THE ROAD TO WHYNOT

BOOKERS

BOOK 1-A (2)

O.A. Booker, Chief of Police

William B. Booker Anne Holberg Booker Mrs. Jere Gunn

THE ROAD TO WHYNOT

A collection of old records by William B. Booker, Anne Holberg Booker and Mrs. Jere Gunn.

BOOK 1-ATHE BOOKERS OF WHYNOT
BOOK 1-BTHE BOOKERS OF CONECUH/MONPOE
BOOK 2THE RAWSONS AND THE WHITES
BOOK 3THE ALLENS OF WHYNOT
BOOK 4THE BROWNS OF WHYNOT
BOOK 5THE BASKINS
BOOK 6THE HORTONS
BOOK 7THE RAINERS
BOOK 8THE HOLBERGS, THE HERMANS, THE
COVINGIONS
BOOK 9THE ALLENS, THE HAUGHTONS, THE
GUNNS, THE GREENS

THE ROAD TO WHYNOT

This limited collection of records and papers on the <u>BOOKER</u> family of Whynot, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and their related families, is divided into many individual books starting with the present day Bookers of Lauderdale County, Mississippi and going back to the Bookers of Conecuh-Monroe Counties, Alabama, and back to the Bookers of North Carolina. It also includes many related families including the <u>BROWNS</u>, the <u>ALLENS</u>, the <u>BASKINS</u>, the <u>HORTONS</u>, the <u>RAINERS</u>, the <u>RAWSONS</u> and the <u>WHITES</u>. Some limited information is given on the <u>MCCLAMMYS</u>, the <u>MELTONS</u>, THE <u>HOLBERGS</u>, the <u>HERMANS</u>, the ALLENS, the <u>COVINGIONS</u>, the <u>HAUGHTONS</u>, the <u>GREENS</u>, and the <u>GUNNS</u>.

It is important for you to understand the system of numbers used to identify each book. We have listed below, as best we can, the system used:

Book 1-A-1William B. Booker and family			
Book 1-A-2Otis A. Booker/Lola Mae Rawson and family			
Book 1-A-3William Andrew (Bud) Booker/Etta Allen and family			
Book 1-B-1Mark Henry (Mack) Booker/Frances Brown and family			
Book 1-B-2William B. Booker/Martha Ann McClammy and family			
Book 1-B-3Willis Booker/Sarah Melton and family			
Book 1-B-4Other Bookers of Monroe-Conecuh County, Alabama			
and North Carolina and their families			
Book 2The Rawson and the Whites of Lauderdale County, MS			
Book 3The Allens of Whynot, Mississippi			
Book 4The Browns of Whynot, Mississippi			
Book 5 The Baskins of Choctaw County, Alabama			
Book 6 The Hortons of Choctaw County, Alabama			
Book 7 The Rainers (Ri'ners) of Choctaw County, Alabama			
Book 8The Holbergs, the Hermans, the Covingtons			
Book 9 The Allens, the Haughtons, the Gunns, and the			
Greens			

The following page has listed (in no certain order) some of the main characters of each of the above numbered books. It is in no way a complete list and we suggest you use it only as a reference.

- Book 1-A-1....William Burr Booker, Anne Holberg, Claire Elizabeth Booker, William Brian Booker, Allison Ann Booker.
- Book 1-A-2....Otis A. Booker, Lola Mae Rawson, Otis A. Booker, Jr., Alton Ray Booker, M. Delores (Tillie) Booker, Barbara Ann Booker, William B. Booker, Charles Warren Booker, Catherine Loretta Booker, Carleen Elizabeth Booker.
- Book 1-A-3....William Andrew (Bud) Booker, Etta Allen, Otis A. Booker,
 Oscar Lee Booker, Robert Mac Booker, Nina Goodman, Lillian
 McRae, William Andrew (Andy) Booker, Johnny Mac Booker,
 Myra Booker.
- Book 1-B-1....Mark Henry (Mack) Booker/Frances Brown, William Andrew Booker, Andrew Brown.
- Book 1-B-2....William B. Booker/Martha McClammy, James Miller Booker, Elizabeth, John Jackson Booker, Sarah Ann, Mary, Martha, Willaim Frank, William B., Jr., Robert (Batt) Booker.
- Book 1-B-3....Willis Booker/Sarah Melton, William B. Booker, Melton G. Booker, Nolen G. Booker, Sarah Elizabeth (Eliza), Sabrina Ann, Narcissa (Nicie), John Booker, Elizabeth (Betsy) and Lafayette Booker.
- Book 1-B-4....Willis Booker, John Booker, Issiah Booker, James Booker, William Booker, Patsy Booker, John Booker, Naomi (Omy)

 Booker, Daniel Booker and Sarah, John, Sarah and Ann,

 John Booker and Patience Booker and Daniel, Samuel,

 Issac, Patience and James Booker.
- Book 2......Sam Henderson Rawson, George Washington Rawson, Amanda Rawson, William V. White, William V.H. White, Moses White.
- Book 3Etta Allen, Sarah Baskin Ponds Allen, Robert Isiah Allen, Benjamin Allen, William Allen, Drury Allen.
- Book 4..... Frances Brown, Andrew Brown, Nancy Brown, Nan Rainer Brown, Tabitha Brown, Thomas Josiah Brown, John Willis Brown.
- Book 5...... Sarah Baskin, John E. Baskin, William Baskin, Andrew Baskin,

- Book 6..... Sarah Baskin, Nancy Horton, Sterling Horton, Mary Truesdale,
 William Horton, Elizabeth Welsh, William Horton, Joshua Horton,
 Sarah Hull, Jushua Ensign Horton, Mary Tuthill, Barnabas Horton,
 Mary Langston, Henry Tuthill, Henry Tuthill, Alice Gooch,
- Book 7..... Mary Ann Wilkerson, John G. Rainer, Charles Rainer, Nancy Powell,
 John George Rainer, John Rainer
- Book 8..... Jacob Herman Holberg, Annie Lou Herman, Frances Medora Allen,
 Mose Holberg, Annie Lou Herman, Jacob Holberg, Susan A. French,
 Henry Herman, Julia Rebecca Covington, Samuel Abraham Holberg,
 Rivka, Jesse B. Covington, Eliza Robinson, George D. Demarest,
 Nannie Lou Holberg, Mabel Holberg, Moselle Holberg, Benjamin C.
 Covington, John Covington II, John Covington, Henry Covington,
 Thomas Covington, Nehemiah Covington.
- Book 9..... Frances Medora Allen, James Patrick Allen, Bertha Pearl Geegge,
 Lottie Geeggee, Hatties Geegge, Hiram Joseph Geegge, Medora
 Cameron, John Allen, Fannie Elizabeth Haughton, James Allen,
 Nancy Carlisle, Patrick Henry Haughton, Ann Louisa Gunn, Daniel
 Ezekial Greene, Stacy Andrews, William Gunn, Hannah White,
 Radifird Madison Gunn, Robert Bolling Gunn, Jere Gunn.

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BOOKER GENEALOGY

DESCENDANTS OF

WILLIS BOOKER (c1793-1866) m1815 SARAH MELTON

EARLY HISTORY OF THE BOOKER FAMILY

In 1983 Tillie Gunn enlisted the assistance of a professional researcher to trace some of the elusive clues about the Booker family in North Carolina. Dr. Jerry Cross did some extensive research in the N.C. Archives and reported the following information:

"The direct line from Willis Booker back to his great grandfather can be documented thoroughly. I also feel that the collateral lines outlined in the following report are accurate even though the documentation is not quite as strong. This report combines the facts uncovered in research and my interpretation of those facts in the context of North Darolina history.

"The earliest Booker found in the course of this project was JOHN BOOKER, whose wife Patience received a land grant from Lord Granville on June 9, 1761, for a tract of land on Buckhorn Creek which is located in eastern Chatham County near the Wake County line.

(Orange Co. Deed Bk 3, p189. Chatham Co. was formed from Grange Co. in 1770.)

"This was an unusual transaction in two ways. First, it was rare that a woman should receive a land grant in her name at that time in history. Secondly, the grant referred to Patience Bocker as a "planter", a term generally reserved only for prosperous males. It appears that her husband John had intended to enter the claim for the land but became too ill to complete the transaction. Patience apparently entered the claim for her justiend and the patent was issued in her name. John died less than four months later and his will was probated in November Court, 1751.

(Wake Co. Will Bk A, p23. The area where John Booker lived was near the Wake-Chatham County line. When John Booker died, it was all in Orange County. When the new county boundaries were drawn, some of the records went to each county. That's how John Booker's will wound up in Wake Co.)

"John Booker's will named his wife Patience, son James, and daughter Patience. Although his will names only one son, I feel certain that John Booker had three other sons: Samuel, Isaac, and Daniel. James was the youngest and the only one at home when the will was written. Apparently John Booker had already settled with his older sons before his death.

(This was not an uncommon practice, particularly if a second marriage was involved. The constant repetition of Christian names among the Booker children and the contemporary life dates are too abundant to be coincidence. Also, the will of James Booker (1819) of Chatham County mentions land owned by Booker in Cumberland County then occupied by one of his daughters and her husband. See Wake Co. Will Bk A, p23; Chatham Co. original wills, State Archives, Raleigh, Daniel Booker, John Booker, and James Booker. See also Cumberland County Records, Estate Papers, State Archives, Raleigh, Papers of Isaac Booker.

"Samue) and Isaac Booker moved to Cumberland County and established the family line there. Daniel, apparently the oldest son, and James, the voungest, remained in Chatham County on their father's land. They were

residing there when the first federal census was taken in 1790. (Heads of Families in the First Cemsus of the United States, 1790, pp. 38, 87, hereinafter cited as 1790 census.)

"James (d. 1819) and his wife Phebe (last name unknown) Booker had the following children: Daniel, Enoch, Esther (married Buck Lanier), Betsy (married Rory Wommack), Patience (married Barnaby Thomas), Rebecca (married Thomas Rollins) and an unidentified daughter (deceased when will was written) who had married Young Jones.

(Chatham Co. original wills, James Booker.)

"Daniel (d. 1783) had married a woman named Sarah (last name unknown) and had three children: John, Sarah, and Ann. Chatham Co. original wills, Daniel Booker.>

"There was obviously a large age differential between Daniel and James, suggesting that James may have been a child of John Booker by a second wife, which may also account for why his other sons were not named in the will.

"John, son of Daniel Booker, married a woman named Naomi (last name unknown) who was called Omy. They lived in Chatham Co. and raised ten children: John, Isaac, Hardy, James, William, Sally (married a Stevens), Nancy (married a Hathcock), Polly (married a Mims), Fereby (married a Hix) and Susannah.

(1790 census p87; 1800 census pp. 207, 209; and Chatham Co. original wills, John Bocker.)

"This John Booker who died in 1799 was the grandfather of Willis Booker through his son John. Little could be found about John, the father of Willis, because he left the state before his death. That he was definitely the father of Willis was determined by correlating the census records with other documents relating to the family. The 1850 census gives Willis's age as 56, so he was born about 1794.

"The estate papers for Isaac Booker in 1801 listed an orphan, John, as his only male heir; thus, Isaac can be eliminated. KCumberland Co. Records, Estates Papers, State Archives, Raieigh, Papers of Isaac Booker.>

"James left a detailed will naming all his children plus the children of his deceased daughter. There is no Willis named, and the number of heirs in the will corresponds to the number of children in his household as listed in the census; so James cam also be eliminated.

(Chatham Co. original wills, James Booker, 1819.)

"Naomi, widow of John Booker (d. 1799) still had four sons living in her household in 1880. Her other son, John, had established his own household which included four males under ten and two females under ten. (1800 census, Chatham Co., pp. 207, 209)

"One of the males was Willis Booker, and Naomi was his grandmother. The name of John Booker's wife, the mother of Willis Booker, could not be determined in the time allotted.

"On May 3, 1802, John Booker bought 210 acres of land on Cedar Creek in Cumberland County from Phillip Roberts for E. 110 current money. He moved his family to Cumberland County shortly afterwards. (Cumberland Co. Deed Bk 21 p67. See also deed from Booker to Wright, Deed Bk 28 p264.>

"It was in Cumberland County that Willis Booker married Sarah Melton in January, 1815.

(Cumberland Co. Marriage Bonds, State Archives, Raleigh.)

John Booker sold his 210 acres to John Wright "In October of that year, and left the state. (Cumberland Co. Deed Bk 28 p264)

"The crucial question is whether or not Willis Booker left. North Carolina with his father. According to the surviving records, Willis never bought any land in either Chatham or Cumberland counties, so while living in Cumberland County after his marriage, he would have been living on land belonging to his father or his wife's father or to some other relative. Circumstantial evidence, however, leads me to believe that Willis lived in Moore County for about two years before moving to Alabama.

"First of all, Chatham, Cumberland, and Moore counties were adjoining units in 1815. One would not have to move very far to be in the next county. Virtually all of the deed records for Moore County before 1880 were destroyed in a courthouse fire; consequently, there is no way to thoroughly check for land ownership in Moore County. Too, if he knew that he was only staying temporarily he may have rented a house and farm. The few surviving records from Moore County do not mention a Willis Booker, but since he was there for a short time, his absence from the records is not very significant. Perhaps the most convincing argument that Willis was in Moore County for a brief time is the fact that records show that two of his children were born in Moore County. The boundaries between Moore, Chatham, and Cumberland were clearly defined by 1815 and there is little chance that the county of birth is in error because of a geographical vagueness."

RECAP OF ANCESTORS OF WILLIS BOOKER Willis Booker (c1793-1866) ml815 Sarah Melton son of: John Booker (1765/74-p1815) m. ----son of: John Booker (-1799) m. Naomi ----son of: -1783) m. Sarah -----Daniel Booker (🦠



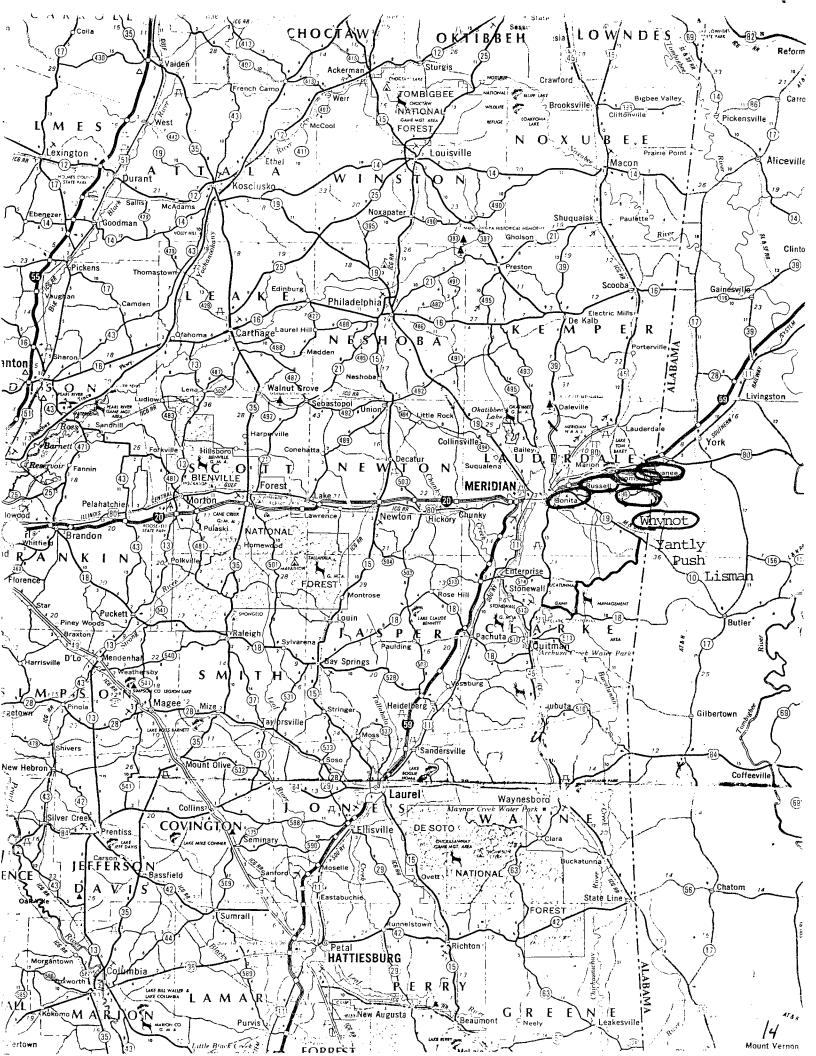
A HISTORYOF OUR FAMILY



"GOD BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO THEM,
BE FRUITFUL AND INCREASE IN NUMBER; FILL
THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT. RULE OVER THE
FISH OF THE SEA AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR
AND OVER EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES
ON THE GROUND."

Genesis 1:28

Our Family Tree



Otis A. Booker and Lola Mae Rawson were married at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church near Old Rawsonville which is close to present day Toomsuba in northeast Lauderdale County, MS. The minister was Rev. A.H. Miller and the wedding took place on December 13, 1924 when he was 27 and she was 20.

They lived all their married lives in or near Meridian and raised eight (8) children. Chief Booker was in law enforcement all his adult life and spent forty-two (42) years as some form of law enforcement officer in Lauderdale County. He was the superintendent of the Lauderdale County Convict Camp when they were married in 1924 and he retained that position for nearly thirteen (13) years. In 1937 he joined the Meridian Police Department as a patrolman. The Chief of Police at that time was Willie Burr Francis and he named his child born that year for the Chief....William Burr Booker. In 1941 he was promoted to Captain and four years later to Chief. He was still Chief when he died of coronary thrombosis in 1965.

He was a World War I veteran, a Baptist and a member of many different law enforcement organizations including the University of Mississippi Law Enforcement Institute of which he was Chairman of the Board for five years.

Many different things were written of him after he died in 1965 including several articles in the Meridian Star. All of them seemed to agree on one thing....that he was a "genial, kindly, understanding gentleman with a heart who did a good job, in good fashion, and in perfect taste".

Chief and Mrs. Booker had the following children:

Otis A. Booker, Jr.

Alton Ray Booker

Marlyn Delores Booker (Gunn)

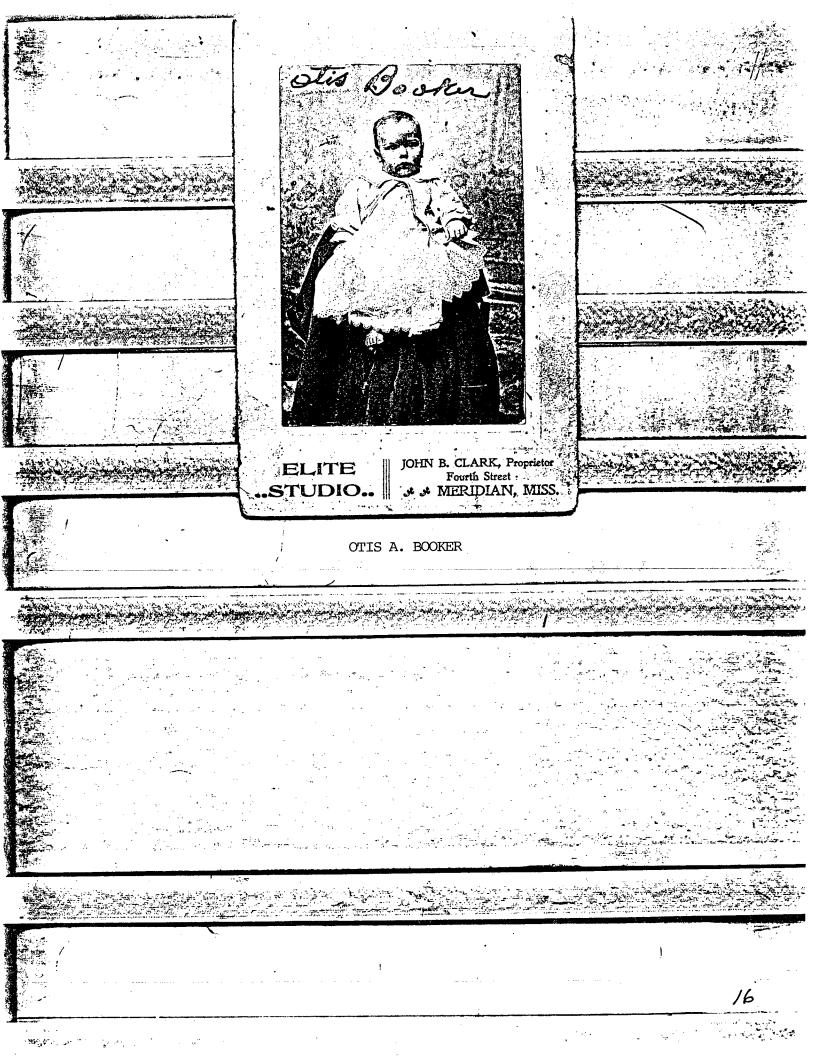
Barbara Ann Booker (McLemore)

William Burr Booker

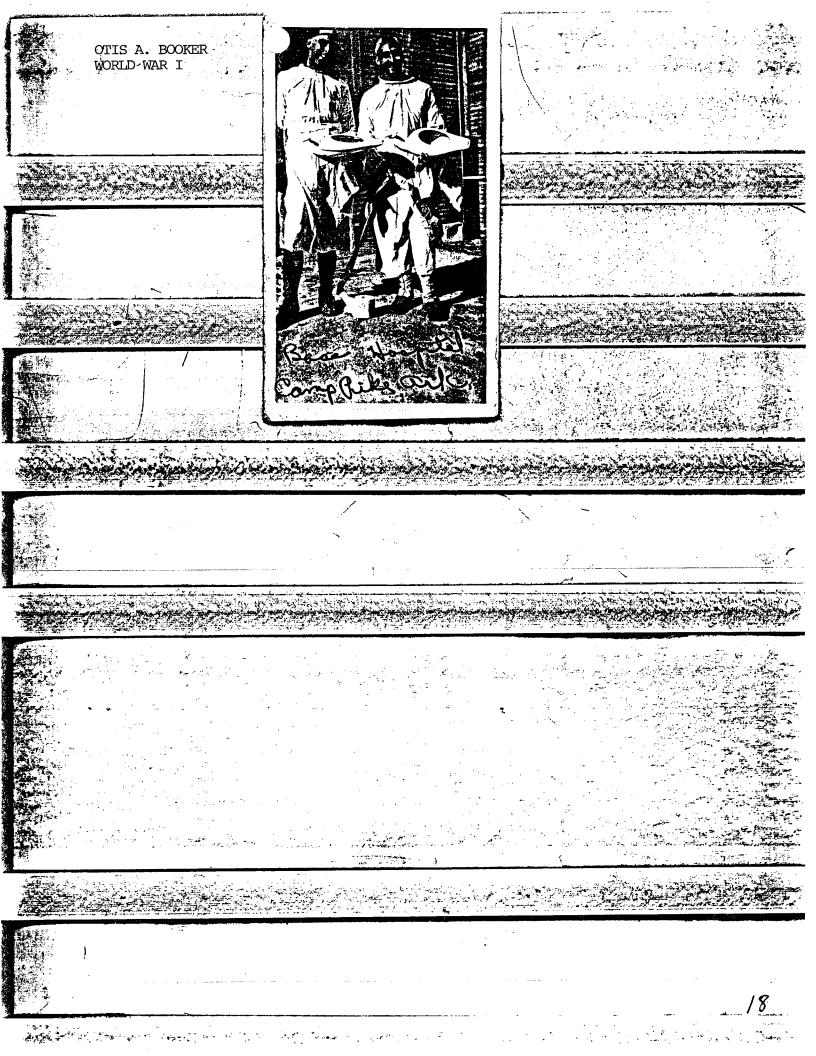
Charles Warren Booker

Catherine Loretta Booker (Rowell)

Carleen Elizabeth Booker



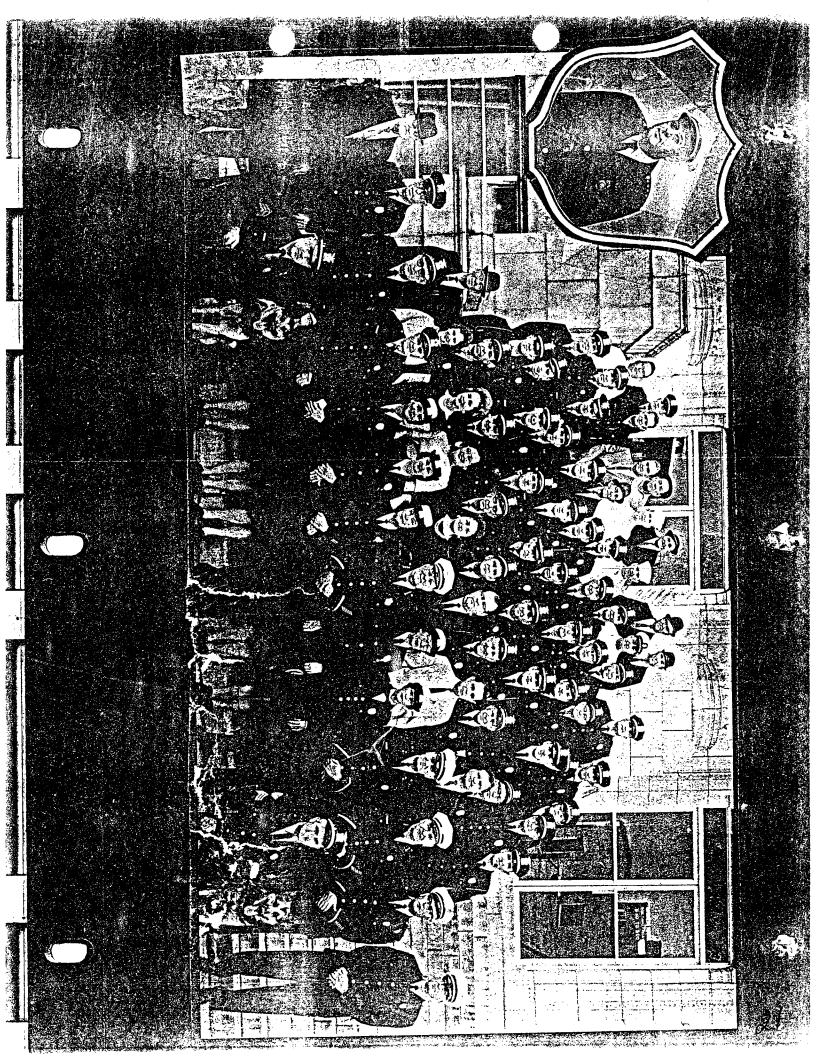


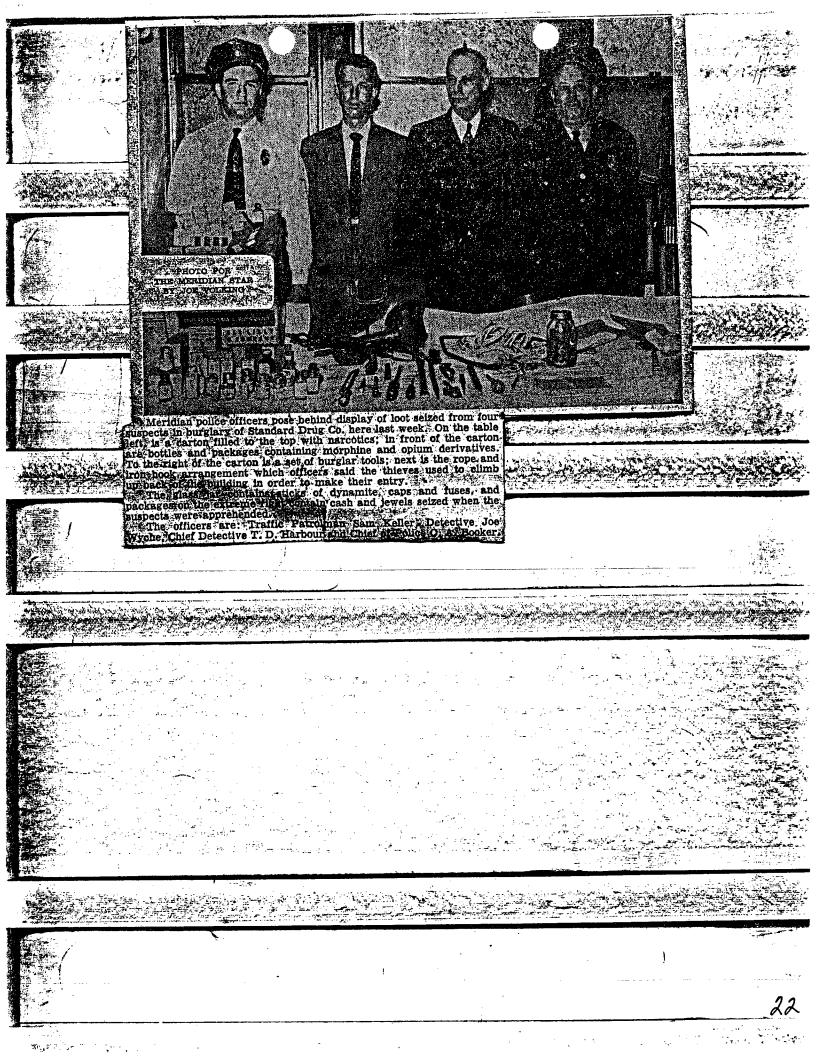






Four of the men who head the activities of the Meridian Police Department are shown above as they gathered for a daily conference. Left to right: Capt. George Beddingfield, in charge of the late night shift; Asst. Chief C. C. Currie, in charge of the shift from 3 to 11 p.m.; Asst. Chief C. L. (Roy) Gunn, in charge of the first shift; Police Chief O. A. Booker, who heads all law enforcement for the city.





County Hospital



A special study on "Detecting and Searching Stolen Automobiles," as directed by FBI Agent Percy Richardson in Meridian Tuesday, was reported successful Wednesday by Police Chief O. A. Booker. A morning and night class were held.

Shown discussing the program, from left to right, are: Detective Captain Charles Powell, Police Chief O. A. Booker and FBI Agent Richardson at the City Hall.

Chief Booker.

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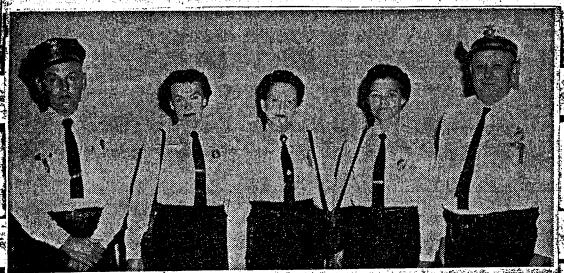
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Making part on the FBI-conducted anti-auto theft school in Medician Tuesday were some of the leading authorities in this section of the country were some of the leading authorities in this section of the country were from left to right, were Newman Reese of the National Auto-Theft Bureau, Sheriff J. V. Duckworth; M. P. Chiles, head of field offices of FBI in New Orleans, La.; Captain Leonard Thames, State Highway Patrol and Police Chief O. A. Booker of Meridiana.

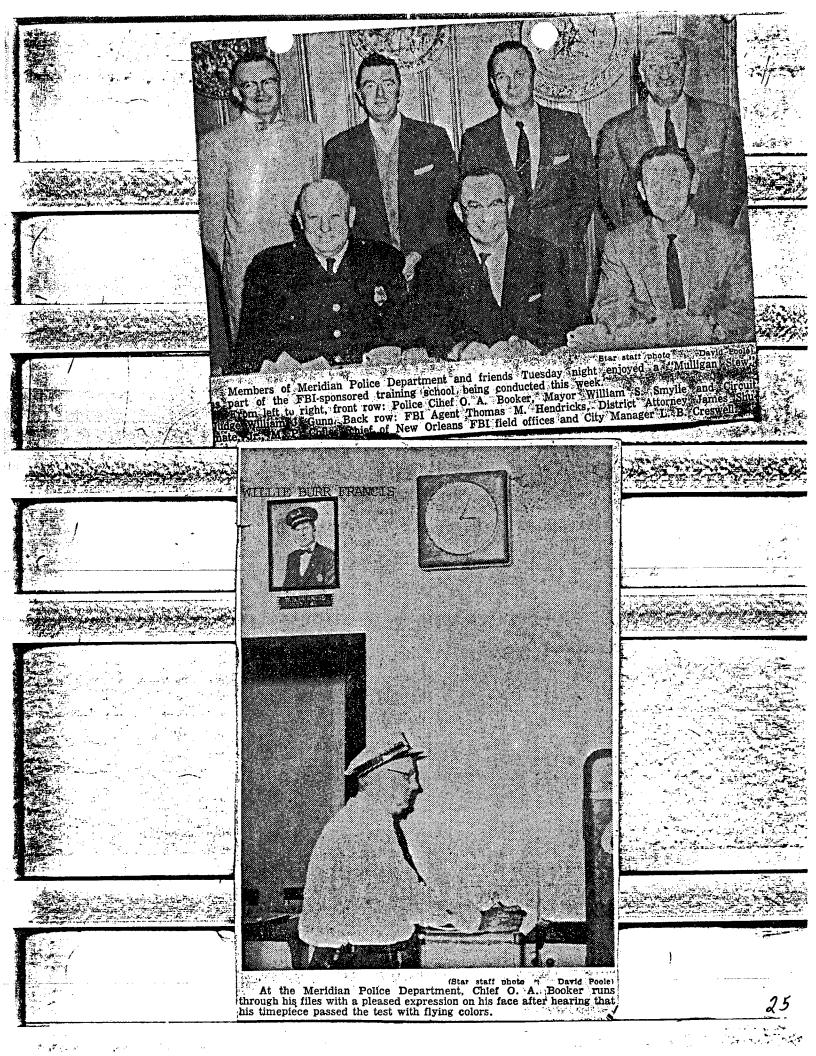


Meridian's three policewomen Monday were introduced to their official duties by Police Chief O.A. Booker and Captain W. A. Haag.

They are shown, from left to right: Captain Haag, Policewomen Mrs. James M. Smith, Mrs. Dolphus, Stanton and Miss Lizzie Luke, and Chief

Booker. All five are in their new police winter uniforms.

Their duties, in the main, will be to place violation tickets on all parked vehicles guilty of over-parking or of parking in loading zones.



Our Progressive Office

Meridian Police Departments makes many a progression. Meridian Police Chief O. A. Booker, from the first day he assumed his post, took it upon himself to inaugurate a system of consistent law enforcement education for his personnel. Perhaps the finest phase of this program has been the

FBI-conducted training school. In the long-long ago, Meridian's old-esteemed friend, J. Edgar Hoover, conceived this type school as a way-means

to improve police standards over the country.

Meridian, as it were, was one of the first cities in the mation to understand Mr. Hoover's thinking and philosophy of criminal investigation.

Hence, these schools have added to the overall intelli-gence-abilities of our "Men in Blue." Further, they have instilled new confidence between John Q. Public and the

Police Department personnel.
In literal sense, Meridian has one of the truly superblaw enforcement organizations in America today.

For this admitted reason, a salute to J. Edgar Hoover for

making these study courses possible. Another to M. P. Chiles, head of the New Orleans offices

of FBI, for his share in the project.

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And finally a vote of thanks to Police Chief O. A. Booker for doing a good job in good fashion and in perfect taste. Few cities may boast a leader better than Booker.

And, strictly as an added thought, this fact: In the years the FBI has been in Meridian, there has not occurred a single instance of misunderstanding or lack of faith between The Meridian Star reportorial staff and these agents ... from top to bottom!



In a wheel chair from a serious right knee injury is Detective Mike Nichols as he prepares to testify in case City of Meridian vs. Rolen C. Stribling, well known school man from Neshoba county Nichols suffered the injury, he stated, when he attempted arrest Stribling (in his car) here on night of Jan. 28 and was struck by the vehicle. Police Chief Booker is standing.

(BY C. H. PHILLIPS OF STAR EDITORIAL STAF

Meridianites in large number will read with INTEREST the opinions of Congressman Frank Smith, as follow: GREENWOOD -Frank Smith (D-Miss) called Delta water "a great advantage" in the area's quest for industry during a speech to the Kiwanis Club Thursday. He said that in years to come an adequate water supply will be a major requirement for American industry. The congressman praised the Delta Council's industrial program and lauded the Leflore County and Greenwood for the decision to hire an industrial engineer.
As many folk know, Meridian's Police Chief O. A. Booker is regarded in Mississippi as one of the outstanding officers in Dixie today.

Booker, genial, kindly and understanding, has turned his department into one of the very-very finest in all the land for cities this size. Reports say city council council

studies bringing his salary where it ought to be. Bravo an couple of salutes. He deserved and more. Remember S Rosenbaum? What is im tant in the way of a philosoph; life is to remember that more ten than not WHAT IS, and what is right or wrong, mat most So says our old friend, D Niolon...Jim Terry can tell Niolon ... Jim Terry can tell scores of interesting tales re fine Fire Department. He cam in the old days of steam burn pumpers and horses. We lected to mention that Jim is ardent fisherman and that Terry keeps a scrap book o Meridian Star articles about Fire Department Bob Bru looks fine these days Sple chap The death of Mrs. lace Brucker took a wondrous sonality from our community. life was is her own enlogy and column knows of no better sto her memory One day ridian will be blessed will successfully consummated Rivers Project and men a hur years hence will give th though not by name for men labored for it in our time. labored for it in our

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(BY C. H. PHILLIPS OF STAR EDITORIAL STAFF)

A. Booker, in the considered judgment of persons who ought to know, has done one of the remarkable development works in modern Mississippi re raising standards of a law enforcement organization. He is always ready-willing to assist citizens of the community and always prefers to make justice a thing of mercy. To quote:
"You are richer today than you were vestarday if you have made a were yesterday if you have made a new friend, laughed often, given something, or managed to be cheerful despite weariness. You are richrul despite weariness. You are richer if a little child has smiled at you!" Think that one over. Remember that April 1 was the 92nd day of the year, the 12th day of spring with only 268 days until (Christmas. . . . One good way to look the property agency to the property of the propert get mental exercise is to jump at a conclusion. "Who said it?

Meridian's genial police chief, O. UPSET THE APPLE CART: ginally that's just what happen Around 1796 the English farm raced to get their fruit to the m ket first. It is said that competit was sufficiently keen so that scrupulous rivals would endea to upset the carts of other farm George Bernard Shaw revived phrase in his play 'The Apple C UP A BLIND ALLEY: Prob originated at that time when 'gr were referred to as eyes, so anyone running into an alley v out a gate was confronted wiblind alley...ON THE BUM FEELING ON THE BUM: Ge Ade is said to be the first on use the expression in print b undoubtedly stems from a dial cal English use of 'bum' which been a childish word for drun over four hundred years. So nally it referred to over indulg in drink. The American slant pression meaning a life of a is said to be in use for abo hundred years, stemming from western gold rush. The Ge word 'bummer' may be its ori

MERIDIAN CHIEF OF POLICE DIES

In Law Enforcement For 42 Years, Funeral Today

MERIDIAN-Meridian Chief of Police O. A. Booker, 68, died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday in the Anderson Memorial Hospital from a heart attack suffered several days ago. He had suffered from coronary thrombosis over a period of several years.

Chief Booker was a veteran of 42 years in law enforcement. He first entered law enforce-ment work in 1923 when he was made convict camp superintendent for Lauderdale County. He remained in that post for nearly 13 years. In 1937 he became a patrolman on the Meridian Police Department. In 1941 he was promoted to Captain and was named Chief of Police in 1945.

Cheif Booker was a member of the National Police Chiefs Association, Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriff and Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police and American

Chief Booker aided in the establishment of the University of Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Institute. After its establishment, he served as chairman of the Board of Directors for five years. He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the Army Hospital Corps. He was a member of the Whynot Baptist Church.

Chief Booker is survived by his wife; four sons, O. A. Booker, Jr., A. R. Booker and C. W. Booker, all of Meridian and W. B. Booker of Picayune; four daughters, Mrs. Jery Gunn of Hattiesburg, Mrs. T. J McLemore, Jr., Miss Catherine Booker and Miss Elizabeth Booker and Miss Elizabeth beth Booker, all of Meridian; 12 grandchildren; two brothers, Oscar Booker and Robert Booker; one sister, Miss Myra Booker, all of Rt. 6, Meridian.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Webb Funeral Home. Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery.



CHIEF O. A. BOOKER

Services Held For Meridian Police Chief

Funeral services were held to-Lday at 11 a. m. from Webb Funeral Home chapel for Otis Andrew Booker Sr., Meridian police chief for the past 20 years.

Chief Booker died Sunday h morning in Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital. He was 68.

The Rev. Ed Grayson officiated, with burial in Magnolia h not; and 12 grandchile Cemetery.

Members of the police department served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were members of the auxiliary police force and law enforcement, offices of 1/2 1924, working there u Mississippi and all friends of the family.

City Manager Joel Forrester Sunday praised Chief Booker ment and the city. Forrester police chief in 1945. named Asst. Chief Roy Gunn as acting chief of the department.

Forrester issued the following statement:

"Due to the death of Chief personnel of the Police Depart-(Turn to Page 2, Column 5)

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as of this date. "Chief Booker has so chief of the Police De since 1945 and has serv and many times has pu partment ahead of his sonal life. 🤲 🦥

"The citizens of should be proud of the the Police Departm made under the leade Chief Booker.

"I commend the Po partment for its fine w know that every memb department will continu his job to the best of ty."

Chief Booker is sum

his widow, Mrs."Lola M son Booker; four sons, Booker Jr., Alton Ray William B. Booker of and Charles W. Book daughters, Mrs. Jere G. tiesburg, Mrs. T. J. M. Jr., Miss Catherine Bo Miss Elizabeth Booke. Meridian; one siste 🜮 Booker of Whynot; tv ers, Oscar L. Booker ert M. Booker, both

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In 1937 he was app the police force by Ma Vinson and became captain in 1941. He wa

Since then the depart y expanded and members n many hours of law enf training.

Chief Booker was a s liever in police trainir.

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He was the son of Andrew Booker and E Booker.

Chief Booker was a of Bethany Bapt. Whynot, the America: Fraternal Order of Fa sissippi Law Enfor :. cers Association and nessee-Mississipi She Prane Officers As

Man With A Heart

Meidian's Chief of Police O. A. Booker spent 42 of his 68 years in law enforcement work, which is something of a record in itself.

Of these 42 years, he devoted 20 to heading the local police department and its several divisions. He watched the growth of the department from 37, (in 1937) persons to more than double that number now, and he was instrumental in streamlining department functions and in the adoption of the most modern methods of police administration.

Chief Booker was a strong believer in proper training for all law enforcement personnel and spent much of his time along these lines. This work has paid dividends in a safer Meridian for all its citizens.

Chief Booker was a gentleman — a law enforcement officer with a heart. He will be sorely missed in a field which he had made his life's work.

Meridian.. Wonderful City For _veryone

is a wonderful town; Lauderdale County is a wonderful county and Mississippi is a wonderful state. I am proud of the fact that I live here and have raised my family here. We have a good community, second to none, and this so because of dedicated people who have helped to make it so.

Chief Booker guided our police force and made it recognized nationwide as an organization that respected the citizens, and insisted on law and order, and in turn has the respect of the community and all the people who have come in contact with this good organization. Chief Booker is dead but his good work will live far beyond him. Chief Roy Gunn is a very fit person to follow in the footsteps of Chief Booker and I know Roy will make a good Chief of Police. Let's all call Roy and assure him of our co-operation and good wishes.

Joe Volking, City inspector, is another person who makes Meridian such a nice place to live in 🏰

Dr. L. O. Todd is another dedicated person who has contributed much to our community. We have a wonderful school system and Dr. Todd's research and dedication have helped make this so. Mrs. I. A. Rosenbaum, Jr., Chairman of the Meridian School Board, is doing an excellent job in the most trying

MERIDIAN STAR: Meridian times of our city's history. Mrs. Rosenbaum and the School Board are to be highly commended. Dan Johnson, the County School Superintendent, has face and overcome them has obtained for the county schools a reputation for excellent the opportunity we have always schools, good organization and had to fulfill our ambitions. education that is becoming na- & R. E. Rudolph, President, Eltionwide. William B. Compton, School Board Attorney, has done phone Company. a wonderful job guiding the schools. Please call these of ... One of the rules of a free ficials and thank them for their a enterprise economy is that the outstanding work and assure reward goes to the one who them of your continued support.

Al Rose is another person who has done much to try to help Meridian and has not received the appreciation that he should have received. Al has spent almost \$4,000 in trying to beautify Meridian by putting baskets of roses on the various corners of Meridian. Let's let Al know that this has been appreciated. Have you registered? You

must register at the Courthouse to vote in the County. You must register at the City Hall to vote in the City. It is the most important thing that you can do as a citizen and it is your duty as a citizen to register.

Yours for a better Meridian. RAYMOND HENNESSEE, Meridian.

Sidelines

Certainly we have problems today, problems of enormous magnitude. Yet, what age, what

time, has not had its problems? Although the problems may change, assume different forms and shapes, man's ability to never diminished. We still have lensburg (Washington) Tele-

earns it. - Claire G. Ely.

The human race is in the best condition when it has the greatest degree of liberty. - Dante

The American Petroleum Institute reports that U.S. reliance on oil as a primary source of energy resulted in total domestic consumption of more than 4 billion barrels of petroleum products during 1964. This is the equivalent of almost 900 gallons for every American man, woman and child.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Letters to the "People Speak" column will be accepted up to 500 words in length. The editor, however, reserves the right to reject any letter for reasons of libel, obscenity or other logical reasons. Names will be withheld upon request only at the discretion of the editor.

Man With A Heart

Meidian's Chief of Police O. A. Booker spent 42 of his 68 years in law enforcement work, which is something of a record in itself.

Of these 42 years, he devoted 20 to heading the local police department and its several divisions. He watched the growth of the department from 37, (in 1937) persons to more than double that number now, and he-was instrumental in stream-lining department functions and in the adoption of the most modern methods of police administration

Chief Booker was a strong believer in proper training for all law enforcement personnel and spent much of his time along these lines. This work has paid dividends in a safer Meridian for all its citizens.

Chief Booker was a gentleman — a law enforcement officer with a heart. He will be sorely missed in a field which he had made his life's work.



Former Chief's Wife Is Dead

Funeral services for Mrs. Lola Mae Booker of 1316 37th Ave. are to be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Webb Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Grayson officiating. Burial will follow in Magnolia Cemetery.

Mrs. Booker died in Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning. She was the wife of the late O. A. Booker, former police chief for the City of Meridian, and a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. T. J. (Barbara) Mc-Lemore Jr., Meridian, Mrs. Jere (Delores) Gunn, Hattiesburg, Miss Catherine Booker and Mrs. R. L. (Elizabeth) Nause, both of Meridian; four sons, Otis A. Jr. and Alton Ray, both of Meridian, William B., Brandon, and Charles W., Meridian; 12 grandchildren; and one brother, George C. Rawson, Meridian.

Pallbearers are William A. and Johnny Mac Booker, James Rawson, Richard Glenn Nause, George Jr. and Joe A. Rawson.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today.

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· Given at Jackson, Mississippi, over my signature and under the official seal of my office, this the tases with year.

Hugh B. Cattell, M. D. State Regi

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Prize winners in Moose Easter egg hunt at Highland park: Front [left] to right) Garland Mabry, Stephen Mocabee, Charles E. lie Fred Chancellor and Bobby Evans; back row (left to right) incest Dayis, Jaspet Dayis, George Rogers, Helen Marie Desack, to Covington, Eathy Booker and Beth, Booker — (Photo by A. Weems):

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Oct. 9, 1990

Dear Cousin Jim,

Enclosed is a little help on some of the WHYNOT families. You need to see Johnny Mac on Uncle Robert and Andy on Uncle Oscar and Aunt Myra. They were so much a part of the community I think we need to have more about them?????

I looked up what I could find on DeWitt White. Enclosed is a family sheet on the children of William V.H. White, the son of Rev. Moses B. White. One of his children was Cyrus White (not the Rev. Cyrus White, that was Rev. Moses B. and William V. White's brother). This Cyrus White b. 1860. and d. 1906 married Sally V. Pack and they had 8 children, one of which was DeWitt White who married Warine Reynolds.

HORTON

The Horton connection to the families of Whynot comes thru Sarah L. Baskin, the mother and grandmother of many of families including Allen, Booker, Dawson, Ponds, & Pogue. Sarah L., who first married Miles W. Ponds, and after he died in the war, married Robert I. Allen, son of Choctaw County, Al farmer, Benjamin Allen. Sarah's mother was Nancy Horton, dau. of Sterling Horton and Mary Truesdale. Sterling's father was William Horton and his mother was Elizabeth Welch. They came from Lancaster Co., S.C. This family has been traced back to Barnabas Horton, b. circa 1600 in Mowsley, Leicestershire, England, who died on July 13th, 1680 in Southhold, Suffork Co., Long Island, N.Y. Barnabas was a very important part of early Southhold and much has been written about him. BASKIN

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John Baskin, b. 1-20-1813, in Lancaster Co., S.C., d. Jan. 28, 1901, in Choctaw Co., AL. He married Nancy Horton, dau. of Sterling Horton and Mary Truesdale. Nancy was b. 3-26-1813 in S.C. and d. 4-18-1873 in Choctaw Co., AL. They are buried in the Coody Cemetery very near Whynot up the Whynot to Concord Road that runs in front of the Ike Pigford place. Susannah Horton who m. William Baskin and Sterling Horton who m. Mary Truesdale were brother and sister. cont.

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John E. Baskin, the son of William and Susannah Horton, married Nancy Horton, the dau. of Sterling Horton and Mary Truesdale. They married first cousins.

Their dau. Sarah Lucasan Baskin, was to be the mother of several Whyne families including Allens, Dawson, Ponds, Pogues, and Bookers.

ANDREW BROWN

In addition to what you have on Andrew: The children of Andrew Brown and Tabitha Kelly, Kelley, Kearly or Curley (not known for sure) were:

- 1. Thomas Josiah
- 2. John Willis
- 3. Frances

Thomas Josiah (Joe) m. Ina Booker, dau. of John Booker and their children were:

- 1. Willie
- 2. Sally B.
- 3. Lonnie
- 4. John Lee
- 5. T.J.
- 6. Nancy
- 7. Mallie

John Willis (Will) Brown m. Mary Frances Tucker of Monroe County, AL. Their children were:

- 1. Ina
- 2. Joe W.
- 3. Thomas
- 4. Jennie
- 5. Elizabeth
- 6. Robert
- 7. Necha
- 8. Mellie
- 9. Mary
- 10. Estelle
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Lude Brown Clark still lives in Whynot across from the Johnny Mac Booker Store and Antique Shop.

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The only girl in the family of Andrew Brown was Frances Brown who married Mack Booker. Their children were:

- 1. Melton Greenberry (died young) /6
- 2. William Andrew (Bud)
- Mark
- 4. John Sire
- 5. Nancy
- 6. Mallie K. (died young) 15
- 7. Fannie
- 8. Earl
- 9. Myrtle

BOOKER

Mark Henry (Mack) Booker, the father of Bud Booker, was b. IN /844 in Market County, AL. and he died in Clarke Co. (just a few miles from Whynot, in 1902. His father was William B. Booker of Conecuh/Monroe County, AL. Both were Civil War veterns.

Mack's farm house still stands near the Whynot raceway. Their children were:

(see above)

BOOKER

William Andrew (Bud) Booker was born Jan. 29, 1871 in Monroe County, AL and died Apr. 28, 1954 in Whynot. He was the son Mack Booker and Frances Brown, dau. of Andrew Brown and sister of John Willis and Thomas Josiah Brown. Bud married Etta Allen, b. June 13, 1878, d. May 24, 1929, on Feb. 13, 1896 and the marraige was performed by Bud's grandfather, Andrew Brown. Bud lived all his adult life on his farm that adjoined the Andrew Brown place or what we know today as the Ike Pigford place. Thier children were:

- 1. Otis A. Booker who married Lola Mae Rawson.
- 2. Oscar Lee Booker who married Nina Bell Goodman.
- 3. Robert Mac Booker who married Lillian McRae.
- 4. Myra Booker.

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RAINER
John George Rainer (RI'NER) was first found in Franklin
County, GA before 1794. His wife was named Phebe. They
moved to Tenn. before moving to Dallas Co., AL at Cahaba.
Their children were:
Charles, b. 1794 in Wayne Co., TN, m. Nancy Powell, d. 1855;
Thomas Gilbert, b. 1802 in GA, m. Nancy Buynard, d. in 1864
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in 1889 in Choctaw Co., AL.
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In his 2nd marriage John Baskin, father of Sarah L. Baskin
Ponds Allen, married Mary Ann Wilkerson Rainer, widow of John
G. Rainer.

Henreitta Clay Baskin, sister of Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen, married Charles F. Rainer, son of John G. Rainer and Mary Ann Wilkerson Rainer. They were step brother and sister.

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Page 1 Annual Report

For the last three years it has been my practice to send out a letter at the end of the year stating all that I have done in the past year concerning the genealogies of the families listed on the introduction page. This year should be the shortest annual you have ever received as very little was done by me or my cohorts in 1991.

I did make some new friends and find some new "cousins". Edward W. Salter, Jr. of Evergreen, Alabama; James Howard (Jim) Booker of Houston, Texas; E.C. Booker of Troy, Alabama; and Fred Parker of Chapel Hill, N.C. We welcome all of these new cousins to the search and we regret that we have gone an entire year without hearing from some of our old correspondents.

In May Anne and I went to North Carolina to do some research on Allens and Bookers. We had very high hopes of making some great finds; but it rained five days and nights in a row and Anne contacted food poisoning and we got very little done. She was too sick to get out of the motel much and I didn't want to leave her alone. One of the main reasons for the trip was to see Fred Parker of Chapel Hill who has done some work on the Allens and the Nances of N.C., but we never got that far. We are still looking forward to the time when Mr. Parker is well enough to send us some more on the Allens and the Nances (he has already sent over a dozen pages which I have shared with Lee Allen, and Jim Dawson). I am enclosing some of the work that Mr. Parker sent me for all of you to share.

In 1991 we had a good visit from E.C. Booker of Troy, Alabama. He and his wife came by the bank in Sweet Water one day and looked over some of my material on the Bookers. I later sent him some more and he has returned that favor with some of his copies. E.C. was a later starter in genealogy; but hopes to catch up with the rest of us soon.

Lee Allen of Choctaw County, Alabama is continuing the research started by his father Thomas Lee Allen on the Allen family. Between Lee and Fred Parker, they should have the Allens about 90% complete. I believe we could all get together and come up with a 1,000 page book on the Allens. Maybe we could get Jim Dawson to print it for us.

Don Booker has done a great job with the Booker Clearing House news and I think we all owe him alot. His paper cost alone must be terrific not to mention his postage. I think if we are ever going to tie the North Carolina Bookers to the Virginia Bookers we will need to continue in our efforts of working together via the clearing house idea. Don has the right idea, he just needs our help.

Edward Salter, Jr. of Evergreen has done alot of work in 1991. He has a good bit on Salters and Bookers in Monroe-Conecuh County, Alabama, and he has a good many cemetery records in those counties if you need them.

For those of you who do not know, Cousin Jim Dawson not only works on his Dawson and Allen lines; but he is the executive director of the Lauderdale County, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. For eight or nine years now he has directed that department and it has grown into something to make the day of the

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One of the things on Bookers that none of us have ever been able to do much with is the Bookers of Uniontown, Alabama. I found six Booker graves there over eight years ago and still do not know how they tie in with us.

Parham N. Booker 1836-1910 William E. Booker 1866-1886 Edmund Webster Booker 1838-1912 Sarah E. Booker 1829-1914 Wiltshire Marion Booker 1823-1898 Indiana Jones Booker 1831-1906

There was a Parham Nicholas Booker and Mary Marion Poole Booker of Richmond County, VA and they had 11 children before moving to Alabama. They must be related to these Bookers because of the dates and the names but I can't prove that. Uniontown is just east of Linden and only a few miles from Orrville and Selma.

I know from some papers I got from Tillie Gunn that there was a William Booker in Selma or near Selma like in the 1830 and 1840's. He died there and I think he sold his land to William Rufus King who later became the vice president of the U.S.A. just before the Civil War.

There is a George Booker between Orrville and Selma today who is around 65 years old; but he has never answered any of my letters. He could be from these Uniontown Bookers. I will try again.

There is another George Booker who lives at Yantley, Alabama, just 17 miles east of Meridian and a short distance from Whynot. He is kin to the Vimville Bookers of the John Sire Booker family I think. He has never answered any letters either. I think I will stop there one day and talk to him.

Oden F. Booker of Needham, Alabama (near Butler in Choctaw County) died in 1991. He was the son of Zeanos B. Booker and grandson of William B. Booker and Mattie Booker of Conecuh County, AL. He wrote me once; but he didn't know very much....only his father and grandfather's name.

Well, I told you it would be short...that is about all I know of 1991. Hope all of you will work real hard in 1992 to really make some progress in the family tree.

Looking forward to hearing from each of you,

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Sheriff Edwin Booker

The sheriff's brother, Rogene Booker, is the probate judge in the county. Both men were raised in Conecuh County and now serve its citizens from courthouse offices just a short distance apart.

Sheriff Booker says that progress has been made in his department's war on drugs, but more remains to be done. Undercover operations conducted by the department with the help of the Drug Enforcement Administration resulted in approximately 20 arrests last year. Eradication of marijuana sighted from aircraft also continues in the county.

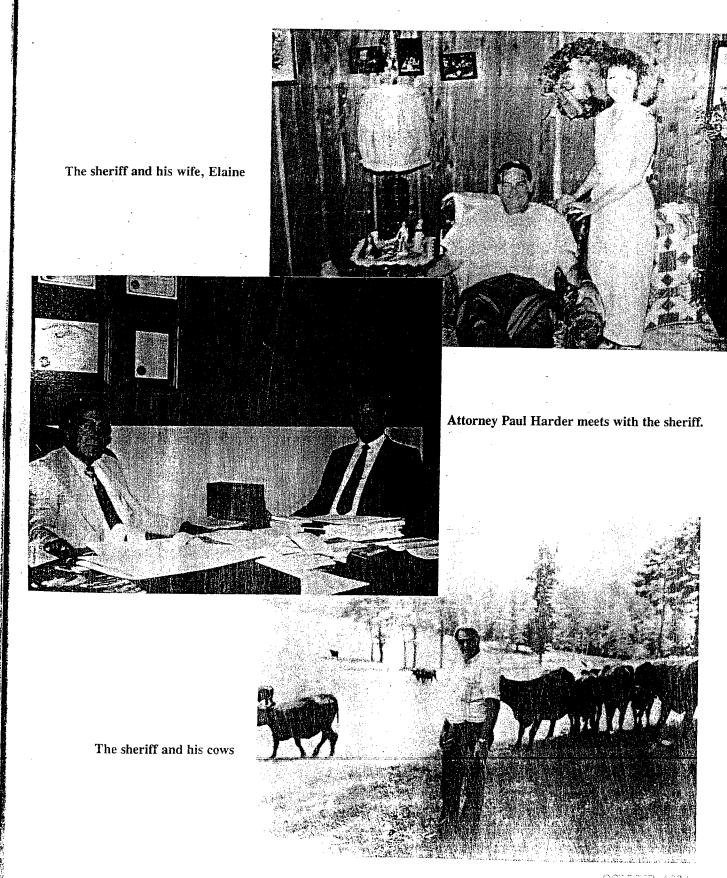
In addition, he visits the schools regularly, talking to kids about drugs, showing films and passing out literature to get his message across. A major effort is directed at the parents of those schoolkids. "We're constantly telling the parents that they need to know who the kids associate with and where they are at all times," he says. "I know it's hard to do."

The sheriff is understandably proud of the lack of crime in his county. He says that the department often spends a weekend without a call on a Friday or Saturday night. "We have it real quiet now," he says.

The sheriff attributes this, in part, to the responsive manner of his office. He believes that Conecuh County citizens should have a sheriff who will dive a

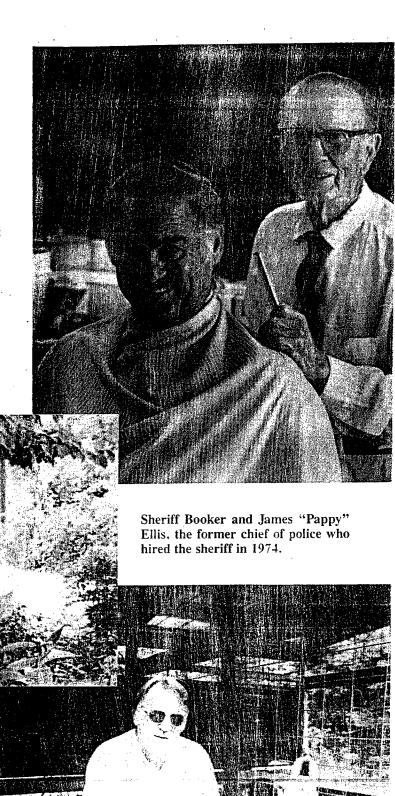


The county treasurer is Mildred Y. Brown. Here, she "works" the files with Sheriff



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Sheriff Booker with his barber, Dave Snowden. Dave is 88 and has been cutting hair in Evergreen since 1924.



The sheriff and his track dogs