**FOREWORD**

I am Alma Lorena Moss Lancaster, daughter of Thomas William Moss and Dora Belle Haydon Moss. I was born in Dyer, Arkansas, in 1906, and in my eighty years I have seen many changes.

When I was born Dyer did not have any conveniences. Our homes were "four rooms and a path." We used the old coal oil lamps with the smutty globes which had to be cleaned every morning, drew water from a well out in the back yard, kept warm by the fireplace which only warmed one side at a time, no butane or natural gas, no telephone except in some of the stores, no electricity nor a bathroom for a "Saturday night" bath.

No cars in Dyer and traveling was done by horse and buggy. Neither did we have radios or televisions. I have lived through four wars and we do appreciate the conveniences we have today.

This is the second book on Dyer data that I have compiled that there might be a history left of our Community. Again I want to repeat that I do not consider myself a writer, but we need to leave our footprints on the sands of time and it is later than we think for I have discovered whenever I ask for information I get as many answers as people that I ask. I have done a lot of research and interviewing our people in compiling these data.

I had a better response when I asked you to send in data on your family or whatever you would like to have put in the "**Looking Back At Dyer,**" and as you can see there are 159 pages in the book so I am compiling another book to include the letters that were sent me.

Again there will be mistakes and hope you will take them as they are for my hand for some reason will not do what my brain tells them to do, especially after I had a stroke a year ago. But I am thankful that I can still do many things for God has been good to me.

I have enjoyed so much setting up the Dora Moss Library and working as Librarian in it. I also realize that soon someone else will have to take up the Challenge and hope they will enjoy the work as much as I have.

Keep this date, 1989, in mind as Dyer will then celebrate her 100th birthday. I hope that I will still be around to enjoy this date if not, I just might be "peeping" around somewhere.

And please, please, someone begin keeping important dates and events and keep the history of our Community up to date.

Lorena Moss Lancaster

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In May, 1976, the Board of the Dora Moss Library sponsored the Bicentennial Observance and set up a date for the next Celebration when the "Capsule" would be dug up, and not thinking that the year we had chosen would be the 150 Birthday of Arkansas. But when we began making plans this year and realize what this year would mean to us all we accepted the challenge and made plans for observing this special year and keeping the date of a Saturday before our Memorial Day observance.

Each Committee Chairman has taken their responsibilities and all plans are made and we hope this will be a day that all will enjoy.

We would like to say Thank You to all who have worked to make this a day of remembrance.

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