**DAISY CHASTAIN RENFROE'S NOTES**

Cousin Columbia Nelson talked a lot about Dyer. She said that it was first called HAYES Township. There was a Mr. Frank Hayes lived here in early days of Dyer. He was the father of Will Hayes and Hattie Mason and was one of the original settlers.

The Dyer family who came to Dyer about 1850 according to Census Records paid Mr. Hayes to have the name changed to Dyer Station, and they had the Post Office at that time, and it was confusing for the town to be named one name, and the Post Office another name.

John Shelton Chastain would meet the mail boat at Riverside twice a week. He would deliver the mail at Riverside and then brought out the mail for Dyer Post Office.

The place of Jewel Chastain, son of Shelton Chastain, on the North side of the railroad was Papa's allotment at the close of the Civil War.

He gave the land and $200.00 to the Methodist Church for all Denominations to have a place to preach as there was no church here then.

Twenty two different preachers of all Denominations slept in the West upstairs room of our home before any of the family ever slept there. This was called the "Preachers's Chambers."

I guess the Lipscombs and Guthries were the first people here. John Nelson was the first railroad section foreman of Dyer.

