**EARLY SETTLERS**

1840 Census states these people living in Dyer vicinity

Annis Heard

Peter Kurkendall

Spencer C. Heard

1850 CENSUS

93: James Heard 97: Hester Bunch

94: Joel Dyer Martin Bunch

95: James Goad 98: John Fisher

96: Preserved Morse

1860 CENSUS

370: Preserved Morse Thomas Wells

397: Nat M. Lipscomb Thomas Cottrell

491: Rich K. Pounds

1870 CENSUS

James Heard John William Moss

W. C. Sullivent Preserved Morse

Nat M. Lipscomb J. H. Manuel

Frank Hayes Joel Dyer

1880 CENSUS

J. W. Moss Sarah Ann Dyer

J. H. Manuel Floyd Loomis

W. H. Whittington Asbury Lawson

Robert N. Anderson T. W. Woods .

James Cottrell John Chitwood

John Jordon James Moore

W. C. Sullivent

1890 Census was burned so we have none for this ten years.

| **1900 CENSUS WHICH I HAD RESEARCHED FOR THIS BOOK:** | | |
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| Richard Powell  Rufus Hampton  James R. Chastain  Sam Kelley  Jacob F. Wells  John D. Hood  James Patton  John W. Moss  Augustus Pinion  Jesse McAnally  Edward Jean  Andrew J. Wells  Charles H. Moss  John H. Warrick  Charles E. Carnes  Dr. Joseph Ayres  Edward Chastain  William I. Harness | America Osborn  James H. Coward  David I. Lawrence  Thomas Green  Thurman Hurd  Thomas Galliher  Thomas Conway  James I. Yates  Charley W. Kesner  John C. Jones  James R. Selby  Sarah Fowler  Lee M. Meadors  Willis H. Mason  Floyd Loomis  Louise Wagner  Charles W. Kennedy  Daniel C. Chitwood  James H. Selby | Edward Maples  Hampton B. Fuller  Joel M. Dyer .  Anderson Hurd  John J. Jordon  William Kurkendall  George E. Dyer  Andrew Dyer  Joseph M. Malone  Richard Heard  Leonard Dyer  Steve M. Dyer  Elizabeth Haus  John S. Chastain  John Nelson  Charley W. Morse  James Morse  William H. Mason |

As you can see, this is not a history but compiled data that has been located through research or interviews with people. I also know that many names have been omitted from the pages of families who lived on some of the streets. I am sorry for this but again we hope that this will encourage each of you to turn in any information that you know about and perhaps we can have a better record in the book that will be placed in the Library.

We will take a glance at some of the early settlers and again many will not be here since you failed to send them to me. I wish that I might be able to say "John Doe" came to this wilderness on such and such a date and was our first settler. But this we do not know for sure. When I began this history I wrote how Joel Dyer was the first white man here but after research and interviews with the family we find that Joel Dyer did not come here until 1850 and he was living at Mt. Burg on the 1840 Census.

As far as we know to date the first white man was J. S. Heard, who bought land in 1838 and the Heard family is listed on the 1840 Census for this vicinity. There are seven families listed on the 1850 Census: James Heard, Joel Dyer, James Goad, Preserved Morse, Hester and Martin Bunch, and John Fisher.

(Taken from Bible Records submitted by Mary Remy Cunningham)

John Heard, Jr, died in 1825. He lived and died in Jasper County, Georgia. He married first Olive Crane in 1804. Their children were Spencer Heard; Steven D. Heard; John Dawson Heard; a twin Olive Crane Heard who married John Maxey.

John Heard married second Annis Boren on 15 March 1912. Born to this union were: Eliza C. Heard who married John D. Howell; James Heard born 1813; Charles Clarkson Heard married Henrietta Dunn Allen. Charles Heard had a twin, William Boren Heard and married Martha Jane Forester; Mary C. Heard married Isaac B. Austin.

Annis Boren, the second wife of John Heard, Jr, widowed in 1825, left Georgia with eight of the nine children and came to Van Buren, Arkansas, which we find on the 1840 Census. Her son James Heard born 1813 married Martha Irene Maxey, daughter of Wm. Chambers Maxey and Ann Simpson Maxey, on 08 Mar 1848.

08 March 1848 we find marriage license at Van Buren for James H. Heard.

1850 Census for Richland Township for Crawford County, Arkansas:

HEARD, James 37 Georgia

HEARD, Martha 21 Kentucky

HEARD, Lorena 1 Arkansas

FAMILY RECORDS Born

James Heard 11 Jan 1813

Martha Irene Heard 11 May 1829

Sereanah Heard 14 Dec 1848

Saphrony Heard 06 Jan 1851

Allen Counts Heard 07 Sep 1852

Richard O. Heard 26 Oct 1855

James Spencer Heard 19 Oct 1857

Ann Olive Heard 17 Aug 1859

Marv Frances Heard 15 May 1861

William Maxey Heard 10 Apr 1864

John Holman Heard 18 Sep 1866

Ella Annis Heard 02 Nov 1868

Seth H. Heard 15 May 1871

MARRIAGES

Mark H. Wagner Sereanah Heard December 26, 1866

Sudeth D. Remy Sophronia Heard November 24, 1870

Allen Heard Leona Huggins March 7, 1883

Richard Q. Heard Mary Wood December 1, 1885

Robert Lester Anne Heard December 11, 1887

DEATHS

James Heard January 12, 1874

Martha Heard June 14, 1889

Mary F. Heard February 10, 1867

William C. Heard April 14, 1864

John H. Heard January 25, 1868

Ella A. Heard February 1955 ***[Ed. note: 1855?]***

Serena Wagner January 29, 1883

RICHARD O. HEARD is the one we remember who resided near the Heard Branch on the road going to Alma. His and Mary Wood's children were:

Samp Clyde Heard, born March 13, 1887, at Dyer. Married Lucille Kimbrough. He died October 13, 1972, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Bettis Wood Heard born March 6, 1890, at Dyer. Married Nelle Page, died October 8, 1973, at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Roger Q. Heard born July 21, 1890 at Dyer, Arkansas, married Ada Love in 1922

Frank Lee Heard born April 11, 1898, at Dyer, Arkansas. Married Reba Ethel Eddy in 1917, died June 20, 1968, at Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma

One surviving member of this family is Roger Q. Heard who resides at New Hall, Los Angeles County, California. There is no member of this family now living at Dyer (Copied from Heritage).

Another early settler was Joel Dyer who came to Dyer before it was named. He married Sarah Ann Talkington while living at Mountainburg, Crawford County, Arkansas. The family originally came from North Carolina. Caleb Dyer of Warren County, Kentucky, who died there in 1816, he was born in 1773 and married Rebecca Howard who later died in Crawford County, Arkansas, in 1834. They had 5 sons and 5 daughters. The oldest, Benjamin, born 1798 in North Carolina and died 1834 near Mountainburg, Arkansas. He married Martha Patty Pogue. In 1832 Benjamin and Martha Dyer left North Carolina and came to the Arkansas Territory and located on Frog Bayou, present site of Mt. Burg. It was then a vast wilderness of virgin timber inhabited by Indians, wild animals, and wild game.

In 1833 Rebecca Howard Dyer, widow of Caleb Dyer, and her other eight children left North Carolina and started for Arkansas where son Benjamin was living. Some traveled across the country in wagons driving their horses and cattle. Some traveled up the Arkansas River in a flat boat.

Rebecca and her children settled on Frog Bayou, next door to Benjamin and Martha. In 1835 Benjamin died from exposure, so Rebecca helped Martha raise her children.

Soon after this Joel Dyer, second son of Caleb and Rebecca, married Sarah Ann Talkington, who lived on Little Mulberry Creek. The ridge of this mountain was so narrow that it was known as the Narrows, spoken "NARRS". So about 1850 Joel and Sarah Ann established Dyer Station. This was upon the old Wire Road north of the present town, also known as the Susie Bennett property on Rhodes Street and down Wire Road going passed the Cemetery. They reared six sons and six daughters.

Joel Mack Dyer born 1807, North Carolina. Died 1864 at Dyer. Buried in Sullivent Cemetery between Dyer and Alma.

Married in 1836 and Sarah Ann died 1887 and also buried in Sullivent Cemetery.

JOEL MACK DYER and SARAH ANN TARKINGTON

Clementine P Dyer 1838 Peter Russell Bates

Caroline Elizabeth Dyer 1840 William Johnson & T. Barry

Stephen Manoah Dyer 1842 Elizabeth Alsobrook

Mary Salome Dyer 1844 Died 1863

Martha Dyer 1846 Younger Neal

Rebecca Mira Dyer 1848 James Patton in 1880

George Ewing Dyer 1849 - 1904 Virginia Price Kuykendall

Joel Mack Dyer 1854 - 1930 Elizabeth Haygood and

Catherine Kuykendall

Penelope Dyer 1854 John Hardin & Rev Joe Calloway

Walter A. Dyer Mary Catherine Raney

Charles Edgar Dyer 1869 - 1947 Sybilla Reed

William Howard Dyer Ella Mooney & Laura Laverette

Cyrus M Dyer Viola Reed

It was to Clementine that Joel wrote the beautiful letter which a copy hangs on the Dora Moss Library Wall in Dyer. Stephen remained in Dyer until his death, having the first store here and making a great contribution to our town. It was for him and his brother George that the town was named. Rebecca Mira Dyer also lived here until her death. She and James Patton lived in the house across from the stores. They were the parents of Walter, Fred, and Callie Patton (James). George lived here until his death in 1904, remaining on the old homestead. It was he who helped lay out the town in lots and named some of the streets. He was the Sunday School superintendent for the Community Church for many years. And we all remember Uncle Mack Dyer. He had the first filling station in the forks of the road where the Wire road connected with road to Alma. Mack Dyer lived here all of his life and died and buried in Dyer cemetery. He had a twin sister named Penelope Dyer. Walter A. Dyer was the. first postmaster in Dyer in 1885. Charles Dyer and Cyrus Dyer were the first depot agents about 1887. William Howard Dyer became a Methodist minister.

These are the families of those who resided in Dyer:

STEPHEN MANOAH DYER ELIZABETH ALSOBROOK

Laura Mae Dyer Herbert Cravens

Steven Joel Dyer Died age 28, unmarried

Horatio Dyer Emma Westbrook

Annie Dyer Died 1924

Clem Elisha Dyer Died 1906

Addie Lida Dyer (Twin) Dan Harrison

Bessie Maxwell Dyer (Twin) Died in infancy

REBECCA MIRA DYER JAMES PATTON

Walter Dyer Patton Lena Humphries

Frederick Patton Dora Carter

Callie Maude Patton William James

All of these children lived in Dyer and reared their families until at least teenagers. Walter was the cashier of the Dyer Bank for several years before moving to Alma. Fred became County Sherriff. Callie Patton James lived here until after her husbands death and is the oldest member of the Baptist church today.

GEORGE EWING DYER VIRGINIA PRICE KUYKENDALL

William Edgar Dyer

Oma Lucille Dyer

George Hudson Dyer

Samuel Miller Dyer

If I am not mistaken, Samuel Miller Dyer was the father of Little Sam, whom many of us went to school with in the old white building.

JOEL MACK DYER ELIZABETH HAGOOD

Susan Tarkington Dyer Marcet Bennett & Sebe Tomlinson

Cyrus Montgomery Dyer Sidney Miller

Susie reared her family here: Dyer Bennett Dyer; Paul Dyer and Virginia Selby. She was a faithful worker in the Methodist Church. Marcet died in the flu epidemic in 1918. Soon after this Susie built a home for her and her children upon part of the old Joel Dyer homestead.

JOEL MACK DYER CATHERINE KUYKENDALL

Asa Claude Dyer Mary Lee Wells & Nita Wagner

Sarah Rebecca Dyer Thell Bowlin

George Ann Dyer William Hudson

Jackson Oliver Dyer Vera Cartwright

The above were his second family. Asa Dyer lived on the Mack Dyer homestead for many years. His and Mary Lee's children grew up with us and attended school with us. Three of his children reside her today: Reba Irene Dyer Winford has just completed a new home upon the hill overlooking the old homestead. The twins, Mack and Jack, named for their grandfathers, Mack Dyer and Jake Wells, have homes here. Mack's home is located where Stephen Dyer had his first store and also his grandfather Jacob Wells lived. Jake lives on the 61 road.

Reba Dyer and Thell Bowlin lived on Highway 64 between Mulberry and Dyer. George Ann Dyer Hudson lived in Mulberry until her death, which occurred while her mother's funeral was in progress. Jack Dyer lived here a few years and is buried in the Dyer cemetery.

MORSE FAMILY

Percival or Preserved Morse is listed on 1850 Census in the Richland Township for Crawford County.

MORSE, PRESERVED 40 Born 1810

Sarah Morse 20 Arkansas

Maria Morse 13 Arkansas

David Morse 11 Arkansas

Joseph Morse 10 Arkansas

Martha Morse 08 Arkansas

Samuel B. Morse 06 Arkansas

John Morse 04 Arkansas

1860 CENSUS FOR RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

Preserved Morse 50 Ohio

Betsey Morse 18 Unknown

Joseph Morse 19 Arkansas

Martha Morse 18 Arkansas

Samuel Morse 17 Arkansas

John Morse 15 Arkansas

Tabitha Morse 05 Arkansas

Matthew Morse 03 Arkansas

Preserved Morse was also an early settler. He built his home northeast of Dyer, and it was on his property that the Old Valley School house sat in early days of our Community. This was the first school building, and church was also held in this building. It was a long walk for some of children. Thomas Moss had to walk from the Thurman Hurd place.

Samuel Morse married Jane Henson, daughter of a Methodist minister from Georgia Ridge. They had four children which all grew up here and reared their own families in Dyer.

SAMUEL MORSE JANE HENS ON

Elijah Morse Mariah Chitwood

David Morse Julia Ann Griffin

Lula Morse Joe Minyard

Samuel Morse Sallie McCabe

ELIJAH MORSE MARIAH CHITWOOD

William Lee Morse Lillie Moore

Tom Morse Ada Moore

Daisy Morse Lee Weese

Dolar Morse Mildred Johnson

Otis Morse Earthly Campbell

Flora Morse Dave Makurin

DAVID MORSE JULIA ANN GRIFFIN

Jane Morse

Dora Morse Grover B. Bennett

Myrtle Morse Herbert Foxx

Grace Morse xxx Williams

Leslie Morse Mable Chastain

Avery Morse Rosella Tilly

Vera Morse C. B. Hunter & xxx Ford

Myrtle and Herbert Foxx lived here many years and then moved to California where they both died. Leslie and Mable reared their two daughter here and one daughter, Joyce Joslin, resides here today. Avery lived here until his death in 1968. He built a brick home on the old Floyd Loomis place. A daughter lives here now. Vera resided here during her first marriage and now lives in Texas.

LULA MORSE JOE MINYARD

Jess Minyard Sitha Wnght

Carrie Minyard Frank Love

Bill Minyard Monra Langston

Docie Minyard George Wright

Gussie Minyard Clarence Young

Hillard Minyard Gladys xxx

John Minyard

SAMUEL MORSE SALLIE MCCABE

Billie Morse Died 1932

Bertha Morse Samuel Stephens

Jeff Morse Mattie Dickerson

Lucille Morse Cecil Chastain

Mildred Morse

Olva Morse

All of these children grew up and attended school in Dyer. Jeff, Lucille, and Mildred played on the Basketball teams. Mr. Sam was on the School Board when the new brick school was built. Bertha, Mildred, and Lucille still live here.

MONROE LIPSCOMB

1860 Census, Richland Township

Nat Monroe Lipscomb 28 North Carolina

Lucinda Lipscomb 17 Arkansas

Frances Lipscomb 56 Ireland

Evans Lipscomb 20 Arkansas

1870 Census, Vine Prairie Township, P. O. Biemont

Thomas Lipscomb 40 North Carolina

Elizabeth Lipscomb 26 Arkansas

Simpson Lipscomb 4 Arkansas

Columbia Lipscomb 1 Arkansas

Frances Lipscomb 10 Arkansas

1880 Census, Vine Prairie Township

L. M. Lipscomb 40 North Carolina

Elizabeth Lipscomb 35 Arkansas

Frank Lipscomb 13 Arkansas

Columbia Lipscomb 11 Arkansas

Monroe Lipscomb came to this vicinity around 1860 from North Carolina. He was one of 12 brothers and a sister who married E. E. Guthrie. She was the mother of Frances Guthrie Wells. Monroe owned a lot of land east of the River road and built the house South of Railroad where the John Nelson family lived so long. This house today is the oldest in Dyer. Monroe Lipscomb raised his children here and they attended the Old Valley School. He was one of the first members of the Church of Christ in this community. His children were Alice Lipscomb who married Frank Hays, Columbia Lipscomb married John Nelson, and an adopted daughter Fannie Strine who married Floyd Loomis. Mr. Lipscomb donated the land for Lipscomb-Nelson Cemetery south of Line Street. The family grew enough cotton to spin their thread. Since there was no gin in Dyer at that time, the family picked the seed from the cotton to spin the thread. Then the cotton was carded and spun into thread. Stockings and socks were knitted for the family. The girls learned to spin and knit at an early age.

ALICE LIPSCOMB FRANK HAYS

William Hays Modene Lee Fowler

Hattie Hays Lawrence Mason

Hattie and Lawrence Mason's children lived here all their lives. Earl Mason died in 1913. Alta Mason is still in this vicinity. Ethel Mason married Olen Kincy and died just this February. Hattie Hays Mason then married her brother-in-law and had two sons: Hays Mason and Tom Mason. Hattie Hays Mason Mason later married Frank Porter.

COLUMBIA LIPSCOMB JOHN NELSON

Monroe Nelson Sylvia Meadows

Teeny Nelson Died ???

Lizzie Nelson Pete Cottrell & Voyt Hunter

Lucy Nelson Oliver Thomas

Dillard Nelson

Olga Nelson Bill Andrews

John Nelson came to America in 1871 and later years found him a section foreman on railroad at Dyer. He met Columbia Lipscomb and they married. They moved to Dyer and lived in the house Monroe Lipscomb had built where the Rhodes store is today, moving from there in 1902 and living in the house back of the John Moss store (Charley Floyd House). Then finally moving to the Lipscomb homestead down the railroad on the River Road where they lived until both died and are buried in the Lipscomb-Nelson cemetery. John Nelson once had a store here. He bought the barber shop equipment from Ed Osborn in about 1910 for Monroe and he built a shop on Washington Street where he barbered for many years. Monroe Nelson had a daughter, Yvonne Nelson, who grew up in Dyer. Lizzie also lived here with a son and Lucy had two daughters: Johnnie and Mary Lou. Mary Lou Kelly still lives in Dyer and is a member of the Bicentennial Committee .

FLOYD LOOMIS

FLOYD LOOMIS FANNIE STRINE

Warren Loomis Sadie Wakefield

Lucy Loomis George Roberts

Daniel Loomis Lavada Latta

Florence Loomis Hillary Arty Bennett

Abbie Loomis Luther (Boss) Flemings

Fannie Loomis Joe Lawrence

Floyd Enoch Loomis Cora Pinch

Floyd Loomis came from New York State in about 1877 and was a carpenter by trade. He left his hammer marks on many a building in Dyer The first depot, Methodist, and Baptist Churches, Moss Hotel, Moss store, and several homes. Served on the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, was a school director for many years. He opened the Loomis Street which ran in front of the Brick School building. When he came here he bought 40 acres in the wilderness across from where Baptist Church is today. He built a home on this property and took his new bride, Fannie Strine, in 1879. Their marriage vows were read by Rev. Simmons, great-grandfather of Martha Chitwood. All of their children attended school at Dyer and some of older ones went to the Old Valley School. The boys followed in their father's footsteps and became carpenters. When the children were small, Mrs. Loomis spun thread and knitted socks and stockings for them.

They made dye from berries and tree bark to dye linings for quilts They did a lot of quilting in their home, and it was a quilting bee that gave one of their granddaughters, Fannie Loue Bennett Spelce, the inspiration for her favorite painting, "The Quilting Party"

FLORENCE LOOMIS HILLARY ARTY BENNETT

Fannie Lou Bennett Neil Spelce

Louden Bennett Edith Leftwich

Inez Bennett Harley Robinson

Hilary Arty Bennett Louise Rosser

Marie Bennett Lee Colvert

This family resides in Campbell, Santa Clara County, California, moving there in 1939.

ABBIE LOOMIS LUTHER (BOSS) FLEMINGS

James Flemings

Viola Flemings

Lois Flemings

Buell Flemings

Edgar Flemings

Hazel Flemings.

This family also moved to California.

ANNIE LOOMIS JOE LAWRENCE

Bernice Lawrence T. J. Bradley

Thelma Lawrence William Sturdivant & Sol Herring

Gracie Lawrence Russell Tate

Floy Lawrence Roland Belt & Ray Key

Lucy Jane Lawrence Bruce Benton

Billy Jo Lawrence

Ruth Maurine Lawrence Marvel O. Wren

Margaret Ann Lawrence

Joe Lawrence was the son of Edward Cornelius Lawrence and was working at the Bill Fleming gin when he lost his arm. There are no members of these families left in Dyer today.

JOHN WILLIAM MOSS

He was born in Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, 23 May 1848. Married Lucy Caroline James 25 Dec 1867, and their first child, Thomas William Moss, was born 27 September 1868 at Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas. They moved to Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas, in 1870 and their child, John James Moss, was born 18 Oct 1870. Their third son was Charles Haydon Moss born 07 Nov 1873 in Dyer. John homesteaded 40 acres in southwest part of town. Lucy died 13 Apr 1880 and was buried in Kings Cemetery. That year John married Ursula Whittington in June 1880. In 1884 John helped lay out the town of Dyer in lots and named some of the streets for two of his children. In 1886 he built a store and owned the first General Merchandise store here. Served as postmaster in 1886. Built a hotel where Ernest Cottrell lives today. Served on Board of Stewards of Methodist Church, South, and was on the town Council when he died.

JOHN WILLIAM MOSS 1st wife LUCY CAROLINE JAMES

Thomas William Moss Dora Belle Haydon

John James Moss Eola Tilles & Cordie Henderson

Charles Haydon Moss Mattie Wells

JOHN WILLIAM MOSS 2nd wife URSULA WHITTINGTON

Lena Mary Moss Rev. Elisha Dyer

Lucy Cornelia Moss Rev. Julius Faust

Robert Paul Moss Rose Johnson

Eola Moss Pierce David Selby

Ruth Moss George Carroll

Hazel Moss Hale Robison

Those who reared their families in Dyer were:

THOMAS WILLIAM MOSS DORA BELLE HAYDON

Thomas James Moss Lucile Kentling

Albert Haydon Moss Died as an infant

Alma Lorena Moss Irl Scott Lancaster

John Layton Moss Irma Doris Johnson

Hilda Caroline Moss Clarence Ples Gregory

Charles George Moss Ruth Woods

Robert Cuthbert Moss Eloise Hill

Only Hilda reared her children, Marilyn Gregory and Clarence Ples Gregory, Jr. Lorena retired after forty years away and built a home here on the homeplace where they are living today: 1976.

CHARLES HAYDON MOSS MATTIE WELLS

Glynn Moss Died as an infant

Lucy Merle Moss Layton Sloan

Frances Moss Charles Casperson

Charles Vance Moss Lillian Tomlinson

John Fielding Moss Ruby Mae Hunter

Mary A. Moss Gene Capponi

James Guthrie Moss Lucille Renfroe

Thomas Andy Moss Mildred Dorsey

Pauline Moss Hansa1 Belt

Norman Stacy Moss Reba Cox

Lucy Moss Sloan's children were:

Edsel Sloan

Kenneth Sloan

James Haydon Sloan

Gerald Sloan

Frances Moss and Charles Casperson had one child: Darriell D. Casperson.

Charles Vance Moss's children were:

Owen Moss

Mary Hazel Moss

John Fielding Moss had one child: John Fielding Moss, Jr.

Mary A Moss's children were:

Mattie Frank Capponi

Vance Gene Capponi

John Moss Capponi

James Guthrie Moss's children were:

Joe Dan Moss

Martha Sue Moss

John Guthrie Moss

Thomas Andy Moss had twin boys:

Thomas William Moss

Charles Haydon Moss.

Pauline Moss and Hansel Belt were divorced soon after marriage.

Norman Stacy Moss's children were:

Norman Stacy Moss, Jr

Thea Lynn Moss

Second Marriage

Lucy Moss Faust: John Faust was born here

Ola Selby: Lathan; Datha; Johnnie; Mary Sula; Robert; Pierce; Eola; Betty Selby.

Today I ***[Alma Lorena Moss Lancaster***] am the only Moss descendant left in Dyer.

Thomas William Moss attended school in Texas, ran a store in Indian Territory for a year at Sallisaw, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. Went into partnership with his father in business and the store was known as John W. Moss and Sons. Served as the town treasurer. Acted as Notary Public; elected for three terms to state legislature from Crawford County. His wife, Dora Belle Haydon Moss was a teacher. Ran the store after Thomas had to retire. 1972 her dream came true of a Library in Dyer, named Dora Moss Library

JOHN SHELTON CHASTAIN

In 1890, John Shelton Chastain lived on Georgia Ridge, Crawford County, Arkansas. Coming there from Georgia, he was a son of Edward B. Chastain and Nancy Melvine Rogers. He was born 1833 in Jackson County, Georgia.

He married Syntha xxx in Georgia and their children were:

Melvina Chastain W. C. Fox

Harvey Chastain Emma Haney

John Chastain Egna Dawson

Edward Chastain Mamie Echols

James Chastain Mable Henderson

Milton Chastain Maude Henderson

About 1897 (says one of his daughters) he came to Dyer, leaving his family on the ridge until he settled a farm and built a house. He stayed in the Moss Hotel while this was being done. This must have been the house that faced the store to the North and later faced the West. He ran a store across the street in part of the Leonard Davis house and also had the Post Office there. Reports are that he picked up the mail from the River bottoms and brought it to Dyer. His wife died in 1897 and then he married Sophia Crittenden Sparks. Children were:

Daisy Chastain Node Renfroe

Jewel Chastain Mildred Smith

Nancy Chastain Elton Whitlow

Shelton Chastain Martha Cannon

Mary Chastain Bill Little

They built the two story house located on North Line Street. In the upstairs before any of the family slept there it was used as an "Upper Room" for preachers of all Denominations to sleep. He was one of the first members of the Church of Christ and donated the lot for the Methodist Church, South, to be built with understanding that the Church of Christ ministers could preach there.

He donated land for a school and a Cemetery on Georgia Ridge. He died in 1904. His family continued to reside here but today only Milton and Nancy and some of Milton's children are here.

Harvey Chastain's children were Jess Chastain who married Vivian Chitwood, had two daughters.

Goldia Chastain married Vilas Manuel and reared four children here:

Laverne Manuel

Dow Manuel

Jessie Vivian Manuel

Nell Ruth Manuel

Edward and Mamie Chastain's children were:

Ruel Chastain

Clyde Chastain

Elva Chastain

Audry Chastain .

James and Mable Chastain had a daughter, Nellie Chastain, while living here.

Milton and Maude Chastain's children were:

Sybil Chastain

John Cecil Chastain

Mable Chastain

Madge Chastain

Daisy Chastain

Mary Chastain

Milton lived here all of his life and died in 1973. John Cecil Chastain and Madge Chastain are the only ones of his children still living in Dyer.

Daisy Chastain Renfroe became a teacher. Her son, William Renfroe lived here but now lives in Oklahoma.

Jewel Chastain served in World War I. He married Mildred Smith. Their three children are Zelma Chastain, James Samuel Chastain, and Kenneth Dale Chastain. Mildred still resides in Dyer.

Nancy Chastain Whitlow has one son and his name is Elton B. Whitlow. She lives today on Washington Street.

Mary Chastain Little has a son named Bill Chastain Little. She lives at Van Buren.

JOHN HENRY MANUEL

He was born in Stokes County, North Carolina. Married Sarah Rusher in 1865 in Clark County, Mississippi. He settled here about 1869 southwest of Dyer on 61 Road. He is listed on 1879 tax list. Remember the Holly tree that was in their yard which holly from it was used to decorate, school, churches, and homes at Christmas.

Eddie Manuel xxx Drake

Lily Manuel xxx Thompson

Jesse Manuel xxx Campbell

Gertrude Manuel Edd McCabe

Vilus Manuel Goldia Chastain

Carl Manuel Stella Wright

Herbert Manuel Died as a youth

Rosa Manuel xxx Drake

VILUS MANUEL GOLDIA CHASTAIN

Laverne Manuel Wallace Jackson

Dow Manuel

Jesse Vivian Manuel Arthur Hopkins

Nell Ruth Manuel

Vilus Manuel built the yellow house on Washington Street with part of the lumber from the school building that was torn down in 1918.

CARL MANUEL STELLA WRIGHT

Carl Wayne Manuel Maxine Manuel Miller

WILLIAM C. SULLIVENT

He came to Dyer about 1870 and is listed on the 1870 Census. Some say that he was one of the first six settlers here. He settled on land west of the James Heard place upon the Heard Branch. This house later was known as the haunted house. His children were:

Jim Sullivent Liza Brock

Levit Sullivent Cordelia Chitwood

Sarah Sullivent John Jordon

No one from this family sent in data so I cannot complete this family. William C. Sullivent bought 120 acres from S. M. Dyer in 1881.

Levi T. Sullivent Cordelia Chitwood 1887

James Sullivent Jane Brash 1887

Liza Brock was an orphan and lived with Floyd Loomis family when she married Jim Sullivent. They moved 5 miles west of Alma, and William C. Sullivent followed his son Jim there. Florence Loomis and Cordelia Jordon visited them after their move. Lee Sullivent who lived up on the hill moved to Texas.

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