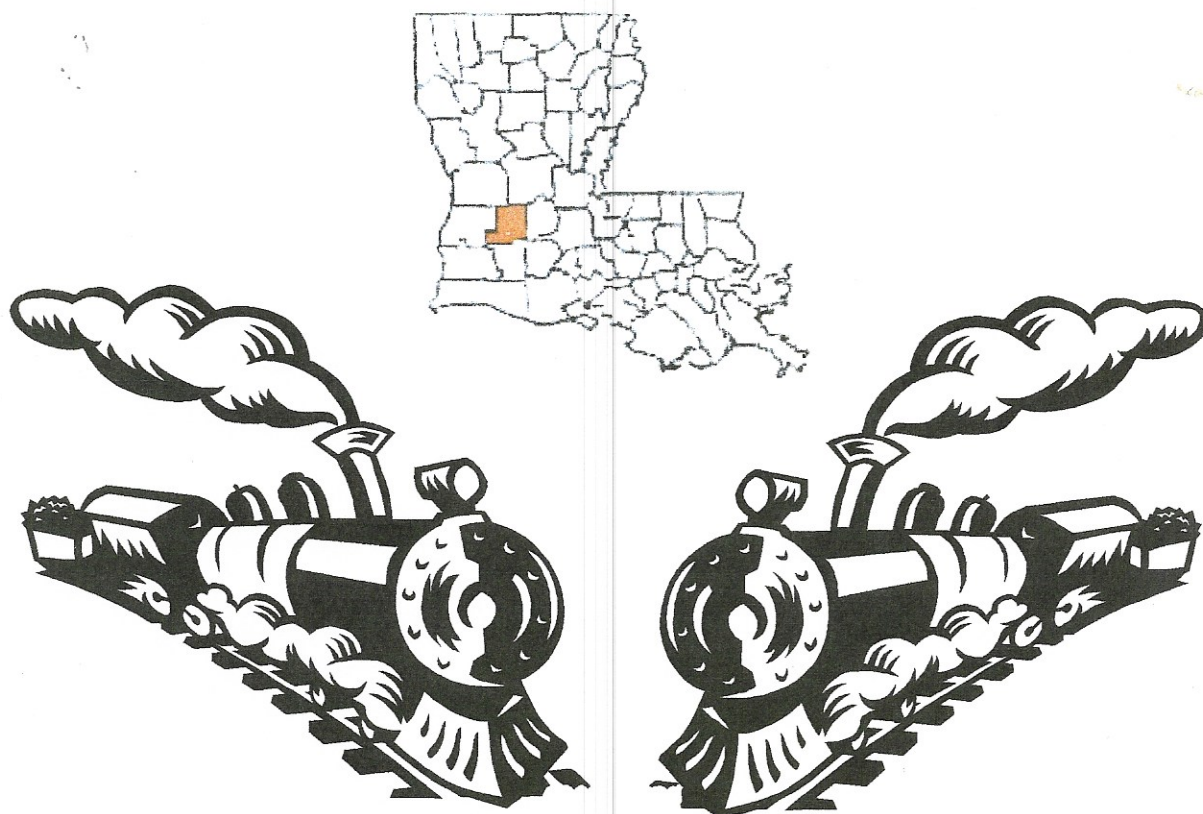


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Monthly society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th St., Kinder, LA. Members are always willing to help visitors with research and endeavor to answer their questions.

Membership fees are \$15 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 each to anyone.

CROSSROADS is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Queries are free to members, \$3 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. Other suggested items include 5 generation charts, family histories, newspaper clippings, old photos, etc. These will be placed on file in the Genealogy Room at the Kinder Library for research purposes. Memorials and honorariums are also welcomed by the society and marked as such.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following books published by the AGHS are available for purchase for the prices listed plus \$2 each for shipping and handling fees.

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President's Comments:

The recent hurricanes made me pause and think about how our pioneer forbearers coped with hurricanes. I remembered learning how my great-great-grandfather, Solomon Cole, came to live in LeBlanc, Louisiana. He was born and raised on the "cheniers" of Vermilion Parish. His father, Jacob Stampley Cole, Sr., is credited in Louisiana history as the man who named Pecan Island. Jacob lived on Mulberry Island and owned other nearby island properties where he raised a large herd of cattle. The grass on the "cheniers" was great for grazing. Solomon, as a young man, moved his own cattle from that area to the Lake Charles area because of coastal storms. Then he moved inland to LeBlanc because of a storm in the Lake Charles area. He was determined to protect his family and his herd of cattle.

After Jacob Stampley's demise, while his estate was being inventoried, a strong hurricane struck the area and destroyed everything; buildings, livestock, etc. There was no longer an estate to inventory. There was only his grave on his beloved Mulberry Island.

Fran has compiled an interesting issue this quarter with data about the Emad sawmill community that was located just north of Kinder.

We are also happy to report the grand opening of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission's museum. Ms. Haddack and her staff have worked tirelessly to get it done.

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President

A POINT TO PONDER

Character is like a tree and a reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln

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

Since our last publication in July, we have all been through a lot with the storms haven't we? So many folk in and around our area are facing challenges in the aftermath of Gustav and Ike. Everyone at the Society keep all of those who suffered loss in our prayers. Fall is around the corner and hopefully cooler weather will blow away any more approaching storms for us this year. This will be our last publication for the year 2008, so we at the Society want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Blessed Holiday Season.

I am dedicating this issue of Crossroads to Bill Fawcett, our Society Secretary-Treasurer for many years. We learned at our monthly meeting last week that Bill and his wife Sue have sold their home here in Kinder and will be moving to Breaux Bridge, La. Bill is the best and we are going to miss him more than words can express. We all tried to talk him into driving back every month for the meetings but he kind of frowned at the suggestion. Bill, just know that we love you and any time you are able to come be with us, we will welcome you with open arms. Don't be a stranger! A few months ago at one of the Allen Genealogical and Historical Society meetings, Bill showed me some old photos of train engines used at Emad, so the thought came to me to write an article on the trains and Emad. My first account of knowing any thing about Emad was from things my Grandmother Fannie Nevils would recall and talk about that happened during the days she and my Grandfather Luke Nevils lived at Emad a short time after they married in 1912. My Grandfather was a butcher-meat cutter at the commissary, which my Grandmother explained to me, was a store for equipment, food, and provisions for the people that worked and lived at the lumber company. Emad no longer exist except every so often when a bad thunderstorm with high winds and tornados show up on the KPLC weather station, Emad is on their map. The information I used for the article came from the research done by Ethelinda J. Andrus and

Grace H. Cornish from the book "Looking Back at Kinder " and also from a newspaper article from "The Kinder Courier News" dated January 17,1980 by Stanley Leger. Durvin LaFleur had the newspaper and sent it to me to use for added information. I do hope everyone will enjoy the article as well as the photos. With the genealogy humor section, I copied the words of a song that reminded me of my Uncle Daniel Nevils. He married a sweet widow lady, Mrs. Aline Fontenot, who had a granddaughter that married one of Uncle Dan's nephews. Uncle Dan would tell every one he was probably his own Grandpa. Read the Humor section for the rest of the story. I would like to mention to our readers that the Society has been working on a project for several months of finding old photos of some of the first churches in Kinder and also of the old Kinder High School. We have scanned each photo and have made 4 ½ x5 ½ Note Cards in packages of 10 each that we have for sell for \$10.00 per package. If anyone is interested in purchasing the note cards, please contact any of the officers of the society through the Library. Let us hear from you. We at the society ask you to share information and family histories with us for future publication. The Society also wishes to extend an invitation to you to come for our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library. There is an exception for our next meeting which will not fall on the regular meeting day but will be on October 28,2008. The members are to meet at 10:00 in the Library then travel to the Allen Parish Leatherwood Museum in Oakdale, La. for the meeting. Come join us for our meeting plus a tour of our Parish Museum!

ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM

It finally arrived! After three years we finally had our Grand Opening. We received the museum in 2005 and have restored the old building back to her former beauty. There were many smiling faces around, but no more that the Allen Parish Tourist Commission Board. It has been a long, hard three years, but worth every minute of it!



The Vietnam Veterans Chapter 215 from
Kinder

It was so nice to see everyone standing at attention while Jennifer was singing. There were a lot of people singing along as well. It made you proud to be an American and enjoy the freedoms that we do.

The Allen Parish Tourist Commission R.C. Andrus lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Allen Parish Tourist Commission Secretary/ Treasurer gave the history of the Leatherwood Museum. He talked about how it got into the hands of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission.

At one time this place was a hospital. It was owned by Dr. Coma Adams. We do know that Dr. Adams died in January 1920. During the restoration, his name was found written in pencil on the wall in the living room. You will be able to see his autograph. It has been blocked out and a glass and light has been installed to protect it.

This old building served as a boarding house and saw many travelers' comings and goings in our area.

The opening ceremonies got started with the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 215 from Kinder to Post the Colors. It was great to see the United States Flag waving in the wind and being post where all could see and be proud.

After the flag was posted, Jennifer Perkins sang our National Anthem, O Say Can



Jennifer Perkins

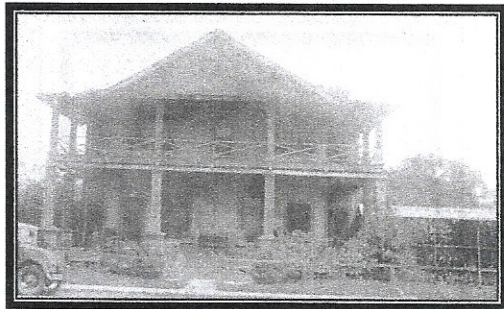


Judge John P. Navarre

One of own, Mrs. Francis Leatherwood Brooks grew up in this house. She and her family made their mark on this community. The majority of the furniture was original to the family and still remains in the house.

In 1986, the Leatherwood Foundation was created, beginning the life of the Leatherwood Museum. Mrs. Pat Jones, Juanita Crawford and Mrs. Brooks were part of the original foundation. The Foundation got to work and started

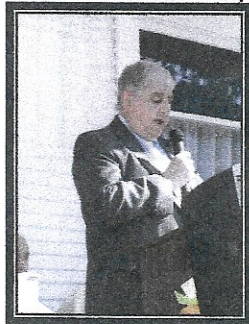
collecting our history. From pine needle baskets to the original furniture from the Leatherwood family was put on display here. Sadly, after about 13 years, the museum doors were closed. The museum remained closed until the Foundation decided to donate the building and all the contents to the Allen Parish Tourist Commission in 2005. Plans were then made to restore and reopen as an Allen Parish Tourist Commission welcome center and functioning museum.



Picture made approximately 1930



Picture made September 27, 2008

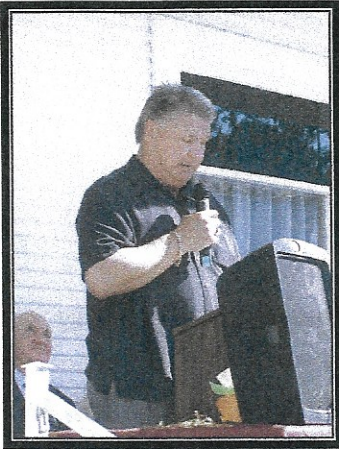


Dr. Mike Karam

Dr. Mike Karam gave an update on the new Leatherwood: The Allen Parish Tourist Commission took ownership of the Leatherwood Museum in 2005. An architect, Joe Fryar, was hired, plans were drawn, bids were taken and MCM Enterprise Contracting was picked. Our plan was to try and stay as close to the original building as possible. The additions that were made to the building are:

- Central air and heat
- Handicap elevator
- Handicap restroom
- Handicap ramp
- Track lighting
- Parking lot
- Landscaping
- Fence
- Sleep porch
- Monitored security system

The building was completely renovated and brought up to ADA Code, including new electrical wiring, new plumbing, sheet rock, painting, insulation and stripping floors.



Holye Granger

Mr. Hoyle Granger was the guest speaker for the opening ceremonies. Mr. Granger graduated from Oberlin High School, in Oberlin, Louisiana, in 1962. During his high school years, he became a football phenomenon. After he graduated he received a scholarship from Mississippi State. Afterwards, he played professional football for the Houston Oilers and the New Orleans Saints. He talked about what it was like growing up in a small town and going into cities. He stated that he still kept the Cajun pronunciation of his name because he said it was part of his roots.

After a few comments from me, the grand moment came. The Allen Parish Tourist Commission Board came up with their gold scissors in hand to cut the ribbon. It was a great moment. Three long hard years, blood, sweat and tears, many prayers prayed, the moment came: the ribbon was cut!

Pastor Josh Salter came up and lead all of us in Benediction. After the ribbon was cut, everyone moved to the back porch and enjoyed a continental breakfast. After breakfast, it was tour on your own.

We had a very successful event and many, many good comments. Everyone wished us well and much success with the new Allen Parish Tourist Commission Leatherwood Museum.



The Allen Parish Tourist Commission cut the ribbon with gold scissors. Left to right: Allison McCullough, Judge John P. Navarre, Dr. Mike Karam, Martha Turner, R.C. Andrus, Bettye Clement, Daniel Veal, Adagria Haddock

GENEALOGY HUMOR: POEM / SONG

I AM MY OWN GRANDPA

**Many many years ago when I was twenty three, I married a widow.
Pretty as could be.**

**This widow had a daughter with flowing hair of red. My father fell in
Love with her, and soon the two were wed.**

**This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life. Now my
Daughter was my mother, for she was my fathers wife.**

**To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy, I soon
Became the father of a bouncing baby boy.**

**My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad, and so became
My uncle though it made me very sad.**

**For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother to the widows
grown-up daughter, who of course was my stepmother.**

**Fathers wife then had a son, who kept them on the run. And he
became my grandson, for he was my daughter's son.**

**My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue, because
Although she is my wife, She's my grandma too.**

**If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild, and every
Time I think of it, It simply drives me wild.**

**For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw. As the
Husband of my grandmother, I am my own Grandpa!!!!**

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**Some Family Humor: A little girl asked her mother, "How did the
human race appear? The mother answered, "GOD made Adam and Eve
and they had children and so was all mankind made." The little girl
asked her father the same question later. The father answered, "Many
years ago there were monkeys form which the human race evolved."
The little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible
that you told me the human race was created by GOD, and Dad said
they developed from monkeys?" The mother answered, "It is simple. I
told you about my side of the family. He told you about his."**

THE PEAVY---BYRNES LUMBER COMPANY

"Emad"

In a dense forest of thick, long leaf yellow pine trees located about two miles northwest of Kinder adjacent to what is now U.S. Highway 190 in the early 1900's was a sawmill community built by two young men from Shreveport, La. These men came to the area to start a lumber company of their own. They were very successful in their endeavor, as the Peavy-Byrnes Lumber Company was started and as was the custom of lumber companies, they built living quarters near the mill for the families of the men that worked for them. The men named the settlement "Emad" which was a combination of their wives first names, Emma and Addie. There was a population of about three to four hundred people living at Emad. Conveniences usually found only in large towns evolved from the sawmill. There was about one-hundred houses built alike and were situated in rows that were rented out for eight and ten dollars a month. The lumber company had its own power plant and its own water system. Emad had a church, a motion picture theater, a hotel, a commissary, a school, and doctors. The school house had three rooms and three teachers. There were two grades in each room and went through the sixth grade. When the students entered seventh grade, they were transferred to the school in Kinder. There was a spur from the main railroad line west of Kinder that extended to the mill, and the Peavy-Byrnes kids were brought to the Kinder school on a railroad motor car.

Peavy-Byrnes employed men to build railroads and bridges for its logging operations. The railroad went deeper into the woods so that logs could be brought in from greater distances. The lumber company had its own engine and train. A tram railway was built which ran north into the woods across the Calcasieu River. Branches of that track went out and across the Ouisha Chitto (Whiskey Chitto) to Doodfork and to Mill Creek south of Elizabeth, La. Some of the tracks went almost to Longville. On most days 50 car loads of logs

came into the mill on these tracks.

During World War I at the peak of the mill activity, milling went on night and day. Two shifts of workers milled from 400,000-500,000 board feet of lumber every 24 hours. The mills big kiln could dry out green wood in only a few hours. Twelve to fifteen car loads of planned lumber were shipped out of Peavy-Byrnes every day during that time.

The company extended its logging operation westward as the timber supply began to grow thin in Allen Parish. In 1926 some of the equipment was moved to below Starks on the Sabine River to get more timber. Logs were cut and shipped back on the company train to the mill site near Kinder.

By 1927 the timber supply in the area had become to sparse to profitably support a mill the size of Peavy-Byrnes, so the company decided to shut down its operation.

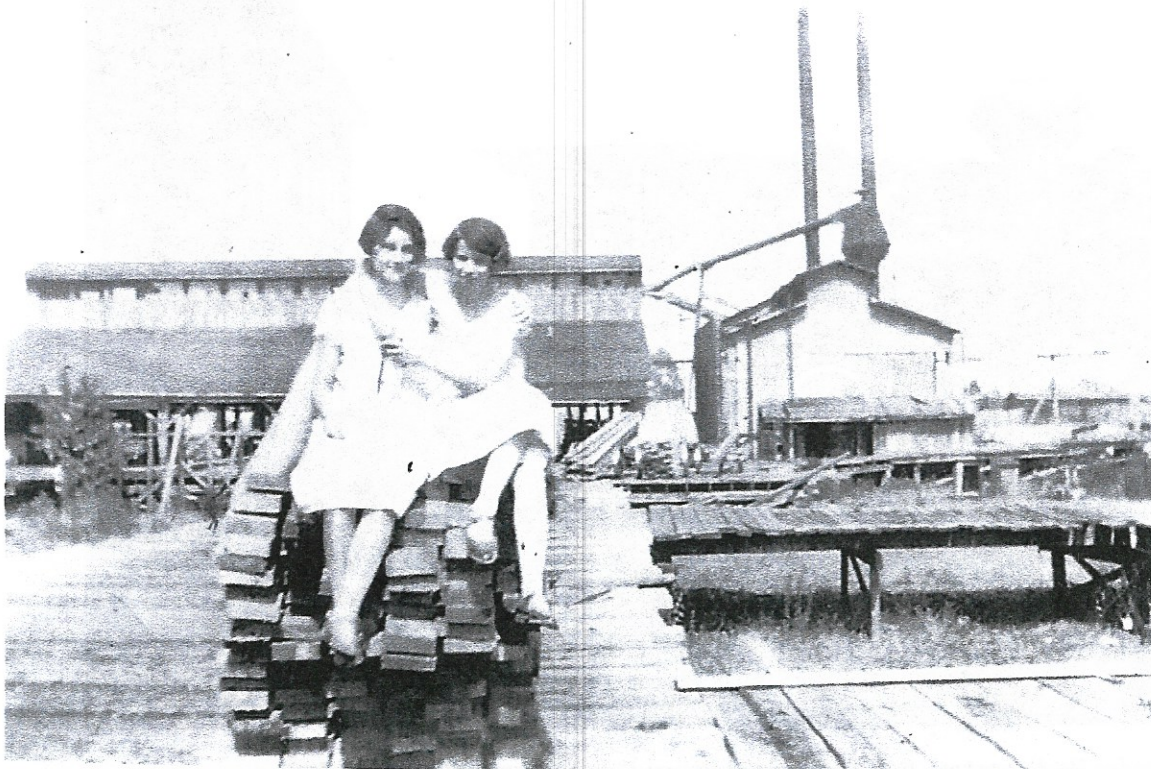
When the mill went, all that it had started went also. It is all gone now except the name Emad on a weather map. It must have been some kind of place back in those days!

Information used in this article from "Looking Back At Kinder" by Grace Cornish and Ethelinda Andrus —another source of information used in this article from "The Kinder Courier News" Jan17,1980 issue by Stanley Leger.

THE WAY IT WAS These old photos take us back to Emad

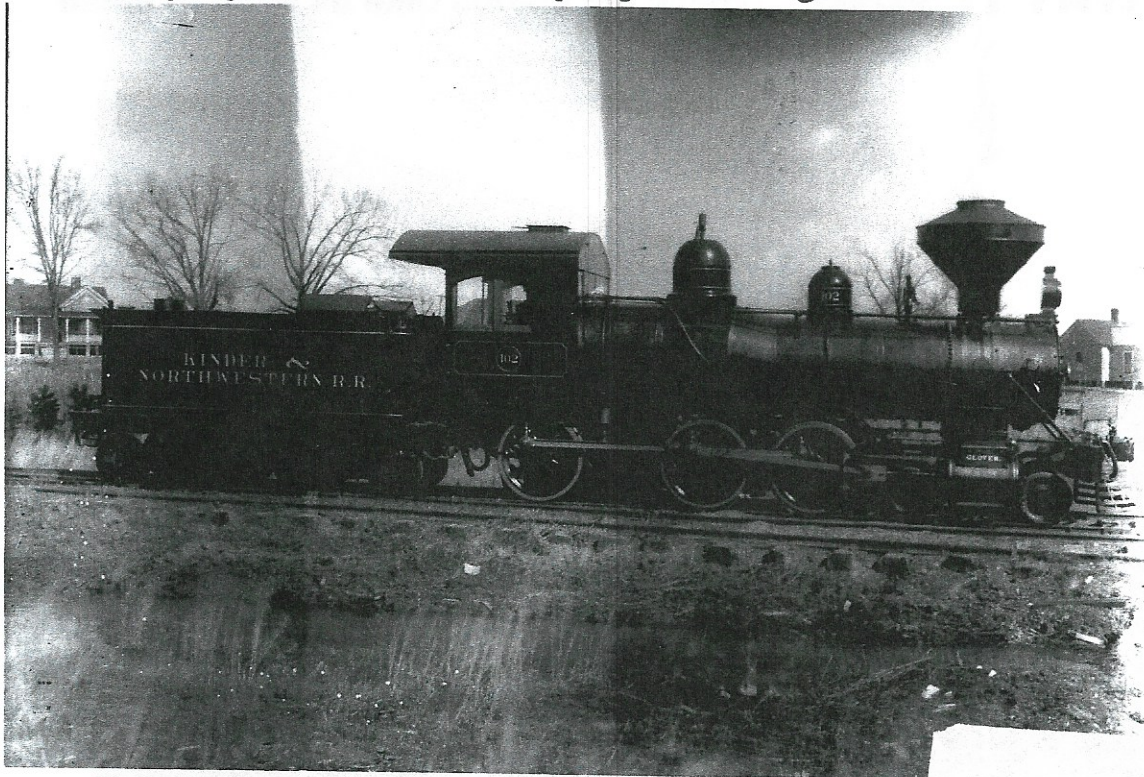


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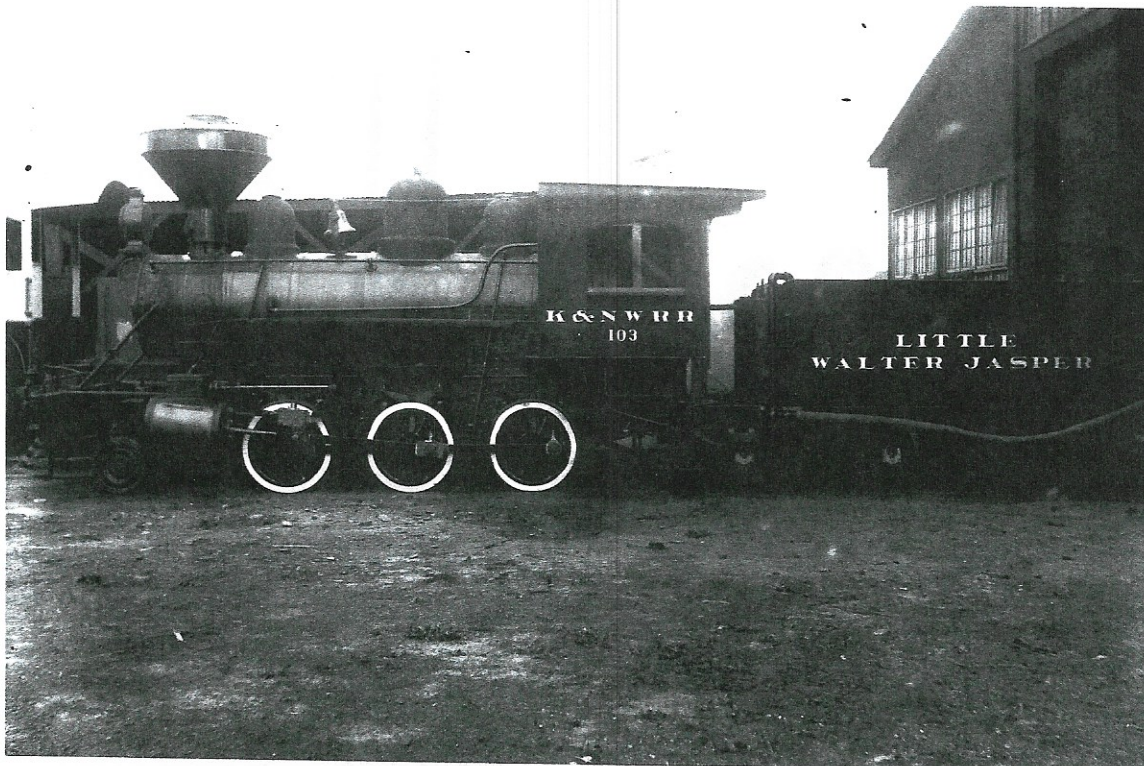


Armeda Rougeou and Mabel Dysert

The Peavy-Byrnes Lumber Company Train Engines used at Emad



Kinder Northwestern R.R. Engine#102 Peavy-Byrnes Lumber Company Train



Kinder Northwestern R.R. Engine#103 Peavy-Byrnes Lumber Company Train

BOOK REVIEWS

Have you read a book lately that you think would be of interest to other members? Would you like to send us a review for the next issue of Crossroads? It can be a historical novel, history that includes this area or a family history. Let us hear from you! Loretta Headrick has submitted a review for this issue. Read on and enjoy!

“The Wayfaring Stranger” By Author-Curt Iles

This book is fiction, although Curt says certain characters are based on his relatives---Great-Great-Great Grandparents.

We start the work in 1849 in Ireland. Joseph(named by his Mother after Joseph in the Old Testament) Moore escapes from Ireland on a boat headed for New Orleans.

He eventually leaves New Orleans headed for “Ten Mile” or “No Man’s Land.” He is searching for freedom and land.

When Joseph arrives in his sought for destination, he finds the “Redbones”---A people proud of their heritage. They were dark skinned, with straight black hair and beautiful dark eyes. They were mixed cultures of Indian, white, and other races. They were very clannish and did not welcome any strangers. They fought and won over a timber company that was trying to take over their land.

If you like to read Louisiana History, you will enjoy this work.....Read and reviewed by Loretta Headrick.

QUERIES

Don't forget to send in your queries. Someone may have that missing link you need in you family tree. You won't know until you ask! Queries are free to members. When sending in your queries, make them clear, concise and easily understood. Give full names of the person, exact date, if known and a location. State the information you are seeking.

**** IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

Many of us carry cell phones with names and numbers stored in their memory but nobody else knows which numbers belong to our closest family or friends—those who should be contacted in case of emergency. The “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) Campaign suggests identifying your main emergency contact as ICE - and continuing with ICE2, ICE3, etcetera - so your emergency contacts can be called promptly in case of an emergency!!

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Although not required, we ask that you please send a five generation
chart of your lineage for our records. A blank chart is attached.

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Please attach any queries you would like published.

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3 (Mother of No. 1)

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