MEMORIES OF GEORGE AND BONNIE WEESE

George Raymond Weese was born 08-10-1903

Father: Albert Harvey Weese was born 01-06-1876

Mother: Sarah Ann Carols Weese was born 01-07-1876

Brother: Harvey Lee Weese was born 06-09-1898

Brother: William Henry Weese was born 07-12-1900

½ Brother: Chester Bradley Thomas

½ Sister: Viola Etta Thomas Hale

½ Sister: Magnolia Netta Thomas

½ Sister: Vergie Pearl Thomas Davis

All were born around the Alma Area and attended these schools: New Hope, Sixty-One, and Dyer. We moved to Dyer in 1917.

The first year that we attended school in the new brick building, Tommie Moss and George Weese were the janitors at the school, and we received $7.50 per month for serving as janitors. This comprised six school rooms and then the auditorium had to be swept once a week or for special occasions.

Several of the boys and I had a lot of fun hopping freight trains here at the Depot and riding to the grade up by Uncle Thurman Hurd and then we would jump off before it picked up speed and got to fast. We were known as "the Dirty Dozen."

Some of the Dirty Dozen boys were returning from taking their girl friends home from Church. The girls lived on the north side of town and the boys who belonged to the dirty dozen lived on the south side of town and when Church services lasted a long time it made it bad for we boys. Dyer had a curfew law and we had to come back through town and if we stopped and got a coke then we were past the curfew time so we would have to pay a fine. This was the first fine I ever had to pay and the last one, too.

The very next night we went up to the Heard Branch located by the railroad west of town and there we caught the City Marshall shooting dice.

I am sure that most of the younger people in this Community do not remember the little theatre George Weaver opened. That was a place for the young people who did not have access to a car (young people did not own cars in those days) to meet and also enjoy the moving picture shows.

Well, this is where I met the new girl who had moved to our Community and married her. Her name was Bonnie Johnson, and I am still living with her after 64 years and we are still happy living together.

We were blessed with five boys and one girl and we are very proud of our wonderful family. The five boys were all in the service in the second World War and served overseas duty. None of the boys live in Dyer but they are home often to see us and our daughter lives beside us. Here is data on our family:

George Weese born 08/10/1903, m/d ca 1921 to

Bonnie Johnson, born 04/04/1903

Children:

Sybil Louise Weese born July 17, 1922, at Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas,

m/d ~~Alfred Hawkins~~ [***Editor's note: not sure what this implies.***]

Georgia Ann Weese born Sep 24, at Dyer, Crawford County, Arkansas

died Sep 27

John Wm. Weese born Nov 29, 1923 m/d Imogene Palmer

Austin Scott Weese born Feb 10, 1926 m/d Charlene Wasson

Raymond Earl Weese born Nov 17, 1928 m/d Roletta Easter

Ralph Burl born 17 Nov 1928 m/d Lucille Randell

Jesse Vann Weese born 27 Apr 1930 m/d Velma Faye Furr

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