and to them four children were born, one of whom, Edwin Landvoigt Vadakin, died in 1891. Mr. Vadakin was again married in 1903 to Miss Grace J.Darling, of Michigan, and one child, a baby boy blesses this union.-The early history of The Herald. it was founded as the Forrest City Times back in 1871, the year the town became incorporated into a town. The Times was published weekly as a six-column newspaper and was recognized as one of the most enterprising papers in the state. The Times changed hands frequently until 1886, when it became the property of Col.Ed Landvoigt and his son-in-law, Edwin L. Vadakin for \$700, these two country printers who "knew the business from sweeping out to paying off," bought the paper including its good will and accounts from Thomas J.Hicks. In 1904, a momentous occasion was dutifully recorded when the firm of Landvoigt & Vadakin was "replenished and greatly augmented by the addition of a beautiful new press of 300 pounds of handset type, a Reliance Drum Cylinder press, complete with steam fixtures, a folding machine, 3-horsepower gasoline engine, etc., and this is the first and only power outfit ever operated in the county." The Herald, founded in 1904, is incomplete but it is believed the paper was taken over at one time by the late Eugene Williams of Forrest City, and then bought by John T.Durst, who later was joined by his wife in the operation of the paper. Mr.Durst formed a stock company in 1919 and purchased The Times to form the Times-Herald. In 1931, he discontinued the weekly

publication and started the Daily Times-Herald. In October 1943, Mr. Fred N. McCollum Sr. purchased the paper located on Front Street from Mr. Durst. Goodspeed's Biography 1884: E. L. Vadakin, the popular editor of the Forrest City Times, owes his nativity to the State of Illinois, having first seen the light of day near the little town of Sullivan in 1864, as the son of H. F. and A. (Clements) Vadakin. H. F. Vadakin was born in Vermont, but when quite young immigrated to Illinois, settling near Sullivan, where he became well known to the citizens for many miles around as an efficient and courteous druggist. His business was of many years' standing, and his death in 1888 was sincerely mourned, both by his personal friends and those who knew him through reputation. Mrs. Vadakin died when E. L. was a little child. At the age of fourteen, the subject of this sketch entered a printing office and there laid the foundation of his future career. After a few months his brother-in-law purchased the paper, which was located at Stewardson, Ill., but soon sold it. Mr. Vadakin remained with the successor, receiving \$10 per month for his services. His next move was to Tower Hill, Ill., where, as no other employment presented itself, he worked for three months on a farm. About this time a campaign paper was started in the town, and afforded work for our subject for some time, but unfortunately it was short-lived, and as it sunk into obscurity, the editor also failed to materialize, having neglected to give Mr. Vadakin any compensation for his labor. The latter, as might be supposed, found himself in rather straightened circumstances, but at this juncture, a railroad advertising agent stopped in the village, and taking a fancy to Mr. Vadakin, induced him to accompany him to Cincinnati, Ohio, promising to use his utmost endeavors to secure for him a good position in some one of the printing offices of that city. This he was unable to do, but he did furnish him a home for some time. Eager to become self-reliant, and not dependent on the bounty of his friends, Mr. Vadakin returned to his old home in Illinois, and accepted the position in one of the printing offices for the sum of \$2 per week, and board. An uncle, who was a member of the Union Printing Company at Little Rock, then came to his assistance, and secured him work in an office in that city, where he remained for three years. At one time, while serving his apprenticeship, he had charge of the Union Job Office at Little Rock. Though his promotion was gradual, it was none the less sure, and he is to-day one of the expert printers in Arkansas. After working on the Democrat, at Lonoke, Ark., for some time, the proprietor purchased the Times at Forrest City, appointing Mr. Vadakin the manager, he to receive half of the net profits. The paper had almost died out, having become exceedingly unpopular from the effects of a newspaper controversy, but Mr. Vadakin brought it to the front, and it is now one of the best county papers in the State, besides being the leading publication of St. Francis County. In May, 1886, Mr. Vadakin was united in marriage with Miss Lillie B. Landvoigt, and to their union one child has been born, Dora Annette. Mr. Vadakin and his father-in-law bought the Times, and own it in partnership. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics a Democrat.

**Van Patten, Philip, Dr. b.1827 d.-Goodspeed's Biography 1884: During the war between the States, Dr. Van Patten was surgeon of the Thirteenth Arkansas Volunteer Infantry, Col. Tappen in command. He was afterward promoted to brigade-surgeon, and subsequently to the position of division-surgeon. For a short period he served as brigade-surgeon for Old Frank Cheatam, and was for two years in the Trans-Mississippi Department, under Gen. L. Polk, in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Mississippi, also being surgeon of Fort Pillow, in 1861. He was present at the battle of Shiloh, and was made division-surgeon by Gen. Polk on the battlefield, in the presence of Albert Sidney Johnston and Beauregard. He was obliged to resign before the war closed, on account of nervous prostration. Dr. Van Patten's children have inherited his own studious propensities, and have been endowed by nature with unusual capabilities. Eva Lillian graduated in higher mathematics at the age of fourteen years, under Prof. D. L. Thompson, of Wittsburg, the course extending through Calculus. After thus having her reasoning powers developed far beyond the height attained by even some of the most brilliant women of our country, in order to give her that proficiency in language, literature and the fine arts, which she had already attained in mathematics, and understanding that a harmonious development of all the faculties is requisite to attain perfect personal and intellectual culture, Dr. Van Patten wisely sent her to Notre Dame, Ind., to the female school there, made famous the world over by the Sisters of Mercy. After having well improved the opportunities afforded her she again returned to her home an even more devoted student than before. During her leisure hours she was found poring over the works of Tyndall, Huxley and Darwin, drinking in the many good things in their writings and criticizing contradictory statements appearing on different pages. In mathematics, literature, language, art and every other branch, her mind searched eagerly for knowledge, and she daily meditated on many of the great questions which have from remote ages vexed and perplexed the minds of our greatest thinkers. She was the constant companion of her father, and with him discussed all questions. Her greatness of heart was unlimited, and she had charity for the faults of all. Such women are priceless gems, but her physical constitution could not stand the draft on her intellect, and paralysis of the brain caused her death. Such an affliction is certainly to be lamented by more than her family, and it is to be hoped her young soul, freed from its encumbrance of clay, can see, without effort into all the mysteries she was continually investigating here. Hattie L., now the wife of Eugene Parrish, of Paragould, Ark., was on the point of graduating from Notre Dame, when the breaking out of diphtheria caused her sudden return home, and prevented her receiving a diploma. Her paintings and her music show the touch of an artist. She paints from nature with absolute perfection, and her portrait gems, which have been examined by many, are pronounced worthy of an artist of national reputation. She is an excellent English scholar, and proficient in Latin, French and German. She was married November 2, 1889. Goodspeed's Biography 1884:Philip Van Patten, M. D." So reads the sign that noisily swings to and fro on its rusty hinges,**

attracting the passers-by on one of the principal streets of Forrest City. The busy little notice is given only a momentary thought by its many readers, but the reputation of him whom it represents, an efficient and popular physician, will survive him many years. Born in Schenectady County, N. Y., in 1827, Dr. Van Patten's boyhood days were passed in carving his name in wonderful designs on his desk and making pictures, much to the delight of his schoolmates, but aside from all his fun, he was a good scholar, and won the approbation and affection of his teachers. When only thirteen years old he was deprived of his father's love and protection, death claiming him while on business in Michigan. Philip then moved with his mother to Iowa, the mother afterward going to Denver, Colo., where she passed away in 1885, at the age of eighty-six years. His literary education was received in Iowa, he taking a classical course, under the able instruction of Father Pelamargues, a Catholic priest, of Paris, France. His studies extended to a course in Latin, Greek and Hebrew, the former being so thoroughly instilled in his mind, that he read Caesar some four years ago without consulting his Lexicon but six times. He made it a rule to regularly demonstrate a certain number of mathematical problems every morning, and now devotes a half hour daily to the study of classics. Entering the Medical University of Iowa when twenty-one, he graduated with honors in 1853, and first announced himself competent to alleviate the sufferings to which flesh is heir, in DeWitt, Iowa, where he practiced for one year in association with Dr. Asa Morgan. During the year 1861 he choose for the partner of his joys and sorrows the daughter of Col. John Miller, of Batesville, Ark., father of the late Gov. Miller. One child, Hattie L., born to Dr. and Mrs. Van Patten alone survives. She is now a student of art in Memphis, Tenn.

Vann, Claude h. b.1872 d.1894- Claude H. Vann, editor and proprietor of the Forrest City Register, was born in Cross County, Ark., April 17, 1872, being the son of J. M. and Ida H. (Hare) Vann, well-known and highly esteemed residents of Cross County. Claude H. received his education in the schools of the county, and served an apprenticeship to the newspaper business in the office of the Cross County Chronicle. Having proved an able assistant in the office, at the expiration of his time he was given an opportunity to remain, but as better inducements were offered him by the Morrill Bros. Printing Company of New York as a traveling salesman, he accepted that position, and demonstrated.

Vogel, Charles d.1909-Painters and Paperhangers-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 38:They are Charles Vogel, Ernest Hammond, Dooley & Horney, Bob Littell and Bill T. Hall.

Walker, Alice m.Bramel, Mrs.- Mrs. George P.Walker, Sr., of Forrest City, is one of the most remarkable and inspiring women ever to live in St.Francis County. A true matriarch, loved and revered by her six living children, eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Now in her 76th year, Mrs. Walker is still as active and vigorous of mind

and body as a woman many years her junior. Mrs. Walker, the former Alice Bramel was born near Moro in Lee County, the daughter of the late Peter and Chelnesse (Harris) Bramel. While a young girl, she moved with her parents to St. Francis County in 1886. She received her formal education at the Wheatley Public School. On Jan. 20, 1897, she became the bride of George P. Walker, who was to become a widely-known and prosperous landowner in the county. To this union were born eight children, Catherine Emily, wife of Wilbur H. Johnston, they have two children, Wilbur (who married Lois Church and has two children, David Carter and Sarah Patricia) and Patricia Alice, who is married to Richard Four; Edwin Bramel, married Flora Martin, two children, Mary Catherine and Edwin Bramel Jr.; Mildred, wife of John Sikes; George P., Jr., married Marian Childs, four children, Robert George (who married Joyce Harris), Marian Janet, (who is married to Joseph Dilday and has one child, Dixie Lee), George Philip III and Charles Oscie; William, Clement (deceased), married Lois Kelley, three children, Roselyn Anne, Frances Lois and William Clement Jr.; Elizabeth Virginia, married to Forrest Riffey, four children, Elizabeth, Camille, Giles Edgar, Janete Larie, and Alice Joan; Alice May (deceased) married to Horace Adams; and Frances, married to Samuel Lee Bowman, three children, Alice, Anne, Samuel Lee Jr., and William Walker. At Mr. Walker's death in 1941, Mrs. Walker became administrator of the estate, which meant looking after 1013 acres of plantation land in the bottoms, the 12-unit Walker Apartment House in Forrest City (which she still actively manages); and eight rental houses which she had purchased herself. Mrs. Walker has been President of the Women's Temperance Union three times, Cosmos Club two times, School Improvement Association, (now the PTA) two times, and the County Federation of Women's Club two times. She was the first woman in the Helena Methodist district to serve as General Superintendent of a Sunday School which she held six years. First woman to serve on a Grand Jury in Arkansas. She has been a member of the choir for thirty years, and other positions of service in the church. She is proud to have sent all her children to college, with six obtaining degrees. An interesting note, Mr. C. A. Ahlstedt who built the St. Francis County Courthouse built the Walker apartments for the couple, with the blueprint finished June 6, 1938. Mr. & Mrs. Walker moved into the six room apartment on Jan. 19, 1939, one day before the Walker's forty-second wedding anniversary. Mr. Walker passed away one year and eight months later with a heart ailment.

**Walker, Edwin P.-** Edwin P. Walker of Round Pond, is one of the most prominent and respected landowners and merchants of St. Francis county. He was born at Goodwin, Ark., on Jan. 26, 1900, son of Mrs. George Philip Walker Sr. and the late Mr. Walker. The latter, as his son, was one of the county's best-known and respected farmers. After graduation from Forrest City High School, Edwin Walker attended Ouachita College in Arkadelphia, receiving an A.B. Degree in 1920. He served in the U.S. Army from Sept. 1918 till Dec. 1918. On Aug. 21, 1938, he married Flora Martin, daughter of Charles

**Wilson and Effie Mae Belle (Bates) Martin of North Little Rock. They have one daughter, Mary Catherine, and a son, Edwin Walker Jr. They are members of the Methodist church. The 950 acre farm, owned by Mr. Walker and Forrest Riffey, is located near Twin Bridges on the fertile and alluvial bottom lands of the Southeast part of St. Francis County. The Walker General Merchandise Store was begun in Round Pond in 1932.**

**Walker, Oscie-b.1878 d.1963-Oscie Walker is one of the most substantial men in St. Francis County as a merchant, planter, and ginner of Round Pond. With only a limited grade school education, Mr. Walker has achieved much in being a prosperous merchant and planter. He was born on Dec.15,1878, in Russell County, Alabama, son of the late James Philip and Georgia Ann (Richardson) Walker of Georgia. He received his education in Goodwin after his family moved there in 1881. In 1898, he received his first experience in retailing with J.T.Dyal & Co. in Goodwin. In 1903, as bookkeeper for C.M.Wilkinson General Merchandise Store in Palestine. For eight years from 1911, he operated the W.L.Boone Co. store in Palestine. In 1921 he moved to Round Pond where he and his former brother, the late George P.Walker founded the Walker Bros. General Merchandise Store. He retired about ten years ago, but still has an interest in the Farmers Gin Company. He is the oldest member of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. which he helped found in 1910. On June 26,1933, he married Tessa Dial, , d.1986, daughter of the late Thomas D. and Emma (Rhodes) Dial of Leola, Ark. Obituary: Dec.6,1963-Funeral services for Oscie Walker, 84, who died at Forrest Memorial Hospital Friday night, after a short illness, were held Sunday at Stevens Funeral Home. Rev.S.B.Wilford, assisted by Rev.Robert Walker, officiated. Burial was at the Forrest City cemetery. Born on Dec.15,1878, in Russell Co., Alabama, Mr. Walker was the son of Georgia Ann Richardson and James Philip Walker. He moved to Goodwin with his family when still a child. A businessman and a farmer, he also had lived in Palestine before moving to Round Pond in 1921. He owned and operated Walker Brothers Mercantile Co. in Round Pond before his retirement in 1944. He owned and operated a cotton gin at Round Pond and extensive farming interests in St. Francis county before retiring from farming. He lived at 1021 N.Divison Street. Survivors include his wife, Mrs.Tessa Dial Walker whom he married in 1938, and several nieces and nephews. Forrest City Times-Herald**

**West, J. T., Dr.-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir page 86:Forrest City has special occasion to congratulate itself upon the possession of some pharmacies that in their equipments, appointments and management, compare most favorably with the best that can be found in any city of many times its size. This is especially true with respect to the long-established "time-tried and fire-tested" drug firm of J.H.Dunavant & Co., located at No.212 North Front Street. It was established in 1897 by Dr.Dunavant, of Ripley, Tenn. James Harry Dunavant on the 1900 Census in Forrest City, boarding with his wife, Annie and Vail D. Dunavant On Feb.1,1905, he disposed of the business to the present owner, Dr.J.T. West, who occupies the lower floor at the location stated, the interior being**

beautifully and admirably appointed, and especially fitted up for his business. He has a superb Fountain in addition to ice cream and hot soda drinks, they have a large selection of vanity goods. Rawest is a native of Georgia, 30 years of age, and has had twelve years practical experience in this same line of business. He is a graduate and registered pharmacist, and altogether a most genial business man. He came here in 1902 from Sewanee, Tenn., to accept a position with Dr. Dunavant as a prescription clerk. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge, and is a sterling citizen.

**Williams, Eugene, Sr.-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 101 and 102:Among Forrest City's young business men who are making themselves known and felt as a power in the world of affairs, none are more prominent than Mr. Eugene Williams, cashier of the Bank of Forrest City. In the commercial world, he is respected and liked and in his other relations he is remarkably popular. A splendid education was the groundwork, and untiring devotion to duty put the capstone upon his success. In business competition he is alert, and progressive, and early won the admiration and confidence of the commercial world by manifestation of marked business ability. He is eldest son of Hon.W.E. and Eddie C. (Mallory) Williams, and was born on Dec.23,1881, near Forrest City, on his father's farm. Eugene Williams was educated in the public schools in Forrest City, and at West Point, Mississippi. He began his business career as a clerk working for Fussell-Graham & Co., when he was eleven years of age, and later for Mr.E.Turley, and Robert L.Pettus. He assisted his father in the collection of taxes in1898, and collected them himself in 1899. In the fall of the same year, he was employed with the Arkansas Cotton Oil Co., at Brinkley, at bookkeeping. In the spring of 1900 he collected the taxes of this county, and in the fall was promoted by the Arkansas Cotton Oil Co., and went to Little Rock to work in the main office. In 1901, he again collected the taxes, and in June bought an interest with R.J. Izard in the insurance business, the firm being Izard & Williams. In December following he bought Mr. Izard's interest, and in the spring of 1902 collected the taxes, this being the fifth successive collection made by our subject. In October 1902, when the Bank of Forrest City was organized, he was unanimously chosen cashier, a position which he has since held, and in which he has displayed unusually splendid financial acumen, to the entire satisfaction of the stockholders and patrons. He is also Sect. and Treasurer of the Planter's Gin & Mfg. co., The Choctaw Brick and Tile Co., and the senior member of the firm of Williams & Covey, who compose the City Electric Co., and own the lighting plant. In Politics he is a democrat, and holds the position of deputy treasurer. His marriage on Jun.27,1901 to Miss Sadie Eugenia Moseley, of West Point, Miss., was a happy event in his life, and to them two children, Eugene and Mortimer, have been born. He is a member of the Methodist church, the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, Maccabees, and Knights and Ladies of Honor.**

**Williams, Rufus J.- b.1848 d.1937-Legal Profession-: The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 39:The legal profession is represented by Judge Nathan W.Norton, Ex-senator R.J. Williams, Hon. Walter Gorman, Judge John Gatling, Mr. Samuel H.Mann, Mr.P.A.Gorman, Hon. Otto B.Rollwage, Judge J.E.Beasley, and Messrs. T.S.Downey and M.P.Remley, who were submitted to the bar at the spring term of the Circuit Court, and later Mr. Charles R.Mathis at Marianna. There are no others in the county.**

**Williams, William Eugene,-Sheriff 1892-1902, 1906-1910-St.Francis County-b.1850 d.1912-The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 59:Hon.W.E.Williams, High Sheriff of St.Francis County, and the subject of this sketch, was born in Maury Co., Middle Tennessee, on May 16,1850. His father was Basil D.Williams, also a native of Tennessee, and his mother was Miss Nannie Williams. They were first cousins. The family was prominent in the local history of Maury County, and much interesting matter could be written of their lives. At the tender age of two years our subject had the awful misfortune to lose his best friend, his mother dying in the summer of 1852, and three years later, 1855, the family immigrated to this county and settled near what is known as Old Taylor's Creek. His father died when he was only twelve years of age, and therefore he grew up as an orphan and without the aid and advantages to children by devoted parents. For these reasons our subject had little school advantages, and got what education he did by hardships. But his efforts have not been unavailing. He learned the lessons of honesty and frugality, and these have been priceless possessions. On Oct.5,1871 he was married to the only daughter of the late Capt. Edwin Haskins. His first great grief came when she died in Forrest City of pneumonia on Nov.11, scarcely five weeks since their marriage. On the last day of July, 1873, Mr. Williams married Miss Eddie Mallory, the youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Edwin Mallory, of this county, and to their happy union have been born fifteen children, twelve of whom-six boys and six girls-are living, his eldest son Eugene, being cashier of the Bank of Forrest City, and interested in numerous other public enterprises and corporations. Mr. Williams was elected Sheriff of this county in 1892, and continuously thereafter for ten years, when he voluntarily retired. Soon thereafter he was appointed a member of the State Board of Charitable Institutions, of which he was a valuable and conscientious member. Following the death of Dr.J.D.McKnight, on Jan.8,1905, who had just entered upon his second term as Sheriff, Mr. Williams was appointed by Gov.Jefferson Davis to fill the unexpired term, and is now serving well and faithfully in that capacity. He was for many years the first Sheriff to make his annual settlements with the state for taxes collected, and the last delinquent list in this county was the smallest in its history, there being less than 150 tracts, thus demonstrating his ability and peculiar fitness for the office. Mr. Williams claims to have handled more money without bond than any man in Eastern Arkansas, and in all his transactions he has never yet been known to default for one single cent. Sheriff Williams owns his home in Forrest City, and has one of the finest farms in St.Francis**

basin. This plantation consists of 456 acres, 300 of which are in cultivation, and yield an average of one bale of cotton or fifty bushels of corn to the acre. Obituary: Once again, the Grim Reaper has laid a heavy toll upon our devoted people, and once again his harvest of the dead has been fruitful and freighted with the soul of one of St. Francis' oldest and best citizens, in the person of Hon. W. E. Williams, ex-sheriff, prominent politician and successful farmer and business man, who passed to the arms of Him who gave, on Thursday evening, July 11, 1912, of apoplexy. "Bill Williams is dead!" Mr. Williams had been known to be in failing health for some months, but had not been confined to his bed. He was up in town until 10 am, when he went home complaining of a neuralgic-like pain in his head. A physician was called, and to quiet his pain was given a hypodermic of morphine, which seemed to give him relief. When the family took him supper, they found him dead. Mr. Williams was a native of Maury county, Tenn., having been born there May 16, 1850, and was thus entering his sixty third year. His family moved to the county in 1855, his mother having died some three years earlier. At the age of twelve, his father died and he was thus left an orphan. In 1871 he was married to the only daughter of Captain Edward Haskins, who died of pneumonia scarcely five weeks after they had plighted their troth. On the last day of July 1873, Mr. Williams was again married to Miss Eddie Chambliss, youngest daughter of Judge. & Mrs. Edward and Elizabeth m. Chambliss Mallory, of this county, and to their union fifteen children were born, six boys, Eugene, William, Robin, Edwin, Mallory, and Russell Williams, six girls, Mrs. Jef Winship of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Mrs. Fred Atkins, of Holly Grove, Ark.; Mrs. Hortense (Geo. E.) Parker, Miss Bessie Mae, Sweetie or Evelyn, and baby, all of whom survive him. He was a man of rugged, sterling integrity, sober and industrious. His good word earned the nickname, Honest Bill. Funeral was held in the Mt. Vernon cemetery, services being conducted by Revs. J. K. Farris and F. W. Gee of the Methodist church.

Winthrop, H. W.- Assessor 1868-1872-St. Francis County/opened Opera House /Mayor of Forrest City b. 1841 d. 1897-Obituary: A gloom was cast over the community last Sunday morning when it became known that Capt. H. W. Winthrop had passed into the mysterious beyond. The fall from the balcony was the cause of his untimely death. H. W. Winthrop was a native of Ireland, of Scotch and English parentage. His parents emigrated to this country when he was 4 years old and settled in Vermont. the Captain, as he was familiarly called, cast his fortunes with St. Francis County in 1865, first locating at Madison, then the county seat. During his thirty two years of citizenship, the esteem of which he was held is manifested by the many offices of trust which he filled. He held the office of chief clerk of the United States Bureau, was United States Assessor for the Eastern District of Arkansas, United District collector for the same district, Assessor of St. Francis County for six years. He was elected Mayor of Forrest City for two terms, and many improvements stand as monuments to his interest in public affairs. At the time of his death, he was 55 years of age, and leaves a wife, Mrs. Georgia Johnson Winthrop, and

two daughters, Fannie, and Mrs. Mary Shade, to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted under the Auspices of the Knights of Honor. At half past 3 o'clock the remains were brought from the parlor to the dining room, (the former place being unable to hold the multitude of friends and acquaintances) where the beautiful services of the Episcopal Church were read by Rev. Mr. Edward L. Ogilby. At the conclusion of the services the cortege that followed the remains to the "city of the dead" was perhaps the largest the city has known. Mrs.G.A.Winthrop wishes to express her gratitude to all the friends of her family for the many deeds of kindness offered during the period of her husband's illness and the final disposition of the remains; especially she wishes to thank the inmates and patrons of the hotel for their many kind considerations. Forrest City Times Newspaper Feb.26,1897-Bio:H. W. Winthrop, one of the representative citizens of Forrest City, was born in New England (Vermont) in 1839, being the son of William and Ann (Herron) Winthrop. William Winthrop owed his nativity to England, and was of English and Scotch descent. When quite young he came to America, and became prominently identified with politics, serving as a member of the legislature, and at the date of his death, in his eightieth year, was holding the position of county judge, having acted in that capacity for twelve years. His wife was born in Ireland, but married in Vermont, and by her marriage with Mr. Winthrop became the mother of five children. She is now living with her son, H. W. Winthrop, having passed her eighty-eighth birthday. Grandfather Herron came originally from Ireland, and after losing his first wife there, emigrated to America about the year 1800, attaining a place as one of the richest men in Vermont. He left seventy-two grandchildren, all well-fixed, and the monument erected to his memory in Vermont is one of the largest in the State. The mother of H. W. (the subject of this sketch) is his daughter by the first wife. H. W. Winthrop ran away from home when a boy, but was found in Boston and brought back by his father. He then concluded that the locality in which he was settled did not suit him, so went West, and at the date of the war was in Massachusetts. Joining the Federal army, Company N, Fifty-third Massachusetts Regiment, he served three years, having been promoted first lieutenant, though not commissioned, and he did not go to his regiment. Resigning his position he went into the sutler's department, and was brigade-sutler over the Eleventh New Jersey Cavalry, Second Iowa and Third United States, finding himself at the close of the war in Memphis, Tenn. He purchased a steamboat at that place with the intention of doing a trading business on the St. Francis River, but after making one trip, and landing at Madison, this county, he was accosted by familiar faces, who inquired if he did not recognize them, and whether he was not the man who had captured them, while serving in an official capacity during the Civil War. He first hesitated in replying, but finally admitted the soft impeachment, though not without some fear of results. He indeed was the man, and immediately was at the mercy of several of his former prisoners.

**Wolfe, Jacob F.-b.1842 d.1920-Obituary: J.F.Wolfe Answers the Death Call: As we go to press, we are informed of the death of J.F.Wolfe which occurred this morning, Mar.25,1920, soon after breakfast. Mr. Wolfe had been ill for several days, but his death came rather suddenly, however. Due no doubt to his advanced age he was unable to overcome the effects of his illness. The deceased was 78 years of age and was one of the most respected citizens of the county, taking a prominent part in the business affairs of our city in former days, and up until the time of his death, was interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of our city. Mr. Wolfe was one of the pioneer citizens of this county, coming from Linden in the year 1875, at which time he was engaged in the mercantile business. He built one of the first brick buildings in this city, the same now occupied by the Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. Surviving are two sons, James F.Wolfe d.1974, and Will Wolfe of this city, and four daughters, Miss Alice Wolfe, Mrs. Mamie Fitzsimmons, Miss Bertha Wolfe, and Miss Stella Wolfe d.1936. to these is extended sympathy. The funeral will be Friday with interment in the City Cemetery, services to be conducted graveside by Rev.J.H.O'Bryant of the Methodist church. The active pall bearers will be:E.Bruce Smith, R.L.Stockard, W.S.Alley, Claude Oliver, Otto W.Rollwage, and Walter Gorman. Forrest City Times Newspaper Mar.25,1920**

**Wolfe, James F.- b.1881 d.1974 The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 82 and 83: James F.Wolfe, Production Credit Manager of Planters Bank & Trust Co. and a cotton merchant, has been a man of conscientious, dependable and efficient service ever since he embarked into the business world over half a century ago in Forrest City. Mr. Wolfe was born at the family homestead on Crowley's Ridge east of the city on May 14,1881, the son of the late J.F. and Fannie (Miller) Wolfe. Their home was described in the 1905 Forrest City Times Souvenir as perhaps the "most beautiful" in Forrest City, its large frontage being dotted with magnificent forest trees and a beautiful lawn. After graduation from the old Crowley Ridge Institute, Mr. Wolfe took a job as office manager, and became Superintendent of the Forrest City Gin Co., better known as the "Big Red Gin", and now The Service Company. He served for 16 years, while operating as a "farm rider" for the Fussell-Graham-Alderson between ginning seasons. Having past his 72 and milestone of an eventful life, he can reminisce of the time he represented and English Cotton firm out of Memphis and later the New Burger Cotton Co., and in 1933 started his own business which he still operates in "Cotton Alley." In 1934 he helped organize and served as the first Sect./Treas.of the Forrest City Production Credit Association. He resigned in 1940 to spend full time in the cotton business, but a year later, 1941 became associated with Planters as part-time Production Credit Manager. He has been a Director of Planters since 1943, and from 1923 to 1937 served as Director of the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. Obituary: Mr. James F.Wolfe. aged 93, longtime Forrest City resident, died Monday night at the Forrest Memorial Hospital. Mr. Wolfe, a resident of Hicks Lane, Forrest City, had been in very poor health since March of this year. Retired Production**

**Credit manager for the Planters Bank & Trust Co.. Forrest City, serving from 1941 to 1961. Mr. Wolfe was born May 14,1881, here. Prior to his association with Planters Bank, Mr. Wolfe served as manager of the Forrest City Production Credit Assoc. from 1933 to 1940. and was recently recognized by the PGA as one of the original incorporators for the local firm. Mr. Wolfe was also a farmer, cotton buyer, and land owner. The son of the late Mrs. Francis Miller Wolfe, and Mr. Jacob F. Wolfe d.1920, he is survived by one nephew, Burton Fitzsimmons of Forrest City and one niece, Mrs. Virginia Hicks. Funeral services for Mr. Wolfe will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Thursday, with Rev.Robert L.Smith conducting the ceremonies. Burial will follow in the Forrest City cemetery. Forrest City Times-Herald.**

**Wylds, Daniel T. b.1846 d.1917- Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 74 and 75: The subject of this sketch is one of St.Francis County's most valued citizens, and truly one of nature's noblemen. He was born on the farm, seven miles southeast of Forrest city, on Dec.4,1846, where he lived until Sept. of this year. His father, David Wylds, was born in Georgia on Oct.12,1793, and was orderly sergeant of his company in the war of 1812. David Wylds came to this county in 1821, and was married to Miss Mary Crille on Jan.1,1823. In 1827 he settled on the farm above mentioned, and lived there until his death on May 11,1868. The first land that was cleared on this place, seventy odd years ago, will make forty bushels of corn to the acre this year. The mother of our subject, was from East Tennessee, and came to this county in 1816. She was the mother of eight children, only two of them are now living, and died Nov.18,1873, on the old farm, which was settled by his father and herself when this country was a wilderness. Dan Wylds began his career on the old farm, and is a progressive and successful farmer of large experience. He was educated in the common schools of this county, and at the age of seventeen joined the Confederate army, as a member of Co.F-First Trans-Mississippi Cavalry. He was on the famous Missouri raid by Gen.Sterling Price, and was wounded at the battle at Jefferson City on Oct.7,1864, at which time, he says, "I had all my teeth, two inches of my jawbone, and three inches of my tongue shot off." He was made a prisoner and taken to Richmond; exchanged Mar.5,1865, and walked from that city to his home after the surrender, reaching there Jun.19,1865, the happiest day of his life. He owns his homestead, 1,813 acres of good land, and is a member of the firm of Brandon, Baugh & Co., general merchandise, this city. He was married on Dec.4,1872 to Miss Virginia "Jennie" I.Thompson, of this county, and six children have blessed their union, viz.:Charles A., Wilmoth O., Mary E., D.T., A.G., and R.F.Wylds, two of whom, Charles A. and Mary E. are dead. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and Independent Order of Odd Fellows fraternal societies, and is a Simon-pure democrat in politics. Obituary: Daniel T.Wylds, aged 70, died at his home seven miles southeast of this city, Monday, June 25,1917, from a second stroke of paralysis, the first being received in Feb.1916. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. N. McFarlane, of the**

Presbyterian church, and pallbearers selected from the Odd Fellows, as follows: Charles Havens, R.J. Ash, Robt. Brittain, J.B. Beck, W.A. Pearson, J.F. McDougal, Isidore Yoffie, R.C. Eldridge, and Rufus Scott; honorary pallbearers were: John Eldridge, J.G. Stern, Thos. Rowland, Wm. Ligon, J.M. Davis, S.P. McDaniel, J.D. Baugh, and F.W. DeRossitt. The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W.P. Dowell, of Phoenix, Arizona; three sons, viz: Dan T., A. Grover, and Rodney F., of this city, and by three grand children.

**Wynne, Jesse Watkins, Captain- Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 49 to 51: Son of Robert E. and Sarah Watkins Wynne, was born near Holly Springs, Miss., Jul. 1, 1839, With his parents, he moved to Texas when quite young, and began his business career as a clerk in the store of James Flanagan, who was afterwards Governor and U.S. Senator from the state of Texas. Young Wynne was in charge of a branch store for Mr. Flanagan when the Civil War began. In May 1861, he enlisted in Co. B-3<sup>rd</sup> Texas Cavalry, with which as a private, he fought in the battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo., and several others skirmishes. Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. in Jan. 1862, he participated in the battles and skirmishes around Elkhorn, Mo. under Gen. Price; and then being promoted to Captain in Jun. 1862, he commanded his company on the battlefields of Farmington, Iuka, and Corinth, Miss., as well as Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, and Atlanta, Ga., and many other engagements, including those of Ross' Brigade during Hood's campaign in Tennessee. He was wounded in the head at Wilson's Creek, Mo., and in the arm at Resaca, Ga., and at Jonesboro was captured., but he and Adjutant Gregg, of the Third Texas, succeeded in taking their captors and turning them over to the Confederate guards. Just after the war closed, Captain Wynne settled for one year in Crittenden Co, Ark., from where he moved to Madison, Ark., in 1867, and formed a partnership with Mr. Frank A. Cherry, under the firm name of Cherry & Wynne; in 1868 the firm moved to Forrest City, where Mr. T.A. Hatcher was admitted, under the name Cherry, Wynne & Hatcher. Upon the death of Mr. Cherry in 1872, Captain Wynne associated himself with James W. Dennis and John W. Beck, and bought out the Cherry estate as well as that of Mr. T.A. Hatcher, and for eighteen years until the spring of 1889, Wynne, Dennis & Beck did one of the largest and most successful businesses ever done in Eastern Arkansas. Capt. Wynne, among others, assisted in organizing the Bank of Eastern Arkansas, and was its first president, a position he held until he moved to Memphis in 1889. He is still a director in that institution. When the firm of Wynne, Dennis & Beck was dissolved, Mr. James W. Dennis retiring, Captain Wynne, with Messrs. J.W. Beck, Ellis Turley, Robert L. Pettus, and John M. Nichols, formed the J. W. Beck & co., which connection he severed in 1900 on account of ill health, disposing of his interest in the firm to J.W. Beck and John M. Nichols. He moved to Memphis in the spring of 1889 and associated himself with Mr. W.E. Love, formerly of the Cotton Commission business in St. Louis, in the firm of Wynne, Love & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants. On account of ill health, he retired from the active discharge of his official duties in 1900. He has traveled over the past five years in**

search of relief, until the latter part of April in 1905 when he underwent surgery in Chicago with success. He was married on Jan.5,1869 to Margaret Ross Wynne, daughter of Joel E. and Margaret Ross Wynne, at Holly Springs, Miss, and three sons are the fruit of this union-Joel E., associated with his father in the Firm of Wynne, Love & Co., Hugh R., of the firm of Alston, Wynne & Co., and Jesse W., Jr., with the Hessig-Ellis Drug Co. of Memphis. He is a member of the Methodist church and the Masonic fraternity. Original Board of Directors of National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. Capt.Wynne was truly one of the state's great pioneer figures. Distinguished as a Confederate officer during the Civil War, he came to Forrest City to establish the firm of Wynne, Dennis & Beck, later to become the largest mercantile firm here. He served as President of the bank from 1886 till 1889, succeeded by Capt. James Fussell, when he moved to Memphis to establish the firm of Wynne, Love & Co., cotton factors. The strength of his character and his staunch independence is still a stir in the present day officers and directors.

Wynne, Joel Echols-b.1873 d.1923 Banks--The Forrest City Times 1905 Art Souvenir page 51 and 53: The subject of this sketch is a son of Capt.Jesse W. and Margaret Ross Wynne, and was born near Forrest City, May 18,1873. He attended public and private schools at home until the fall of 1887, when he entered the school of Messrs. Webb Bros., at Bell Buckle, Tenn., where he remained for three years. Upon leaving school-his parents in the meantime moved to Memphis-he also went to that city, where he entered the employ of Johnson & Guinee, wholesale fruit dealers, and remained until the fall of 1895, when he returned to Forrest City to take charge of the interest of his father and his own, both in mercantile and planting. In Jan.1900, Mr.Wynne with his father, Capt.J.W.Wynne, disposed of their interests in the firm of J.W. Beck & Co. to Capt. J.W.Beck and John M. Nichols. He returned to Memphis, where he associated with the firm of Wynne, Love & Co. as traveling representative, which position he still holds. He and his father still hold quite a lot of landed interest in this county, and feels that the future of St.Francis basin is very bright indeed. Mr.Wynne was married in the fall of 1896 to Miss Edyth Malone, daughter of Dr.G.B.Malone, a prominent physician of Memphis. One child, a daughter, Margaret Ross, seven years of age, blesses their union. Mr.Wynne is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and has a large circle of friends here. Obituary: Obituary: From the Sunday's Commercial Appeal: Funeral services for Joel Echols Wynne, prominent cotton man who died early Saturday morning, Nov.24,1923, as a result of heart trouble, will be held this afternoon at the family residence, 1286 Peabody Avenue. The services will be conducted by the Rev.T.W.Lewis, pastor of the Madison Heights Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Elmwood cemetery. Mr.Wynne's death removes from the civic and commercial life of Memphis a man recognized over this territory as a pillar of integrity. As President of the Wynne, Love & Co., cotton firm, and as a director of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas at Forrest City, he stood as a peer among substantial business men of the mid south. Mr.Wynne was a

native of Forrest City, Ark. He was the son of Capt.J.W.and Margaret Ross Wynne. In early life, he came to Memphis and established himself in business. He was 50 years of age last May. His education was at the famous Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn., the alumni of which have distinguished themselves all over the south. Mr.Wynne married Miss Edyth Malone, daughter of Dr.G.B.Malone. Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J.M.Draughon, and two brothers, Hugh Ross and Jesse W.Wynne. He was a steward of the Madison Heights Methodist church. Active pall bearers: James Draughon, W.T.Cole, T.B.King, W.H.Humphreys, W.B.Ross, John T.Fisher, Taylor Malone, and John W.Alderson. J.T.Hinton & Son will have charge of the arrangement. Forrest City Times-Herald Nov.29,1923.

**Yoffie, Max-The Forrest City Times Art Souvenir page 90 and 91:Max Yoffie, a prominent mercantile owner in the early 1900's in Forrest City, was born April 7,1872, in Amsterdam, Holland, his parents being Nathan and Rebecca (Burrik) Yoffie. His father was born in Holland, of Spanish descent, and his mother was born in Lapland. When he was a youth, his parents moved to Russia where he was educated. He was an employee of Baron Rothschild, and in 1889, when the Czar issued an order that all foreigners be naturalized or leave the country within twenty four hours, under pain of banishment to Siberia, Mr.Rothschild payed for all 2000 employees expenses to move to New York. From New York, he came to Memphis, and in 1893, he located in Forrest City. He moved in 1914 to Springfield, Mo, and in 1928 returned to Forrest City. In 1896 he married Lizzie Apt, a native of Poland, and to that union was born six children; Samuel Yoffie, who is living in California and has two children; Norwin and Janis of Phoenix (Janis has two children, Jeffrey and Rowan); Rebecca, now Mrs.A.J.Seigson of Wichita Falls, Texas, one son, Sidney; Bessie, now Mrs.Jack Mann of Brookline, Mass.; Rosalie, who died Dec.8.1951, after an accident while a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps and after three years of service in World War II; DeVelling, now Mrs. Rueben Snyder of Forrest City, four children, Martin, Richard, Conrad, and Marlene; and Evelyn, now Mrs.Y.DeHaan of Brookline, one daughter, Paula. Mr.Yoffie passed away on Jan.10,1939, and his wife on June 24, 1953. He was active in community affairs and the clubs. Treasurer of the George P.Taylor Oddfellows Lodge, Sentry in the Woodmen of the World, active in the B'nai B'rith. He was elected to the City Council by a large margin of votes.**

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