

THE SMITH FAMILY

There have been so many Smiths living in Lauderdale County since it was formed that it will take an inordinate amount of time and dedication to sort them all out. The Smith family that appears in this history of Pine Springs starts with one John Portwood Smith, who was born in Georgia in 1811.

This John Smith ~~was~~ married ~~to~~ ^{Seleta W. Turner} Seleta W. Turner, probably ~~on the mid-~~ ^{MAR. 17, 1836, in} ~~the mid-~~ ^{GREENE Co., ALABAMA} ~~1830's, place unknown.~~ He was living in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in 1848 as his name appears on the Poll Tax Roll for that year. The first time that his name appears on a deed in the county was on March 21, 1857, when he bought 160 acres of land from Samuel P. and Sarah Goodwin for \$550. The land that he bought was in Section 16, Township 5, Range 18E, located less than two miles from the Alabama state line, southwest of present-day Whynot, in Lauderdale County. [Deed Bk. H, pg. 543]

John and Seleta were listed in the 1850 census of Lauderdale County with two sons, Seaborn and John, Jr. Seaborn was born in 1837 but John, Jr., born in 1843, was six years younger. If they ever had any other children, they must not have survived childhood.

Both of John's sons were in the Civil War. Seaborn returned from the war, but no further record of young John has been found. It is likely that he did not survive.

John ^{SA} must have come from a family of some means, for he appears to have had the advantage of a good education. At the time that he was growing up only the sons of the more wealthy planters were able to have tutors or to be sent off to school for higher learning. Not only did John have a good start in life, but he was an astute businessman as well as a good planter.

After the Civil War when so many planters, if they were able to keep their farms at all, became 'landed paupers' and were hardly able to make a living for their families, John Smith was able to live with some degree of comfort and ease. He was a hard worker and a good manager.

Nothing is known about their younger son since he died so early, but their firstborn, Seaborn, must have been a grave disappointment to John and Seleta. It is likely that, as the scion of a comfortably well-off planter, Seaborn was indulged more than was good for him as a child. He grew up with slaves about to take the brunt of the hard work on the farm, leaving him with too much time to fritter away and to follow his own wild pursuits. He was given to hard drinking, hard swearing and to oft-time fighting with

his companions at cock-fights or horse races. He slipped away from the routine of farm work to go on extended fishing or hunting trips, showing no interest in helping his father manage the plantation.

An enthusiastic champion of slavery, Seaborn must have attended the political rallies where all the young hot-bloods of the South gathered to drink and talk about State's Rights and War. When the Civil War came he was ready and enlisted in the Confederate Army on April 21, 1861.

About the time he went off to fight, Seaborn married Miss Margaret Adelina Baucum, the fifteen year old daughter of Jim Baucum who lived over the line in Alabama. Seaborn, in the 8th Mississippi Regiment under Col. Flynt and Capt. W. C. Day, went off to war, leaving young Margaret with her parents. Before the year was out, their son, who Margaret named Seaborn Milton Smith, Jr., was born in Alabama. After the baby was born, Margaret took him and went to live with her husband's parents, John and Seleta Smith.

Seaborn Smith, the soldier, was captured in November of 1864 and until the end of the war was held in Camp Douglas. The Yankee prison was a hell-hole and he was nearly starved to death when he was finally set free. Many had died there but Seaborn had doggedly hung onto life. The time he had spent in grim combat and the cruel treatment he had received in the prison had served to mark him, mentally, beyond all hope of recovery. Before the war he had been arrogant and wild; afterwards he was arrogant and mean. He drank more than ever and mistreated those around him.

While he was in the army he had picked up the nick-name, 'Jack'. Most folks called him Jack, or Jackie, Smith, after the war.

It was after the war in 1868 that John Portwood Smith moved to Pine Springs. On November 27, 1868, he bought the west half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 8, Range 15E, 400 acres, from William E. and Mary Ann Jolly, paying them \$1050. This was the farm that had belonged to Hays Rodgers' son, James, who had been killed in the war. (Mrs. Jolly was James Rodgers' sister.)

~~The house on the place was a sturdy double-cabin log home that had been built by James Rodgers when he had lived there. This rather large house, made of two cabins that were connected by a dog-trot hallway, was just off the Philadelphia, or Decatur, road (now Highway 495). The kitchen, also of logs, was separate from the rest of the house, as so many were then. Near the house were barns, a chicken house, smokehouse, cribs, other out-buildings.~~

Jackie (Seaborn) Smith had moved to Pine Springs with his father, living

in another, smaller, house that was on his father's place. Jackie had more children born after the the war and, while John and Seleta loved all their grandchildren, little Sebe remained their favorite. Sebe had lived with them all the time Jackie had been gone from home and they had grown attached to him. Sebe had grown into a serious, good little boy and he followed John everywhere and tried hard to please his grandfather. Jackie drank more and more and life at home wasn't very pleasant for young Sebe. More and more he stayed with Grandpa and came to consider Grandpa's house as his home.

1860
1870 John P. Smith continued to do well financially during the difficult times following the Civil War. With his slave help gone, he didn't try to farm his land himself, but leased it out to others. One of the people he leased to was one Josiah Gardner. John had the lease contract for the year 1872 put into writing and recorded it in the county records. That must have been the first, because although he continued to lease his land, he didn't bother recording the contracts any more.

As John got older he turned much of his business dealings over to young Sebe. Sebe had grown up helping Grandpa and by the time he was twenty he could handle most of John's affairs. Sebe had earned a little money for himself and he started to make crop liens to other farmers that were having difficulty in those hard times. On November 1, 1879, Seaborn M. Smith, Jr. took a deed of trust from Burwell and Susan Brown, who owned 40 acres on the west side of the Philadelphia Road, just across from John Smith. Sebe loaned Brown \$60 for one year.

1876
1880 Three acres of the Brown farm was on the east (Smith's) side between John's house and the road. John didn't want anyone owning land between him and the road so he bought the 3 acres from Brown. Brown eventually lost his entire farm and the Smith's added 80 more acres to their farm.

By 1886, John Smith was 75 and didn't feel as pert as he used to. His eyes were growing dim and he could feel that he was physically slowing down. He thought it would be a good idea to see about writing a will.

Jackie was his only heir and John didn't quite trust him to take over his affairs when the time came. Jackie was still drinking and he had never been able to manage money very well. When he was drunk he got mean - and that was getting to be more and more often as time passed. Jackie's sons, nearing the time to begin thinking of marriage, would need a start in life. Sebe would be all right, but the rest of Jackie's boys needed help.

John also thought about his wife, Seleta. He wanted to see to it that

she was well provided for as long as she lived. Seleta had been his dear companion and had worked beside him all these years. Yes, he had better write his will.

One Spring morning in April of 1886, John Smith hitched up and drove over to Bailey Store and got his good friend, Col. Sam Bailey. to go with him and they went into town to the office of another old friend, J. P. Walker. Capt. Walker had his law office in Meridian.

John's eyes had failed so that he couldn't see to write, so he told his friend what he wanted in his will. While Capt. Walker's associate, G. J. Hall, wrote the will, the three old friends had a nice visit. After Mr. Hall read John what he had written, John signed the will. Col. Bailey and Capt. Walker both signed as witnesses. The deed was done.

1880

John Portwood Smith died on the first of January, 1895, at the age of 84. Before he died he had bought another half-section of land and at his death he owned 640 acres. The new land he bought was about two miles distant from his home and was ^{NW 1/4} ~~the~~ Section 8, ^{in Pine Springs - on the} ~~just west of the Pine Springs Store and school.~~

1890

Some time

John and Seleta Smith were both buried at Fellowship Baptist Church just north of their home. There were no headstones placed at their graves and it is not known exactly when Seleta died.

John bequeathed his son, Seaborn, Sr., \$100 cash, and \$25 went to Seaborn, Jr., his grandson. The balance of his estate was divided between his seven other grandsons. John P. Bailey, Col. Bailey's son, was the executor of John's will.

Jackie and Margaret Smith had eight sons and one daughter, although the daughter had died as a little child when she choked on a grain of corn. The oldest son, of course, was the already named Seaborn, Jr., who was named for his father. The seven other sons Jackie had named for his heroes, Confederate Army officers. They were Patrick S. Claiborne, Robert E. Lee, Jacob Biffle, Edmund Kirby, William Hardee, Albert Sidney Johnston and Joseph Eggleton.

Jackie Smith became even more bitter and turned against his sons after his father died. He felt betrayed by his whole family. As he sought escape by turning to alcohol he would get nasty and at times became belligerent.

The two oldest sons, Sebe and Pat, married and started homes of their own. In 1898, Jake (Jacob) married Miss Ida Love, the daughter of John and Mollie Love, whose farm was down the road from the church in Pine Springs. Jake and Ida had known each other all their life and had gone to school together. As

many young just-married young couples did in those days, they moved in and were living at Jacob's home with his parents. Jacob was making a crop there in the year 1899.

Late one evening Jackie came riding in on his horse. He went into the crib and got corn, but instead of feeding his animal in the feed-trough, he tossed the corn into the door of the other crib and was feeding the horse on the clean cotton stored there to be hauled to the gin.

"Hey, Paw!", Jacob told him, "You ought not feed the horse in there! You're gonna git the cotton all full of trash!"

Jack was furious. No boy of his was going to talk to him like that! He ran to his saddlebag and got out his loaded pistol and started shooting. Jake was caught off guard and didn't have time to get away and was hit. Ida and the younger Bob came running and Jackie shot at them, too, but in his condition his aim was poor and he missed. They wrenched the gun away from Jackie, but poor Jacob was already dead.

Seaborn M. Smith, Sr. was sent to the state penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi for a long time. Jacob's son, little Jake, was born that fall. Ida lived on at John Smith's old home until the place was sold to Preston Love of Pine Springs. Today, the old log house is gone, but one can still see the big cedar trees that remain in the old, overgrown yard.

In the November term of Lauderdale County Chancery Court, Case # 183-F2396 shows that Sebe M. Smith, Sr. took his seven sons that inherited John Smith's estate to court, trying to have the old man's will set aside. He tried to prove, with no success, that John P. Smith was in his dotage and didn't know what he was doing when he wrote the will. The will stood as written.

Margaret Smith died in 1903 while Jack was still in jail. She was buried at Fellowship Baptist Church. Jackie served his time and returned to Pine Springs, but he had no home to go to. Kirby, who was married to Ida's sister, Lizzie Love, let his old father stay with them until he could find a place. Lizzie certainly didn't want him there, but Kirby usually did what he wanted.

Lizzie was a good Christian woman and tried to forgive Jack. After all, he was still Kirby's father.

In August, 1910, Seaborn, Sr. applied for a Confederate War Pension. He left Kirby's but it is not now known where he lived after that. *Lived w Seaborn in 1910*

Seaborn Smith, Sr. died on September 24, 1911 at the age of 74. He was buried beside Margaret in the Smith plot at Fellowship Church Cemetery. Their graves are unmarked.

NATHANIEL M. COLLINS, who had lived in P.S. but had moved to Collinsville, wrote in 1910 that he had been w Seaborn's Regiment in Civil War and that Seaborn had been a good soldier.

State of Mississippi
Lauderdale County }

I John C. Smith of said State and
County being of sound & disposing mind &
memory, & being aware of the uncertainty
of life, do make, declare & publish this my
last will & testament to wit:

1st. I give & bequeath out of my estate to
my son Seaborn M. Smith the sum of one
hundred dollars (\$100), & to my grand son Sea-
born M. Smith Jr. the sum of ²⁵ twenty five
dollars. said sums to be paid to them by my
executor out of any money I may have on
hand at the time of my decease, or if there
be none then on hand said amounts to be
raised by said Executor by collection of claims
due me or by sale of such personal property
as said executor may think it advisable
to dispose of.

2nd. Any debts I may owe & my funeral
expenses shall be paid out of any money
on hand or out of money collected or claims
due me, or by sale of such personal property
as my executor may deem it advisable to
sell for said purpose.

3rd. I give all my estate that I may own
at the time of my death & consisting now
of N.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 + S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 8, R. 15
E. + N. 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 + N.W. 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 8 R. 15 East.
or such part thereof as I may own at my
decease, together with all other real estate
personal property of every kind, money
notes & accounts & choses in action to my
beloved wife, Selaty N. Smith for & during
her natural life. My executor hereinafter
named shall have the management of the
same & shall out of the rents & income thereof
pay to or for her as much as shall be needed
for her comfortable support & maintenance.
The entire net increase may be used for that
purpose if desired by her.

presence & at his request & in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses this April 19th, 1886.

A. M. Bailey
J. P. Walker.

Codicil - It is my will that my grand son Joseph J. Smith who has been born since I made this will shall ^{share} equally with my other grandchildren named in item no. 4 of this my last will & testament, that is to say I desire him to have an equal part with his brothers named in said item 4.

Witness my signature this the 18th day of July 1889.

Witness
J. P. Walker
G. D. Hall
John G. Smith

State of Mississippi In Chancery Court
Lauderdale County 5th November Term, 1900.

Patrick C. Smith vs.
my 183-F. 2396. vs.
Lebe M. Smith & r.

Be it Remembered that on, to wit: the 20th day of November A.D. 1900, this cause coming on before the Honorable Stone Devours, Chancellor of said Court, the following proceedings were had to wit:

Testimony taken in open Court on the Probation of the Last Will and Testament of John G. Smith, deceased.

G. D. Hall, being introduced and sworn testifies as follows:

Direct Examination by C. C. Durr;

Q. What is your occupation or profession?
ans. I was practicing Attorney, until my appointment as Circuit Judge last August.

Q. Were you engaged as a practicing attorney in the year 1886?
A. Yes sir;

Q. Look at the paper I now hand you and state if you know what it is, and what if any, you had to do with its preparation ✓

a. This is the will of John P. Smith, bearing date April 19 A.D. 1886, and executed on that date, but there is a codicil, bearing date June 18, 1889. The will itself is in my hand write; it is witnessed by J. M. Bailey and J. P. Walker. Col. Bailey was an old citizen here, and Captain Walker was my partner. The Codicil is in the hand write of Walker, and its execution is witnessed by Capt. Walker and myself.

Q. Judge Hall were you acquainted with Mr. Smith at the time that will was drawn by you.

Ans. My recollection of the matter is very indistinct. I came to Meridian & formed a law partnership with Capt. Walker in October 1884. At that time I was practically unacquainted in Meridian, and in fact did not know many persons at the date of the preparation and execution of this will. My recollection of the transaction is that Mr. Smith had some affliction of his eyes, probably nearly blind, that he was an old friend of Capt. Walker's and that he came to the office with Col. Bailey, that the matters which he desired to put in the will were jotted down by Capt. Walker, and that his memoranda was handed to me to use in the preparation of the will, and that I turned around to my desk and drafted the will there and there while they waited, and that it was then and there, as soon as I finished the draft signed by him and witnessed as above stated by Col. Bailey as attested and by Capt. Walker. As to the preparation of the Codicil, I have no recollection except that I see that it is in Capt. Walker's handwrite, and that my name is signed in my own handwrite as one of the witnesses. I will state further as my recollection that this will was put in an envelope and placed in our safe for safe-keeping and remained there. It is not to

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1895. At that time Capt. Walker collected together his private papers, placing some of them in a trunk or trunks in the office, and taking others with him. I think at that date that the Will disappeared from the safe, and was perhaps by mistake or design placed amongst his own papers.

Q. Are you or not familiar with the signature of Capt. Walker?

A. Yes sir, I am.

Q. Please state whether the signature of Capt. Walker to the Will and Codicil is genuine?

Ans. They are genuine signatures of Capt. Walker.

Sebe Smith Jr., being introduced and sworn testifies as follows:

Direct Examination by C. C. Dunn.

Q. What is your name and age?

Ans. My name is Sebe M. Smith, Jr. I am 39 years of age.

Q. How are you related, if at all, to John P. Smith, deceased?

A. He was my grand-father.

Q. Where was your grand-father living at the time of his death?

A. At my father's.

Q. What County and State?

Ans. Lauderdale County, State of Mississippi.

Q. How long had he been living with your father?

Ans. I think it was something over four years, or about four years.

Q. When did he die, Mr. Smith?

Ans. He died I reckon about the First of January, 1895.

Q. Where had he lived just prior to the time he began to live with your father?

Ans. He lived at my house with me.

Q. How long had he been living with you?

Ans. He raised me. I lived with him till I was married, and then there was about a year that I lived away from him, and then he lived with me about three years.

Q. How long had he been living with you in the year

'86 and '89.

ans. He was living with ~~me~~ ^{him} in '89 I think that was the year that I was away from him, I do not remember exactly, in '89 he was living with me.

Q. What about his capacity in the years '86 and '89 to manage business and attend to business affairs?

ans. It was good. He did attend to his business.

Q. You say that he did attend to his business at that time?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What was the condition of his mind during those years?

ans. It was good; all right.

Q. Mr. Smith were or not acquainted with your grandfather's signature during his life time and would you know if you was to see it? Ans. Yes sir.

Q. Look at this paper purporting to be last will and testimony of your grandfather and see if the signature is genuine.

A. That is it, it is genuine.

Q. Look at the signature to the Codicil to the will and state what your opinion is as to the genuineness of that signature.

A. I think that it is genuine. I am at that time he was about blind, and that would make a change.

Q. You state that his being marked is the reason of the change was?

ans. Yes sir.

S. Mr. S. H. Jr.

Sworn to + subscribed before me this Nov. 20/10
B. V. White

Clark.

no 183
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Patrick C. Smith et al

vs. The State

19th day of November 1900 on the petition of Patrick
O. Smith et al for the probate of the last will
and Testament of John P. Smith deceased.

J. P. Bailey being introduced and sworn
testified as follows,

Q. 1. What is your name, age & occupa-
tion or profession?

Ans. J. P. Bailey is my name 40 years of age
farming is my occupation.

Q. 2. Where you ever engaged in the prac-
tice of medicine?

Ans. Yes sir.

Q. 3. Were you acquainted with one John
P. Smith in his life time?

Ans. I was.

Q. 4. Did you know him in the years 1886 & 1889?

Ans. Yes sir.

Q. 5. Did you ever attend him profes-
sionally doctor?

Ans. I did.

Q. 6. When was it you attended him?

Ans. I can not state the exact time, it has
been twelve years or more I was not
with him in his last illness.

Q. 7. State to the Court whether your ac-
quaintance with Mr. Smith, in about the
years 1886 & 1889 was intimate or casual.

Ans. I answer that by saying intimate
though not so intimate as my father's
were. I could not say casual.

Q. 8. What if any were your opportunities
for judging or forming a conclusion as
to the condition of his mind, at the time
above indicated.

Ans. In 1886 I considered his mind was
all right, the last few years before his death
& I do not remember when he died I did
not consider it so.

Q. 9. What have you to say as to the
condition of his mind in 1889.

Ans. I do not quite remember the dates
but in 1888 he was getting very old in
his mind I did not consider it good.

Q. 10. In what respect was his mind impaired in 1889 & did he die as shown by the records in this case in January 1896?

A. I had forgotten the date of his death but the last years of his life his mind was very much like that of a child.

Q. 11. Did that condition exist for as long time as seven years or not?

A. It was several years but it is impossible for me to state the exact number of years.

Q. 12. How are you related, if at all, to S. M. Bailey?

A. I am a son.

Q. 13. Is S. M. Bailey still living?

A. No, Sir. He died in Feb. 1897.

Q. 14. Are you or not familiar with your father's hand writing, especially with his signature?

A. I am.

Q. 15. Look at the signature attached to the paper I now hand you, purporting to be the attest of subscribing witnesses to the last Will & Testament of Mrs. P. Smith & state whether either of the signatures is that of S. M. Bailey or not.

A. One of them is the signature of S. M. Bailey.

Q. 16. Are you familiar now with the signature of Mrs. P. Smith, deceased?

A. No, Sir.

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this Nov. 19, 1900.
B. V. White
Clerk

J. P. Bailey

CHILDREN OF SEABORN MILTON SMITH, SR.

I. SEABORN MILTON 'SEBE' SMITH, JR.

Born; 1861, Alabama Died: In Arkansas.
Married: MRS. LYDIA STEPHENS (b.1854) in 1887. (Stevens)
Sebe was raised by his grandfather, John Smith. He was only 18 years old when he loaned Burwell Brown \$60 on a crop-lien. He was a member of the Pine Springs school board. He bought land in the northwest quarter of Section 9 in Pine Springs from Aaron W. Rodgers on August 4, 1890. Two years later on Feb. 8, 1892, he sold Mr. George W. Weatherford land from that same quarter section. On that same day, Mr. Weatherford sold Pine Springs Church one acre of the land.

*NEE STEPHENS
SIS of LISH STEPHENS
daugh of CHAS WALKER + ANTONESKA STEPHENS*

In 1898, Pine Springs Church deeded the acre back to Weatherford who then deeded it to Pine Springs School. Seaborn was a trustee of Pine Springs School.

Sometime after the turn of the century, Seaborn bought a farm at a place that was called Buttercup, which was near Prospect Church, east of Bailey's Store. He had a big white house and raised chickens and cows. His son, Henry Smith, butchered cows for his father and went about the countryside selling meat. Sebe was a practicing Veterinarian.

Seaborn was a stern, no-nonsense man. Before World War I, his orphaned nephew, Jake Smith, a teenager, came to live with him. Sebe made life so unpleasant for young Jake that he ran away and joined the Army.

After Sebe's wife died, he went to live with his son, Henry, who had moved to Arkansas. He became ill and they called in a doctor that did not know that Sebe was allergic to Calomel. Calomel was one of the stand-by medications that was given for most every illness in those days. He gave Sebe a dose of Calomel and it killed him. They buried him in Arkansas.

Step-children:

1. JOHN STEVENS
2. SALLY STEVENS, 1879-19__, m. David Hudson, ~~lived above Fellowship Church in Center Hill Community~~, had a store at Archadelphia Church.

*HE WAS Sebe's
ABNER
and
SIDNEY
HUDSON
S.V.*

Children:

4. LOTTIE SMITH 1894-18__, died young, a child.
3. HENRY SMITH 1899-1955?, m. Amanda 'Mandy' Cunningham, Lauderdale Co. Henry lived with his parents and worked for his father for a while after he married. Henry was a little strange in that if life got too much for him at times, he would just disappear for a while. One day Henry was plowing when he suddenly felt the urge to get away. They found where he had tied the mule he was plowing to a fence and just walked off. He returned after a while and life went on as before.

Henry got a job and moved to Arkansas, taking his old father with him in the move. His father died in Arkansas. Henry later moved to Whistler, Alabama, which was just outside Mobile. Somewhere in his travels he had lost a leg. He died about 1955 and was buried in Mobile. He had 'several' children, names unknown.

II. PATRICK CLAIBORNE 'PAT' SMITH

Born: 1872, Pine Springs

Died: After 1906

Married: CULLIE

Tuberculosis took its toll on this family. Cullie and three of their children died with the disease. It is not known when Pat died, but he outlived his wife.

On Feb. 24, 1906, Patrick Smith sold his brother, Kirby Smith, land in the northwest quarter of Section 9 in Pine Springs, taking a deed of trust as payment. This may have been the land that he inherited from his grandfather, John Smith.

Children:

1. RUBY SMITH m. _____ May, died a young woman with TB.
2. LEROY SMITH Died young with TB.
3. J. P. SMITH m. Mrs. Betty Hatcher, the widow of Willie Joe Hatcher of Pine Springs, qv.
4. ANNIE MAE SMITH Did not marry. Was about 18 when she died with TB.

III. ROBERT E. LEE 'BOB' SMITH

Born: 1874, Pine Springs

Died:

Married: FLORENCE THORNE of Decatur, Miss.

Lived in Pine Springs, worked at East Miss. State Hospital. Married rather late in life, moved to Meridian where he lived on 5th Street.

Children: (Only child.)

1. EDNA LEE 'EDDIE' SMITH, Lived in Washington, D.C., worked in a government office.

IV Selection

V. JACOB BIFFLE SMITH

Born: 1877, Pine Springs

Died: August, 1899, bur. Fellowship Bapt. Ch.

Married: IDA LOUVADA LOVE, 1898?, dau. of John and Mary (Denton) Love of Pine Springs, qv.

Was 22, a young married man, when he was shot and killed by his father. His son was born after he died. His widow and son inherited 1/7 of John Smith's estate in his stead.

Ida Smith later married Aaron W. Rodgers of Pine Springs, qv.

Children:

1. JAKE BIFFLE SMITH
Born: Nov. 2, 1899 Died: April 8, 1987, bur. Pine Springs.
Married: EVELYN ROSALEE 'EBBIE' PACE, dau. of Albert R. and Elizabeth (Pratt) Pace of Pine Springs, qv.

Was born after his father was killed. His mother married Aaron W. Rodgers while Jake was small. When his mother died, Rodgers ended up with part of Jake's inheritance from his father. His uncle Kirby Smith was appointed Jake's legal guardian when Jake was orphaned and Jake spent much of his young life in Uncle Kirby's home.

In his teens, he was placed in his Uncle Sebe's home, but that didn't work out too well. Jake left and joined the U.S. Army in World War I and was sent to France where he saw combat. He served in the Field Artillery, returned home safely.

After the war he married Evelyn Smith, a neighbor's daughter. They had always known each other and had gone to Pine Springs School together. Everyone called her Ebbie, but Jake always called her Evelyn. They lived in the old John Smith house when they first married, but then they bought a farm from Frank G. Vincent in the northwest quarter of Section 4 in Pine Springs, and lived there the rest of their lives.

Mr. Jake Smith was an active member of the Pine Springs Methodist Church and a respected member of the community. He loved baseball and at one time played on the Pine Springs White Special team. Another love of his was bird hunting. Sometimes he would take his old bird dog, Bob, and go off on a hunt with a group of other men who were his neighbors. Part of the fun of the hunt would be the bottle of 'shine' that they would pass around, but Jake never would drink whiskey and would never touch the stuff. It was OK if the others drank, but he just didn't need it.

After their children grew up and left, Jake and Ebbie lived quietly on their place and continued to farm. Their needs were few and they raised most everything they needed. Their son lived nearby and they enjoyed family get-togethers at their home.

Mr. Jake died in 1987 and was buried at Pine Springs Methodist Church. He was a quiet, honest, good man and the whole community mourned his passing. He lived to be 86 years old.

Children:

- A. EDGAR TALMADEGE SMITH 1923- , m. Rita Nell White, dau. of Allen and Gladys (Stephens) White of Obediah.

Talmadge grew up in Pine Springs, graduated from Center Hill school. In World War II he was stationed in India, assigned to the 446 Engineer Base Depot Co, U.S. Army. Returning after the war, he married and got a job with McElroy Electric Company, where he worked as an electrician for years. Almost at retirement, he went to work for McLelland Electric Co. in Meridian. He retired in 1986.

Talmadge and Rita built a neat little white house in Section 4 on land that was his father's. It is across the road from the entrance to Pine Springs Park on Okatibbee Reservoir.

Children:

- a. Jerry Wayne Smith 1947, m. Francis 'Fran' Tucker.
 - b. Anita Joyce Smith 1949, m. Billy Arvin Williamson
 - c. Charles Edward Smith 1952-, m. Winnie Dale Chisolm of Kemper Co.
 - d. Edgar Ronald 'Ron' Smith 1954, m. Ladonna Gayle Crenshaw.
- B. IDA BETH SMITH 1928-1982, m. Leon Richardson.

Grew up in Pine Springs, graduated from high school at Center Hill. Entered Anderson Infirmary School of Nursing, grad. with R.N. in 3 years. Moved to New Orleans with her husband where she worked in a plant as an industrial nurse. Retired early due to ill health, died at age of 54, bur. at Pine Springs Cem. No children.

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IV. SELETA SMITH

Born: Nov. 30, 1875, Pine Springs. Died: March 31, 1877

The only daughter of Seaborn Smith, Sr., "Seletie" strangled on a grain of corn when she was about one and a half years old. Her grave is at Fellowship Baptist Church.

VI. EDMUND KIRBY SMITH

Born; 1879, Pine Springs Died: _____, bur. Memorial Park Cem, Meridian
 Married: FRANCIS ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' LOVE, dau. of John and Mary (Denton)
 Love and sister of Ida L. Love who married Jacob B. Smith.

grew up in Pine Springs and went to school at the old Oak Grove School which was in NW quarter of Section 4, Pine Springs. He married Lizzie, a Pine Springs girl, and they first lived on the land in Section 34, T-8, R-15E, that he had inherited from his grandfather.

On Feb. 9, 1906, Kirb bought land a quarter mile north of the Pine Springs store in the northwest quarter of Section 9 from George W. ~~W. W. W. W.~~ who owned a sawmill. Harbour had dammed up the branch that ran through the place and crossed the road at the bottom of the hill and north of the church and store, to make a millpond. Kirb took out the dam to clear more land for farming and pasture. The old house on the place is thought to have been built by Mr. Harbour. It was an old house but was not made of logs but of lumber. It did have the old style kitchen separated from the rest of the house. Many of the old Southern homes had kitchens built in the yard apart from the house to keep heat and clatter from the main living quarters in the summer and as an added fire precaution. Later Kirb built a kitchen onto the house and used the old kitchen for another crib. Around the 1940's, Kirb took the old house down and built a new frame home, which is the house that is on the property today.

Kirby Smith also bought land in Sections 8 and 5 which he either farmed or used for cattle range. Some of the land he bought from his brothers. He bought the west side of Section 5 from Joe Clark.

Kirb Smith took an active part in community affairs, serving as a board member of the Union Church that had been built by neighbor Rev. Sam H. Bozeman. While Kirby was not in regular attendance on Sundays, he came to preachin' from time to time and most always attended the protracted meetings. He also took his turn serving as trustee for Pine Springs School.

He had many good traits and was an honest man, but he had the reputation of being one with a quick temper. Nobody ever went out of their way to try to cross him.

When Fred Johnson first came to Pine Springs and bought land in the east side of Section 5 and began to reclaim and farm the old fields, he and his sons, Adolph and David, worked mighty hard to get a corn crop planted. Finally they got the job done and the corn was out of the ground three-four inches, when one day here came Mr. Kirb in his farm wagon. Kirb had cows on the old Clark place behind Johnsons that he was going over to see about. Instead of driving around the edge of the field, he cut straight across the rows, leaving big wagon tracks. Coming back that evening, he did the same thing, cut right across the middle of the field. The Johnson boys were furious! Couldn't he see that it was a field?

They couldn't say anything to Mr. Smith for they were just boys, but their Papa could! They went to Mr. Johnson, but he wouldn't say a word to Mr. Smith. Fred Johnson was a friendly fellow and tried to get along with everybody. His boys concluded that Fred Johnson was just plain scared of Mr. Smith. And perhaps he was.

Then there was the time that Mr. Kirb fixed Horace Lowe's head up so with the handle of a buggy whip that poor Mr. Lowe couldn't wear his hat for a week.

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The story goes that Horace Lowe had a big hog that he had fattened up to sell. He owed his borther Ethan \$5 and Ethan told him that he would just take the hog and they could call it even.

"No," Horace told him, "I'm gonna find somebody that will give me \$10 for him and then I'll pay you."

Kirby Smith came by and saw the hog and Horace talked him into buying it for \$10. They put the hog up onto Kirb's wagon and he took him on home, telling Horace that he didn't have the money on him at the moment, but that he would leave the money at the store for him the next passing.

Late that afternoon Kirb went to the store with Mr. Lowe's money. Lee Ratcliff, who ran the store, asked him if he had the money for Horace Lowe.

"Yeah, I do. It's right here," Kirb said, patting his shirt pocket.

"Good!" said Lee.

Of course Kirb asked him why he wanted to know, and at first Lee wouldn't tell him. Kirb insisted, so finally Lee told him that Horace had been in earlier, liquored up a bit, and said if Kirb didn't hurry up and pay him the money he owed for that hog, why, he was going to buggy whip him.

Well, that set Kirb on fire! About that time here came Horace Lowe driving up in his buggy. In about two jumps Kirb was up in the buggy with Horace, who began to hit at Kirb with his whip. Kirb snatched the whip out of Horace's hand and started beating him over the head with the handle. Horace managed to get the buggy turned around and headed for home, Smith pummelling him all the while. Onlookers later said that Kirb hung on and fought down to where Horace turned in at his road. Where the buggy went around the corner in the deep sand, one side tipped up and Kirb was thrown off. Horace didn't stop until he reached the safety of his barn.

Kirb walked back up to the store, brushing the dust off his clothes.

"Did you give Horace his money?", someone asked.

Kirb patted his shirt pocket again. "This is as close as Horace Lowe will ever get to THIS money.", he said.

And as far as is known, Kirb Smith never did pay Horace Lowe for his pig.

It was a good thing that Mr. Kirb and Miss Lizzie did when they took in their nephew, Jake Smith, when both his parents had died. They had two sons of their own that were a little younger than Jake and they raised them all together. They gave the orphaned boy a home and he grew into a fine man.

Another good thing to Kirb Smith's credit is that he didn't turn his back on his father. He had reason to hate the old man after the way he had mistreated them when they were growing up and had even killed Kirb's brother, but Kirb took him in when Jack didn't have anywhere to go. Jack had tried to get old John Smith's will set aside so he could get the land that was set aside for his boys, but Kirb still took care of him in his need.

Kirb Smith was a good man - just a little hot-tempered, is all.
Children:

1. INFANT DAUGHTER
2. JESSE SMITH Infant, died with diphtheria.
3. BENNIE DEE 'BABE' SMITH 1905- , m. (1) Willie Mae Kelle (2) Mrs. Louise Perry. Made his home in Meridian.

Step-daughter:

- A. Shirley Ann Perry
4. WILLIAM AUBREY SMITH 1909- , m. (1) Ina Beckman (2) Louella Cleveland (3) Evelyn Kinard

Has lived in Pine Springs most of his life. He bought his father's farm when it sold for taxes, let Bennie Dee have the 20 acres where the house stood, bought the old Jim Thead place in southeast quarter of Section 9 and built the house there that he lives in now. (Children, next page.)

Children: (First mother had one, Second had one, Third had two.)

- A. BILLIE JOYCE SMITH 19__, m. George Huajardo of Alameda, Ca.
- B. LULA JEAN SMITH 19__, m. (1) ___ Mapp? (2) William 'Bill' Bailey, Now living in West Virginia.
- C. MARGARET ANN SMITH 1942-__, m. Kendall Kinard, son of George and Manez (Snowden) Kinard of Pine Springs, qv. Ann and Kendall have built their home on land that was once part of Kirb Smith's farm in NW quarter of Sec. 9, Pine Springs. Ann and Kendall both take an active part in Pine Springs Meth. Church, where Ann is the pianist.
Children: (Both have homes in Pine Springs.)
 - a. Teresa Ann Kinard 1960, m. Mark Dennis Webb of Bailey.
 - b. Jeri Lynn Kinard 1963, m. Roy W. Rogers of Collinsville.
- D. VIRGINIA DALE SMITH 1945, Unmarried, works as secretary to Director of Lauderdale Co. Welfare Dept.

VII. WILLIAM HARDEE 'HARD' SMITH

Born; Feb.21,1880

Died: Aug.28,1926

Married: Carrie Pope, (1888-1974), dau. of Johnny and Fannie (Parker) Pope, Kemper. Did not own a farm, farmed about on different places at Center Hill and Obediah communities. Was 46 when he died. He was picking cucumbers and got too hot.

Children:

1. JOHNNY JAMES SMITH 1906-__, m. Lorina Harmon
2. FRANCES ESTHER SMITH 1909-__, m. Robert Harmon
3. WILLIAM THELMA SMITH (son) 1911-1913, two years old.
4. BARNEY LEE SMITH 1913-__, m. Louise Spears, (sis of Jas. Frank Spears)
5. ARNOLD HARDY SMITH 1919-19__, did not marry.
6. GARNIE RAY SMITH 1917-__, m. Louise Snowden
7. DORA BELL SMITH 1919-19__, m. Eursel Hurtt
8. RALPH SMITH 1922-__, m. Josephine Crenshaw
9. WILLIAM HARDEE SMITH, JR. 1925-__, m. Bonnie Rea Snowden
10. BARBARA RUTH SMITH 1927-19__, m. Ernest S. Partin

VIII. ALBERT SIDNEY 'SID' SMITH

Born: 188__, Pine Springs

Died: 193__ Bur. Fellowship Ch, no stone.

Married: BESSIE SNOWDEN, dau. of James T. and Anne (Hatcher) Snowden of Pine Springs. When they first married, Sid and Bessie lived in the last house in the lane on the Lowe farm in Pine Springs. Sid had a job hauling logs and drove a team of oxen. Dr. Reuben Johnson, who grew up in Pine Springs, remembers "...those long chains of struggling, weaving oxen, as they pulled at their heavily loaded, wide-rimmed wagon that fairly creaked under the heavy loads, that crawled so slowly down those dusty roads. Those creatures of burden, yoked with those wooden yokes that had worn large calluses and bleeding blisters on those poor creature's necks. A sickening view to the onlooker. Those yelling drivers that cracked their long rawhide whips to stimulate those animals to a greater united pull. All this, to the roadside watcher was a thrill, as well as a heart-rendering watch, but this, in that day, was called progress."

Sid sometimes worked away from home and his young nephew, Jake Smith, would sleep over with Aunt Bessie to keep her company. Later, Sid and Bessie moved in with her parents, Jim and Annie Snowden. The Snowden's home was off a crossroad that led northward from Pine Springs to Fellowship Church, in Section 34. There was a long, winding drive through th^e.

woods that led to their log house, which was on the west side of the main road. House and drive have both been gone for years.

Sid was known to have intemperate habits; he liked to stop at the taverns on week-ends and lift a few with the boys. He was coming home one night in his usual tipsy condition when he was struck and run over by a car. They found his body in the road not far from their house.. The deputy sheriff and constable held some sort of a half-hearted investigation but they never found out who ran over him. His drinking habits were well known and they said he may have 'laid down to rest' in the road and was hit by accident. There was a black man that had come by in a truck that they questioned, but apparently he was innocent as they let him go. There was not much automobile traffic on the roads in those days, but they never found who hit him.

Sid had inherited a little land in Section 34 from his grandfather. His wife left it to Aubrey Smith, Sid's brother's son, when she died, as she had no children of her own to leave it to. She said someone in the Smith family should have it and Aubrey had not been married long and needed it.

Children: None.

IX. JOSEPH EGGLETON 'JOE' SMITH

Born; April 26, 1887, Pine Springs. Died: Dec. 6, 1926, bur. Fellowship Ch. Married: MARY ELIZABETH 'LIZZIE' CALVERT, dau. of John Greenwood and Junior Ida (Townsend) Calvert of Pine Springs. *Keeps Card*

Joe and Lizzie Smith lived on the road that is now named Windsor Drive, southeast of Pine Springs. In 1926 it was just a narrow, muddy stretch of a country road that crossed from the Bailey Road (now Hwy. 493) westward to the main Pine Springs Road. There was one great mud-hole just off the main (Bailey) road where a branch crossed, that was hard to get through in an automobile. (Today this crossroad is paved.)

Joe worked in Meridian at the same place as Vance Foreman, who owned a truck. One night Van was giving Joe a lift home when they were stopped by a bunch of the Brown boys as they turned and slowed down to cross the mud-hole. This was Clyde Brown and his brother, who was called Tobe. With them were Clyde's oldest son, Vernon, and Tobe's oldest son, Rufus.

There was 'bad blood' between Joe Smith and Clyde Brown. Some said that at a rooster-fight at some time earlier, Joe had bet against Clyde's chickens and Clyde had lost. Clyde was angry and picked a fight with Joe, whereupon Joe 'knocked the fire' out of Clyde. Clyde had vowed to get even. (It often got pretty wild at those cock fights!)

According to Jake Smith, Joe's nephew, some of the Brown boys had the reputation of being bad to scrap and were known to be handy with their knives. Jake said that they shot Joe in his arm and then gashed him up with their knives and left him there to die in the road. Vance made a run for it and went through a patch of heavy undergrowth and got away.

An investigation was held which resulted in the Browns being tried for murder in the Lauderdale County Circuit Court. Van Foreman was a witness, but he was too frightened to tell much about what had happened. Kirby Smith was told by one of the jurors on the case that there was no way that they could have convicted the Browns as they had a man on the jury that would have voted for acquittal no matter how good a case was presented. Some of the Smiths even had doubts about the district attorney.

Lizzie Smith, Joe's widow, took Joe's insurance money and bought 80 acres and a mule. She and her oldest son, 13 year old Minton, went to farming to make a living for her and her seven children. She bought the farm from Sam Kinard of Pine Springs, and it had an old two-storied double cabin log house on the place. They had hard times like all did who grew up during the depression of the 1930's, but Lizzie held her family together and they survived. She took them to the nearby Fellowship Church and she wasn't opposed to whipping her sons soundly, if she thought they needed it. She trained them right, and they were a close-knit, loving family, and they all grew up to be decent, caring adults. *She d. July 8, 1973*
Children:

1. CHARLIE E.J. SMITH 1912-1912, 4 months old.
2. MINTON JOSEPH SMITH 1914-1985, m. Gertrude Shadow.
3. MARGARET ASALEE SMITH 1916- , m. John T. 'JT' Shadow
4. EVERDEAN ADALINE SMITH 1918-~~1988~~, m. R.S. 'Essie' Haguewood. Owned a sawmill in Center Hill Community.
5. BEATRICE SMITH 1920-1986, m. J. C. Blaclwell
6. JOHNNY ODELL SMITH 1922- , m. Esther Ashley of New York. Was a Sgt. in U.S. Army in World War II, where he was sent to the South Pacific. Now living in Largo, Fla.
7. STENNIS SMITH 1924-1971, m. Mildred Baggett. Was a Sgt. in World War II in the U.S. Army. Was on Guam when he received a head wound. A bullet hit him in the face and went through his head, but miraculously recovered and returned home.
8. JACOB HARDY SMITH 1926- , m. Neeley Busby, is Mgr. of Soule Steam Feed Works, an old company in Meridian.

Jake Smith Interview

On Early Pine Springs Church

Jake: (on Bro. Yeager)

... Miss Mattie Vincent was sort of... And he had three daughters at ^{the} Beason College down there - he worked for that. And of course, all the Vincent Boys were there then. They were kinda sweet on them gals. Miss Nannie (Vincent) was struck on the preacher. Course, him & her never did marry cause she got crippled up with that arthritis.

That was the 1st Methodist preachin down there that I know of or can remember. Course, you know, we had all preachers, Methodist, Adventist and everything else. Mostly, Sanctified - Holiness sanctified, cause that's what Mrs. Bozeman was and seemed like they just turned out preachers - or they turned themselves out - in droves. They'd just come over here and find out that ^{Sam} Bozeman had left his wife (died) and so forth.

But Yeager worked down there at Beason College & drove two little old - I don't know whether it was horses or mules - to his buggy, there. And he had them three daughters Miss Effie, Ola Rea and Belle. I think it was Ola Rea that Frank was going with? Frank was going with one of 'em, before him and Miss Edna married.

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Ehly:

Well, when did old Mr. Snellgrove come in?

Jake:

He come in after that. When he come in, we had already got the church in the schoolhouse. (After ¹⁹³² the school was consolidated - Center Hill School and the old ^{vacant} schoolhouse was used as a church.) We didn't have no regular preacher. Even before that, ^{Bio. Dan} Yeager didn't have no ^{preacher} - he wasn't no conference preacher. ^{the time he was here.} Now, he had a brother, George Yeager

that was a conference preacher. That was a brother of Dan Yeager. And then Mr. Snellgrove come in after the yeagers quit preaching out here.

After Bro. Snellgrove quit comin we had a bunch of preachers that kept coming. In other words, we was taken in, after they organized the Methodist Church - was taken in on that charge - what did they call that charge out there in Texedo, Evelyn?

Ebby - I cant remember -

Jake - well we was put on that, ^{had a name} then we was taken off that and put on Andrew's Chapel charge. And then I believe, by the way, that it was - would you call it Pleasant Grove?

Ebby - Yeah, Pleasant Grove.

Jake - see, the preacher preached at all these churches. We'd get one Sunday a month, and so would the others. And then we decided that there was enough people here going to church that we could have our own preacher. That's when we went to full time.

Now, Bro. Snellgrove, I know uses to come out here when the roads were so bad you couldn't get across Bozeman hill, 'cause I was working at Key field and sometimes I'd have to go ^{by} ~~by~~ ^{go over the} towards [Highway] 19 to get through. The roads were so deep you couldn't get up Bozeman Hill. Brother Snellgrove would leave his little Ford over there and walk up to the church to preach. I remember one year he got \$4 for the year.

That's what he was paid. Nobody didn't have no money. and he didn't ask for no money if you didn't have any. And if you had anything like eggs, meat or so forth, that he had to buy, then he'd take that and give the church credit for what he'd have had to pay for it if he had bought it out of the store. I thought a whole

lot of times that that man really wanted to preach.
 we wasn't doing it for what he got out of it.

He wouldn't accept a [Methodist] Conference preachers job,
 cause he worked down there at that warehouse on the
 Railroad there, you know ^{at that time} they had that warehouse down
 there and he had a good job down there. He wanted to
 preach and he'd go out and preach on his own. If he'd have
 went on the Conference why then he'd had to throwed
 everything else down and let them look after him. Cause
 he went up to that Church at Shucktown and preached at
 what was a schoolhouse up there. on a garage - a
 long time, and he preached down here.

Jakes inheritance

When Mama died the place was divided between
 core & mama. We had 23 acres up yonder (section 34)
 and 47 down here [sec 8]. That would have been my
 dad's part. Well, Mama had already sold her property
 to Uncle Lee and bought that place ^{down yonder} at the forks of
 the road ^{down} there where the Bounds Road goes off.
 It was a little less than three acres that Mr Rogers had
 taken that money and bought and still owned it at that
 time when mama died, but see, that was in his (Mr Rogers)
 name. But when mama died she hadn't done anything about
 the division. Well, they had to appoint a Committee of 3
 to appraise this land and give me what was mine and
 give them ^{them}. In other words, I had half of it to begin
 with and 1/3 of the other half. But, anyhow, the Committee
 gave Mr Rogers and Lottie Mae all this 47 acres down here.
 and gave me that up yonder. But I had to pay them
 \$143.33 difference. I got yipped. They had already got mamas.

And now this shouldn't have been anything to them. Because it came from my side of the house. They got a child's part of mama's half. One third of her half was 47 acres down yonder. Uncle Kirk give Mr. Rogers, if I remember correctly, around \$500 for that 47 acres down there in the swamp. Well, I got \$630 for this 27 acres up yonder. Now, there's the division and I had to pay them \$143.33 difference. I really got about \$500 for my part and they got, for their $2\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ they got more money for that than I got for all of mine, and I had $\frac{1}{2}$ plus $\frac{1}{3}$. That's your Appraisal Committee. Old man Lon Lowe and Joe Stennis was two of the Appraisers. Stennis had also been our representative over in the legislature. Lowe was the one that used to own the Lowe place down here. I don't know now who appointed that Committee. Uncle Kirk was appointed my guardian, you see, it was all after mama died all this stuff happened.

Jake Smith

MERIDIAN STAR

MERIDIAN, MISS. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1926

HOLD WHITE MEN IN KILLING CASE

Joe Smith Is Dead and Clyde Brown and Son, Vernon, Residing About 6 Miles North of City, Are Held In Jail.

POLICE SAY PAIR ADMITS SON FIRES SHOT

Clyde Brown, aged 43, and his son, Vernon, 17, farmers residing about six miles north of Meridian on the Meridian and Louisville highway, are held in the local county jail in connection with the death of Joe Smith, 44, also a farmer of that community, who was shot and instantly killed Monday evening about 7:30 o'clock.

Find Body by Roadside

The body of Mr. Smith was found on the side of the road and reported to the Meridian police department and about an hour later, the two Messrs. Smith came to the city and surrendered at police headquarters, claiming, Night Sergeant Frank Gunn stated, that Smith was shot by the son, while he had his father down beating him. The pair was carried to the county jail where they will be held pending an investigation. No charges have been made in the case, this being delayed by District Attorney Martin Miller until he completed his probe of the case.

Met on Highway

It appears from the account given the police the three men met on the highway when they got into a dispute and a fight followed.

Vernon Brown, seeing his father getting the worst of it, ran to his automobile nearby, seized a shotgun, rushed back to the combatants and shot Smith, the entire load taking effect, according to the statement they made to Night Sergeant Gunn, the latter said.

The man killed and his slayers are well known in this section of the county.

According to reports by officials and others who visited the scene of the killing, the body of Smith bore several cuts in addition to the gun shot wound.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1926

JAIL TWO MORE MEN IN CASE

Roof and Reon Brown With Clyde and Vernon Brown Face Charges of Murder in Connection With Death of Joe Smith

Roof and Reon Brown, father and son, have been placed in the county jail on charges of murder and assault. Plans for the trial of the four accused men have not been made. Charges have been placed against Clyde Brown and his son, Vernon, already occupying a cell in connection with the killing of Joe Smith, in their community six miles north of Meridian on the Meridian and Louisville highway Monday evening. All have resided in that section for a long time. The affidavits were sworn out in the court of Justice W. D. Roberts.

Arrests Follow Investigation
The arrest of Clyde and Vernon Brown was followed by the jailing of the other two Browns when District Attorney Martin Miller and County Attorney Casper Phillips made an investigation of the death of Mr. Smith. Details of the developments in the case that prompted the arrest of the latter pair, were not disclosed by the two officials.



MR. AND MRS. E. K. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Rt. 2. Their sons with their wives assisted in receiving.

The home was lovely with

Christmas greens and gift flow. The table, covered with a cloth, was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake surmounted by miniature bride and groom.

Many gifts were received by bride and groom of 50 years.

The Meridian News

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1929

BROWN TRIAL SET; CIRCUIT COURT OPENS

Making a forceful, concise charge to the grand jury to thoroughly investigate all phases of any violations of the law, Judge J. D. Fatheree, of Quitman, opened the August term of circuit court Monday morning.

T. W. Elkin is foreman of the grand jury. The members are T. L. Johnson, Jr., J. C. Germany, G. C. Taylor, J. W. Stallings, G. T. Lockard, J. C. McElroy, J. W. Rich, H. W. White, T. B. Mathews, Louis Curtis, S. B. Butchee, W. E. Lee, E. E. Knight, J. H. Hurt, O. F. Payne, J. B. Seegers and R. L. Moreland.

To Take Up Brown Case

Setting of the case against Clyde Brown, charged by the state with the murder of Joe Smith, during an alleged fight between the Browns and Smiths about three years ago, featured opening of court. A special venire of 75 men is being summoned by Sheriff Stone, for trial of the case beginning Wednesday at 8:30.

District Attorney Martin Miller and County Attorney, J. V. Gipson, will conduct the prosecution. Marion W. Reily and J. E. Parker will represent the defendant. At the time of the trouble, which occurred near the home of the principals in the Bailey vicinity, Clyde Brown and his brother, Rufus, and two sons, Reon and Vernon, were jointly indicted.

Request for separate trials was made and granted. Clyde Brown was convicted of manslaughter, but on appeal to the supreme court the verdict was reversed and sent back for retrial. The outcome of all of the cases is depending on the result of the charge against Clyde Brown, it was stated.



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THE MERIDIAN

ESTABLISHED 1896 By More Than 50 Per Cent the Largest
Values of farm lands in Mississippi
in 1920, amounted to \$54,752,334.

MERIDIAN, MISS., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1923

IN SPITE OF HORROR, JAP SPIRIT UNBROKEN

Estimate Total Will Reach 300,000—Tokio and Yokohama Virtually Heaps of Ashes—Property Damage Nearly \$5,000,000,000.

OVER 500 FOREIGNERS LOST LIVES

(The Star Local News)

Shanghai, China, Sept. 6.—The spirit of Japan is not broken. This is the consensus of opinion of refugees who continue to pour into Shanghai from the zone of horror. Death and desolation which extends for scores and scores of miles to the northeast and southwest of snow-capped Fujiyama, the holy mountain of the Japanese people.

The hideous nightmare that has beset the island empire since the titanic earthquake, fire, typhoon and tidal wave disaster of last Saturday may have temporarily spread an overwhelming pall of superstitious fear and terror over millions of horror-battered refugees from the disaster area, but Thursday the people of the rising sun are slowly and surely regaining their stoic composure and with the fatalistic calm so characteristic of their race, they are now setting about to reconstruct from the ruins of the fairest portion of their land the foundation for a great nation and a greater civilization.

Low Toll Reported Untrue
In spite of reports emanating from Japan Wednesday that the death toll from the recent cataclysm has been greatly exaggerated, there is a persistent belief that this is not the case. Estimates from scores of sources bringing that at least 200,000 casualties have resulted from the violent catastrophe, including 130,000 dead in and around Tokio, and 100,000 in Yokohama.

Outside of the above fearful toll, hundreds of other dead are reported from cities, towns and villages scattered up and down the coast with the city of Tokio as an origin. Tokio and Yokohama are virtual heaps of dust and ashes.

SHOOTING MAY PROVE FATAL

S. A. Byrd Thought Mortally Wounded by John W. Thead.

BOTH WELL KNOWN.

S. A. Byrd, aged 35, residing in the Bailey community about 14 miles north of Meridian, is in Matty Hersee Hospital probably fatally wounded from the effects of two pistol shots, the bullets entering near the heart, and John W. Thead, aged about 37, is in the county jail charged with the shooting. It was stated at the hospital Thursday that Byrd had small chance of recovery.

The shooting appears to have been the aftermath of a raid in search of a moonshine still conducted Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Wells and Prohibition Agents D. S. Cleveland and C. S. Wilkins, according to reports, the raiders having found a quantity of mash but reported that where they had expected to find a still there was none, it having disappeared, indications about the place showing that it had been hurriedly moved away, the officers stated.

Claim Thead Accused Byrd.
According to the reports Thead went to Byrd Wednesday afternoon and accused him of being implicated in furnishing the officers with information that resulted in the raid. The accusation is alleged to have been denied by Byrd, whereupon Thead with the use of the short and ugly word, whipped out his revolver and fired twice, both bullets taking effect.

The wounded man was hurried to the Matty Hersee Hospital and Sheriff John M. March, Deputy Sheriff J. H. Wells and Constable E. E. Mosby went to the scene of the shooting, arrested Thead, brought him to the city and placed him in the county jail Thursday morning shortly after midnight.

Both men are well known in that section of the county where they live and Byrd is a married man, having a wife and five children, the youngest a four-months-old baby. It was learned.

\$2,500 IN PRIZE LIST

Estimated Cash Value of the Donations of Meridian to Its Thousands of Guests on Friday.

All guests are urged to clip the following list of prizes and bring the clipping with them in order to know when and where to go to qualify for prizes on Friday.

About \$2,500 is the estimated cash market value of the prizes offered by Meridian for its guests on Get-Together or Ford Day, Friday, Sept. 7. The prizes range from two automobiles and a phonograph to hats, brushes, flour and other articles too numerous to name.

In addition to the three major prizes—a Ford touring car given by the M. R. Adams company, a \$150 phonograph by the A. Gressett Music House and a Ford touring car by the Meridian Star—a long list of other prizes are offered by Meridian business houses. Among the prizes announced thus far are the following: Others will be announced later: Greenwald's—A quart of motor oil free to each customer.

Thomas & Daniels—A free hair cut

(CONTINUED ON PAGE NINE)

BE OUR GUEST FRIDAY; YOU MAY DRIVE HOME A NEW TOURING CAR

Every white resident of Eastern Mississippi (outside of Meridian) and of Western Alabama, is cordially invited to try for a new Ford touring car which the Meridian Star offers free to some one of its guests on Meridian Get-together day, Friday September 7.

All you have to do is to call at The Star office between 8:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Nothing to pay. Nothing to do. You will receive a numbered tag. Keep it. Bring it to The Star office at 4:30 p. m., when and where the car will be awarded.

Someone will drive this car home. It may be you. Be sure to call at The Star office Friday.

Senator-elect Hardin Brooks will have charge of awarding the car in front of The Star at about 4:30 p. m.

Remember, the car will be awarded only among those who have registered at The Star and WHO ARE IN THE CROWD in front of The Star when the award is made. If the chosen one is not in the crowd, then the car will go to the next choice and so on, until some one IN THE CROWD qualifies to drive home The Star's new Ford auto.

Any failing to GIVE CORRECT HOME address will be automatically disqualified. Home address is where you receive your mail.

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**REFUGES
 AMERICAN SHIP**

(By Star Leased Wire)
 Sept. 7.—Only 100 refu-
 ged the Steamer President
 uted from Yokohama to
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Says, However,
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DICK WORK

(By Star Leased Wire)
 Sept. 7.—Sinking of
 s Virginia and New
 y airmen again demon-
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**BYRD SUCCUMBS
 TO GUN WOUNDS**

Bullets Alleged to Have
 Been Fired by John
 Thead.

TAKE BODY HOME

S. A. Byrd, aged 35, died at about
 1 o'clock Friday morning at a local
 hospital from the effects of two pistol
 shot wounds in the left breast, al-
 leged to have been inflicted by John
 W. Thead, aged about 37, late Wed-
 nesday near Byrd's home in the Pine
 Springs community, 14 miles north-
 west of the city.
 The body was prepared for burial
 at the James Webb funeral parlors
 and is to be conveyed to his late home
 for the funeral service and burial.
 Deceased is survived by his widow
 and five children, one a very young
 baby.

Face Murder Charge.
 Thead, who was arrested shortly
 after the shooting, brought to Meri-
 dian and confined in the county jail by
 Sheriff John M. Martin, Deputy
 Sheriff J. H. Wells and Constable E.
 E. Mosby, will now have to face a
 charge, it is thought of first degree
 murder.

From particulars of the shooting
 as secured from the arresting officers,
 it appears that Byrd was shot by
 Thead for no other reason than that
 Byrd had denied an accusation that
 he had "turned up" Thead to the
 revenue officers or prohibition agents
 in connection with alleged moonshine
 operations.

Were Former Neighbors.
 According to the officers, the two
 men formerly lived as neighbors, but
 at the time of the shooting were re-
 siding several miles apart. On Wed-
 nesday following a raid that had been
 made several days before by Deputy
 Sheriff J. H. Wells and Prohibition
 Agents D. S. Cleveland and S. C.
 Wilkins, but which raid only resulted
 in the discovery of a barrel of mash
 and indications that a still had been
 moved from where it had only a short
 time before been in operation, Byrd
 was in the community where Thead
 lived and the latter, the officers
 say, approached and accused Byrd of
 "turning him (Thead) up" to the au-
 thorities.

Byrd, according to the officers, is
 said to have denied the accusation.
 The denial apparently not being be-
 lieved by Thead, the latter with an
 oath whipped out his gun and fired
 twice at Byrd, both bullets taking ef-
 fect in the left breast near the heart.
 Thead is a married man having a
 wife and five children. It is stated
 by the officers that he has twice been
 married, his first wife having been
 accidentally killed by him something
 like six or seven years ago.

It was stated at the time, the au-
 thorities say, that Thead had been
 hunting and on returning home was
 in the act of cleaning his gun when
 the weapon was accidentally discharg-
 ed, Mrs. Thead, who was standing
 near, being killed.

was said, even though commercial and
 industrial Japan ultimately turn to
 native styles. The restoration, how-
 ever, may take ten years.

Restore Former Beauty.
 The flowery parks and picturesque
 Oriental shrines of the devastated
 capital—which have attracted millions
 of western visitors—will be restor-
 ed to their former beauty. Conjoined
 with new modern homes for her gov-
 ernment officials, the rebuilt Tokio is
 expected to be even more attractive
 than the old. Reports that the Jap-
 anese capital might be moved from
 Tokio to Osaka, or Kyoto were denied
 today by the ambassador, Hanhara.
 "I am certain the government will
 not be moved away from Tokio."
 "Kyoto, the former capital is
 too small and transportation there
 is inadequate. It is altogether un-
 suitable as a capital for modern Jap-
 an, although it was sufficient a cen-
 tury ago. Osaka is also impossible.
 It is purely a commercial city and un-
 suited for government purposes."
 "Reports that the government has
 been moved temporarily to Osaka are
 surprising to me. If they are true, it
 is only a temporary movement and the
 capital seat will soon be returned to
 Tokio."

**ITALY LANDS
 MORE TROOPS**

Greece Starts Independ-
 ent Inquiry Into
 Killings.

CORFU IS QUIET

(By Star Leased Wire)
 Athens, Sept. 7.—One thousand ad-
 ditional troops have been landed at
 Forfu, said a despatch from that
 city Thursday. The town has been
 closed except for communication with
 the outside world under military can-
 sorship.

Greece has started an independent
 inquiry into the assassination of
 General Tellini and four other Ital-
 ians, which was responsible for the
 Italian-Greek dispute. It is un-
 derstood the investigators have learned
 the names of several Albanians who
 will be held directly responsible for
 the murders.

Reward is Offered
 A proclamation has been issued
 offering 1,000,000 brachmas for the
 murderers.

Corfu is quiet except for unimpor-
 tant incidents connected with the
 Italian search for arms.

Newspapers charge that Italians in
 various provincial towns are guilty
 of provoking misconduct and in-
 citing disorders.

The Greek foreign minister has
 complained to the Italian legation
 that the Italian newspapers are
 printing statements detrimental to
 Greece, thus causing ill-feeling.

State Resumes

Murder Trial

This is expected to reduce the total
 of his bid from \$5,000,000 to between
 \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

Unaware of Obstacles.
 When he came to Washington at
 the invitation of the President Ford
 was not aware of the legal obsta-
 cles standing in the way of the ac-
 ceptance of his offer by the govern-
 ment, and it will require several days
 for his engineers and attorneys to go
 over the proposition before a new bid
 can be sent to Secretary of War
 Weeks.

**KNOW NOTH-
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(By Star Leased Wire)
 Saratoga Springs,
 Mystery shrouds the
 Mayor J. F. Hyla
 City, who has been
 for more than a we
 At present he is r
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**FEAR MERIDIANITES LOST
 REACHED YOKOHAMA TH
 BEFORE THE TERRIBLE**

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Coit, Missionarie
 Children, Have Not Been Heard Fro
 Disaster—May Have Proceeded
 Korea, Their Location.

STEAMSHIPS UNABLE TO GIVE

Relatives and friends of Rev. and
 Mrs. R. T. Coit in this city who re-
 cently completed a six months vaca-
 tion and started back for their mis-
 sionary field in Korea, are very anx-
 ious and much concerned for the safety
 of the party who arrived in Yoko-
 hama the day before the terrible
 earthquake which caused the loss of
 half a million or more lives and did
 incalculable property damage in Japan.

Six in Party.
 The Coit party consisted of Rev. and
 Mrs. R. H. Coit and their four children
 Robert, Judith, Laura May and a baby
 girl, ranging in years from 5 to 10 and
 a sister of Rev. Coit, Miss Johnnie.
 They left here several weeks ago to
 take a steamer from the Pacific coast
 for Yokohama to travel thence to Ko-
 rea.

Immediately following the reports of
 the earthquake, relatives here who
 knew the approximate time of their
 arrival in Yokohama, began making
 inquiries, wiring the steamship offices
 for information of the ship's arrival

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**BOTH CITIES
 BLACK WASTE**

Inferno Is Everywhere,
 People Trying to Leave
 Country.

FEAR AN EPIDEMIC

(By Star Leased Wire)
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 ful cities of Tokio and Yokohama are
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J. D. Harwell - Bailiff
J. W. Stillwell "
J. H. Currie - DA

St. vs. Sebe Smith

Sebe case to jury nov. 8

Sebe Smiths Trial

AN INVITATION TO HEALTH



No involution has ever to complete without health, and health is more desired and sought after than all the rest of the year put together. Many are disappointed in not obtaining their chief desire. If you are one of the disappointed ones, take renewed courage in the knowledge that you CAN and your satisfaction, with certainty that it will be obtained. There is no simpler, better way than by means of

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South China is in Rebellious Turmoil

Are Making War on Govern-
Officials and Scattering
ives and Christians.

HE SLEEPS IN PALACE

(Special Telegram)

Dispatch from Hong Kong, dated yesterday, says that the rebels are still active in the districts surrounding Canton. An attack is expected within a week, which will result either in the capture of the city or giving it more power. The Chinese authorities are sending reinforcements. The rebel movement is directed against the Chinese and native Christians in the urban districts, where they are being robbed and persecuted.

Commander Accorded Honors

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Judge Hall's rule excluding every one except court officers and lawyers from inside the railing was being vigorously enforced this morning.

Many of the old chair warmers were driven back to the hard benches and the man who was admitted inside the limits considered himself greatly honored.

Newspaper men are shown in favor. A Star representative who called at the court room for news was told to "git" almost before he could see whether or not his chair was a good fit.

EVERY OPERATOR MUST SURRENDER

(Special Telegram)

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—The formal calling off of the strike now awaits only the action of the remaining operators, following that of the mine owners in conference here yesterday. President Mitchell has telegraphed that not a man will return to work until every operator has given in.

POPE FORCED TO HIS BED

(Special Telegram)

Rome, Oct. 18.—The Pope is indisposed and is compelled to remain in his bed.

They Are Swell

Yes, KNOX Stiff and Soft in Black and Pearl Crushers. Also in Swell Opera Hats for Swell Dressers.

L. H. ARKY,

SOLE AGENT.

CITY IN DANGER

St. Joseph, Missouri Washing
Away By Floods.

GREAT DAMAGE WROUGHT

Over One Million Dollars in Property
Already Destroyed.

SCHOOL BUILDING THREATENED

The Board Will Appeal to the Govern-
ment For Aid.

(Special Telegram)

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 18.—A crisis has been reached at this point and other places along the Missouri river north by the recent ravages of the river, which in the last week has destroyed more than \$1,000,000 worth of property, and the danger at this point is that a large part of the city may be overwhelmed and ruined if not wholly exterminated by the water.

A peculiar feature that aids in the havoc of the water is the bottomless bed of quicksand that underlies the soil in this vicinity.

During the last week the current of the river has renewed its attack on the east bank and a down house

flowed, houses surrounded and large quantities of property have been swept away.

CRIMINAL COURT

Special Verdict Ordered in the
Murder Case.

A special venire of 500 men was called for the case of Hobe and Wallace charged with carrying a weapon, and ordered by Judge Hall this morning on motion of the attorney general.

The remembrance of the Monday when the man of the Smith will be called to court Tuesday afternoon in the District Attorney Carter's examination of witness John Wallace Smith was held today.

L. J. Brennan, deputy attorney general, pleaded guilty yesterday to two charges of carrying a weapon, and in default of the money, and in default of the money, was taken up to the county jail. He was making vigorous effort this morning to raise the money and get out.

Today the Parish Ward, under the name of Mr. W. W. W. was arrested, yesterday and yesterday was taken to the county jail. He was taken up to the county jail. He was taken up to the county jail.

Home Cotton

For NIGRA P...

GOT FOURTH

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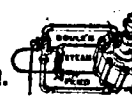
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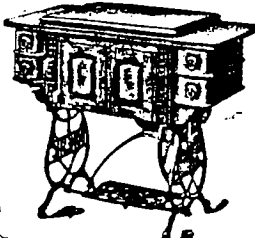
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Armed Bands Are Making War on Govern- ment Officials and Scattering Natives and Christians.

WALDERSEE SLEEPS IN PALACE

(Special Telegram)

Paris, Oct. 18.—A dispatch from Hong Kong, dated yesterday, says the rebels are concentrating in the districts surrounding Canton. An important movement is expected within a week, which will result either in smothering the rebellion or giving it more power. The Chinese authorities are urging need of reinforcements. The rebel movement is directed against the government officers, but the Chinese and native Christians are fleeing from the disturbed districts, where they are being robbed and ill treated by bands of ruffians.

International Commander Accorded Honors

Pekin, Oct. 18.—The Peking column of the Tuo Ting Fu expedition arrived at a point six miles south of Chi Chow yesterday without encountering any opposition. They found the heads of fourteen boxers on the walls of Chou Chouan and killed seven imperial guards. Count Von Waldersee has arrived here, and accorded all the military honors of war. He was accompanied by an escort of international troops to the palace of the empress dowager.

Rebels Capture Important Stronghold.

London, Oct. 18.—A dispatch from Hong Kong of yesterday's date says the capture of Mochan on the East river by the troops of Sun Yat Sen has alarmed the Cantonese. Admiral Ho has left Nam Chuan in pursuit of the rebels.

MAY LOSE

Wells-Fargo Express President Warned to Support McKinley.

(Special Telegram.)

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 18.—John J. Valentine, president of the Wells Fargo Express Company, stated in a public meeting in Oakland that he had received a letter intimating that if he did not abandon his opposition to McKinley and withdraw his support from Bryan he would be removed from his position head of the big corporation.

REPENTENT

Blind Tiger Men are Trying to Ease Out of Trouble.

The several men charged with operating blind tigers appear to be

GOT FOURTH

Winner & Meyer's Window Dresser Captures an International Award.

Mr. B. F. Waddell, Winner & Meyer's artistic window dresser, has received notice that he has been awarded fourth prize in the President Suspender Contest.

There were four prizes offered for the four best dressed windows in the United States and Canada, the windows to be decorated with the President Suspender.

When the fact is considered that there were thousands of expert window dressers competing for the prizes, Mr. Waddell is to be congratulated on his success.

The window attracted considerable attention at the time, and Meridian's young artist received many compliments upon its attractiveness.

BURGLAR

Attempt to Enter the Residence of

COURT HABITUÉS ARE EXCLUDED

Judge Hall's rule excluding every one except court officers and lawyers from inside the railing was being vigorously enforced this morning.

Many of the old chair warmers were driven back to the hard benches and the man who was admitted inside the limits considered himself greatly honored.

Newspaper men are shown no favors. A Star representative who called at the court room for news was told to "git" almost before he could see whether or not his chair was a good fit.

EVERY OPERATOR MUST SURRENDER

(Special Telegram)

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—The formal calling off of the strike now awaits only the action of the remaining operators, following that of the mine owners in conference here yesterday. President Mitchell has telegraphed that not a man will return to work until every operator has given in.

POPE FORCED TO HIS BED

(Special Telegram.)

Rome, Oct. 18.—The Pope is indisposed and is compelled to remain in his bed.

RESTRICTIONS

Removed From Certain Exports From South Africa.

(Special Telegram.)

Pretoria, Oct. 18.—Lord Roberts has issued an order removing the restriction on exports from the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies.

The order includes bar gold, but excepts munitions of war.

TWO REVIVALS IN PROGRESS

The protracted meetings at the First Presbyterian and East End Methodist churches are being well attended. The ministers conducting the series are preaching good sermons, and scattering seeds that all here will reap a full harvest to

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CITY IN DANGER

St. Joseph Missouri Washing Away By Floods.

GREAT DAMAGE WROUGHT

Over One Million Dollars in Property Already Destroyed.

SCHOOL BUILDING THREATENED

The Board Will Appeal to the Govern- ment For Aid.

(Special Telegram.)

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 18.—A crisis has been reached at this point and other places along the Missouri river or north by the recent ravages of the river, which in the past week has destroyed more than \$1,000,000 worth of property, and the danger at this point is that a large part of the city may be overflooded and ruined if not wholly exterminated by the waters.

A peculiar feature that adds to the havoc of the water is the bottomless bed of quicksand that underlies the soil in this vicinity.

During the last week the current of the river has renewed its attack on the east bank and a dozen homes have been rendered worthless or disappeared in consequence.

The ground on which the plant of the Krag Packing Company is located has just been attacked and desperate efforts are being made by the firm for changing the current.

The St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway dumped several carloads of stone and ballast into the quicksand on the east bank and it was swallowed up in a night.

The Floyd school, one of the best school buildings in the city, is threatened with extermination by the river, and the board of education today decided to make a last appeal to the government to attempt a rescue.

(Special Telegram.)

Debuque, Iowa, Oct. 18.—The Mississippi is within eight inches of the danger line tonight, an extraordinary height at this time of year. The lowlands of the city are over-

flooded, houses inundated and large quantities of firewood have been swept away.

CRIMINAL COURT

Special Verdict Ordered in the Sautter Murder Case.

A special verdict of guilty was returned in the case of Bob and William Sautter, charged with murdering a man, on motion of the attorney for the accused.

The summons are made returnable Monday when the case of John Smith will be called for trial. Tuesday afternoon it is hoped the District Attorney Curtis will have examination of witnesses in the Wether Smith case may begin.

I. J. Bruggen, former police officer, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon on two charges of selling liquor, and in default of the payment of \$200, Sam and John Smith looked up in the county jail. He was making vigorous effort this morning to raise the money and get out.

Today the Parish Work, early in the night, Mr. Wether Smith was present, yesterday and a doctor was taken on his head, but he showed up this morning. The doctor's fee was \$100.

Holding Cotton For Higher Price

(Special Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 18.—The farmers in this section have the idea of withholding their cotton "product" till the price of 14 cents for cotton was shown in the market of a number of these plantations. They came to town and asked for the highest price was 14 cents instead of taking this they were stuck in the hands of the market.

UNLUCKY FALL CUT HIS HEAD

Mr. Charles White is coming to his home with a severe gash in his scalp, caused by falling against a tree one yesterday. The tree had been blown down by the wind and he has proven quite unfortunate.

Aug 12, 1986

Interview with Jake and Ebby Smith

Jake born 1899 - Ebby Born 1904(?)

Ebby had just told me that her father, Albert Pace, was born in the house where she was born and grew up in Pine Springs. "On the same floor" she said, meaning that it was an older house there (long) but had been torn down and rebuilt on the same floor. I ~~turned~~ the recorder on. Me - Wonder when the house was built?

Ebby - Oh Lordy well, if pappa was born on it it was a built long time ago.

M - well, he was born in 1866, wasn't it?

E - way back yonder, I don't remember when. I don't remember when Pappa or mama either one, but it was way back yonder. Anyway,

M - He got the land from his daddy, I guess.

E. - I ~~reckon so~~ undoubtably so. Anyway Pappa helped Uncle Dee go to med College ^{for a doctor} I had a little old book here - it was a med. dictionary that was about this long and about this wide and I guess that all the medical terms that they knew then ^{but} I don't know whether Uncle Dee was out or what anyway, Pappa was going to become a doctor, now, I don't know whether was before him and mama married or not - I would think so and then grandpa got sick and Pappa had to come back and take care of the place. and I thought they said grandpa Pace had 6¹⁰ acres

J - I don't know but he had a lot of land.

E. - He had a lot of land

J. - well, he probably did.

They must have owned a section of land. Your papa had 160 right there where the house was.

E - Yeah - that was what was left

J - 160 acres

E - But, anyway, I don't know how big the house was originally but that big room - that room had to be about a 20 x 30, wouldn't you say?

J - I don't know. It was a pretty big room

E - It was a big room. But there wasn't any logs around it that I can remember. But papa added the two rooms on this west side which made the kitchen and the dining room - the dining room that I knew. The we we were just little little younguns and he added on that north room.

J - Tell when he added on that south part

E - I don't know. He added that north room. And why we had the stove - ~~for~~ it didn't have an flooring in it at all. And why we had the stove. ^{But that} where we did the cooking on the dirt floor but we had a stove. Wasn't no fire place. And that where we had the table, where we had all our meals, on that dirt floor. Now, I don't remember when I don't remember when none of the rest of that was added

J - But the house I remember down there at Uncle Kirby's had that old log kitchen out there, that where we done the cooking & eaten, out there behind the house.

E - Yeah, why I remember Auntie had ~~the~~ kitchen as far as from here to that flower-bed out ~~there~~ ^{yonder} (35 ft) there was a walk-way went from what finally become

her kitchen that was attached to her house

J. - Did they keep their dishes and everything out there?

That was a lot of walking

E. - They kept everything - all the food, that was the kitchen - that old log house - just a plain log building out there

J. - That's what Uncle Kirk done. There was a big old log house and they kept everything out there.

E. Well, Auntie did too.

J. - I don't know, that thing was pretty high and I reckon high as this is (the porch - 2 - 2½ ft) or higher I remember I was a little fellow having to get up in that thing

E. - Well Aunt Elizabeth was right on the ground. That walkway went from that part of the house that was built and there was a walkway that went out there and it was right on the ground and there was the table, the stove, all the dishes, all the food - everything.

J. - Yeah I ~~recker~~ reckon they kept everything there. It was just one room, but it was a big one.

E. - Well, we all got in Auntie's room to ate. And Uncle Joel New, Leon's daddy, lived over yonder at Obediab. In an old old house across over there ~~across~~ from Cousin Nora Pratt. That's where his wife died - his first wife, Leon's mother.

A. - He was living at Obediab when she died?

E. - I guess. Now this is the way that I remember it. When she died. Anyway, Uncle Joel had been a RR man - or ~~had~~ something ~~to~~ he worked away - seem like when all the kids came along he moved out on a farm

E^{cont} and Papa was the one that got Auntie & Uncle Joel together and they married.

M. He introduced them?

E - I imagine he did. But now, Aunt Fannie Brown and Uncle Dave Brown had this one son, Wesley and he married Mama's sister, Auntie Rose. Now I don't know who introduced them.

M - Grandma Pratt - lived over there where he moved to? Joel's 2nd wife - she always lived over there when they married, is that it?

E - When Grandpa Pratt died - I'm not sure of this but I think this is right - when Grandpa Pratt died, must have been about 1850, Grandma had these three girls, Auntie, Mama and Auntie Rose. They all moved into the house with Mama and Papa. Mama & Papa were married then because Grandpa Pratt was sick then and I don't remember - somebody - I think that was Grandma Pratt - ^{was} talking about that he couldn't hardly eat anything but Blackberry juice. and they'd go and pick blackberries and cook it into something - that was all that Grandpa Pratt could eat. They were with Mama at the time. Over at ~~M. Over here~~ Papa's house

M - Well, what's the first thing you remember about going to school at Pine Springs - what's some of your earliest memories of going down there.

E - the first thing I remember is fighting with Luna Kinard. That road used to be full - full - we were the farthest and we'd pick them all up all down. And Luna Mama made her wear long

dresses, clear down to her shoe-tops

M - That was Mrs Kinard

E - Lena Kinard, married Weldon Brown

ME - ^{I meant} That would be Sam Kinard's wife, Lena's mother.

E - yes. Laura - Laura Jones.

ME - Was that who she was.

E - And we'd start in. Now, our dresses was kinda long but not as long as Lenas.

But fight - we would fight - but we were not the only ones - they fought all up & down that road.

I just cant remember, but there was a big ~~lot~~ ^{big crowd} of us.

J - Foot yes - they just kept dropping off. ~~They'd be~~ you'd leave Pine Springs down yonder - I reckon I was the first one ^{part} of the bunch; I stopped at Uncle Kirks - ma was already dead then.

E - Yeah -

J I was staying up at Uncle Kirks and they'd come on by and on up this way - ~~of~~ Leon & Henry (now)

E - yea, Leon & Henry walked up that road, too

J They'd come on up & Wade Bird - They'd split down there just this side of Uncle Kirks, you know

all the Whites Kinards and Paces. Jarret ^{young'un} ~~went~~ ^{went} on up the road ^{there}

J Old man Vas Byrd was bod to come along. He had a wagon. And he'd call you, ~~you~~ you know, and you'd get up there ^{close to him} and he'd just grab your hat. And he wouldn't give it to you. He have you running along begging him for it

E - Crying -

J - Trying to get your cap back.

ME - He was a mean old feller, wasn't he?

J - well, he wasn't lying as nothing, but he'd just be full of devilment, I reckon -

E. Fran & Tricia - we didn't have the Bible, but we had a lot of pictures - and she said "How did you and Daddy ^{ever} meet?"

I said, "Fran, mama ~~daddy~~ used to tell Jake that she pinned a manna diaper on him before he ever got out ~~of~~ about." ^{she} said "what about after then? Did you go to school together?" I said, "Yeah, and fought all the way through school till Jake left. I remember - I guess it was Larena or maybe it was Mayhelle - we'd all leave the school together and walk up ^{with you} - Course, you'd leave at Uncle Kirbs - And we'd gonna catch you & kias you and of all the fighting! And Jake would be a raising heck. That went on - I imagine - about every day - then he dropped off and we got to where we turned off and the News the Snowdens the Byrds went on up the road.

J - And the Downreys

E - yeah. But then there was a whole road-full of us.

J - ^{well it was the} Some thing going down the road. They all walked. Made no difference where you lived - you either walked ~~to~~ or rode to school in your own conveyance.

E - ^{let} See, after we left there it was the Vincents ~~that~~ left the group first, and then the Lawes, I mean granny whites younguns - there was a whole droue of them - and then there was some more, but I dont remember. . . .

J - ~~There~~ There was Vester Lawe, but I dont imagine you's goin to school then

no - uh - uh -

J - well, at one time Vester Lowe was going down there. Leon New & Kerry New, them Bailey Boys and Joe Bozeman and I don't know - ~~she~~, the Bradley Boys they used to live down there on the Threefoot place - it was the Lowe place, then. And they lived right there across from where Mrs Hudson lived - it was a house there that they lived in - after Albert Lockhart left. They was a bunch of grown Boys.

E - ~~the~~

Albert Lockhart owned a whole big place of the Threefoot place - He had an old old house across from Mrs Effie Hudsons

~~J~~ That place where Perry & all of them are - that was the Wrights. Joe Wright and old man Jimmy Wright owned ~~it~~ a bunch of land in there. And then Albert Lockhart had a place in there. ^{Then below them - up} I imagine it originally belonged to Mrs. Lowe. Bob Stone & Velma, you know, bought land. ^{Bob} ~~she~~ ^{married} Mrs. Lowe's oldest daughter - She was one of our school teachers. Velma Stone.

ME - Who built that house where Mrs Hudson lived?

E - Lee Ratcliff. That house was fairly new - Ches & Myrt had already married & Ches was working on the RR. And he'd work a month or two and then they'd lay him off. They'd move back to the Country and farm until he was called back. Myrt & Ches lived there a time or two. Oh and some Bradley's lived there - ^{John} ~~John~~ Bradley and Ruth Bradley

ME - Where did Uncle Jimmy Wright live?

E - way back over there behind Kindle and Ina Pearl & them. It was an old old log house over there,

ME - was that the place where Tom & Valma Crenshaw lived on
m. Ratcliffs place

J. yeah -

ME - was there any more houses back over in there? Who
was that Clark that lived over in there?

E - That was way over there in the edge of the lake

J - Old man Joe Clarke owned that ^{place} Uncle Andrew Pace
lived there at one time.

E. Yep - Uncle Andrew ^{pace} and Aunt Annie ^{annie?} lived there.

ME - How did you get there?

J - you'd go up them hills -

ME - Was it a road that went back there?

J - yes, it was a road - but it was awful - didn't have
no cars then - it was a wagon road.

E - But that was old Clark Bluff and old Joe -
what was that man name that was in the Civil war
to be come back here -

J - ~~no~~ No - he wasn't in the Civil war - It was the
Mexican war (~~span-amer~~) That was Earl Clark

E. Earl Clark. That was after Aunt Annie and Andrew lived
there.

1. I don't know who owned that place when Uncle Andrew
lived there - Cause Uncle wes, Mame & all us ~~boys~~
walked up there from down there where Mather Sue ~~lived~~
Come up thru the woods & all and went up there to
Uncle Andrew Pace's - ^{That's when we cut ~~the~~ ear} Me or Charley one cut ~~a~~ ear
on a rocking chair. ~~was~~ ~~was~~ playing around there, if know,
and fell and ~~that~~ one of those ~~rocking~~ rocking chairs
had a pretty sharp rocker on the edge. Cut a ~~ear~~ ear
to that thing bled like a hog.

J^{Cont} I remember that. And Uncle Andrew had a bunch
of kids -

E - Yeah - had about 9

J - Course - I don't reckon all of them was along at that
time.

E - Naw - all of us were not born -

J - I was just a little fellow. Had to be early, cause
mama never had married Mr. Rogers - I must have
been about 4-5 yrs old.

I remember when we come up here one time. Come
up this hollow down here - ~~and~~ ^{I never will forget that} back then it was
woods. And we were going up somewhere - to
Gables. I don't know where them Gables lived - Harver
Gable & Jeff Gable and all them -

E - They lived up ^{prondy} ~~there~~ between Archadelphia and and --

J - we went in the wagon and anyway, we come through
this place down here and it was giddy ^{from} Walden
as far as that concerned. That was the back of
now here back up in there, there weren't no houses that
I could see - And we went up there & stayed all night
up there.

E - They lived up there around Mt. Carmel, cause that Cemetery up
there is full of Gables.

J - Well, that place there was full of Gables, too! I don't
know how many boys there was then. We were some kind
of Cousins, I think - I think that come about somewhere
on the Denton's side. You know, old man Will Denton - he
used to be one of the big shots - Then Willie Denton
was the tax assessor for years & years in Lauderdale Co.

E - Well, Miss Ollie Hughes was a Denton - Bob Ratcliff's wife was

a Denton - all belonging to the same group -

And then there was a Dock Denton -

We was a little kin to them - I don't know, Cousins
somewhere along the line.

me - what happened to Mr Lowe that he sold the place?

J. - He went broke. ^{Mr Lowe} He was one of these that spread out.

He was one of these big - borrowed money & bought land.
He was raising Cotton, S.A. Lowe - he was the Cotton King.

He his cotton named - ^{after him} S.A. Lowes, Long Stapled Cotton. And he
wouldn't plant it if hadn't been. I think at one time he'd had
about 10 - 12 'Croppers - they couldn't plant nothing but Cotton.

and the hell weasel come in & eat up all the Cotton and
he was way in debt and that's how come Threefoot come
to get the place. He had borrowed money from Threefoot
and Threefoot just foreclosed. Then Threefoot sold it
to some fellow in ~~Texas~~ Texas - I don't know -
Threefoot didn't want it. He just sold it -

E. - What was that old man from Texas?

J. - He was from Tyler, Tex - I can't think of his name.

E. - Brought that Brahma Bull over

J. - Was that Arnholt?

E. - No Arnholt came from the north.

J. - He got it after then, didn't he?

E. - Now Arnholt just managed it. Arnholt might have -
no - old man gates - you know Mrs Gates? Lloyd
Gates down there? He managed that thing one time -
~~take~~ ^{But, can't} come down here - where he come from
you just run the rows up-hill & down hill - didn't make
no difference. That's what he was going to do down here
and they told him " you do that and all yo lands

Gonna be down there in ^{one of} them hollow. He washed some
of it away, I think, down there,

E - Well, when that guy from Tyler, Texas had that place,
Claude & Lela - now I don't know if they managed that
place or what - But this old Brahma Bull he brought
hadn't ever heard it thunder. A storm came up one afternoon
and they said that bull just went wild and jumped
over every fence, just took out for the swamp. And
that's all I remember about him being down there.

J - Well, he's the one that brought the Brahma Cows in here.
There didn't none of them keep that place very long.

Threefoot had it a while - You know, he had Alice Snowden
down there - And he built them houses for Threefoot.

E - They just had little old shacks that they were living in
before ~~at~~ they built all these little ~~old~~ tenant houses.

J - they built those houses & they had a barn there, too.

E - They were nice little houses & they were stained red.

J - You know, Mazell & J. L. stayed down there for I don't
know how long.

E - Myrt & Ches lived in 3-4 of em - Claude & Lela, Loren &
Lawrence lived in 2 or three of them - Minnie & Ernest

Jim Graham

J - Allen Warren

E - yeah - Warrens There was a Penny lived in that little
house of Press Loues - Dora Penny.

J - There was a Tubbeville lived down there -

E - There was 2 families of Espye lived down there - ~~now~~ no
wait a minute - There was one family of Espye and that that
old man Espye that had part of his hand gone - And he
didn't have any children - just him & his wife

Q Kelly Espino's daddy lived down there, too
A This old man - I don't know what happened - They moved off to town. But this old man & this old woman I guess got kinda aged and didn't have nobody to look after them so if you'll remember - he killed her w/ a shotgun & then killed himself. After they moved to town.

Q Uncle Sid was killed (Albert Sidney Smith, Kirk's Bro) up here on this cross-road.

ME - What happened?

A They never did know. He was found there dead in the road. And there was a nigger come by in a truck car or something and at one time they sorta accused him of you know, hitting him w/ the car. Uncle Sid drank a whole lot and in other words - that's one of the unsolved murders here in Lauderdale County - That's right. We never did know just exactly what happened. They found ~~him~~ him in the road dead up there - sorta like Dave White. Happened just about like that.

Q And at that time -

ME About when was this?

A It had to be 60 or more years ago.

Q Joe Smith was killed by the Clyde Brown Boys
ME Oh - so there was two Smith Boys killed.

A Yeah - Both of them were my uncles. Clyde Brown & Jobe & them killed Uncle Joe.

Q - Sid Smith m. Stacy Snowdens sister, Aunt Bessie.

A And they lived in that old log house - they added more to it eventually, but it was a log house when I was a little kid. Over there where - well, you went up by -

Q - ^{It was} where Uncle Jim Snowden lived, that ~~where it was~~ - was his house

E And ^{where} the Crooked road was when we went home - right there where Joe Jones lives - there's no sign of that road there now - but you went up that road and then you turned this way and there was Uncle Jim's ^{snuggles} house. Uncle Sid & Aunt Bessie lived with Uncle Jim & Aunt Annie Snowden. And that was Stacy's sister. But now - on to Mr. Joe -

J. - Bessie didn't have no children. One time mama said Aunt Bessie lived down yonder in that last house that Odie Snowden built on that Threefoot place. Cause I know I stayed down there - Aunt Bessie'd forgot where Uncle Sid was working - He was hauling logs there - some open and hauled ~~logs~~ - and he was off somewhere. And I stayed down there at night - Aunt Bessie.

E But Mr. Joe lived over yonder where the Couingtons store blew away (last year)

J. - No - he didn't live there - that's where he where was killed. Joe lived back over this way coming on - with ~~Sam~~ ^{Van} Farman staying with Farman - And Clyde & them stopped the trucks after they turned off the road there and had - oh I don't know, we never could get ^{nothing} much out of Van Foreman - I think he got about half scared to death there and he went off up there thru that thicket and Uncle Joe - well, I reckon he was trying to get away from them - but anyway, he got back out there on the main road and got right up there to where Joe's ^{Couingtons} house right up there to where Joe's ^{Couingtons} house was - and that's where he ~~got killed~~ was killed - in the road there -

E - But there wasn't any houses at all over there and when you turned off that main road & started back this way I remember a big mud puddle - just a big mud puddle.

J - It was up there behind Willie Skippers - its all cleaned up now in behind Joe Alton's house - that was just a thick thicket back then - and that wance boys went thru that thing. Uncle Joe's Arm was shot and I dont know - he was cut quite a bit. You know Clyde and them was always noted for Cuttin with their knives.

Clyde Brown & Tobe Brown, And Vernon Brown, that was ^{Clydes} Boy - and Rudolph - I dont know whether he was -

E - It was Tobes 2nd Boy -

J - Well Anyhow, it was the 2 Browns & their Boys.

E - Clydes oldest boy & Tobes 2nd Boy -

J - we had a trial down there - Seems like it was a Lyle - anyway, One of the jurors told Uncle Kerk, after it had all happened - said there was ~~no~~ a way in the world to convict them things - Said they had a man on there that voted not for conviction didnt make no difference what happened. He was already brought before he ever went in there.

ME - Why did they kill him?

J - Because of one of their chicken fights Uncle Joe, I think, bet against Clyde & them's chickens & they lost. Well, course, when they lost they had a fuss over it and I think Uncle Joe knocked the fire out of them - and they of course, never did get over it.

E - ~~now~~ They was all drinkin - m - Joe -

ME - would you make a guess about what year this was? ^{or about when...} The 20's?

J - It must have been - cause minton, Uncle Joe's -

E - Well, Beth wasnt born. I remember that. Baby was a little little kid. He was born in 1924. Beth was Born '28

J - and this fellow miles he I think that was one time when Martin Miller sold out. He was district attorney.

and old man Fathewheel(?) ^{was} the judge we heard, but we never
'id know - Didn't nobody have enough money to
find out, I reckon - that they was all brought. But
anyhow, they ~~got~~ ^{got} out of it.

ME - now what happened to the other Smith up here.

J - He was in the road, dead. They never did find
out who done it.

ME Tell me about Johnny Head & Bud Byrd -

J. Johnny & Bud made whiskey together. Now, they fell
out over - I don't know what - Now I know that they did
make whiskey together - and ~~somehow~~ ^{or another them} Johnny shot Byrd up
there at his house. But I think that that come cause
they searched Johnny - The Revenues ~~officers~~ came out there and
I think Johnny thought Byrd done it - had him searched -
But that was just assumed.

E - Johnny went down to Uncle Joel's after he shot Bud -

J - ~~He~~ now - Bud went down there after he was shot, Johnny
didn't go down there. ~~For~~ me & Lawrence went
up there to tell his wife. And Johnny stopped me
& Lawrence right there at his house. Johnny was
living right there at Mrs Williams in that old old house.
Bud lived up on the Byrd place there.

E. They used to - I don't know whether that was Bud or Johnny
They'd get out and it sounded like a pistol and would
shoot as many as 25 times and that was two or three or
four nights a week - out shooting, And Johnny had
a real pretty house and a nice buggy and he'd get in
that buggy and just fly up & down the road and his
family up there with practically nothing.
Miss Rosie and all them children.

J. - She was his 2nd wife. Johnny killed his first wife - accidentally.

E. That was in a little house over there on Pat's Place ^(Harris)
Or it wasn't Pat's Place then, was it?

J. - ~~no~~ I don't know - No it wasn't Pat's Place then - It was in a little house in the field in front of Crenshaws - or a little South of Crenshaws. It was near about back of that Road goes in there that they ~~may~~ made to get the logs out. Right up on a hill behind there. It was just a little Room & then a big Room with the kitchen & denning Room all together, a shed

E. - Her Name was Lizzie

J. - And they claimed that he had his gun across his lap there and was cleaning it and Lizzie come by there and the gun went off. Shot her right in the chest.

E. - Wasn't she expecting a baby?

J. - I don't know - I don't think so -

E. - Well, Uncle Kurb said that - and he also said this about Rosie - said that - now they were ~~toys~~ ^{Boyles} - they lived on that threefoot place - ever who owned it then - they lived out there somewhere, Boyles. And Rosie would go over there and her and Johnny got mighty thick. And Lizzie was expecting a baby.

J. - Well, they already had one child - Jesse, and that was Lizzies Boy. And Uncle Crockett ^{Boyle} believed all the time that Johnny done it a purpose.

E. - Well, most everybody did but he never was prosecuted.

J. - Crockett ^(Boyle) was Johnnys own uncle. That was a long time ago.

E. - Well, Johnny was sent to the pen for killing Bud Byrd and Rosie lived in the little old hiddee Hawkins house right in the hollow down there behind James Crenshaw house, now. And I mean it wasn't a thing but just a shack.

Now, I don't know how Rosie got that money, but she'd get somebody to take care of them kids and she would go spend the week-end with Johnny at Parchman. She was a Boyles -

ME - Who was Crockett Lawe?

J. - That was one of mama's brothers. ~~the~~ See, there was wes, crockett & Lee. And Beulah, Ida & Lizzie.

And Crockett Lawe lived right there in front of Joe Harris' store. In that same house where John Lawett lived. John Lawett bought that place from Aunt China Lawe.

E - It wasn't much of a house when Aunt China lived there.

She had 2 ^{children} ~~younguns~~ ~~that~~ Lizzie and Leo. When Mr John Lawett got that house & was working at the RR - I remember well - I used to go down there cause they used to have Alma - John Lawett re-did the

whole house.

now I don't know - down there where Albert Lawett

J. That's Frank Lawe's place, down there.

E - I can't remember anyone living there before Ray & Ethel lived there.

J. where?

E - Down there where Albert Lawett tore down & built his house -

J. After John Lawett built the big house Ray & Ethel Lawett lived down there.

J - But that main house up there, Uncle Crockett Louett Built that house up there. I've been there many times before I ever got left at Uncle Kiebs - and spent the night.

M.E. Where was Elizabeth Brown living when she & John L got married.

E. That sweet old lady & that little kiddie died up man had half of Mrs Sara Bozeman house when we married in 1920. That was Mrs Louett's parents.

J. That's right. That was Mrs Louett's daddy. Tom & Bud Browns daddy, also

E. Yeah - that's right. Tom & Bud Brown & Lizzie Louett and Miss Flavia Townsend and they had this daughter that had that long neck. And she was an old maid when she left here but she finally married. She was an old old maid when she left here.

M.E. - What Brown was the Daddy of them all?

E - He lived down there with Sara Bozeman - Had half the house.

J - One Bud Brown I'm thinking about lived back over there on the Bozeman Hill - wasn't his wife named Lily something?

E - ~~Juddkins~~ Mary Juddkins. He had cones on his face.

J - Flavia Townsend was a sister she was a Brown married Grover Townsend. They used to own that place there just this side of Stellas - when Willie Kenard used to live. That's where they were living when Grover died.

E That's right. They lived up there close to Jesse Bounds

J. Yes - that's where they were living when Elliott married. And one of the girls m. a Poole. One m. Clell Brown's boy Elliott m. a Gipson. I don't know who Cecil

married.

ME - Well, did you all ever figger out when the spoke mill come to town?

J - No, but it was a long time ago. You all was little fellas when that thing was moved over there. Just - I used to work that ~~thing~~ ^{place} where the spoke mill was. I cut oats down there, me & Herman we used to cut the oats with a Cradle. Jake Kinard was the cradle man I don't know what happened to him. Anyhow, we had oats we were figgering on Mr Jake cutting & Mr New had oats. Something happened to Mr Jake Kinard and Herman & me cut these Cock-eyed oats.

E - I'll tell you when we had oats down there and it (spoke mill) come after them - we had a real pretty patch of oats down there in Dec. Well, Beth was born the 14th of January, and that was on a Saturday. ^{when I waked up} On Friday morning my contractions had already started, but they went on. Well, when you walked down there that Friday afternoon to see about the oats I walked with you and walked back. And that was the middle of ^{the Beth born} January in 1928. So it come down there after them.

ME - It didn't beat me by much, then, cause we moved back to Pine Springs in 1931 and the spoke mill was here then. So it had to come between '28 and '31.

J - They moved it over here from Sugalena. They moved it from Sugalena over here. And that's the Shepherds, the one that run the turning

blade all the time. He come over here with them.

E - I can't think of any instance that would bring it any closer than that.

ME - well, that's close enough - that's within about three years.

Mr. Renfro was just managing it?

J - old man Halbert Shepherd run it, Him & Renfro and him owned it, But Shepherd was the one that run the turning blade. Course, they had to have some - I don't know what all they done, I never did pay a whole lot of attention to it. But the lathe that actually turned out the spokes - was run by Shepherd.

E - And he's the father of that Shepherd that runs the bicycle shop down there on front St.

J - well, there is also a locksmith down there. He had two boys. ^{gunners}

E - That Bundy (?) Smith - or whatever they called him - that's his boys - They worked on & off over here.

Little kiddie fellas, they come over with him son
→ Well, there was Otto Poole, Joe Hodges, Rufe Calvert ^(Rube?)
I think with the Shepherds - That was - - -

E - Let's see how many houses. There was Ab. Stevenson
Joe Hodges, Otto Poole and 'nema, and Rufe Calvert
I reckon that was all the houses I remember.

E - well they bound to have had somebody fire that thing. You know, they had a stationary boiler and it was run by steam.

ME - I heard that Uncle Claude was the fireman

for a long time.

C - might have, I don't remember.

E - well, Claude & Lela lived in that old log house over there where Mary Ellen's house is, now.

ME - I remember they lived there one year - it wasn't over two years at the most. They lived down in our pasture in that little house ^{that} Daddy built for Mamie & Page when they got married.

E - well, the log house is where they found Lela's money. She had put it in a molasses can. And they had some kind of an old toilet - an old outdoor privy. And Lela had put it back up under the seat ^{down} on the ground, or ever how they had it. But I've heard them laughing about that. Somebody discovered that bucket under there and it had her money shut up in it. ~~I~~

ME - well, you know there was one of those fancy WPA toilets over there - with a poured concrete floor and seat - The concrete was still there when we built our house. I tried to bust it up and it nearly killed me - I never did get it out.

E - we had one like that - I finally got ^{mine all out} ~~rid of mine~~ But I don't know what kind of toilet it was, but whatever it was,

J - That was a sanitary toilet.

E - yeah, them was sanitary. That was Lela's money hiding place.

ME - How much money did she have?

E - I don't remember nothing about that

J - I wouldn't be surprised if Magelle done something



like that.

C - Well, I wasn't surprised - We laughed about Lela
M - Well you know - Uncle Claude - he had occasion
to make a little money from time to time.

E - I didn't know that he ever worked @ that Spoken
mill. I knew he made whiskey.

J - I didn't know that either, ^I you know, we used to
hunt birds over there, ~~at~~ ^{at} Burton Kinard and all -
We went down ~~at~~ ^{to} the Creek and all back down in
there. I had bird dogs - me and Burton & Claude
went back down there. They always had their whiskey
~~along~~. I never did drink none of that, myself.