



THE BURKETT FAMILY



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"In your dreams, Mr. Claus"

Juanelle Burkett Curtis of Goliad, Texas sent me the above Christmas card. However, she inadvertently put the wrong zip code on it and it was returned to her. But she mailed it again in the original envelope along with some other items and I'm glad she did. I enjoyed it so much I decided to share it with you. The expressions on the faces of the steers simply strikes me as funny! Thanks, Juanelle.

To Honor the Memory of Joe Burkett, Jr. -

The following letter was received by Mrs. Pearl Burkett -

HAL AND CHARLIE PETERSON FOUNDATION
 515 Jefferson Street
 Kerrville, Texas 78029-3870
 Telephone (830)896-2262

January 7, 2002

Mrs. Joe Burkett
 504 Main Street
 Kerrville, Texas 78028

Dear Mrs. Burkett:

If you will recall, the Trustees and Staff of the Foundation want to honor the memory of our friend and colleague Joe Burkett, Jr. by planting a Burkett Pecan tree as the first part of a plan to landscape the back and side yards of the Foundation office. We have completed these plans and will begin the implementation of them this month. We will, as a first part of

the plan, plant the Burkett Pecan just prior to our board meeting to be held Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

We want to invite you and members of your family to join the Trustees with the formal planting of the tree on that date. There won't be a big ceremony, just the opportunity for us to get together to remember and honor Joe. All this should take place at 10:00 A.M. at the office. You should contact Paula at our office to confirm times, etc.

We look forward to seeing you and members of Joe's family.

Sincerely,

John M. Mosty
Secretary-Treasurer-Manager

This seems such an appropriate way to honor and remember Joe for his many years of service to the Foundation that I felt it should be included in this Issue. ■

Texas Burketts 1976 -



Seated: Edgar Lorenza Burkett and Anna Louisa Burkett Jackson; Behind chairs: Birdie Leona Burkett Chambers, Mae Delle Statyre Burkett Goodwin, Gladys Beatrice Burkett Hodges; Back row: George Cooper, Callie Ree Jackson Cooper and at far right Archie Hodges.

(Photo provided by Tom Cooper) It is believed this was

The Burkett Family

Original Historian

StellaB 'Nita' Jackson Jaynes

October 8, 1907 - June 18, 1996



We wish to acknowledge the contributions made by StellaB 'Nita' Jackson Jaynes in compiling the initial data about our family. Without her efforts much of the information we have would probably never have been located. However, the impetus to continue her work began with a suggestion in 1992 by Gentry J.B. Burkett to have a family reunion in Huntsville, Alabama which was carried out by the efforts of Audy Majors. Over the years, Audy has continued his efforts toward the location and preservation of family information and artifacts.

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taken in the summer of 1976 during which Anna Louisa Burkett Jackson was honored at the Bicentennial celebration at Williams Ranch as being the oldest former resident present. She was 93 at that time. ■

Correction of Volume 4 2001 -

The two pictures shown below were published on page 6. The couple shown below as 1 and 2 were listed incorrectly as non-relatives. Joe Watkins Burkett of Angleton, Texas sent me an e-mail letting me know those were his parents, John and Arizona Burkett!! My apologies to Joe, Jim, and Katie.



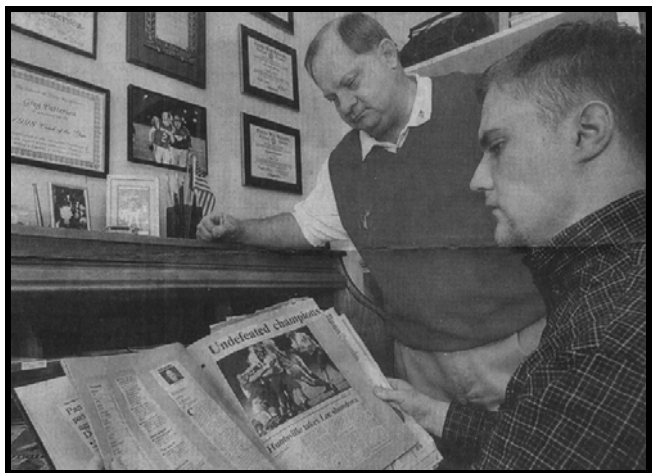
And that's John Burkett shown as 1 below.



A Coach Retires -

Greg Patterson is a son of Carlos and Loretta Chisholm Patterson who live in Huntsville, Alabama as does Greg. Loretta is a daughter of Jack and Ara Burkett Chisholm, a granddaughter of Almon Lee and Nancy Burkett, a great granddaughter of Jobe Burkett, a 2nd great granddaughter of John Burkett and a 3rd great granddaughter of Henry Burkett. The following is a condensed version of an article from The Huntsville Times.

Leaving a field of dreams -



Greg Patterson and his son Buzz look over a family scrapbook filled with memories of high school football.

The circle appears to be complete for Carlos and Loretta Patterson when it comes to half a century of city football.

It started in the 1950s when Carlos was a football player and Loretta, a Chisholm then, was a cheerleader at Rison school. The ensuing decades would involve many football Friday nights and many more emotional peaks and valleys. Why, Carlos and Loretta have been to so many football games they've never tried to count them. "I couldn't even start to tell you," Loretta said.

Now, after their 52-year-old son Greg Patterson announced last week that he was retiring following 18 seasons as Huntsville's football coach, an era of sorts has ended. Not just for the Pattersons, but for a community and city as well.

Greg has been a player or coach since his days as a star quarterback for Lee in the mid-1960s. Paul Parvin, who is married to Greg's sister Anna, retired following the 1998 season after 18 years as football coach at Johnson and Grissom. The Pattersons other two children, Barbie and Brad, cheered and played

for the Generals.

"That's been our life," Loretta said. "I asked Greg the other day 'What am I going to do?' He said, 'Well, you'll just have to adopt you a team and follow them.'"

It all started with Greg for the Patterson family. He was small at 5-foot-8 and 155 pounds but was at the offensive helm when Lee coach Keith Wilson unveiled his run-and-shoot offense in 1966. In that season, Patterson set a city record with 407 passing yards in a game against Cullman.

Patterson wishes he could have played a more wide-open style like the way they played at Lee during Patterson's prep days. "I'd liked to have been the Steve Spurrier of high school football," Patterson said, "but we didn't have the personnel."

Times have changed in city football over the past half century. Coaches have a hard time getting players to come out. The bands aren't nearly the size they once were at most schools. Community support has dwindled. For Patterson, the time was right to step out.

"When Greg was playing at Lee, if you weren't there at 6:30 you didn't get a seat," Loretta said. "That's the difference now. I don't know what happened. The whole neighborhood, just about every house, had somebody that went to Lee."

Maybe the participation and support will come back, but in some way things will never be the same again with Patterson's departure.

"Good things end and you just hate to see it end," Loretta Patterson said. "It's so different for us. We always went to eat and then went to the ballgame."

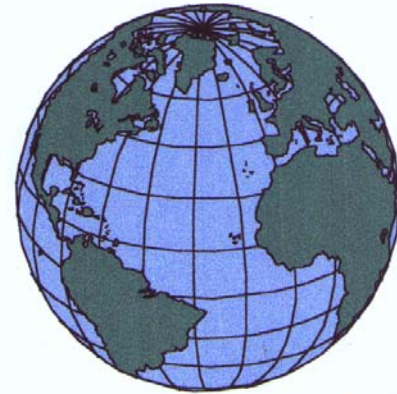
While Patterson leaves a well-respected football coach, he wants to be known simply as a coach. "I always considered myself an all-around coach, not just football," he said. "I coached baseball six years at Cullman, softball seven years at Huntsville, golf for five years at Huntsville and track and basketball in middle school." (end of article)

Comments by Oliver Webb: Well done, Coach. Your election into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame supports the above. And with brother-in-law Paul Parvin also having been elected to the Hall of Fame, that gives us two relatives to be proud of for their athletic accomplishments. ■

Life's Unanswered Questions -

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing soap made with real lemons?

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?



The Trail of the Elrods

1709-2001

by Dorothy Elrod Foster



Dot Elrod Foster is a daughter of John "Gum" Elrod and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Burkett Elrod, a granddaughter of Jobe Burkett, a great granddaughter of John Burkett, and a 2nd great granddaughter of Henry Burkett.

Dot prepared the above book on her Elrod ancestors and her daughter Elaine, who works at a printing firm in McMinnville, TN, printed it for her. It is nice to see others putting their family history in print so that future generations can read it.

Dot has an excellent writing style and writes with humor. Here is just one excerpt from her book.

"One day we came down the road past Hiram Todd's and we picked up a large nail in the yard. Mama made us take it back. Another thing she would not tolerate was lying. One time we were on the porch and I shoved Edward (a brother) off. For some reason, he cried! Mama came out and I said, 'I didn't do it.' She told me she was whipping me for lying to her, not for pushing Edward off the porch. She always said it hurt her worse than it did us. *I thought she punished herself too many times.*" (Italics added.) ■

Could This be Henry Burkett's Home?

In keeping with our determination to find Henry Burkett's old homestead, cousins Audy Majors and Gina Burkett Hyche went back to the headwaters of Carson Fork Creek in the southwestern corner of Cannon County. After talking with some local folks, they continued on around a road Audy and I had been on during one trip but we stopped short of continuing to the end. Below is the house they came upon. You will notice that someone apparently did some repair work on the right side since the windows appear to have been replaced and painted white.



In the view below of the left side of the house, it is obvious that it has suffered from age and lack of repair. It looks as if there was a fireplace there at one time but has since fallen down or been removed and boarded up along with some windows.



Now let's look at the history of Henry's farm. He bought two parcels of adjoining land totaling 270 acres - one was 100 acres and one was 170 acres. This land was purchased from Irvin Petty for seven hundred dollars February 22, 1854. Nothing was mentioned in the deed about a house being on the property. According to a statement by David Burkett, one of the sons of Henry and Polly, Henry and Polly were living on that acreage when Henry died in 1875.

The above house appears to have several rooms including some upstairs. If it was Henry's house, how many people would have been living there at the time

Henry purchased it. Their six oldest children were already married by 1854 but five were not and they are listed below:

Name	Age in 1854	Married
George Washington Burkett	20	Sept 1859
James Burkett	18	Nov 1856
David Burkett	12	Nov 1867
Martha Caroline Burkett	13	Aug 1857
Martha Jane Burkett	7	Dec 1864

In addition to Henry, Polly and the children listed above, it's also likely that another son, John, was living with them at some point in time since he was listed in the 1870 census as being in their household. John was wounded in the Civil War and his wife, Paulina Markum, died about 1866.

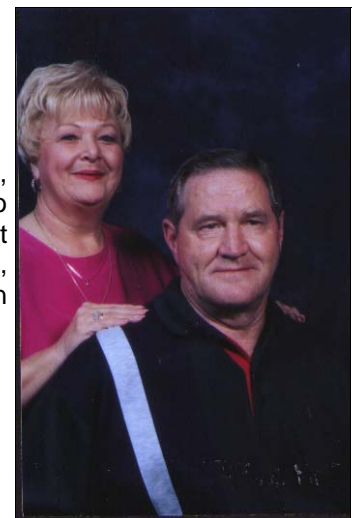
Just considering the number of folks who were probably living with Henry and looking at the number of rooms in the house shown above, it seems to fit. Also, both Audy and Gina seemed to think the wood looked old enough for construction that many years ago. The propping up with concrete blocks obviously took place in later years as the house became in danger of falling down.

The current owner lives in Orlando, Florida and Audy got in touch with him. During a visit by the owner to Tennessee, he called Audy and Audy went up and met him. The owner said he has "about 270 acres." The owner does not have an abstract since they don't go back that far but we have enough information that we can work on at the Deeds and Land office in the Cannon County Courthouse - which we will do.

Does this prove it was Henry's place. No, not yet. Do we know where Henry was buried? No, that's also one of the things we have been trying to learn. I feel we are closer but guess we still have more work to do. ■

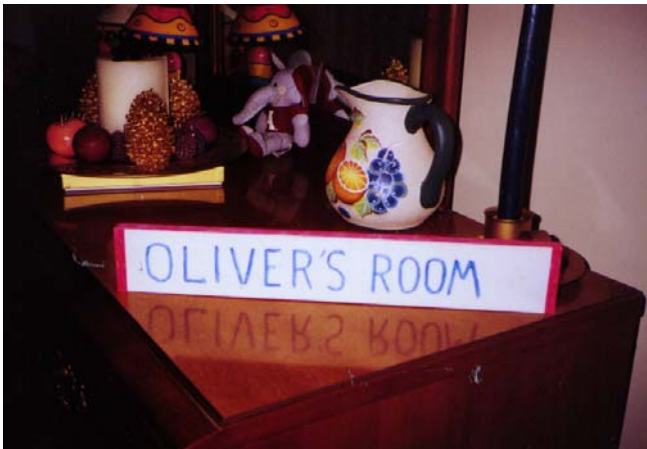
Audy & Sandy -

Speaking about Audy, this is a good place to include the latest picture of him and wife, Sandy. This was taken December of last year.



My Room -

I have stayed at Audy and Sandy's for so many years while attending reunions I had begun referring to one of their bedrooms as "my room." They had given me my own house key several years ago. When I arrived last year, shown below is the sign which greeted me in "my room!" Thanks, Audy and Sandy, for your hospitality and for putting up with me all these years.



Rebecca Caroline Rigby Burkett -

This obituary was recently provided by Cheryl Watson Mingle, a second great granddaughter of Rebecca. Rebecca was the wife of Jobe Burkett who was a son of John Burkett and a grandson of Henry Burkett. Jobe and Rebecca's picture was in the last issue of the Newsletter. There are several errors in the obituary shown below. I will type it just as it was printed and then discuss the errors.

MRS. REBECCA BERKETT SUCCUMBS AT RIPE OLD AGE

Mrs. Rebecca Berkett, age 82 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.G. Elrod, last Friday. In spite of her ripe old age, Mrs. Berkett was reasonably active until her last illness. Death resulted from pneumonia fever.

Her more than four score years were apparently well spent. At a very early age, she became a member of the Church of Christ and lived a consistent Christian life. This is the greatest thing that can be said of any one when they have crossed into the great beyond.

She is survived by five children, Mrs. J.G. Elrod and Mrs. J. L. Wood of Oak Grove, Warren County community, T. L. Berkett of McMinnville and Oswell Berkett of Huntsville, Alabama.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove church by Eld. Slaydon of McMinnville and interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery. As

evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Berkett was held, a large number could not gain admission into the church building for the funeral services. [End]

The obvious error is spelling her name as "Berkett" instead of "Burkett." The next error is the omission of one of her children. It states, "She is survived by five children" but then fails to list a daughter, Mrs. John F. (Julie Ann) Watson. The next error is listing a son as "Oswell Berkett of Huntsville, Alabama" when it was really "Almon Lee Burkett." Where Oswell came from I have no idea. Another error was that she was actually close to 83 years of age having been born in December 1844 and died November 26, 1927. And the final error which was discovered in later years is that her daughter Elizabeth "Lizzie" was married to John M. Elrod and not John G. Elrod. It seems his nickname was "Gum" which was taken from his middle name of Montgomery and he had it so long everybody thought that was his real name - and even his grave marker reads "J.G. Elrod." Below is a picture of Mrs. Burkett and her five children.



Left to right front - Almon Lee Burkett, Mrs. Rebecca Caroline Rigby Burkett, Tolbert Lee Burkett.

Standing left to right - Julie Ann Burkett (Watson) (Underhill), JoAnna "Dollie" Burkett (Wood), Elizabeth "Lizzie" Love Burkett (Elrod) (Newby). ■

David Burkett Death Certificate -

In early January during a discussion with Audy Majors, it dawned on Audy that since David did not die until 1926, we could probably get a death certificate for David and it might give us some more information about the family. So Audy wrote to Tennessee and got a copy which is shown on the next page. Unfortunately, it did not help as it contained some errors and omissions. I guess that should have been expected since David's parents, brothers and sisters, and his first wife had already died and there was nobody to give details about

STATE OF TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Cannon
Civil Dist. 12
Village or City _____

Registration District No. 40512
Primary Registration District No. _____

2 FULL NAME David Burkette
(No. _____) _____ St.; _____ Ward

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED married
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH No record (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____

7 AGE 85 compared with men of his age at home
yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____ or _____ min. ?
If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs.

8 OCCUPATION _____
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Tenn

10 NAME OF FATHER Epsy Burkette

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Tenn

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Don't know

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Tenn

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Bill Ferrell
(Address) Bradysville, Tenn

15 Bill Ferrell
1085 Johnson
REGISTERAR

16 DATE OF DEATH Mar 25 (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) 1926

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 191____, to _____ 191____, that I last saw h _____ alive on _____ 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
From natural cause
Unattended by physician

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____ In the _____ State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Curley's Cmtr DATE OF BURIAL Mar 28 1926

20 UNDERTAKER Asa Todd ADDRESS Stock Grove

18 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____
(Signed) _____ (Address) _____, 191____ M. D.

18 CAUSE OF DEATH (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

18 REGISTERED NO. 4

18 FILE NO. 5224

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

* Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

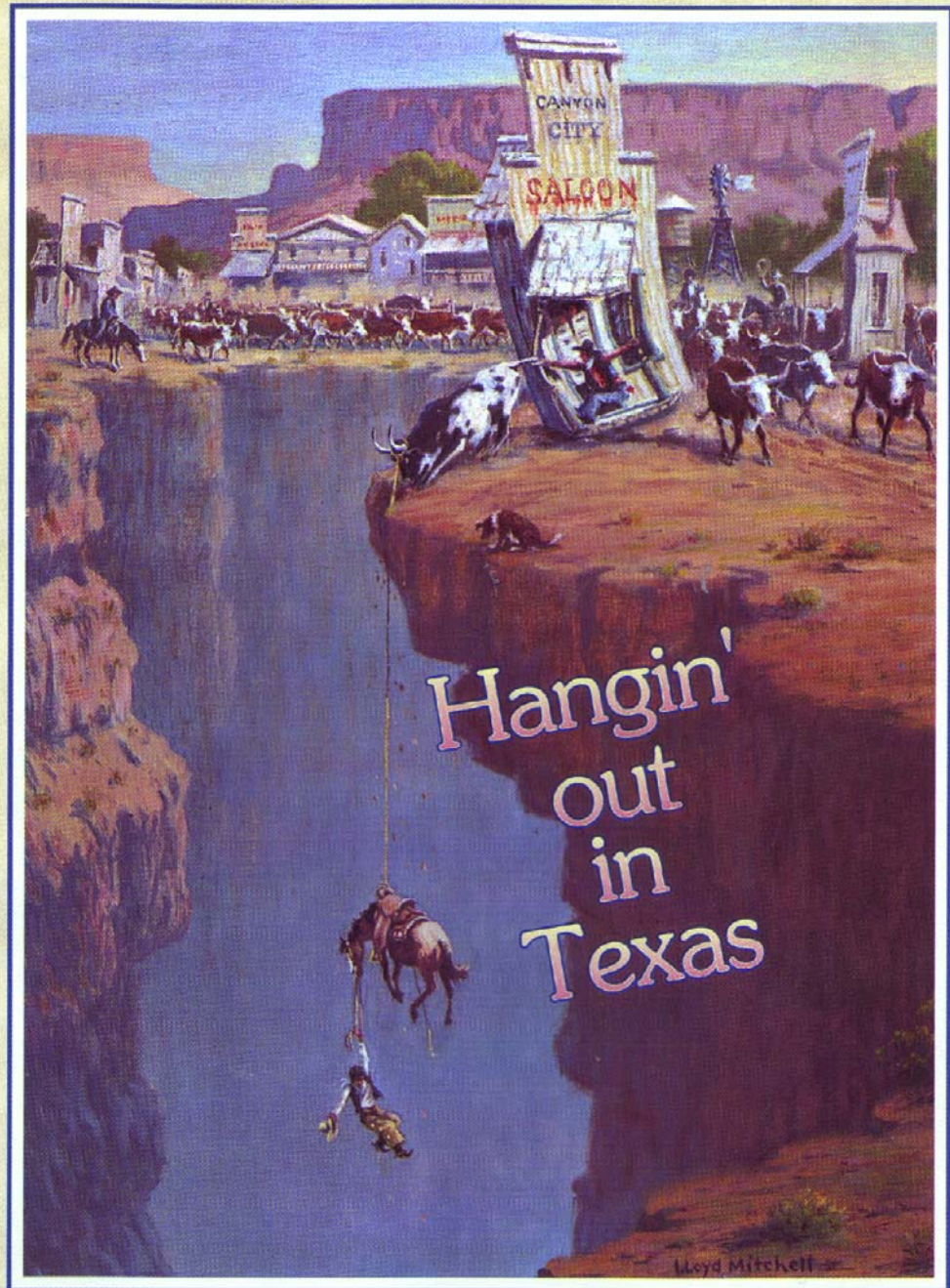
David. First, you will notice they spelled his name as "Burkette" instead of "Burkett". If you will look at item 14 in the lower left corner you will notice the person who provided the information was Bill Ferrell. My guess is that Bill was a brother to Frances Ferrell who was David's first wife. I guess he was the closest person who knew anything at all about David. But look at what was filled in for David's parents on item 10 and 12. It says David's father was Epsy (?) Burkette and "Don't Know" was entered for his mother. Item 7 shows his age as 85 which was very close (he was one month shy of 85th birthday) even though Item 6 shows Date of Birth as "No Record." Item 19 shows burial in "Curley's Cmtr" instead of Curlee Cemetery. ■

Another Card from Juanelle Burkett Curtis -

This was a correspondence card as opposed to a greeting card. I found it very funny and wanted to share it. Where she finds these cards I don't know but I sure enjoy them and I thank you, Juanelle.

This card was made from an oil painting by Lloyd Mitchell (1909 - 1978) which was 24"x 20" and entitled "End of the Line." It was one of several by this artist who became famous for his Skinny Saloon paintings; unforgettable scenes of precariously propped saloons hanging on hilltops and precipices, creating a myriad of hilarious predicaments for the patrons.

Don't overlook the dog on the edge who is really taking it all in! And you will notice that was a real cowboy - he is still hanging on to his hat. ■



Actual Medical Records -

Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

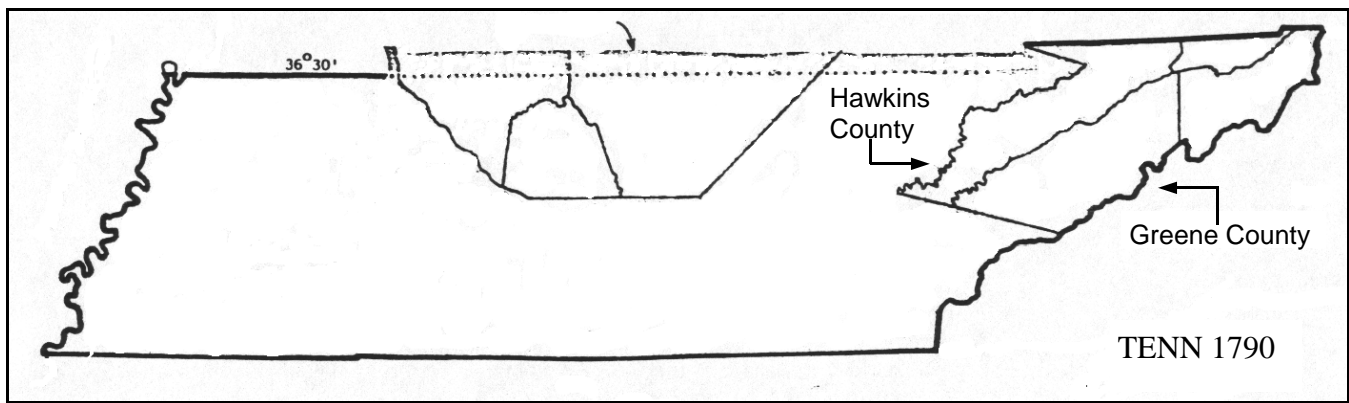
The patient refused an autopsy.

(continued in next column)

On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.

Discharge status: Alive but without permission.



Was Henry Burkett Born Here? -

For years we have struggled to learn where Henry Burkett was born. We have located some documents which said he was born in Virginia and some which said he was born in Tennessee - none of which provided any supporting evidence. Now we have a theory which might explain this seeming contradiction.

Using the above outline map of Tennessee as it was in 1790, notice two counties designated - Hawkins and Greene. We know that Henry enlisted in the army in 1813 in Rogersville which is located in Hawkins County. We know that he and Polly Epley were married in 1819 in Greene County. It seems logical that their families were living in or near these counties.

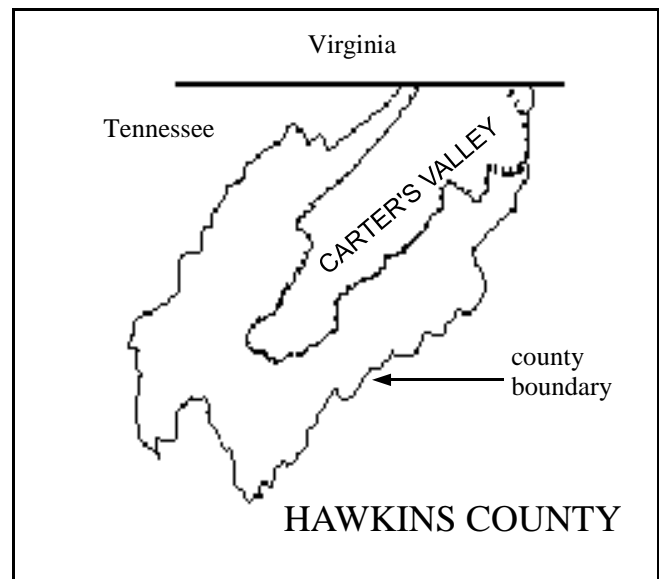
But how could Henry have been born in both Virginia and Tennessee? In his army records, which he himself filled out, he said he was born in Tennessee. But Tennessee did not become a state until 1796 and the records indicate Henry was born in 1794. We speculated that Henry was saying he was born in an area which later became Tennessee. With that in mind, we began our search. Let's look at the history of Hawkins County.

Most of Hawkins County's first settlers migrated from Southern Virginia. Others came from near the headwaters of the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers just east of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina near present-day Salisbury which is Rowan County. [Note: Epleys are known to have been in Rowan County.]

The first store in Hawkins County was built by Carter and Parker near present-day Church Hill to supply travelers down the Holston to British West Florida and to trade with Native Americans. The store was robbed by Cherokee warriors. The merchants petitioned the Cherokee and were given Carter's Valley in settlement. (See map in the next column.)

Settlers in the Carter's Valley and Long Island areas were organized into the Pendleton District of Virginia before 1776. After several petitions to the

Virginia Legislature, the Pendleton District was included in Finecastle County, Virginia. These same settlers facilitated the organization of Virginia's Washington County in 1776. Washington County, Virginia encompassed southwestern Virginia and the North Holston and Carter's Valley Settlements in present-day Tennessee. Although it became annexed to North Carolina, some of Hawkins County continued to be administratively part of Washington and Finecastle Counties, Virginia in many actions (e. g., wills executed by Carter's Valley residents were recorded for probate in Finecastle County, Virginia.)



A special enumeration was made in 1795 to determine if the Southwest Territory had enough residents to qualify for statehood. Hawkins County had 2,472 slaves - the largest number of any county - or nearly 20.5% of Hawkins County's population. With 13,331 residents, Hawkins County was the most populous county in the Territory.

In 1796, Tennessee became a state and Hawkins County with the Carter's Valley area then became part of Tennessee. So here we have an area which was once Virginia and then became Tennessee plus

Henry enlisted in the army in Rogersville which lies within the Carter's Valley area.

Have we proven that Henry was born in the Carter's Valley area of Hawkins County, Tennessee? While we have not come up with proof in the form of documents, etc., I believe there is sufficient circumstantial evidence for me to go out on a limb and say I believe that is where he was born. It's the one area which was both Virginia and Tennessee, he enlisted there at the age of 18, and got married probably not more than 20 miles from where he enlisted.

Can we locate documents which might prove this? I don't know. The 1790 census has been lost which might have given us Henry's parents names and the 1800 census which would have included Henry has also been lost. Although there are a few Finecastle, Virginia records left in Christianburg, most of the surviving records reside at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. A professor from there, named Lyman Draper, came to Christianburg circa 1850s to research the Draper family and the Draper community in present day Pulaski Co. He was given all the Finecastle Co. records he wished to take. He took them back to Wisconsin. These have been called the "Draper Manuscripts." Have I contacted the University of Wisconsin yet? No, but I plan to do that and I also plan to try to locate a copy of the special enumeration made in 1795 to determine if the Territory had enough residents to qualify for statehood. While this enumeration will not have the details of a census, I believe it will include the names of residents. And we might dig through to see if the 1790 Virginia census still exists and see if the Pendleton District was included. The search continues! ■

More About Marion County, Arkansas

In the previous issue of the Newsletter, excerpts were published from Chapter 6 of "History of Marion County, Arkansas." You will recall that James Burkett, a son of Henry and Polly Burkett, moved there from middle Tennessee. These excerpts help in understanding the life styles and living conditions of our ancestors. Now here are some more excerpts.

CHAPTER SEVEN

EARLY FORMS OF RECREATION, ENTERTAINMENT AND AMUSEMENTS

By Z. B. Smith

Settlers of early Marion County, most of whom were of Scotch-Irish ancestry from "east of the

Mississippi", were never at a loss for ways of enjoying themselves and had never heard the word "boredom." These people were hard-working and, for the most part, easy going people who often turned their work into play. At such times as log-rolling, house-raising, corn-husking, sorghum-making and quilting bees, several families would work together, share their food, then play games and make music. This article, due to lack of space, will touch on some forms of entertainment, (some more than others) and show the entertainment and recreation that these people made for themselves. They certainly did not lack for a truly social life and a true community spirit.

Religion controlled most of the people to the extent of participation in "worldly pleasure." There were those who held to the Puritan outlook and believed they should abstain from anything even slightly "tainted" with the flesh; then there were those who held the more liberal stance of the Cavalier persuasion and believed one could enjoy many things - dancing, horse racing and the like - and still make it to heaven. Often the Church was forced to make strenuous laws against "merry making" and would call wayward members "on the carpet", sometimes putting them out of fellowship until they repented and mended their ways. This very often took place at camp meetings which was itself a part of their social life. The annual camp meeting lasted from three to five weeks beginning after the crops were laid by and ending just before harvest.

The more staid families, realizing the need for social gatherings (or "frolics" as they were called then) for the young people, gave them opportunities to meet together and "court" with the idea of marriage in mind. By an "unbending of their religious beliefs" these families gave "play parties" in their homes and allowed a certain type of dancing to the singing games - a stomping of their feet and clapping of their hands as accompaniment to the music. The oldest and best loved songs at these meetings were "Skip to My Lou My Darling", "Green Grows the Grass", "Green Gravel", "Going Down to the River" and many others. Some of the "more settled games" were : Cross Questions and Silly Answers; Pleased or Displeased; Truth or Consequences, etc. Sometimes taffy pulls took place and the young people were allowed to "bite the candy". The one getting the shortest piece of candy got to kiss his partner. The older people joined in the dancing games, then settled nearby to watch and listen to the rest, entering into the spirit of the party while still chaperoning the young ones. Those who were hardier and more bold, and that element of the ones who adhered to "no man's law" were in attendance each Saturday night wherever the Square Dances were held, often riding or walking miles to get there.

The fiddle, banjo and one or two guitars made up the band that played for the "hoe down." The fiddle was thought by many to be inhabited by the devil himself as its high sweet notes and lilting music could put the most reluctant man to dancing or patting his foot at least. Even the women who were known to be "agin" such follies, going along with her man, often danced until the break of dawn to the sighing, sobbing wails of that devilish fiddle — missing church on Sunday morning and falling into disfavor because of it. Few could resist the enjoyment of being "a part of the set" of the Square Dance, tramping the floor in time to the music of "Old Joe Clark", Cottoneyed Joe", Chicken Reel", "Fire on the Mountain", or the "Eighth of January ", and the Caller as he called the dance, in his low voice, telling them to "promenade" or "do-si-do"! Many of the old calls are now on record for prosperity.

Probably the most enjoyed form of all recreation, early and later, practiced by our people was family reading. The family would gather each evening to listen as one member of the family would read the Bible, a novel or something chosen by one of the listeners.

One of the earliest forms of recreation for the women of Marion County was quilt-making which was learned from childhood. Quilt-making consumed many hours, often in solitude, and the idea of a Quilting Bee was born, thus giving company to the added incentive for accomplishment. Invitations were sent to neighboring women to attend a Quilting Bee. This entailed refreshments and certain preparations as for a social gathering, so often the husbands and children were invited also. In this case each family contributed to the refreshment by bringing a covered dish of food, a pie or a cake. While the women quilted, the men visited while they chopped wood, did blacksmith work, cleaned the barn, or whatever chore the host had need of help in seasonal work. The children played the old games, When they tired of these, they created games of their own.

The Quilting Bee was begun by bringing out the quilt-top to be placed in the quilting frames. These frames consisted of four strips of wood — two side strips 108 inches long and two end strips that were 90 inches long. On each of these strips of wood a folded strip of heavy cloth was tacked. To this, the edges of the quilt were pinned after the side frames were placed on top of the end frames and secured at each corner by a long nail placed in the drilled holes of the frames. The quilt frame was hung from the ceiling — or placed on wooden horses — and rolled as it was quilted. Putting the quilt on the frame was not an easy task. The lining of the quilt had to be tightly tacked on the frames, the cotton batting was placed on the lining evenly, and the quilt top was

then secured to the lining by pinning at intervals along the edges. Next, the quilting design was marked and the quilting began. A woman had "status" in the community if she was a neat quilter. The smaller she made her stitches, the more praise she received. The common "Nine Patch" quilts were done in the simple shell stitch design, while the more elaborate quilts had stitch designs that were more complicated.

As a superstition, it was thought that whatever one dreamed the first time one slept under a new quilt would come true. It was also a custom, when the quilt was finished and taken from the frames, to "shake the cat" in it. The women stood in a circle. When the cat jumped out of the quilt, the nearest single person was, supposedly, the next one to wed. Often the quilt was named or "christened" by putting it over some young couple who the women thought — or hoped — would marry.

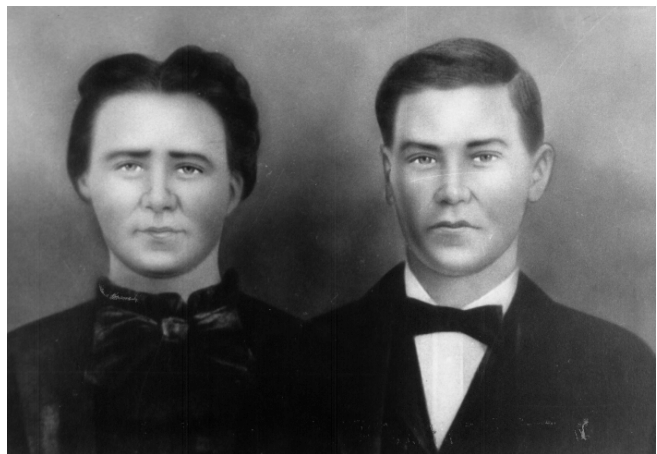
Besides the social hours together, exchanging news, remedies, recipes, and garden lore was enjoyable and the pioneer women had the feeling of helping create something beautiful and useful.■

(I can remember my Grannie Burkett and her Quilting Bee's. The frames were hung from the ceiling and there were several women gathered around with their needles and thread.)

Julie Ann Burkett (Watson)(Underhill)-

September 27, 1875 — October 23, 1961

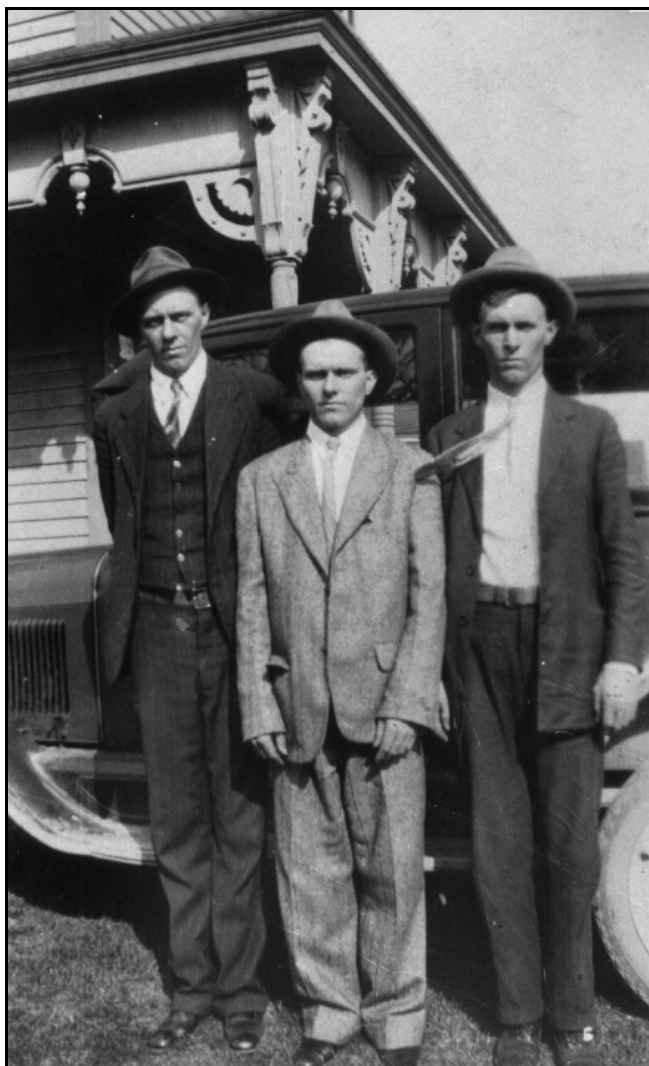
(The pictures in this article along with the obituary for Rebecca Burkett shown on page 6 was provided by Cheryl Watson Mingle, a daughter of Morris And Eunice Watson; a granddaughter of Frank Lee and Eula Watson; a great granddaughter of Julie Ann and John Watson, and a 2nd great granddaughter of Rebecca and Jobe Burkett. I wish to thank Cheryl for providing these pictures.)



Julie Ann Burkett and John Franklin Watson

Julie is also pictured back on page 6 with her mother Rebecca, 2 sisters and 2 brothers - Elizabeth, JoAnna, Almon Lee, and Tolbert.

She first married John Franklin Watson on October 27, 1898. They had 4 children - Frank, Charles, E.J., and Jessie. E.J. died at the age of about 11 months. Her husband, John, died in 1907 at the early age of 29, cause unknown. The picture on the preceding page is their wedding picture. Below in a previously unpublished picture are their 3 surviving sons.



L to R - Charles Louis, Jessie and Frank Lee Watson

The top picture in the next column is Frank Lee Watson and wife Eula Elizabeth Bond Watson on their wedding day March 2, 1919. Frank Lee was the oldest child of John F. Watson and Julie Ann Burkett Watson and later became an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The other picture is Frank Lee, his wife, and their twelve children. The date on this picture is unknown at this time.



1- James C. ; 2- Frank Lee; 3- Eula; 4- Johnny;
 5- David; 6- Frank, Jr.; 7- Anna; 8- Rebeckah;
 9- Morris; 10- Frances; 11- Virgie; 12- Aaron;
 13- James; 14- Paul

After Julie Ann Burkett Watson's husband died June 23, 1907, she married Ezekial (Ezekiel) Oliver Underhill in July Of 1909. They had two children - William Ernest Underhill, born July 16, 1910 and Laura Eula Underhill, born March 21, 1914. Below is an article about Mr. Underhill also provided by Cheryl Watson Mingle.

ELDER E. O. UNDERHILL

The Short Mountain session adopted the following resolution:

1. That since our dear Lord, on March 15, 1934, saw fit to call our beloved brother and elder, E.O. Underhill, to his reward, which awaits Christians like him. We deplore the loss to the church, his family and community.

2. That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

3. Brother Underhill was born April 12, 1848, professed faith in Christ and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the year of 1862, was ordained in 1875 an elder in the McMinnville Presbytery.

He was confined to his room for seven years, during which time he was in a wheel chair, the most of the time a helpless invalid. However, he radiated a sweet Christian influence over all who came in contact with him. The weaker he became in body the stronger he grew spiritually. Bro. A. B. Moffit conducted his funeral, which was attended by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, Mrs. Julie Watson Underhill, four boys, three girls — namely, John, E.J., Oliver and Ernest; Mary, Sarah, and Laura and a host of grandchildren.

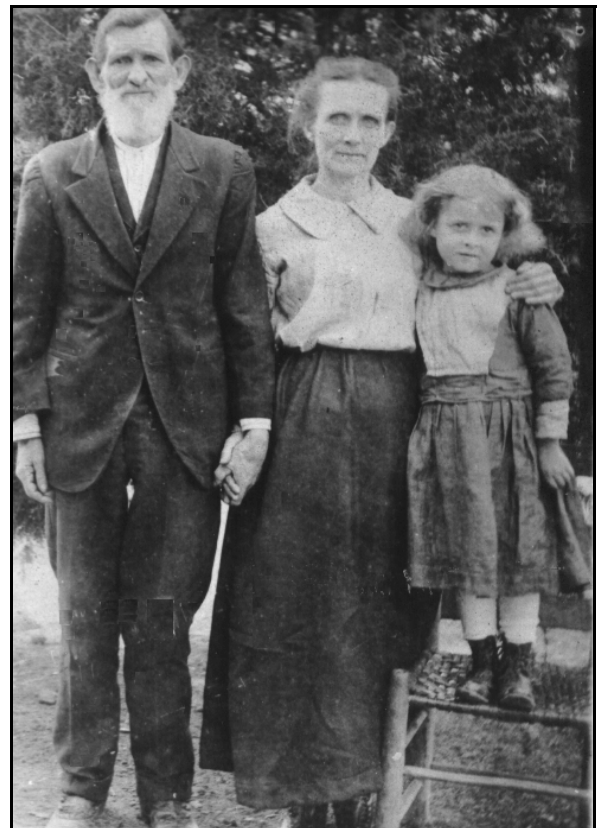
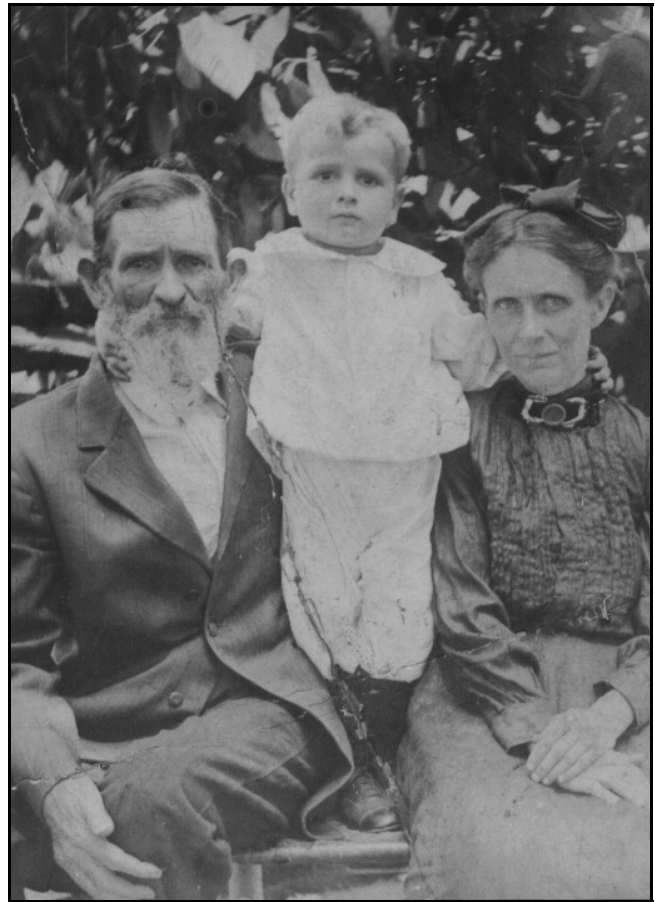
4. Be it further resolved that a copy of this memorial be spread on our church minutes, one sent to the family, one to our church paper and one to the Smithville Review.

Committee:

W. E. Miller
H. D. Hibdon
J. W. Vanatta
E. J. Underhill

From the above, we can see that Mr. Underhill apparently was married before he married Julie Ann. By his first wife, he had three sons - John, E.J., and Oliver - and two daughters - Mary and Sarah and then the son, William Ernest, and the daughter, Laura Eula, by Julie Ann.

The top picture in the next column shows Mr. Underhill and Julie Ann with son, William Ernest. The next picture below it is of Mr. Underhill, Julie Ann, and their daughter, Laura Eula. I previously published this picture but Cheryl sent a better quality copy.



OOPS! I Missed one -

Here is one more picture provided by Cheryl Watson Mingle that I missed earlier. This is Julie Ann Burkett Watson Underhill - or Ma Julie as they called her. Pictured below is Ma Julie with some of her grandchildren—the children of Frank Lee and Eula Watson.



1- Paul; 2 - Ma Julie holding Morris; 3 - David; 4 - Aaron; 5 - Anna; 6 - Frances; 7 - Charles 8 - Virgie; 9 - James

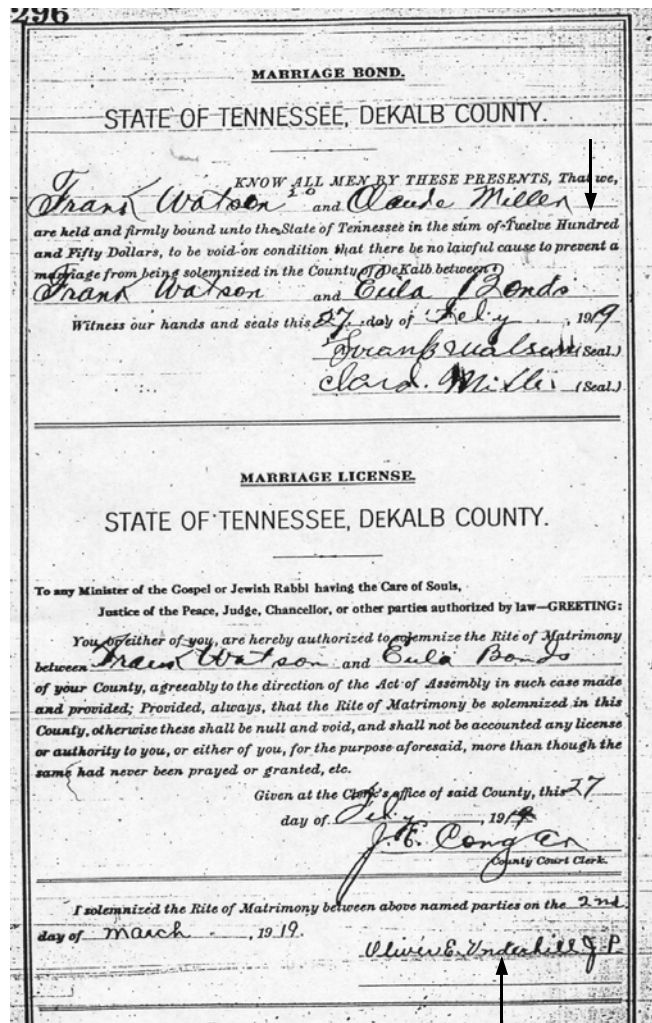
Since Morris was born September 23, 1935 we can date the above about that date.

Wedding Documents - Frank Lee Watson and Eula Elizabeth Bond -

In the next column are two interesting documents relating to the marriage of Frank Lee Watson and Eula Bond. The top one is a Wedding Bond. Many of the long-time readers of the Newsletter will recall that I printed a similar Bond for Henry and Mary 'Polly' Epley Burkett when they married in August of 1819 and that Bond was for Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars. Now, almost one hundred years later, 1919, Tennessee still continued to require a Bond in the same amount! (See arrow pointing to the amount.) Although twelve hundred and fifty dollars was a tremendous amount of money in 1819, it was still an awful lot of money in 1919.

The other interesting thing is the Wedding License. Look at the arrow near the bottom and you will notice the person who performed the Marriage was Oliver E. Underhill, a son of Ezekiel Underhill by his first wife and therefore a stepson of Julie Ann. Frank Lee Watson, a son of Julie Ann Burkett by her first

husband was a stepson of Ezekiel Underhill. So we had a stepson of Julie Ann performing the marriage of a stepson of Ezekiel Underhill!



This completes the info and pic's provided by Cheryl so let me again thank her. I really appreciate it, Cheryl. ■

John and Zona Burkett Family -

John Burkett was a son of George Washington Burkett; a grandson of Jacob Lorenza Burkett; and a great grandson of Henry Burkett. John was born in Lone Grove, Llano County, Texas on December 6, 1885 and married Arizona 'Zona' Albright in Capps, Boone County, Arkansas on January 13, 1907. On the next page is a map showing Boone County in the northern part of Arkansas up against the Missouri state line. What John was doing up there at the age of 22 is not known at this time.

Following the map is a collection of pic's and info provided by one of the sons, Joe Watkins Burkett of

Angleton, Texas.



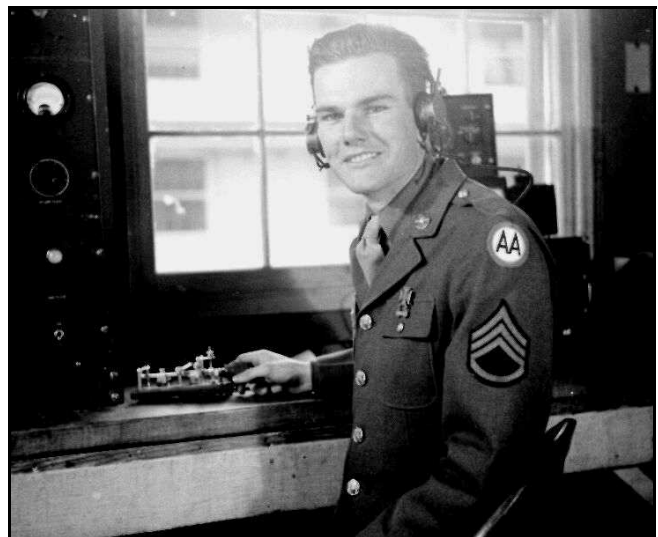
Zona was born in Harrison, Arkansas as shown in the circle above. Capps, Arkansas, where John and Zona were married, is a small community just to the west of Harrison.

Beginning this series of pic's is the "old homestead" in O'Donnell, Texas shown below.



The above was taken in 1941. "We didn't have electricity back then," said Joe. "Our radio was powered by a car battery and the wind charger next to the house charged the battery."

Again per Joe, the picture at top of the next column is of the windmill which pumped water into the overhead tank and it then ran by gravity to the house. Later after they got electricity, they put in an electric pump and had real water pressure. Looking at these two pictures, Joe says "wind was cheap and plentiful in West Texas." As you can see, that picture was made at sunset.



Since Joe sent all these pic's, let's start here with one of him (above) when he was teaching Morse code in an Army school in December 1943.



*John Burkett and his five sons
That's Jim in front; then L to R - Jake, Dale, John, Joe and Elmo. 1942*



That's Joe above and here is what he says about that picture. "I was the only Texan in my (Army) outfit so they took it for granted I was a wild cowpuncher. I staged this shot for their benefit when I was on a few days leave in October 1943."

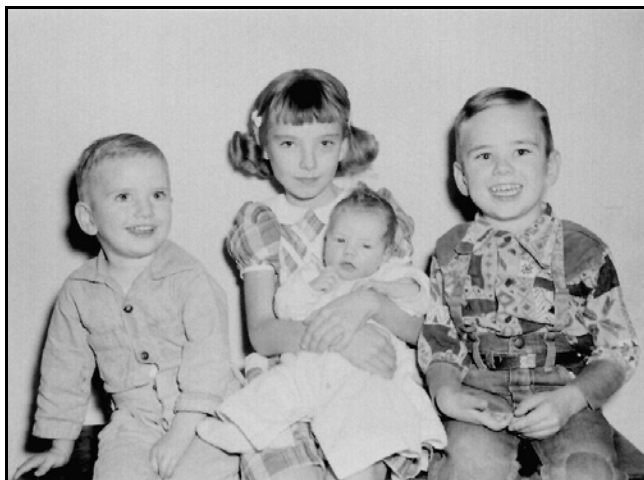


Taken during a rodeo in Gail, Texas in 1941. Joe had this to say about this photo, "No, I was not the man on the bull. I was the idiot with the camera standing in front of the bull. I was a bit quicker on my feet and a lot weaker in the head in those days."

Joe Watkins Burkett and Lillian Lorene Dabney were married in Bay City, Texas on June 14, 1944. That's their wedding day picture to the right.



Joe and Lorene Burkett
50th Anniversary June 14, 1994



Above are the four children of Joe and Lorene. From left to right: Cary, Linda, and Delbert with Connie in Linda's lap. December 1953



Some lighter moments on the farm. The children of Joe and Lorene having a romp in the cattle watering tank with their guardian angel (mother Lorene) in the background. From left to right: Cary, Linda, Connie, and Delbert.

To the right is Connie "fishing" in a little stream in the mountains of New Mexico 1958.



Lorene and Joe L to R Cary, Connie, Delbert 1968



Left to Right - Delbert, Connie, Linda, and Cary 1999



One of Joe's hobbies was photography. Above is his solution when children get too energetic! His advice - remember to put an air hole in the cork!



Another of Joe's "staged" photo's in 1996. This is Joe's son Cary being chased by Paisano Pete, the World's largest roadrunner in Fort Stockton, Texas.



Switching now to other members of the family, that's Jim Mac Burkett in the field at age 7 in 1939. Joe said, "Not many 7 year olds make good field hands," indicating that Jim did.

John and Zona Burkett had 8 children; 3 girls Cotez, Wilda, and Katie - and 5 boys John, Jake, Joe, Dale, and Jim. The top photo in the next column is Cortez and her husband Ewel Kirby in 1940.

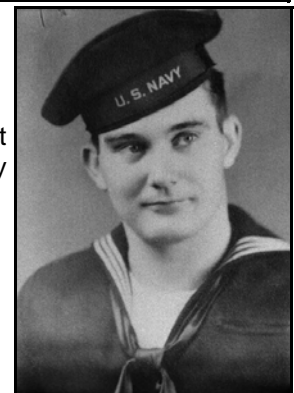


Cortez Burkett Kirby and husband Ewel Kirby



Jake and Eileen Burkett — Falcon Lake, Texas 1989

To the right is Dale Burkett when he was in the Navy about 1945.





Wilda Lee and husband Cuvia Taylor - 1993



Elmo Burkett and wife Juanita Smith Burkett



The Family of John and Arizona 'Zona' Burkett in October 1943

John and Zona are 10 and 11; Dau. Cortez is 12; son Elmo is 18; son Jake is 22; dau. Wilda is 19; son Joe is 24; son Dale is 25; dau. Katie is 16; and son Jim Mac is 2.

1 Betty, dau. of Jake; 2 Jim Mac Burkett; 3 & 4 Eva Lou and Lawrence, dau and son of Wilda; 5 Peggy, dau. of Jake; 6 and 7 Joy and Roy, twins of Cortez; 8 Mary Lucille, dau. of Cortez; 9 J.B. Poindexter, husband of Mary Lucille (8); 10 John Burkett; 11 Arizona 'Zona' Burkett, holding Carolyn, dau. of Mary Lucille and J.B. Poindexter; 12 Cortez Burkett Kirby; 13 Ewel Kirby, husband of Cortez; 14 Gene Kirby, son of Cortez and Ewel Kirby; 15 family friend; 16 Katie Burkett; 17 Juanita Smith Burkett, wife of Elmo; 18 Elmo Burkett; 19 Wilda Burkett Taylor; 20 Cuvia Taylor, husband of Wilda Burkett; 21 Eileen Wright Burkett, wife of Jake Burkett; 22 Jake Burkett; 23 Lorene Dabney, fiancée of Joe Burkett; 24 Joe Burkett; 25 Dale Burkett; 26 family friend.



Four Generations - L to R - Zona Burkett, Cortez Burkett Kirby, Mary Lucille Kirby Poindexter and daughter Carolyn. October 1943



Front L to R - Wilda and Cuvia Taylor; next is Lorene and Joe Burkett; Rear L to R - Alfred and Katie Allen and then Jim and Frances Burkett. This was taken at Jim's house near O'Donnell, Texas in 1995.

This concludes the pictures of the John Burkett family for this issue. I have some more which will be included in the next issue. ■

- Obituaries -

Charles Everett Parker -

He was born December 29, 1938 in Fresno, Fresno County, California and died February 26, 2002 in Fresno, Fresno County, California. He was buried March 4, 2002 at Floral Memorial Park in Selma, California.

Charles was a brother of Wes Parker; a son of Alma Leona Young and Charles Henry Parker; a grandson of William Henry Young and Maggie Lee Rippetoe; a great grandson of Martha Jane Burkett and William Alexander Young; and a 2nd great grandson of Henry and Mary Burkett. ■

- Births -

From Patsy Smart - A new great grandson, Brad Isaac Stapleton, born January 18, 2002 to Betsy and Steve Stapleton.

From Ann Teague Buchanan - A new grandson, Bailey Austin Buchanan, born January 17, 2002 to Ben and Kristy Buchanan. ■

TV For You Fisherman -

Joe Burkett, III, of Fredericksburg, Texas, a Professional Hunter, has advised me that ESPN2 will have a series of programs on Fly Fishing featuring the Goodnews River Lodge in remote western Alaska. Joe says, "Goodnews River Lodge is one of our 'Preferred Partners' in Alaska with whom we have been working since the early '80s. For sheer volume fishing in a wilderness setting, it simply can't be beat." The dates and times are as follows:

Fly Fishing for Dolly Varden on Dry Flies -

Monday April 1, 11 AM

Wednesday April 3, 11:30 AM

Saturday April 6, 10 AM

Fly Fishing for Silvers on top -

Monday April 8, 11 AM

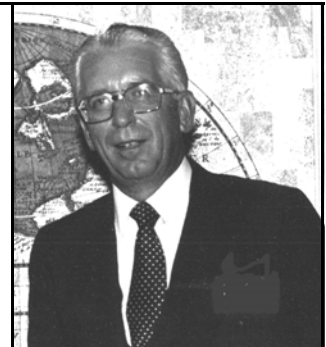
Wednesday April 10, 11:30 AM

Saturday April 13, 10 AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ■

The
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- Oliver Webb



The year 2001 was a good one. As previously reported, I expanded my computer to a 30 gig hard drive which, to you non-computer folks, is a lot of memory I now have to work with. Plus, I reworked my phone system which has made life a lot easier for me. Then in February of this year, I got the cataracts removed from my right eye and new glasses so I can see much better!!

I hope to have more info on Henry Burkett to report to you next issue. Cross your fingers!