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"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, 14 Dec 1972

MRS. VIOLA MURPHREE VARDAMAN - Funeral services for Mrs. Viola Alexander Murphree, 75, will be Thursday at 2 p.m. from New Liberty Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. She died in the Calhoun County Hospital at Bruce Wednesday. She was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County and was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. She is survived by two daughter, Mrs. Aubrey Sutherland, Vardaman, Mrs. Daivd Harris, Jackson; one son, E. A. Murphree, Vardaman; four sisters, Mrs. Carris Barker, Jackson, Mrs. Virgie Naron, Mrs. Bertie Gibson, and Mrs. Dede Fleming, all of Vardaman; four brothers, Tom

Alexander, Calhoun City, Dennis Alexander, Bayne, Vardaman and Mark Alexander, Houlika.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, 29 Oct 1972

MRS. MINNIE INMAN CAPLES VARDAMAN-Mrs. Minnie Inman Caples, 73, life-long resident of Vardaman, died Thursday at Tupelo after a brief illness. She was a member of the Midway Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star. Services were held Saturday, 2 p.m. from the Midway Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery under the direction of Anthony Funeral Home. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joe Hartley, Batesville; two sons, J. K. Caples, Lawrenceville, GA., and Hermit W. Morgan, Mantee; six sisters, Mrs. R. L. Gilder and Mrs. Spurgeon Lewis, both of Vardaman, Mrs. Preston Davis, Mantee, Mrs. Leonell Vance, Calhoun City, Mrs. Herman Leister and Mrs. Cecil Howard, Derma; four brothers, Norman Inman, Robert Inman, Clarksdale Inman, and Andrew Inman, all of Vardaman; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, 29 Oct 1972

MRS. JESSIE MAE HERRING VARDAMAN-Miss Jessie Mae Herring, 66, resident of Vardaman, died Friday at her home after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Vardaman Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Hill Crest cemetery. Anthony Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Christine Herring and Miss Samatha Herring, both of Vardaman; two brothers, William Herring, Memphis, Tenn., and Charlie Herring, Calhoun City.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi, Wednesday, 16 Aug 1972

EDDIE HARMON VARDAMAN-Funeral services for Eddie A. Harmon, 93, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will be in Ellzey Cemetery. Anthony Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Jaggars Harmon, Vardaman; one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Jenkins, Vardaman; two sons, Vernon Harmon, Houston, and E. G. Harmon, Vardaman; and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Gray, Yazoo City.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, 26 Jul 1972

LEONARD D. HERRING VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Leonard D. Herring, 91, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday from the Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Midway Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Herring, a retired farmer, died Thursday at this residence following a brief illness. He was a member of the Midway Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ethma Walker Herring, Vardaman; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Sanderson, Houston, Mrs. Ruby Dossett, Monroe, La.; three sons, J. L. Herring, Arcadia, Calif., F. C. Herring, Petaluma, Calif., P. G. Herring, Atlanta, Ga.; one sister, Miss Zola Herring; one brother, Herman Herring, both of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, 5 Jun 1972

W. F. JAGGERS VARDAMAN—Services for Walter F. Jaggars, 71, will be held at 3 p.m. Monday from Anthony Funeral Home chapel here. Burial will be in Ellzey

Cemetery. Survivors include two sisters, Sarah Margaret Jagers and Mrs. Ed Harmon, both of Vardaman; three brothers, Dewey, Wesley and Randolph, all of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, 16 Dec 1971

EARLY B. HARDIN VARDAMAN—Funeral services for Early B. Hardin, 66, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Vardaman Baptist Church. Interment will be in Oak Springs Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Mr. Hardin died Wednesday at Calhoun County Hospital at Bruce. He was a life-long resident of Calhoun County. He was a farmer and a member of New Gauley Baptist Church. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Bernie Hardin; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Marie Wade, Memphis, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, Vardaman; four sons, Wayne Hardin, John Hardin, James Hardin, all of Calhoun City, Tom Hardin, Vardaman; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Hardin, Hackleburg, Ala., Mrs. Mattie Harville, Calhoun City.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, 3 Oct 1971

WILLIAM WINTER VARDAMAN—Funeral services for Mr. William Basco Winter, 80, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. from the New Liberty Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Ellzey Cemetery. He died Saturday in the Vardaman Hospital after an extended illness. He was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County and was a retired farmer and blacksmith. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rosa Winter, Vardaman; one daughter, Mrs. Faye Webster, Memphis, Tenn.; two sons, Durrell Winter, Vardaman, and Brooks Winter of New Orleans; two sister, Mrs. Alvie Sullivan and Mrs. Adie Flowers, both of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, May 25, 1972

CLAUD E. SPRATLIN Funeral services for Claud E. Spratlin, 77, will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery with Masonic rites. Anthony Funeral Home in Bruce is in charge of arrangements. He was a retired merchant. Mr. Spratlin died Wednesday morning at Vardaman Hospital after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Neddie Belle Brown Spratlin, Vardaman; three daughters, Mrs. Rufus Gilder, Vardaman, Mrs. Coleman Bagwell, Starkville, and Miss Veneal Spratlin, Huntsville, Ala.; three sons, John Spratlin, Jackson, Bill Spratlin, Vardaman, and Paul Spratlin, Vardaman; seven sisters, Mrs. Clara Hollingsworth, Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Vera Green and Mrs. Burice Green, both of Bruce, Mrs. Mary Edna Hayes, Calhoun city, Mrs. Willa Dean Free, Winn, Ark., and Mrs. Erma Fay Archer, Booneville; and six brothers, Forest Spratlin, Vardaman, Arthur Spratlin, Hughlett Spratlin and Reul Spratlin, all of Bruce, O. D. Spratlin, Grenada, and Rayburn Spratlin, Calhoun City.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, September 28, 2006

MARY ALICE HARVEY BOX STARKVILLE – Mary Alice Harvey Box, 89, died Monday, September 25, 2006 at Oktibbeha County Hospital. Visitation is 608 p.m. today at Welch Funeral Home in Starkville. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Friday at Egger Cemetery north of Caledonia on Wolfe Road. Elder Herman Clark will officiate. She was born in Caledonia on September 25, 1917, and was the daughter of George

Harvey and Ella Oakley Harvey. On July 20, 1940, she married Barry Ford Box, who preceded her in death.

She was an elementary and special education school teacher for 30 years. She taught in Vardaman and Greenwood Springs and in the Starkville School District, where she worked for 18 years before retiring in 1977.

She was a member of Noisy Needles in Starkville and of Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Monroe County. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma professional honorary society of women in education and of Starkville Education Association, which she served as president. She is survived by a son, Larry Box of Starkville, his wife, Florence Oakley Box of Starkville; and a grandson, Warren Box of San Francisco, Calif. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Barry F. Box Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi State University, to the Starkville Foundation for Public Education, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Gifts to the scholarship fund may be sent to the Mississippi State University Foundation, P. O. Box 6149, Mississippi State MS 39762 with the gifts designated for the Barry F. Box Memorial Scholarship. Donations to the Starkville Foundation for Public Education may be sent to P. O. Box 2307, Starkville, MS 39759. The online guest registry may be signed by visiting <http://welchfuneralhomes.com>

“Clarion-Ledger” Thursday, March 18, 1999 Jackson, Mississippi

WALTER OAKLEY EDINGTON, Retired Farmer VARDAMAN – Walter Oakley Edington, 80, a retired farmer died of heart failure Tuesday at Calhoun County Nursing Home. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Mr. Edington was a Calhoun County native. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. He attended Mount Herman Primitive Baptist Church. He was a Mason. He and his wife raised her siblings, Cozette Hamilton of Duck Hill, Wayne Bryant of Calhoun City and Buddy Bryant of Coldwater, as their own children. Other survivors include: wife, Virginia; daughter, Reva Hardin, Kathy Hamilton and Gigi Long, all of Vardaman, and Judy Edington of Monroe, La.; son, Grover Edington of Vardaman; sisters, Nora Parker and Virginia Carter, both of Vardaman; brothers, Willian “Bill” Edington Pascagoula and Charley Bailey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Monday, December 1, 1997 Jackson, Mississippi

ALPHA BELL SCARBROUGH HOMEMAKER VARDAMAN – Alpha Bell Scarbrough, 79, a homemaker died of respiratory failure Friday at Crossgate Manor Nursing Home in Brandon. Services are 1 p.m. today at Vardaman Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Scarbrough was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Pat Herring of Birmingham; son, Pete Scarbrough of Flowood; sister, Amy McCrary of Memphis; brother, Reginald Griffin of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, September 10, 1996

EARL RICHARD BLUE RETIRED TEACHER, FARMER HOUSTON – Earl Richard Blue, 91, a retired teacher and farmer, died of heart failure Saturday in Dyer Nursing Home. Services are 10 a.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. Blue was a Calhoun County native. He was a member of Vardaman Methodist Church. He taught school in Calhoun and Chickasaw counties for more than 30 years. He was the widower of Lorene Martin. Survivors include: daughters, Frances Ann Hannaford of Cleveland, Doris Earlene Smith of Danville, Va., and Allie Jean Moore of Zanesville, Ohio; sister, Frances Cox of Vardaman; brothers, Dan Blue, Bill Blue and Paul Blue, all of Vardaman; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, May 12, 1981

SALETA C. RUSSELL PITTSBORO – Funeral services for Saleta Cook Russell, 68, are 2 p.m. today from Pryor-Wilson funeral Home with burial in Ellzey Cemetery. She died Sunday. She is survived by her husband, Willie R. Russell; two sons, John P. Fleming of Vardaman, the Rev. Edgar W. Fleming of Montemorelos, Mexico; two stepsons, William B. Russell and John A. Russell, both of Pittsboro; a stepdaughter, Peggy Hardin of Vardaman; two brothers, Wayne Cook of Algoma, John Cook of Inverness, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Royce Polk of Algoma, Mrs. Forrest Parker of Pittsboro, Sybil Hendrix of Inverness, Fla

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, August 27, 1984

JOHN SPRATLIN John Spratlin, 61, of 2177 Hickory Drive died Saturday at Hinds General Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Baldwin, Lee & Barnes Funeral Southwest Chapel with burial in Lakewood Memorial Park. A native of Vardaman, he had lived in Jackson for 29 years. He was retired from Orvill Brothers Wholesalers. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Woodville Heights Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amelene Spratlin of Jackson; daughters, Mrs. Karen Peterson of Brandon, Mrs. Sarah Jane Crain of Bolton and Mrs. Sandy Kay Rogers of Jackson; brothers, William A. Spratlin and Paul A. Spratlin of Vardaman; sisters, Mrs. Elaine Bagwell of Eupora, Mrs. Naomi Gilder of Vardaman and Veneal Myrick of Gulfport; and 11 grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, December 28, 1984

THE REV. L. M. WRIGHT CALEDONIA – The Rev. L. M. Wright, 74, died Wednesday at his residence in Caledonia. Services are 2 p.m. today at Gunter & Holmes Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Vaughn Cemetery. He was a native of Caledonia and was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. He had been a Methodist minister for 43 years, and was a member of Masonic Lodge 280 of Caledonia. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Sharp Wright of Caledonia; daughters, Mrs. Doris Olds of Caledonia; sons, Louis M. Wright, Jr. of Vardaman and Don Wright of Caledonia; brothers, Hollis Wright of Vernon, Ala., and Kermitt Wright of Winona; and six grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Rev. L. M. Wright served as pastor of the Vardaman Methodist Charge for the years of 1954, 1955, 1956.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi, Saturday, March 31, 1934

MCGRAW FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD CALHOUN CITY, March 20 – John J. McGraw, 37, of Vardaman, World War Veteran, died at the Veterans hospital at Memphis and the remains were brought back to this county for burial. He was a member of the Calhoun county volunteer company and received his initial training at Alexandria, La. He saw service with the first division of the army; he was wounded one time by gun-shot and was gassed. His health has been poor since being mustered out of service. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Lucile Penick; by two daughters, Joyce and Maylene McGraw; by three brothers, Jesse and Gordon McGraw, Norfolk, Va.; by four sisters, Mrs. S. T. Carter, Aberdeen, Mrs. S. H. Hurst, Houston, Mrs. L. H. Foster, Houston, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Indianola. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. H. M. Collins, were held Thursday and burial was in the Hillcrest cemetery at Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, September 23, 2010

FRANK INMAN CLINTON Frank Inman, aged 80, of Clinton, Mississippi passed away of a heart attack on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Family members will receive friends in the parlor of First United Methodist Church in Clinton, MS on Friday, September 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25. Memorial services will follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, in the church sanctuary with Rev. Mitchell Hedgepath and Dr. David Watson officiating.

Born in rural Chickasaw County, MS. Frank was reared on his family’s plantation near Vardaman, MS. Graduating from Vardaman High School, he enlisted in the US Army before attending Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, MS. There, in 1954, he met and married Nelda Jean Webb Inman, his wife of 56 years. He returned to the Army for 2 years before enrolling in MS State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958. Moving to Jackson, MS, he became an auditor for the Milk Marketing Division of the US Dept. of Agriculture in Jackson and Greenwood from 1958 to 1980.

Upon his retirement from the USDA, he served as Sergeant for the 3390th US Army Reserve Forces School in Jackson, where he subsequently served as Sergeant Major from 1986 to 1989. Because of his insight, dedication, and creative efforts toward Training Center Operations at the school, Frank was awarded the title of the “Father of the Training Center.”

Frank later joined the MS State Department of Environmental Quality in Jackson, as an inspector of dams, and after his retirement there continued to work on a contract basis. Frank was a faithful member of Lake Shore Congregational Methodist Church for 30 years in Jackson before joining the First United Methodist Church in Clinton, where he was a member of the Beginnings Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Blue Lodge Masons where he served as secretary and as Master of the Leavell Woods Lodge on two occasions. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the

Wahabi Shrine, and the Royal Order of the Jesters. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Kathleen and James Vardaman Inman; his brother, James Vardaman Inman, Jr. and his sister Eloise Inman Smith. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean Inman of Clinton, MS; his daughter and son-in-law, TJ Inman McSparrin, Clinton, MS; his granddaughters, Kellis and Cody McSparrin, Clinton, MS; his step-son, Edward Earl Shelnut, Edwards, MS; his sisters, Mary Kate Hardin, Derma, MS, and Fairy Rose Huffman, Van Vleet, MS; his brother, David Inman, West Point, MS; and his mother-in-law Velma Webb, Clinton, MS. Frank will long be remembered for his steadfast love of his family, his church, and his friends. He was a devoted son-in-law, faithfully and tenderly caring for his mother-in-law, Velma Webb, at Trinity Mission in Clinton. He was a Southern gentleman, a welcoming host, a caring friend, a delightful and entertaining story teller, and the world is a better place for those whose lives he touched. Serving as Honorary Pallbearers are Kirk Oldenburg, Carroll Rosamond, Ben Tripp, Louie Wages, Clinton Shrine Club, Beginnings Sunday School Class and Masons of the Levell Woods Lodge. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First United Methodist Church of Clinton, 100 Mt. Salus Drive, Clinton, MS 39056.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, July 18, 2006

BETTYE LOU MASSEY VARDAMAN – Bettye Lou Massey, 59, died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at her home. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home chapel with burial in Elzey Cemetery in Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, September 15, 2006

MARY EVELYN SPRATLIN BRYANT GREENWOOD - Mary Evelyn Spratlin Bryant, 82, a homemaker, died Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at Indywood Glen Personal Care Home in Greenwood. Visitation is 5-6:30 p.m. today at Mortimer Funeral Home in Indianola. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with burial at 3 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, March 2, 2007

ARCHIE RAY BRYANT INDIANOLA – Archie Ray Bryant, 86, a retired soil conservationist, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at South Sunflower County Hospital in Indianola. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today at Mortimer Funeral Home in Indianola. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home chapel with burial in the Vardaman Cemetery in Vardaman at 3 p.m. He was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church of Indianola. Survivors include: daughter, Charlotte (Harrell) Byrd of Brandon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Bryant

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, February 22, 2008

DR THOMAS WAITS STARKVILLE – Dr. Thomas Pope Waits, 72, died Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at the Carrington LLC in Starkville. He was born July 13, 1935, in Calhoun County. He was a retired dentist after 38 years. He received his B. S. Degree from Mississippi College in Clinton in 1956 and his DMD from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1960. He served in the U. S. Air Force as a dental officer. In 1968 he married Sarah M. Hodges Waits. They lived in Bruce for 33 years. He served as

alderman for the Town of Bruce and served eight years on the State of Mississippi Public Welfare Board. He was president of the Bruce Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow. He was an avid horseman and enjoyed showing Tennessee Walking Horses. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Starkville, the American Legion and several professional organizations. Services will be held 2 p.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Bruce with the Rev. Chip Stevens and the Rev. Clifton Curtis officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Sarah Hodge Waits of Starkville; one brother, Sam Waits of Grenada; one sister-in-law, Judy Hodges Cascio of Starkville. Pallbearers will be Danny Rodgers, Fred Murphree, Andy Stepp, Robert Edward Oakley, Jerry Beckett, and Chris Shurden.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi March 23, 2008

AMANDA PAIGE YOUNG MADISON – Miss Amanda Paige Young, 38, passed away at University Medical Center in Jackson on Saturday March 22, 2008. Miss Young was born on November 17, 1969, in Jackson to her parents, J. Richard Young, Jr. and Bettye Morgan Young. Miss Young was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church. Miss Young is survived by her parents, J. Richard Young, Jr. and Bettye Morgan Young of Madison; one brother, J. Richard Young, III of Orlando, Fla.; and her grandmother, Mrs. Gay Spratlin Young of Bruce. Miss Young was preceded in death by her grandparents, J. R. “Pete” Young, Cephas D. and Maggie Spruill Morgan. Visitation will be held today from 3-5 p.m. at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home on Highland Colony Parkway in Madison. Visitation will be held on Monday March 24, 2008 from 1 until time of service at Parker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Bruce at 3 p.m. with Rev. Darrell Logan officiating and Rev. Joey Hamilton and Rev. Chad Logan assisting. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman, MS. Pallbearers will be Robert Box, Monte Jordan, Robert Jackson, Brad Logan, Drew Young and Robert Young.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, March 6, 2001

VAN BUREN FLEMING STARKVILLE Van Buren Fleming, 79, a retired building contractor and co-owner of Fleming Building Supply, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Oktivveha County Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church with burial in Midway Baptist Church Cemetery in Vardaman. Welch Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mr. Fleming attended Mississippi State University, He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, a member of VFW, Woodmen of the World, and was awarded the Silver Star. Survivors include: wife, Bessie Gilder Fleming of Starkville; daughters, Emily Smith of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Ava Tolbert of Jackson and Kim Stockton of Birmingham; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to World War II Memorial

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, December 20, 2011

LAVELL BAILEY INDIANOLA Lavell Ferguson Bailey, 88, of Indianola died Sunday, December 18, 2011, at South Sunflower County Hospital in Indianola. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at First United Methodist Church and from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 service at First United Methodist Church in Indianola. Burial will follow in Indianola City Cemetery under the direction of Burton

Funeral Home of Indianola. Mrs. Bailey was born July 14, 1923, in Rocky Mount, MS to Howard and Ethel Murphy Ferguson. She graduated from Vardaman High School in 1940. She graduated from Draughton Business College in 1942. October 31, 1942, she married Elisha Allen Bailey, who was training to be a Methodist minister. Lavell was always an active Christian in the life of the church, supporting her husband as a pastor. She loved her home and all her family members. She loved to keep house and flowers in her yard and the house at the same time. She was a good cook and enjoyed cooking good food for her family and husband. She demonstrated Christian love and friendship daily. She was never too tired to show faith in Jesus in her daily living. She looked forward to having a daily devotion in the morning and in the evening with her husband, Allen. She called him sweetheart most of the time. Her Scripture was used daily to show God's love for her. The day before she died she told her children, her husband, and Dr. Rose that she was going to die. She reminded them that she was going Home to Heaven. Mrs. Bailey fulfilled lots of Scripture as she lived, but right now among us she has fulfilled II Timothy 4:6-8. Mrs. Bailey is survived by her husband of 69 years, Rev. Elisha Allen Bailey of Indianola; two daughters, Patsy Diann (Mike) Schuller of Lauderdale, MS and Judy Ann (Bobby) Barr of Greenville, MS; sister, Bonnie Mills of Roanoke, VA; three grandchildren, Kristin Allyn Anders, Jessica Allyn Seales, and Robert Bailey Barr; and two great-grandchildren, Michael Bailey Anders and Caleb William Seales. Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America or to any charity of the donor's choice. Online guestbook may be signed at www.burtonfuneralhome.net.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, October 16, 1994

WESLEY S. SCARBROUGH high school graduate

FLOWOOD – Wesley Sherman Scarbrough, 19, a graduate of Northwest Rankin High School, died of cancer Saturday at his home. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Pinelake Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman. Visitation is 3-6 p.m. today at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home in Pearl.

Mr. Scarbrough was a Jackson native. He had lived in Flowood most of his life. He was a member of Pinelake Baptist Church. At Northwest Rankin, he was a member of the baseball, football and soccer teams. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and the outdoors.

Survivors include: parents, Pete and Susan Scarbrough of Flowood; paternal grandmother, Alpha Scarbrough of Brandon; and maternal grandmother, Alma Edmondson of Vardaman. Memorials may be made to the Wesley Scarbrough Memorial Fund at Pinelake Baptist Church.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi
Tuesday, October 18, 1994 Article by Rick Cleveland
Teenager's faith, courage, dignity are remembered
This first appeared May 27, 1993

Cheers rang in his ears and butterflies fluttered in his stomach when Northwest Rankin High's Wesley Scarbrough stepped to the plate in the first round of the state baseball playoffs. Northwest led Oxford 8-0, but the overflow home crowd was cheering like this was the deciding game of the World Series and the home team was down to its last out. Some had tears in their eyes. Others wept openly. Scarbrough, 17, heard the cheers and soaked in all the emotion. His parents were there. So were teachers and friends. He heard the encouraging shouts of his teammates and coach. But he tried to block everything out and focus on the pitcher. He took a called strike and then a ball. He didn't feel nervous, but he did feel the pressure. He remembers thinking, "With all these people here pulling for me, I've got to hit this ball somewhere." With the count one ball, one strike, here came the windup and the pitch.

Left fielder notices pain in left leg This, the longest season of young Scarbrough's life, began with such promise. Northwest returned several standouts, Wesley, a tall, strapping, blonde-haired junior and a starter since the ninth grade, hit for power and average. His coach, Jeff McCleskey, called him "an outstanding left fielder." But all through the preseason, Wesley felt a nagging pain in the back of his left leg, near the top of his hamstring muscle. It hurt when he ran and when he swung the bat, but he played through it. Pete Scarbrough, Wesley's dad, noticed how his son favored the leg when he hit and when he ran. "He used to get so much of his power from his legs, and now he was swinging with just his arms and shoulders." Pete Scarbrough said. Wesley didn't want to make a big deal of it, because he wanted to play. But, the pain worsened. On Monday, March 15, he was running out a triple in the Capital City Classic. He felt a sharp pain. Later, when he rubbed the leg, he felt a huge knot. That night, doctors operated. They found a tumor. Three days later, the report came back with dreadful news. Cancer. Specifically, lipo sarcoma. "The most amazing thing to me is that Wesley's never gotten mad about it." Pete Scarbrough said. "He hasn't complained. He's just faced it, and decided to beat it. That boy has a lot of faith. He's handled it better than his mama and daddy have." Wesley has spent much of the last two months in Houston at the M. D. Anderson Clinic where he has undergone several brutal rounds of chemotherapy. The prescribed treatment is to shrink the tumor with chemo and then remove it. He's lost 25 pounds down to under 160. He's lost that thick blonde hair, too. He hasn't lost his will. "I've had so much support from friend and family," Wesley said, before pausing. "And, I've prayer an awful lot.

Determination to reach first base ...The pitch was a belt-high fastball. Wesley swung, all shoulders and arms. The result: A clean hit through the middle. McClaskey had instructed Wesley to jog to first, no matter where he hit it. But instincts took over. He started quickly out of the batter's box, but his left leg gave way and he fell. He picked himself up and started running again. He fell once more, before stumbling into first base, grinning widely. The crowd went crazy. "You've heard people use the phrase, "There wasn't a dry eye in the place"? Well, there wasn't," McClaskey said. Wesley Scarbrough's battle was far from over. But he had made it to first base.

Wesley Scarbrough died Saturday at his home. Several hundred attended a memorial service Monday at Pinelake Baptist, where friend remembered his zest

for life and the quiet courage, faith and dignity he maintained in his 19-month struggle with cancer.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, March 16, 2006

IRENE MCGRAW INVERNESS – Irene Parker McGraw, age 102, and wife of the late R. G. McGraw, died on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in Anderson, South Carolina. A Graveside Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ellzey Cemetery, Vardaman, Miss., with Jim Woods officiating. The family will receive friends at the cemetery following the graveside service. The McDougald Funeral Home, Anderson, is in charge of the arrangements. Born on June 23, 1903, in Vardaman, Miss., she was a daughter of the late Fred B. Parker and the late Laura Jane Rhodes Parker. Mrs. McGraw lived most of her life as a homemaker and a resident of Inverness, Mississippi. Following the death of her husband, she relocated to South Carolina. She was a member of Community Christian Church of Anderson, SC. She is survived by a daughter, Laura Faye Blackston of Anderson, South Carolina and a son, Robert McGraw of Jasper, Georgia and formerly of Inverness, Mississippi. Six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a grandchild and a sister, Mary Lou Huffman. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ellzey Cemetery Fund, Bancorp South, Post Office Box 92, Vardaman, Mississippi 38878. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.mcdougaldfuneralhome.com

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 23, 2004

NAOMI GILDER VARDAMAN – Naomi Spratlin Gilder, 82, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Calhoun Health Services in Calhoun City. Visitation is 10 a.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home in Vardaman. Services are 11 a.m. today at the funeral home with burial in Midway Cemetery.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, March 19, 2004

MARTHA JANET ROBERTSON CLINTON – Martha Janet Robertson, 59, a homemaker, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at home. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Parker Memorial Funeral Home in Vardaman. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Midway Baptist Church in Vardaman with burial in Midway Cemetery. Survivors include: husband, Boyd Wayne Robertson of Clinton; daughter, Kim Perrone of Atlanta, Ga.; son, Michael Swink of Falls Church, Va.; mother, Wynette Bailey Inmon of Vardaman; sister, Joy Boland of Huntsville, Ala.; two brothers, Jerry Inmon of Starkville and Stephen Inmon of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, December 14, 2003

VIRGINIA BLUE VARDAMAN – Virginia Hill Blue, 79, a homemaker, died Friday, December 12, 2003, at home. Services are 2 p.m. today at Vardaman First Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman. Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Bruce is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, December 14, 2003

DELORESE H. BRAY VARDAMAN – Delorese Haire Bray, 70, died Saturday, December 13, 2003, at Calhoun Health Services in Calhoun City. Visitation is 1:30 p.m. today at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Vardaman. Services are 2:30 p.m. today at

the church with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Bruce is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, November 16, 2003

ZELMA JOHNSON VARDAMAN – Zelma Christine Bracken Johnson, 76, died Friday, November 14, 2003, at her daughter’s home. Services are 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church of Vardaman with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Vardaman is handling arrangements. Mrs. Johnson was born August 28, 1927, in Hickory to Eff and Jannie Inez Hurst Bracken. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Vardaman. She was a retired employee of Seminole Manufacturing Company after 25 years of service. She recently retired as an Associate with Wal-Mart of Houston, Miss. Survivors include: two daughters, Sharon Johnson Bailey and her husband, Danny, of Vardaman, and Judy McDevitt and her husband, Hank, of Clinton; one son, John Steve Johnson of Vardaman; her mother, Jannie Bracken of Calhoun City; one brother, Robert Bracken and his wife, Betty, of Brandon; and five grandchildren, Emily Mixon and her husband, Brad, of Madison, Crystal Ellison and her husband, John, of Houston, Richard Bailey of Vardaman, Brandy Devitt of Clinton, and Steven McDevitt of Clinton. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her father, her husband, Oren Van Johnson, and a son, Buddy Johnson. Pallbearers will be Rodney Gillespie, Brent Harrell, Jim McGregor, Randle Wright, Ray Sutherland and Jim Blue.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, December 27, 1972

MRS. B. G. GILDER VARDAMAN – Services for Mrs. Billie Gertrude Gilder, 84, will be held Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. from the Vardaman Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Midway Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Mrs. Gilder died Tuesday morning at the North Mississippi Retirement Home in Grenada. Survivors include one son, Gatlin Gilder, Memphis; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, May 27, 2003

MARY EVELYN RICHARDSON VARDAMAN – Mary Evelyn Richardson, 84, a homemaker and beautician, died Sunday, May 25, 2003 at home. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Vardaman First Baptist Church in Vardaman with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Vardaman is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ALFRED SPRATLIN VARDAMAN - William Alfred Spratlin, 84, a retired carpenter died Saturday, December 7, 2002, at the Calhoun Health Services Hospital in Calhoun City. Services are 10 a.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in the New Liberty Cemetery in Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, September 29, 2002

RUBY EASLEY VARDAMAN – Ruby Mae Ward Easley, 78, a homemaker, died Friday, September 27, 2002 at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Services are 2 p.m. today at Reedy’s Chapel Baptist Church in Derma with burial in the church cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home of Calhoun City is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, September 2, 2002

LORENE WALLS VARDAMAN – Lorene Dye Walls, 82, a homemaker, died Saturday, August 31, 2002, at her daughter's home in Vardaman. Visitation is 1:30 p.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church. Services are 2 p.m. today at the church with burial in the church cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, May 2, 2002

PAULINE WATKINS SKINNER VARDAMAN – Pauline Watkins Skinner, 84, a homemaker, died of heart failure Sunday, May 5, 2002 at Floy Dyer Manor. Services are 10:30 a.m. today at Pryer Funeral Home in Calhoun City with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, February 20, 2002

DOUGLAS COOPER HARTLEY GRENADA – Rev. Douglas Cooper Hartley, 89, a retired Baptist minister, died of heart failure Saturday, February 16, 2002, at Beverly Health Center. Services were Monday at Garner-Harper Funeral Home with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Rev. Hartley was born May 15, 1912, in Pontotoc County to the late Rev. J. F. Hartley and Mable Burke Hartley. He graduated from Vardaman High School, attended Mississippi College then transferred to the University of Mississippi where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts in 1935. In 1952, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Rev. Hartley accepted the Lord as his personal Savior in August 1925. He was licensed to preach by Vardaman Baptist Church in 1931 and was ordained to preach on April 29, 1934, by First Baptist Church in Oxford. Rev. Hartley retired as pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Grenada after having served there for 35 years. Other churches he pastored include: Sarepta and Reedy's Chapel in Calhoun County, Fairview and Cagle Crossing in Coahoma County, Friendship West in Tallahatchie County, New Prospect in Monroe County, West Marks in Quitman County, New Liberty in Montgomery County, Alva in Webster County and Berea in Tunica County. He preached numerous revivals, officiated at funerals and performed many marriage ceremonies during his ministry. He was active in the North Central Pastor's Conference until he became unable to travel. At the time of his death, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Grenada. From 1935-1962, Rev. Hartley was a bivocational minister and teacher/principal. He served schools in Vardaman, Rural Hill, Walthall, Pittsboro, Sarepta, Coahoma County, Water Valley, Grenada and Holcomb. While in the education profession, he served as president of the Coahoma County Teacher's Organization. He was instrumental in securing scholarships for many of his students so that they could obtain a college education. He taught, pastored, baptized, married and buried many of his students. On November, 4, 1956, Rev. Hartley began a Sunday morning radio ministry, “More About Jesus’ on WNAG in Grenada. This program continued until 2001. He also held devotional services three times each month at Grenada Health and Rehabilitation Center and Beverly Health Care Center from 1955-1997. He was honored by Beverly Health Care on April 19, 1998, for his “extraordinary commitment and exceptional performance” during those years. Rev. Hartley was Master Mason and served as chaplain of Grenada Lodge No. 31. On February 14, 1984, he delivered the sermon for the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi at its annual meeting in Jackson. Rev. Hartley was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Sue Spikes Hartley; his sister, Mary Evelyn Hartley; and a brother, J. T. Hartley. Survivors include: daughters, Robbie Berry and husband, Jerry, of

Raymond, Dorothy Phillips and husband, Bill, of Grenada and Patsy Little and husband, Rainey, of Starkville; brothers, Sam Hartley of Vardaman, Joe B. Hartley of Batesville and Mark F. Hartley of Waverly, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Mike Phillips, Debbie Goodwin, Doug Berry, Kevin Berry, Jenni Atwell, Brenda Chandler, Tim Little and Larry Little; 14 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Village, the Gideons International or the charity of the donor's choice.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, February 21, 2002

GRACE WELLS M. CLEGG VARDAMAN – Grace Wells McCullough Clegg, 79, a retired bookkeeper, died of heart failure Monday, February 18, 2002, at Cedars Health Center. Visitation is 1 p.m. today at Midway Baptist Church in Vardaman. Services are 2 p.m. today at the church with burial in Midway Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, October 13, 2001

CHARLES NELSON CRUM VARDAMAN – Charles Nelson Crum, 71, retired United States Air Force, died of cancer Thursday, October 11, 2001, at North Mississippi Medical Center. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Parker Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 20, 2001

KATIE E. CARTER JACKSON – Katie Will Edmondson, Carter, 83, a retired school teacher, died of cancer Thursday, July 19, 2001, at her son's home. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at Nowell-Flippin Funeral Home in Ridgeland. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with The Rev. Mark Anderson officiating and burial at 3:30 p.m. in Antioch Cemetery in Calhoun County with The Rev. Jimmy Vance officiating. Lee Funeral Home in Winona is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Carter was the widow of Watt Carter, long time educator, State Land Commissioner and prominent Masonic leader. She was a native of Calhoun County, who had resided in Jackson since 1968. She was a member of Colonial Heights Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was a graduate of Blue Mountain College, where she was a member of the Eunomian Society.

She was a longtime resident of Vardaman, where she taught school. She was active in the Calhoun City Chapter #200, Order of The Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron. She was a former member of Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Sorority, WDC and Official Mississippi Wives Club. She is survived by two sons, Dr. Joe Jon Carter, a Jackson dentist and Phil Carter, a Jackson attorney; one brother, Joe Moore Edmondson of Collierville, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Jon Watt Carter and Laura Leigh Carter, both of Jackson. Memorials may be made to Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, MS and Antioch Baptist Church, Bruce, MS and Vardaman Baptist Church, Vardaman, MS.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, July 19, 2001

TRYON BURT VARDAMAN – William Tryon Burt, 75, a farmer and cattleman, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi in Oxford. Services are 11 a.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home Chapel at Calhoun City with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery in Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, July 8, 2001

MICHEAL LEE PARKER VARDAMAN – Michael Lee Parker, 42, a farmer, died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Friday, July 6, 2001, in Vardaman. Visitation is 3:30-0 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Ellzey Memorial Chapel with burial in Ellzey Cemetery.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, April 5, 2001

THEO GILLESPIE VARDAMAN – William Theo Gillespie, 91, a farmer, died of heart failure Monday, April 2, 2001, at Calhoun County Health Care Facility. Services are 11 a.m. today at Poplar Springs Baptist Church with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, March 25, 2001

RONALD LADERLE RAMAGE VARDAMAN – Ronald Laderle Ramage, 72, a registered forester, died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Friday, March 23, 2001, in Vardaman. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City with burial in New Providence Cemetery.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, January 24, 2001

AUDREY NELL SUTHERLAND VARDAMAN- Audrey Nell Sutherland, 73, died Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at Oktibbeha County Hospital. Visitation is 1-3 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City. Services are 3 p.m. today at the funeral home with burial in New Liberty Cemetery.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, January 18, 2001

CHARLES BARNETT VARDAMAN – Charles Barnett, 68, a retired employee for Kellwood, died Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi in Oxford. Services are 2 p.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, April 12, 2008

JOE BURKE HARTLEY BATESVILLE – Joe Burke Hartley, 81, died Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Tri-Lakes Medical Center in Batesville, MS. His services will be Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Batesville with burial to follow at Magnolia Cemetery, in Batesville. Dr. Greg Johnston, Dr. David Ball and Bro. Fred Hartley will preside. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 5-8 p.m. at Wells Funeral Home. Mr. Hartley was born in Calhoun City, (Vardaman), MS on October 12, 1926 to J. F. Hartley and Mable Burke Hartley. Joe B. was a Vocational Agriculture Teacher for 27 ½ years. He also served 16 years as Panola County Superintendent of Education. Mr. Hartley was a Korean War Veteran who served in the U. S. Army. He served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Batesville. For 55 years he taught Sunday School at First Baptist. Since 1974 he was the teacher for the

“Joe B. Hartley Sunday School Class.” Joe was a charter member of the Batesville Civitan Club in 1958. Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia Hartley Waller of Pontotoc, MS; his son, Richard A. Hartley of Batesville, MS; three brothers, Samuel H. Hartley of Vardaman, MS, Dr. Mark F. Hartley of Waverly, TN, Dave Hardin of Buchanan, Georgia; his companion, Bessie Mae Smith Fite of Batesville, MS; four grandchildren. Joe B. was preceded in death by: his wife, Bobbie Lee Caples Hartley; a sister, Mary Evelyn Hartley of Vardaman, MS; a brother, Douglas Cooper Hartley of Grenada, MS and a granddaughter, Amy Elisabeth Hartley of Batesville, MS. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be given to any of the following: Gideon Ministries, Panola Camp, P. O. Box 791, Batesville, MS 38606 or Calvary Baptist Church, Children’s Ministry, P. O. Box 1505, Batesville, MS or First Baptist Church Building Fund, 104 Panola Ave., Batesville, MS Wells Funeral Home.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, July 22, 2009

GAY SPRATLIN YOUNG BRUCE – Mrs. Gay Spratlin Young, 87, died Monday, July 20, 2009, in Bruce, Mississippi. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Parker Funeral Home. Services will be held 10 a.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Joey Hamilton and Dr. Daniel Hathorne. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Vardaman, MS. Mrs. Young was born July 26, 1921 in Calhoun County, MS. She was a member of the 20th Century Club, Eastern Star and a member of Bruce First Baptist Church. She was also a homemaker, business woman, and seamstress-drapes. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. R. “Pete” Young, Sr.; her parents, Bedford Forrest Spratlin and Pearl Hollingsworth Spratlin; a granddaughter, Paige Young; and a sister, Ruth Sanderson. Survivors include two sons, Richard Young, Jr., (Betty) of Madison, MS and Robert Young (Julie) of Prattsville, AL; three grandchildren, Richard Young, III of Winter Park, FL, Erin Young of Auburn, AL, and Drew Young of Prattsville, AL; two sisters, Maggie Martin and Martha Nell Martin, both of Vardaman; one brother, Morris Spratlin of Royston, GA.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, May 19, 2000,

PATRICIA ANN ELLIS factory seamstress VARDAMAN - Patricia Ann Ellis, 54, a factory seamstress, died of heart failure Sunday at Trace Regional Hospital. Services are today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Ellis was a Baptist. Survivors include: husband, Richard; mother, Geraldine McGregor of Vardaman; son, Brian Ellis of Vardaman; and brothers, Charles McGregor of Houston, Johnny McGregor, Early McGregor, Jim McGregor, and Sammy McGregor, all of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, April 3, 2000

CHARLES WILLIAM BUSH farmer VARDAMAN – Charles William Bush, 62, a farmer, died of heart failure Saturday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi in Oxford. Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City is handling arrangements. Mr. Bush was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Mississippi National Guard. Survivors include: wife, Jackie; daughters, Pamela Cain of Bruce and Judy Morgan of Vardaman; sister, Dianne

Bailey of Vardaman; brothers, James Bush and Wayne Bush, both of Vardaman; and three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, March 31, 2000

W. B. WRIGHT retired farmer DERMA – W. B. Wright, 61, a retired farmer, died of cancer Wednesday at his home. Services are 2 p.m. today at Midway Baptist Church with burial in Midway Cemetery in Vardaman. Visitation is 1:30 p.m. today at the church. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mr. Wright was a member of Bentley Baptist Church. Survivors include: sons, Bobby Wright of Vardaman, Dawson Wright and Jason Wright, both of Houston, Jeffery Wright of Calhoun City and Harvey Wright of Derma; sisters, Martha Murphree of Houlka, Sue Lovorn of Vardaman and Patsy Callahan of Houston; brother, Melvin Wright of Banner; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, March 22, 2000

JASON WILLIAMS car salesman VARDAMAN-Jason Williams, 22, a car salesman at Williams’ Used Cars, died of heart failure Sunday at home. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Calhoun City Cemetery. Vardaman, Mr. Williams was a member of Providence Baptist Church. Survivors include: father, John Williams of Vardaman; mother, Sandra Gregg Stroup of Vardaman; sisters, Lisa Bullard of Calhoun City and Cathy Baker of Vardaman; brothers, Wade Williams and Dave Williams, both of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday March 5, 2000

AUDREY BLUE SUMMERVILLE retired registered nurse WEST POINT – Audrey Blue Summerville, 82, a retired registered nurse, died of pneumonia Saturday at Clay County Medical Center. Services are 2 p.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home in Vardaman with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman. Mrs. Summerville retired from Clay County Medical Center. She was a member of West Point First Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Sue Pennington of Hattiesburg; sister, Rita Jennings of Baton Rouge; brothers, Ed Mabus of Bruce and Jules Butler Mabus of Indianola; and seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, February 22, 2000

BILLY GENE BUSH salesman VARDAMAN – Billy Gene Bush, 56, a salesman, died Sunday of a heart attack at his home. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Sarepta Cemetery in Bruce. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Bush was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the National Guard. Survivors include: wife, Peggy; daughter, Tanya Bush Wilson of Bruce; sister, Diane Bailey of Vardaman; brothers, Charles Bush, James Bush and Wayne Bush, all of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, February 5, 2000

JESSE CLYDE McNAIR retired businessman VARDAMAN – Jesse Clyde McNair, 65, a retired businessman, died of heart failure Thursday at North Mississippi Medical Cemetery in Tupelo. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in

Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. McNair was a native of Arkansas. He was a member of Calhoun City Second Baptist Church. He was the widower of Betty McNair. Survivors include: wife, LaNita Webb of Forest, Patsy Clanton of Derma and Joyce Provine of Grenada; and two grandchildren.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Friday, December 24, 1999

RUTH ALLEN HOLLIS homemaker VARDAMAN – Ruth Allen Hollis, 83, a homemaker, died of heart failure Wednesday at her residence. Services are 10 a.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangement. Survivors include: several nieces and nephews.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, September 26, 1999

LONNIE B. DUNCAN retired farmer VARDAMAN – Lonnie B. Duncan, 92, a retired farmer, died of heart failure Friday at Hillcrest Hospital. Services are today at Ellzey Memorial Chapel with burial in Ellzey Cemetery in Vardaman. Pryor Funeral Home of Calhoun City is handling arrangements. Mr. Duncan was a Mississippi Native. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. He was the widower of Susie Maylene Duncan. Survivors include: daughters, Maxine Peck of Wianie, Hawaii, and Shirley Blansett of Houston; sons, Riley Duncan and Steve Paul Duncan, both of Houston and Jimmy Duncan of Vardaman; and 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, May 15, 1999

LOTTIE M. BRANNON homemaker VARDAMAN – Lottie M. Brannon, 92, a homemaker, died of heart failure Thursday at Baptist Memorial Hospital North. Services are 11 a.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Brannon was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. She was the widow of J. L. Brannon. Survivors include: son, Jackie Brannon of Vardaman; and sisters, Gaynell Stacks of Memphis and Lou Earnheart of Tunica.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, April 20, 1939

R.M. MOSELEY BROUGHT HERE Vardaman - April 19 - Funeral services were held yesterday for R. M. Moseley, 81, prominent merchant-planter of Vardaman who died at his home here Monday. Rites were held from the Methodist church here with the Rev. C. W. Smallwood of Ethel, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Mayo, his pastor, of Vardaman; the Rev. A. M. Gamble of Vardaman and the Rev. R. E. Cark of Pittsboro, officiating. A grandson, C. E. Lecornu, Jackson, and three daughters, Mrs. W. W. Blue, Miss Willie Moseley, Mrs. G. E. LeCornu, all of Vardaman, survive. He also leaves eight other grandchildren. Active pallbearers were J. D. Walton, H. M. Canada, H. B. Morrow, C. D. Scarbrough, Tom Scarbrough and John Herrod. Burial was made in the Hill Crest cemetery at Vardaman. (Note: Surname is spelled Moseley in the newspaper. Should be Mosley.)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, August 1, 1932

J. L. EDMONDSON OF CALHOUN DIES

Well Known Resident of County Leaves Many Relatives CALHOUN CITY – July 31
J. L. Edmondson, 63, highly esteemed citizen of this county, died at his home south of Vardaman. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons: C. L. Edmondson of this place; J. C. and J. N. Edmondson of that community; also by three brothers, Wess Edmondson of Derma and William and Robert of that community; by two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Cannon of Unionville and Mrs. Laura Powel of Widnerer, Ark. Mr. Edmondson was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the cemetery at Midway church Saturday with services conducted by Rev. Charles Boyle, Presbyterian pastor of this place, assisted by Rev. Sidney Carter of Slate Springs and Rev. Howard Moseley.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, April 25, 2000

VARDAMAN – FATAL ACCIDENT

A Calhoun County man was killed after the truck he was driving went off the road. **Steven D. McKinney**, 28, of Vardaman was killed Saturday on Mississippi 341 just north of Vardaman, the state Highway Patrol said. According to investigators, McKinney’s car left the road and he was killed.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, April 1, 1999

TOMMIE LEE ‘TOM’ DYE, JR. farmer CALHOUN CITY – Tommie Lee “Tom” Dye, Jr., 61, a farmer and car salesman, died Wednesday of a cerebral hemorrhage at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Central in Memphis. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial with Masonic rites in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Dye was a Calhoun County native and a member of Derma Baptist Church. He was a member of Vardaman Masonic Lodge No. 052 and was past president of the Calhoun City Lions Club. He was co-founder and past board president of Calhoun Academy. Survivors include: wife, Geraldine; daughters, Debbie White of Vardaman and Gail McKibben of Bruce; sons, Robert Lee Dye of Brandon and Tony Parker of Calhoun City; and seven grandchildren.

Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, October 27, 1998

DEDE M. A. FLEMING homemaker VARDAMAN – Dede Mateland Alexander Fleming, 85, a homemaker, died of heart disease Sunday at Trace Regional Hospital in Houston. Services are 2 p.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Mrs. Fleming was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. She graduated from Vardaman High. She was the widow of Joseph Levi Fleming. Survivors include: daughters, Betty Jo McGee of Jonesboro, Ark., and Sue Langley of Houston; son, Jerrell D. Fleming of Kansas City, Mo.; brothers, Dennis Alexander of Vardaman and Mark Alexander of Houlka; and seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, November 19, 1998

KATHLEEN B. SHEPHERD homemaker VARDAMAN – Kathleen Bush Shepherd, 70, a homemaker, died of heart failure Wednesday at Trace Regional Hospital in Houston. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Calhoun City. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shepherd was a Big Creek native. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband, I. W.; daughters, Deborah Jones of Calhoun City and Shelia Lester of Vardaman; sister, Diane Bailey of Vardaman; brothers, James Bush, Charles Bush, Wayne Bush and Billy Bush, all of Vardaman; and three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, August 2, 1998

RUTHIE FAY JONES domestic VARDAMAN - Ruthie Fay Jones, 29, a domestic, died of a heart attack Monday at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Services were Saturday at Midway Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Eddie Robinson & Son Funeral Directors handled arrangements. Mrs. Jones was a Calhoun County native. She was a Baptist. Survivors include: sister, Jane Jones of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 1, 1998

CARL EVERETT Bevill, SR. retired factory worker

VARDAMAN – Carl Everette Bevill, Sr., 68, a retired worker at Union Camp Box Factory, died of heart failure Thursday at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Services are 10 a.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Monta Vista Cemetery. Mr. Bevill was a Vardaman native. Survivors include: daughters, Carolyn Thomas of Starkville and Patsy Hudson of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; stepdaughter, Bonnie King of Bruce; sons, Danny Bevill and Willie Carl Bevill, both of Vardaman, and Carl Everette Bevill, Jr., of Tupelo; stepson, Rickey Nix of Houston; sisters, Odean Golden of Houston, Oudia Abbott and Pauline Conners, both of Eupora, and Gatha Scarbrough of Guntown; brothers, L. D. Bevill of Calhoun City and Ray Bevill of Houston; and 11 grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, June 6, 1998

LILLIAN HARMON JENKINS homemaker VARDAMAN – Lillian Harmon Jenkins, 86, a homemaker, died of heart disease Thursday at Hillcrest Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Ellzey Cemetery. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughters, Martha Gregg of Memphis, Betty Bain of Baton Rouge, Maxine Blue of Vardaman and Linda Brown of Nesbitt; and nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, May 29, 1998

DOYLE HAWKINS railroad employee VARDAMAN – Doyle Hawkins, 99, a retired C & G Railroad employee, died of heart failure Wednesday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi in Oxford. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation is 3-6 p.m. Saturday at Pryor Funeral Home. Mr. Hawkins was a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton. He was a deacon and former Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Elizabeth Sansing of Oxford; son, Gerald Hawkins of Baton Rouge and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, May 10, 1998

J. ALFRED ‘CAL’ WAITS retired FBI agent BRANDON

J. Alfred “Cal” Waits, 57, retired FBI agent, died of heart failure Friday at University Medical Center. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Park Place Baptist Church with burial at 4 p.m. in Midway Cemetery in Vardaman. Visitation is 4-8 today and 8-10:30 a.m. Monday at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home of Pearl. Mr. Waits was a Blaine native and had lived in Brandon for 19 years, moving there from Los Angeles. He was a member of Pine Lake Baptist Church and a former deacon. He retired from the FBI after 20 years of service. He was a former administrator for the Real Estate Appraisal Board. He was presently the director of investigation for the state’s auditor’s office. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. Survivors include: wife, Barbara; son, John Alfred Waits of Jackson, daughters, Susan Waits Taylor of McComb and Ginny Waits of Jackson; brothers, Sam Waits of Grenada and Thomas Waits of Bruce; father, T. A. Waits of Grenada; and one grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, March 24, 1998

JIMMIE LEE TEDDER homemaker VARDAMAN – Jimmie Lee Tedder, 90, a homemaker, died of heart failure Sunday at Trace Regional Medical Center in Houston. Services were Monday at First Baptist Church with burial in Midway Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City handled arrangements. Mrs. Tedder was a member of Vardaman First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Emerson Tedder, Sr. Survivors include: daughters, Glenda Donoho of Houston, Texas, and Josephine Hayes of Corpus Christi, Texas; son, Emerson Tedder, Jr., of Pearl; sister, Maelene McQuirter of Memphis; brothers, Theo Gillespie of Vardaman and Roy Gillespie of Memphis; and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, March 28, 1998

MARLIN MONROE HEFNER retired truck farmer VARDAMAN – Marlin Monroe Hefner, 81, a retired truck farmer, died of pulmonary embolus Wednesday at Trace Regional Hospital in Houston. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Lloyd Cemetery. Visitation is noon today. Mr. Hefner was an Alabama native. He was the widower of Cleytus Winter Hefner. Survivors include: son, James A. “Jim” Hefner of Eldorado Springs, Mo.; and four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, January 22, 1998

MARTIN ‘MACK’ COOK retired highway patrolman HOUSTON – Martin McCluney “Mack” Cook, 57, a retired highway patrolman and former sheriff of Chickasaw County, died of heart failure Tuesday at Trace Regional Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Chickasaw Memorial Gardens. Mr. Cook was a Chickasaw County native. He was a member of Vardaman United Methodist Church. He was a member of Vardaman Blue Lodge no 527, York Rite Masons, Shriners and a past president of Natchez Trace Shrine Club, V. F. W. and the American Legion. Survivors include: Charlotte; daughters, Laurie Berry of Houston and Lisa Reeh of San Antonio; son, Joey Cook of Houston; sister, Nancy Carson of New Albany and Jean Johnson of Byhalia; and four grandchildren.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, January 15, 1998

BRUCE H. LANDRETH retired auditor TUPELO – Bruce H. Landreth, 56, a retired auditor for USF&G, died of cancer Wednesday at his home. Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Harrisburg Baptist Church with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery. Visitation is 4-9 p.m. today at W. E. Pegues Funeral Home. Mr. Landreth was a Vardaman native and had moved to Tupelo 23 years ago. He was a member of Harrisburg Baptist Church. He was also a member of Mississippi State University's Super Dawg Club. He was an avid fisherman. Survivors include: wife, Nancy; son, Linwood Landreth of Tupelo; daughter, Lisa Hensley of Tupelo; mother, Laverna Ruth Landreth of Bruce; sister, Winnie Poyner of Bruce; and five grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Harrisburg Baptist Church Building Fund, Tupelo, MS.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Monday, December 22, 1997

AGNUS PAULINE ELLIS homemaker VARDAMAN – Agnus Pauline Ellis, 76, a homemaker, died of heart failure Saturday at Baptist Memorial North in Oxford. Services are 1 p.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Ellis was a Calhoun County native. She was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband, Paul; daughter, Mae Edmondson of Vardaman; son, Jimmy Ellis of Vardaman; sisters, Alene Bowles of Bruce, Lavenia Dye and Mary Long, both of Vardaman, Naomi Elder of Batesville and Jean Pendergrass of Derma; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, June 19, 1926

GARNER R. KIMBALL BURIED AT HOUSTON HOUSTON, June 18, Garner R. Kimball, age 42, died at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis where he was carried for treatment a day or two ago. His body was brought to Houston last night on the southbound G. M. & N. and carried to the residence of his father-in-law, Dr. J. S. Evans where funeral services were conducted this afternoon, interment in the Houston cemetery. Mr. Kimball was agent for the M. & O. at Vardaman, and was a man of sterling worth and character. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Minnie Evans of Houston; three children, Sydnette, James Lovert and Mary Lousis and one sister, Mrs. Lorena Hill of Buena Vista, and a host of friends who will be grieved to learn of his death.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, October 23, 1926

SERIOUSLY INJURED VARDAMAN – Oct. 22 – **Edward Ward**, of this city, and a young man employed on the highway construction work, now being done on the new county highway near here, was seriously, if not fatally injured late yesterday afternoon, by being run over by one of the heavy trucks belonging to Dawson Brothers. The accident took place near the crossing over the tracks in this place, where the gravel used in the road construction, is being unloaded into waiting trucks to be hauled away. It is said that young Ward was lying on the ground and failed to notice a truck which was backing up, running over him, crushing him and inflicting internal injuries. Dr. Eli Powell was summoned at once, who attended the young man who was taken to the Houston

hospital, where his condition is critical. His father resides a few miles outside of this city.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, October 24, 1926

YOUTH’S INJURIES MAY PROVE FATAL VARDAMAN – Oct. 23 – **Edward Ward**, 16, son of L. Ward, residing near Vardaman was seriously, if not fatally injured by being run over by one of the trucks belonging to Dawson Brothers. The accident occurred near the place where gravel is being unloaded from the cars in waiting trucks to be hauled to the new highway being constructed near this place. It is said that Ward was lying on the ground, when the truck backed up, running over him before he could manage to get out of the way, passing over his body in a diagonal manner. He was crushed and injured internally. Dr. Eli Powell responded to attend the youth, who was conveyed to the Houston Hospital for examination. He was employed in the highway construction work.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, October 27, 1926

YOUNG WARD BURIED VARDAMAN, Oct. 26 – **Edward Ward** of this place, died Sunday night in the Houston Hospital from injuries which he received a week ago, by being run over by an auto truck, injuring him internally. He was 16 years of age, and the son of Henry Ward, a farmer living near this city. Little hope for his recovery were held out at the time of the accident. Funeral services were held here this afternoon at 3 o’clock in the Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. E. T. Pudman, officiating. This is the second tragic death to occur to young men of this place. Last week young Canada met sudden death, while walking on Broad Street, Selma, Ala., in the accidental discharge of his revolver.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, October 21, 1926

ACCIDENT VICTIM BURIED VARDAMAN - Oct 20. – Funeral services were conducted here this afternoon at 3 o’clock at the Methodist Church for **T. (Thomas) B. Canada**, son of J. L. Canada, of this place, who was accidentally shot and killed Sunday afternoon in Selma, Ala. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Smallwood, and were largely attended. Burial was made in the Vardaman Cemetery. The remains were shipped from Selma, Monday, and arrived at Okolona last night, arriving in Vardaman this morning on the Houston branch train. Canada was a young man, 19 years of age, and was working in Selma in the employ of the Harvey Construction Company. At the time of the accident, he was out walking on Broad Street, in company with his brother, and in reaching in his pocket for his revolver to try to fit a couple of shells which he carried in his hand, the gun accidently fell to the ground, exploding and sending a bullet through his forehead into the brain. He died three hours later in the Selma hospital.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, June 24, 1928

JODIE BROOKS BURIED CALHOUN CITY, June 23 – Jodie Brooks, 38, died at an early hour this morning at his home in the Wardwell community after an illness of several months. About five months ago he had a severe attack of flu, which, later developed a tubercular condition, resulting in his death. He is survived by his widow

and two small daughters; also by his father, Charlie Brooks of Vardaman and five sisters. Burial will be this afternoon in the cemetery at Providence church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sidney Carter of Slate Springs.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, July 16, 1931

RETURN BODY OF CALHOUN NATIVE

W. J. Gables Will Be Buried at Vardaman 3 O’Clock This Afternoon

The body of W. J. Gables, 75 year old Calhoun county resident, who died at a local hospital Tuesday night was shipped to Vardaman for funeral services at three o’clock this afternoon. The services will be held at the Liberty Baptist church with the local pastor officiating. Mr. Gables was a member of a distinguished Calhoun family and is survived by: three sons, J. W. Gables, Cleveland; Robert Gables, Vardaman; and Elbert Gables, Houston; three daughters, Mrs. W. B. Lewellyn, Florida; Mrs. J. T. Whitten, Tippto; and Mrs. J. H. Jennings, Charleston.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 17, 1931 VARDAMAN – July 16 –

Wiley Embry of this place, aged 78, died at his home yesterday afternoon, after an illness of the past few weeks. He was buried in the New Liberty Cemetery, with services held by Rev. E. T. Putnam, of the Derma Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow and three children, Hollie J., Lillie and Robert (Bob) Embry.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday January 29, 1932

INMAN FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

Jacksonians were grieved yesterday to learn of the death of **Mrs. A. J. Inman**(Inmon) of Vardaman, mother of Cecil E. Inman, former chairman of the state tax commission, who died suddenly. Word of the passing of this estimable woman was received by Lieutenant-Governor Dennis Murphree, brother-in-law of Mr. Inman. Interment was in the Midway cemetery in Calhoun county yesterday.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, March 28, 1934

CALHOUN FARMER IS DEATH VICTIM CALHOUN CITY, Mar. 27-

A. J. Inman,(Inmon) (Andrew Jackson) 66, farmer and prominent citizen of this county, died at his home near Vardaman. Mrs. Inman preceded him in death about two years. He is survived by the following children: Grady Inman, Vardaman; Capt. Cecil Inman, Jackson; Carl Inman, Calhoun City; Leroy Inman, Vardaman; Jack and Rodney Inman, Vardaman; A. J. Inman, CCC Camp, New Albany; Mrs. Julian Summerall, Vardaman; Mrs. Arch Roberts, Vardaman; Mrs. Linder Fudge, Oxford; also by one brother, R. L. Inman, Vardaman, and by two sisters: Mrs. J. T. Tedder and Mrs. J. M. Bowling, Vardaman. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. E. T. Putman and Rev. J. F. Hartley, were held at Midway church and interment was in the cemetery there yesterday.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, November 19, 1933

CALHOUN NATIVE IS DEATH VICTIM CALHOUN CITY, Nov. 18 –

Mrs. W. J. Easley, 81, a lifelong resident of this county, died at the family home near Derma, after an illness of several months. She was before her marriage, Miss Cynthia

VanHorn, member of a prominent family of the county. She is survived by her husband, W. J. Easley; by three sons, F. C. Easley, Mathiston, J. C. Easley, Derma, W. H. Easley, Vardaman; also by three daughters, Mrs. S. B. Barker, Derma, Mesdames J. O. Hightower and W. S. Foster, Mantee; one brother, a twin, J. R. Vanhorn, Pierce, Oklahoma. Burial was made yesterday in the cemetery at Mount Hermon Church, with funeral services conducted by the Rev. J. M. Bullard of Booneville.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, November 23, 1933

CALHOUN NATIVE IS DEATH VICTIM CALHOUN CITY, Nov. 22 –

T. C. Hollis, 74, lifelong citizen of this county and member of one of the prominent families of this section died at his home at Hollis, four miles east of here. He was one of a family of ten children, only two of whom now survives. He has been an invalid for four or five years, having suffered a stroke and has been confined to his home during that time. He is survived by his widow, by two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Hollis and Miss Thelma Hollis, both of whom are at home; by four sons, Van and Walter Hollis, Hollis; Ernest Hollis, Morrehead, Ky., where he is the dean of Moorehead State Teachers College; Howard Hollis, Camp 46-C.C.C, Myrtle; by one brother, Frank Hollis; and one sister, Mrs. Filmore Young, Vardaman. Burial was yesterday in the cemetery at New Liberty church, with funeral services conducted by Rev. J. F. Hartley, Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, December 22, 1933

ELLISON FUNERAL HELD IN CALHOUN CALHOUN CITY, Dec. 21-Mrs. Tom Ellison died at her home near Vardaman. She is survived by her husband, Tom Ellison; by one daughter, Mrs. V. B. Roberts, Vardaman; by five sisters, Mrs. L. D. Herring, Vardaman, Mrs. Emma Baird, Houston, Mrs. Jennie Welch, California, Mrs. Fannie Holland, Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Martha Mann, Mann, Texas; also by three brothers, S. G. Walker, Woodland, Lee Walker and John Walker of Texas. Burial was in the Pleasant Grove cemetery with funeral services conducted by the Rev. E. T. Putnam.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, November 26, 1933

VARDAMAN WOMAN TAKEN BY DEATH MATHISTON, Nov. 25-

Mrs. Mattie Davis Brooks, 65, died in her home at Vardaman after a lingering illness. She had not been seriously ill until a few days before her death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Collins, pastor of the Baptist Church at Vardaman. Interment was held at HillCrest Cemetery at Vardaman. Before her marriage, Mrs. Brooks was Miss Mattie Davis. She was reared near Slate Springs, where she was loved by all the people who knew her. She has lived with her husband at Vardaman for the past few years, where he has been engaged in the restaurant business. She was a member of the Baptist church, which she joined when young, and has done good work during her life.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, September 23, 1934

THERRELL RITES HELD IN CALHOUN

Franklin Therrell Succumbs at Home Near Derma; Burial Friday CALHOUN CITY, Sept. 22 – Franklin Therrell, 29, died at his home five miles south of Derma. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ila Therrell; by two children, Terrell and Ollea; three

brothers, Charlie, Albert and T. W. Therrell, and three sisters, Mrs. Allen Jones, Derma; Mesdames Les Griffin and Pete Lucius, Vardaman. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. S. E. Carter of Slate Springs and J. F. Hartley, Vardaman, were held Friday and burial was in the cemetery at Providence church,.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, November 26, 1939

THOMAS N. HAMILTON BRUCE, Nov. 25, Thomas N. Hamilton, 79, one of the county’s most prominent citizens died at the home of his son, S. H. Hamilton, of diabetes. He leaves to mourn his passing his aged wife, Mrs. Martha Hamilton; sons: T. L. at Vardaman, Sherman and H. N., Slate Springs, T. B., Calhoun City and H. S. at Bruce; daughters, Mrs. Maude Hamilton, Lambert, Mrs. Lucile Edmondson, Slate Springs, Mrs. Ethel Jenkins, Mrs. Adon Vanlandingham and Mrs. Etoile Edmondson, of Vardaman. Services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Hartley, with D. B. Parker in charge of the music. Burial was in Midway.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, May 5, 1935

MRS. HOLLINGSWORTH CALHOUN CITY, May 4 – Mrs. W. A. Hollingsworth, 60, died at the family home at Loyd. She is survived by her husband, W. A. Hollingsworth; four sons, Herbert, Clifton, Thomas and Aaron Hollingsworth, Vardaman; by six daughters, Mrs. L. C. Smith, Garman, Mrs. G. S. Thornton, Quincy, Mesdames Clara Norman, Boyd Parker, and B. F. Spratlin, Vardaman, Mrs. Troy Holland, Slate Springs; also by one sister, Mrs. W. F. Anglin, Pine Valley. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. K. C. Clark of Vardaman, at the Methodist Church at Loyd Saturday and burial was in the cemetery at Ellzey. (Ophelia Elizabeth Nix)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, August 11, 1942

**INQUEST DUE TODAY IN DEATH OF STATE MAN
Vardaman Soldier Found On Train With Throat Cut**

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 10- A coroner’s inquest will be held either tomorrow or Wednesday in the death of **Private Marion L. Ward**, 42, of Vardaman, Miss., whose body was found in a Pullman berth with his throat cut as the train neared Augusta, it was announced today. Coroner R. A. Elliott said that another soldier was asleep in the berth when Ward’s body was discovered. Five other soldiers were riding in the same pullman car, and all are being detained pending outcome of the inquest, it was announced. Elliott said “an ordinary pocket knife with about a three-inch blade” was found lying near the body. After Ward’s body was discovered, the car was locked and guarded until the train reached Augusta and authorities notified.