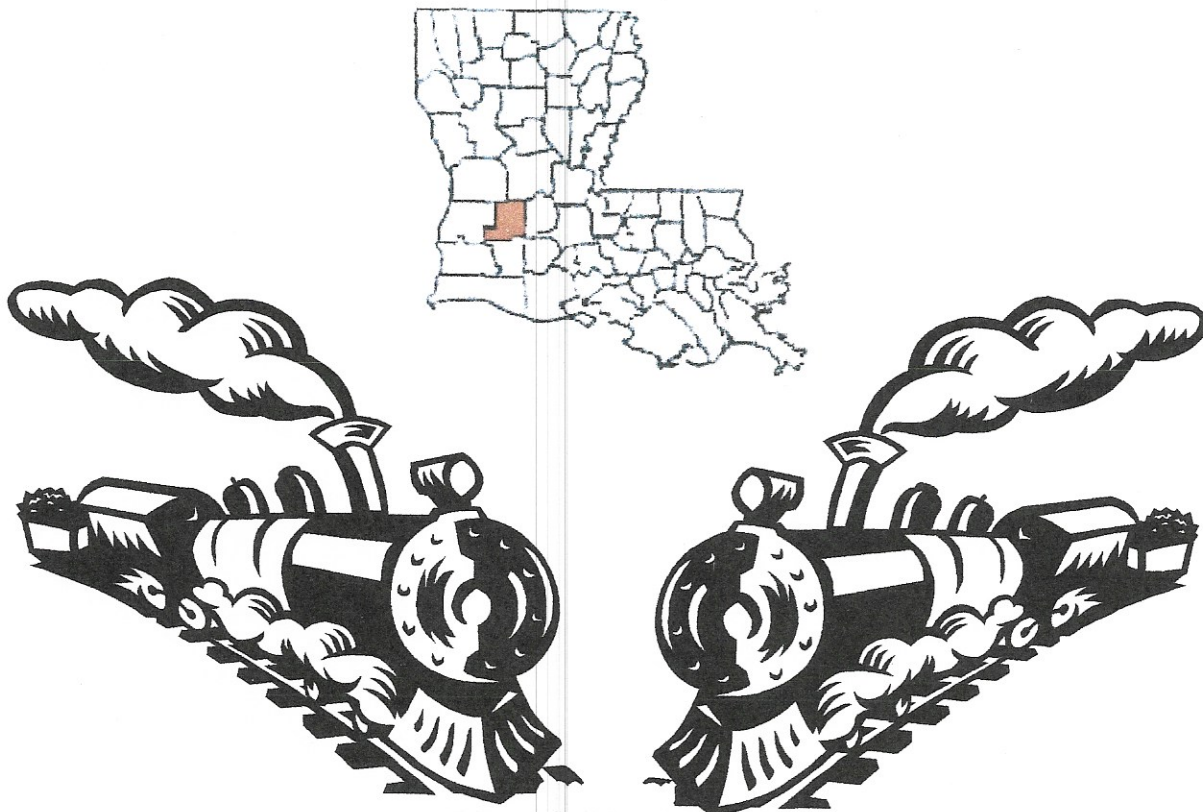


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Quarterly society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library, a branch of the Allen Parish Libraries, located at 833 4th Street, Kinder, La. Members are always willing to help visitors with research and answering questions they may have.

Membership fees are \$15.00 per calendar year per person. This also includes an annual subscription to **CROSSROADS**. Single copies and back issues of the publication are available for \$3.00 each to anyone.

CROSSROADS is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Queries are free to members, \$3.00 each for non-members and will be published as space permits. When sending in a query, please include all pertinent information such as names, dates, and places, along with your name and address.

We encourage and welcome contributions of genealogical and historical material pertaining to Allen Parish locations or families for inclusion in **CROSSROADS**. The society does not assume responsibility for accuracy of information submitted and published, nor does it assume responsibility for any copyright infringement of submitted and published material. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject material we deem not suitable for publication.

The society accepts donations of books, periodicals, and other material of genealogical and historical interest relating to Allen Parish. Suggested items include 5 generation charts, family histories, newspaper clippings, old photo, etc. All of these donated items will be placed on file in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library for research purposes. Memorials and honorariums are also welcomed by the society and will be marked as such.

ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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The following books published by the AGHS are available for purchase for the prices listed plus \$2.00 each for shipping and handling fees.

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THESE BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

President's Comments

Since our last publication we have lost two dear ladies connected with our society. In February Ethelinda Andrus passed away in Texas where she was currently residing. She had been a member of the AGHS since 1983 and was a great asset to the group. She and the late Grace Cornish authored the book "Looking Back On Kinder". She had also accomplished much in the way of researching her family, The Jemisons. Our condolences go out to the family.

We also offer loving sympathy to our Editor Fran Clemmons and her family for the demise of their mother, Mary Williams, in March. Mary would often visit our AGHS meetings and always had interesting information to share.

When we lose people like these ladies, we not only miss them personally but we lose a treasure trove of information about the history of this area. Thankfully, these ladies shared their knowledge with our society.

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President



A POINT TO PONDER

History is a cyclic poem written by time
upon the memories of man.

Percy B. Shelley

from the editor.....*Fran Clemmons*

Here it is spring time again and it seems just yesterday I became the editor of CROSSROADS, but it has been a year now that I took over for Ms Ethel Sacker. I have enjoyed doing CROSSROADS very much and I hope that everyone has enjoyed reading the articles in the last issues as much as I have putting them together for you.

I need to apologize to everyone for being late with this issue. I have had a lot on my slate, so to speak, since the last publication. My Mother was very sick and in and out of the hospital since the first part of the year, then she passed away on March 11th . I haven't focused on CROSSROADS and I am sorry.

I am thankful to Ms Ethel Sacker, as she has submitted some information about the Whitley family from the Oberlin and Oakdale area. The material and query was sent to Ms Ethel from Cheryl Burns, who lives in Kirbyville, Texas.

The Museum article by Adaria Haddock is of great interest and I know you all will enjoy reading what she has submitted.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming AGHS meetings: July 7th, 2009 and October 6th, 2009.

It's time to renew your AGHS membership dues for 2009. Some of our members still haven't paid their dues and we urge you to do so. We need you to be apart of our Genealogical and Historical Society. Let us hear from you!! We at the society ask you to share information and family histories with us for future publications. Come be with us for the meetings.

MUSEUM PAGE



There were carved trees, beautifully done by artistic hand—each leading the seeker closer and closer to the money cache. The trees were located 300 to 500 yards from each other.

Tree #1 - A perfectly carved Indian astride a horse, with the bridle in his right hand, and a tomahawk in his left hand, with the blade pointing south.

Tree #2 - Located on the river bank, shows the bust of an Indian looking north and a snake running down the tree toward the Indian, with its head pointing slightly north.

Tree #3 - A tiger facing west, and under its belly a carved pot with the bail tilting slightly west.

Tree #4 - A carved turtle facing west.

Tree #5 - A perfect wagon wheel with one spoke missing, toward the west.

Tree #6 - Shows a mule.

Tree #7 - A large hollow one with an iron peg driven into it, about six feet from the ground; peg points groundward and westward.

Right there, the legend says, is where one was to take his shovel in hand and start digging!



Legendary
Money Tree

LEGEND OF THE MONEY TREES

As legend has it, during the War Between the States, there were groups of men known as “Jayhawkers” who refused to fight for the North or the South – they just preferred to hide out in the swamps, sneaking into nearby settlements to loot, murder and rob. These fellows were tough as leather, thinking they were beyond danger and death!

Si and Dudley were just two who felt that no one or nothing could hurt them. Well, these two wandered from campsite to campsite as did their counterparts dirty, unshaven and outcasts from society. But Si and Dudley had something their buds did not have: they had saddlebags and nail kegs filled with gold and silver. They were always searching for just the right hiding place to stash their loot. You know, no man trusts even his brother with such stakes at hand!

One late, cold, dreary afternoon – *Ya know it is always dreary when skullduggery is afoot*—in the Calcasieu swamps, Si and Dudley sat around the camp fire with several other Jayhawkers. They were deep in the swamp and they were totally aware of all their “buds” eyeing them, knowing what was in their saddlebags! Yes, Old Si and Dudley was gettin kinda nervous!

Si and Dudley had waited all day for the night to come. They had \$75,000.00 in stolen gold and silver to bury. They were smart enough not to bury it in the day time, because there would be too many eyes watching them. As they were sitting by the campfire, a cotton-mouth moccasin slithered by, all eyes watching him; nobody

moved a muscle, knowing if they kept still the snake would not strike. And sure enough, that snake just slithered right on past them all and went right out of the camp.

Believing in omens, they took this as a good sign. Si and Dudley silently rose to their feet. One picked up the keg and the other gathered up several saddlebags. They headed out of camp, right behind the snake, going south. They were gone for two full days. Then late in the evening of the second day, as they returned to the place where the camp fire had been, minus their keg and saddlebags of gold and silver, there was only a mound of cold, black ashes. Their fellow men were gone.

Thinking this was definitely not a good sign and danger was afoot, they began to get a little nervous. No sooner had they reached this conclusion than a company of Confederate soldiers whooped in upon them and hanged them right then and there. That's the reason that everybody knows the money is still there, because Si and Dudley did not have a chance to move it.

According to the old-timers, Si and Dudley carved different pictures on the trees in the swamp to use as their map to lead them back to their hidden treasure:

- *The first tree had a carving that showed an Indian sitting on a horse with a bridle in his left hand and a tomahawk in his right with the blade pointing south*
- *The second carving was 300 yards away on the banks of the Calcasieu River and showed a bust of an Indian looking north*

and a snake running down the tree toward the Indian with the serpent's head pointed slightly north.

- *Three hundred yards farther, another tree was carved with a tiger facing west and under its belly was a carved pot with the bail tilted slightly west.*
- *The fourth tree, same distance, had a turtle facing west*
- *The fifth tree was a perfect wagon wheel with one spoke missing, pointing west*
- *The sixth tree showed a mule*
- *The seventh tree, and supposedly the last tree, was a large hollow one, with an iron peg about six feet from the ground, pointing groundward and westward.*

Right there in that spot, as legend has it, was the place to dig.

Now that would work alright, but what about the ghost? It was told that when people buried their fortune for safe keeping, that they would kill a person or animal and put them in the same hole as the gold. People believed that their ghost would protect the hidden treasure.

It was told that if you were hot on the trail to the buried treasure:

- *That a phantom horseback rider would roar out of nowhere run right at you and dive right into the freshly turned earth, and then just disappear! **As does the digger, no doubt.***

- *Or you might see a lady in black dress or even a blue dress come walking down the path toward you and just dissolve in thin air,*
- *Or you might even see an animal larger than a dog but smaller than a calf, with orange and yellow stripes floating across the woods and disappear into thin air.*
- *Or you could hear chains rattling and scary moans coming from the dark shadows in the trees.*

Now, all these trees have been cut down, but supposedly the fortune is still out there. But, I supposed, so are the ghost!

Submitted by: Cheryl Burns - Kirbyville, TX

Dear Mrs. Sacker,

I really enjoyed visiting with you about the Allen Parish history a few days ago. My great-grandfather was the youngest child of Christopher Columbus Whitley and his first wife Malissie Patterson Whitley and his name was James Isaac Whitley (He was also called J. I. Whitley or Jim Whitley). He lived in the Oberlin and Oakdale area, married Harriet Goleman Whitley, and passed away in 1969. My grandmother was his daughter, Lydia Whitley Spencer. My husband Joe and I live in Kirbyville, Texas, where he serves as the School Superintendent for Kirbyville CISD (his office number is listed on the following page, as a reference.)

Enclosed are some copies of old Whitley family photos, the Whitley Bible, family history information & stories, and a CD of my grandmother's journal for you to share with the Allen Parish Historical Society. We are also interested in contacting living descendants of the following:

not included

Children of Malissee Caroline PATTERSON , and Christopher Columbus WHITLEY Sr. are:

- i. Albert S. WHITLEY was born 27 DEC 1864 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 26 AUG 1868.
- ii. Elizabeth Missouri WHITLEY was born 16 JAN 1867 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 26 NOV 1947. She married Willie CRYER. He was born 1867, resided in Texas, and died 1982.
- iii. Cornelius WHITLEY was born 26 MAR 1869 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 26 FEB 1946. He married Leah CRYER 1891 in Oberlin, Calcasieu Co, LA. She was born SEP 1867 in Oberlin, Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 22 NOV 1952.
- iv. Sarah Pallie WHITLEY was born 14 DEC 1870 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 31 MAY 1935 . She married John Preston BOND , (Twin) 18 JUN 1886, son of John BOND and Emeline SIMMONS , (Nurse). He was born 7 OCT 1862, and died 13 SEP 1932.
- v. Christopher Columbus Jr WHITLEY , was born ABT 1874 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA. He married Laura MCGEE , 12 DEC 1895 in Oberlin, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Pierre T. Hugo MCGEE , and Divine "Devine" REED . She was born ABT 1874 in Opelousas Prairie, Louisiana.

- vi. William Dennis WHITLEY was born 20 JAN 1875 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA.
- vii. Marion Monroe WHITLEY was born 27 JUN 1876 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 13 DEC 1937. He married Elizabeth M. HALL. She was born ABT 1876.
- viii. Ella M. WHITLEY was born 28 FEB 1878 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA. She married Riley M. "Matt" BURGESS. He was born 1873.
- ix. John Joshua "Josh" WHITLEY was born 18 JUL 1880 in Oberlin, Old Calcasieu Parish, LA, and died 2 MAR 1932. He married Zona TRAMMEL. She was born 29 DEC 1884.
- x. James Isaac J.I. WHITLEY was born 10 FEB 1882 in Allen Parish, Louisiana and died 4 JUL 1969 Oakdale, LA. He married Leah BURROUGH (first wife) on Feb. 3, 1903. She was born July 20, 1889 and died on May 23, 1904. . He married Harriet Matilda Goleman INGALLS on JAN 10, 1907 daughter of Uriah Valentine "U.V." GOLEMAN , (Pioneer) and Suzan Samantha Vick GOLEMAN. Harriet was born 10 JUN 1882 in Calcasieu Parish, and died 13 SEP 1965 in Oakdale, LA.

Query

My father and I are also interesting in any information that you may have about a "Whitley Brother's Store" that was located in Oberlin, and was in business circa 1918 – 1924. We would like to know where the store was located in Oberlin, and would love to have a copy of a photo of the store if one is available. Any information that you may have on the Whitley Brother's Store or the Whitley family would be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a large SASE envelope and \$5 to cover copy costs. Here is an excerpt from my grandmother's journal, where she talks about the store her father James Isaac Whitley and brother John Joshua Whitley operated:

"My father, James Isaac Whitley sold the farm and we moved to Oberlin, Louisiana in 1918 when I was 6 years old. Oberlin is about 15 miles south of Oakdale and the Parish seat of Allen Parish. We lived in two different houses while we were in Oberlin, the last place being one half block from the bank which faced the main street through town going to the courthouse. In Oberlin, my father and his brother, John Joshua Whitley (Uncle Josh) opened up "The Whitley Brother's Store". This store sold mostly groceries but they had many other supplies such as sewing needs, school supplies and many other items. This store was the largest one there at the time. They operated that store for five or six years and did good until one year the rice farmers had a real bad year. My father and his brother gave these rice farmers credit from one year until another but when they had a bad year many, many rice farmers didn't pay their bills to the Whitley Brothers Store and the farmers, some of them, put their farms in their wives name to get out of paying bills. The Whitley Brothers Store had to declare bankruptcy. My father had a huge stack of bills that people owed and they had judgements against these people but never collected

the money. My father said if he had the money owed to him he would have a large sum of money. After that my father moved to another farm."

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, *Cheryl Burns*

Cheryl Burns, 408 N. McMillan Ave. Kirbyville, TX 75956

Email: jburns5@prodigy.net Phone: (409) 420-0552

Reference: Kirbyville CISD (409) 423-7520

My father Gary Spencer's phone: (409) 384-7667

October 1991

LYDIA WHITLEY SPENCER

Lydia Whitley Spencer, 79, of Jasper died Oct. 10 at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Services were at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery.

A native of Oakdale, La., she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jasper. She had been active with the scouting program, Nederland High School Band and taught Sunday school at the Methodist Church in Nederland.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Spencer of Jasper; sons, Gary Earl Spencer and James Berthold Spencer, both of Jasper; daughters, Sharon Jane Barclay of Desota and Brenda Gail McCloud of Dallas; brothers, Kohler Whitley and Shelly Whitley, both of Oakdale; sisters, Yvonne W. Barker of Forest Hill, La. and Eloise W. Byrd of Oakdale; and nine grandchildren.

James I. Whitley

OAKDALE, La. — Funeral services for James I. Whitley, 87, will be held today at 4 p.m. in Mt. Vernon Baptist church.

Officiating will be the Rev. Sylvester Stanley and the Rev. Boris Maternie. Burial will be in Cryer cemetery under the direction of Ardoin Funeral home in Oakdale.

Mr. Whitley died Saturday at 4 p.m. in Oakdale General hospital after a long illness.

He was a lifetime member of the Masonic lodge at Oberlin, La.

His grandsons will be pallbearers.

Survivors are two sons, Kohler Whitley and Shelly Whitley, both of Oakdale; five daughters, Mrs. Elderidge Gill and Mrs. Fred Byrd, both of Oakdale, Mrs. Charlie Barker of Maplewood, La., and Mrs. W. L. Winn and Mrs. Earl Spencer, both of Nederland; 29 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; seven great - great-grandchildren.

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Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Monday, Sept. 13, 1965

MRS. JAMES WHITLEY

OAKDALE — Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet Goleman Whitley, 83, were to be at 3 p.m. today in the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

The Revs. Sylvester Stanley and Frank J. Lawrence were to officiate with burial in the Cryer Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitley died at 1:30 p.m. Monday in an Oakdale clinic.

Surviving are her husband James I. Whitley; two sons, Kohler and Shelly Whitley, both of Oakdale; and five daughters, Mrs. W. L. Winn and Mrs. Earl H. Spencer, both of Nederland, Tex., Mrs. Eldridge Gill and Mrs. Fred S. Byrd, both of Oakdale, and Mrs. Charlie C. Barker of Maplewood.

Also, one brother, Jack Goleman of LaPorte, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Rosie Jones of Del Rio, Tex.; 26 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

From the Journal of Lydia Janet Whitley-Spencer, February 1982

My Father - James Isaac Whitley

My Grandfather - Christopher Columbus Whitley - born 8-19-1831 died 1-8-1913

My grandfather, Christopher Columbus Whitley, according to my knowledge, was raised in a community about 8 miles southeast of Oakdale not far from Pete' McGee's home. I suppose it was when my grandfather married Malissie C. Patterson that he made his home in a community about 5 Miles south of Oakdale facing the highway between Oakdale and Lake Charles in the area of what we referred to as "The Tolar Hill". I believe some of the Whitley family from earlier days were from Alabama as my grandfather had one brother that came from Alabama. My grandfather farmed, raised horses, cows, hogs, chickens and the usual things that people had on a farm. My father, James Isaac Whitley used to tell us that every year his father took Cattle to a place to be sold. He said in those days there were very few banks and to many people did not trust banks with their money. My father told us that his step mother Mary Ann Marshall-Whitley had one of those old deep crockery churns and they used to put money in it after my grandfather's death. No one every saw the churn and some believed it was buried somewhere. We used to joke about looking for the buried treasure. My father, James Isaac Whitley was raised by his step mother, Mary Ann Marshall Whitley.

My father, James Isaac Whitley was raised around Oakdale, Louisiana in Allen Parish. His mother, Malissie Patterson Whitley, died when he was 9 months of age. He was not told that his step mother, Mary Ann Marshall was not his real mother for several years. He told us how upset he was at the time. My father was the youngest of ten children; his first wife was Leah Levinia Burroughs who he married on February 10, 1903 married; she died May 23, 1904, no children. On January 10, 1907 my father married Harriet Matilda Goleman Ingalls, my mother. Her first husband was William S. Ingalls who died January 2, 1902. She had two daughters by her first husband: Maybelle Ingalls (Bayham) and Willie Samantha Ingalls (Winn). My mother was pregnant with Willie when her first husband was killed in a train accident. He was a switchman and fell between the cars on his way to work. My mother and her two daughters lived with her parents (Uriah Valentine Goleman and wife Suzan Samantha Vick Goleman) until she was almost five. My father and mother had eight children and Maybelle and Willie were like sisters to us.

My father worked for a timber company that had a sawmill; he worked in the woods. He and my mother lived for a while in a Sawmill Town of Wards, Louisiana and after we moved on the farm my father continued to work for him during the week and would ride a horse across the Calcasieu River and on to the farm. While my father worked at the store my grandfather, Uriah Valentine Goleman, lived with us and took care of the farm. Our home there was a beautiful setting with two large cedar trees, one on each side of the walkway from the gate to the house, which had a long front porch and a large dog trot in the middle of the house. There was a beautiful clean stream of water not far behind our house and on the other side was the land to be farmed. I went to school there for my first years. The teacher boarded with us. They also had a small Baptist Church and the preacher came once a month; we had singing and preaching in the morning, then "dinner on the ground" as it was called but actually they nailed boards between trees and those

were our tables. After dinner we had singing again and then went home. On Sundays when they didn't have dinner at the church, many times my mother had the preacher at our house and her chicken and dumplings was a favorite for everyone - as long as she lived.

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My father sold our home in Oberlin, Louisiana and bought two small farms joining with a house on each one. We lived in the house that was on the largest farm. These farms were about five miles south of Oakdale, Louisiana facing the highway between Lake Charles, Louisiana and Alexandria, Louisiana. My father first raised cotton, corn and most of the things raised on a farm. My mother had a big special garden that with help she had all kinds of vegetables. We had some wild horses, some cows, hogs, chickens, and of course work horses and one or two good riding horses, also hunting dogs and a few cats.

One thing that my parents had that created alot of interest was a syrup mill. My father raised his own sugar cane and many people brought their sugar cane to our place and they would make their syrup there. The way my father was paid; he received one gallon of syrup for a certain number of gallons they made. The cane mill was not run by a motor but by a horse that went around and round for hours while someone was constantly pushing long pieces of sugar cane in to the mill part that pressed the juice out. They took the juice and put it into long metal vat that was heated underneath with wood and cooked until the syrup was like they wanted it. My job was to make coffee for all the workers at the cane mill. Later my father sold the smallest farm and now one of his nephews, Clyde Whitley lives on that place.

After a few years my father quite raising cotton and mostly did truck farming. Later he wasn't able to keep up that place and he sold it to my youngest brother Shelly Whitley and his wife Alma and he and my mother moved in to Shelly and Alma's house which was built on a small part of my father's place. Shelly and Alma built another house and they still live there on our old farm. Their son, James Albert lives on a part of that land

with his wife Linda, and their daughter Mary Lou and her husband Curtis McDaniel live on some of the original joining property.

My father was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Oberlin, Louisiana and late in life he was as given a paid up membership. Most everyone called him Uncle Jim that knew him well and his word and handshake were as reliable as any signed document. My mother and my father were members of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and both stayed only a short time in an Oakdale Hospital before death. They are both buried in the Cryer Cemetery about three miles south of Oakdale.

Oakdale High School
Class of 1928-1929

CLASS ROLL

ALLEN, ANITA	HERSHORIN, RAYMOND M.
BAHAM, LELIA	HOBBS, MYRTLE MOZZELLE
BENGE, NADINE	JOHNSON, AUDIE ALBERTA
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CANTER, COLUMBUS	MCGINLEY, OLIVE JANE
CARROLL, LUCY MAE	ORTEGO, BEULAH S.
CATHER, JIM	PERRY, CLARA MAE
CROWDER, LAWRENCE	RAYNER, LUCILE
DAVION, MABEL CLARE	REED, EMILY IONE
ERWIN, WILBUR	ROUGEOU, RUBY
FONTENOT, BEULAH MAE	ROUGEOU, SUE
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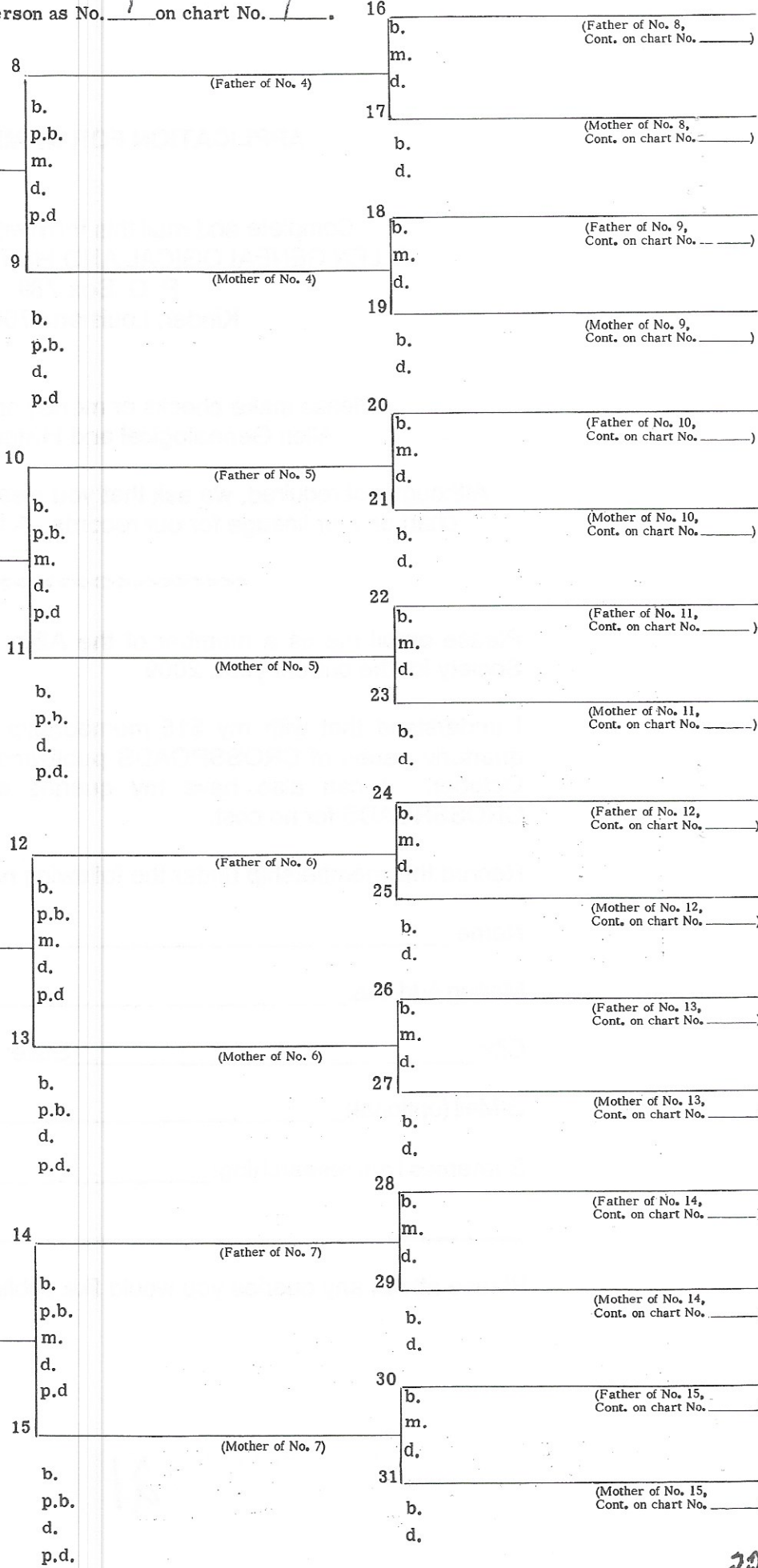
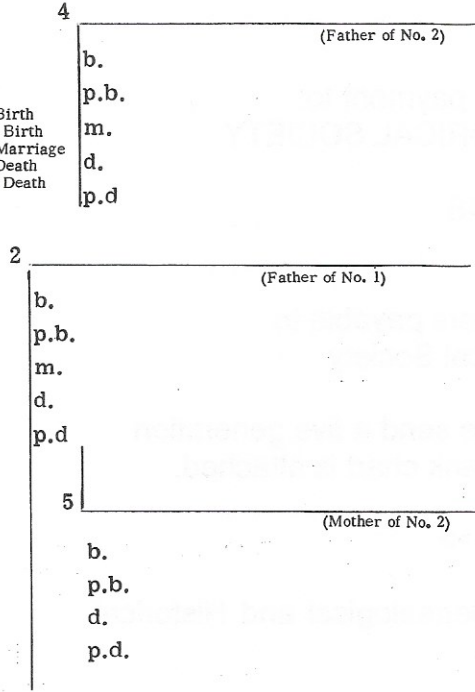
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Chart No. 1

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 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
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