Our grandmother, Susie Bownds, was born in Independence Co., Ark., as SUSAN AMERICA THEODOSIA CLEVELAND. She taught in the Maple Springs school near Oil Trough, a town named after a German explorer's description of its rich bottom lands as an "Oil Trove". Our grandfather, Ludovico (L.D.) Bownds, then called Dov or Dolph, signed her contract on behalf of the school board shortly after they were married. He was born at Pleasant Plains in Independence Co., 10 June 1857, and at age 23 was a widower, having lost his young wife, Mary J. Bumpass, daughter of Dr. Gabriel Bumpass. Susie and Dov were married 26 Nov. 1880. He bought the marriage license in Newport, Jackson Co., which was closer than Batesville, Independence Co. seat.

Let's leave the story of their life in Arkansas and the move to Texas in 1885, and look backward at Susie's family. She was born 10 Jan. 1861.

Her father was JOSEPH C. CLEVELAND, who was a farmer, justice of the peace, owned a steam cotton gin and mill near Oil Trough, and served in the Civil War. Oil Trough was a regular stop for boats plying the beautiful White River, and there is still a ferry across it there. Sue's mother, Elizabeth Butcher Cleveland, remembered from visits she made to Texas and pictures still in the family, was the daughter of Thomas J. Butcher. The Clevelands and Butchers lived in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., at the time Joseph C, son of Col. JOSEPH CLEVELAND, and Elizabeth Butcher were married.

Here end the family records we have found, and for further information we have to depend on family records of other Clevelands, on Public Records, on published histories and on other evidence.

Several hundred of the early marriage records of Tuscaloosa were on loose sheets and have been lost, but Joseph C. and Elizabeth Cleveland were probably married about 1846, the 1850 census of Tuscaloosa County, Ala., showing them with children Thomas J., 3, and a baby girl 2 months old, name not given. Joseph C. Cleveland said he was born about 1827 in Alabama and Elizabeth about 1829 in Georgia. They removed to Arkansas 1851 or 1852. Our Butcher research shows Thomas J. Butcher in Washington Co. Georgia in 1820, but all the records of that county were burned during the Civil War and much work will have to be done to trace them. Dr. J. C. Cleveland, Susie's brother, said T. J. Butcher removed to Hempstead Co. Ark. after the Civil War, and we have located a number of his other children there in 1870.

Fortunately, a local Tuscaloosa historian* has Cleveland records, and tells us Col. Joseph Cleveland, who was born about 1791 in Franklin Co., Georgia, was married there 2 May 1809 to Martha (nickname, Patsy) Meeks, born 1792 in S. C. She was daughter of Rev. Littleton Meeks, 1763-1853, who came with his brother, Nacy Meeks, to Virginia from England when quite young. Littleton Meeks' wife was Elizabeth Ivey, born in Pendleton Co. S.C. 1768, and died in 1858 in Habersham Co. Georgia from which Franklin Co. was formed. He is said to have been a Revolutionary soldier.

Col. Joseph Cleveland's military title may have been quite honorary, as his application for bounty land for service in the Seminole Wars of 1813 stated that he was a private in the militia of Franklin County.

*Mrs. B. W. Gandrud

Col. Joseph Cleveland's father was WIATT CLEVELAND, born 25 Feb. 1764 near Culpeper Courthouse, Culpeper Co., Va, and died between 1824 and 1830, in Franklin Co. Georgia. We have not yet searched Franklin Co. for history, but his wife was Temperance Freeman, born before 1770, who died after 1830. In his will, 1814, her brother, James Freeman, named her and three other sisters, Ann Simmons, Mary Wheeler, and Susannah Pressel.

Wiatt's father was JACOB CLEVELAND, who migrated to Georgia about 1782, having lived the previous three years in Abbeville District, S. C., just across the river. There are still Clevelands on this land in Elbert Co. Georgia, where there is still an old road to a ferry. We talked with Mr. Fred Cleveland, who has retired from Denver Colo. to the family property, and visited historic Vann's Creek Baptist Church and the old family cemetery on the farm. The area is about 20 miles east of Elberton at Ruckersville. Jacob Cleveland, (born about 1729 in Culpeper Co. Va, died 1791,) and his wife, Milly White, were married 10 Oct. 1756. Both are said to be buried in the family cemetery but we found no stones for them. However, another of their sons, Reuben, is buried there, his marker saying he was born 18 Aug. 1776 and died 1851. Milly White was born 20 March 1739 in New York City, the daughter of Revolutionary Col. Jeremiah White and granddaughter of Absolem Martin of Maryland. Her brother, Rev. John White, came to Georgia as a Baptist missionary to the Indians. A historic marker at the Vann's Creek church, the oldest in the state, says it was named for his convert, an Indian called Joseph Vann.

With Col. Joseph Cleveland, Wiatt Cleveland, his father, and Jacob Cleveland, his grandfather, we pick up the story in a three-volume Cleveland genealogy published in 1899.

Jacob Cleveland is said to have been the son of JEREMIAH CLEVELAND, born between 1700 and 1712. We do not have the name of his wife, but his father is said to have been

ALEXANDER CLEVELAND JR., born 1659 in England or Virginia, whose wife was Milly Presley, born 1667. They lived on Bull Run in Prince William County, Va., and died in 1770 on Blue Run in Orange Co. Va. They lived to be so extraordinarily old--he 111, she 103--that records were made at the time.

Alexander Cleveland Jr.'s father was also ALEXANDER CLEVELAND, who was born in England before 1620, possibly some years before that. He is thought also to have immigrated to Prince William Co. Va. Alexander Cleveland was probably a brother or near relative of Moses Cleveland, the ancestor of the New England Clevelands, who lived at Ipswich, Suffolk, and sailed from London to Massachusetts in 1635.

The author of the Cleveland genealogy traces the line to THORKIL DE CLIVELAND, in Gisborough, Cleveland, County York, England, who prior to 1066 assumed the surname Cleveland from the name of the area.

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PLEASE, will everyone contribute additions and corrections! If you would like copies of the pages quoted from the Cleveland genealogy, write for directions.

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County, settling on a tract of railroad land, where the father died seven years later, September 17, 1874, his wife having died October 16, 1870. Their children are as follows: Mary Jane (who became the consort of L. D. Hendrickson, deceased, and is living in Kentucky with her five children), Millie C. (married Jasper Scott, and in 1856 moved to Illinois; her husband was killed at the battle of Nashville, in 1865, leaving her with six children), W. B. (was killed at Franklin, Ky., while a member of the Eighth Tennessee Regiment), Mary F. (was married to R. H. Ferguson, but died after having borne two children), John H. (residing in Texas, and by his wife, who was Miss Mary Ware, is the father of six children), Perlila C. (was wedded to John Hodges, and upon her death left two children), Pleasant T. (died at Jackson, Miss., while serving in the Confederate army), Arthur Smith (our subject), Thomas J. and Samuel B. Arthur Smith Claiborn was born in De Kalb County, Tenn., February 3, 1847, and was educated in the subscription schools of his native county, but it must be acknowledged that his advantages were very meager, and at the time he had attained his twenty-first birthday he had only received three months' schooling. He immediately began business for himself upon attaining his majority, and for two years raised crops of cotton and corn on shares, and at the end of this time was married to Miss Martha J. Hale, a native of Mississippi and daughter of Francis J. and Louisa (White) Hale, who were among the old settlers of Arkansas, having come to the State in 1859. Their marriage took place December 2, 1869, and of eight children born to their union seven are living: Elnora (born October 7, 1870), William B. (born August 20, 1872), James (born July 25, 1874), Mattie J. (born in September, 1876, and died in August, 1877), Annie (born October 16, 1878), Alcora (born March 28, 1882), Arthur S. (born February 27, 1885) and Aver A. (born February 26, 1886). After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Claiborn settled on eighty acres of land belonging to the latter, and in 1876 Mr. Claiborn became able to purchase 116 acres of wild land, which he has improved and to which he has added eighty acres. He now has seventy-five acres under cultivation, a good frame house, good barns and one tenant house. He rented his land on shares until this year (1889) but now rents for cash. Mr. and Mrs. Claiborn and two of their children, Elnora and William, hold memberships in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. Claiborn is a Democrat in his political views. He has always been a liberal contributor to the advancement of religious, social and educational institutions, and has also given generously to all enterprises which he deemed worthy of support.

Green B. Clay is a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Cadron Township, and was the youngest in a family of ten children of John and Diallia (Morris) Clay. Mr. Clay was a native of North Carolina. His family consisted of the following children: Nancy, Harriet, Louisa, Jackson M., Emily, Sarah, Susan, William H., Martha and Green B. (our subject.) He was reared on a farm in Tennessee, where he was born in 1827, and started out in life when he was sixteen years of age. In 1851 he was married to Mary W. Mizzells, a daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Rooks) Mizzells. In 1868 Mr. Clay bought a farm in Tennessee. He subsequently sold it and moved to Arkansas, settling in White County, where he bought a farm of 560 acres, clearing about seventy-three acres. Mrs. Clay was the mother of eighteen children, eight of whom are still living: John M., Joseph H., Zacariah M., Francis M., James N., George A., Charles C. and Albert A. He was married the second time to Nancy E. Burton (*nee* Neal), a widow. To them have been given five children: Walter L., Nathan B., Stephen M., Neoma Parlee and an infant which is not named. Mr. and Mrs. Clay are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He is a strong Democrat and a member of the County Wheel. He is deeply interested in all work for the good of the church, school or any public enterprise.

J. C. Cleveland, M. D., was born in Independence County, November 10, 1852, and is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Butcher) Cleveland, natives of Georgia and Alabama, respectively. Mr.

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Joseph Cleveland moved to Alabama when a young man, where he was married and in 1852, he removed to Independence County, Ark. He served his county a number of times in an official capacity, and in 1873 he represented his county in the legislature. He served eighteen months in the Confederate army, during which time he was taken prisoner and held at Fortress Monroe eight months before he was exchanged. He was with Gen. Price in his raid through Missouri and Kansas. He was a Republican and belonged to the Masonic fraternity, in which he had taken the Royal Arch degree. He died in the early part of the year 1887, at Newport, Ark., at the age of sixty-one. Mrs. Cleveland is still living and a resident of Newport, Ark., and is the mother of eleven children, nine of whom still survive: Martha E. (wife of J. W. Kennedy), J. C. (our subject), Henry P. (a lawyer by profession), Mary A. (wife of J. D. Cantrell), Susan A. T. (wife of L. D. Bownds), James F., Charles E., Samuel and Edward. Dr. J. C. Cleveland began his career as a school-teacher in his nineteenth year, following that profession till 1883, when he began the study of medicine. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College in 1888, first having taken lectures at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville. Dr. Cleveland was married, November 7, 1875, to Miss Nancy E. Vick, a daughter of Dr. T. A. Vick. She died in 1885, having had three children, only one of whom survives, Lavina E., who is still living with her father. Dr. Cleveland was again married, in 1886, to Miss Nannie F. Goad, who is the mother of one daughter: Susan Estella. Mrs. Cleveland is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a strong Republican. He is now a resident of Bald Knob, where he has built up a large and successful practice, and is an enterprising and highly respected citizen.

John D. Coffey is a well-known citizen of White County and was born in Macon, Fayette County, Tenn., June 19, 1838. His father, David P. Coffey, was a Presbyterian clergyman, and first saw the light of this world in Tennessee in November, 1805. He was given all the advantages for an education to be had at that time, and applied himself so assiduously to his studies, that he became an accomplished and finely educated gentleman. He was married in his native State November 12, 1835, to Miss Mary C. Cogville, a daughter of Charlie and Pollie Cogville, and to their union fourteen children were born, of which John D. is the second child and the oldest son. Of that family seven are now living, six residing in this State. The Rev. Coffey immigrated from Tennessee, in 1854, and located near Searcy, where he died in 1883, his good wife surviving him but two years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and also a Royal Arch Mason, and was the originator of the first church that was ever organized in Stony Point, the denomination being the Cumberland Presbyterian. This township, where John D. Coffey now resides, derived its title from his father, in whose honor it was named. John D. served in the late war on the Confederate side, and enlisted in 1861, in Douglas County, in Brown's Tennessee Regiment. His first hard fight was at the battle of Shiloh, and he also engaged in numerous other engagements. He was captured at Port Edson, but was soon after paroled, and at once returned home to claim his promised bride, Miss Malicia G. Harris. After his marriage Mr. Coffey returned to the war and accompanied Price on his raid through Missouri, and received his final discharge from service in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have been born a family of eight children: John H., Mary, Josephus, Lucy E., David P., Hugh, James S., Minnie C. Mr. Coffey has a good farm of forty acres, finely stocked, and with all the conveniences and modern improvements to make the home comfortable. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and highly respected by every one.

John Reed Coffey is a prominent farmer and miller of White County, Ark., and owes his nativity to the State of Tennessee, the date of his birth being December 19, 1856. His father, Wiley D. Coffey, was born in Bedford County, Tenn., October 6, 1827, where he received his education, and there married Narcissa A. Muse, August 5, 1850.

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of books which he highly prizes. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and in his political views is a stanch democrat. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office and he has served as alderman and city treasurer and for nine years was chairman of the school board, performing effective service for the public good in these various capacities. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. For thirty-four years Mr. McClure has been a resident of Russellville, arriving here with a cash capital of three dollars and a half and an indebtedness amounting to twenty-five dollars, while he now ranks with the most substantial business men of the town, which has greatly benefited through his progressive spirit and intelligently directed activities. His life has been one of unremitting industry and to him has come the crown of earnest effort and persistency of purpose—success and an honored name.

J. C. CLEVELAND, M. D.

Dr. J. C. Cleveland, a physician and surgeon for more than a third of a century, practices at Bald Knob, where his capability has again and again been demonstrated in his successful handling of important and involved medical cases. Dr. Cleveland is a native son of Arkansas, his birth having occurred in Independence county, November 19, 1852, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Butcher) Cleveland, who were natives of Georgia and Alabama, respectively, their marriage being celebrated in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The father was a son of Joseph Cleveland, a native of Georgia, who served with the rank of colonel in the Seminole war. In days of peace he engaged extensively in farming in Georgia, where he owned many slaves, and he also carried on merchandising there. Sustaining many losses on account of the ravages of war, he removed to Texas and there died ere the war had been brought to a termination. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Cleveland was T. J. Butcher, a native of Alabama, who carried on farming on a large scale. He removed to Hempstead county, Arkansas, after his son-in-law removed with his family to this state and his death there occurred.

It was in the year 1851 that Joseph Cleveland came with his family to Arkansas, settling in Independence county, having made the journey across the country with horse team and wagon. He purchased a preemption near Oil Trough and had to clear most of the land. For three years he served in the Confederate army and was captured while participating in the General Price raid in Missouri. He was sent to Fort Monroe, where he was incarcerated for ten months, and then being paroled, returned home, walking from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and crossing the Mississippi river on a raft, which he and his companions made. He had three brothers who were in the battle of Shiloh. Joseph Cleveland had his gun shot out of his hand, and his trousers were on one occasion pierced by bullets, but he escaped injury. With his return home he resumed farming and he also took an active interest in public affairs, serving as a member of the state legislature during the time of the Brooks-Baxter war. He was in the legislature during the extra session called by Governor Brooks and in various ways aided in shaping the destiny of the state during that momentous period. Returning to Independence county, he resumed farming and also operated a mill and steam cotton gin near Oil Trough. Later he retired and removed to Newport, where he departed this life in 1867, at the age of sixty-three years. His widow long survived him, her death occurring in 1910 at the age of eighty years. In their family were eleven children, six of whom are living. Those who have died are: Thomas J., Mary, John, Frank and Susan. The others are: J. C., H. P., an attorney of Judsonia; Mary, who is the widow of J. B. Cantrell of Chicago, Illinois; C. E. of Memphis, Tennessee; Samuel, living in Van Buren, Arkansas, and Edward L. of North Little Rock. The parents were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Mr. Cleveland was a Royal Arch Mason. His political endorsement was given to the republican party and he served for many years as justice of the peace and also filled the position of county commissioner in Independence county.

Date Wrong Goodspeed Says 1887 age 61

Dr. Cleveland pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and also through private instruction at home. He taught in the rural districts and in the town schools for several years, and afterward began reading medicine, while for a time he was employed in the drug business. He afterward attended the Kentucky School of Medicine and later the Louisville Medical College, while later he was graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, winning the M. D. degree in 1888. Previous to this time he had practiced at Russell, Arkansas, and following his graduation he went to Newport, Arkansas, where he opened an office. In 1888 he came to Bald Knob, where he established an office and has since devoted his attention to medical and surgical practice. He has taken postgraduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic, and in 1919 he opened a private sanitarium, which he has since conducted. He devotes practically all

of his attention to his professional interests, which are of an important character, and his ability is demonstrated in the excellent results which follow his labors in the treatment of disease. For thirty-two consecutive years he has been local surgeon and dispenser of medicine for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He belongs to the White County Medical Society, the Arkansas State and Southern Medical Societies, the American Medical Association and the Southern Railroad Medical Association. He enjoys the high respect and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries in medical practice and his position has long been a creditable and enviable one.

Dr. Cleveland was married to Miss Eleanor Vick, and they had three children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving daughter, Vina E., is the wife of C. E. Preston, a linotype operator on the paper of Memphis. For his second wife Dr. Cleveland chose Nannie E. Goad, and they became parents of three children: Estella, the wife of Perdy Spriggs of Cairo, Illinois; Hattie May, the wife of Dr. J. B. Crawford, a practicing physician of Benton, Arkansas, and one who died in infancy. For his third wife Dr. Cleveland chose Mrs. Dora (Winfield) Webb, and by a former marriage Mrs. Cleveland has a daughter, Cecile, who is the wife of B. J. Perham, a bookkeeper with the Fruit Exchange of Bald Knob.

Dr. Cleveland is an exemplary representative of Masonry, having taken the degrees of the Blue Lodge at Newport, the chapter and the council at Bald Knob and he has served as high priest of the chapter. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, is examining physician of the former and passed through all of the chairs of the latter. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, and he stanchly advocates its principles. His entire life has been passed in Arkansas and thus for almost seventy years he has been a witness of the growth, progress and development of the state. He served as a member of Baxter body guard during the Brooks-Baxter war, although but a boy in his teens at the time. Many events which are to others matters of history are to him matters of personal knowledge and experience, and his reminiscences concerning the early days in Arkansas are most interesting and instructive. All who know Dr. Cleveland, and he has a wide acquaintance, speak of him in terms of high regard by reason of his splendid professional attainments and, moreover, by reason of the sterling traits of his character.

CLEVELAND

Col JOSEPH CLEVELAND, b ca 1791 Georgia; served in Seminole War; planter in Alabama; to Texas during Civil War where he died before 1865. Tuscaloosa Co Ala.,(w/wife Patsy 1834 land records; w/wife Martha (b ca 1792,) 1850 census?) He was father of:

Joseph Cleveland

JOSEPH CLEVELAND (s of Joseph), b ca 1827 Ala. where he md. ca 1846 in Tuscaloosa, Elizabeth Butcher. In 1851 or 1852, they moved to Independence Co., Ark., making the trip with horse and wagon and settling at Oil Trough. There he was a farmer and operated a steam oil mill and gin. He served as J.P. and as the representative from Dist. 4 (Independence and Van Buren Co.'s in the 19th Ark. Legislature (roster lists him as"Joe Cleveland") 1873, (special session 1874) which was the last Reconstruction legislature. He had served in the Confederate Army 18 months and had three brothers in the Battle of Shiloh. He was a Republican and Royal Arch Mason. When he retired, he moved to Newport, where he died early 1887 aged 61.

Children of Joseph Cleveland and Elizabeth Butcher(11):

Thomas J. b 1847 Ala, died 1850-1860

Martha E., b 1850 Ala, d 1890-1910, married J. W. Kennedy

Joseph Christopher Cleveland, M. D., b 1852, li 1922 Bald Knob Ark.

Henry P., b 1855, lawyer, li 1922 Judsonia Ark

Mary A, b 1858, married J. D. Cantrell, li 1922 Chicago Ill, d Houston Tex after 1940, 714 Arlington St.

Susan America Theodosia, b 1861, d 1896 Bandera Co Texas, married I. D. Bownds; taught school Ind. Co. 1878-1880.

James Franklin, b 1864, d 1901-1910

Charles Edgar, ca 1920 engineer for MoPac RR, Memphis Tenn; li Memphis Tenn 1921, 1414 W 4th St, Little Rock Ark 1940; b 1869

John, b ca 1867, d before 1890, prob. as child

Samuel David, li Van Buren Ark 1922 and 1940; b 1872

Edmund Littleton, li 1504 Short W 17th St, N Little Rock 1940, Argenta (earlier name for N. Little Rock) 1911; b 1874

BUTCHER

T. J. BUTCHER, moved from Ala. to Hempstead Co. Ark. after 1850 where he died before 1860. Father of:

Elizabeth Butcher, prob Thomas and James W. Butcher, Patrick H. Butcher

Maude Elizabeth Butcher, b 1829 Geo., md ca 1846 Joseph Cleveland. She died at Bald Knob Ark. 17 July 1911.

Thomas Butcher b 1825 Geo, 1850 census Tuscaloosa with Levina (Yerby) 20, b NC and Wm H 4/12 b Ala: in 1860 census Hempstead Co Ark, T.J. Butcher 35, b Geo. Lavinia P 29 b Ala, Wm H 10 B Ala, John T 6 B Ark, Benj F 4 and Mary F 3, all born Ark; also a housekeeper, Naomi Heher. Next door were:

James W Butcher 27 b Geo, Margaret C b Tenn, and Patrick H Butcher 22 b Geo.

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JOSEPH CLEVELAND

Joseph Cleveland [1,2] lived Oil Trough Indep Co in 1858 and in 1873; 1860, Christian Twp.
b 1828 Ala 1825 or 1826, Georgia [1,2] son Col Joseph B Cleveland
d early 1887 age 61, Newport, Jackson Co Ark [2]
m before 1850, Tuscaloosa Ala, moved to Ind Co Ark 1851
Maude [3] Elizabeth Butcher, dau of T. J Butcher of Ala [1], lived Wash. Co, Ga, 1820
b 1829 Ga [10] 1830 or 1831, Ala
d 17 July 1911, Bald Knob Ark. [4] age 80 [1] (White Co)

Children of Joseph Cleveland and Maude Elizabeth Butcher (Eleven, ~~order unknown~~)

2. Martha Elizabeth Cleveland [4]
b 1850 Ala [10] about 1850 d after 1890
m (age 18) 29 Nov 1868 J W Kennedy (age 30) [5]

3. Dr. Joseph Christopher Cleveland, lived after 1888 Bald Knob Ark
b 19 Nov 1852, Ind. Co. Ark. [2] d after 1920 [1]
m 2 Nov 1875 Nancy Eleanor Vick (21) dau Dr T A Vick, she died 1885 [2]
m (2) Nannie E. Goad 1886 [2]
m(3) Mrs. Dora Winfield Webb [1]

1. Thomas J. Cleveland b 1847 d [8] 1850-1860 ~~before 1890, [2] possibly unmarried [4]~~

John Cleveland 1868 " [2] " [4]

James Franklin [4] Cleveland [2] b 1864 d between ~~1889-1911~~ 1910
m In Jackson Co Court Record Jan 1901

Susan America Theodosia Cleveland [3,6,4]
b 10 Jan 1861 [6] prob Ind Co Ark
d 22 Jan 1896 [6] Bandera Co Texas, buried Jones Cemetary, Utopia Tex [7]
m 30 Nov 1880 Ind Co Ark [8] license issued Jackson Co. L. D. Bownds

Henry P Cleveland [C 10], attorney [1]
b 1855 Ark [10] d between 1921-1940 [9]
m

Mary A Cleveland [1,2,9]
b 1858 Ark [10] d after 1940 prob Houston Texas [9] lived 714 Arlington St, Ho. Tx.
m J B Cantrell [9,1] of Chicago [1] d before 1921 [1]

Charles Edgar Cleveland [4,9,2] lived Memphis Tenn 1921, Little Rock Ark 1940 1414 W. 4th St
b d after 1940 ca 1920 engineer for Mo. Pac. R.R.
m no ch.

Samuel David Cleveland [4,9,2] lived Van Buren Ark 1940 [9]
b d after 1940 [9]
m

Edmund Littleton Cleveland [4,9,2] lived North Little Rock [9] (called Argenta 1911) [7] 1504 Short W 17th St
b about 1875 d after 1940 [9]
Age 15 when Essie May Bownds married 1890

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2 Goodspeed Northeastern Arkansas White Co pp145-146 pub 1890
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5 Records, Independence Co. Ark.
6 Bownds Family Bible
7 Ruth Bownds Kershner
8 Records Jackson Co Ark
9 Records Marlin Deric Bownds
10 1860 census, Ind. Co. Ark
" 1870 " " " "
1850

Oct 1970. first draft

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JOSEPH CLEVELAND

Joseph Cleveland

b. 1825 or 1826 in Georgia

d. early 1887, Newport, Jackson Co. Ark age 61

m. before 1851, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Maude Elizabeth Butcher, dau of T. J. Butcher

b 1830 or 1831

d 17 July 1911, Bald Knob, Ark. age 80

Children of Joseph Cleveland and Maude Elizabeth Butcher , 11:

2.(?) Dr. Joseph C. (Christopher) Cleveland

b 19 Nov 1852, Ind. Co. Ark. Lived Russell Ark 1888, then Newport and later Bald Knob.

d

M (1) Nancy Eleanor Vick (21)(dau Dr. T. A. Vick) 2 Nov 1875. She died 1885

(2) Nannie E. Goad 1886

(3) Mrs. Dora Winfield Webb

1.(?) Martha Eliz. Cleveland

b about 1850 d 1889-1920

m (age 18) 29 Nov 1868 J. W. Kennedy (30)

? Thomas J. Cleveland

B d before 1889 not named in will

? John Cleveland

b d before 1889 not named in will

? (James F.?) Franklin Cleveland

b d 1889 - 1970

? Susan America Theodosia Cleveland

b. 10 Jan 1861 prob Ind. Co. Ark

d. 22 Jan 1896 Bandera Co. Texas, buried Jones Cemetary, Utopia, Tex

m. 30 Nov. 1880 Ind. Co. Ark (license issued Jackson Co.)

L. D. Bownds

? Henry P. Cleveland, attorney, lived Judsonia Ark 1889

b d 1921 - 1940

? Mary A Cleveland

b d lived Houston Tex 1940

M. J. B. Cantrell

? Charles Edgar (David) Cleveland, Memphis Tenn 1889, Little Rock Ark 1940

? Samuel Cleveland Van Buren Ark 1940

? Edmund L. (Littleton) Cleveland North Little Rock Ark 1940 (Argenta in 1911)

Jackson Co Courthouse

King's Index to Court Papers

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(NO#) Bounds Thos, A G Harris et al 102 (New No) Record Book 33

Record of Admin Bonds & Letters B, C, & 1860-1878 No Cleveland or Bounds wills

Book C Eliz Cleveland 396 Will 1911 15 Mar box 53 (Original will not in box 53, nor box 97 which some other indexed items referred to) Copy of will follows.

"Will of Elizabeth Cleveland

"Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth Cleveland of the City of Argenta and State of Arkansas being of sound mind and memory and understanding but in failing health, do make and declare this to be my last will & testament in manner and form following,

"1st, I give, devise and bequeath unto my three sons, Charles Edgar, Samuel David, Edmund Littleton, Lots Ten (10) Block Nine (9) in Newport, Jackson Co., Arkansas, all of my personal effects, share and share alike.

"Second I give devise and bequeath unto my son Henry P. Cleveland, Dr. J. C. Cleveland and to my daughter Mary Cantrell, my son Franklin Cleveland Heirs, Martha Elizabeth Kennedy heirs, and Susie Bounds heirs, Lot Eleven (11) in Block Nine (9) of Newport, Jackson Co. Arkansas, each an equal share.

"Third I hereby appoint my son Charles Edgar Cleveland executor of this my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 15th day of March 1911.

ELIZABETH CLEVELAND

"Signed sealed & acknowledged and declared by the said testator to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us and of each other at her request, who are witnesses thereto.

"J. B. Sileck (Sibeck?) Argenta Ark
"Catherine Davis Argenta Ark."

"State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski"....statement of above witnesses 2 Aug 1911 that the document they signed is her will and that she died on the 17th day of July 1911 at Bald Knob, Ark.

Jackson Co: document admitting will to probate. p 397

Jackson Co. Probate Docket p 186

Petition granted to executor to erect monument to Elizabeth Cleveland deceased out of the proceeds of her estate. p 168 1912 term.

Box 170 holds map of original town: Block 9 Lots 10 & 11 are at corner of Pine and Second, which as you go toward the river on Second are the corner next to the railroad on the left hand side between Pine & Oak Sts.

Inspection of this site on 12 Oct 1970 showed group of apartments now occupy this site. Old house is gone.

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Maple Springs Cemetary Ind Co Creek near Oil Trough

W T Cleveland 1 Aug 1847 11 May 1872

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William T Cleveland 22 to Eliza McCollough 17
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James R Cleveland to Mrs Emma Herrington 13 Oct 1874

Isaac T McConnell 31 to Eliza Cleveland 31 Dec 1872

James S McLean (or McLane) 22 to Malinda J. Cleveland 25 Aug 1875

J W Kennedy 30 to Martha E Cleveland 18 29 Nov 1868

W. S Smotherman 20 to Mary Ann Cleveland 15 1 July 1875

Surrounded Hill Cemetary west of Newport

Annie L wife of J L Cleveland b 15 Mar 1894 d 13 Jan 1913

Charlie Cemetary no of Newport

James R Cleveland 6 May 1845 - 18 Nov 1906

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Judsonia, Ark., Sept. 7th. 1907.

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New-Port Arkansas.

Dear Sirs. In matter of E.E.Osmon Vs. L.A.Parsons appealed from Esqr. J.M.Mordis J.P.Court. Please set for Wednesday or Thursday of next week say 18, or 19 of Sept. 1907 and notify me soon as you set it what day you set it for trial so I can work to fit the ~~xxxx~~ time, we wish to try the case without fail this term and get through with it. Thanking you for past favors.

I am yours Very Truly.

H. P. Cleveland

Bald Knob State Bank

CAPITAL $20,000.00

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Bald Knob, Ark., Sept.2nd,1910.

Mr.W.T.Parish,Asst.Cashr.,

Newport,Ark.

Dear Sir :-

Relative to the garnishment Western Tie & T.Co. vs V.Eaton,this writ was served on us about May 7th,last Eaton has NO BALANCE with us & hasent had during considerable time prior to this service,Eaton owes us,now I do not know what will be necessary,butI will thank you very much if you will have Mr.Stuckey file an answer if it can be done & save me the trip. Mrs.Wynn is very sick to-day & if still indisposed later I will forward a certificate from our Physician which will excuse me from attandance,but Mr.Stuckey can file our answer just the same.Thanking you .I am

Yours truly,

E R Wynn

Cashr.



Susan America Theodosia
Cleveland b 10 Jan 1861



Newport Ark 2/3/1883

Received of L D Bowers
Sixty Dollars in full of all
demands to date.

Elizabeth Cleveland.



Elizabeth Cleveland.
Grandmother.

Original owned by John Bownds Utopia Tex

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Maude Elizebeth Butcher
b. Geo. 1829 d. Bald Knob 1910

married about 1847 Tuscaloosa Co Ala

Joseph Cleveland

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County, settling on a tract of railroad land, where the father died seven years later, September 17, 1874, his wife having died October 16, 1870. Their children are as follows: Mary Jane (who became the consort of L. D. Hendrickson, deceased, and is living in Kentucky with her five children), Millie C. (married Jasper Scott, and in 1856 moved to Illinois; her husband was killed at the battle of Nashville, in 1865, leaving her with six children), W. B. (was killed at Franklin, Ky., while a member of the Eighth Tennessee Regiment), Mary F. (was married to R. H. Ferguson, but died after having borne two children), John H. (residing in Texas, and by his wife, who was Miss Mary Ware, is the father of six children), Perlila C. (was wedded to John Hodges, and upon her death left two children), Pleasant T. (died at Jackson, Miss., while serving in the Confederate army), Arthur Smith (our subject), Thomas J. and Samuel B. Arthur Smith Claiborn was born in De Kalb County, Tenn., February 3, 1847, and was educated in the subscription schools of his native county, but it must be acknowledged that his advantages were very meager, and at the time he had attained his twenty-first birthday he had only received three months' schooling. He immediately began business for himself upon attaining his majority, and for two years raised crops of cotton and corn on shares, and at the end of this time was married to Miss Martha J. Hale, a native of Mississippi and daughter of Francis J. and Louisa (White) Hale, who were among the old settlers of Arkansas, having come to the State in 1859. Their marriage took place December 2, 1869, and of eight children born to their union seven are living: Elnora (born October 7, 1870), William B. (born August 20, 1872), James (born July 25, 1874), Mattie J. (born in September, 1876, and died in August, 1877), Annie (born October 16, 1878), Alcora (born March 28, 1882), Arthur S. (born February 27, 1885) and Aver A. (born February 26, 1886). After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Claiborn settled on eighty acres of land belonging to the latter, and in 1876 Mr. Claiborn became able to purchase 116 acres of wild land, which he has improved and to which he has added eighty acres. He now has seventy-five acres under cultivation, a good frame house, good barns and one tenant house. He rented his land on shares until this year (1889) but now rents for cash. Mr. and Mrs. Claiborn and two of their children, Elnora and William, hold memberships in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mr. Claiborn is a Democrat in his political views. He has always been a liberal contributor to the advancement of religious, social and educational institutions, and has also given generously to all enterprises which he deemed worthy of support.

Green B. Clay is a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Cadron Township, and was the youngest in a family of ten children of John and Diallia (Morris) Clay. Mr. Clay was a native of North Carolina. His family consisted of the following children: Nancy, Harriet, Louisa, Jackson M., Emily, Sarah, Susan, William H., Martha and Green B. (our subject.) He was reared on a farm in Tennessee, where he was born in 1827, and started out in life when he was sixteen years of age. In 1851 he was married to Mary W. Mizzells, a daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Rooks) Mizzells. In 1868 Mr. Clay bought a farm in Tennessee. He subsequently sold it and moved to Arkansas, settling in White County, where he bought a farm of 560 acres, clearing about seventy-three acres. Mrs. Clay was the mother of eighteen children, eight of whom are still living: John M., Joseph H., Zacariah M., Francis M., James N., George A., Charles C. and Albert A. He was married the second time to Nancy E. Burton (*nee* Neal), a widow. To them have been given five children: Walter L., Nathan B., Stephen M., Neoma Parlee and an infant which is not named. Mr. and Mrs. Clay are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He is a strong Democrat and a member of the County Wheel. He is deeply interested in all work for the good of the church, school or any public enterprise.

J. C. Cleveland, M. D., was born in Independence County, November 19, 1852, and is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Butcher) Cleveland, natives of Georgia and Alabama, respectively. Mr.

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Joseph Cleveland moved to Alabama when a young man, where he was married and in 1852, he removed to Independence County, Ark. He served his county a number of times in an official capacity, and in 1873 he represented his county in the legislature. He served eighteen months in the Confederate army, during which time he was taken prisoner and held at Fortress Monroe eight months before he was exchanged. He was with Gen. Price in his raid through Missouri and Kansas. He was a Republican and belonged to the Masonic fraternity, in which he had taken the Royal Arch degree. He died in the early part of the year 1887, at Newport, Ark., at the age of sixty-one. Mrs. Cleveland is still living and a resident of Newport, Ark., and is the mother of eleven children, nine of whom still survive: Martha E. (wife of J. W. Kennedy), J. C. (our subject), Henry P. (a lawyer by profession), Mary A. (wife of J. D. Cantrell), Susan A. T. (wife of L. D. Bownds), James F., Charles E., Samuel and Edward. Dr. J. C. Cleveland began his career as a school-teacher in his nineteenth year, following that profession till 1883, when he began the study of medicine. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College in 1888, first having taken lectures at the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville. Dr. Cleveland was married, November 7, 1875, to Miss Nancy E. Vick, a daughter of Dr. T. A. Vick. She died in 1885, having had three children, only one of whom survives, Lavina E., who is still living with her father. Dr. Cleveland was again married, in 1886, to Miss Nannie F. Goad, who is the mother of one daughter: Susan Estella. Mrs. Cleveland is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a strong Republican. He is now a resident of Bald Knob, where he has built up a large and successful practice, and is an enterprising and highly respected citizen.

John D. Coffey is a well-known citizen of White County and was born in Macon, Fayette County, Tenn., June 19, 1838. His father, David P. Coffey, was a Presbyterian clergyman, and first saw the light of this world in Tennessee in November, 1805. He was given all the advantages for an education to be had at that time, and applied himself so assiduously to his studies, that he became an accomplished and finely educated gentleman. He was married in his native State November 12, 1835, to Miss Mary C. Cogville, a daughter of Charlie and Pollie Cogville, and to their union fourteen children were born, of which John D. is the second child and the oldest son. Of that family seven are now living, six residing in this State. The Rev. Coffey immigrated from Tennessee, in 1854, and located near Searcy, where he died in 1883, his good wife surviving him but two years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and also a Royal Arch Mason, and was the originator of the first church that was ever organized in Stony Point, the denomination being the Cumberland Presbyterian. This township, where John D. Coffey now resides, derived its title from his father, in whose honor it was named. John D. served in the late war on the Confederate side, and enlisted in 1861, in Douglas County, in Brown's Tennessee Regiment. His first hard fight was at the battle of Shiloh, and he also engaged in numerous other engagements. He was captured at Port Edson, but was soon after paroled, and at once returned home to claim his promised bride, Miss Malicia G. Harris. After his marriage Mr. Coffey returned to the war and accompanied Price on his raid through Missouri, and received his final discharge from service in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have been born a family of eight children: John H., Mary, Josephus, Lucy E., David P., Hugh, James S., Minnie C. Mr. Coffey has a good farm of forty acres, finely stocked, and with all the conveniences and modern improvements to make the home comfortable. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and highly respected by every one.

John Reed Coffey is a prominent farmer and miller of White County, Ark., and owes his nativity to the State of Tennessee, the date of his birth being December 19, 1856. His father, Wiley D. Coffey, was born in Bedford County, Tenn., October 6, 1827, where he received his education, and there married Narcissa A. Muse, August 5, 1850.

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of books which he highly prizes. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and in his political views is a stanch democrat. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office and he has served as alderman and city treasurer and for nine years was chairman of the school board, performing effective service for the public good in these various capacities. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. For thirty-four years Mr. McClure has been a resident of Russellville, arriving here with a cash capital of three dollars and a half and an indebtedness amounting to twenty-five dollars, while he now ranks with the most substantial business men of the town, which has greatly benefited through his progressive spirit and intelligently directed activities. His life has been one of unremitting industry and to him has come the crown of earnest effort and persistency of purpose—success and an honored name.

J. C. CLEVELAND, M. D.

Dr. J. C. Cleveland, a physician and surgeon for more than a third of a century, practices at Bald Knob, where his capability has again and again been demonstrated in his successful handling of important and involved medical cases. Dr. Cleveland is a native son of Arkansas, his birth having occurred in Independence county, November 19, 1852, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Butcher) Cleveland, who were natives of Georgia and Alabama, respectively, their marriage being celebrated in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The father was a son of Joseph Cleveland, a native of Georgia, who served with the rank of colonel in the Seminole war. In days of peace he engaged extensively in farming in Georgia, where he owned many slaves, and he also carried on merchandising there. Sustaining many losses on account of the ravages of war, he removed to Texas and there died ere the war had been brought to a termination. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Cleveland was T. J. Butcher, a native of Alabama, who carried on farming on a large scale. He removed to Hempstead county, Arkansas, after his son-in-law removed with his family to this state and his death there occurred.

It was in the year 1851 that Joseph Cleveland came with his family to Arkansas, settling in Independence county, having made the journey across the country with horse team and wagon. He purchased a preemption near Oil Trough and had to clear most of the land. For three years he served in the Confederate army and was captured while participating in the General Price raid in Missouri. He was sent to Fort Monroe, where he was incarcerated for ten months, and then being paroled, returned home, walking from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and crossing the Mississippi river on a raft, which he and his companions made. He had three brothers who were in the battle of Shiloh. Joseph Cleveland had his gun shot out of his hand, and his trousers were on one occasion pierced by bullets, but he escaped injury. With his return home he resumed farming and he also took an active interest in public affairs, serving as a member of the state legislature during the time of the Brooks-Baxter war. He was in the legislature during the extra session called by Governor Brooks and in various ways aided in shaping the destiny of the state during that momentous period. Returning to Independence county, he resumed farming and also operated a mill and steam cotton gin near Oil Trough. Later he retired and removed to Newport, where he departed this life in 1867, at the age of sixty-three years. His widow long survived him, her death occurring in 1910 at the age of eighty years. In their family were eleven children, six of whom are living. Those who have died are: Thomas J., Mary, John, Frank and Susan. The others are: J. C., H. P., an attorney of Judsonia; Mary, who is the widow of J. B. Cantrell of Chicago, Illinois; C. E. of Memphis, Tennessee; Samuel, living in Van Buren, Arkansas, and Edward L. of North Little Rock. The parents were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Mr. Cleveland was a Royal Arch Mason. His political endorsement was given to the republican party and he served for many years as justice of the peace and also filled the position of county commissioner in Independence county.

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Dr. Cleveland pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and also through private instruction at home. He taught in the rural districts and in the town schools for several years, and afterward began reading medicine, while for a time he was employed in the drug business. He afterward attended the Kentucky School of Medicine and later the Louisville Medical College, while later he was graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, winning the M. D. degree in 1888. Previous to this time he had practiced at Russell, Arkansas, and following his graduation he went to Newport, Arkansas, where he opened an office. In 1888 he came to Bald Knob, where he established an office and has since devoted his attention to medical and surgical practice. He has taken postgraduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic, and in 1919 he opened a private sanitarium, which he has since conducted. He devotes practically all

of his attention to his professional interests, which are of an important character, and his ability is demonstrated in the excellent results which follow his labors in the treatment of disease. For thirty-two consecutive years he has been local surgeon and dispenser of medicine for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He belongs to the White County Medical Society, the Arkansas State and Southern Medical Societies, the American Medical Association and the Southern Railroad Medical Association. He enjoys the high respect and confidence of his colleagues and contemporaries in medical practice and his position has long been a creditable and enviable one.

Dr. Cleveland was married to Miss Eleanor Vick, and they had three children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving daughter, Vina E., is the wife of C. E. Preston, a linotype operator on the paper of Memphis. For his second wife Dr. Cleveland chose Nannie E. Goad, and they became parents of three children: Estella, the wife of Perdy Spriggs of Cairo, Illinois; Hattie May, the wife of Dr. J. B. Crawford, a practicing physician of Benton, Arkansas, and one who died in infancy. For his third wife Dr. Cleveland chose Mrs. Dora (Winfield) Webb, and by a former marriage Mrs. Cleveland has a daughter, Cecile, who is the wife of B. J. Perham, a bookkeeper with the Fruit Exchange of Bald Knob.

Dr. Cleveland is an exemplary representative of Masonry, having taken the degrees of the Blue Lodge at Newport, the chapter and the council at Bald Knob and he has served as high priest of the chapter. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, is examining physician of the former and passed through all of the chairs of the latter. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, and he stanchly advocates its principles. His entire life has been passed in Arkansas and thus for almost seventy years he has been a witness of the growth, progress and development of the state. He served as a member of Baxter body guard during the Brooks-Baxter war, although but a boy in his teens at the time. Many events which are to others matters of history are to him matters of personal knowledge and experience, and his reminiscences concerning the early days in Arkansas are most interesting and instructive. All who know Dr. Cleveland, and he has a wide acquaintance, speak of him in terms of high regard by reason of his splendid professional attainments and, moreover, by reason of the sterling traits of his character.

ROBERT GEDDES DAVIES.

Robert Geddes Davies, a prominent representative of the bar of Hot Springs, practicing with a large clientele that has connected him with much important litigation heard in the courts of the state, was born in Lake Village, Arkansas, a son of Anthony H. Davies, who was a native of Milford, Connecticut, and became one of the first settlers of Chicot county, Arkansas, arriving there in 1829. From Connecticut he went first to New York and removed from the Empire state to Arkansas. He had been dependent upon his own resources from the age of twelve years, at which time, in 1812, he began working in a store. He was with the American soldiers for a period during his youth and then went to St. Louis, where he entered the employ of Choteau, the fur trader and merchant. Mr. Davies began trading among the Indians, who gave to him the name of Rising Sun. He took up his work of this character on the Platte River and also traded with the Indians in Dakota. Coming to Little Rock, he established the first bank of Arkansas, and Albert Pike acted as attorney for the institution, the bank being conducted under the name of the Real Estate Bank of Arkansas. This was in 1829. He also purchased a plantation of two thousand acres located oposite the present site of Lake Village. He was likewise engaged in the commission business in New Orleans while developing his Arkansas interests, and he was a large slave owner, owning one hundred and sixty negroes, his home being on the Lake Hall plantation. He contributed much to the material development and progress of this section and was also prominent in connection with public affairs, serving as judge of the county and probate court for many years. He was likewise a member of the constitutional convention of the state and fraternally he was connected with the Masons. He died in April, 1861, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mildred H. Gaines, was born in Kentucky at Gaines Cross Roads, a place settled by her father in 1798. He was the father of Major William H. Gaines. The daughter, Mrs. Davies, died in 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. In the family of this worthy couple were the following named sons and daughters: Harpin, who served throughout the Civil war and is now living in Montana; Fanny, the wife of Charles W. Fry of Hot Springs; Walter, who is living on the old homestead; Robert G., of this review; Joseph, who also occupies the old plantation, and Mildred, who died at the age of twelve years.


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VAN'S CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH
Van's Creek Baptist Church, established early in 1785 by Rev. Dozier Thornton, Revolutionary soldier and Virginian, was named for an Indian convert, David Vann, famed Chief of the Cherokees. Though the 6th Baptist church in Georgia, it is the oldest in continuous service. Rev. Thornton was its pastor for 43 years. Original members were Rev. Dozier Thornton, his wife, Lucy Elizabeth Thornton, Elizabeth Thornton, William Arnold, first Deacon and Clerk, Susan Arnold, Nathan Morgan, Elizabeth Morgan, Thomas Gilbert, John White, Milly White.