

VINETT FINE AND HIS DESCENDANTS

by Emerette Goff Fine

Before the Revolutionary War, several Fine families were living in Shenandoah County, Virginia, on the waters of the Shenandoah River, near New Market. Their neighbors were the Newman, Denton, and Thomas families from Long Island. These Fines were a part of a settlement in 1700 of Joannis Fine who had bought land on Long Island in 1698.

--Ruth Webb O'Dell in "Over the Misty Blue Hills."

In the First Independent Company of Dunmore County, Virginia of 1775, the signatures included: Thomas Fine Sr., Peter Fine, Vinott Fine, In the Dunmore County Militia under Command of Captain Jacob Holeman, were: Andrew, John, Peter, Philip and Winenot Fine.

By the Census of 1783, Thomas Fine was still residing in Shenandoah County, with four in his family. He was near his son Vinott with six in family and son John with six in his family.

--George H Holmes, "That Fine Family."

Vinott (Vinet) Fine is our known ancestor. The "i" in Vinet is pronounced as in "mine." By 1780-1781 five Fine brothers--Peter, John, Vinott, Wenden, and Euphemeas had removed from the Shenandoah Valley to Newport, Cocke County, Tennessee. The father of these five men has not been verified. Researchers state that the father was Philip Peter Fine of Maryland who served in the Virginia Army during the Revolutionary War. Efforts to obtain military records of Philip Peter Fine, Vinott Fine and Thomas Fine Sr. have been unsuccessful, The positive link between Joannis and Vinett has not been found by the writer.

There are many Fine records of marriages, births, baptisms and wills in New York, A few are printed here from material furnishod by Donald J. Arnold, Lubbock, Texas even though they may not be the connecting link.

Original List Of Persons of Quality and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations. 1600--1700 Ed:

John Camden Hotten, p 240: "Muster of inhabitants at Mulbury Island, taken 25 Jan., 1624-Servant of Capt. William Pierce, Richard Fine, who came in the Neptune."

New York Genealogical & Biographical Record. Pub for the Society Mott Memorial Hall, 64 Madison Avenue N. Y. C., Records of Dutch Reform Church, Baptisms.

27 Aug 1651; parent--Capt. Fyn; child--Judith; Wit.--Depotter, Samuel Mojer, Judith Stuyvesants, Lysbeth Marsvelt. Vol 5, P 97.

22 Sep 1652; parent--Francios Fyn; child--Elizath; Wit.--David DePotter, Juffr. Genis, Vol 5, p 99.

Capt Francis Fyn was granted about 50 acres on Long Island near the city, Feb 26, 1656. Vol 7, p 107.

New Amsterdam and Its People, J. H. Innes, Chas. Scribner's Sons. N. Y. C. (1902) p 167:

Refers to Capt Francis Fyn, 4 Nov 1655 on Varken (Blackwell's) Island, New Amsterdam,

MARRIAGES
(Dutch Reform Church)

7 July 1692 John Finn, j.m. Uyt oudt Engelt, en Aeltie Jans, d. Van Schonschtade, beyde wonende aibier, Getrouwt 16 July met ann licentie. Vol 11, p 78.

Ingeshreven 10 May 1704--Frederick Ffine met Jannet je Van Zant. Getrouwt 12 May 1704. Vol 12, p 41.

BAPTISMS
(Dutch Reform Church)

May 18, 1693; parents--John Fin and Aeltie Jans; child--jan;
Wit: Thomas Lourense, Meltje Paro. Vol 14, p 84.

July 26, 1702; parents--John Fin and Aeltie Jonkers; child--Willem;
Wit: Thomas Lourense, Popega Anna Chappel, Vol 15, p 27.

Feb 18, 1705; parents--Frederick Fyn and Jannet je Van Zante: child--Johannis; Wit: Wynant Van Zante*, Margriet je Van Zante;
H. V. vanJohannis Van Zante. Vol 15, p 122.

(*Note: Don Arnold thinks this is where the name Vinett came from. The Dutch pronunciation of "w's" was like "v's" and when they migrated to the English speaking area, the name was transformed in this sequence: Wynant, Winenot, Vinott, Vinet(t).)

Mar 12, 1707; parents--Vredrik Fyn and Johanna Van't Zant; child;--Hester;
Wit: Johannis Fyn, Johannis Van't Zant, Susanna Witsengaem. Vol 16, p _.

Sept 23, 1711; parents--Frederick Fyn and Jannet je Van Zandt; child--Jannet je; Wit: Abraham V. Durse, Catharina Vant Zant. Vol ____.

Town Records of Newtown, Long Island, p 100: Johannis Fyn bought 75 acres in Newtown from Dorothy Verseuir of Bushwick on 16 Oct. 1698. Vol 64, p 32.

Collections of N. Y. Historical Society

Abstract of Will for Johannes Fyn, of Newtown in Queens County on Nassau Island; Blacksmith. Wife, Hannah, daughters, Hester, Dorothy, Hannah, Susanah, Leena Catharine. Sons, John, Wouter (Walter?), Henry. Cousin, Anthony Glean. Friend, Peter Remsen. Dated Dec 23, 1714. Wit: Thomas Pettit Jr., Catherine Pettit, Joost Durie, Jr; proved Nov 21, 1715. Vol 26 (1893), p 158.

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record

MARRIAGES

List of all marriages on books of Newtown Presbyterian Church of Elmhurst, L. I. (1709-1881) Queens Co., N Y (Vol 56)

Jacob Fine and Katharine Vincent, Jan 16, 1712
Johannes Buckhout and Esther Fine, May 17, 1712
Aaron Gilbert and Catharine Fine, Nov 28, 1718
John Fine and Mercy Skillmen, June 3, 1722
Walter Fine and Mary Fish, Nov 3, 1728
Abraham Skillman and Margaret Fine, Feb 1, 1733

DEATHS

List of all death records of Newtown from same source

Walter Fine, Dec 29, 1728
Mary Fine, May 30, 1750

History of Shenandoah Co., Virginia by John W. Wayland

Captain John Tipton's Company (Revolutionary War) List includes: Philip Fine, John Fine, George Parrott, Samuel Parrott and Henry Parrott. P 195.

Heads of Families in 1785 lists: John Fine, p 222.

Early Marriage Records: Philip Peter Fine to Catherine Parrott. Minister was Jacob Snider, Catherine was a widow with two sons and two daughters at time of her marriage to Philip, Jan 1, 1875, p 743.

List of Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia. Virginia State Library

John Fine and Philip Fine were included in a list of militia paid off at Romney.

(This Philip Fine is the same one who served in Captain Tipton's company. He served as a private in the 8th Virginia Regiment and was discharged on Dec 21, 1777. He was born in 1751 in Norfolk, Va., the son of Thomas and Agnes (Merchant) Fine. It is possible this Thomas and the Thomas Fine Sr. mentioned before are the same; however, the relationship between Thomas and "our" five Fine brothers is not known.

First in St. Louis, Mo.

Philip Fine was the first American citizen to visit St. Louis, Mo., going there in 1781. In 1782 he married a widow, 80 years old, by the name of Mary Gaignon, and she had been married twice before. She was originally from London, England and died childless in 1791.

In 1794, Philip, who was then 43, married a young woman of 17, Celeste Sarah Boly, daughter of John Boly (Beaulieu). Philip died at the age of 74, in St. Louis in 1824 or 1825. They were the parents of nine children:

David Melson Fine who married Margaret Sappington
Joseph Fine who married Catherine Crawford
Viza Fine who married Lawson Lovering
Benjamin Fine who married Sarah Sappington
Joshua Fine, born in 1808, married Mary Spear Wells
in 1848 and died in 1875
Elizabeth Fine who married N. Moore
Charles Fine who was killed in the Mexican War
Elisah Fine
Catherine Fine who married a man by the name of Apperson.

Two great-granddaughters, Celeste Fine Webb and Arvella Fine Grab, were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, based on Philip's war service, according to data contributed by Mrs. Grab of St. Peters, Mo.)

FINE FOLKS by **Hugh Allen**

The Fine family is one of the very oldest in Cocke County, In fact, it was here long before the county.

The late Lady Ruth O'Dell, in her monumental history "Over the Misty Blue Hills," has given a lengthy account of the tribe, so what I shall say here will merely supplement her excellent work.

The Fines were, there is some reason to believe, French. The first mention of the name I have been able to find was that of Orontes Fine, a French mathematician and geographer, who accomplished the amazing feat of making mathematics a popular fad at the gay royal court of Louis I of France (1494-1547).

FATE Magazine, in its May 1966 issue presented a scientific article by Charles H.Hapgood relating that a science panel at Keene State College (New Hampshire) undertook a study of ancient maps.

This group was startled to discover an extremely accurate map of the Antarctic Continent, drawn by Orontes Fine in the year of 1531. This astounding part of the matter was that the Antarctic Continent was not known to Europeans before about 1820. At least it was not known that there was land under the ice.

Map Compiled?

How and where, then, did Orontes Fine get his information? The science group speculated that Fine had "compiled" his map from several previous ones. Indication also was that areas now ice covered at some time were dry land.

But in 1531 few Frenchmen knew about, or cared about, the shape of the bottom of the world, and the fancies of the volatile French court turned to other matters. Orontes Fine and his wife quietly and

respectably starved to death. They left a large number of children, and when King Henry II, who had succeeded to the French throne, heard about their deaths he was horrified and granted generous pensions to the children.

Legends in Latin

All of the legends on Fine's map are in Latin, and Fine wrote in Latin, as did all of the scientists of that day. He signed his name in its Latin form Oronteus Finaeus, The name is spelled Fine in French, but with an accent over the "e." This would make the French pronunciation "Finay," but the name is the same.

Mrs. O'Dell's book states that the name Fine is Holland Dutch, and that the family came to America from Holland. The latter statement I do not question, but we should take a little look into history.

Holland, for quite a while, was the only nation in Europe in which religious freedom existed. To Holland flocked many Quakers Puritans, and dissenters of many creeds. They came from England, Wales and Scotland. Also there were French Huguenots and Protestants from the Rhine countries. They were not Hollanders and Holland was not their homeland.

Settled Around New York City

Many, many of these folk came to America. They settled around New York City, at that time New Amsterdam, a possession of Holland with religious freedom. But in 1664 the English took the city, renamed it New York, and ended freedom of religion. So the immigrants were right back where they started from--under the thumb of the established church.

They moved again; this time to William Penn's free Pennsylvania and, curiously enough, to the western parts of Catholic Maryland. Maryland authorities ignored them, despite that colony's strict religious requirements.

To Shenandoah Valley

From here, these hardy pioneers overflowed down the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, each new generation pushing further into the "wilderness," until by the end of the Revolutionary War they were ready to flow into what is now East Tennessee and then North Carolina. The Fines, I believe, were among those following the general pattern. Mrs. O'Dell states that the Fines were on Long Island before 1700 and the dates fit very nicely.

There is no proof whatever that the Fines of Holland were descendants of Orontes Fine, but it is one of those things that "could very well be."

Father of Newport

Mrs. O'Dell has carefully traced the Fine family in America from Johannis Fine, who arrived and settled at Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., before 1700, to Major Peter Fine, who might well be called the "Father of Newport." He established Fine's Ferry on French Broad River in 1783. Around his ferry grew up the town of Newport (Old Newport, that is). He was an officer in the American Revolution and a companion in arms of Col. William Lillard, the Father of Cocke County.

Major Fine lived at the farm where the Knoxville Highway crosses Sinking Creek, a mile or so west of Newport. This place passed to the Rutherfords, then to the Kykers.

I wonder if any Fine children today show any especial aptitude for drawing maps!

PHILIP PETER FINE

Philip Peter Fine, whose wife is unknown, was the father of five children. (Father not verified by the writer.)

Peter, born May 5, 1753

Vinet

John

Wenden, died 1789 in Newport, Tennessee, (Seven generations later he has a namesake in Fort Smith, Arkansas.)

Euphemeas

PETER FINE

Peter, the eldest son of Philip Peter, was licensed to keep the first ferry in Cocke Co., Tenn. There is an historical marker on Hwy. 411, between Newport and Greenville, marking the ferry site, which has Peter's name inscribed on it. He was a Baptist, and on May 8, 1790 was appointed deacon of the church (Big Pigeon). He was ordained deacon on June 11, 1791. When the first church in Cocke Co. was organized by the Baptist denomination, at what was called Upper War Ford, it was represented in the Hoston Association of that year (1794) by Joshua Kelley, John Netherton and Peter Fine.

Peter's brother, Vinet, was killed by Indians in the mountains of North Carolina (Haywood Co.). His companions placed his body beneath the ice in a creek, planning to return later for it but a sudden rise in the creek washed the body away and it was never recovered. The creek has ever since been called Fine's Creek. The area is Fine's Creek township; the school is called Fine's Creek School House.

Commissioners appointed to locate and erect buildings for Newport (county seat of Cocke County) were Henry Reagan, William Job, John Coffee, Peter Fine, John Keeney, Reps Jones and John McLaughlin.

Trustees of Anderson Academy, which opened in 1820, and was located one mile south of old Newport were Francis J. Carter, Isaac Leonard, Abraham McCoy, Daniel McPherson, William Lillard, Alexander Smith, Augustine Jenkins, Peter Fine and Henry Stephens.

...Ref. "Tennessee Cousins," Worth S. Ray
(Research done by Donald Arnold)

In 1787, Peter Fine was issued grant 2088 for 200 acres at the mouth of Clear Creek, French Broad River, Greene Co., Tenn. (All of eastern Tennessee was at this time Washington Co., N. C.)

..North Carolina Land Grants

Peter Fine attained the rank of major in the U. S. Army and his brothers, John and Vinet, served as captains. He established a trading post and his old account ledger today is in the law office of his great, great grandson, William M. Crawford, in Newport.

Entries start in 1790 and are recorded in English pounds, shillings, and pence. In this ledger is the name of Thomas Fine, when he bought some calico and some lead in 1797, and again in January of 1798, when he bought seven pounds of lead and "one fine niff." This Thomas was the son of Vinet.

Peter Fine Bible Record

Peter Fine was born May 5, 1753, and died August 11, 1826. He first married Rebecca Stats in October, 1773. She was born 1756, and died September 7, 1802. A year after her death (Sept. 1803), he married Anne Mitchell Murrel, and his third wife was Elizabeth Alexandre whom he married November, 1816.

Children listed in the record were:

Lidgardx, born Sept 1, 1775

Aaron, born July 5, 1777, and probably died in infancy, as a younger son was given the same name

Jonathan, born May 11, 1799. This man's son, David, is buried at Cincinnati, Washington Co., Arkansas, with his wife Anne beside him

John, born Jan 1, 1781

David, born Aug 12, 1783

Peter, born Sept 18, 1786

Elizabeth, born Jan 22, 1788

Abraham, born Mar 24, 1789

Aaron, born June 7, 1792

Mariann, born May 5, 1794, and died Oct 15, 1812

Rebecca, born Aug 25, 1796

Patsey Tirevelan, born Sept 10, 1799

Tennessee Militia Records

Both the father and two sons, Lidgard and David, held commissions in Cocke County Militia Regiments. David served as lieutenant in the 8th Regt., with date of rank 13 July 1807. His oldest brother, Lidgard, was a lieutenant in the Cavalry Regiment of Hamilton Dist, 22 Dec 1798, and became a captain in his brother's regiment 11 Feb 1813. The father served as 1st major with date of rank as Jan. 11, 1798.

Old Union Cemetery at Cincinnati, Arkansas

The line from Peter leads directly to a graveyard near Cincinnati, Arkansas where his grandson, David W. Fine, was buried. The tombstone inscription is:

David W. Fine

Mar. 1, 1812

Apr. 29, 1885

Beside him is his wife, Anne E. Fine, and her inscription reads:

Anne E. Fine

Feb. 11, 1802

Feb. 26, 1873

David was born in Tennessee, son of Jonathan and Hannah Rector Fine. (Land deeds show his name as David M. Fine, which the author believes is correct and that the W on his gravestone is an upside down M, an error by the engraver.)

DAVID FINE

David Fine, uncle of the David buried at Cincinnati, was the son of Peter and Rebecca Fine and brother of the Arkansas David's father, Jonathan.

He was born Aug. 12, 1783 in Cocke Co., Tenn. and died Oct. 15, 1843. He married Agnes Mitchell, who was born in Virginia, date unknown, and died Feb. 3, 1852. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Ann Bridgewater Mitchell.

Their son, Stephen Mitchell Fine, was born in the same county in Tennessee, Mar. 9, 1811, and died Sept. 22, 1866. He was married September 1835 to Mary Beatty in Moniteau Co., Mo. Mary, daughter of Samuel Beatty was born April 8, 1813, in Tennessee and died on Feb. 4, 1887.

Their children were Adeline, Samuel N., David, Peter, Ann, and Margaret. (From the 1850 Census of Cooper Co., Mo.)

Peter, their third son, was born Aug. 28, 1843 in Missouri, and died on Oct. 25, 1893. He married Maude Hunter Calvert, Oct. 17, 1875. She was born Mar. 4, 1853 and died in 1911.

They had six children: Alpha Maude, Ethel Margaret, Martha, Leona Payne, Samuel, and Norris Fine.

The Civil War found this branch of the Fine family carrying on the military tradition established by their ancestors: both Peter and Samuel, sons of Stephen and Mary, served in the Confederate Army, Peter was assigned to Capt. Davenport's Co., 7th Missouri Reg't. of Shelby's Brigade, General Gordon Price's Corps, and was honorably discharged. He was with Shelby all during the last two years of the war and surrendered with him.

Samuel was with General Lee during the entire four years and served as his aide. He carried the flag over the breastworks at Fort Pillow. He refused a captaincy saying that he knew the country and could best serve as a scout and spy. He surrendered with Lee at Appomattox Court House and was honorably discharged.

Younger descendants of this family line are Samuel Davis Fine and Lee Calvert Fine.

Descent of Earl Cook from Peter Fine

Peter Fine	b. May 5, 1753; d. Aug. 11, 1826 (son of Philip Peter Fine) m. Oct. 1773, Rebecca Stats. Their son
John Fine	b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. Jan. 26, 1857, Tenn. m. 1800, Nancy Lee, Their son
Peter Lee Fine	b. Sept. 26, 1811; m. Feb. 4, 1838, Ann Harshaw. Their son
John H. Fine	b. Mar. 15, 1841; d. April 8, 1887 m. Apr. 23, 1869, Margaret Martin. Their son

John William Fine b. Sept. 6, 1880; d. Sept. 29, 1955
 m. Nov. 19, 1898, Lucy R. Baker. Their daughter
 Belle L. Fine b. Feb. 8, 1902;
 m. Ray G. Cook, b. Dec. 13, 1898. Their son
 Earl Cook b. June 29, 1923; married. Their daughter
 Karen Kay Cook

Descent of Josephine Crawford Baker from Peter Fine

Peter Fine b. May 5, 1753; d. Aug. 11, 1826 (son of Philip Peter Fine)
 m. Oct. 1773, Rebecca Stats, Their son
 Abraham Fine b. Mar. 24, 1789; d. Sept. 26, 1861
 m. Sept. 27, 1821, Elizabeth Smith.
 Their daughter
 Sarah Ann Fine b. July 15, 1830;
 m. Dr. Daniel Allen Crawford. Their son
 William Melvin Crawford b. May 12, 1854, d. Jan. 1916
 m. Feb. 3, 1889, Mary Magdalene Killion.
 Their son
 William Manard Crawford b. Nov. 23, 1889, d. Jan. 15, 1956,
 m. Nov. 26, 1915, Leota Chloe Bowers.
 Their daughter
 Josephine Bowers Crawford b. Feb. 10, 1925, Cocke Co., Tenn.
 m. June 30, 1944.
 John Henry Baker, b. Sept. 20, 1918 Union Co., N. C. Their children
 Janell Crawford Baker b. June 21, 1949, Jackson, Miss. and
 Emily Jo Baker b. Aug. 12, 1953, Jackson, Miss.

VINET FINE

Vinet Fine, the second son of Philip Peter Fine, who was killed by Indians in 1783, left a wife (name unknown) and six children, The children were:

Thomas
 Abraham, no record
 Sally, no record
 Phoebe, who married Joseph Cunningham, no record of marriage
 William, born in Virginia in 1781 (census)
 Isaac, born in Tennessee in 1783 (census)

Vinet's widow later married Reuben Bedford and had three more children.

THOMAS FINE

Thomas, Vinet's oldest son, married Mary Ellen Nave and they became the parents of five children all born in Tennessee.

1. Levi, b. 1793
2. Abraham, b. Sept. 7, 1797
3. Dalilah, b. May 6, 1801

4. Sara, birthdate unknown
5. Amy, birthdate unknown, who married a Joseph Shrum

Thomas was killed by accidental discharge of a gun while hunting wild turkey in Tennessee. In 1817 his widow, Mary Ellen, and her children moved to Missouri.

1. Levi Fine

Thomas' eldest son, Levi, married Nancy Oden, born in Kentucky in 1808. Apparently he had been married before (Nancy's birthdate proves this) as a son, Levi Jr. was born Mar. 31, 1818 in Tennessee (Bible record). The rest of their children are taken from the 1840-50 census records of Warren County, Mo. The 11 children are:

- (1) Levi, Jr., b. Mar. 31, 1818, Tenn.
- (2) girl, b. 1820-25, Ky.
- (3) Caroline Fine, b. 1826, Ky.
- (4) boy b. 1825-30, Ky.
- (5) Abraham, b. 1829, Mo.
- (6) William, b. 1832, Mo.
- (7) Jacob, b. 1833, Mo.
- (8) Malchisadee, b. 1835, Mo. (boy)
- (9) Dalilah, b. 1837, Mo.
- (10) Rebecca, b. 1839, Mo.
- (11) Lemuel, b. 1841, Mo.

Levi Fine, Jr., first son of Levi and grandson of Thomas, was born Mar. 31, 1818 in Tenn., and died in 1902 at Granbury, Texas. He was married to Clarrissa Louise Reynolds. She was born in 1824 in Illinois, according to Bible records, and died of measles in the late 1880s. Levi was blind for 30 years. Both he and his wife are buried in Shady College Cemetery five miles southwest of Granbury. They were the parents of 11 children:

Mary, b. 1844, Tex., m. Coleman -
 Nancy, b. 1847, Tex.
 Sarah, b. 1848, Tex.
 Lucy, b. 1852, Tex.
 John Stephen, b. Feb. 13, 1855, Lavaca Co., Tex,
 Samuel Bartlett, b. 1847, died in early manhood, leaving a widow and son, John Delmar
 Henry Fine, b. 1863, His children were Wesley, John, Otis, Ida, Ross, Nettie and Lizza.
 Wesley, b. 1866. His children were George, Jim, Carl, Ola, and Desdemonia.
 Ida, b. 1868, m. ___Brady. Her children were Ethel, Freddie and Bessie Brady.
 Benjamin, "Bennie."
 Emma, m. ___Jennings. Her children were Lizza, Ernest, Marion and Willie Jennings.

John Stephen Fine, the first son and fifth child of Levi Fine, Jr. and Clarrissa Fine, was born Feb. 13, 1855, and died in Loraine, Tex. in the 1940s. He was married to Julia A. Davis who was a native of Alabama, born Aug. 17, 1849. Both are buried in Loraine. The Davis family moved from Alabama to Arkansas, and John and Julia's children were:

Sarah E., b. June 25, 1873, Scott Co., Ark., died about 1886 in Loraine.
 Mary O., b. June 4, 1875, Llano County, Tex, where the next six children were born. She married Browning.
 John William "Bill," b. Dec. 2, 1876

Joseph Richard "Joe," b, Nov. 2, 1878
Annie E., b. Aug. 1, 1880
George Henry, b. July 20, 1882
James "Jim" Levi, b. Oct. 22, 1884
Martha Jane (twins), b. Oct. 22, 1884
Odella K., b. 1887 in Mason County, Tex.
Lena, b. May 9, 1890 in Hood County, Tex.
Rena, her twin. Lena m. a Collier and Rena m. a Smith

Joseph Richard "Joe" Fine, the fourth child of John and Julia, died in June 1927, leaving a widow and five daughters. One daughter, Chloe, born Jan. 9, 1910, m. L. Vaughan Smith. They have one son and one daughter and five grandchildren.

George Henry Fine, the sixth child of John and Julia Fine, died April 3, 1963, in Weatherford, Tex. He was a Methodist minister and survivors include the widow, Susie, a daughter, Mrs. Robert Norton, and a son, Calvin, of Ardmore, Okla.

2. Abraham Fine

Abraham Fine, the second son of Thomas and Mary Ellen, was born Sept. 7, 1797, in Tennessee. On Oct. 22, 1819 he married Cynthia Harper (or Hopkins), She was born in Kentucky, October 25, 1798.

They were the parents of 10 sons and three daughters.

- (1) William B., b. Aug 16, 1820
- (2) Alpha Ann, b. Oct. 15, 1822
- (3) Thomas, b. Dec. 9, 1823
- (4) Levi, b. Oct. 23, 1825 in Missouri, He married Martha Watkins on May 14, 1844, and a son, George Henry, was born in 1848 in Missouri.
- (5) George Washington, b. Apr. 20, 1827 at Jonesburg, Mo. He was first married to Mary Cope who was b. in Kentucky, and their children were Martha C. and Andrew J. His second wife was Martha Elizabeth Elliot who was born 1837 in Iowa. Their children were: Harriet Ann, Mary Musedar, Benjamin Oliver, Charles Peter, Robert Melton, Franklin Salen, Samuel Henry, George Silas, James Warren, John William, Rosa Lee. Franklin Salen, b. 1866, in Montgomery County, Mo. m. Delila Jane Turner who was born 1872.
- (6) Andrew J., b. Feb. 8, 1829, Mo.
- (7) Sally Copelin, b. Sept. 10, 1830
- (8) Francis Marion, b. Aug. 24, 1832
- (9) Abraham Melier, b. Oct. 4, 1834
- (10) Mary Jane, b. July 1, 1836
- (11) John J., b. Mar. 2, 1838
- (12) Vinet Benton, b. Sept. 23, 1839
- (13) James W., b. Jan. 16, 1842

3. Delilah Fine

Delilah Fine m. Nicholas Shrum on July 19, 1820. On April 10, 1846 Delilah and Nicholas and their family left Warren County, Mo. to go across the plains by oxcart to the state of Oregon. They

arrived there on Oct. 5, and filed on a donation claim near Salem in the Willamette Valley on Christmas Day, 1846.

Nicholas was a member of the Oregon Constitutional Convention, and his name is carved on the rotunda of the state house in Salem. In the Oregon archives Delilah and Nicholas are both listed as of German descent. Among their children was a daughter, Ruhama, who married Oliver Pickard on June 11, 1848. Ruhama died October 16, 1877 in Portland, Ore. They had 13 children. A daughter, Olive Anne Pickard b. Apr. 17, 1860, d. Mar. 20, 1941. She was married to Bryant Gray Thornhill on Dec. 23, 1877. Their children, four girls and one boy, were Elsie, Ethel, Merle, Pearl and Clay. The boy, Merle Thornhill, was b. Nov. 24, 1882, and died May 9, 1960. He married Maude Taber and their children were Ruth, Leland, Evelyn, Lucile and Bill. Evelyn m. Frank Coleman June 24, 1936, and their daughter, Karen, b. Dec. 4, 1940, m. Earl Hayes; their children are Michael, Gregory, and Eric Hayes.

4. Sara Fine (Oden)

Sara Fine m. Jacob Oden Mar. 31, 1820 in Montgomery Co., Mo. She was the fourth child of Thomas and Mary Ellen.

Sara and Jacob and their family crossed the plains to Oregon by covered wagon in 1852. A daughter, Rebecca and her husband, Bryant Gray Thornhill, accompanied them. While crossing the plains, Bryant died of cholera. They continued west, and in February of 1853 Rebecca's son was born. He was given his father's name and this is the Bryant Gray Thornhill who married Olive Anne Pickard.

ISAAC FINE

Delaying the account of William and his descendants, the author found that Isaac, the youngest son of Vinet, was born in Tennessee in 1783. He married Annie Poe and they are buried in Lichlyter Cemetery, east of Newport, Tenn. Their son, William, carved the names himself on their tombstones. They had seven children, Nancy, Stephen, Sarah, Polly, William R., Viney, and Jane. Polly m. a man by the name of Sneed and Viney, a man by the name of Bell.

William R. Fine Obituary

...Plain Talk and Tribune, Newport, Tenn.
Feb. 7, 1955

1908 Account of W. R. Fine's Death Reveals History

With this issue of the Tribune it becomes our sad and painful duty to announce to its readers the death of W. R. Fine. During the day of the 27th he was engaged by working in a field across a small creek from his home at Wilsonville and on his return to the house he attempted to cross the creek on a small footlog, when by some means he lost his balance and his body was precipitated head foremost into the creek, the force of the fall and weight of the body unjointing his neck, and before friends reached him the spirit of the big-brained, big hearted, and big-souled W. R. Fine had crossed the mystic river.

He was born near Wilsonville, Cocke County, Tennessee on the 12th day of February, 1838 and was just finishing the seventieth year of life when death called for him. He was a descendent of pioneer stock; his direct ancestors and collateral kindred rendered valuable service in protecting the original settlements of the valleys of the French Broad and Big Pigeon Rivers.

In this connection it may be of interest to the relatives and friends of the deceased to refer briefly to the Fine family and note the part they performed in perfecting and protecting the early settlements of that portion of Greene County, N. C. that now constitute Cocke County, Tennessee. Among the early settlers of this territory were five brothers, Wenden, Euphemeas, Peter, John and Vinet Fine. All the evidence points to their coming from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The only record we have of Wenden Fine is that he died in the territory that is now Cocke County in the spring of 1789 and that his two brothers, Euphameas and Peter, ministered upon and wound up his estate. As to the point where Euphemeas Fine located and what finally became of him we have no information. Peter Fine located on French Broad River opposite and above Old Newport; his entry included the old ferry and the large island opposite the old residence of G. I. Thomas. At this place he died, leaving one son, Abraham Fine, who became one of Cocke County's most respected citizens.

Capt. John Fine located on the land shown as the Rutherford farm on Sinking Creek. At this place he died and his children all went west in the early part of the last century.

Vinet Fine entered and located part of the land known as the Swagerty land, now owned by the Unaka Tannery. He was in possession of this land at the time of his death, which will be referred to later. He left a number of sons and daughters, among them was Isaac Fine, the father of the subject of this sketch.

In the summer of 1781 Col. John Sevier attacked a party of Indians on Indian Creek. The place of battle was just across the county line near the farm of William Phillips. In this engagement seventeen Indians were killed. In the last conversation the writer had with the deceased, the latter informed the writer that his father, Isaac Fine pointed out to him the place of the battle and informed him that Peter, John, and Vinet Fine participated in the battle.

In the spring of the year 1783, Col. William Lillard and Major Peter Fine raised a company of thirty men, among the number being Capt. John and Vinet Fine, crossed the mountain to the Overhill Town of Cowee and burned it. From this town originated all the aggressions upon the Pigeon and French Broad settlements.

In the winter of the year 1783 the Indians commenced hostilities upon the Pigeon settlements by stealing horses and cattle. Major Peter Fine and Capt. Jn. McNabb raised a company of men and followed the Indians across the mountain into North Carolina where they killed one Indian and wounded another and recovered all the horses. Upon their return they were fired upon by the Indians. Thomas Holland and a Mr. Bingham were wounded and Vinet Fine was killed. The party broke a hole in the ice and placed the body in the creek with a view of returning and carrying it away for burial, but owing to a sudden rise in the water of the creek the body was carried away and never recovered. The creek has ever since been known as Fine's Creek.

Proud of Ancestors

The deceased often expressed himself as being proud that he was the grandson of Vinet Fine, the man who voluntarily sacrificed his life for the protection of the infant settlement of Pigeon, and his eyes would gleam with pride and his voice would be eloquent with emotion as he would recall the history and tradition of the Fine family. The deceased had a very limited education but nature furnished him with a big brain and with a strong, active, analytical mind. By means of these endowments he became a skilled machinist and an expert with tools. With a hand hammer and a file he could fashion from a bar of steel a pocket knife, a razor, a pair of scissors, a pistol or a rifle gun and with his inventive genius he could make an automatic rat-trap or an improvement on a car coupler or a steam engine.

In June, 1857, the deceased was married to Nancy Wilson, daughter of Alberta Wilson. As a result of his marriage he leaves to mourn his death a widow and five sons: Ewen, Mack, Rufus, Frank and Charles Fine; also six daughters: Mrs. Kerrilla McNabb, Emma Gray, Nancy Samples, Mrs. Sarah Maloy, Marshia Hall and Virgie Gray.

Kind and Indulgent

As a citizen, neighbor and friend his character was much to be admired. He was kind, liberal and generous. He met cordially his friends and neighbors and always commanded their respect and esteem. In his home life he was kind and indulgent and was idolized by each and every member of his family. It was indeed a sad sight and one that filled our heart with emotion and dimmed our eyes with tears as we witnessed the stalwart sons and tiny grandchildren weeping piteously over the grave of their departed loved one.

On the summit of a high hill, under the shadow of the great mountain overhanging the murmuring waters of the crystal streamlet from which he had so often refreshed his tottering and wearied body, we tenderly and affectionately laid him to rest.

He has passed away,
Like a gentle breath;
And his eyes are closed, with the sleep of death;
The leaves on the trees will flutter and fall,
And the drifting snow will cover all;
But he will peacefully, and calmly rest
Forever happy
By angels blest.

by Josephine Crawford Baker,
DAR National No 395940
of 299 Wood Dale Drive, Jackson, Miss.
contributed this newspaper article

Identifies Skeleton

Down through the years the story has been told of an early Fine in Tennessee or North Carolina who went hunting alone and vanished.

Several years later the skeleton of a man, with gun by his side was found in a hollow log. Wounded by Indians, he apparently had crawled inside the log to hide and had died there. The gun identified him as the Fine who had failed to return from hunting.

Andy Ball of Fine Springs, Crawford Co., Arkansas, recalls this story told to him by his uncle Thomas Fine, son of Jonathan, son of William, son of Vinet. On reading the above newspaper article Andy is convinced the skeleton was that of Euphemeas Fine.

WILLIAM FINE (First in Arkansas)

William Fine, the fifth child of Vinet, was born in Virginia in 1781 and died September 1865. He was married on April 2, 1807 at Jefferson Co., Tennessee to Catherine Sivley. She was the daughter of Jacob and Aley Sivley and was born in Tennessee 1791, and died May 29, 1881.

They were married at her parent's home by the Reverend Lessee. Later, they moved to Giles County, and from there to Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.

While living here William enlisted at Ditto Landing on the Tennessee River, near Huntsville, for service in the War of 1812. He served under Capt. Joseph Acklin and Col. Perkins and was in several Indian skirmishes. He was discharged on 22 Dec., 1813. By 1817 they were again living in Giles County. In 1828 they moved to Washington County, Arkansas.

Land Grants

William received two land grants for his war service and his widow, Catherine, was granted a pension in 1878.

References: War Records among which was an affidavit signed by Rebecca Davis (her mark), stating that she attended the wedding of William Fine and Catherine at her father's home and that Catherine was her sister. Dated 17 Dec. 1873 and signed by Z. B. Moon, J. P. Bedford Co., Tenn.

Two married daughters remained in Tennessee. Their names are unknown, but it is known that one of them married a man named Calvin Coffee. He was a much loved and respected person and his name has come down through the Fine generations.

Sometime after coming to Arkansas, Catherine, called Katie, became homesick to see her daughters so she packed up her horse and mounting it, she made the long journey alone, through the wilderness and over the rough and lonely trails to Tennessee and back to Arkansas.

William and Katie became the parents of 11 children. The first two daughters are unknown but one married Calvin Coffee. The other children were:

1. Spencer Forby, 1810 in Tennessee
2. Charlotte, b. May 22, 1812, Giles Co., Tenn,
3. Jonathan, b. Aug. 1, 1814, Madison County, Ala.
4. William B., b. May 9, 1816, also in Alabama
5. Alfred, b. Feb 12, 1817, in Giles County, Tenn.
6. Rebecca, b. Dec. 31, 1820, in Giles County
7. Louallen, b. 1823 in Giles County
8. Bluford T., b 1824 in Giles County
9. Lucinda, b. 1826 in Giles County

William and Katie and their daughter, Rebecca, are buried in Gilliland Cemetery south of Greenland on the Dr. Maurice Ray farm.

1. Spencer Forby Fine (settled Springdale - first U.S. Patent to Fine)

Spencer, the first son of William and Katie, was 18 years old when his parents made the move to Arkansas. He married Jane Brandon, also a native of Tennessee, who was born 1819.

A newspaper clipping in the old John Calvin Fine scrapbook says "Spencer F. Fine died in Washington County, Arkansas on the 21st ult; aged 86 years. He was one of the early settlers of this county." He died in 1896.

Spencer and Jane became the parents of 12 children, all born in his adopted state of Arkansas. The children are listed as they appear in the 1850-60 census for Washington County:

- (1) William, b. 1834
- (2) Caladonia, b. April 26, 1836
- (3) Sophronia, b. Sept. 15, 1837
- (4) Malonia, b. 1840
- (5) Martha, b. 1842
- (6) Carriller, b. 1844
- (7) Elizabeth, b. 1845
- (8) Savannah, b. 1848. She died before 1860
- (9) James, b. 1850
- (10) Ann, b. 1854
- (11) Clementine, b. 1856
- (12) Peter, b. 1858

...Mrs. Stephen L. (Pearl) King, Bentonville, Ark. is a great-granddaughter of Spencer and Jane Fine. She furnishes a list of these children which shows some of them were called by middle names or nicknames. Her list includes William, Davie, London, Forbie, Jennie, Martha, Sophronia, Malonia, Caldonia, and Christine.

The Spencer Fine family lived in Prairie Township in 1850 but moved to Clear Creek Township before the 1860 census was enumerated.

Little is known about Spencer and Jane's first daughter, Caladonia except that she married James Phillips in 1858 and died April 4, 1940 in Fayette County, Texas.

More is known about Caladonia's sister, Sophronia, second daughter and third child. She was born Sept. 15, 1837 and died Oct. 11, 1918. On July 13, 1854 she married Roberson Franklin Stroud, who was born March 7, 1833 and died August 17, 1918. The couple whose deaths were separated by three months and seven days, are buried in Pea Ridge Cemetery, Arkansas.

They became the parents of 14 children:

- Sarah, b. Oct. 22, 1855; d. Oct. 27, 1855
- Nancy J., b. Apr. 6, 1857; d. Mar. 5, 1933
- Adora B., b. June 27, 1860; d. Nov. 21, 1933
- James L., b. Sept. 21, 1861; d. Apr. 1, 1946
- Martha J., b. Jan. 10, 1865; d. May 20, 1947
- William D., b. Apr. 5, 1868; d. Dec. 28, 1952
- Edwin C., b. Feb. 22, 1872; d. Feb. 1, 1961
- Henry, b. Apr. 23, 1874; d. Apr. 5, 1957 his twin
- Laura, died Aug. 31, 1880
- Amanda, b. Feb. 5, 1876; d. June 8, 1954
- Cora, b. Sept. 16, 1877; d. Jan. 18, 1956 Her unnamed twin
sister died at birth
- Albert, b. Mar. 23, 1880; d. July 6, 1943
- An unnamed infant son died at birth Sept. 19, 1883

Nancy J. "Jennie" Stroud Vanzandt: Sophronia's oldest daughter Nancy married John Vanzandt, and their children were Florence, Earl, Clint and Will.

Adora B. Stroud Wallis: Sophronia's third daughter, Adora, married Newton Logan Wallis, and their children were Lorenzo Clement, Rosie Bell, Cora Eunice, Chloe Pearl and Chauline.

James L. Stroud: Sophronia's oldest son, James L., was married three times. Hugh and Chauncie L. were born of his first marriage, and Cecil James was the son of his second marriage. His third marriage was to Della H. Oakes and their children were: Pearl, Zeno Roberson Franklin, Ruth, Mable Stroud, an infant who died at birth, and Leo. Pearl married Stephen L. King, Ruth Edna was born Aug 20, 1912 and died Apr. 17, 1964; her husband was Raymond Woods and she had a son, Jimmy Ray. Mabel, who married J. Wilson Carden, died July 30, 1966.

Martha J. Stroud Phillips: Martha J., Sophronia's fifth child, married George Washington Phillips. Their children were: an infant born dead, Chloe Elizabeth, Loyd, and Evelyn Nora.

William D. Stroud: William D., Sophronia's second son, married Addie Bell Cubbison. Their children were: Elmer, Cora, William F., Goldie, and Russell H..

Edwin C. Stroud: Edwin C., the seventh child of Sophronia, married Rose Robinson, and their children were: Jewel, Wayne, and Charlotte.

Henry C. Stroud: Sophronia's eighth child, Henry, married Mary Eliza Pryor and they had six children: Raymond Franklin, Hulda Rethal, Goldie May, Patsy Olive, an infant son born dead, and Sophronia Catherine "Kate" Stroud.

Amanda Stroud Jenkins: The tenth child of Sophronia, Amanda, married Albert Lee Jenkins. They had five children: Audrey, Orpha, Raymond, Leta and Grace.

Cora Stroud Hearn: Cora, Sophronia's 11th child, married James Hearn.

Albert Stroud: Sophronia's youngest child, Albert, born when she was 43 years old, married May Pierce and was the father of two children, Herbert and Emma.

Malonia, fourth child of Spencer and Jane, was 18 years old when she married Manson "Dick" Stroud in Washington Co. in 1858. They lived at Leach, Okla. and both are buried there. Dick and Roberson Stroud, who married Sophronia, were brothers. Malonia and Dick had seven children:

William, b. 1860, d. May 21, 1863
America, b, May 2, 1862, d. Dec. 26, 1862
James, b. 1864, d. Oct. 30, 1867
Florence, b. Apr. 20, 1868, m. — Wardlaw
Ethel, b. Aug. 20, 1872, m. — Mitchell
Harlan, b. May 21, 1876
Morris, b. Jan. 31, 1879

Martha Lloyd, who was the fifth child of Spencer and Jane, was born 1842 and died 1874. She was married to William Alexander Harston Jan. 10, 1858 in Washington Co., Ark. William was born in Tennessee Nov. 27, 1836 and died Oct. 3, 1904, Martha is buried in Pea Ridge, Ark, Their first child died in infancy, and the other children were:

Aradonna "Dovie," b. Dec. 15, 1860
Roxie, b. 1861, d. 1896, m. — Chastain
Cora
Child who died in infancy.

Aradonna Harston Maxwell: Martha's oldest daughter was married to Robert Samuel Maxwell in Benton County, Ark. Dec. 15, 1880. She died in Arkadelphia, but is buried in the family plot in Bentonville, Ark. Their children were: William Oscar, b. Aug. 29, 1881, d. Oct. 17, 1959; Frank Earl, b. June 1, 1883, d. Feb. 1919; Pearl, b. Feb. 3, 1885, d. October 1949. Michael Claud, b. Feb. 20, 1887, d. Aug. 7, 1966; Lyman DeWitt, b. July 2, 1889, d. July 10, 1913; Edith America, b. Apr. 5, 1892; d. June 6, 1900.

After the death of her first husband, Aradonna married Robert Miller in 1895. They had three children: Aradonna, b. Nov. 27, 1896, married Ward Thompson, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Roxie Ann, b. August 1899 (deceased); Theodore Dewitt, b. Nov. 27, 1904, d. Oct. 27, 1946.

William Oscar Maxwell: William, oldest son of Robert and Aradonna was born and died in Colorado. His death occurred on October 17, 1959, but he was married Nov. 24, 1907 in Gravette, Ark. His bride was Anna Price Dunagin who was born on Nov. 29, 1887 at Avoca, Ark., the daughter of John Riley and Sarah Jane Stokes Dunagin; she was raised at Gravette. They had one child Robert Harvey Maxwell, born Nov. 10, 1909 at Gravette.

Robert Harvey Maxwell: The only child of William Oscar and Anna, was married Aug. 2, 1934 in Boulder, Colo. to Gretchen Ilene Andrews, daughter of A. Clarence and Ilene Altha Prouty Andrews. She was born Sept. 16, 1913 in El Monte, Calif. Their children are: Susan, b. Feb. 28, 1937, at Ft. Worth, Tex. William Andrew, b. May 4, 1938, also at Fort Worth, Tex. and David Anthony Maxwell, b. Jan. 27, 1941 at Ft. Worth.

Susan Maxwell: The oldest daughter of Robert and Gretchen married Robert Cecil Jennings, son of Robert Cecil and Mildred Eva McClure Jennings, Dec. 30, 1960 in Pasadena, Tex. He was born Sept. 19, 1937 in Paducah, Tex. Their children are: Marisa Gay, b. Aug. 24, 1961, Pasadena, Tex.; and Jeffery Craig Jennings, b. July 5, 1966, Pasadena, Tex.

William Andrew: The oldest son of Robert and Gretchen married July 8, 1959 in Tokyo, Japan Michiko Saito, daughter of Iwamatsu and Toki Yonehawa Saito. She was born Aug. 19, 1936 in Fukushima, Japan. They have two children, Teresa Ilene, b. Jan. 15, 1963 in San Francisco, Calif.; and Christine, b. Aug. 22, 1968 in Germany.

David Anthony: The youngest child of Robert and Gretchen was married June 23, 1964 at Elko, Nev. to Angeline Bogdan Steele. She was born Aug. 1, 1937 in Eureka, Utah, the daughter of Luby and Milka Borick Bogdan. Angeline has a son, Valent, by her first marriage to Owen Steele. She and David are the parents of a daughter, Natalie, b. Nov. 29, 1968.

Cariller, the sixth child of Spencer and Jane Fine, was married July 15, 1859 to George J. Percy. The ceremony, according to the marriage records of Washington County, was performed by Calvin Baker.

"Jennie" Fine married a Mr. Routh. They had twin sons and one daughter. They owned a large wheat acreage near Spokane, Wash. before World War I, but sold out when prices were high and moved to Modesto, Calif. where both are buried. (Pearl Stroud King supplied this information, but which of Spencer's daughters was nicknamed Jennie is not known now.)

2. Charlotte Fine (Wilson)

Charlotte, the first daughter and second child of William and Catherine, was born May 22, 1812 before the parents moved to Washington County, Ark. She was 16 years old when they came, and a year later, Sept. 6, 1829, married Thomas Wilson. He was born in Kentucky in 1805 and died Nov. 30, 1878 at the age of 73 years, -- months, and three days. (His tombstone is broken and the number of months could not be read. He is buried in Wilson Cemetery, east of Greenland, Ark.) Charlotte lived to be very old and spent her last years in the home of her widowed daughter, Elizabeth Graham, at Wedington, Ark. It is assumed she is buried there but no tombstone has been found.

The children of Thomas and Charlotte were all born at Greenland, They were:

James F., b. 1832 {Rossanna Woods}
Unnamed infant, b. 1834
Elizabeth Jane, b. June 1, 1836 {Riley Graham}
Araminta, b . 1838 {Robert D. L. Walker}
Mary Catherine, b . 1840 {John W. Reitt}
Louallen, b. Oct. 1, 1842
Charlotte, b. Aug. 23, 1844 {Robert Mayes}
Julia, b . 1846
Rachel, b. 1850 {A. K. Cowan}
Virginia, b. 1853 {Thomas Black}

The First Ball in Fayetteville

Capt. Thomas Brooks,
Editor, Review:

I have been frequently requested by my friends to give them another chapter on the early history of Washington County (Arkansas) and in order to get material for my sketch, I have recently visited our old and mutual friend, Mrs. Charlotte Wilson, widow of the late Judge Thomas Wilson. You have known her for 40 years and I have known her as Aunt Charlotte for 58 years, and we can safely vouch for the correctness of her statements which I give below in her own language. Since the death of her husband, Judge Wilson, which occurred 15 years ago, she has made her home with her son-in-law, Robert Mayes, who lives one mile northwest of Farmington in this county. On last Wednesday p. m. I went from Fayetteville to his home expressly to interview Mrs. Wilson and spent the night in his elegant home and must be pardoned for saying that I was royally entertained by Bob and his excellent wife, and especially by that noble old pioneer mother who has lived in Washington County 69 years, longer than any other persons except Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. Combs of West Fork, and William Alexander, all of whom came to this county about one year before Mrs. Wilson came. Mrs. Wilson is now 86 years old, but could pass for a woman of 65. She is active, walks erect and does not use spectacles except when reading. She assists her daughter in her household work and is quite cheerful and fond of conversing with her friends.

Her maiden name was Fine. She was the fourth child of William and Catherine Fine, and was born in Giles County, Tenn. on the 22 May, 1812, came with her parents to Arkansas Territory in 1828. They left their old home in Tennessee on Oct. 15, 1828 and reached West Fork of White River on the 2 March, 1829 and settled in the woods seven miles south of Fayetteville, which then was called Washington Court House. They were well equipped for the long journey through the wilderness. They had one large four horse wagon called "Prairie Schooner" and another two horse wagon and a good tent to sleep in at night. They stopped three weeks in Conway County and six weeks at Billingsley on account of a big snow which fell about the middle of January, 1829 and did not all melt away until the 1st of March.

There was not room in the wagons for all the family, and she walked all the way from Giles County, Tenn. to West Fork. She says she was as happy as a lark; when the evening campfire was built she cooked supper for the family, 12 or 13 in number, and then cooked breakfast every morning. She says her father was a powder maker in Tennessee and had brought several gourds full to sell along the route, and seeing so many mortars and sweeps with pestle for pounding corn into meal, her mother told Mr. Fine that he would not find sale for his powder as every squatter makes his own powder. She thought those pounding machines were to pulverize charcoal and salt petre for powder.

She said she felt very lonely for a while in their new home in the wild woods with no neighbors near and no society for young ladies and felt herself very fortunate when she received a ticket to a ball to be given by the young gentlemen of Fayetteville, on the 4th of July, 1829. Her father and mother came into town with her on the morning of the fourth and she saw no houses between their home and Fayetteville. The dancing commenced at 2 p. m. in the new court house which was built of round logs with puncheon floor and board roof. A splendid supper was served at Byrnside's Tavern and each young gentleman was taxed \$1.50 for supper for himself and partner. Bryant H. Smithson and young Thomas Wilson were two of the committee of arrangements. Abram Cartwright, assisted by Alx. Scott, furnished the music. They danced some square dances, but mostly the old Virginia eight handed reels which required no one to prompt. She danced her first set with Thomas Wilson, to whom she was married on the 6th of the following September 1829. She said Bry Smithson had several dollars in silver loose in his pocket, and while dancing first upon the heel tap then upon the toe his silver money would jingle, jingle, keeping time with the music of the fiddle. They danced until two o'clock in the morning and adjourned until next morning. Mrs. Byrnside took her home with her, also another girl from the country, Miss Phoebe Standifer. She and Miss Standifer were the only country girls present, all the rest being town girls, 11 in all. There were seven sisters dancing in one set at the same time. Their name was Kingcade {Kincaid}. And Bry Smithson afterwards married Miss Cynthia Kingcade, one of the sisters.

On the morning of the fifth the dancing was renewed and kept up until about the middle of the afternoon, when, feeling that they had shown sufficient respect for the glorious Fourth of July they separated and repaired to their respective homes, all happy and contented. The best of order prevailed, everybody was on his good behavior, and the young gentlemen proved themselves to be as gallant as any she ever saw.

Every few hours refreshments were handed around, which consisted of biscuits, well buttered, and slices of turkey breast fried brown, which we know is good eating. I inquired as to how they were dressed, and she replied all kinds of dresses were worn; as for herself she wore a black silk dress, which she brought from Tennessee. The young ladies used a dry goods store nearby the court house for a toilet room. Their head-dresses looked very pretty by the light of the tallow candles; their heads were ornamented with ribbons which shone like silver. Miss Sallie Byrnside was present; but she did not dance. Miss Sallie was afterwards married to young Lee C. Blakemore and her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Taylor, now lives in Fayetteville.

On the 6th of September, 1829 she was married to Thomas Wilson who had built a log cabin in the woods near where his son, James Wilson, now lives. They went to keeping house the day after they were married and she says there were no cooking vessels of any kind, and when she went to cook their first breakfast she had to cook their bread in the ashes, making what was called an "ash cake." There was no furniture in the house, only a Suffolk Bedstead, made by setting up one post into which auger holes were bored, into which one end of the bed rails were inserted and the other ends inserted into holes in the logs of the house, and on those rails or round poles were laid rough oak boards, four feet long, on which was placed the straw bed. This bedstead served a double purpose, being used to sleep on and when the meals were ready the bedding was removed and the table cloth spread on it, which made a table to eat on. They had no knives and forks and used a butcher knife to cut their meat and made forks out of hard cane. She said she took a good cry the first meal she tried to cook and was very much

discouraged, but her mother and Mr. Wilson went to Cane Hill in a few days and bought a skillet and an oven, some dishes and knives and forks and she was then happy.

She says wild game was plentiful, and they could shoot deer and turkeys from the door of their cabin, and that many times when she would be spinning on the big wheel that wild turkeys would come into the yard, walk by the door and look in and cluck, cluck, being attracted there by the buzzing and singing of the wheel. The foxes would chase the chickens in the yard in daylight and she saw a chicken fly up in a bush to escape a fox, and it climbed up after the chicken. Wolves howling around their cabin was a familiar sound, and the bears would kill their hogs within a hundred yards of their house.

She attended the hanging at Cane Hill in 1839 and saw the three men hanged for the murder of the Wright Family. She saw Rev. Andy Buchanan climb up a ladder to where the three men were standing on the platform and heard him tell them that they had only a few minutes more to live and asked them now to tell the truth. One declared he was innocent, but another man whose name was Richards on, called out to him, saying, "There is no use to die with a lie in your mouth, for you know we did commit the murder." She also saw old man Burnett and his wife hanged here at Fayetteville in 1845.

Mrs. Wilson had ten children, four of whom are now living, viz: James Wilson, Mrs. Lotta Mayes, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham of Weddington, Mrs. Black now in Kansas. She says she has often heard her husband tell of the fun he and Judge David Walker used to have in the early days when they were gay young men, that they would ride 20 miles to attend a country dance.

Mrs. Wilson has lived an active and useful life, and taught her children to respect honest labor and to live honest useful lives, and it is a great comfort to her in her extreme old age to feel assured that they have lived up to her teaching and that they love their old mother who cared for them in their early life. I sometimes fear that the younger generations fail to appreciate the noble, true-hearted fathers and mothers who first penetrated the wilds of Arkansas and made so many sacrifices for the good of all those who are to take their places in life. I love to meet up with them and listen to them while they relate their early adventures of Arkansas. I hope some of your readers will find pleasure in reading this account of the first big ball in Fayetteville. She only remembers the names of a few of the young men present at the ball. They were: Bryant Smithson, John Kingcade, Dave Kingcade, Dick Dye, Tom Stevens and Tom Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is a remarkably well preserved woman of her age and bids fair to live many years yet and we trust she may live to see her centennial birthday. If I have made any mis-statements in this sketch, I hope that she will pardon her old friend whom she has known from his childhood.

...James Hayden Van Hoose, son of
John and Lydia Lewis Van Hoose

(The above is a copy of a newspaper clipping from the scrapbook of John C. Fine, with no reference to its origin. It is in the possession of his son, Peter C. Fine of Cleburne, Texas. - Donald J. Arnold, 3 June 1964)

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West Fork Christian Church

The West Fork Christian Church is probably the oldest organization of the followers of the teachings of Alexander Campbell in Washington County. It was organized in 1837, with the following officers and members:

Elders: William Robinson, Stephen Strickland, and Alfred Arrington.

Deacons: Levi Combs and Shelby Conner.

Members: Mrs. S. Strickland, Mrs. A. Arrington, Daniel Conner, Mrs. Shelby Conner, Thomas Wilson and wife, Eli Bloyd and wife, Mrs. W. Robinson, Benjamin Miller and wife, Samuel Alexander and wife, John Wilson, Joseph Lewis, Betsy Conner, Christopher Harness and wife, and Joseph Miller, Sr. and wife.

They were first organized under an elm tree, and held services there until soon after the ruling elders built a church of hewed logs. Elder Stephen Strickland seems to have been the first pastor and among others who held services there afterward were Rev. John Robinson, the well-known Rev. Robert Graham, Rev. Elijah Northam and Rev. Eli Baker. The present membership numbers about thirty persons.

...Copied from Goodspeed's History
of Northwest Arkansas published
in 1889

Evaluation

In 1860 the property of Thomas Wilson is listed as \$3,000 real estate and \$15,000 personal property, making him one of the wealthy land owners of the pre-Civil War days.

Descendants of Charlotte and Thomas Wilson

James F. Wilson: The first born of Thomas and Charlotte Wilson married Rose E. Wood who was born May 16, 1840 and died, nearly a century later, April 17, 1940. Where he is buried is not known today but Rose is buried beside their son, Oscar, in Baptist Ford Cemetery, near Greenland, in addition to Oscar who was born Apr. 28, 1868 and died Oct. 13, 1925, an infant daughter was born and died Aug. 19, 1862. She is buried in Wilson Cemetery. They also had a second daughter, Evaline, who was born in 1879.

Elizabeth Jane Wilson Graham: Elizabeth Jane was the third child of Thomas and Charlotte, and married Riley Graham on Oct. 13, 1853 when she was 17 years old. Riley was born Sept. 23, 1827 and died Dec. 1, 1890. Elizabeth lived a quarter of a century longer, and died Oct. 13, 1925. They lived in the Wedington area and are both buried in the Wedington Cemetery, Goodspeed's history states that Riley Graham served in Co. A, of Brooks Infantry in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Their children were: James C. who died in infancy; Bell D.; Thomas C.; William R., b. Feb. 15, 1864; Len F.; Cora Alice; Emma C.; Virginia W., b. Dec. 8, 1873; Cyrus Edgar, b. June 2, 1877; and Kate May. Three of these children are buried at Wedington. Their tombstones read:

William R. Graham
born Feb. 15, 1864
(no death date)

(wife)

Minnie Roxie Graham
born Feb. 25, 1875
died Mar. 14, 1914

Jennie W. Graham (Virginia)
born Dec. 8, 1873
died May 9, 1896

Cyrus Edgar Graham
born June 2, 1877
died Dec. 6, 1935

(wife)

Susie May Graham
born Nov. 18, 1892
died Mar. 21, 1929

Araminta Wilson Walker: Araminta was the fourth child of Thomas and Charlotte. She married Robert D. L. Walker Mar. 17, 1867, in Washington Co., Ark.

Mary Catherine Wilson Rieff: The fifth child of Thomas and Charlotte, was Mary Catherine born 11 years after they were married. She was 19 years old when she married John William Rieff on Jan. 6 1859, in Washington County. She died in 1873. John, the son of Orren Murray and Matilda Fambro Rieff, was born on July 26, 1835. His birth is recorded in the Orren M. Rieff Bible as "John William Rieff was born five minutes before six o'clock Sunday morning." His marriage is also noted as occurring Thursday evening, Jan. 6, 1859 at the residence of the Bride's father in Washington County, Arkansas by Jones Pierson, Esquire -- John William Rieff to Miss

Mary Catherine Wilson. The record also notes that in the next century, on a Sunday night, Mar. 26, 1943, James Franklin Rieff, son of John and Catherine Wilson Rieff, age 82, died. After Mary Catherine died and was buried in Wilson Cemetery, John married Malvina Hunton Dec. 16, 1875.

Louallen Wilson: The sixth child of Thomas and Charlotte died in his 18th year, just before the start of the Civil War. He was engaged to be married but shortly before the wedding day his bride-to-be became ill and died. He was so overcome with grief that he pined away and died October 1860, in less than a year. He is buried in the Wilson Cemetery and beside his grave is another grave, marked only with field stones. Perhaps it is the grave of the girl he so dearly loved.

Charlotte Wilson Mayes: The seventh child and namesake of her mother, Charlotte Fine Wilson, was married to Robert H. Mayes. He was born Feb. 22, 1838 and died May 28, 1900, nine years before the death of his wife July 3, 1909. They are buried in Farmington Cemetery. Their children were: Robert, b.1863, d. June 26, 1864 and buried in Wilson Cemetery. William A., b. 1873, d. 1952; he was married to a woman whose given name was Agnes, who was born in 1880 and died in 1945. They had an infant son who was born and died May 10, 1896. The infant is buried in Farmington Cemetery. Charlotte Mayes third child was Alice Mayes who married Frank Rieff.

Virginia Wilson Black: Virginia, the youngest child of Thomas and Charlotte, was married to T. Black Jan. 18, 1872.

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Old Settler's Story

Sulphur City, Ark.
George W. Van Hoose
17 June 1904

Editor, Review:

The last time I was in your office I promised to send you some items from this place, and as this day is the sixty-fifth anniversary of my arrival into this neighborhood, I will give you a little history of the event.

My father left Floyd County, Ky. with a large family the 3rd day of May, 1839, came down the Big Sandy river in a moving boat and two flatboats loaded with tanbark and hogshead staves for the market at Cincinnati. After remaining camped at Covington, Ky. some two weeks to sell out, we took a steamboat for Van Buren, Ark. The boat was a steam wheeler, named Trident, and came through the canal at Louisville which was just opened, on down the Ohio to the father of waters, down it to the mouth of White river, then up it to a cut off between it and the Arkansas, then through to the Arkansas, up and to Van Buren, where we found a little town of possibly one dozen houses. We camped there for about one

week until two ox wagons went from this creek after us, the teams being driven by old uncle Bracken Lewis (my mother's brother), and cousin Brock Lewis, or as he is known now as Captain Bracken Lewis. He was then about a grown man, and is now 88 years old and is hale and hearty and could crack a whip over an oxen's back yet, if there were such things yet, and is living within 2 1/2 miles of where he lived at that time. His father and others had come to White River six years ahead of us in the year 1834.

The wagons brought us by the Cove Creek road and across near Greenland, south of Fayetteville. On the hills we could see the little opening and a few houses where the pretty town of Fayetteville now stands. We got on the West fork at Mr. Wilson's at noon the 17th of June where we found all the Wilsons gathered to greet the newcomers. They had a nice dinner prepared for us and we had a jolly good time for a few hours and I was entertained by a boy of my own size and age. He told me of the many sports of the new world, showed me his cane fishing poles, how he managed to catch the wily goggle-eye sun perch; he told me many wonderful things and did it too with great gravity and dignity. He told me his name was James Wilson and I didn't forget it, as he was the first Arkansas boy I got acquainted with; and the same Jim Wilson like myself is still on topside of Arkansas soil and is still the same dignified old Jim of 65 years ago. The friendship formed in a few hours between us has never been broken and as we are both nearing the end of our pilgrimage, we are still friends and hope to remain such and to meet some day in a perfect rest.

After partaking of the hospitality of the Wilsons, we came over the mountain and down to the Middle Fork, and we came near a cave where bears and panthers lived in the winter. J. A. Fincher now lives at the mouth of the cave and uses it.

We arrived at grandmother Rachael Mankins' on the old Peter Mankins place a mile from Sulphur City at about five o'clock p.m. 17 June 1839. I was a child of 7 years and was so tired of our long journey, and so overjoyed at getting to grandmother's, I went out and found a large flat stone got upon it and danced for joy, (as I had often said I would do if I ever got to Granny's). That was a grand time for father, mother and all of us.

Sixty-five years have passed and gone, and with them nearly all of those with whom I associated. Out of our family of 12 children only aunt Rachael Williams, Lizzie Marion, J. H. Van Hoose and myself remain alive today; all tottering on the brink of the grave and are widely separated. God only knows whether we will ever be together again.

In order to celebrate the 60th anniversary of my citizenship on White River, my nephew, Sam Taylor of Smith Center, Kansas and I visited the Fincher cave, spent some hours inside and the remainder of the day enjoying the kind hospitality of Mr. Fincher and his good wife. We went several hundred yards into the cave, seeing its wonders, holding our lamp up to the walls, reading the hundreds of names who had been there many years before; many who have long since been dead and almost forgotten. It is a solemn place to be, you feel like being in a tomb. The stillness of death and darkness all around, you turn your light on the wall and see the name of some dear dead relative or friend written in their own handwriting with dates away back in the forties and fifties. I saw my five dead brothers' names in one nook, I turned my lamp to the rock and read the name of a good girl that used to live in Fayetteville who has been gone to her reward for many, many years. There was a party of them all written the same day, 26 July 1860. Miss Sallie Davidson, Miss Jasu Lee, Miss Marshall and brothers Will and Charley. Miss Davidson was sister to Major B. F. and Perry Davidson. Mr. Hawes, if you wish to enjoy feeling solemn for a few hours and seeing some wonderful works of nature and drinking some good water, come out and go into the cave.

...George Washington Van Hoose, writer of the above article was the son of John and Lydia Lewis Van Hoose Lydia was the daughter of Zachariah

and Rachel Bracken Lewis. Rachel, left a widow with three small children, married Peter Mankins, Sr. The Lewis children were as dear to Peter as his own. The Wilson family referred to was that of Thomas and Charlotte Fine Wilson, and James was their oldest child.

3. Jonathan Fine

Jonathan, the fifth child of William and Catherine, was born during the relatively brief period his parents were living in Madison County, Alabama. He was 14 years old when the parents came to Arkansas in 1828. Some eight years later he married Rachel Mankins who was born Jan. 26, 1819 in Floyd Co., Ky. She died on Feb. 24, 1897 at Hanson, Indian Territory, and he died on Nov. 12, 1875 at Fine Springs, Ark. Rachel was the daughter of Peter and Rachel Bracken Lewis Mankins Sr.

Mrs. Rachel Fine Obituary

Died on the morning of Feb. 25, 1897 at the home of George Fine near Hanson, I. T., Mrs. Rachel Fine in the 79th year of her age.

Grandma Fine, as she was familiarly known, had long been a resident of Rudy township, in this county, where her remains were brought for burial She was a daughter of the late venerable Peter Mankins of Washington County, who lived to the ripe old age of 111 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church and died as she had lived, a devoted mother and grandmother, a true and faithful Christian. She leaves behind her to mourn her loss a family of seven sons, Walter, John, Carrol, Thomas, Hamilton, George and Calvin, and one daughter, Mrs. Rachel Taylor, also seventy grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. Her remains were laid to rest in Newberry Chapel Cemetery by the side of the grave of her husband, Jonathan Fine, who died twenty years ago.

Neighbors and friends in number more than two hundred assembled at the home of the deceased to join in the last sad offices to the one they loved so well. The funeral services were by Pillows and White with (remaining three lines illegible).

...Copied from the old scrapbook of John Calvin Fine, Cleburne, Texas, by his son, Peter Cooper Fine, on December 13, 1963. This obituary was in a Crawford County, Ark. paper.

Jonathan Fine and Rachel Mankins were married in Washington Co. and most of their children were born there:

William Riley, b. Nov. 1, 1837, died in infancy
Peter, b. Feb. 9, 1839
Alfred, b. Dec. 6, 1840
Walter "Watt," b. May 12, 1842
Jonathan "John," b. Jan. 15, 1844
Millie, b. Nov. 26, 1845
Thomas Jefferson, b. June 15, 1847
Isaac Hamilton, b. Mar. 2, 1849
George "Kernel," b. Dec. 1, 1852
Elizabeth Fine, b. Nov. 23, 1854, died in infancy
James Carrol, b. Feb. 3, 1856
Calvin, b. Aug. 3, 1858
Rachel, b. Oct. 8, 1860 at Fine Springs

Fine Springs

About the mid-1850s Jonathan Fine and his family moved to Texas. In 1859 they decided to return to Washington County, Ark. and enroute to their former home, bringing a herd of cattle with them, they camped overnight at a big spring in Crawford County. They were so pleased with the countryside that they decided to settle there, and in 1861 Jonathan Fine bought the farm and spring where they had camped from Hugh R. and Sarah Ann Frazier. From that time on the Big Spring was known as Fine Springs.

They had hardly gotten settled when the Civil War was upon them and before it was over Jonathan had five sons fighting for the South. Watt (Walter) Fine served with Stand Watie and his mounted troops. Peter and John served the first three months with Captain James M. Stewart's Arkansas Troops, and the remainder of the time with Captain John F. Winfrey, Co. E., Third Arkansas Cavalry, participating in battles of Wilson Creek, Prairie Grove, and many other skirmishes. The Stewart and Winfrey organizations were both formed at Van Buren at the start of the War. Alfred Fine also served through the entire Civil War.

By the time Thomas Fine was old enough to enlist, the federal soldiers were in control of Crawford County so he and a friend, William James, joined the Union Army, hoping to remain in their home county and be close to their folks. They took training and soon learned they were going to be sent into battle against their own people. The two boys promptly skipped out for Texas where they joined the Confederate Army.

Jonathan was too old to go in the Army, but he had to hide out in the mountains much of the time to avoid being killed by the bushwhackers. One time three or four men slipped up on him out in the woods. But after his capture they hardly knew what to do with him. One was all for shooting him, but others thought that might not be the best thing to do. They talked about Jonathan's five sons in the War that it was unlikely they would all be killed and the boys who returned home would hunt them down to the last man if they killed their father. So after much talk, which was all right before Jonathan, they finally let him go.

All five sons came through the War unscratched. At the close of hostilities, Peter, Alfred, John and Thomas were mustered out of service at Alexandria, La. On their long journey toward home, Alfred took pneumonia and died near Nashville, Ark. They buried him there and came on home. Peter's horse was stolen while they were taking care of Alfred. After they got home Peter wanted to return to Nashville to try to find his horse but his family would not hear of it. They were too glad to have him at home safe.

Watt Fine did not return home for many months after the War and the family had given him up as dead.

Descendants of Jonathan and Rachel Fine

Peter Fine, the oldest son of Jonathan and Rachel married Ruthy Cosby Feb. 9, 1860. She was the daughter of Wiley and Mary Cosby and was born in Alabama Feb. 4, 1840 and died Aug. 15, 1875 at Fine Springs, Ark. He died Dec. 10, 1882, also at Fine Springs. Their marriage ceremony was performed by Bracken Lewis. They are both buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery near Fine Springs. Their children were: a stillborn, 1861; Mary Frances, b. 1862; Millie Melinda, b. Apr. 10, 1864; Alfred, b. Nov. 4, 1867; Charley Cosby, born 1870; Peter Pinkney "Pete," b. Jan. 13, 1872; Elizabeth, born Nov. 1874. After the death of Rachel, Peter married Rebecca Taylor who was b. Sept. 18, 1840 and died Dec. 24, 1840. She is buried in Newberry, Children of Peter and Rebecca were: George W., b. Nov. 4, 1876; Docia, b. April 18, 1878; and Sam, birthdate unknown.

Mary Frances Fine Whitson: Peter and Ruthy's oldest daughter, Mary Frances, born 1862, married George Washington Whitson who was born two years earlier. She died in 1942, and he, in 1931. They are both buried in Newberry. Their children were: Clara Laverne, b. Sept. 7, 1885, d. Jan. 6, 1963; Myrtle, b. Dec. 16, 1886, d. June 28, 1962; Beulah May, b. Feb. 14, 1889, d. Dec. 2, 1896; Samuel Stephenson, b. Nov. 25, 1892; d. May 16, 1962; Walter Lee, b. Dec. 12, 1894; and Oscar Clifton, b. Oct. 25, 1898, and d. Oct. 10, 1966.

Walter Lee Whitson: Peter's grandson and son of Mary Frances and George Washington Whitson, was married Aug. 1, 1920 to Elizabeth "Betty" Ballentine, the daughter of Joseph and Luna Byrum Ballentine, Betty was born June 25, 1898, and d. June 30, 1930. Their children were: Paul Alvin, b. April 11, 1922; and Hazel Lee, b. June 27, 1923, both at Rudy, Ark. Paul married Edith Spruell Nov. 8, 1951, and Hazel Lee married Lyall Dean, son of Simeon D. and Floy Hutchens Parrish, who was b. Jan. 4, 1919 at Brentwood, Ark. Her children were: Lana Deane, b. Jan. 21, 1946 at Azusa, Calif.; Larry Lee, b. March 13, 1947 at Rudy; and Elizabeth Ann, b. Feb. 4, 1949. Her son Larry Lee married Carolyn Sue Goodin, June 18, 1966 at El Monte, Calif. and they have one child, Cindy Sue Parrish, b. Apr. 22, 1968 in California. Walter Lee Whitson married the second time to Irene Mitchell, the daughter of Charles Henry and Clara Ann Foster Mitchell April 23, 1932. His second wife was born Jan. 16, 1907 and they have one son, George Henry, b. July 26, 1937. He married Phyllis Ann Bennett Aug. 4, 1962. She was b. July 4, 1942 and they have one daughter, Cynthia Ann Whitson, b. July 26, 1963.

Millie Melinda Fine: The third child of Peter and Ruthy was b. April 10, 1864 at Fine Springs and died April 13, 1949 at Rudy. She was married in 1887 to Warren Perkins Ball. He was born in 1861, the son of Simpson and Jane Perkins Ball, and died August 1935. Their children were:

Andrew Pinkney, b. June 23, 1889; William Henry; and Charles Leonard Ball, whose birthdates are unknown. William H. Ball has a child, Sue, and Charles L. Ball also has a daughter, Ruth Ann Ball. His wife, Irma (surname unknown), died, and was buried in Newberry Cemetery. Her stone reads: Irma Ball, wife of C. L. Ball, 1889-1918. Millie's son Andrew "Andy" married Nannie Morrison Douglas, Aug. 14, 1912 in Jellies, Tenn. The Rev. Raymond Shearer, Presbyterian minister, performed the ceremony. Nannie was the daughter of George Marion and Emily Jane Smith Douglas. Both Nannie and Andy are buried in Love Cemetery, three miles north of Alma, Ark. They were the parents of nine children: Lucian Douglas, b. July 5, 1914; Emily Marie, b. Feb. 21, 1916; Charles Edward, b. Sept. 27, 1917; Clayton Warren, b. March 1, 1919; Irma Jene, b. July 3, 1922; Norma Francis, b. Aug. 27, 1923; Andy Pinkney, b. May 11, 1927; William Henry, b. Mar. 7, 1928; and Travis Cameral, b. Oct. 31, 1934.

Alfred Fine: The first son and third child who grew to adulthood of Peter and Ruthy, married Laura Belle Evans on Christmas Day, 1894. Laura was born in Washington County, Oct. 29, 1874 and died June 1957 at Sallisaw, Okla., twenty years after Alfred died Feb. 8, 1937 at Stilwell, Okla. Laura was the daughter of James and Mary Jane Rieff Evans. Both are buried in Newberry. They had several children, among them: Agnes, b. Nov. 2, 1895 at Rudy, Ark., who married Perry Thomas Scoggins, b. June 10, 1896 in Sequoyah County I. T. He was the son of John Soloman and Emily Elizabeth Saunders Scoggins. They had one daughter, Helen Beatrice, b. June 21, 1916 at Hansen, Okla. She married Henry Merritt Ausbourne, son of Merritt William and June Rose Hammond Ausbourne on Dec. 15, 1942 and became the mother of a son, Robert Merritt Ausbourne, b. Oct. 3, 1943, Glendale, Calif. Henry was b. Feb. 1, 1921 at Sigel, Wis.

Charley Cosby Fine: Peter and Ruthy's fifth child and second son married Amanda Carolina Heuron. He died in 1934, and she was born in 1882 and died in 1943. Both are buried in Newberry Cemetery, They had one child, Noel.

Peter Pinkney "Pete" Fine: Peter and Ruthy's sixth child, named for his father, was married Oct. 1, 1898 to Cora Vincent, daughter of James Dowell and Patsy Anderson Vincent. She was b. Dec. 22, 1881 in Kentucky and died Dec. 29, 1966. He died June 7, 1942, and both are buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery. Their children were: an infant daughter born dead; Lee, b. June 1, 1901, d. Sept. 4, 1961; Roy E., b. Sept. 13, 1903; Grace Mae, b. Dec. 19, 1905; Myrtle Marie, b. July 20, 1913; Mildred, b. Oct. 24, 1918; Mable, b. Oct. 31, 1921; and a second infant, a daughter, born dead. All were born at Rudy at the same place, one and one-fourth miles northeast of Rudy, part of the homestead established by Pete's father. It is still owned by the heirs. The oldest living son, Roy E., married Thea Doria Elizabeth Loving April 21, 1923 at Van Buren Thea was born at Hot Springs, the daughter of Tennessee Franklin and Melvina Bright Loving. They became the parents of 10 children: Norman Franklin, b. Nov 2, 1923 at Rudy; James Dowell "J. D." Fine b. June 22, 1925, Van Buren; Doris Elizabeth, b Nov 11, 1926; Marion Dibrell "Bud," b. June 28, 1928; Ray Durward, b, Aug. 5, 1930; Minnie Inez, b Aug. 29, 1932; Betty Sue, b. Sept. 5, 1934 and died at the age of 14 months at Van Buren; Franklin Delano b. Dec. 21, 1936 at Carlsbad, N. M.; Glen Emmet, b. May 24, 1939, also at Carlsbad; and Roy Gene Fine, born at the same place Oct. 11, 1943. Norman has four children: Norma Jean, Barbara Kay, Gary Allen, and Betty Sue. J D is the father of three children: Sherrie Lynn, Jimmie Darle and Pamela Sue. Doris Fine Rodgers also has three children: Larry, Glen Arthur and Jannene Elaine Rodgers. Marion has six children: Steve, Valeria, Amelia, Nancy, Mary Ann and Johnnie. Ray has four children: Wanda Elaine, Patricia, Julie and Sandra Inez Fine Beaver has three children: Melvin, Bobby and Charles Beaver. Frank has three children: Frank Jr., Steve and Karen Fine. Glen has two children: Glen Jr. and Neil Fine. Gene has one son, Donald Gene Fine.

Grace Mae Fine Mitchell: The fourth child of Peter and Cora Fine, Grace Mae, married George O. Mitchell who was b. Jan. 15, 1901, the son of Charles Henry and Clara Ann Foster Mitchell, who are buried in Newberry Cemetery George died Dec 21, 1961. They had four children: Paul Wayne, b. Sept. 1, 1928; Wanda Maxene, b. Oct. 11, 1930; Kathryn Joyce, b. Feb 13, 1937; and Glenda Sue, b. July 31, 1938. Grace's oldest daughter, Wanda, married Finley Ray Baker June 29, 1950 at Alma. He was b. Apr. 18, 1930 at Rogers, Ark , the son of Marion Clark and Neoma Fays Richards Baker They have three children: LaWanda Sue, b. Nov. 6, 1953; Richard Ray, b. Oct. 1, 1955; and Michelle Rene Baker, b. Mar. 19, 1960. The third child of Grace and George married a man named Cottingham, and has two children: Lisa Kay and Keith John. Lenda Sue, their last child, married a man by the name of Myers and her children are Kimberly Ann and Bradley Neal Myers.

Myrtle Marie Fine Benton: The fifth child of Peter and Cora Fine married Glen Benton and their children were: Raymond and Glenda Marie.

Mildred Fine Rader: Mildred, the sixth child of Peter and Cora Fine, married Homer H. Rader Sept. 15, 1939. He was b. Aug. 10, 1915 at Tribbey, Okla , the son of Thomas Lemuel and Ollie Rigsby Rader. They have one child, James Ray Rader, b. Nov 24, 1944 at Safford, Ariz. He was married Aug. 16, 1966 to Ellen Virginia Barton, daughter of Arthur and Eleanor Werts Barton. Ellen was b. Aug. 20, 1943 at Carnegie, Okla.

Mabel Fine Anderson: Mabel, the seventh child of Peter and Cora Fine, married John Anderson, an engineer on the Frisco Railroad. Their children were: Linda Kay and David Anderson.

Elizabeth Fine Gatlin: The last child of Peter and Ruthy Fine married Bee Gatlin and was the mother of three children Ruth, Luther and Lois Gatlin. She is buried in Newberry Cemetery.

George W. Fine: The oldest of the three children born to Peter and his second wife, Rebecca (Taylor) Fine, married Elsie Gerhardt who was b. Dec. 22, 1882 and d. Sept. 10, 1924. He lived until Dec. 15, 1939. Both are buried in Newberry Cemetery with an infant son, George Jr., born July 1923. They also had two daughters, Flossie and Virginia. Flossie married Jack Lee and has four children: Vir-

ginia Fay Lee, who married Ken Backman; and has one child, Rusty Backman; Jack Lee Jr. who is the father of four children: Randy, Richard, Mark, and Mike Lee; Dick Lee who has one son Richard and Sharon Lee. Virginia Fine married Cy Kelly and they have a daughter, Beverly, who married Charles Green and is the mother of one child, Kemberly Ann Green.

Docia Fine Wofford: The middle child of Peter and Rebecca, b. April 18, 1878 married on July 7, 1901 William Kytile "Kite" Wofford who was b. Feb. 3, 1874, Gainesville, Ga. She d. June 18, 1951 and he d. Jan. 11, 1955. He was the son of Benjamin F. and Iowa Clementine Parks Wofford. Both Docia and William are buried in Newberry, Cemetary. They had nine children, all born in Rudy, Ark.: Claude, Euell, Ruby, Boyce, Ernest, Bessie, Irma, Iuva, and an infant daughter who was born and died in 1909, also buried at Newberry Cemetery. The descendants of Docia are listed below:

1. Claud Samuel Wofford, b. Oct. 23, 1902, married July 3, 1924 to Ina Alice Miller, b. Sept. 22, 1908, Rudy, Ark. Children:
 - a. Edra Kathleen Wofford, b. Mar. 31, 1926, married May 22, 1943 to Richard Wayne White, b. ,Aug. 30, 1923. Children:
 - (1) Edward Wayne White, b. Sept. 25, 1944, married June 15, 1963 to Mary Ann Prada, b. Nov. 9, 1943: Child: Danial Wayne White, b. June 19, 1967.
 - (2) Larry Claud White, b. July 12, 1946.
 - (3) Richard Dale White, b. Aug. 11, 1950.
 - (4) Darrell Michael White, b. Oct. 17, 1953.
 - (5) Charles Randall White, b. Apr. 3, 1962.
 - b. Francis Lavern Wofford, b. June 29, 1928, married Oct. 24, 1947 to Gerald G. Price, b. Jan. 30, 1923. Children:
 - (1) Scott Randel Price, b. Nov. 12, 1955.
 - (2) Laura Elizabeth Price, b. Jan. 23, 1958.
 - (3) Jenifer Ellen Price, b. Nov. 11, 1965.
 - c. Charolette Claudell Wofford, b. and. d. Feb. 28, 1936.
 - d. Paula Annette Wofford, b. Feb. 6, 1937, married July 9, 1955 to Glenn Franklin Cooksey, b. Aug. 29, 1934. Child: Deborah Alice Cooksey, b. Mar. 18, 1961.
2. Euell Thomas Wofford, b. Feb. 4, 1904, married Dec. 21, 1932 to Georgia Frieda Sangster, b. Mar. 25, 1913. Children:
 - a. Jamie Ruth Wofford, b. May 31, 1934, married Billy Ray Scott, Child: Sharon Anita Scott, b. April 5, 1958.
 - b. Linda Kay Wofford, b. June 14, 1942: married Dec. 16, 1961 to John Barron Smith, b. Aug. 10, 1942. Children:
 - (1) Barry Kenton Smith, b. May 14, 1966.
 - (2) Kevin Randell Smith, b. Oct. 3, 1968.
3. Ruby Rebecca Iowa Wofford, b. Aug. 14, 1905, d. Mar. 22, 1960, married June 30, 1939 to George Demos Batulas, b. May 6, 1891. No children.
4. Iuva Pauline Wofford, b. Nov. 10, 1907, married Aug. 18, 1926 to Marvin Edward Graham, b. Mar. 26, 1902, d. Jan. 20, 1968; buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Van Buren, Ark. Children:
 - a. Mildred Louise Graham, b. Sept. 27, 1922 (by a former marriage), married George E. Smith. Child: Dian Smith, b. May 6, 1947.
 - b. Bobbie Lee Graham, b. Aug. 16, 1927, married Aug. 12.,1944 to Victor Armand Gramigna. Children:

- (1) Gloria Jean Gramigna, b. Mar. 14, 1945, married William Gates. Child: William Gates, Jr.
- (2) Victor Edward Gramigna, b. July 21, 1946.
- (3) Martin Robert Gramigna, b. May 30, 1949.
- (4) Ronald A. Gramigna, b. Nov. 6, 1954.
- (5) Gary David Gramigna, b. Sept. 21, 1961.
- (6) Frank Allen Gramigna, b. Feb. 1, 1963.
- Paul Odell Graham, b. July 26, 1930, married Feb. 5, 1955 to Ann Elizabeth Van Order, b. Nov. 8, 1936. Children:
 - (1) Paula Ann Graham, b. Aug. 18, 1951, married Larry Haywood. (Paula Ann is the daughter of Paul Odell Graham by a former marriage.) Child: Larry Haywood, Jr.
 - (2) Michael Paul Graham, b. Oct. 31, 1956.
 - (3) Scott Eugene Graham, b. Oct. 18, 1960.
 - (4) Kari Ann Graham, b. Feb. 14, 1966.
 - (5) Donald Joseph Graham, b. Aug. 5, 1967.
- d Norma Jean Graham, b. Aug. 6, 1932; married June 28, 1952 to Allen Ray Toothaker, b. May 5, 1928. Children:
 - (1) Mark Allen Toothaker, b. Dec. 14, 1966.
 - (2) David Graham Toothaker, b. July 2, 1969.
- e Billy Boyce Graham, b. May 2, 1934, Rudy, Ark., married May 30, 1954 to Joann Chapman, b. Sept. 24, 1935, Van Buren, Ark. Children:
 - (1) Janet Lynn Graham, b. Feb. 8, 1956, Van Buren.
 - (2) Billy Randall Graham, b. May 18, 1962, Van Buren.

5. Infant daughter, born and died 1909, Rudy, Ark.

6. Bessie Christine Wofford, b. Feb. 4, 1910, married Nov. 17, 1934 to Ivan Hale Moon, b. July 6, 1910, Rudy, Ark. Children:

- a. Oneta Canol Moon, b. Nov. 21, 1937, Huntington Park, Cal.
- b. Neal William Moon, b. Feb 3, 1947, Fort Smith, Ark., married June 17, 1967 to Jenifer Louise Jones, b. Dec. 27, 1947, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N. C. Child: Jacquelyn Lousinda Moon b. Aug. 27, 1969.

7. Boyce Franklin Wofford, b. Sept. 18, 1911, d. Jan. 9, 1964, buried Alma, Ark. Married, first, Leota Teague, b. Aug. 14, 1912, d. Feb. 13, 1959. No children, Married, second, Eleanor Ann Smets, b. Nov. 22, 1929, Van Buren, Ark. Children :

- a. Boyce Franklin Wofford, Jr., b. Nov. 22, 1961
- b. Richard Kytile Wofford, b. Oct. 3, 1962.
- c. Thomas Andrew Wofford, b. Dec. 21, 1963.

8. Ernest Damon Wofford, b. Jan. 28, 1914, married Nov. 11, 1934 to Evelyn Carney. Child: Frances Ahdell Wofford, b. Feb. 3, 1936, married Ronald Urban Berens Children:

- (1) Ronald Urban Berens, Jr., b. Dec. 3, 1953.
- (2) Matthew Richard Berens, b. Mar. 17, 1956.
- (3) Laura Ahdell Berens, b. Nov. 1, 1957.
- (4) Gregory Wofford Berens, b. July 12, 1960.

9. Irma Francis Wofford, b. Apr. 29, 1916, married Nov. 17, 1940 to Elmer Siefert, b. Feb. 15, 1914. Children:

- a. Elmer Edwin Siefert, b. Aug. 20, 1941, Milwaukee, Wis.
- b. Donna Frances Siefert, b. Jan. 7, 1944, married Feb. 23, 1968 in Livingston, Tenn. to Richard A. Jones, b. Milwaukee, Wis.

Sam Fine, the youngest child of Peter and Rebecca, married a woman whose given name was Julia, surname unknown. They had three children: Horton, Cleo and Roger. Sam is buried in Nevada, Mo.

Walter "Watt" Fine was b. May 15, 1842 in Washington County, the fourth child of Jonathan and Rachel. He was married in 1866 to Nancy Mahalia Williford who was b. Oct. 12, 1848. She was a niece of Ruthy Cosby who married Peter, Walter's older brother. He died Sept. 13, 1902, at Fine Springs, and Mahalia lived until the next spring, dying April.23, 1903. Both are buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery. Their first children, infant twins, died at birth as did the third child. Their remaining children were: Rachel Elizabeth, b. April 17, 1870 and died Aug. 16, 1887; James Carrol, b. Jan. 10, 1872; Lydia, b. July 23, 1874; and d. Oct. 10, 1875; Hamilton, born 1877; Malinda Adaline, b. June 10, 1881; Ida Belle, b. May 16, 1885; and Millie Lillian, b. Oct. 14, 1889.

James Carrol Fine, the oldest son of Walter and Mahalia, married Oma I. Slaven, daughter of John Stewart and Celestine Cox Slaven. She was born on Christmas Day 1873 and died Mar. 31, 1947. He died on May 29, 1945. They are buried in Newberry Cemetery. Their children were: Jewel Slaven, b. July 12, 1897, d. Aug. 23, 1897; Wallace Hamilton, b. Aug. 10, 1898, d. Jan. 19, 1958; Gordon John, b. April 1, 1900, d. July 6, 1959 (his tombstone reads World War II, CMI USNR/ both he and Wallace remained single); Ruby Emma, b. Aug. 8, 1902; Lena Opal, b. Aug. 16, 1904, d. Aug. 27, 1905; Hugh Baxter, b. Mar. 28, 1907; James Walter, b. Feb. 28, 1909, d. June 24, 1965; Rex Wilson, b. April 25, 1912. Ruby was married Sept. 19, 1920 at Van Buren to Raymond C. Leach, son of L. T. and Sarah Bell Rigsby Leach. He was born 1898, in Indian Territory, now Gans, Okla. They are the parents of one daughter, Iris Celestine Leach, b. Oct. 23, 1921 at Van Buren. She was married May 1, 1946 at Sallisaw, Okla. to Wayne Watts, son of Clint and Sidonia Lofton Watts. He was b. Nov. 8, 1921, at Sallisaw. They are the parents of three daughters: Sue Ellen, b. Dec. 1, 1946 at Fort Smith, Ark.; Shirley Ann, b. Dec. 16, 1948 at the same place; and Mary Emma, b. Aug. 5, 1950 at Sallisaw. Sue Ellen and C. B. Tuck were married Aug. 6, 1966 at Sallisaw. Hugh Baxter Fine, grandson of Walter and Mahalia, married Ruth Nancy Lee Stanley, daughter of Jack and Emma Lee Wood Stanley, Mar. 25, 1943. James Walter married Dorothy Mae Carr and they have no children. Rex Wilson Fine married Nettie Grayson Jan. 25, 1939. She was b. Jan 1, 1916, the daughter of Peter William and Nettie Cecelia Cillessen Grayston. They had six children: Martha Ann, b. June 6, 1940; James Cornelius, b. Sept. 3, 1942; Mary Catherine, b. July 8, 1945; Elizabeth Louise, b. Sept. 14, 1946; Margaret Jane, b. July 13, 1949; and Richard Wilson Fine, b. July 8, 1952.

Hamilton Fine, the seventh child of "Watt" and Nancy Fine, was born in 1877 and died in 1946. He married Mildred Steward, who was born two years later than Hamilton. Their children were: Steward Fine, b. 1903, d. 1940, and buried in Sallisaw, Okla.; Buster; Olen; Eunice; Billy who was born 1911 and died Dec. 21, 1962 (his survivors are his widow, Betty Sue and a daughter, Donna Sue Fine, and he was buried in Gore, Okla.); and Ray Fine who served as state representative and senator of Oklahoma (his wife, Lois, was a school teacher and is buried at Sallisaw).

Malinda Adaline Fine Tye is the eighth child of Watt and Nancy. She was b. June 10, 1881 and d. Aug. 14, 1949, and married William Thomas Tye on Christmas Day, year unknown. William was the son of James and Harriet Sloan Whittington Tye and was born Feb. 9, 1876 and died less than a

month after Malinda on Sept. 10, 1949. Both are buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery. Their children are: Adell Lorraine Tye Osborne, b. Mar. 13, 1902 at Rudy, Ark.; and William Oather Tye, b. Jan. 18, 1911, d. July 20, 1912. Adell married William Ernest Osborne Aug. 26, 1920. William was b. April 10, 1896 in Kansas, the son of Frank Clyde and Hallie Bell Hargis Osborne. He d. June 30, 1966 and is buried in Newberry Cemetery. Their children are: Richard Wayne, b. May 10, 1921 at Alma, Ark.; William Thomas, b. June 17, 1923 at Alma; Billye Frank (girl), b. Aug. 17, 1925 at Clyde, Kan.; Dwite, b. and d. July 21, 1929 at Alma and buried in the family plot at Newberry Cemetery; Giles Ralph, b. Mar. 16, 1931 at Springfield, Mo.; Jerry Roy, b. Jan. 21, 1933 at Alma; as were the last two children, Helen Lucille, b. Dec. 17, 1937, and Thelma Ruth, b. Nov. 12, 1939.

Ida Belle Fine Dillon was the ninth child of Watt and Nancy and was b. May 16, 1885. On Jan. 10, 1904, she married John Harvey Dillon, son of Robert Lofton and Phoebe Steward Dillon. John was b. June 12, 1880 and d. June 21, year unknown. They were the parents of six children, all girls, Fannie, Rena, Oma, Bobbie, Willie and Catherine.

Millie Lillian Fine Dillon, the youngest child of Watt and Nancy, was born at Rudy Oct. 14, 1889. In 1904, in Arkansas, she married James Richard Dillon, a brother of John, who married Millie's sister Ida the same year. James was b. Jan. 30, 1882 at Rudy and died in Van Buren in 1958. Millie died in 1927 at San Marcos, Tex. They are both buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery. In 1913, James and his family moved to New Norway, Alberta, Canada. Their small son, Eugene, took the measles on the train and died six weeks later at the age of six years, one month and nine days. Their children are Lora Mae, b. Jan. 15, 1905; Eugene; Vivian Gertrude and Dorothy Selma, both born in Canada, Vivian on June 9, 1915, and Dorothy on Sept. 16, 1917. Three years after the birth of their youngest child, the family returned to Arkansas in December 1920. Lora Mae, the oldest daughter, married Andrew George Osborne, brother of her cousin Adell's husband, and son of Frank Clyde and Hallie Bell Hargis Osborne. Andrew was also born in Washington County, Kan., and they were married Mar. 31, 1928. They were the parents of three children, one son and two daughters: Georgia Lou, b. July 23, 1929; John Wayman b. July 9, 1931; and Dorothy Frances, b. April 13, 1936, all at Alma, Ark. Georgia Lou married Ernest Fetters on Dec. 23, 1945. He was the son of Floyd and Myrtle Razz Fetters, and was b. July 2, 1918 in Iowa. Their children are: Danny Ralph, b. Feb. 25, 1947; Dennis Duane, b. Jan. 22, 1950; Marianne Fetters, b. Oct. 19, 1954, all at Sunnyside, Wash.; Jeanette Kaye, b. June 3, 1961 at Richland, Wash, Dorothy Frances Woodward, youngest child of Lora Mae, was married to William Artie Woodward, son of Henry and Rose Thomas Woodward. Henry was b. May 17, 1934 in Arkansas. Their children are: William Andrew, b. Oct. 20, 1957 in Richland, Wash.; and Mark Allen Woodward, b. Sept. 3, 1962, also in Richland. Vivian Gertrude Dillon Boze, the third child of Millie and Richard, married C. C. Boze who is pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Conway, Ark. (1968). Dorothy Selma Dillon Robers, the last of the three children of Millie and Richard, married Alvis Hoyt Robers who was b. May 22, 1915 at Magazine, Ark. He was the son of Aaron Pinkerton and Minnie Louisa Corley Robers. They exchanged vows on June 13, 1936, at Rudy, Ark., and their first child was a son, Hoyt Dean b. June 30, 1937 in Westwood, Calif. Their other children were: Kenneth Eugene, b. Sept. 3, 1939 at Rudy, Ark.; Gary Alan, b. Oct. 13, 1945 at Fort Smith; Barbara Kaye b. June 3, 1951 at Sunnyside, Wash.; and Kathy Lynn, b. June 15, 1956 at Richland, Wash. Hoyt Dean married Lois Jean Brockmueller July 13, 1963. She is the daughter of John and Gladys Brockmueller. Kenneth Eugene married Mary Elma Myers, daughter of Lyle M. and Myrtle Gladden Myers on Feb. 15, 1964. They have one child, Brian Kenneth, b. Jan. 9, 1967, at Richland, Gary Alan married Valerie Jean Silver on Aug. 30, 1965. She is the daughter of Morris J. and Isabelle Silver, and they are the parents of a son, Michael Alan, b. June 2, 1966 at Prosser, Wash.

Jonathan, who was the fifth child of Jonathan and Rachel Mankins Fine, was always called John. He was born in Washington County, Ark. Jan. 15, 1844. At the age of 23, on Dec. 30, 1867, he was married to Mary Ann Van Hoose. Mary Ann was the daughter of John Jackson and Rachel Mills Van Hoose

and was raised on the Middle Fork of White River and she and her sister, Elizabeth, married Fine brothers. John and Mary Ann's wedding ceremony was performed by John Mays, a Baptist minister. Mary Ann was b. Mar. 30, 1848. She d. Jan. 9, 1938 at Fine Springs, outliving John by 17 years. He d. Dec. 23, 1921. Their children were: Sarah, birthdate unknown, who married a man by the name of Tyrone; John Hamilton who was born in 1871 and died 1939; Minnie, born 1875 and died 1963; Ben F., b. Nov. 28, 1878 and d. May 9, 1956; and Lydia.

John Hamilton Fine married Sarah Ellen Morrison who was born in 1874 and died in 1937. Both are buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery with two daughters whose tombstones read:

Hazel Fine
July 27, 1902
July 6, 1903

Julia Fine
Aug. 14, 1913
Mar. 19, 1920

Minnie Fine married I. Dave Roam who was born 1868 and died in 1960. Both are buried at Newberry with their two infant sons:

Clarence Roam
Feb. 14, 1894
Dec. 29, 1895

Henry Roam
Feb. 10, 1908
Dec. 22, 1908

Ben F., the fourth child of John and Mary Ann Fine, married Lela V. Carter who was b. Sept. 16, 1884. Their children were: Rogers, b. Jan. 9, 1906, d. Jan. 12, 1907; Lewis; Edgar; Guy; and James David. Sharon Kaye Fine Peters, daughter of J. D. and Evelyn, married Richard Lee Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Peters. Their wedding date was Mar. 27, 1967 at Poteau, Okla. They have a daughter, Selene Leigh, born in 1969.

Millie Fine James was the sixth child and first daughter of Jonathan and Rachel Fine. She was b. Nov. 26, 1845 in Washington County and d. Sept. 13, 1891 in Fine Springs. At the close of the Civil War, in December 1865, she married William M. James, son of Robert S. James who was born in Warren County, Tenn. and Elizabeth Freeman James who was born in Cannon County, Tenn. William was b. May 9, 1946 at Fine Springs and preceded Millie in death by five months. He d. April 9, 1891 and she died the following September 13. Both are buried in Love Cemetery. They were the parents of 10 children, all born at Fine Springs between the years of 1866 and 1882. They are: Mary Melissa, b. Nov. 3, 1866; Romelus C., b. May 12, 1868; Laura Ella, called Belle, b. Sept. 23, 1870; John Thomas, b. Aug. 28, 1872; Manda Magdelene "Mag," b. June 16, 1874; Alonzo "Lon," b. Dec 26, 1875; Andrew Black, b. May 28, 1877; Rachel Elizabeth "Rhay," b. Feb. 20, 1879; Martinna Kennie "Ken," b. July 24, 1880; and William Jesse "Bill" b. Oct. 30, 1882.

Laura Ella "Belle." married Griffen Bradley.

Manda "Mag" married Will Bushmiaer.

Rachel Elizabeth married J. M. Cook.

Mary Melissa, the oldest child of Millie and William, married Dr. James Broyles on June 29, 1826 at Fine Springs. He was b. May 7, 1859 in Cedar Co., Mo., the son of Dr. Nathan Summerfield Broyles who was b. May 16, 1811 and died Oct. 30, 1876 in Cedar Co., Mo., and Sarah A. Parkenson, whom he married Jan. 10, 1844 in Virginia; she was b. Aug. 6, 1826 in Virginia and died Feb. 29, 1888 in Cedar Co. They are buried in Lindley Prairie Cemetery. Dr. James Broyles died Sept. 26, 1932 in Rudy. Mary Melissa died June 29, 1897 at Van Buren. They were the parents of three children: Amos, b. May 7, 1887; Margaret, b. Sept. 30, 1890 in Fort Smith; and Mary, birthdate unknown.

Amos, oldest child of Dr. James and Melissa James, was married first to Grace Pickens and they had one child, Grayce Virginia. b. April 23, 1911 at Rudy, Ark. She was married at Bentonville, Ark. to Thomas C. Whiteside who was born in Gentry, birthdate unknown, in 1931, the son of William Jacob and Anna Mag Nora Trammel Whiteside. They had three children: Edwin, born 1932; Martha Sue, born in 1933, both at Bentonville; and Ann, born in 1936 at Siloam Springs. Edwin, who is a doctor of medicine, married Carole ? who was b. Sept. 1, 1935. Their children are: Kirk, b. Oct. 21, 1953; Scott, b. Oct. 1, 1956 and Susan, b. Aug. 27, 1963. Martha Sue, second child of Grayce Virginia and Thomas Whiteside, married Ray Holcomb who was b. Nov. 11, 1931. Their children are: John Ray, b. June 10, 1954; Sherie Ann, b. Apr. 27, 1956; and Stacy Jill, b. Oct. 3, 1961. Ann, third child of Grayce Virginia and Thomas Whiteside, married John M. Haid, Jr. who was b. Sept. 15, 1936. Their children are: Grayce Michelle Haid, b. Apr. 5, 1961; and John Justin, b. Feb. 8, 1964.

Amos married, second, Mattie Lucille Creekmore, May 30, 1914 by Gus Lark, Methodist minister in Alma, Ark. She was the daughter of Robert Layton and Sarah Ellen Tye Creekmore, and was b. Dec. 12, 1891. Amos is buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery and died Sept. 1, 1952. Amos and Mattie had one daughter, Margaret Lucile who was b. June 6, 1920 and married (1) Lester E. Nail on April 15, 1943. They had one child, Leslie Eugenia Nail, who was b. Dec. 31, 1944 and married Douglas Neil Hoffman, Margaret Lucile married (2) Ray Reed and had a daughter, Lynn Reed, who was b. June 18, 1950.

(Sarah Ellen Tye was a sister to Will Tye who married Addie Fine.)

Margaret, the second child of Dr. James and Melissa Broyles, married Henry Grady Wofford Dec. 3, 1913 at Rudy. Henry, who was b. June 15, 1891 at Hiawassee, Ga., was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Iowa Clementine Parks Wofford. Margaret and Henry had six children, all born at Rudy. They are: Daniel James, b. Sept. 3, 1914; Henry Grady Jr., b. June 24, 1916; Cleo Martinna, b. Sept. 17, 1917; William "Bill" Broyles, b. Dec. 26, 1918; Warren G. Wofford, b. and d. Dec. 9, 1923; and Margaret Bell Wofford, b. Nov. 14, 1928.

Daniel, first son of Margaret and Henry Wofford, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and a veteran of World War II, married Emily Marie Ball Aug. 14, 1935. She was b. Feb. 21, 1916, the daughter of Andy and Nannie H. Douglas Ball. Marie and her five children were born in the same house, one mile east of Rudy. The house belonged to her grandparents, Warren and Melinia Fine Ball. Daniel and Marie's children are: Daniel James Jr., b. Sept. 26, 1936; Benjamin Warren, b. Jan. 17, 1938; Martha Ann, b. Feb. 24, 1939; Mary Margaret, b. April 3, 1941, d. April 5, 1941; and John Steven Wofford, who was b. and d. Sept. 5, 1942. Both infants are buried in Newberry.

**RUDY SERGEANT LEADS PATROL ON
SCOUTING MISSION WHICH MAKES
POSSIBLE SPEEDY YANK PUSH
by Lewis Hawkins**

...Fort Smith Record
Fort Smith, Ark.
Mar. 18, 1945

With the United States Forty-Second Infantry Division (AP)-Three days and nights of scouting deep within German lines by a sergeant, a corporal and a private was credited with saving hundreds of American lives and speeding the Rainbow Division's progress through the Hardt mountains in the Seventh United States Army's current offensive.

Sergeant Daniel J. Wofford of Rudy, Ark. led a 78-hour patrol in obtaining information literally from under the Germans' noses and his "silent task force" included Corporal Richard E. Jones of Wash-

ington, D. C., 23-year-old son of Alexander E. Jones, managing editor of the Washington Post, and Private First Class Russell J. Kubiak of Milwaukee, Wis.

Hiding in the woods by day--but still keeping their eyes open-and moving at night, the trio covered much of the terrain shortly before the division attacked. When they returned to their own lines they barely had time to shave before the divisional commander, Maj-Gen. Harry J. Collins awarded each a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Lying at times almost within arm's reach of German soldiers, the bold scouts gained a mass of information about the enemy's position and locations of minefields so the Rainbow division doughboys were able to smash the first and avoid the second when the attack started.

The patrol, which Collins described as "the most effective this division ever had" began on the 232nd Infantry regiment front at 7:30 p. m. March 9 and was to have been for 48 hours but was prolonged to 30 hours longer.

In addition to gaining information on the enemy, the scouts carefully noted the effect of our artillery when they were caught by a storm of shells in the spruce woods. In their report they suggested our gunners were using the wrong kind of fuse for the most effective fire in deciduous timber, adding that another type of fuse would have resulted in "members of the patrol being wounded if not killed."

Once they were caught in between a party of the enemy on the ridge ahead of them and shellfire from their own guns. Another time they were between two German machine gun posts so close that they could hear the bolts of both weapons. Once they picked their way right through a German bivouac area.

Searching late one afternoon for a place to spend the night Jones reported they "ran across what looked like a German grave which turned out to be a fellow sleeping in his sack with his helmet hanging on a stick."

The patrol figured it would not be wise to move around while the enemy was sleeping so they lay quiet and let the German move away when he awakened.

They got very little sleep and had to live on chocolate bars, but never were seen by the enemy and didn't have to fire a shot.

Their closest call came when returning to their own lines at 1:30 a. m. March 13 a nervous GI tossed a hand grenade at them.

All three volunteered for the dangerous job, a part of their task in the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon. None except Wofford had any extensive knowledge of woodcraft but the Arkansan had enough for all.

The sergeant, a 30-year-old graduate of the University of Arkansas, is a corn breeder by profession and an entymologist for relaxation. He almost never speaks above a whisper and whispers only when he has something worth saying.

Jones was a sophomore at Dartmouth when he entered the army in 1942. He won the Bronze Star last January at Kilstett for rushing two anti-tank guns into position under heavy fire from small arms, mortars and 88's. That medal arrived the same day the general pinned a Silver Star on him.

Kubiak is 24 and before entering the army in 1944 he was a reporter for the Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times.

Daniel James Wofford Jr., first born of the Sergeant and Marie, married Ella Fern Ray on Christmas Day 1959 at Guthrie, Okla. She was b. Feb. 24, 1938 at Crescent, Okla., the daughter of Wilbur and Florence Ray. Dan Jr. graduated from Jay, Okla. high school in 1955 and received his BA degree in Asian Studies from the University of Oklahoma in 1963, having served with the U.S. Army on Taiwan three years before graduation. He studied for his masters degree at the University of Washington, Seattle and is working on his PhD under a National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship at the same university. Dan is one of several students who spent the summers of 1965 and 1966 in Vietnam working for the Agency for International Development on its economic assistance programs for the people of that war-torn nation. He has met and talked with Prime Minister Ky, On Oct. 26, 1967, Dan was again flown to Vietnam, this time to be gone two years. At Christmas time (1967) his small daughter, Robin, said "Sometimes when I talk about Daddy, water comes in my eyes." The children of Dan and Fern Ray are: Robin, b. Sept 15, 1960, at Norman, Okla.; Wade Ray, b, Feb. 1, 1963 at the same place; and Rush Ray, b. April 26, 1965 at Seattle, Wash.

Benjamin Warren Wofford, the second son of Daniel James and Marie, married Cleta Snodgrass April 4, 1959 at Searcy, Ark, She was a native of Biggers, Ark., birthdate unknown. Their children are: Helen Deniece, b. Dec. 3, 1959 at Norman, Okla. and Mark Warren, b. June 16, 1962 at St. Louis, Mo. Ben and Cleta were divorced and Ben married (2) Norma Jean Whatley Miller. They have two sons: John William, b. May 7, 1963 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Kenneth Dale, also born in Oklahoma City, on June 23, 1967. Ben received a BA degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Martha Ann Wofford Gann, the third child of Daniel James and Marie, married Nathan Gann in May 1957. Nathan, son of Henry and Silvia Rockwood Gann, was born in Southwest City, Mo., date unknown.

Cleo Martinna Wofford, third child of Margaret and Henry Wofford, married James Sangster.

Thomas Jefferson Fine, born in 1847, was the seventh child of Jonathan and Rachel Mankins Fine At the age of 20 he married Laura Rieff and died May 21, 1923 at Fine Springs. Laura, b. Oct. 21, 1848, in Washington County, was the daughter of Orren H. and Matilda A. Fambro Rieff; she was a year younger than her husband when they were married Dec. 17, 1867. She died Jan. 22, 1922 at Fine Springs. Their children's names, taken from tombstones, are:

Maggie Fine
Aug. 10, 1873
Oct. 3, 1875

Henry Fine
Aug. 2, 1877
Feb. 4, 1896

Both parents and children are buried in Newberry Cemetery.

Orten M. Rieff Bible Record

Married at noon, Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1867, at the residence of the officiating clergyman in the city of Fayetteville in Washington County, Ark. by the Rev. John Mays--Mr. Thomas Jefferson Fine to Miss Laura Rieff.

Thomas Jefferson Fine was born June the 15th, 1847. Laura Rieff was born Saturday evening Oct. 21, 1848. Margaret Matilda Fine was born Aug. 10, 1873 and Henry Martin Fine was born Thursday,

Aug. the 2nd, 1877.

Died on Sunday morning, Oct. 3, 1875, Margaret M. Fine, daughter of Thomas and Laura Fine, aged two years and one month.

Died on Tuesday morning, Feb. 4th, 1896, Henry M. Fine, aged 18 years and six months.

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Isaac Hamilton Fine (called Hamilton), born 1849, was the eighth child of Jonathan and Rachel Mankins Fine. He died Jan. 10, 1931 in Fine Springs. He married Margaret J. Matlock, b. Oct.12, 1851 in Crawford County, the daughter of Joseph W. and Martha J. Lester Matlock. He and his wife are both buried in Newberry Chapel Cemetery. She died Sept.13, 1897. They had eleven children, all born at Fine Springs. They are: Cynthia Jane, born in January, 1870; Millie, birthdate unknown; Virginia "Jennie," birthdate unknown; Walter W. Fine, b. Mar. 19, 1878 and killed Mar. 5, 1917 in a fall, never married; Joe, birthdate unknown; James L.. born 1883 and died in 1952; Carrie May, b. April 1, 1885 and d. June 23, 1886; Homer, b. Aug. 2, 1887 and killed in fall from a horse in Van Buren, Sept. 5, 1907, Clarence, birthdate unknown; Martha, b. June 27, 1892; and an infant daughter whose birth and death are noted by a tombstone without dates. Walter, Carrie May, Homer and the baby are buried in Newberry Cemetery.

Cynthia Jane Fine Williams, Hamilton and Margaret's first child, married Emerson Williams who was born in Alabama in 1864. Their children were: Jess Roger; Fay; Gertie; Rena; and Irene. Jess Roger was b. Feb. 15, 1891. He was married May 10, 1919 to Bess Christine Wylie who was b. Feb. 5, 1891 in Fort Smith, the daughter of Marshall Benjamin and Susan Ellen Head Wylie. They had one child, Jack Roger, b. Dec. 2, 1922. Jack married Mary Louise Harris who was b. May 1, 1923 in Little Rock, on Dec. 31, 1943. She was the daughter of Robert Lee and Gladys Florence Holderby Harris. They have one son, Jack Roger Jr., who was b. Mar 8, 1946 in Fayetteville and married Susan Patricia Nelson, daughter of William and Mildred Bunts Nelson who was b. Dec. 31, 1946. They have one child, Noelle Charie, who was born in December, 1970.

Millie, second child of Hamilton and Margaret, married Woody Hubbard and they have three children: Edna; Mabel; and Homer Hamilton Hubbard.

Virginia, third child of Hamilton and Margaret, married William Williams and their children are: Alonzo Neal, b. June 20 (year unknown); Dorothy, b. Feb. 17, 1913; Virginia May, b. July 6, 1917; and her twin brother, William Ray Williams.

Joe, the fifth child of Hamilton and Margaret, is married and has one child, Virginia Jo Fine.

James L., the sixth child of Hamilton and Margaret, is the father of four children, Joseph Hamilton, Wilma, Lucille, and Jack.

Martha, the tenth child of Hamilton and Margaret, first married a man with the surname of Harwood and had one son: Walter Lee Harwood, who was b. July 12, 1918. She then married (2) Isaac Relles Englebright.

George, called Kernel, the ninth child and eighth son of Jonathan and Rachel Fine, was b. Dec. 1, 1852 in Washington County. He married Mary Titsworth who was b. Aug. 29, 1856 and d. April 9, 1888. He died in 1934. Mary is buried in Newberry Cemetery. She and a sister, Charity, married Fine brothers. George and Mary had five children. They are: Tishie, who married a man by the name of

Burns; Watt; James M., born 1878 and died 1935, buried at Akins, Okla. and his wife, Mindie L. Fine, died 1881; Cordia; and T. Murphy, b. Aug. 16, 1887 and d. Feb. 19, 1919. T. Murphy's tombstone reads "husband of Ola Fine" "There is a daughter also buried in Peters Cemetery. Her tombstone is inscribed:

Josie Vida Fine
Oct. 26, 1907
Dec. 12, 1909

George's second wife was Sarah (surname not known). They also had five children. They are: Allan C., born 1891 and died 1893; Sarah, who married first a man by the name of Combs, and second a man named Cheek; Nettie, who married a man named Smith: David; and Carrol. George and wife Sarah, born 1865, and small son Allan C. are all buried in Peters Cemetery, northeast of Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Okla.

James Carrol Fine, called "Carrol," was b. Feb. 3, 1856, the eleventh child of Jonathan and Rachel Fine. At the age of 19 he married Elizabeth Van Hoose who was 20. Their wedding was performed in Washington County December 29, 1875. Her birthdate was May 18, 1855, and she was the daughter of John Jackson and Rachel Mills Van Hoose and a sister of Mary Ann who married Carrol's older brother, Jonathan. Elizabeth preceded her husband in death. She d. Feb. 23, 1925 and he d. June 12, 1939. They are buried in Newberry Cemetery. Their children are: Lydia Ann, b. Dec. 31, 1876 and died Aug. 14, 1877; Louie, b. Aug. 2, 1878, married Mack Sprinkle who was born 1881, and died May 17, 1942; Zack, b. Nov. 15, 1881, Lena, b. Jan. 3, 1884 and married George Hevron; Millie, b. July 5, 1886 and died the following day; Mollie, her twin, who lived until July 21; and Mae, b. May 1, 1896.

Zack Fine, the third child of Carrol and Elizabeth Fine, married Bessie Hancock. She was b. May 22, 1887, the daughter of Milton and — Newberry Hancock. Zack, who d. Feb. 11, 1946, and Bessie, whose death occurred Feb. 9, 1920, are buried side by side in Newberry Cemetery. They had five children: Orville Milton, b. Dec. 23, 1907; James Carroll, b. Aug. 20, 1909; Bernice Irene, b. Oct. 20, 1911; and Hal Foster, b. Nov. 9, 1913. An infant son, b. and d. Feb. 2, 1920, is buried in Newberry Cemetery. Zack's second wife was Ethel Little, b. April 1893. They had an infant son who died in 1926, and Ethel died in October 1927. They are also buried in Newberry Cemetery. Zack's third wife was Daisy Carter Malone. She was born in Alma, Ark. and died Jan. 26, 1968, aged 85. She was a sister of Lela V. Fine, wife of Ben F. Fine.

Orville Milton, the first child of Zack and Bessie, married (2) Johnnie Mae -- on --- . They adopted a daughter who they named Johnnie Ruth. Orville and Johnnie Mae were divorced and he married (3) Patsy Earp.

James Carrol, called "Carrol," the second child of Zack and Bessie, married (1) Evalena "Evelyn" Sims June 28, 1930. Evalena was the daughter of Franklin Elmer and Pearl Jane Creekmore Sims. She was b. July 11, 1913 and d. May 20, 1984. Carrol died Dec. 17, 1996. They had one son, James Carroll b. May 23, 1931. Carrol and Evalena were divorced and James Carrol married (2) widow Lydia Belle Creekmore Satterfield on --- . They had no Children. James Carroll married Leota Mae Arnold on Feb. 11, 1956 at the Kibler Baptist Church in Kibler, Ark. Leota was b. March 31, 1933 and was the daughter of Charley McClendon Arnold and Bertha May Robinson Arnold. James Carroll and Leota Fine have two sons: Michael Edward, b. Oct. 29, 1959 at Fort Smith, Ark. and Brian Keith b. July 28, 1968 at Bartlesville, Okla.

Bernice Irene, the third child of Zack and Bessie, married --

Hal Foster called "Dick", the fourth child of Zack and Bessie, married Alice Stokes Sept. 21, 1935. She was b. June 7, 1912, the daughter of Lindsey L. and Bitha Simmons Stokes. They have two children:

James Orville, b. Aug. 7, 1942; and Linda Sue, b. Nov. 28, 1949. James Orville Fine married Donna Rae Parrish Aug. 25, 1962 in Fort Smith, Ark. She was b. Dec. 8, 1942, the daughter of Donnie and Hazel Skelton Parrish. They have two children: Richard Wenden, b. Sept. 15, 1966, and Sharon Anne, b. Dec. 7, 1969, both at Fort Smith. Richard is named Wenden for the Wenden Fine who died in 1789 in Cocke County, Tenn., and was a brother of Vinet Fine.

Mae Fine Young, the youngest child of James Carrol and Elizabeth, married William Floyd Young on Jan. 28, 1923. He was b. May 4, 1899. Mae died May 16, 1967. They were the parents of a son and daughter: James Carrol, b. Feb. 4, 1924; and Elizabeth Kathleen, b. Aug. 14, 1928.

James Carrol Young, oldest son of Elizabeth, married William Floyd Young, married Janella Wilson and their children are: David, Dwayne and Brenda.

Elizabeth Kathleen, younger child of Elizabeth and William, married a man by the name of Jones first and had one child, Sharon Kay Jones, who married a man by the name of Cameron and had a son, Michael Raymond Cameron, b. Jan. 5, 1964. Elizabeth's second marriage was to Jack Hamm and they had one child, Gary Hamm.

Calvin Fine was the twelfth child of Jonathan and Rachel Fine. He was b. Aug. 3, 1858 in Washington County, Ark. and he married Charity Titsworth, the sister of Mary who married George "Kernel" Fine. Charity was b. May 30, 1858 and d. Feb. 19, 1932. Calvin died Mar. 21, 1930, and both are buried in Dolburg Cemetery, near Roff, Okla. Their children are: Mary R. Fine Monty, b. Nov. 26, 1879 and d. Aug. 19, 1882, buried in Newberry Cemetery; Cora Bell, b. July 1, 1881, married -- Clark and died May 21, 1953; William Henry Fine, b. Dec. 28, 1883 and d. Aug. 20, 1965; Myrtle Laura, b. Oct. 4, 1886 also married a man with the surname of Clark; Thomas Roy, b. June 28, 1889 and d. Mar. 7, 1942, buried at Akins, Okla.; Mahalia L., b. Sept. 10, 1891 and d. July 2, 1943, married --- Garrett; Rachel Lue "Dovie," b. Feb. 12, 1896; Simon Calvin, b. Aug. 30, 1899 and d. Jan. 6, 1961.

William Henry Fine is buried at Akins, Okla. His obituary listed as survivors his widow Flora, six sons, Noah, Joel, Charles, Jack, Billy and Dale; six daughters, Miss India Fine, Mrs. Gladys Fine Masterson, Mrs. Mabel Humphrey, Mrs. Madge Chuclute, Mrs. Joy Price, and Mrs. Mary Spears. An infant daughter, b. Feb. 26, 1906, died the following day.

Rachel Lue "Dovie" Fine Humphrey, Calvin and Charity's seventh child, married George Thurman Humphrey Nov. 2, 1913. He is the son of John and Sarah Reynolds Humphrey and was b. Aug 16, 1889. Their children are: John Calvin "Chester" Humphrey, b. Feb. 4, 1916 at Albuquerque, N. M.; and Wamon Beautine Humphrey, b. September 30, 1927 at Shawnee, Okla.

Rachel Fine was b. Oct. 8, 1860 at Fine Springs, the daughter and thirteenth child of Jonathan and Rachel Fine, She married William Alex Taylor and was the mother of six children. She died April 5, 1948 and is buried in Newberry Cemetery. Their children are: Calvin Fine, b. Sept. 3, 1878, d. Mar. 11, 1930, never married, and is buried in Newberry; Lillie Mae Taylor, who married a man with the surname of Lake; Eva, who married Smith Clark; Lee; Georgia; and Eula R., who was b. Feb. 9, 1890 and died at the age of 10 years Aug. 28, 1900 and is buried in Newberry.

4. William B. Fine

William B. Fine was b. May 9, 1816 in Madison County, Ala., the sixth child of William and Catherine Sivley Fine, He was married to Millie Mankins in Washington County, Ark., sister of Rachel who married Jonathan Fine. She was the daughter of Peter and Rachel Bracken Lewis Mankins Sr. and was b. July 10, 1817 in Floyd County, Kentucky and died April 20, 1894 at Brentwood. Her husband died 14 years before, on April 27, 1880.

They raised their family of 12 children at Carter, Ark., on the Middle Fork of the White River. Their farm was located where Carter's Store was later built. Two baby sons were buried on this farm in a little cemetery plot near their home in the early 1840s. William's brother, Alfred, owned the adjoining farm. Soon after 1870, William sold out and moved his family over the mountains to a farm near Brentwood.

After a while it was learned that the little graves had been fenced in with a horse lot. Millie returned to her old home place and objected to this degrading act, but the new owner was "nasty" and told her she should not have buried them on the farm in the first place. She gave him a "tongue lashing" but the fence was never moved, and she grieved about it as long as she lived. The little gravestones were still standing and could be seen from the road in the 1920s.

The children of William and Millie were:

Spencer, b. Oct. 13, 1837
Henry, b. Oct. 16, 1839
Isaac, born 1841
Two infant sons, unnamed, born 1842 and 1844
Sarah E., born 1845
Zachariah "Zach" Fine, b. Aug. 5, 1847
Lewis William, b. Oct. 28, 1849
Bluford M., born 1852
Samuel Fine, born 1854
Mary Elizabeth, b. June 3, 1856
Malinda Adeline, b. July 16, 1858.

All were born at Carter.

The following article by Blanche H. Elliott is about the school which was attended by the children of William B. and Alfred Fine. The Van Hooses, Fines, and Mankins were all cousins:

Report on Early Day School Shows Delight of Pupils in
Being Able to Attend Classes; Teacher Well-liked

War-Eagle, Ark. (Special)--Early day Fayetteville had among its many distinguished citizens its share of gifted story tellers. Among them was Col. J. H. Van Hoose, one-time mayor of Fayetteville and a prominent member of the Masonic order.

In his declining years, Colonel Van Hoose found much pleasure in writing his reminiscences of pioneer days in and around Fayetteville for publication in the local papers.

In a March 23, 1890 edition of the Fayetteville Republican, Colonel Van Hoose tells about the first free school ever taught on the Middle Fork of the White River to which he went as a pupil. He reveals that this school was held in the old Baptist meeting house near Greggs mill in Township 15, Range 29 west .

The teacher was the Rev. James E. Mayfield who then lived near the present town of West Fork. The school was of four months duration, and at the end of each month Mr. Mayfield made a report in

writing to the school directors. Report cards on individual students to be sent home to parents had not been devised at this early date.

Forty-four years after this first free school opened, Col. Van Hoose came into possession of one of Mr. Mayfield's reports which he had filed with his directors on completion of his third month of school. This report aroused memories of that long ago school and prompted him to write some of them down which are interesting bits of history today. School-problem minded people will be quick to note that in this 112-year period since free schooling came into being in Washington County much progress has been achieved.

Quoting from this old newspaper account, Col. Van Hoose writes:

"In looking over the four sheets of foolscap paper, now yellow with age, my heart is saddened as I read over the familiar names of the boys and girls of 44 years ago who were so delighted by having the privilege of attending a school and that a Free School which was something new for Arkansas at that time."

Colonel Van Hoose describes the teacher, the Rev. James E. Mayfield, as follows:

He was a plain old-fashioned farmer and did not think more highly of himself than others thought of him and did not believe in a man regarding himself as 'big I' and others as 'little u.' He always wrote with a pen made by himself out of a quill from the wing of a goose or buzzard, and although he used a small 'i' to represent himself he was a good man, honest and true, a Christian gentleman of the old school, a hardshell Baptist who took his whiskey and voted the Democratic ticket straight. He enjoyed the confidence of the people of this county to such a degree that they elected him to represent them in our state Senate in 1846 and felt sure that their best interest would be safe in his keeping."

He concludes with the school report of his old teacher, adding in parenthesis comments of his own. "By reference to this report you will see that during the third month, James Van Hoose (that is us) came to school two days and did well. Peter Van Hoose came three days in Kirkhams grammar and he behaved and learned well. (Peter was the only boy that ever tackled as difficult a study as English grammar in those days.) George Van Hoose came three days in this month and did well. Jacob Van Hoose came to school this month seven days. Endymion Gregg, Nathan Gregg, Abijah Gibson, Spencer Fine and Seth Mills all came in the elementary spelling book and can spell well in eight syllables and each behaved well. Then comes the boys in the second class, viz. Henry Mankins, Walter Mankins and John Vants all of whom can spell in six syllables. Third class boys: Ody Hanna, Sam'l Mankins, Henry Fine--each of these boys spell well in three syllables and behaved tolerably well. John Hanna came to school this month four days in Pikes arithmetic." (John was a big boy and the only one who carried a slate to school and we envied him.)

Then the report reads, "Females attending this school were as follows: Esther Hanna came to school 20 days, Elizabeth Hanna 16 days, Susan Hanna 11 days, Adeline Gregg 14 days, Nancy Gibson 20 days, Mary Gregg 22 days, July Ann Mills 12 days, Nancy E. Mills 2 days and Polly Ann Hanna 9 days. The above named young ladies came to school in the Elementary spelling book and can spell well in eight syllables and they behaved well. Mary Hanna has come 4 days and Mary Evans has come 22 days. They came in the Elementary spelling book and can spell in three syllables, but they both learned very slow and it is a hard matter to keep them at their books. (These two Marys were small girls and fond of play.) Miss Rachel Mankins has come to school this month 22 days, Miss Milly Ann Roberts 6 days, both in a speller but they have been slow learning. Polly Ann Sturgeon has come in the New York spelling book and can spell in one syllable. Macey Evans has come 22 days. Mary Shepheard has come in the Elementary spelling book 12 days and can spell in two syllables.

“This brings my third month to a close which did commence the 23rd day of August 1845, and closed on the 23rd day of September, 1846, which shows that I have finished my 3rd month. Given under my hand this 23rd day of Sept. 1846.

Signed James E. Mayfield
Teacher of the Common School

(Reprinted from the Northwest Arkansas Times, February 10, 1959.)

Descendants of William and Millie Fine

Spencer Fine, oldest son of William and Millie Fine, married Elender L. Burris who was born in 1850 and died in 1942 in Georgetown, Tex. Spencer also died in Georgetown 35 years before, on Dec. 12, 1907. Spencer served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He and Elender were the parents of 10 children: James Richard, b. May 18, 1868, m. Susie Wileman, d. July 1938; William Marion, b. Sept. 20, 1870, m. Bertie Wileman, d. April 13, 1934; Millie Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1872, m. Henry Jones, d. Mar. 12, 1962; Mary Adaline, b., Mar. 21, 1873, m. Jim Johnson, d. Apr. 27, 1912; Nancy Roan, b. Oct. 2, 1875, m. Joe Salyer, d. Dec. 27, 1939; Spencer Leo, b. Sept. 21, 1879, m. Bessie Reeves, d. July 5, 1939; Issac LeRoy, b. July 14, 1881, m. Mary Bizell, d. Nov. 27, 1963; John Cleveland, b. Nov. 18, 1884, m. Florence Reeves, d. Oct. 16, 1927; Clender Louisa (called Ella), b. Oct. 8, 1887, m. Will Fox, had a daughter Mabel Fox who married Borgie Johnson, d. 1965. Frances Daphna, b. June 22, 1891.

Frances Daphna Fine was born in Georgetown, Tex. and married Frank Robbins. He was b. Sept. 11, 1890, at Granger, Tex., the son of James and Sarah Yoes Robbins, and died July 2, 1937, at Georgetown. They had two daughters: Edith L. Robbins, b. July 14, 1914 at Georgetown; and Alta Belle, b. Oct. 9, 1915, at Jonah, Tex.

Edith L. Robbins married Dolph W. Brady Nov. 17, 1934 and they had two daughters: Carolyn J. and Judy F. Carolyn married (1) Jim McKinney and had one child, Bruce A. McKinney. After a divorce she married (2) Lowell Smith.

Alta Belle Robbins married George W. Foster Mar. 9, 1938, and had one son, Samuel W. who married Diana S. Broyles and is the father of one child, Samuel W. Foster Jr.

Marriage Records of Washington County:

Louallen J. Fine, age 25, and Elizabeth MANKINS, age 19, married Aug. 8, 1847 by C. G. Gilbreath, J.P. (Note: Louallen J. Fine's identity is unknown.)

David YOES, age 24, and Mrs. Elizabeth FINE, age 20, married May 14, 1848 . {Dederick Yoes and wife Elizabeth in the 1850 census dau Eliza b. 1845, dau Tennessee b. 1849 - Elizabeth age 23 David 25}

Marriage Records of Williamson County, Texas:

Jordan WHITLEY and Mrs. Elizabeth YOES married May 24, 1866 by T. S. Whitley, minister of the Gospel.

James ROBBINS and Sarah M. YOES, age 15, married Oct. 14, 1875 by Sidney Seymour, J.P.

Madison BARRINGTON, age 25, and Margaret YOES, age 16, married Sept. 14, 1876.

(Note: Sarah M. and Margaret YOES were twin daughters of David and Elizabeth YOES.)

...Texas records copied from "Lewis-Mankins and Allied Families Exchange" by Frances Woods Austin, Tex. Elizabeth Mankins married (1) Louallen J. Fine, (2) David Yoes, (3) Jordan Whitley.

Marriage Records of Washington-County:

Peter MANKINS, Sr., age 72, and Mrs. Elizabeth Poston, age 63, married July 18, 1852. She was Peter's third wife and was the grandmother of Evans, Barsheba and Cynthia Barclay.

Peter MANKINS, age 29, and Barsheba BARCLAY, age 25, married Jan. 24, 1861, by Riley Jones, Minister of the Missionary Baptist Church. Peter was the son of Watt MANKINS. Barsheba's first name was Pauline.

Henry FINE and Cynthia BARCLAY were married about 1864. Marriage was not recorded because of the Civil War. Peter Mankins, was Henry Fine's grandfather, and Elizabeth Poston Mankins was Cynthia's grandmother.

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These families all lived on Middle Fork. The Civil War dealt them many cruel blows. No man was safe--even from some of his own neighbors. Many had to hide out in the woods near their homes to keep from being killed. Henry Mankins (son of Watt) aged about 21, was slipped up on when he was out in the woods and shot by a neighbor. Thinking Henry was dead he started toward him but Henry, with his last ounce of strength raised up and fired--the bullet grazing the man's chin whiskers. This man said afterwards that Henry came nearer killing him than anyone else who ever shot at him. Henry's sister-in-law, Barsheba Mankins, and her sister, Cynthia Barclay, hauled his body to the house on a sled and they, and other womenfolks, buried him. He was a grandson of Peter Mankins, Sr.

Cynthia's brother, Evans Barclay, was shot in the woods by this same man and she and Barsheba and other women had to haul his body to the house on a sled and then bury him the same way. The man who shot Evans took two rings from Evan's fingers. He sent word to Cynthia that he'd send, or bring, the rings to her some day, but he never did.

But this man did save the life of Henry Fine once. Henry and Cynthia were recently married and living near his parents on Middle Fork. One night this same man and a bunch of his followers rode up to Henry's house and called him out. They put a noose around his neck to hang him. They told him someone had seen Watt Fine leave his house--anyone giving shelter or aid to a Southerner was killed--and Watt was a Southerner. Henry swore Watt had not been there, which wasn't going to make any difference to the men, but suddenly the leader ordered Henry released, saying "If Henry says Watt wasn't here, that is good enough for me."

Even Peter Mankins, past 90 years, was spirited away and held captive for three days in an effort to get information on Confederate troop movements. The women and children of the family were worried about him but he was released and returned home safely. He was a peppery old fellow and they got nothing out of him.

At one time in his long life he became involved in a lawsuit and he hired a lawyer. He told his lawyer, "You take care of the legal part and if there is any fighting to do I'll take care of that!"

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Henry Fine, b. Oct. 16, 1839 at Carter, Ark. was the second son of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine. In 1864 nearly at the end of the Civil War, he married Cynthia Duff Barclay who was b. Jan. 22, 1845 in Washington County, the daughter of William (a native of North Carolina) and Phoebe Poston Barclay, who was born in Kentucky. Henry and Cynthia died in Texas and are buried at Davilla, Milam County. She died Aug. 24, 1900 and he died on Aug. 2, 1907. Henry was in the Confederate Army for two years during the Civil War and served in the 12th Cavalry, Parson's Brigade. He was given a medical discharge after being seriously ill with measles. He fought in the battle at Prairie Grove. Henry and Cynthia had nine children: William Isaac, b. Nov. 1, 1865; Jane Elizabeth "Jennie" born 1867; Charles Henry, born 1868, James Hugh, b. Jan. 27, 1870; Millie Ellen, b. Dec. 17, 1871 (all born at Carter, Ark.); Robert Edward, b. Feb. 28, 1874 at Farmington, Ark.; Daisy D., b. Aug. 16, 1880 at Holland, Tex.; Anna Pearl, b. Aug. 26, 1882, also at Holland; and the last child, Frank Earley, b. Aug. 1, 1885 at Holland.

William "Willie" Isaac, oldest child of Henry and Cynthia, married Lillie Bell Elliott, July 11, 1889 in Bell County, Texas. She was b. Feb. 16, 1874 at Bolivar, Mo. They moved from Texas to Oklahoma in 1899. He died Feb. 21, 1938 at Aledo, Oklahoma, and she died Feb. 6, 1966 at Clinton, Oklahoma. Both are buried in Center Point Cemetery at Aledo. Their children were: Maude May, b. April 3, 1890, the first of four children born in Bell County, Tex.; Myrtle Ellen, b. June 5, 1892; Henry Nathan "Floyd" b. May 8, 1894; Hubert Edward, b. April 10, 1896; William Ernest, b. Mar 14, 1900 at Aledo; Audra Bell, b. Mar. 24, 1906 and died in 1908; Miller Elliott, b. June 24, 1912 and died in 1913.

Henry Nathan "Floyd," the third child of Willie and Lillie Fine, married Deva D. Campbell, Dec. 5, 1915. She was b. July 20, 1893 and died Oct. 18, 1969. Their children are: William Clyde, b. Nov. 29, 1917; and an infant son who died at birth, July 12, 1919.

William Clyde married Helen Goodin, Dec 31, 1938 and they have one son, Robert Haden, b. July 16, 1947. William is assistant vice president of finance for Sherwin-Williams Co. at Cleveland, Ohio (1967).

Jane Elizabeth, the second child of Henry and Cynthia, married a man by the name of Grissom. She died of Tuberculosis in 1904 and is buried in Ardmore, Okla. Her children are: Ollie, Byron, Espie, Zelda, and Jewel.

Charles Henry Fine, the third child of Henry and Cynthia, was killed in 1889 at Paris, Texas and is buried there.

James Hugh Fine, the fourth child of Henry and Cynthia, married Sarah Ella Landrum, the daughter of --- and Nancy Elizabeth Reid Landrum. She was b. Dec. 23, 1876. James died June 29, 1920. Their children are: Mae Belle, b. Aug. 2, 1897; Tennie Elizabeth, b. Aug. 31, 1899; Ludie Faye, b. Sept. 16, 1904; Anna Lorene, b. May 4, 1907; James Hugh Jr., b. Aug. 5, 1908; and Billy Ray, b. Feb. 13, 1916.

Mae Belle, first daughter of James and Sarah, married Cliff Newland Dec. 24, 1914. He was b. Feb. 15, 1887, the son of Wiley R. and Addie Boren Newland. Their two children, a boy and girl, were born in Midland, Texas. They are: Ella Mae "Winkie," b. Sept. 16, 1915; and Jack Clifford "Buster," b. Mar. 12, 1919.

Ella Mae Newland, oldest child of Mae Belle and Cliff Newland, married Oliver F. Blank who was b. July 3, 1912, the son of Otto Charles who was born in Germany in 1878 and died in 1960, and Margaret Wick Blank who was born in 1878 and died in 1962. The children are: Janice Sue, b. Oct. 26, 1943; Carol Ann, b. June 11, 1949 and died two days later; and Judith Lynn, her twin, who lived seven days, dying June 18, 1949. Janice Sue married a man with the surname of Folk.

Jack C. "Buster" Newland, the second child and only son of Mae Belle and Cliff, married Bonnell Bryans, Sept. 26, 1947. She was b. Feb. 17, 1923 at Garden City, Tex., the daughter of John Clarence and Iva Lee Cox Bryans. John was born in Jolly, Tex. and Iva in Happy, Tex. Jack's children are: James "Jimmy" Kenneth, b. April 18, 1949 at Crane, Tex.; Boyd Vance, b. Dec. 12, 1952 in Big Springs, Tex.

Tennie Elizabeth, the second child of James and Sarah Fine, married Herbert Henry Rosenbaum who was b. May 22, 1888 in Wanatok, Ind., the son of Gustar Rosenbaum (1859-1900) and Amelia Benkie Rosenbaum (1865-1895). Tennie had one daughter, Joyce Bert Rosenbaum, who was b. Oct. 8, 1926.

Joyce Bert Rosenbaum, daughter of Tennie Elizabeth, married Harold Lynn Robinson, who was b. Sept. 4, 1918 in New Orleans, La., the son of John L. Robinson, Jr., b. May 24, 1886 at Annaway, Ill., d. June 10, 1957, and Mary Ethel Stokes Robinson, b. Dec. 24, 1893 in Natchez, Miss., d. Dec. 11, 1936. Joyce's children are: Harold Bert, b. July 25, 1951; and David Randal, b. May 11, 1954, both at Midland, Tex.

Anna Lorene Fine, the fourth child of James and Sarah, married James Clyde White who was b. Jan. 8, 1897, the son of Joseph J. and Corus L. Orr White. He died June 6, 1961.

James Hugh Fine, Jr., the fifth child of James and Sarah Fine, married Marguerite Catherine Bivens, who was b. Oct. 22, 1913.

She was the daughter of George Orlando Bivens, b. Jan. 5, 1884 and Ellis Catherine Campbellpark Bivens, b. Sept. 3, 1884 and died Dec. 7, 1963. James Jr. had one child, Linda Lou, b. Sept. 17, 1944 in Midland, Tex. She married Elvis Jefferson McElroy Jr. who was b. Mar. 7, 1941 and they had one daughter, Melissa Ellan McElroy, born April 1965 and died the following June.

Millie Ellen Fine, the fifth child of Henry and Cynthia Fine, married Robert E. Stewart in June 1891. He was b. Sept 7, 1866 in Plaska, Giles County, Tenn., the son of James W. Stewart and Louisa E. Meadows Stewart. James W. was born in Bedford, Tenn. in 1824 and died in 1890 in Texas. Louisa E. was born in Athens, Ala. They moved to Texas when Robert was 15 years old and Millie was five years old when her parents went to Texas. Millie died May 3, 1939 and Robert died June 15, 1932; both are buried at Belton, Tex. They were the parents of six children: Arnold Jesuman, b. April 1, 1893 and d. July 23, 1945; Marvin H. Stewart, b. June 15, 1894; James Henry, b. July 23, 1896 and d. Aug 2, 1924; Jack Durant, b. June 30, 1900 and d. June 24, 1965; Horace Greeley, b. June 24, 1903; and Winnie Stewart, b. Dec. 23, 1913.

Horace Greeley Stewart, fifth child of Robert and Millie Stewart, married Ruth Graman Nov. 7, 1937. She was b. Aug. 11, 1908.

Winnie Stewart, sixth child of Robert and Millie Stewart, married (1) Alvin H. Fine in 1932. He was the son of Lewis William and Phoebe Hoyle Fine. They were the parents of Alvin Stewart, b. Aug. 15, 1934; and Jeannine Fine, born in 1938, both at Temple, Tex. After 12 years of marriage, Winnie and Alvin were divorced. On May 26, 1945 Winnie married Willis Elkanah Waters, son of John S. and Dora Ponton Waters, b. Aug. 17, 1904.

Alvin Stewart Fine, son of Winnie, married Janie Marie Epperson in 1955. She was b. Oct. 5, 1936, and the daughter of Hubert and Susan Violet Grimes Epperson. Their children were: Allan Ross, b. Oct. 6, 1955 in Temple, Tex.; and Douglas Wayne, born at Abilene, Tex. on Sept. 21, 1959.

Jeannine Fine, daughter of Winnie, married Robert Eugene Willaert, son of Frank Eugene and Johnetta Coppinger Willaert, who was b. May 18, 1937. They have a daughter, Donica Deannine, b. May 4, 1964 at Dallas, Tex.

Robert Edward Fine, the sixth child of Henry and Cynthia, was born in Farmington, Ark., Feb. 28, 1874. He died of tuberculosis on Mar. 1, 1899 and is buried in Davilla, Tex.

Daisy D. Fine, the seventh child of Henry and Cynthia, was b. Aug. 16, 1880 at Holland, Tex. She died Mar. 27, 1946. On June 30, 1901, she was married to William Frederick Hartman, who was b. Dec. 18, 1879, the son of Dan and – Brookshire Hartman. He died Dec. 22, 1957. Their children are: Opal, b. Jan. 12, 1905 who died at the age of four, July 18, 1909; Pearl, b. Mar. 21, 1908; Marie, b. Sept. 24, 1912; Geraldine, b. Jan. 15, 1916; and William Frederick Hartman, b. Sept. 22, 1921.

Pearl Hartman, daughter of Daisy, married Edward Larson Jan. 29, 1938.

Marie Hartman, daughter of Daisy, married Dophus Holbert on Oct. 24, 1934. He was b. Oct. 2, 1907 and they have a son, Larry Don Holbert, b. Aug 8, 1939. Larry Don Holbert married Sandra Sue Brewer Nov. 2, 1961. She was b. Oct. 15, 1940 and they have one child, Leigh Ann, b. Dec. 23, 1962.

Geraldine Hartman, daughter of Daisy, married Rolene C. Barker, Dec. 4, 1939. He was b. Sept. 16, 1905. They have five children, one son and four daughters: Linda Sue, b. Jan. 29, 1941; Carol Ann, b. Jan. 11, 1943; Gerald Lynn, b. July 27, 1945; Sharon, b. Oct.13, 1947; and Janiece, b. Mar. 17, 1949. Linda Sue Barker married Jimmy Dale Shelson who was b. May 8, 1939 on Nov. 26, 1960. Sharon Barker married Michael David Graff Mar. 28, 1964. He was b. Nov. 4, 1947. They are the parents of a daughter, Carrie Dawn Graff, b. Feb. 9, 1965.

William Frederick Hartman who was born in 1921 married Eva Lois Cowan on Feb. 14, 1942. She was b. Aug. 24, 1922. Their children are: Ginger Kay, b. Aug. 26, 1946; Cynthia Eve, b. June 2, 1948; William Timothy, b. Dec. 29, 1951; and Heidie, b. Aug. 6, 1959.

Anna Pearl Fine, the eighth child of Henry and Cynthia, married Carl Edward Hartman, b. July 26, 1881, the son of Dan and – Brookshire Hartman and brother of William Frederick Hartman who married her older sister Daisy. Anna died Jan. 20, 1967 and is buried in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas, Tex., next to her young son, Frank, who died in 1916. Her granddaughter, Joyce, wrote: "She is beneath some large oak trees and we left her there as the honey bees were beginning to gather nectar from the flowers on her grave." Anna and Carl were the parents of: Frank Verner, b. Jan. 3, 1903 and d. Nov. 19, 1916; Lyndon Lee, b. Feb. 9, 1905; Glen, b. Mar. 2, 1907; Carl William, b. April 10, 1910 at Cleburne, Tex.; Anna Pearl, b. Aug. 29, 1915; and Fred Lilburn, b. May 22, 1917.

Lyndon Lee Hartman, the second son of Anna and Carl, married Gladys Aulene Marrell on Dec. 24, 1924, at the age of 19.

Glen Hartman, third child of Anna and Carl, was married to Virginia Hazel Christian in 1934.

Carl William Hartman, the fourth child of Anna and Carl, was married July 15, 1935 in Tucson, Ariz. to Lorene Lindsay who was b. May 4, 1911 in Seagoville, Tex.

Anna Pearl Hartman, fifth child of Anna and Carl, was 20 years old when, on Feb. 26, 1935, she married David Henry Gibson, who was the son of Andrew and Linnie Morris Gibson, and was b. June 11, 1910. They had one daughter: Joyce Ann, b. Dec. 18, 1935 and married Claude Darrell Roach on June 15, 1957. He was the son of Charlie and Ava Brown Roach and was b. Mar. 26, 1933.

They are the parents of two children: Claude Carrell Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1963; and Joyceanna Delight, b. Dec. 20, 1968.

Frank Earley Fine, the ninth and last child of Henry and Cynthia Fine, was b. Aug. 1, 1885 in Holland, Texas. He died Aug. 22, 1898 and is buried in Davilla, Texas.

An Early Date Letter

... To Henry Fine from Jake M. Van Hoose.
Though the top part of the letter and the date is missing, it is believed it was written prior to 1900.

Dear Cousins:

You will probably be Surprised to hear from me after 20 years Silence.

I often think of you and Spencer and of the happy times we used to have together when we were boys. George Van Hoose is with me now. He came out last spring. He gave me your address for I had lost track of you all together. Ain't it Strange how Friends will get Separated and lose each other in this big world of ours, and then by accident hear from them and feel as tho the dead had come to life.

Well, Henry, I am a poor letter writer and don't know that I can Say anything to interest you but if I could see you tonight I could talk you to sleep--I often dream that I am a Boy again and visiting at your old Home in Ark. and can see Uncle William and Aunt Millie and all the children as if it were 30 years ago.

But then you know Life is but a dream at best, and mind has been a lonely one, almost an entire failure. I never married (thanks to-Zeda Mays) and so I have no family to eat my Bread. Have made plenty of money but like most fools in the Rocky Mountains grew restless and Spent it, and now I'm growing old and need it, when it is harder to make.

Times are pretty good here yet, but not like it was 20 and 25 years ago when I used to make from one to five dollars per day in the mines. Wages now are \$40 to \$50 per month and everything is high. The gold and silver mines are improving by being developed and the country is fast increasing in population and I have made a good living.

Write to me Henry and tell me all the news. Tell me if you know where Henry Mankins is. Tell Spencer to write to me. Remember me kindly to Cynthia and tell her I would be glad to see her. George sends love to you all.

I am as ever your friend and Cousin

Jake M. Van Hoose
White Sulpher Springs, Mont.

(Notes This letter was written before 1900 as Cynthia (wife of Henry Fine) died Aug. 24, 1900. Henry died Aug. 2, 1907. His only living child, Mrs. Anna Hartman of Fort Worth, Tex. loaned the original letter. She was 83 years old at that time and is now deceased. The letter is copied just as Jake wrote it using capitals and underlining words he underlined.

The Henry Mankins mentioned was the son of Peter Mankins Jr. and Narcissus. Jake was a brother to James H. Van Hoose, both were sons of John and Lydia Lewis Van Hoose. Lydia was a step-daughter of Peter Mankins Sr., but in this family there was no feeling of step or half-kinship.)

Excerpt from a Newspaper Clipping: "When Peter Mankins Sr. died at the extreme old age of 111 years his dutiful and loving sons, Bracken, then 81 years old, together with his older brother George Lewis, then in his 86th year, and his sister Lydia's husband, John Van Hoose Sr., then in his 89th year, were all present as chief mourners at their dear old father's funeral."

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Isaac Fine, who was born in 1841 at Carter, Ark., the son of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine, died of an illness contracted while serving in the Confederate Army. Spencer, Henry and Isaac were all large men and very strong--much more Powerfully built than their younger brothers.

Sarah E. Fine, the sixth child and first daughter of William B. and Millie Fine, was 15 years old when she was married to John A. Nott in Washington County, Ark. on Oct. 15, 1860. Their marriage just before the Civil War was: "with consent of parents" and performed by Bracken Lewis. Sarah's husband was born in 1841 in Kentucky, the son of William H. H. and Phoebe Remy Nott. John (his last name is also spelled Knott) was a school teacher. After moving to Texas, he was postmaster in Little River, Texas for a good many years, serving from Nov. 1, 1889 to Nov. 1, 1893 and from July 22, 1898 to Jan. 4, 1911. They were the parents of four children: Minnie M., born 1865 in Washington County; W. Z. Nott, born at the same place in 1868; Clint, birthdate unknown; and Norma Arazella, b. Oct. 4, 1877 and d. Nov. 14, 1914. She is buried in Texas.

Minnie M. Nott, the oldest daughter of Sarah and John Nott, married Frank Newkirk and they had a son named Aubrey and a daughter, name not known.

Zachariah "Zach" Fine was the seventh child of William B. and Millie. At the time of his birth, Aug. 5, 1847, his parents had three living sons and a year-old daughter. At the age of 22, Zach took Eliza Jane Hutchens as his bride. She was four years younger, having been b. Feb. 23, 1851 at Brentwood, Ark., the daughter of Aquilla and Winifred Winn Hutchens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev William Ingram in the Brentwood Church, following the Sunday morning service on May 23, 1869. Eliza outlived Zach by twenty years. He died Feb. 23, 1923 at Brentwood and she died on October 31, 1943 at Fayetteville. They are buried at Brentwood.

The young couple went to their new home--a log cabin on Zach's own land. The first year Eliza cooked on the fireplace. Food was cooked in an iron pot which hung over the fire from a suspended hook. Bread was baked by putting the dough in a covered skillet and then placing the skillet on hot coals and ashes.

Eliza thought her life complete when, a year later, they were able to purchase a small wood-burning stove.

All her life she used the rolling pin Zach made for her when they were first married. He whittled it out of a piece of white oak and it has been in constant use since that time. It is now in the possession of their son, Louallen Fine.

Zach's land lay north of Brentwood a short distance. When the right of way was surveyed for the new railroad their house stood right where the rails would be laid. The house was moved across the creek and over on the main road.

In 1890 they traded their farm near Brentwood for 160 acres on Sugar Mountain. There was a log house on this farm but a few years later, they built a new one-and-one-half story log house. Zach hewed the logs from white oak timber and the house was the birthplace of two grandsons, Aubrey Fine and Clifford Pridemore. The builder died of pneumonia in this house.

Sugar Mountain School District No. 159

The Sugar Mountain School was in the east part of the district, and Ella, Anna and Bluford Fine attended there. When it was decided to move the school to a more central location, Zach and his adjoining neighbor, Guy R. Lindersmith each donated land for this purpose. The old log building was moved to the new location, and Myrtle and Louallen attended this school. Louallen's first teacher was Henry Peters.

Others who taught there were Charlie Mason, Andrew Ray, Susie Achman, Delia Stockburger, George Gilbreath, Mr. Guy R. Lindersmith and Mrs. Laura Milligan.

About 1911 a frame school house was built. The old building was sold to Zach Fine who moved the logs down to his home site where he built a barn with them.

Other teachers were Pearl Karnes and Mr. Huddleston. (Note: My parents, Fred and Ada Goff, moved on Sugar Mountain in October of 1913. I, Emerrett Goff, my brother Blakely, and my sister Marjorie, attended school here in 1914 and 1915. Our teachers were Stella Winn and Drada Reed.

Then follow: Mary Alexander, Gladys Curtis, Lee Hughes, Nellie McGee, Miss Glenn Karnes, Elizabeth Smith, Eula Craig, Tema Osborne, Freida Nott, Deltah Tanner, Mrs. Deltah (Tanner) Peters, Mrs. Eula (Craig) McDaniels, Esther Anderson, R. M. Anderson (who was Esther's father), and Mrs. Covey.

Mrs. Eula McDaniels and Esther Anderson each taught two terms, and during these four terms music was taught. The music teacher was Mrs. Eldora Karnes, wife of Roy A. Karnes of West Fork, Ark.

Carmel Fine started to school with Deltah Tanner and finished the eighth grade with Esther Anderson.

Zach and Eliza became the parents of nine children, all born at Brentwood between 1870 and 1894. The oldest daughter, Sarah Elizabeth was b. April 14, 1870; an infant daughter was the second child, she was b. Feb. 3, 1873 and died four days later; Millie Winifred was b. Jan. 8, 1875; Belle, b.

June 1, 1877; Ella, b. Mar. 4, 1880; Anna, b. May 7, 1883; Albert Bluford, b. Feb. 3, 1885 on the same day, 12 years after the second daughter was born; Myrtle Daphne, b. Aug. 11, 1889; and C. Louallen, b. July 28, 1894.

Sarah Elizabeth Fine, first daughter of Zach and Eliza, married James A. Brown Dec. 26, 1886. James, the son of James W. and Mary Hutchens Brown, was b. Sept. 6, 1862. They were married at high noon by John Woolsey at Elizabeth's home and about 40 relatives and friends attended the wedding. A large dinner was served following the ceremony. Elizabeth died Nov. 24, 1970 and James died June 27, 1940. They are buried at Brentwood. Elizabeth and James became the parents of: William Alvan, b. Dec. 7, 1887; Mary Annabel, b. Dec. 22, 1889; Alvie Delmer, b. April 13, 1894; Zella, b. Aug. 17, 1897; Mabel, b. Mar. 15, 1900; Mamie Ethel, b. July 19, 1902 and died Aug. 2, 1904; Oval Fine, b. Oct. 23, 1905; and Leona, b. Dec. 23, 1909.

William Alvan Brown married Lucille Tate Hamer, June 24, 1910, at Winslow, Ark. She was the daughter of John Emmett and Joannah Johnson Hamer, and was born at Forrest City, Ark., May 8, 1891. Both died and are buried at Tulsa, Oklahoma, William on Sept. 20, 1962, and Lucille on July 4, 1968. Lucille's mother, Joannah Johnson, was born in Alabama. Children of William and Lucille are: Ruth Irene, b. Jan. 5, 1913, at Brentwood; Helen Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1917 at Fayetteville; and Margaret Ella, b. April 14, 1922, also at Fayetteville.

Ruth Irene Brown, the oldest daughter of Will and Lucille, married Tom Barton Harris at Lawton, Okla., Feb. 22, 1940. Tom is the son of John J. and Sallie Ellis Harris. Their children are: Margaret Elizabeth, b. Aug. 8, 1941; Tommye Ruth, b. July 30, 1942; Patricia Lucille, b. June 24, 1946; Dorothy Sue, b. Mar. 15, 1950; Carol Ann, b. May 26, 1953; Dana Elaine, b. Oct. 4, 1954; Frances Jeanne, b. Mar. 7, 1958. Margaret Elizabeth Harris married Joseph Clayberg on June 19, 1964. He is the son of George and Charlene Featherson Clayberg and was b. Nov. 28, 1941. They have one child, Megan Michelle Clayberg, b. Aug. 25, 1966.

Helen Elizabeth Brown, the second child of William and Lucille, married Max Nicholls on Sept. 6, 1944 at Fayetteville, Ark. He is the son of Mose Ellsworth and Emma Rose Medlock Nicholls. Mose was born in Marshalltown, Iowa and Emma Rose Medlock was born in Fort Smith, Ark. Children of Max and Helen are: Bill, b. Oct. 6, 1945, and Marilou, b. Mar. 2, 1948.

Mary Annabel Brown Capps, the second child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, married Thomas Hiram Capps on Aug. 8, 1909. He was b. Nov. 29, 1882 in Missouri, the son of Samuel and Cynthia Madding Capps. Annabel died Jan. 9, 1969 and is buried in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery, and Thomas died a year later on Jan. 29, and is buried beside his wife. Their children are: Bertie Arlene, b. Aug. 14, 1910 at Brentwood. Eugene, b. Dec. 11, 1913 at Stilwell; Cynthia Elizabeth, born at Stilwell, Jan. 3, 1915: an infant daughter died June 15, 1919 and buried in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery near Stilwell; Mayme Leola, b. May 5, 1921; Lucille, b. Dec. 30, 1924; and Thomas Delmer, b. Sept. 17, 1928. The last three children were all born at Stilwell.

Bertie Arlene Capps Poor, first child of Tom and Annabel Brown Capps, married Samuel Henry Poor Dec. 21, 1929. He was b. Nov. 27, 1909, the son of Samuel Lafayette and Mary Melvina Center Poor. Their children are: Hershel Raymond, b. Sept. 18, 1930; Mary Ann, b. Jan. 20, 1935; Wanda Lucille, b. Nov. 20, 1941; Clifford Everett, b. Nov. 8, 1944; Kenneth Eugene, b. Feb. 15, 1948; and Sharron Irene, b. Dec. 3, 1950. All six were born at Stilwell, Okla. Hershel Raymond Poor married Judith Ann Guinn on Aug. 22, 1953. She was b. Sept. 25, 1936 at Merriam, Kan. Their children are: Robert Raymond, b. May 26, 1957; Mark Samuel, b. Jan. 3, 1959; and Brenda Charlene, b. June 27, 1960. All were born at Kansas City, Kansas. Mary Ann Poor Winchester, the second child of Bertie Arlene and Samuel Henry Poor, married Doyle Winchester on Nov. 3, 1952. He was b. Mar. 27, 1928, and they have two sons: Doyle Michael, b. Nov. 10, 1953; and Sam Allen, b. Mar. 2, 1958.

Wanda Lucille Poor Wymer, third child of Bertie Arlene and Samuel Henry Poor, married Harry Dale Wymer July 31, 1962. He was b. Nov. 18, 1937 and they have two sons: Keith Dale, b. Nov. 8, 1964; and David Allen, b. July 24, 1966.

Cynthia Elizabeth Capps Hall, the third child of Tom and Annabel Brown Capps, married Calvin Hall, son of Emmett and Frances Osborn Hall, Feb. 28, 1933. He was b. Aug. 1, 1909. Cynthia died Dec. 14, 1944, at the age of 29, and is buried in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery. They had one son, Donald Roy Hall, b. Mar. 16, 1938. Donald married Joyce Mullendore Dec. 17, 1959 and they have one child, Connie Elizabeth, who was b. May 29, 1962.

Mayme Leola Capps Poteet, fifth child of Tom and Annabel Brown Capps, married James Harley Poteet on July 8, 1938. He was b. Mar. 24, 1909. Their children are: Curtis Eugene, b. Aug. 17, 1939; Carol Louise, b. Mar. 30, 1941; Velma Marie, b. Jan. 11, 1943; Charles James, b. Oct. 21, 1944; Tommy Ruth, b. April 7, 1947; Darrell Wayne, b. Mar. 30, 1949; Ruby Lorene, b. May 3, 1951; Carl Brent, b. Oct. 31, 1953; and Jerry Dale, b. Nov. 8, 1955. Curtis Eugene Poteet, the eldest, married Joyce Kayleen Wilson on Sept. 28, 1959. She was b. June 30, 1942 and they have a son, Gregory Eugene, b. May 23, 1960. Carol Louise Poteet Brownlee married Donald Eugene Brownlee on Nov. 30, 1963. He was b. Mar. 29, 1942. Carol's sons by a former marriage adopted by Donald Eugene, are Charles Eugene, b. June 14, 1959; and Clifford Wayne, b. Jan. 1, 1962. They have one daughter, Donna Sue, b. Oct. 7, 1964. Velma Marie Poteet Mears married William Russell Mears on Nov. 18, 1960, He was b. Oct. 1, 1937. They have two children: Theresa Ann, b. Mar. 3, 1962; and Jeffery Wayne, b. Aug. 15, 1964. Charles James Poteet, the fourth child and second son of Leola Capps and James Poteet married Judy Howser April 2, 1966. Tommy Ruth Poteet Herd, the fifth child of Leola Capps and James Poteet, married Johnnie Albert Herd on July 15, 1964. He was b. Feb. 25, 1940. They have a son, Johnnie Albert Herd Jr. who was b. Mar. 13, 1965.

Lucille Capps Hall, sixth child of Tom and Annabel Brown Capps, married Calvin Hall after the death of her older sister, Cynthia. They were married Dec. 28, 1945, and their children are: Gary Joe, b. Nov. 19, 1946; Randall James, b. Oct. 11, 1951; Diane Natalie, b. Dec 21, 1954 and died on Christmas Day, four days later; and Kathy Lucille, b. May 11, 1956.

Thomas Delmer Capps, the seventh child of Tom and Annabel Brown Capps, married Foye Lafaye Millican on Jan. 1, 1950. She was b. Mar. 14, 1936. Their children are: Janice Faye, b. Mar. 5, 1951; Patricia June, b. May 6, 1952; Cheryl Ann, b. May 24, 1955; and Mitchell Thomas, b. April 23, 1960.

Alvie Delmer Brown, the third child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, was b. April 13, 1894 and married Stella Underhill in Washington County on May 24, 1919. She was b. July 21, 1899 at Mineral Springs, near West Fork, the daughter of Charles and Lizzie Skelton Underhill.

Zella Brown Broyles, the fourth child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, was b. Aug 17, 1897 at Brentwood. She was married to Lester Broyles on Mar. 28, 1917 in Washington County, Ark. He was born near Fayetteville Nov. 10, 1893, the son of Daniel and Maggie Alexander Broyles. Their children are: an infant daughter who died at birth in 1918; Wilma Nadine, b. May 10, 1919; Edith Ione, born January 1922 and died the same year, in April; Leslie Marie, b. Aug 31, 1923; Thealda Maxine, b. June 5, 1927; Doris Ann, b. July 27, 1930; and Wanda Sue, b. June 13, 1934.

Wilma Nadine Broyles Cole, oldest daughter of Zella Brown and Lester Broyles, married Leo Edward Cole, son of Roy and Gladys --- Cole. He was b. May 17, 1921. They were married in 1947.

Leslie Marie Broyles McChristian, second living child of Zella and Lester Broyles, married Richard Harold McChristian in 1942. He is the son of Ernest and Winnie Burlene Thomas McChristian

and was b. Feb. 11, 1923. They have two children: Samuel Richard, b. Aug. 1, 1947; and Billy Duane, b. Sept. 23, 1948 and d. Dec. 31, 1949.

Thealda Maxine Broyles Pennington, the third, living daughter of Zella and Lester Broyles, married James Arlie Pennington in 1947. He was b. Jan. 12, 1924, the son of James Bristow and Rosie Myrtle Howard Pennington. They have a daughter, Rowena Marie Pennington, b. Feb. 17, 1948. She married Ronald Jay Morrison in 1968 and they have a daughter, Rochelle Morrison, b. Jan. 28, 1969.

Doris Ann Broyles Yates, fourth living daughter of Zella and Lester Broyles, married Leo Carl Yates in 1951. He is the son of Ellis and Edith Gertrude Clark Yates, and was b. Feb. 15, 1930. They have a son, Carl Douglas, b. Feb. 20, 1955; and a daughter, Sandra Sue, b. Oct. 8, 1956.

Wanda Sue Broyles Hammond, the seventh child and fifth living daughter of Zella and Lester Broyles, married Calvin Richard Hammond in 1953. He was b. Jan. 15, 1930, the son of Clarence Alex and Lila Venus Barker Hammond. They are the parents of Pamela Zelanne, b. July 1, 1954; and Brad Broyles, b. April 21, 1969.

Mabel Brown Wilson, the fifth child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, was born at Brentwood Mar. 14, 1900. She married Tulley Roberts Wilson at the age of 14 an Aug. 31, 1914. Tulley was the son of John Fagan and Cora Roberts Wilson. They have seven children: Mildred, Hazel, Melba, James Fagan, Billy, and twins Nadine and Geraldine. Following many years of marriage, Tulley and Mabel were divorced, and Mabel then married Homer W. Seller.

Oval Fine Brown, the seventh child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, who was b. Oct. 23, 1905, was married (1) to Edith Dotson in 1923. She was b. July 22, 1907. Their children were: Jack Oval, b. May 23, 1924; Carmel Lodean, b. May 1, 1927; and Billy Dwayne, b. Mar. 12, 1930. Seventeen years later, Mar. 17, 1947, Oval married Marie Louise Stills, the daughter of John and Agnes Severns Stills who was b. Mar. 31, 1924. Their children were: Bobby Dale, b. Feb. 27, 1948; Judy Gale Brown, b. Dec. 5, 1952 and married July 18, 1970 to Melvin "Buddy" Allbritten; and Debrah Elizabeth, b. Mar. 25, 1955.

Jack Oval Brown, the First son of Oval and Edith Brown, married Beverly Allen. They have four children: Charlene Kay, b. Aug. 27, 1947; Jack David, b. April 30, 1952; Denise Lynn, born in 1957; and Glenna, b. May 15, 1963.

Carmel Lodean Brown Scott, second child and first daughter of Oval and Edith Brown, married Kenneth Scott; they have a daughter, Glyness Dawn, b. July 1, 1955.

Billy Dwayne Brown, third child of Oval and Edith Brown, married Wanda --, and they are the parents of: Steven, b. January, 1953; Randy, b. November, 1954; and Michelle, born in 1960.

Leona Brown Vaughan, the eighth child of James A. and Elizabeth Fine Brown, was b. Dec. 23, 1909. Leona married Robert Vaughan and they have one son, Denzel Lee, who was b. July 7, 1932 in Fayetteville, Ark. On Mar. 13, 1953 he married Alta Faye Anthony, the daughter of Paul and Erma Nicholson Anthony, who was b. Feb. 17, 1936. Their children are: Ronnie Lee, b. Nov. 3, 1957; Lonnie Dale, b. Nov. 15, 1955; Larry Paul, b. Nov. 3, 1957; and Cheryl Leona, b. Feb. 1, 1959. Leona Brown Vaughan married (2) Lloyd "Rack" McGowan in September of 1960. He was b. Sept. 15, 1909.

Millie Winifred Fine Patterson, b. Jan. 8, 1875 at Brentwood, was the third child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine. On May 8, 1894 at the home of her parents she became the bride of William Isaac

Patterson who was b. Jan. 27, 1867. William died Dec. 2, 1931, and thirty-one years later, on Dec. 7, 1962, Millie died. Both are buried in Buttram Cemetery near Pea Ridge. At the time of their marriage William was station agent and telegraph operator for the Frisco Railroad at Brentwood. Several years later he bought a large acreage of apple orchards near Pea Ridge in Benton County where they lived the remainder of their lives. They had two children: Ordath, b. Feb. 20, 1897 at Brentwood, Ark. and died April 18, 1961 at Long Beach, Miss.; and Graydon Darrell, who was b. Jan. 5, 1906 at Pea Ridge.

Ordath Patterson Jacobson married Reuben Eli Jacobson, June 29, 1921. He was b. Oct. 1, 1890.

Graydon Darrell Patterson married Zelda Myrtle Shearer who was the daughter of Claud and Fern Nichols Shearer, and was b. Jan. 29, 1908. They had one daughter, Virginia, b. Aug. 30, 1932 in Benton County, Ark.; and William Claud, b. May 5, 1938.

Virginia Patterson Hance, daughter of Graydon and Zelda Patterson, married Roy Gilbert Hance Jr. on Feb. 27, 1954. He was b. Nov. 24, 1925. They became the parents of two children: Gaya Diana, b. Oct. 2, 1956; and Regina Kay, b. Mar. 15, 1960.

William Claud Patterson, son of Graydon and Zelda Patterson, married Louise Morris Dewitt. They have one child, Jimmy Wayne, who was b. July 20, 1966.

Belle Fine Black, the fourth child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine, was born at Brentwood, Ark. on June 1, 1877. She married Charles Walter Black on July 21, 1892 at the home of her parents. He was born in Bolivar, Mo., Dec. 4, 1868 and died Aug. 14, 1962 in Los Angeles, Calif. He is buried in Norman, Okla. Belle died 60 years earlier on June 8, 1902 and is buried at Brentwood. Their children are: Walter Raymond, b. Sept. 18, 1893 at Brentwood, where all of their children were born; Estella Millie, b. July 7, 1895; and Elmer Stuart, b. April 10, 1901.

Walter Raymond Black, first child of Belle and Charles Black, was killed in a railway accident May 11, 1911, and is buried at Heavener, Okla.

Estella Millie Black Johnston, second child of Belle and Charles Black, married Chester Bryan Johnston July 7, 1921.

Elmer Stuart Black, third and last child of Belle and Charles Black, married Lucile Stump in 1924 at Pryor, Okla. He died Jan. 27, 1934 and is buried at Heavener, Okla. They have two children, both born at Muskogee, Okla.: Lavona Ruth, who was b. Mar. 12, 1935; and Nancy Eleanor, b. Nov., 19, 1932.

Lavona Ruth Black Woolman, elder daughter of Elmer and Lucile Black, was married to Donald Wayne Woolman on Mar. 12, 1946 at Coweta, Okla. Their children are: Barbara Ann Woolman, b. April 14, 1947 at Coweta; and Nancy Adele, b. April 13, 1955 in Tulsa, Okla.

Nancy Eleanor Black Enzel, younger daughter of Elmer and Lucile Black, married Albert Enzel on Dec. 16, 1955 at Coweta. They have three children: James Stuart, b. Dec. 14, 1956 at Jenks, Okla.; Ellen Jo b. Aug. 17, 1959, also at Jenks; and Carla Ruth, b. Feb. 4, 1964 at Jenks.

Ella Fine Ross, the fifth child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine, was b. Mar. 4, 1880 at Brentwood, Ark. She was 19 years old when she became the bride of Charles Wesley Ross, Dec. 24, 1899 at the home of her parents. Charles was b. June 30, 1870 in Missouri, the son of Thomas and Eveline Ross. Charles died July 21, 1941 in Denver, Col. about five months after Ella died Feb. 16, 1941 in Califor-

nia. They are buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, in Lawndale, Calif. They had five children: Averal, b. Feb. 8, 1902 and died July 8 the same year (she is buried at Brentwood); Charles Arles, b. July 2, 1903 at Fayetteville, Ark.; Crystal Daisy, b. April 4, 1905 in Christie, Indian Territory; Edith, b. April 19, 1907 in Arkansas; and Melba Maxine, b. Oct. 28, 1921 and died on Feb. 4, 1926. She is buried at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Charles Arles Ross, oldest son of Ella and Charles Ross, was married at the age of 33 to Bertha Weiss in 1936. She was b. Mar. 12, 1914. Their children, all born in California, are: Elizabeth Ann, b. June 17, 1937; Charles Arles Jr., b. Dec. 24, 1938; Marilyn Frances, b. July 14, 1940; Patricia Edith, b. July 16, 1942; and Joseph Thomas, b. Feb. 13, 1946.

Elizabeth Ann Ross Robinson, oldest child of Charles and Bertha Ross, married John Robinson in 1959 and they have one daughter, Irene, b. Nov. 22, 1960 in Portland, Ore.

Charles Arles Ross, Jr., the second child of Charles and Bertha Ross, was married Oct. 30, 1965 to Patricia Domingo.

Marilyn Frances Ross McDonnell, third child of Charles and Bertha Ross, married Thomas McDonnell in December of 1963.

Patricia Edith Ross Patrick, fourth and last child of Charles and Bertha Ross, married James Patrick in 1964 and they have a daughter, Cynthia Patricia b. Jan. 15, 1965.

Crystal Daisy Ross Wood, third child of Charles and Ella Ross, born at Christie, Indian Territory, April 4, 1905, married James Lambert Wood on Feb. 15, 1924. He was b. Dec. 31, 1903 at Camden, N. J., the son of Thomas A. and Florence K. Rose Wood, who were both born in London, England. Their children are: Betty Jean, b. Dec. 13, 1924 at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jack James, b. Oct. 26; 1928, also at Colorado Springs, and died June 11, 1932 (he is buried at Colorado Springs); James Ross, b. Oct. 27, 1933 at Colorado Springs; and Eva Jo, b. Dec. 1, 1934 at Denver, Colo.

Betty Jean Wood Collins, eldest child of Crystal and James Wood, married Kenneth Mason Collins on Dec. 17, 1942. He was b. Jan. 11, 1923 and died May 8, 1969. Their children were: Melba Jo, b. Jan. 28, 1947 at Denver, Colo.; Vicki Lynn, b. April 19, 1949, also at Denver; and Jimmy Ray, b. Mar. 15, 1960 at Denver. Melba Jo married Steven King McDanal on Feb. 4, 1967. He was the son of Richard Lester and Eileene Leona McKay McDanal and was born in Denver May 7, 1943. They have one child: Miri Teresa McDanal, b. Oct. 30, 1969. Vicki married George William Off on Dec. 28, 1968, and they have two daughters: Patricia Michelle, b. July 9, 1969; and Kristi Kay, b. Nov. 13, 1970.

James Ross Wood, the second son and third child of Crystal and James Wood, married Joan Eckroth on Sept. 15, 1952. She was b. Aug. 15, 1934. They are the parents of three children: Linda Kay, b. Oct. 13, 1953; Karen Jean, b. Oct. 4, 1955; and Patricia Sue, b. Aug. 6, 1959. Eva Jo Wood Francis, fourth and last child of Crystal and James Wood, married Keith Leonard Francis Nov. 24, 1954. He was b. Mar. 17, 1930 and died in 1963. Their children are: Michelle, b. Aug. 13, 1955; David Leonard, b. Oct. 10, 1956; and Lisa Crystal, b. April 4, 1963.

Edith Ross Duffe Huston, the fourth child of Charles and Ella Fine Ross, married Fred Duffe on Feb. 13, 1925. She has one child by a second marriage: Leonard Eugene "Butch" Huston, who was born in San Francisco, Calif. May 31, 1950.

Anna Fine Jett, b. May 7, 1883 at Brentwood, was the sixth child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine. At the age of 20 she was married to Ebb B. Jett on Nov. 29, 1903. Ebb was the son of John and Louise Enyart Jett and was b. Oct. 17, 1878. He died Sept. 23, and she died on the 22nd of Nov. the same year--1946. Both are buried at Brentwood. They became the parents of nine children: Oma Vivian Jett, b. Mar. 31, 1905 at Brentwood, and died June 26, 1928 and buried at Brentwood; Curtis, born at Sapulpa, Okla. Dec. 8, 1906; Russell "Pete," b. Aug. 15, 1908 at Brentwood and died Sept. 11, 1970; Marie, b. Sept. 26, 1910; Evelyn, b. April 24, 1913; Wilma, b. Nov. 18, 1914; Anna Louise, b. Feb. 7, 1917; Averal, b. Dec. 28, 1920; and Dale Fine, b. Nov. 10, 1922. The last six were born at Brentwood.

Curtis Jett married a woman whose given name was Pauline and had 11 children.

Russell Jett married (wife's name not known) and had one daughter.

Marie Jett King married Gordon King and became the mother of: Charles, Kenneth and James King.

Evelyn Jett McCloud, married Robert McCloud and they have five children: Bobby Dale, Rex, Loren, Sandra, and Steve.

Wilma Jett Stanley married Raymond Stanley.

Anna Louise Jett Stone married Edward Sandford Stone on Dec. 7, 1944. Edward was b. April 18, 1918. Their children are: Curtis Edward, b. Sept. 30, 1945; and Timothy Jett, b. May 11, 1947. Curtis married Margaret Brodia and they have one child, Tricia Dee Ann, b. Feb. 4, 1969.

Averal Jett married and had two children. Her husband's name is not known.

Albert Bluford Fine, who was b. Feb. 3, 1885 in Brentwood, was the seventh child and first son of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine. He married Mae Ellen Skelton Feb. 10, 1910. She was the daughter of Henry C. and Lillie Bashaw Skelton, who was b. Oct. 23, 1890 in Huntsville, Ark. Bluford died on the anniversary of his wife's birthdate, Oct. 23, in 1946, at Brownwood, Tex. He is buried in Jenkins Springs Cemetery, a few miles from Brownwood. Their children are: Aubrey Loyd, b. Nov. 21, 1910; Opal Alene, b. Aug. 29, 1913; and Crystal Lorena, b. April 7, 1923. All were born in Brentwood, Ark.

Aubrey Loyd Fine, the son of Albert Bluford and Mae Ellen Fine, married Marie Reed. Marie was b. Aug 20, 1920 and died May 13, 1963. She is buried in Brownwood, Tex. They have one child, June Frances, b. April 13, 1951 at Brownwood.

Opal Alene Fine Simpson, second child of Albert Bluford and Mae Ellen Fine, married James Simpson, and died Mar. 28, 1950 in Alamagordo, N. M. She is buried at Brownwood.

Crystal Lorene Fine Walton, third child of Albert Bluford and Mae Ellen Fine, married Samuel Emmett Walton Jr., Oct. 15, 1943. He was b. July 9, 1920 at Fort Worth, Tex., the son of Samuel Emmett and Katherine Williams Walton, Sr. Their children are: Karen Kay, b. Sept. 23, 1944 at Brownwood; and Donna Gayle, b. Dec. 3, 1953 at Warzburg, Germany.

Myrtle Daphne Fine Pridemore was the eighth child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine and was born at Brentwood, Aug. 11, 1889. On July 27, 1910, she married Oral A. Pridemore in Washington County. He was b. Sept. 13, 1889 at Chillicothe, Mo., the son of Jack and Mat Mills Pridemore. Myrtle died Jan. 5, 1967 at Stilwell, Okla. and is buried in Lincoln, Ark. Their children are: Clifford Fletcher, b. April 26, 1911 at Brentwood; Darrell Fine, b. Feb. 5, 1913 at Stratton, Colo.; Glenn Russell, b. April

17, 1915 at Stratton; Avis Clara; b. Oct. 18, 1916 at Stratton; Lester Wilford, b. Mar. 28, 1919; Doris Elnora, b. Sept. 18, 1921 at Lincoln, Ark.; and Harold Crockett, b. Jan. 7, 1925.

Clifford Fletcher Pridemore was married Aug. 11, 1934 to Edna Derryberry. She was b. June 6, 1914, the daughter of Wiley B. and Lillie Dyer Derryberry. They have a son, Donald Lee, b. June 2, 1935. Donald married Linda Barton on June 6, 1960 at Paris, Ark. She was b. Oct. 26, 1940, the daughter of Paul and Izola Powers Barton. They have one child, Kimberly Kate Pridemore, who was b. May 17, 1963. Donald Lee died Oct. 9, 1964 and is buried in Lincoln, Ark.

Darrell Fine Pridemore, second son of Myrtle and Oral Pridemore, married Clara Edith Grimsley, the daughter of Byrd Milam and Elba Ann Hightower Grimsley, who was b. Feb. 4, 1916. Their children are: Darlene Yvonne, b. Jan. 5, 1940; and Wanda Oralene, b. Nov 27, 1943.

Darlene Yvonne Pridemore Lindall married Phillip Stephen Lindell on Dec. 19, 1959. He was b. Dec. 11, 1940 and they are the parents of Daryl Andrew, b. Feb. 8, 1961 and Steven Leond, b. Feb. 14, 1964.

Wanda Oraline Pridemore Rikli, b. Nov. 27, 1943, was married to Roger Alfred Rikli on Dec. 22, 1962. He was b. Dec. 12, 1943.

Glenn Russell "Dutch" Pridemore, third child of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore was b. April 17, 1915 at Stratton, Colo. He married Mamie Henry, daughter of William Matthew and Cora Wallace Henry on Aug. 8, 1935, Mamie was b. Dec. 8, 1913 and they had two daughters, Glenna Jean, b. Feb. 19, 1941; and Susan Deanna, b. Oct. 8, 1948.

Glenna Jean Pridemore Cuzick married Aubrey Isaac Cuzick on June 30, 1962. He was b. Oct. 10, 1938. They have a daughter, Kelli Lee Cuzick, b. Oct. 15, 1970.

Avis Clara Pridemore Lamb, fourth child of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore, married Horace Lance Lamb on Oct. 1, 1940. He was b. Feb. 6, 1917 and they have two children: Marcella Cheryl, b. Nov. 4, 1945 in Tulsa, Okla; and Gregory Lance, b. Dec. 29, 1961, also in Tulsa. Marcella Cheryl, daughter of Avis and Horace Lamb, married (1) Michael McDaniel on Feb. 7, 1964. They were divorced in 1965 after the birth of a son, Shawn Douglas, b. Oct. 5, 1964. Marcella then married (2) David John Mickie, on May 25, 1966. He was b. May 2, 1944.

Lester Wilford Pridemore, the fifth child of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore, was born in Stratton, Colo. Mar. 28, 1919. On July 19, 1941 he married Jessie Marie Grimsley. She was b. Sept. 6, 1919, the daughter of Byrd Milam and Elba Ann Hightower Grimsley. Lester and Jessie had four children: Sharie Ann, b. June 8, 1942 at Prairie Grove, Ark.; Larry Eugene, b. July 17, 1946 at Klamath Falls. Oregon; Helen Louise, b. Jan. 5, 1951, also at Klamath Falls; and Anita Jane, b. May 10, 1952 at Klamath Falls.

Sharie Ann Pridemore married Glenn Thomas Cox on Aug. 14, 1964.

Larry Eugene Pridemore married Lynell Jane Norris on May 27, 1963. They have two children: Steven Leonard, b. Dec. 4, 1963s and Michelle Marie, b. Sept. 30, 1966.

Doris Elnora Pridemore, the sixth child of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore, was b. Sept. 18, 1921 at Lincoln and at the age of 16 married Buford Colburn. He was b. July 16, 1918 and was the son of Samuel Paris and Nancy Ellen Risley Colburn. They became the parents of a daughter, Barbra Patricia, b. May 13, 1940 at Prairie Grove, Ark.

Barbra Patricia Colburn married Bill Joe Eaton in Stilwell, Okla. on June 20, 1959. Bill was b. May 9, 1935. They have two children: Gwena Jo, b. Mar. 3, 1963; and Barbra Dian, b. Sept. 16, 1965.

Harold Crockett Pridemore, the youngest child of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore, was b. Jan. 7, 1925 at Lincoln, Ark. He was married at the age of 34 to Karen Burnison who was 19 on Sept. 5, 1959. She was the daughter of Richard and Blanche Jackson Burnison and was b. Mar. 19, 1940. Their children are: Ronald Wayne, b. Aug. 10, 1961; Roger Allen Pridemore, b. Feb. 16, 1963; and Donald Eugene Pridemore, b. April 15, 1966. Harold served in the Navy during World War II and part of his service was aboard the U.S.S. Moose, a Liberty tanker.

C. Louallen Fine, the youngest child of Zach and Eliza Hutchens Fine, was born at Brentwood, Ark. on July 28, 1894. On May 2, 1923, at Woolsey, Ark., Emerrett Grace Goff and Louallen were married. Emerrett, the daughter of Fred Abner and Ada Belle Wright Goff, was b. Mar. 13, 1900 at Gustavus, Trumbull County, Ohio. Louallen is a veteran of World War I. They have one child, a daughter, Carmel Eleanor, b. Dec. 11, 1924 at Morris, Okla.

Carmel Eleanor Fine married William Frank Voscinar on Oct. 11, 1947 in Detroit, Mich. William, a veteran of World War II, was b. Feb. 22, 1919 at Detroit, the son of Michael Foster and Anna Zachar Voscinar. William Frank's father was born in Brestovany, Czechoslovakia, and Michael's parents were Josef and Agnes Hanak Voscinar. Anna Zachar Voscinar was born in Zlkovce, Czechoslovakia and her parents were Stefan and Maria Bokor Zachar.

Lewis William Fine, the eighth child of William B. and Millie Fine, was b. Oct. 28, 1849 at Carter, Ark. and died Mar. 9, 1932 at Brentwood. He married Sarah Elizabeth Parker in Washington County, the date unknown. She was b. Nov. 22, 1853 in Missouri, the daughter of Thomas Lewis and Easter Cantrell Parker. Sarah died June 29, 1887 and both are buried at Brentwood. They had four children, two daughters and two sons: William Thomas "Billie" b. May 19, 1871; Mollie Fine, b. in 1873; Easter Lucinda "Lou," b. Sept. 29, 1878 and Cornelius Zach "Nealie," b. Aug. 12, 1886. After the death of Sarah, Lewis married Phoebe Hoyle on Feb. 8, 1890 in Washington County. She was b. Feb. 3, 1866 and died July 28, 1929 and is buried in Muskogee, Okla. Her mother's maiden name was Coursey. Children of Lewis and Phoebe were: Henry Sylvester

and Lewis Sylvainous, his twin, were b. Mar. 13, 1891 (Lewis died April 14, 1916); Sarah Mae "Mamie," b. Feb. 15, 1897; Alvin H., b. Feb. 3, 1900 and died 1968; and Calvin Finis, b. April 10, 1903.

William Thomas "Billie" Fine, who was b. May 19, 1871 married Minnie Scudder on Feb. 21, 1892 in Washington County. She died Feb. 1, 1958 and he died two years later on Aug. 6, 1960, both at West Fork, Ark. Minnie was the daughter of William M. and Caroline Kasse Scudder. William Scudder served with Company D of the 124th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. Minnie was only 15 years old when she was married and her hair hung in long thick curls down her back on her wedding day. They reared their family on a farm in the Low Gap Community, east of Brentwood, and lived there most of their lives, moving to West Fork to live during their latter years. They were devout Christians. Both Minnie and Billie are buried beside her parents in Brentwood Cemetery. They became the parents of: William Roy, b. Dec. 1, 1893; Albert Cornelius, b. Aug. 24, 1897; Charles Oliver, b. May 9, 1900; Earl Ernest, b. Nov. 27, 1902; Mabel Edith, b. April 29, 1910; Ethel May, b. Jan. 7, 1911; Ruby Ellen, b. June 23, 1912. All were born at Brentwood.

William Roy Fine, first child of Billie and Minnie, married Delia Chandler who was b. Feb. 7, 1900 and was the daughter of Jeff and Cordelia Brown Chandler. Their children are: Verna, b. July 23, 1919; Wayne, b. Feb. 22, 1923 and Kenneth, b. Oct. 21, 1925.

Verna Fine, daughter of William Roy and Delia, married Elmer Starmer who was born on Christmas Day, 1911. Their children are: Marylin, b. Dec. 17, 1938; Merrill, b. July 17, 1940; and Elden, b. July 19, 1950. Marylin married Richard Richardson who was b. Aug. 3, 1938. They have three children: Terri, b. Apr. 4, 1959; Lora, b. July 31, 1961; and Chris, b. Mar. 11, 1964. Merrill married Gary McClough who was born in 1933. Their children are: Brenda, b. July 7, 1957; and Renia, b. Aug. 4, 1959.

Wayne Fine, second child of William Roy and Delia, married a woman with the given name of Janet on Jan. 22, 1920. They have two sons: Larry, b. July 28, 1947; and Berry, b. Jan. 17, 1952.

Kenneth Fine, third child of William Roy and Delia, married Erma Jo Slauick who was b. Dec. 25, 1925. They have one child, Jimmy, b. Sept. 5, 1953.

Albert Cornelius "Nealie" Fine, the second child of Minnie and Billie Fine, was b. Aug. 24, 1897 at Brentwood. On Nov. 30, 1919 he married Hazel Irene Talley, the daughter of Charles W. and Elizabeth Ann Flowers Talley, who was b. Aug. 13, 1899, and their children are: William Delford, b. Jan. 5, 1923; Elizabeth Earlene, b. Nov. 15, 1928; and Regena Elbertean, b. Oct. 5, 1934.

William Delford Fine, first child of Nealie and Irene Fine, married Dorothy Maurine Steele on Sept. 1, 1945. She was the daughter of David and Dona Brown Steele, and was b. Sept. 27, 1922. They had one son, Philip Allan Fine, b. Mar. 22, 1951, who was killed in a motorcycle-car accident in Tulsa, Okla. on Jan. 30, 1971.

Elizabeth Earlene Fine, second child of Nealie and Irene Fine, married William Ellis Carter on Dec. 17, 1948; He was b. Aug. 14, 1927, the son of Hearl Carter and Virginia Ellis Carter. Their children are: William Steven, b. Aug. 10, 1954; Carol Elizabeth, b. Dec. 12, 1955; Don Ellis, b. Oct. 23, 1957; and Neal Adam, b. Nov. 26, 1961.

Regena Elbertean Fine Schnackenberg, the third child of Nealie and Irene Fine, married Al Schnackenberg Aug. 16, 1958. He was the son of Theodore and Malinda Wacker Schnackenberg, and was b. Dec. 24, 1927. Their children are: Linda Kay, b. Aug. 3, 1961; and Diane Lynn Schnackenberg, b. May 1, 1963.

Charles Oliver Fine, who was b. May 9, 1900, was the third child of Billie and Minnie Fine. He married Beulah Parrish, daughter of Benson and Josephine Scott Parrish, who was b. Oct. 28, 1903. Charles died May 19, 1967 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Fayetteville, Ark. Their children are: Louise, b. June 2, 1928; and Billie Fine, b. Jan. 2, 1930.

Louise Fine, daughter of Charles and Beulah Fine, married Gene Maddox, son of Frank and Lola Phillips Maddox in February of 1948. Gene was b. Oct. 1, 1926. Their children are: Garry, b. Sept. 26, 1949; and Janice, b. Oct. 4, 1951.

Billie Fine, second child of Charles and Beulah Fine, married Christine Edwards on Aug. 16, 1955. She was b. Dec. 13, 1932, the daughter of Kirk and --- White Edwards. Their children are: Randy, b. Dec. 29, 1958 and Ricky, b. June 26, 1961.

Earl Ernest Fine was b. Nov. 27, 1902, the fourth child of Billie and Minnie Fine. He and his wife, Evelyn -- Fine, have a son Don Fine, who is married and has two children .

Mabel Edith Fine, the fifth child of Billie and Minnie Fine, was b. April 29, 1910. She married Ernest Afton Pool who was b. June 15, 1903. Their children are: Lewis Wayne, b. July 24, 1928;

Vernon Ione, b. Feb. 19, 1933; and Betty Lou, who was born and died on Jan. 22, 1943, and is buried at Brentwood.

Lewis Wayne Pool, first child of Mable and Ernest Pool, married Alene Fay Wist who was b. May 11, 1928. Their children are: Michael Wayne, b. Dec. 27, 1950; and Ronald Dean, b. July 15, 1954.

Vernon Ione Pool, second child of Mable and Ernest Pool, married Sue Ann Caraway who was b. Jan. 31, 1933. Their children are: Deborah Gay, b. July 25, 1952; Randle Thomas, b. April 16, 1958; Rick Alan, b. Jan. 28, 1961; and Rhonda Sue, b. July 28, 1965.

Ethel May Fine, the sixth child of Billie and Minnie Fine, was b. Jan. 7, 1911. She married Dildford James Hughes, the son of John Wellington and Francis Madelin Hutchens Hughes, who was b. July 8, 1911. They have one child, Russell Dean, b. Oct. 1, 1943 in Upland, Calif.

Ruby Ellen Fine, the seventh child of Billie and Minnie Fine, was b. June 23, 1912 and married Floyd Brown. Floyd, born on the same date five years earlier (1907) was the son of Robert and Hannah Brown. Their children are: Delmer, b. Sept. 18, 1928; and Darrell, b. June 12, 1944.

Delmer Brown, first child of Ruby Fine and Floyd Brown, married Phyllis Lauer whose birthdate is Dec. 9, 1929. They had one daughter, Linda, b. May 14, 1952.

Darrell Brown, second child of Ruby Fine and Floyd Brown, married Karen England who was b. May 7, 1944. They have a son, David, b. Jan. 23, 1961.

Mollie Fine Hulse, the second child and first daughter of Lewis William and Sarah Elizabeth Fine, was born in 1873 at Brentwood. She was 16 years of age when she became the bride of Zay Hulse, age 18. They were married July 26, 1889 in Washington County, Arkansas, and have one daughter, Ethel.

Easter Lucinda "Lou" Fine Conner, the third child of Lewis William and Sarah Elizabeth Fine, was b. Sept. 29, 1878 at Brentwood, Ark. She married David Lawson Conner who was b. Sept. 11, 1873 in Van Buren County, Iowa, the son of Jonathan (born 1809) and Mary Burrus Conner. Jonathan died in 1897 at Brentwood; his wife Mary died in 1921 near Caddo Mills, Tex. Lou died Dec. 11, 1929 at Slaton, Tex. and David died in the same place Sept. 22, 1961. They are both buried in Englewood Cemetery, near Slaton. They had three children: Archie Lewis, born at Brentwood, July 18, 1896; Leonard Marion, born in Collin County, Texas Aug. 10, 1902; and Gladys Cornelia, also born in Collin County, Mar. 18, 1908.

Archie Lewis Conner, oldest child of Lou Fine and David Conner, married Georgia Pauline Smith on Sept. 19, 1920. She was born in Louisiana on Dec. 23, 1901. The children are: Orrell Wayne, b. May 15, 1923, in Lubbock County, Tex.; Gladys Inez, b. Sept. 22, 1926, in Lubbock County; and Lou Pearl, b. Aug. 1, 1936, at Hobbs, N. M. Orrell is married and has four sons; Gladys married a man named Blakey; and Lou Pearl married a man named Dunn and has one daughter.

Leonard Marion Conner, second child of Lou Fine and David Conner, married Lois Belle Fuller who was b. Nov. 15, 1909.

Gladys Cornelia Conner, last child of Lou Fine and David Conner, married Raymond Frank Gentry on Nov. 9, 1924. Raymond was born in Ellis County, Tex., Jan. 24, 1906, and his parents were William Thomas Gentry, b. June 30, 1881 in Tennessee and d. Mar. 12, 1950, and Nancy Myrtle Lamb, b. Aug. 28, 1886 in Tennessee. They were married Jan. 17, 1904 in Ellis County, Tex. Willam

was the son of Newton Cannon and Susanna Boyce Gentry, and Nancy was the daughter of John Anderson and Fannie King Lamb. Raymond and Gladys had one child, Myrtle Louise Gentry, b. Nov. 22, 1927.

Myrtle Louise Gentry married Charlie Vincent Brake on Feb. 21, 1948. He was b. Mar. 18, 1926, the son of Charlie Keen and Mamie Hodges Brake. Their children are: Connie Rhea, b. July 3, 1949; David Keen, b. Aug. 3, 1954; and Shelby Dean, b. June 15, 1962.

Cornelius Zach "Nealie" Fine, born at Brentwood Aug. 12, 1886, was the fourth child of Lewis William and Sarah Elizabeth Fine. He married Velaria Casey on Sept. 28, 1913. She was b. Oct. 26, 1887, the daughter of James M. and Lenora Paine Casey. Their children are: Neil Casey, b. Oct. 22, 1914; Earl Louis, b. April 16, 1916; and Robert M., b. Nov. 16, 1931.

Neil Casey Fine, oldest child of Cornelius and Velaria Fine, married Virginia Elizabeth Norris on Jan. 26, 1944. Her parents were Boutelle and Elizabeth "Bess" Helsley Morris, and she was b. May 22, 1920. Their children are: Jerry Michael, b. Sept. 10, 1947; and Anne Fine, b. Nov. 1, 1951.

Earl Louis Fine, second child of Cornelius and Velaria Fine, married Dorothy Helen Austin who was b. April 8, 1920 and was the daughter of L. W. "Dock" and Georgia Campbell Austin. Their children are: Virginia Ruth, b. Aug. 30, 1939; and Helen Gayle, b. Feb. 20, 1942. Virginia married Robert "Bob" Rhodes and their children are: Carol Leigh, b. Dec. 8, 1962; and Brian Robert, b. April 7, 1966. Helen married Don Mitchell.

Robert M. Fine, last child of Cornelius and Velaria Fine, was born 15 years after his two older brothers. He married Ruth Laird Aug. 8, 1953. The daughter of Charley Lawrence and Bertha Mae Underwood Laird, Ruth was b. Mar. 27, 1935. They have one child, Jewell Mae, b. Mar. 28, 1965.

Henry Sylvester Fine, the fifth child of Lewis William and the first born of his second marriage to Phoebe Hoyle Fine, was a twin. His twin brother, Lewis, died April 14, 1916. Henry married Ruth Sidney Stonesifer on Jan. 22, 1913 in Washington County, Ark. He died Sept. 11, 1946 at Muskogee, Okla., and Ruth, the daughter of Michael Bruce and Rhoda Ellen Brown Stonesifer, died Jan. 28, 1969. She was b. Oct. 7, 1892 at Woolsey. Their children are: Opal Gladys, b. Dec. 6, 1913; Omer Mitchel, b. April 22, 1915; Pauline Gertrude, b. Nov. 11, 1917; Wanda Lea Fine, b. Jan. 20, 1926; and Bonnie Lavon, b. Aug. 4, 1929.

Opal Gladys Fine, oldest child of Henry and Ruth Fine, married J. Frank McCarroll Dec. 6, 1947 and they have one child, Terrial "Terry" Lea McCarroll, b. Aug. 5, 1950.

Omer Mitchel Fine, second child of Henry and Ruth Fine, married Katherine Hanna Apr. 23, 1938. Their children are: David Mitchel, b. June 28, 1939; and Gary Omer, b. Jan. 4, 1942. David Mitchel Fine is married and they have three children: Lyndia, David and Angela. Gary and wife have one daughter.

Pauline Gertrude Fine, third child of Henry and Ruth Fine, married William T. Swanson on Oct. 20, 1939 and they have one child, Jeanetta Lou, b. Jan. 23, 1942. Jeanetta married Danny Hensley and they have two sons, Billy and Allyn.

Wanda Lea Fine, the fourth child of Henry and Ruth Fine, married Jack Waymire on Jan. 9, 1948 and they have two children: Rickey Wayne, b. Feb. 24, 1949; and Cherlynn Kay, b. April 21, 1951.

Bonnie Lavon Fine, last child of Henry and Ruth Fine, married William DeCamp on Jan. 7, 1948. Their children are: Haven Ann, born dead Oct. 12, 1949; DeWayne, b. Aug. 25, 1954; and Kay Lynn, b. May 11, 1960.

Sarah Mae "Mamie" Fine, the seventh child of Lewis William and the third child of Phoebe Hoyle Fine, was b. Feb. 15, 1897. She married Farris Jackson Terry on Mar. 24, 1913. He was b. Nov. 29, 1893. Their children are: Grace Carmen, b. Jan. 29, 1914; Effie Faye, b. Dec. 22, 1916; Farris Jackson, Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1918; Lewis William b. April 10, 1921; Jessie James, b. Aug. 1, 1922; Ray Alvin, b. April 1, 1925; Ramona Aline, b. Aug. 7, 1926.

Grace Carmen Terry, oldest child of Mamie and Farris Terry, married Hyrm F. McMillan on Oct. 4, 1931. They are the parents of five children: Sarah Anetta, b. July 17, 1939; Wesley Malcolm, b. Aug. 20, 1940; Boyd Murry, b. Feb. 7, 1942; Carmen Marie; b. Jan. 7, 1945; and Terry Elaine McMillan, b. Dec. 7, 1947.

Sarah Anetta McMillan, oldest child of Grace and Hyrm McMillan, married Billy Newcomb on May 10, 1955, and their children are: Jeanne Ann, b. Oct. 9, 1956; Nathan Alan, b. Aug. 29, 1957; David Alvin, b. Oct. 21, 1958; William Dean, b. Sept. 17, 1961; Janice Arlene, b. Nov. 22, 1963; and Terry Marie, b. July 22, 1965.

Effie Faye Terry, the second child of Mamie and Farris Terry, was b. Dec. 22, 1916. She married Jessie Maines on June 1, 1937. They have one child, Sharon Darlene, b. Feb. 11, 1945. Sharon married Danny Pararamo on July 25, 1966.

Farris Jackson Terry Jr., third child of Mamie and Farris Terry, never married.

Lewis William Terry, the fourth child of Mamie and Farris Terry, married Patsy Jean Hooten Oct. 20, 1946. They have four children: Lewise Ann, b. Nov. 12, 1947; Sharron Earnesteen, b. Dec. 7, 1949; Earnest Jackson, b. Oct. 4, 1951; and Matthew Rand, b. Mar. 25, 1953. Lewise Ann married Ronnie Wommack June 19, 1965. They have a daughter, Patrice Cram, b. Dec. 30, 1966.

Jessie James Terry, b. April 10, 1921, the fifth child of Mamie and Farris Terry, married Esta Lee Hitchcock on Mar. 1, 1946. Their children are: Arvetta Aline, b. Sept. 19, 1947; Alex Dewaye, b. May 5, 1959; Debbie Lynn, b. Feb. 24, 1952; James Michel, b. Oct. 19, 1953; and Vickie Larue, b. April 23, 1955. Arvetta Aline married Jerry Bryon Lewis on Feb. 14, 1964. They have one child Terry Lee, b. Nov. 15, 1965.

Ray Alvin Terry, the sixth child of Mamie Fine and Farris Jackson Terry, married Vita Ruth Williby on Dec. 9, 1945. They have one child, Ines Jeanine, who married David Charles Smith on May 19, 1963. They have a son, David Mark, b. Nov. 9, 1964.

Ramona Aline Terry, the seventh and last child of Mamie Fine and Farris Jackson Terry, married Earl McMurry July 11, 1946. They have two children: Tommy Lynn, b. May 1, 1953; and Lisa Gaye, b. Jan. 7, 1959.

Fine Reunion of 1966

Held on August 14, 1966 at Battlefield Park, Prairie Grove, Ark. it was sponsored by the children of Billie and Minnie Scudder Fine. Many kin met for the first time. The register was signed by 117. Mrs. Elizabeth Fine Brown, age 96, was the honored guest.

The guest register:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waymire, Rickey and Charlynn, Muskogee, Okla. (Wanda Fine)
Bonnie Fine DeCamp, DeWayne and Kay Lynn, Muskogee
Jeanetta Swanson Hensley, Billy and Allyn, Muskogee (daughter of William and Pauline Fine Swanson)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McCarroll and son Terry, Muskogee (Opal Fine) Mr. and Mrs. Omer M. Fine and
sons, Gary and David, and David's daughter, Lyndia Fine, Muskogee
Mrs. Henry S. Fine, Muskogee (Ruth Stonesifer)
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scudder, Garden Grove, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, Chuck, Mike and Charletta, Garden Grove, Iowa
Marletta Scudder (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scudder)
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Joan) Scudder, Alan and Jan. Leon, Iowa (son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scudder)
Alvin H. Fine, Shallowater, Texas
Lewis Terry, Lubbock, Tex. (son of Mamie)
Ray Terry, Shallowater, Tex. (son of Mamie)
Mrs. Lucille Brown (mother of Ruth), Tulsa, Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Harris and Dana, Tulsa, Okla (Ruth Brown)
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young, Alma, Ark. (Mae Fine)
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamm and Gary, Fort Smith, Ark.
Kathleen "Kaye" Young (daughter of Floyd and Mae)
Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Brown and Linda, Creston, Iowa (son of Floyd and Ruby Fine Brown)
Mr. and Mrs. Al Schnackenberg, Linda and Diane, Tulsa, Okla. (Regena Fine, daughter of Nealie and
Hazel)
Mr. and Mrs. Dildford Hughes and Russell, West Fork, Ark. (Ethel Fine) Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ball, Alma,
Ark. (Andy is the son of Melinda Fine Ball--grandson of Peter Fine; great-grandson of
Jonathan Fine of Fine Springs, Ark.)
Charles Ball and children, Linda and Ralph, Van Buren, Ark. (son of Andy and Nan Ball)
Lawrence and Carolyn Scudder, Winfield, Kansas
Ora Pridemore, Lincoln, Ark. (husband of Myrtle Fine)
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parrish, Rudy, Ark .
Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Patterson, Pea Ridge, Ark. (son of Will and Millie Fine Patterson)
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitson, Rudy, Ark. (son of George and Mary Fine Whitson)
Mrs. Mattie Broyles, Rudy, Ark.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fine, West Fork, Ark.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pool, Michael and Ronald, Littleton, Colo. (son of Ernest and Mabel Fine Pool)
Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Fine, Randy and Ricky, Springdale, Ark. (son of Charles and Beulah Fine)
Earl and Helen Fine, Abilene, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Fine, Bangs, Texas (parents of Earl)
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, Steve, Carol, Don and Neal, Fayetteville
Earlene Fine (daughter of Nealie and Hazel)
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown (Ruby Fine), Creston, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pool (Mabel Fine), Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Nellie Blair, Gravity, Iowa
Mrs. Lottie Ross, Leon, Iowa
Louallen and Emerrett Fine, Lincoln, Ark.
Delford and Dorothy Fine and Philip, Fayetteville, Ark. (son of Nealie and Hazel)
Mark Flockhart, Leon, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Maddox and Janice, Fort Smith, Ark. (Louise Fine daughter of Charles and Beulah)
Ira Hutchens, Prairie Grove, Ark.
Mrs. Elizabeth Fine Brown, Fayetteville, Ark.
Mrs. Leona Brown McGowan, Fort Smith, Ark.

Lester and Zella Brown Broyles, Farmington, Ark. (Leona and Zella are daughters of Elizabeth Brown)
Clifford Pridemore (son of Oral and Myrtle Fine Pridemore), Lincoln, Ark.
Earl Fine, Muskogee, Okla.
Mark and Brian Allison (twins), Birmingham, Alabama
Mr. and Mrs. Dill Hutcheson, Fayetteville, Ark.
Mr. and Mrs. Nealie Fine, West Fork, Ark.

The children of Billie and Minnie Fine are Roy, Nealie, Charles, Earl, Mabel, Ethel, and Ruby. Their oldest son and wife, Roy and Delia Fine, were unable to attend for health reasons. They live in Iowa.

Bluford M. Fine, the ninth child of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine, was born at Carter, Ark. in 1852. He was drowned when he tried to swim his horse across the Arkansas River at Van Buren. His body was never found.

Samuel Fine, the tenth child of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine, was born at Carter, Ark. in 1854. He left Arkansas in his teens and did not return until four years later. His family had not heard from him in all that time. He had been working in Wyoming. After a short stay at home, he and a man named Brown went back to Wyoming Sam's family was never to see him again. Two years later, Brown came back to Arkansas. He said Sam had been talking of going to the Black Hills to hunt for gold but it was thought he was killed by Indians. Sam's hat had been found and there was lots of pony tracks like Indians had been chasing him.

Mary Elizabeth Fine married Stephen Parker, son of Thomas Lewis and Easter Cantrell Parker. She was b. June 3, 1856 in Carter, Ark., the eleventh child of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine. Stephen was b. Dec. 8, 1851 in Tennessee. Mary died Oct. 30, 1925 and he died Sept. 29, 1927. They are buried in Jenkins Springs Cemetery, a few miles from Brownwood. Thomas Lewis Parker and his second wife, Mary Caroline Bradshaw Parker, are also buried there. The children of Steve and Mary Fine Parker are: Willie and Millie, twins who were born in Missouri and died in infancy; Henry, born 1883 at Brentwood, Ark. and died Sept. 1960 in Texas; Jim, born 1886 at Brentwood; John, b. April 27, 1889 at Brentwood and died April 1, 1961 in Texas; Charles Clarence, b. May 9, 1891 at Brentwood; Virgil Elmer, b. Aug. 23, 1894 at Brentwood and died April 21, 1914 and is buried at Jenkins Springs Cemetery.

Charles Clarence Parker, son of Mary Fine and Stephen Parker, was married to Annie Belle Chrane Sept. 11, 1911 at Brown County, Texas. She was born in Brown County on June 21, 1895, the daughter of Robert Edward and Nannie Almeda Lisman Chrane. The children are: Dorothy Loreane, b. Dec. 6, 1918 at Brown County and died Feb. 21., 1920 (she is buried at Jenkins Springs Cemetery); Allene Laverne, b. April 20, 1921; and Howard Ray, b. June 27, 1925, both at Brown County.

Allene Laverne Parker, daughter of Charles Parker, married Ernest Clardy Skiles, Mar. 18, 1939 in Brown County where both were born, she April 20, 1921 and he Jan. 1, 1915. He was the son of Judson Joseph and Minnie Alberta Hammonds Skiles Sr. Their children are: Joe Allen, b. Aug. 15, 1940 who married Linda Brewster; Betty Jane; b. April 15, 1914 and married Charles Williams; Melissa Ann, b. June 23, 1950; and Charles Gordon "Buzzy" Skiles, b. June 6, 1956.

Malinda Adeline Fine Matlock was the twelfth and last child of William B. and Millie Mankins Fine, and was b. July 16, 1858 at Carter, Ark. She married Henry P. Matlock, who was b. April 9, 1857 in Crawford County, Ark., the son of Joseph W. and Martha J. Lester Matlock. Malinda Adeline died Dec 1, 1900, and he died Dec. 27, 1919, both at Sallisaw. She and her daughter Ollie died with pneumonia and are buried at Peters Cemetery, northeast of Sallisaw. Malinda Adeline and Henry had three children:

Ollie P. was b. Aug. 20, 1885 and died Dec. 5, 1900, five days after her mother's death; Hugh Fine was their second child; and Beulah was their third child. Henry married again, a lovely girl named Julia, and they had one child, a daughter named Winnie. Henry is buried by his first wife.

5. Alfred Fine

Alfred (Alford) Fine, brother of William B. and seventh child of William and Catherine Sivley Fine, was born in Giles County, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1817 and was 11 years old when the family moved to Washington County, Ark. He married Rachel Mankins February, 1841 in Washington County, one more tie forged between the Fines and the Mankins. Rachel, the daughter of John B. and Polly Sloan Mankins, was born 1823 in Kentucky. Her father, John B., was the son of Peter and Rachel Mankins Sr. Alfred died April 20, 1896 and Rachel died Aug. 7, 1867. Their children were:

John Calvin, b. Jan 17, 1842

James K. P., born 1844

Mary E., b. April 7, 1848

Orlena, born 1849

Margaret, born 1850

Presley R., b. June 28, 1851

Lafayette, born 1854

Rufus E., born 1857

Sidney W. Fine, b. Sept. 10, 1863 in Bosque County, Tex.

Sidney, the last child, was the only one not born in Washington County, Alfred's obituary lists eleven children.

Alfred Fine Obituary

Alfred Fine was born in Giles County, Tennessee, December 12, 1817 and died April 20, 1896 at the residence of his son-in-law, J. H. Everett, Comanche County, near Carlton, Hamilton County, Texas. Aged 78 years, 4 mo., 8 days.

He married Rachael Mankins, daughter of John B. Mankins, Feb., 1841, who died August 7, 1867, and was buried at Meridian, Bosque County, Texas. From the above union; eleven children were born, five of whom survive him: four sons—John C. and Rufus E. of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas; Presley R. and Sidney W. Fine of Erath County, Texas; and as only daughter, Mary E. (Fine) Everett of Comanche County, Texas.

He emigrated from Tennessee with his father, William Fine, to Washington County, Arkansas in 1829 and settled on the West Fork of White River, some 7 miles south of the city of Fayetteville and about 3 miles north of the town of West Fork. Here he grew to manhood and helped to clear away the virgin forests of the wilderness, leaving the marks of civilized man.

He finally settled on the middle Fork of White River, Washington County, and owned the property now known as Carter's Store. Here he was engaged in farming and a small commercial business; also engaged at intervals in the apple trade between Arkansas and Texas. He soon became attached to the Lone Star State and finally, in 1859, moved to Bosque County, Texas and settled near Meridian, the county seat. Here, again, he engaged in farming and somewhat in the stock business, particularly the raising of horses. While here, the bugle blast of the great Civil War was sounded and he regretted very much that Fort Sumpter was bombarded, that it was premature and also against the Constitution of the United States. He was a Jefferson and Jackson democrat whose political views he always defended. He

was of the opinion that the United States was sovereign within its own sphere, that the President was Commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, and had a constitutional right at any time to protect the property of the General Government. Alfred Fine was opposed to the absolute sovereignty of the States, yet favored States' rights within their own sphere, and no further.

From the above political views he refused to vote for secession by staying away from the polls on that day. He was of the opinion, like General Sam Houston, that nullification, or secession, was a bad remedy and that it would prove disastrous in the end.

Alfred Fine was slightly wounded on Friday, the 22nd of March, 1867 by the Comanche Indians while defending himself and son, Rufus E. Fine, who was about 10 years old. After the above incident in his life, he resided with his son-in-law, J. H. Everett, till the date of his death from general debility being over four score years when he died. Peace to his ashes.

Alfred Fine joined the Christian Church some time in the early 50's from the preaching of Robert Graham, President of Arkansas College at Fayetteville. Although unlearned, he was a strict constructionist of the Holy Bible, always defending the doctrines of his church and died in that peculiar faith.

Alfred Fine was of German descent, whose ancestors came to America in the early part of the 17th Century. He was the grandson of a revolutionary soldier who was killed by the Indians in Haywood County, North Carolina; also son of a soldier of the British War of 1812, William Fine Sr. and mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Sivly, one of the most resolute women of her time.

Alfred Fine was the survivor of six brothers who were well known citizens of Washington County, Arkansas . Also a brother of five sisters, deceased, except probably Mrs. Charlotte Wilson, wife of Hon. Thomas Wilson, deceased, and Mrs. Lucinda Gross, wife of Thomas Brown, deceased.

(Notes: The above is a true and exact copy of a letter and statement sent to the Editors of Washington County Newspapers June 1, 1896. A pencil copy retained by my father, J. C. Fine, was so dimmed, yellowed and crumpled it was very difficult to read, even with a magnifying glass. Hope you'll have no troubles reading my translation . -- P. C. Fine, Cleburne, Texas. March 23, 1962.)

An Old Settler's Experience

It was Mar. 22, 1867, 38 years ago that these events occurred. The actors in the stirring drama being my father Alfred Fine, and my brother R. E. Fine, a lad of 10 years old. My father then lived in Bosque County, Texas. Five miles south of the present town of Meridian and was engaged in raising horses. On the morning of the above date he missed from his lot a fine stallion named Ben. It was thought the horse had broken out as he had often done before and gone to join a herd of horses seven or eight miles west of Meridian.

With this idea he and brother mounted a couple of mules taking his old Kentucky rifle and went in search of unruly Ben. They preceeded at once to the stock range but failed to find the missing horses.

In the meantime there were two Norwegians cutting cedar poles in a dense brake in that vicinity. While at work they were attacked by Indians who wounded the older in the arm and the younger, a boy, O. T. Neystol (there is a book by Ole T. Nystel telling of his experience with the Indians) in the leg, capturing him while the elder made his escape. The Indians soon left the cedar brake traveling in a northwest direction at the same time my father and brother were moving west to the top of the dividing ridge between Bee and Spring Creek so they could obtain a view of the surrounding country.

They at once saw six or seven men several hundred yards west driving a bunch of horses. My brother remarked that he believed the men were Indians. This proved to be the case, for the marauders upon discovering my father and brother, came like the wind on horseback (one was riding Ben) yelling like so many devils turned loose.

Then began the race for life or death, down the eastern slope of a prairie five or six hundred yards to the brakes of Bee Creek. Certain death if caught on the prairie, chance for life if they could reach the brush in advance of the savages. My brother being on the best mule dashed ahead of his father who was overtaken about 150 yards from the brakes of Bee Creek, and some 30 yards from a dense mat of live oak brush 60 feet in diameter surrounded by open prairie.

One Indian with drawn lance was not more than 30 yards away when my father dismounted on the prairie calling to his son to run to the live oak thicket. He at once placed his trusty rifle in his saddle, his mule between him and the Indian. This caused the savage to bear off to one side and pass ahead of him, going after his son.

He at once left his mule and ran to the thicket passing through to the east side where the savages by this time were trying to capture my brother. Two Indians passed around to the east side of the thicket and came in collision with their horses, the mule and my brother. One of the savages grabbed at the boy and the other at the mule, but failed to secure either.

My father leveled his rifle at the Indians causing them to retreat at once, while my brother slid off his mule, his foot hanging in the stirrup, the mule circling around a time or two and finally giving a surge landed the boy near the thicket.

Both then managed to crawl into the brush while the savages with revolvers were shooting a hail of bullets after them, cutting the brush and plowing the dirt around them as they retreated into the thicket. The Indians then rode off some 50 yards, dismounted and hitched their horses and came back afoot one after the other, circling around and yelling and shooting into the thicket.

Shortly after my father's gun breech was shot away, the splinters flying in their faces, wounding him just above each kneecap. All the while the old rifle was used in a manner to bluff the Indians off. Finally one of the savages drew a bead on my father through an opening in the thicket, fired, cutting the brush, the ball passing through his coat, vest, suspenders, overshirt, and undershirt to his left side breaking one of his ribs, but being spent did not penetrate his body. Such a jar so near the heart, caused him to sink down as if dying, my brother picked up the old rifle, cocked it and had it pointed at one of the savages who was advancing, when my father recovered and grabbed the gun from his son and brought it to bear on the Indian near by, which caused the savage to yell, leap to and fro and leave the thicket.

The Indians retreated some 50 yards and began throwing clubs and stones at the mules to make them leave the thicket. Finally, the mules left and were soon lassoed.

After capturing the mules they seemed to be in consultation, loaded their pistols and left, taking the Norwegian boy who had been guarded by one of their number while the rest were trying to murder my father and capture my brother.

After the Indians left, my father came out of the thicket, bleeding from his wounds, and watched the savages carry off his horses and mules. He standing there with only one shot and dare not use it. The Indians fired about 30 shots but my father never discharged his old Kentucky rifle, and it was well that he did not. His presence of mind saved his life and the capture of his son, for had he fired he would have been defenseless. Had he been provided with a modern repeating rifle matters might have been

different. The Norwegian boy was carried to Kansas and bought from the Indians by a merchant of that section of the country. He returned home in three or four months, grew to manhood and when last heard from was living on Bee Creek near the place where my father and brother had the fight. R. E. Fine, the boy in the fight and witness of the events contained in this sketch, lives four miles southeast of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas near his older brother, the writer of this story. My father died April 20, 1896, near 80 years old, and is buried at Carlton, Hamilton County, Texas.

-- John C. Fine

(The above is a copy of a newspaper clipping taken from a scrap book kept by John C. Fine. No reference to the source is given; however, it is likely from a local Cleburne newspaper. Donald J. Arnold, 3 June 1964.)

(Note: The following are excerpts, rich with family history from a letter written by Peter C. Fine, son of John Calvin Fine.)

Cleburne, Texas
December 13, 1963

Dear Emerrett and Louallen:

I enjoy so much your interesting letters and the information they contain. The "Flashback" issue of October 1963 is so much appreciated and I want to thank you for it. The article about the Van Hoose boys is prized by me because I have heard my father mention the incident. My parents' old photo album which I now have contains a picture of cousin Jim Van Hoose with his long, white beard flowing down his chest. I can see him now as he stood by the old organ in our home in December 1895 leaning on his cane as he sang the old song, "Maggie." It was very touching because he had just been speaking of his wife whom he had lost.

About our great-great-grandfather Fine speaking German--the only thing I recall is that he had "hair on his tongue." That was an expression my father used to indicate a foreign accent.

You asked if my father served in the Civil War. Yes, he did, along with his younger brother, James. James was killed at the battle on Lookout Mountain near Chickamauga, Tennessee and it was there my father and his military unit was captured.

I am quoting below from an article in my father's old scrapbook listing the personnel of the Grand Jury empaneled at Cleburn, Johnson County, Texas on Nov. 19, 1894 and giving a brief history of each of the 12 jurors. In this write-up you will get the information you asked for about my father's military service.

"John C. Fine was born in Washington Co., Ark. Jan. 17, 1842, and is of German stock. He is a successful farmer and fruit grower; is a Baptist and a democrat. Emigrated to Texas in 1859, and has lived in Johnson County 25 years. Was in three wars: Indian War in Texas, Capt. Allison Nelson, Minute Rangers, from Bosque County in 1860; the Civil War, being a member of Grandbury's Brigade, 10th Texas Infantry, Company H; a member of the U. S. Vol. Inf. Company C, Indian War in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado, 1865-66. Not encumbered with debt." While this is interesting, it is also a queer way to report the personnel of the grand jury.

In September Vera and I visited my Aunt Nancy at Carlton. She was celebrating her 97th birthday. Aunt Nancy is the widow of my Uncle Sid Fine, mentioned in the article clipped from Farm and Ranch

which you sent me with your first letter dated Mar. 6, 1962. This article was signed by Mrs. H. G. Cozby. I learned from Aunt Nancy that this Mrs. Cozby is the daughter, Edna Fine, of my Uncle Presley Fine.

In the old scrapbook is a four-column obituary of Peter Mankins who died March 4, 1899. Some-time when I am in a writing mood I will copy it off for you. With this I will leave you for the time being wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

With our love,
Vera and Pete Fine

John Calvin Fine, the oldest child of Alfred and Rachel Mankins Fine, was b. Jan. 17, 1842 at Carter, Ark. and died Aug. 22, 1910 at Cleburne, Tex. He was married Aug. 2, 1866 to Mary Eliza Noakes Smith who was b. April 14, 1846 at Pineville, Mo. and died April 13, 1923 at Cleburne. She was the daughter of Hiram Harold and Keturah Sutton Brown Noakes and had been married twice before her marriage to John Calvin.

John Calvin Fine Bible Record

John Calvin Fine of Meridian, Texas and Mary Eliza Smith of Washington County, Ark. married on the 2nd day of August 1866 at Thomas Brown's residence by Abram Mails, J.P. Witnesses: Ruth Adams Caldwell, Keturah Sutton Noakes (Note: Ruth and Keturah were sisters of Thomas Brown whose residence was near West Fork, Ark. Ruth was first married to Bluford Fine who died in the 1849 Gold Rush.)

Mary Eliza Noakes was married to E. W. Walker, Nov. 11, 1860 near Carthage, Jasper County, Mo. Walker was killed in the Civil War. Mary Eliza Walker was married the second time to W. A. Smith June 15, 1862 at Granby, Mo. Smith died at Fort Smith, Ark.

The children of John C. and Mary Noakes Fine were: Leonard Vinette, b. Nov. 13, 1869 and died Sept. 10, 1873; Ara Jane, b. May 29, 1871 and died five years later on Oct. 27, 1876; John Calvin Fine, Jr., b. Aug. 31, 1875; William Howard, b. April 18, 1877; Thomas Morgan, b. Sept. 3, 1878; Henry Everett, b. May 19, 1880; Mary Eliza, b. Jan. 29, 1882; Peter Cooper, b. Oct. 13, 1884; and Albert Ross, b. July 4, 1886. All of the children who survived childhood were born in Cleburne, Tex. The John C. Fine home was located four miles east of Cleburne.

John Calvin Fine Jr. was b. Aug. 31, 1875 and d. Feb. 22, 1952. He never married.

William Howard Fine married Leona Lockett. They had one child, Helen Fine. William died in 1942.

Thomas Morgan Fine married Bessie Smith and taught music for years, teaching voice, organ and Violin. He died in 1950 and they were the parents of three sons and four daughters.

Henry Everett Fine married Cora Pendell. They had four sons and he died in 1941.

Mary Eliza Fine married Dec. 20, 1896 at Sand Flat, Tex. Arthur Pryor "Ott" Webb, He was the son of McDaniel and Mary McKinney Webb and was b. June 25, 1873. Mary died Mar. 17, 1928 and Ott died two years later on Mar. 2, 1930. They are buried at Cleburne. Their children are:

Mary Myrtle Webb, b. Mar. 9, 1898; married Tee Alexander Ellis.

Iva Wilner Webb, b. June 25, 1900, married Dec. 15, 1930 to William Henry Dawn, b. Sept. 16,

1904 in Arkansas. They had one child, Sylvia Dawn, b. Aug. 16, 1934 in Kansas City, Mo.
Melba Lorine Webb, b. Sept. 25, 1902, married Lester L. Nichols.
Jimmie Juanita Webb, b. April 17, 1905, married (1) Miles E. Rath, (2) Paul Olson.
Opal Vinette Webb, b. Jan. 18, 1907, married Martin A. Wilson.
Willie Ethel Webb, b. Nov. 30, 1908, married (1) James Clarence Wilson, (2) Joe A. Nichols.
John Mack Webb, b. Aug. 6, 1910 and died May 18, 1960; married Juanita Myers.
Arthur Paul Webb, b. Mar. 23, 1912; mysteriously disappeared in Paris, France in 1937.
Hazel Tee Webb, b. July 18, 1914, married William Philip Foyle.
Ramsey Harrel Webb, b. Aug. 1, 1916, married (1) Hope Crews, (2) Mildred Callen.
Charles Fine Webb, b. Oct. 21, 1918, married Robbie Dennis.

Peter Cooper Fine, b. Oct. 13, 1884, was the eighth child of John C. and Mary Noakes Fine. His birthplace was Cleburne, Texas and he was married on Nov. 23, 1910 to Vera Bijou Barnes who was born in Alvarado, Tex. on Jan. 30, 1890, the daughter of Benjamin Beauregard and Laura Josephine Cavin Barnes. (Vera's middle name is pronounced "biz you"—it is French and means Jewel.) Their children were: Eldon Barnes, b. Jan. 28, 1912; and Eleanor Jean, b. Nov. 21, 1924, both at Cleburne, Tex.

Eldon Barnes Fine, MD, son of Peter Cooper and Vera Fine, married Eleanor John Edington Oct. 19, 1939. She was b. Nov. 4, 1917 at Harriman, Tenn., the daughter of John L. and Maude Emma Rhea Edington. Eldon is a surgeon, practicing in Waco, Texas. Their children are: Douglas Peter, b. Mar. 15, 1943 at Cleburne; and Dennis Paul Fine, b. May 27, 1949 at Waco.

Eleanor Jean Fine, daughter of Peter Cooper and Vera Fine, married Julius Peter Hageman, Jr., Feb. 27, 1954. Julius, son of Julius Peter and Wilhelmina Henrietta Duenckel Hageman, was b. July 30, 1910 at Normandy, Mo. Eleanor Jean is a graduate of the University of Texas and Vanderbilt. Their children are: Randall Peter, b. Dec. 20, 1957 at Alexandria, La.; and Paul Martin, b. Aug. 28, 1959.

Albert Ross Fine, born on Independence Day 1886, was the last child of John C. and Mary Noakes Fine. In 1905 he married Mary Adeline Webb whose birthdate was Feb. 11, 1889. She died Mar. 27, 1930 and he died Aug. 30, 1959. Their children are: Vashti Louise, b. Mar. 6, 1906; Johnnie Lee, birthdate unknown; Adeline Marie; b. Aug. 3, 1912; Loree, b. Nov. 17, 1913; Albert Ross Jr., birthdate unknown; James Massey, b. April 20, 1921 and died April 2, 1939; and Martha Jayne, b. Aug. 17, 1928. Albert Ross then married (2) Grace R. — and their children were: Helene Seaborn, who married Gene Bennett and Darrell Sidney.

Vashti Louise Fine, oldest daughter of Albert Ross and Mary Webb Fine, married Clyde Brown and they have one child, LaDonna Faye.

Johnnie Lee Fine, second daughter of Albert and Mary Webb Fine, married (1) Eugene McMurray. Their children are: Calvin Erdie; and Janis Ruth, Calvin Erdie McMurray married Shirley --- and their children are: Teresa, Melody and Michael. Janis Ruth McMurray married Eugene A. Womack and their children are: Calvin, James and Glenn Ray. To the marriage of Johnnie Lee (2) to Joe Oakley, one child was born: Joe Ross Oakley, who married Jerry --- and their children are Joe and Laura.

Adeline Marie Fine (called Marie), third daughter of Albert and Mary Webb Fine, born near Waxahachie, in Ellis County, Texas, married Oliver Perry Arnold (called Perry) June 14, 1928 at Sulphur Springs, Tex. Perry, the son of William Blundell and Mary Dona Loving Arnold, was b. Jan. 14, 1908 at Mount Vernon, in Franklin County, Texas. They had two children: Jimmie Lee, b. April 24, 1929 at Johnson County, Texas and died June 7, 1930. He is buried at Mt. Vernon; and Donald Jene, b. April 8, 1931 at Detroit, Mich. Perry Arnold died Oct. 3, 1943 at Port Moresby, New Guinea in World War II, He was in the Army Engineer Amphibian Command. He was first buried at

Port Moresby and after the war his body was brought back to the United States and reinterred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Section O, Grave 88, in San Antonio, Texas.

Donald Jene Arnold, son of Marie Fine and Perry Arnold, was married June 17, 1954 at Fort Worth, Texas to Evelyn Geneve Krueger, the daughter of Alexander Fred Alvin and Tusnelda Mary Fisches Krueger. She was b. May 18, 1933 in Perry Community, Falls County, Texas. Their children are: Mark David, b. Mar. 12, 1959 at Dallas, Tex. and Rebecca Lynn, b. Jan. 23, 1962. Donald served in the U. S. Navy Patrol Squadron #28 from Aug. 3, 1948 to July 7, 1952 in the Korean War. He received his bachelor of science degree in physics May 15, 1957 from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and his master of science degree in physics Aug. 26, 1967 from Texas Technological College. Evelyn received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Texas Christian University on May 29, 1955.

Loree Fine, the fourth child of Albert and Mary Webb Fine, married C. Glenn Wallen, and their children are: Robert; and Jacquelyn Marie.

Albert Ross Fine Jr., the fifth child of Albert and Mary Webb Fine, married (1) Goldie Farr, and (2) Nell Looper. They adopted a niece. Susie Looper.

James K. P. Fine, who was born in Washington County., Ark. in 1844, the second son of Alfred and Rachel Mankins Fine, was a soldier in the Confederate Army and was killed Sept. 20, 1863 in the battle on Lookout Mountain near Chickamauga, Tenn.

Mary E. Fine, the third child and first daughter of Alfred and Rachel Mankins, was b. April 7, 1848 in Washington County, Ark. She was married to James Henry Everett when she was 20 years old. The ceremony was performed Oct. 25, 1868 by John Abney, minister in Bosque County, Tex. James was b. Jan. 24, 1840. They died six days apart in 1927, she on Oct. 8 and he Oct. 14. They are buried in Carlton, Texas. Their children, according to the 1880 Census of Erath County, were: Simon B., Alfred, Maggie, James, and Betty.

Tombstones in Carlton Cemetery

Simon B. Everet	(his wife)	Ludie E. Everett
Aug. 23, 1869		Sept. 4, 1871
Dec. 17, 1942		Dec. 29, 1947

Homer B. Everett,
son of Simon and Ludie Everett
Nov. 14, 1891
July 30, 1907

J. Alfred Everett,
son of James H. and Mary E. Everett
Mar. 9, 1871
July 26, 1889

Margaret Fine, born in 1850 in Washington County, was the fifth child of Alfred and Rachel Mankins Fine. On Feb. 17, 1869, at the age of 19, she became the bride of Pleasant H. Everett in Meridian, Texas. His relationship, if any, to James Henry Everett who married her older sister is not known.

Presley R. Fine, b. June 28, 1851 in Washington County, was the sixth child of Alfred and Rachel Mankins Fine. He married Nannie Weeks on Nov. 9, 1876. She was a native of Mississippi and was b. Feb. 28, 1850. Two newspaper clippings saved by Willie Fine who died in 1938, are furnished by his son, Floyd Fine, of Wichita, Kansas. One is the obituary of Presley who died Sept. 27, 1927, which gives the dates of his birth, death and marriage and continues: "They had six children. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at his home by his pastor, the Rev. R. H. Gibson, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Gilliam of Carlton. He was laid to rest in the Carlton Cemetery.

The second clipping tells of Mrs. Presley R. Fine celebrating her 82nd birthday on Feb. 28, 1932. Those present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cozby, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McPherson and children, and Miss Ida Fine. Mention is made that in the early 1870s Presley worked as a cowboy for John Chisholm and helped move the Chisholm herd to New Mexico.

The children of Presley R. and Nannie Weeks Fine are: John C., born 1877 and died 1926; Ida, b. April 11, 1879; Edna, birthdate unknown; Nora, b. Jan. 25, 1884; Carrie; and a daughter, name unknown. Edna Fine married H. G. Cozby. Nora Fine married a man with the surname of Lawson and had five children: Odell, Dorothy, Neal, Margaret and Lillie Mae.

Sidney W. Fine, b. Sept. 10, 1863 in Bosque County, Texas, was the last listed child of Alfred and Rachel Mankins Fine, and was the first born in Texas. Alfred's obituary indicates they had 11 children, but the last two apparently are not known. Sidney was married to Nancy A. -- who was b. Sept. 16, 1866. He preceded her in death, dying Aug. 12, 1941 and she died in 1967. They are both buried in Carlton Cemetery. Three of their children were: Lidgard White; Isora; and Sidney Fine, Jr. Other children are not known.

Lidgard White Fine was b. Oct. 24, 1891 and died Aug. 11, 1964. His wife was Sallie F. She was b. Nov 12, 1892 and died Oct. 24, 1963.

Isora Fine was b. Nov. 13, 1893 and died Jan. 5, 1903.

Sidney Fine Jr.'s birthdate is not known.

The Long Ago

The correspondence that follows will explain itself. We regret that we could not be present when the knife opened that sweet monster from Texas, a 67-pound watermelon. A present from one old schoolmate to another, it revived memories of the days when they were "barefoot boys" and sat together in the old log school house. The past has its flower gardens for most of us. In almost every life memory can stray back and find here and there in the dreary waste a violet or a rose.

"There are more weeds than flowers--more sad than sunny hours" and yet the merry sparkle of boyhood days throws its beam of joy across all the years of trial and sorrow.

"Sweet memory, wafted by the gentle gale,
Oft up the stream of time we turn our sail,
To view the fairy haunts of long lost hours
Blest by the greener shades and sweeter flowers."

Cleburne, Texas
August 7, 1890

J. H. Van Hoose
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Cousin: -- I send you today by express one watermelon weighing 67 lbs. It is the product of Johnson County, Texas and grew without irrigation in the time of a two months drouth. Invite the press, Republican and Democrat, to help you devour it, also a special invitation to those who were our school-mates at the old Baptist Church on the Middle Fork of White River near Gregg's old mill about which you wrote sometime ago. I desire you to eat it in memory of that dear old log school house wherein I first learned to lisp the English alphabet.

Yours Truly,
J. C. Fine

(Editor's Note: The writer of the above was one of the little barefoot boys who attended the first free school taught in that valley some 45 years ago by James E. Mayfield. John Calvin Fine went to Texas about 35 years ago and is now one of the very substantial farmers of Johnson County, Texas. We are glad to know that, although he has been so long a prosperous citizen of the Lone Star State, he has not forgotten the friends of his childhood. There are but few of us left who played beneath the shade of the old oak tree more than twice twenty years ago, and as we grow older and every year makes the number of survivors less, we love those remaining all the more.

J. H. V. (James Hayden Van Hoose))

The above printed in the Washington County Review and copied from Father's old scrapbook--the article dated August 1890. This appendix added by Peter C. Fine April 25, 1963.

John Calvin Fine had a great love for his kinfolks and friends. A letter from his grand-daughter, Iva Webb Dawn, dated March 15, 1967 reads in part: "I recall many wonderful dinners between 1905 and 1910 at Grandma Fine's house. That was the blackest date--1910--when Grandpa suffered a stroke and died. Nothing was ever the same again. Though Grandma lived on until 1923, we were all hurt and sad after his death."

6. Rebecca Fine Gilliland

Rebecca Fine Gilliland, the eighth child of William and Catherine Sivley Fine, and younger sister of William B. and Alfred, was b. Dec. 31, 1820 in Giles County, Tenn. She married James Carroll Gilliland who was b. April 15, 1816 also in Tenn. She died June 17, 1863 and he died April 15, 1883. The 1850 Washington County, Ark. Census lists the following childrens:

Catherine, who was born in 1838, married John Webb on May 25, 1856. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. S. Robertson.

William Jefferson, b. Oct. 20, 1839 and died Jan. 9, 1884. He married Martha Peerson in 1868.

Elizabeth, born in 1844.

Calvin, born in 1846.

Lucinda, born 1850 and married John {A.} Peerson, Sept. 4, 1870.

The 1860 census would include more children. After Rebecca's death, Carroll married Mary Jones on Nov. 19, 1863. Twenty years later he was buried by the side of Rebecca in the Gilliland Cemetery which is located in a field south of Greenland. Their son, Jeff, is also buried there.

7. Louallen Fine

Louallen Fine, age 23, and Sally Ann Brown, age 21, were married March 20, 1846 by John Robinson. The Brown Family Record states Louallen and Sally lived and died in Fayetteville, Ark. and that they had no children.

8. Bluford T. Fine

Bluford T. Fine, born in Giles County, Tennessee, in 1824, was the 10th child of William and Catherine Sivley Fine. On May 11, 1845 in Washington County, Ark. he married Ruth Adams Brown. Sally Ann, Louallen's wife, and Ruth Adams were sisters. Ruth was b. May 20, 1827 in Athens, Tenn., the daughter of Joshua and Ruth Shipley Brown. Ruth was named after John Quincy Adams who was kin to them. She is buried in Baptist Ford Cemetery.

In the 1848-49 Gold Rush, Christopher Billingsley, Shipley Brown (called Chip), Aaron Tyner, Bluford Fine, and some others went to California. Christopher and Bluford were both married to sisters of Chip Brown. While in the gold-fields, Bluford took pneumonia and died while sheltered under an overhanging bluff. He is buried in Marysville, Calif.

The children of Bluford and Ruth Adams are: Thomas Joshua, born in West Fork in 1846, and William Bluford, b. Aug. 29, 1848 at the same place.

Thomas Joshua "Josh" Fine and Sallie H. Miller were married May 3, 1866 at the home of the bride in Washington County, Ark. by A. B. Murphy, ordained minister. Sallie was the daughter of Joseph and Cyrene -- Miller. Their children were: Julius Louallen, born 1868 in Washington County, Ark.; Minnie Belle Fine, born 1870; and Arland Everett Fine, born 1873. Josh Fine died in the Old Soldiers Home at Sawtelle, Calif.

Julius Louallen Fine married and had two daughters. He was recorder for the Maccabee Lodge at Oakland, Calif.

William Bluford Fine married Elizabeth Keeling, Dec. 8, 1869 in Washington County. She was b. Dec. 10, 1848 in Indiana and died Mar. 14, 1881 in Texas. He died May 12, 1917, also in Texas. The marriage was performed by Eli Baker, minister. They became the parents of five children: Charlotte, birthdate unknown; Mattie B., birthdate unknown, born in Texas; William Oscar, b. June 18, 1873 in Arkansas; Edgar Allen, b. Dec. 13, 1876 in Texas; and Annie L. Fine, b. Feb. 10, 1881.

Edgar Allen Fine, b. Dec. 13, 1876, died the same month, Dec. 2, 1950. His wife's name is unknown. Their children are: Rudy, married G. G. Fitzgerald; Lois, married J. B. Beck; Margie, married Herman H. Smith; Doris Fine, married a man by the name of Lane; and Edgar Allen Fine, Jr.

William Bluford Fine was married twice and his second wife was Mattie Carolyn Alford who was b. Mar. 1, 1855 in Alabama. William died May 12, 1917 in Texas and she died Feb. 28 1933. They are both buried in Granbury, Tex. Their children were: William "Will" Emerson, b. Oct. 14, 1883; Myrtle A., b. Oct. 22, 1886; Julian Bluford, b. May 13, 1888 and died Feb. 19, 1954; Miriam G., b. July 23, 1890 and died Feb. 4, 1954, some two weeks after the death of her older brother, Julian.

William Emerson Fine married and has five children. They are: William Emerson Jr.; John Marshall, b. July 19, 1921; Mary Catherine; Alice Patricia; and Helen Margaret.

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After the death of Bluford T. Fine in California, Ruth Adams Brown Fine married William H. Caldwell who had been married twice before. His first wife was -- Webber, born in Tennessee. They had four children: Martha, born in 1837 and married Alfred Quinton in 1862; Sarah, born 1839 and married to Harrison Walter Gilbreath in 1866; John, born 1841; and Roderick Argalius, born 1843. He married Lucinda Malvina "Mal" Wilson on May 6, 1877. She was the daughter of John R. and Emily J. Mayes Wilson.

William Caldwell married (2) Margaret Buchanan, Aug. 10, 1845, and their children were: Andrew H., born in 1846; and William R. b. April 7, 1848 and died Jan. 9, 1863 (he is buried at West Fork). Margaret died before 1850 as both her two children are listed with their grandmother, Jane Buchanan, in the 1850 Census of Washington County.

Caldwell's third marriage was to Ruth Adams Brown Fine, widow of Bluford. The marriage took place Feb. 8, 1853. William Hightower Caldwell was b. April 26, 1811 in Tennessee and died Feb. 25, 1864. He was a Christian minister. The children of this union were: Elizabeth Caldwell, born 1854 and married W. R. Farmer Feb. 16, 1871; Millard Fillmore, b. July 9, 1856 and died April 26, 1927; Miriam Linnie, born in 1856. D. A. Caldwell (son, b. Dec. 5, 1860 and died Aug. 10, 1861; and Ruth H., b. July 9, 1862 and died Aug. 10, 1964. In three years Ruth lost her baby son, a 15-year-old stepson, her husband, and a little two-year-old daughter. Caldwell and the three children are buried side by side in West Fork Cemetery. Ruth is buried in Baptist Ford Cemetery, and their son Millard and his wife are buried by her.

Millard Fillmore Caldwell married Flora F. Wilson, daughter of John R. and Emily J. Mayes Wilson who was b. June 1, 1856. She died Aug. 16, 1913.

Miriam Linnie Caldwell married Samuel C. Wallace Calhoun, and their children are: Lemuel B., Myrtle Ruth, Mary Berenice, Flora Mae and Velda Victoria.

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9. Lucinda Fine Brown

Lucinda Fine Brown was the 11th and last child of William and Catherine Sivley Fine and was born 1826 in Giles County, Tenn. She was two years old when her parents moved to Washington County, Ark. She was married in 1842 to Thomas T. Brown. He was b. Feb. 5, 1825 at Athens, in McMinn County, Tennessee and was the son of Joshua and Ruth Shipley Brown. Lucinda died in West Fork in 1910 and Thomas died Oct. 4, 1883, also at West Fork. They are buried in the Baptist Ford Cemetery. Their children are: Marian L., b. July 16, 1843; Rebecca Elizabeth "Liz", born in 1847; William Hamilton, b. Sept. 5, 1849; James Monroe, b. Feb. 8, 1852; Spencer Jonathan, born in 1856; Thomas W.; and Sarah Catherine "Kate," birthdates unknown. All the children were born at West Fork. Lucinda and Thomas T. were members of the Christian Church of West Fork. He was a minister.

Marian L. Brown was killed in the Civil War on Feb. 15, 1864 and is buried east of Greenland in the old Wilson Cemetery.

Rebecca Elizabeth Brown married Samuel Jones on Jan. 6, 1864. The ceremony was performed by Riley Jones. Samuel must have been killed in the Civil War because she married William Joe Malone in

1866. They had five children: Sarah; Zona, who married Tom Rutherford of West Fork; Nora, who married a Mr. Haddock, both buried in Tulsa, Okla.; Jimmie; and Alvin, both unmarried and both buried in Clinton, Okla.

Sarah Malone, who was born in 1866, married William Phelan. He was born in 1852 and died in 1936. Sarah died in 1943 and both are buried at Baptist Ford Cemetery. Their children were: Leona Bethel; Oda; Joe; Otis; Norris Estel; and Nola, all born at Greenland, Ark.

Leona Bethel Phelan, b. Oct. 6, 1887, married Wilbur Claude Fallin. He was b. Dec. 8, 1883. Leona died July 11, 1963 and Wilbur died Dec. 31, 1954, and they are buried in Baptist Ford Cemetery. Wilbur was the son of Joseph Anthony and Sophronia Combs Fallin, Bethel's obituary lists her children as being: Harold; Raymond; Bruce; Marie; and Elizabeth.

Oda Phelan was b. May 28, 1890 and died Dec. 14, 1963. He was buried Dec. 17, 1963 in Baptist Ford and his obituary lists two sons: Carl and Bill Phelan.

Joe Phelan was born in 1894 and was killed on the last day of World War I, Nov. 11, 1918. He served in the 6th Infantry, 5th Div. and is buried in the National Cemetery at Fayetteville.

Norris Estel Phelan was b. Feb. 21, 1905 and died April 25, 1969 and is buried in Strain Cemetery. He has one son, Norris.

William Hamilton Brown, the third child and first son of Lucinda Fine and Thomas Brown, was b. Sept. 5, 1849. William was nicknamed "Hamp." He married Fannie Elizabeth McKnight, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bloyd McKnight on Jan. 9, 1872. Hamp died April 9, 1915 and Fannie died May 2, 1926; both are buried in Baptist Ford Cemetery. Their children were: Edward C., born 1873 and died in 1956; Ada Alta, b. July 29, 1875; Bertie, born 1880; Earl, born 1884 and died in 1953; and Mattie Zephyra, born 1886.

Edward C. Brown married Flora Tilley of Centralia, Wash. They have two sons: Lynn and Earl.

Ada Alta Brown married George Andrew Curtis Feb. 18, 1894. He was the son of Frank and Narcisses Karnes Curtis and was b. June 1, 1859 in Missouri. Ada died Jan. 18, 1966 and George died on Jan. 25, 1936. They are buried in West Fork Cemetery. Their children are: Lola Mae, b. Mar. 27, 1896; White Ural, b. Oct. 23, 1898; Doyle Bertie, b. July 28, 1900 and died August 1952; Ercell Don, b. Nov. 19, 1902; Verna Allie, b. Oct. 30, 1905; and Mattie Larama, b. April 6, 1909. All were born at West Fork.

Lola Mae Curtis, daughter of Ada Brown and George Curtis, married Charles William Dameron on July 31, 1916.

White Ural Curtis, second child of Ada Brown and George Curtis, married Lena Tankersley on June 29, 1926. They had one child, Ural Eroy, b. Sept. 15, 1927 at Fort Smith. Lena died June 8, 1963 and White married (2) Mary Skinner. Ural Eroy Curtis married Delores Cox in 1947 and their children are Brenda Lee, b. Nov. 6, 1951 and Sandra Kay, b. Jan. 6, 1956.

Ercell Don Curtis, fourth child of Ada Brown and George Curtis, married Charles K. McGraw July 3, 1928. Their children were: Don Kendrick, b. Nov. 22, 1930 at Fort Smith, Ark. and Carolyn Ada, b. June 14, 1933. Don Kendrick McGraw married Polly Slack April 1952. Their children are: Don Kendrick McGraw Jr., born 1955 in Mississippi; Marilyn Kay, born in 1959; and Randy Paul, born in 1963. Carolyn Ada McGraw married David Hennessy in October of 1952. Their children are:

Cathe Don, b. July 31, 1953; Sherry, b. Sept. 6, 1956; and Michael, born in 1960. All were born in Wichita, Kan.

Verna Allie Curtis, fifth child of Ada Brown and George Curtis, married Harold Van Eaton on Sept. 3, 1937 and he died in July of 1960. Their children are: Marilyn Joy, b. April 20, 1939 at Auburn, Calif.; and James Curtis, b. April 2, 1942 at Fort Smith, Ark. Marilyn Joy Van Eaton married Blair Rowley in April 1960. They have twin daughters, b. Nov. 25, 1966 in Chicago, Illinois, named Barbara Joy and Juanita Joy. James Curtis Van Eaton married Orvella Moore in 1962. They also are the parents of twins, Brian Loy and Brent Lee, b. July 31, 1964 at Tulsa, Okla.

Mattie Larama Curtis, last child of Ada Brown and George Curtis, married Homer Losure Sept. 14, 1946 and they have one son, Robert Curtis Losure, b. May 4, 1947 in Tulsa.

Bertie Brown, third child of William "Hamp" and Fannie Brown, was born in 1880 at West Fork, and married Martin Flood who was b. April 6, 1875. She died May 2, 1926 and he died Nov. 13, 1945. Both are buried in Baptist Ford Cemetery. They had one son, Jewett.

Earl Brown, the fourth child of William "Hamp" and Fannie Brown, was born in 1884. He married Lillie Males and they had a daughter, Ercell Brown.

Mattie Zephyra Brown, the last child of William "Hamp" and Fannie Brown, was born in 1886 and married James Edward Thomas on Aug. 11, 1911. James was born in 1880, the son of Isaac and Cola Thorman Thomas. Mattie and James became the parents of a son, Farrel Brown, born in 1912; and a daughter, Valeria Rachel, born in 1916. Farrel Brown Thomas married Margaret Jacobs, of New Orleans, La. in 1935. They had one daughter, Janet, birthdate not known. Valeria Rachel Thomas married Baltzer Brignac, in 1938. Their children are: Valeria Delphine; and Martha Suzanne (birthdates not known).

James Monroe Brown, the fourth child and second son of Lucinda Fine and Thomas T. Brown, was b. Feb. 8, 1852 at West Fork. He married Martha Elizabeth Perry on May 6, 1882. She was the daughter of Robert Calvin and Mandy Thompson Perry and was b. April 28, 1864. James died May 11, 1892 at St. Paul, Ark. and Martha died July 16, 1897. The Thompsons came to Arkansas from Georgia, and James and Elizabeth, who was called Betty, are buried at Baptist Ford. Their children are: Thomas Calvin, b. Feb 3, 1883; Sherman Robert, b. July 15, 1885; Annie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 18, 1887; and Nellie Mary, b. June 20, 1891. The three older children were born at West Fork and the youngest was born at Elkins.

Thomas Calvin Brown was killed by a train Oct. 12, 1901 between Prairie Grove and Fayetteville. He is buried at Baptist Ford Cemetery.

Sherman Robert Brown married and has two sons and a daughter, named Mary Elizabeth. Sherman was an engineer on the Missouri Pacific Railroad for many years. He is now retired and they live in Nevada, Mo.

Annie Elizabeth Brown married Harry Franklin Brodie on Nov. 17, at Van Buren. He was b. June 16, 1881 at Van Buren, the son of James Henry and Mary Alice Ramsden Brodie. He died on July 19, 1966. Their children are: Emma Juanita, b. Aug. 17, 1907 at Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Robert Franklin, b. Nov. 4, 1912 near Hot Springs, Ark.; and Jack Richard, b. Nov. 18, 1923 at Fort Smith, Ark.

Emma Juanita Brodie, daughter of Annie Elizabeth Brown and Harry Franklin Brodie, married a man named Corwin, and they have a son, Harry, who was born in 1938 and is a doctor in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Robert Brodie, second child of Annie Elizabeth Brown and Harry Franklin Brodie, married in 1934 and has a son, Robert.

Jack Brodie, last child of Annie Elizabeth Brown and Harry Brodie, married in January 1947 and has three sons and a daughter.

Spencer Jonathan Brown, fifth child of Lucinda Fine and Thomas T. Brown, was born at West Fork in 1856. He died in Texas.

Thomas W. Brown, the sixth child of Lucinda Fine and Thomas T. Brown, was born after 1860. He died in Mexico and his death occurred sometime after 1883 as he is named in his father's will.

Sarah Catherine "Kate" Brown was the seventh and last child of Lucinda Fine and Thomas T. Brown, and she married John Crockett July 23, 1879 in Washington County.

A Letter of 1886

(Note: The following was copied from the original letter which was written in red ink. Long after Alfred's death and the death of his son, Sidney, this letter was sent to John C. Fine Jr. by Nancy Fine, widow of Sidney W. Fine. The letter is now in the possession of John's brother, Peter C. Fine, of Cleburne, Texas. It has been the only source to the death date of Lucinda's mother as well as full names of some of Lucinda's children.)

West Fork, Ark.
Feb. the 11, 1886

Mr. Alfred Fine

My dear beloved brother:

After a long silence I embrace this good Sabbath morning to let you know I have not forgotten you if you have me. I would have ritten to you if I had of knew your p.o. Milly Fine has been to texas and she was at Betty Whitly's and got your p.o. and Brought it to me this leaves us all well as common hoping when it reaches you it will find you enjoying the best of health.

Dear Brother if I could see you I could rejoice like I dreamed I did. I dreamed you come to see me. I was so glad I woke up rejoicing. I am left a widow to mourn my loss. My dear husband has been dead nearly three years. My youngest child is married and living with me. 2 of my boys is married and lives in a half mile.

William Hamilton and James is the only 2 I have got left. My oldest died in the war. Jhonathan died in texas. Thomas died in Mexico. I have seen a heap of trouble. I want you to answer this letter with out fail as soon as you get it for I want to hear from you one time more I will answer every line I get from you.

Sister Charlotte and brother Spencer is living yet. All the rest of our brothers and sisters is dead. Mother has been dead five years the twenty ninth day of May. She lived with me seventeen years after father died till she died. She left this world as happy as you ever saw. She went off rejoicing. She went off just like she went to sleep. She was in her mind to the last minet. She shuck hands with all of us and

told us not to grieve for her--she was going home. Dear Brother you must come and see me. You can come on the cars rite to the West Fork in a mile and a half of my house. I will have to clos it is geting church time. I must go to church rite rite without fail So no more at present, give elly best, love to all the connections and receive a good porsion yourself I remain your Beloved Sister till Death

Mrs. L Brown

to her Beloved Brother Alford Fine

After being a widow for several years Lucinda Brown married Bill Cross. He lived only a few years. Lucinda lived her last years with her son Hamilton and his wife, Fannie.

Peter Mankins Sr.

Persons who have played important roles in the Fine genealogy and Washington County history include Peter Mankins Sr. and Joshua Brown. Peter Mankins Sr. was b. Sept. 19, 1770 in Maryland He died Dec. 30, 1881 at his home on Middle Fork, Washington County, Ark. at the age of 111 years, three months and 11 days.

He is buried beside his first wife, Rachel, in Reese Cemetery on Middle Fork. He was married on Sept. 23, 1803 in Orange County, N. C. to Rachel Bracken Lewis, daughter of Isaac and Rachel Stalcup Bracken.

Rachel Bracken was first married to Zachariah Lewis on July 18, 1796 in Orange County and he died about 1802. They had three children:

George Washington Lewis, born 1797 in Orange County
Lydia Lewis, b. Sept 22, 1799, also in Orange County
Bracken Lewis, b. Dec. 19, 1801, also in Orange County

Children born to Rachel and Peter Mankins Sr. were:

John B. Mankins, born 1804 in Orange County
William Mankins, birthdate not known
Walter Mankins, born 1808 in Orange County
Edith "Eda" Mankins, birthdate not known
Peter Mankins Jr., b. Aug. 1, 1813, in Floyd County, Ky.
Henry Mankins, birthdate unknown
Samuel Mankins, born 1815, in Floyd County, Ky.
Millie Mankins, b. July, 10, 1817, also in Floyd County
Rachel Mankins, b. Jan. 29, 1819, also in Floyd County
Sarah Mankins, birthdate unknown
Elizabeth Mankins, birthdate unknown

Joshua Brown

Joshua and Ruth Shipley Brown were both born in Tennessee. They were married there and most of their children were born there.

They, and others from Tennessee, came to Washington County by ox teams and flat boats, to Fort Smith and Van Buren, Ark. and then on to Cane Hill, formerly known as Boonesboro, Ark. Joshua established the first blacksmith shop in this part of the country and here he cut the money on his anvil to make change for white and Indian people.

Later he bought land south of Fayetteville, between what is now known as Greenland and West Fork, Ark. Joshua and Ruth had 10 children. They are buried in the West Fork Cemetery, but their Graves are unmarked. Their Children were:

Lavesta Ann, b. July 8, 1814 at Athens, Tenn. She married Christopher Billingsley on Nov. 8, 1832 in Washington County. He was b. Mar. 12, 1810 in Davidson County, Tenn.
Keturah Sutton, born in Athens, Tenn., married Hiram Harold Noakes
Darcus, born in Athens, Tenn., married Ed Cox
Samuel Shipley "Chip," born 1821 in Kentucky
Sallie Ann, born in Athens, Tenn., married Louallen Fine in March of 1846
Thomas T., b. Feb. 5, 1825 in Athens, Tenn., married Lucinda Fine
Ruth Adams Brown, b. May 20, 1827, at Athens, Tenn. married Bluford T. Fine May 11, 1845
John Farmer Brown, born 1829 at Athens, Tenn., married Betty Ann Little Jan. 12, 1853. John was killed in the Southern Army during the Civil War
Elizabeth C., born 1833, at West Fork, Ark., married David Webb, Jan. 13, 1853
Clemency Lewis, born 1835 at West Fork, married Angus Little Dec. 12, 1852. He was in the Southern Army and fought at both Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove

UNIDENTIFIED FINE'S

Peter Fine

Questions propounded by the court and answered by Peter Fine, an applicant for a pension in the Revolutionary War:

His answers:

I was born in the State of New Jersey near Morristown in the year 1750. I had a record of my age on a blank leaf of my father's big Bible which I believe is in my trunk, but I have been blind and unable to read for about 14 years.

I moved from New Jersey to Maryland at age 21.

When I entered the service each time I resided in Fredericktown in the State of Maryland, where I continued to reside until the year 1825 when I removed to the state of Ohio and am now residing in Wayne township, Knox County, Ohio.

I was a volunteer each time.

I knew Gen. Washington, Wayne, Smallwood and others whose --- names I cannot now recollect.

At the first time I first left the service I received a discharge signed by Major Mance (Mantz).

Neighbors who can testify to my character for truth and warranty and good behavior are Christopher Myers, William Myers, John Bates, Henry Rhodes and others."

his
Peter X Fine
mark

Sworn to in open Court
this 27th day of Sep. 1832

Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration Accounts of Loudon Co., Va. 1757-1800 J. Estelle Stewart King (1940) page 83:

Will of Peter Fine, dated 8 Dec. 1799, "Ill in health and body. "Wife Catherine Fine. Legatees: Elizabeth Sinken, child of my daughter that I raised." (Children not named.) Exrs: Isaac Ritchey.

Obituary

Charles D. Fine, 96, deacon of Trinity Church, Kerrville, Texas died Oct. 24, 1964. He was a deacon 76 of his 78 years of Christian life. He was born in Jonesboro, Washington County, Tenn. in 1867. Survivors include a brother, Tom G. Fine of Corpus Christi and a granddaughter, Mrs. G. Fine Morris of Kerrville.

(No further information has been found on Charles D. or the two Peter Fines.)

Tennessee Fines

In Washington County, Tennessee many Fines are found--several bearing the name Vinett. Their kinship to the five Fine brothers of Cocke County is not known.

Esther Fine, who was b. Aug. 24, 1807 married John G. Ruble Dec. 11, 1828 in Washington County, Tenn. She died in 1875 in Tennessee. John was born, the son of Peter and Catherine Wirt Ruble, Sept. 15, 1781 and died Aug. 13, 1842. Their children were:

Vinett Elbert, b. Sept. 29, 1829

Rachel Melinda, b. Aug. 26, 1831

Barbara Melvina, b. Oct. 25, 1833

David E., b. Jan. 6, 1836

Elijah Frank, b. May 26, 1838 and died during the Civil War

William Henry Harrison, b. July 6, 1841. He named a son Vinett Elbert Ruble, and this Vinett and his wife, Walsie, named their son Vinett Elbert Ruble Jr. They live in California.

Esther Fine's parents have not been determined at this time.

The spelling of Vinett has been used as found in various articles.

An S. P. Fine was an early settler in the Springdale, Ark. area. His connection is also not known at this time.

EPILOGUE

It has taken nearly a decade to complete the research necessary for this booklet which traces the Fine family from the Shenandoah Valley to the Middle Fork of the White River in Arkansas.

Mrs. Emerrett Goff Fine and her husband Louallen have explored miles of cemeteries, perused countless court records in Benton, Washington and Crawford counties, and written hundreds of letters to check the genealogical facts presented here. The booklet, edited by Mrs. Keith Newhouse, contains much anecdotal material on the early settlers of Washington County.

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