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"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, May 15, 1927

DR. B. J. M'KLESKEY BURIED WITH HONOR

Beloved and Respected Vardaman Confederate Veteran Laid to Rest

Miss Meda McKleskey and Mrs. C. C. White of Jackson, daughters of Dr. B. J. McKleskey of Vardaman have returned to the city from the funeral services held for the 81-year-old Confederate veteran, in Vardaman the past week. Death overtook the aged physician following a short illness. Dr. McKleskey was a distinguished member of the county staff of physicians and had lived a long and useful life in the service of the community, having practiced in the neighborhood of Vardaman for over 40 years. He was a member of the famous company of Forrest's cavalry during the Civil War. Funeral services were held by Rev. Putnam, Baptist pastor and Rev. Smallwood, Methodist minister of Vardaman, and young doctors of the counties of Chickasaw, Calhoun and Webster counties. Besides the daughters in Jackson he is survived by the bereaved wife and four sons and two additional daughters, Mrs. G. M. Herring of Vardaman, and Mrs. D. H. Crawford of Atlanta, Miss. The sons are: Dr. H. L. McKleskey of State Teachers College, Hattiesburg; Curtis McKleskey, Okolona; Claud W. McKleskey, Dallas, Tex., and A. E. McKleskey, New York City. (Benjamin J. McCleskey or McClesky)

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Friday, May 18, 1928

CALHOUN YOUTH SUCCUMBS HERE

J. B. Turner Passes Away at Local Hospital After Lingering Illness

The remains of J. B. Turner, 13-year-old son of Mrs. W. O. Turner, Vardaman, who passed away at a local hospital early yesterday morning were shipped from the Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home to Grenada on an Illinois Central train yesterday and was carried to Vardaman overland where funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. Putnam will conduct the obsequies. Young Turner had been ill for some time and, although the end was not unexpected, it came as a distinct shock to his many friends and relatives in Calhoun County and vicinity. Besides his mother, the deceased is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Watkins, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, Vardaman.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, June 14, 1928

MARSHALL BAILEY DIES

CALHOUN CITY, June 13 – Marshall Bailey, 70, died at his home in the Loyd community Sunday. He is survived by his widow, three sons and five daughters, Jim, Roy and Raymond, Mrs. Isom Anglin, Mrs. Oscar Morgan, Mrs. Luther Murff, Mrs. Lee Hannaford and Miss Ora Lee Bailey. Burial in the Loyd Cemetery.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, July 4, 1928

CONFEDERATE VETERAN

CALHOUN CITY, July 3 – **W. P. Vanhorn**, 85, prominent citizen of this county, died at his home near Vardaman Friday and was buried in the cemetery at New Liberty church Saturday, Rev. A. T. Putnam conducting the funeral services. He was a Confederate veteran, belonged to Company F. Mississippi Infantry, Walthall's brigade and served four years. He was wounded twice, in the battle of Chickamauga and Murfreesboro. He was a member of the Baptist church and took an active interest in affairs of the county of which he was a native, having been born and reared near where he died. He served as a member of the county school board for a

number of years, was magistrate eight years and at the time of his death and for some time was a director of the Calhoun County Bank at this place. He was the father of eight children, all of whom are living. Medames M. A. Hollis, G. T. Evans, J. D. Blue and Miss Lucile. C. R., F. C., J. R., and William, all of whom lived near him.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, October 9, 1928

STATE EDUCATION [LEADER] DIES YESTERDAY

Funeral Services for H. L. McClesky Will Be Held today at Hattiesburg

Funeral services for H. L. McClesky, brother of Mrs. Cart C. White of Jackson, and an instructor at State Teacher’s College, Hattiesburg, who died Monday morning at 11 o’clock at Hattiesburg will be held this morning at 10 o’clock in that city with Rev. E. H. Marriner officiating. The deceased had been ill since July 4 and never left his bed. In school work in Mississippi for many years, the deceased was well known throughout the state. When the Teacher’s College at Hattiesburg was established, Mr. McClesky was named by the governor as one of the board of trustees and after serving in that capacity for several years was selected as professor of history and Latin at the institution. Later he was made registrar of the school. For twelve years Mr. McClesky served as secretary of the Mississippi Teacher’s Association, later being elected president of the organization. Yesterday at the college the flag flew at half mast and all college activities were suspended in respect of the man who has been such an integral part of the school and who has served so faithfully as well. Mr. McClesky was 59 years of age. A native of Chickasaw County, he had given his life to school work and has had a successful career. Mr. McClesky will be buried from the First Baptist Church at Hattiesburg. The active pall bearers are to be members of his Sunday School class and will be selected by the Knight Templars and the honorary pall bearers are to be members of the faculty of which he was a member. Besides his wife, five children, four boys and one girl; his mother; three brothers, C. W., Okolona; Claude, Dallas, Texas; and Ashby, New York City; and four sisters, Mrs. Dave Crawford, Woodland, Mrs. Granville Herring, Vardaman, Miss Meda McClesky and Mrs. Carl C. White, both of Jackson, survive.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, October 24, 1934

HOUSTON CITIZEN IS DEATH VICTIM

Prominent Civic Worker is Victim of Pneumonia Attack; Funeral Held

HOUSTON, Oct 23 – Houston and Chickasaw County lost one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens in the death here last night of **James Edwin Dendy**, 87, who passed away at his home here after an illness of only a few days, of pneumonia. Born in Talapoosa County, Alabama, Mr. Dendy’s parents moved to this county when he was nine months of age, and he has lived here ever since. Sixty-seven years ago he married Miss Dolly Wofford, who survives him. He was seventeen years of age when he enlisted in Forrest’s Calvary and was in the battles of Bryce’s Crossroads and Harrisburg. He had been in the gin and lumber business here for more than sixty years, having first operated one of the old fashioned horse gins. He installed a steam gin when they were first used, and was operating an electric gin. Sixty-nine years ago, he and his wife joined the Baptist Church and were baptized at the same time, and he served as a deacon for more than fifty years. No couple in this entire county is any more generally loved and respected than these two. Sixteen children were born to them, eight of whom, together with 62 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren survive. The children are: W. A. Dendy, Mrs. J. H. Lyles, Mrs. Alta Nichols, and Mrs. Ola House, all of Houston, Mrs. W. O. Chennault of Okolona, A. J. Dendy of Valley, J. T. Dendy of Santo, Texas, and J. Y. Dendy

of Strawn, Texas, all of whom were with him at the end. Mr. Dendy served as supervisor of district five in this county for two terms, and as tax assessor for one term. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. W. C. Stewart, at Midway Baptist Church this afternoon at two, with interment in the Midway Cemetery. (Note: Midway Cemetery has James Edward Dendy)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, September 19, 1935

M. T. SPRINGER HOUSTON, Sept. 18 – M. Theodore Springer, aged 80, died here last night at the Houston Hospital where he had been a patient for several days. He made his home since the death of his wife, several years ago, with his daughter, Mrs. Sid Dendy, about six miles south of Houston. Besides Mrs. Dendy, he is survived by nine other children, a number of grandchildren and nieces and nephews. The children are: Mrs. Sid Dendy, Mrs. A. A. Faulkner, Mrs. Pet Childs, Mrs. J. L. Beckham, Sid Springer and John A. Springer, all of Woodland; Byron Springer, Happy, Tex.’ Mrs. Luther Thompson, Houston; Dave Springer of Clarkson, Miss., and Theo Springer of Montpelier. Funeral services were held from Midway Baptist Church, four miles south of Vardaman, where he was a member, yesterday afternoon, with interment in Midway Cemetery.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 22, 1942

SERVICES HELD FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM PITTSBORO, August 31- Funeral services were held today for **George Wrennie Griffin**, 32, victim of a traffic accident near Laurel. Rev. C. H. Ellard, assisted by Rev. Roscoe Hicks and Rev. H. R. McKee, conducted the last rites in the Pittsboro Baptist Church. The body was laid to rest in the Midway Cemetery. The accident occurred when the oil truck Mr. Griffin was driving crashed headlong into two cars parked along side of each other. The wreckage caught fire and Mr. Griffin was pinned in the cab of his truck. His body was charred beyond recognition. Surviving are his wife, the former Corrine Gilder of Vardaman; a daughter, Joe Caroline; four brothers, Wade Griffin of Slate Springs, Bryant Griffin of Calhoun City, Fred Griffin of Grenada, and A. A. Griffin of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Pensacola, Florida; and one sister, Mrs. S. C. Wooten of Pittsboro.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, April 27, 1943

VARDAMAN CITIZEN BURIED IN BRUCE

BRUCE, April 26 – **A. S. Sanderson**, 65, prominent retired farmer and stock dealer died yesterday at his home in Vardaman. Services were conducted at the Baptist Church here with Rev. L. F. Haire and Rev. Jesse Dorroh officiating. Burial followed with Masonic rites in Midway Cemetery. Surviving: his wife, Mrs. Asaph Sanderson; three sons, Rex, Ray and Carl Sanderson of Vardaman; a daughter, Mrs. Hugh Mitchell, Memphis; two brothers, Julius and Flournoy Sanderson of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Bell Roberson, New Albany and Mrs. Callie Warner, Louisville.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, March 21, 1944

H. B. CASEY Bruce, Miss., March 19. H. B. Casey, 67, prominent farmer of Old Town, died yesterday of flu complications. Services will be conducted at Vardaman Monday with Rev. R. L. Harville and Rev. Jesse Dorroh conducting, burial following there in Hill Crest Cemetery. Mr. Casey was a native of Trenton, Tenn. He came to this county some 25 years of ago and

engaged in farming. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Little Casey; eleven sons and daughters, Z. B. Casey, in the Army; Ransom, Mrs. Zada Overall, Mrs. Marjorie Nabors, at Old Town; H. W. and Willard Casey, Vardaman; Thomas in U. S. N., Mrs. Dale Collis, Newburn, Tenn.; Mrs. Odis William, Miss Marine Casey, Tupelo; Miss Johnnie May Casey, Memphis; one brother, James Casey, Trenton, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. R. H. Chapple, St. Louis, Mo.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, June 11, 1944

MRS. ANNIE NELSON HICKORY FLAT, June 10 – Mrs. Annie Lee Nelson, 45, native Calhoun County, died at her home in the Temperance Hill vicinity, yesterday after an illness of several months. She was a member of the Methodist Church and her body was shipped to Vardaman for burial. Surviving is a husband, James A. Nelson; one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Memphis; two sisters, Mrs. Mike Martin, Vardaman and Mrs. Lila Hawkins, Ruleville; and one brother of Aberdeen.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, February 22, 1953

MRS. R. L. INMAN DIES AT VARDAMAN Funeral services were held from the Midway Baptist Church at Vardaman for Mrs. R. L. Inman, 73. The Rev. Oscar Hicks, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Midway cemetery. Mrs. Inman was a pioneer member of the Midway Church. She was active in church and home demonstration work. She is survived by her husband, Robert Lee Inmon, Vardaman; 11 daughters, Mrs. R. R. Gilder, Mrs. W. M. Caples, Mrs. J. E. Morgan, Mrs. G. W. Morgan, all of Vardaman, Mrs. Joseph Marras, Jackson, Mrs. Leonard Vance, Calhoun City, Mrs. H. M. Liester, Lubbock, Tex., Mrs. Leon Land, San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Spurgeon Lewis, Woodland; four sons, Norman Inman, Robert Lee Inmon, Barksdale Inmon, and Andrew Inmon, all of Vardaman; 56 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. (Zilla Alma Rish Weatherby Inmon)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, May 14, 1953

DAWSON O. PENICK DIES IN PHILLIPS Dawson Otto Penick, 61, died at the family residence in Leavell Woods, Wednesday at 4:10 a.m. after a lengthy illness. He was a retired carpenter and owner of the Penick Upholstery Shop. He had been a resident of Jackson for the past seven years. He was formerly of Vardaman. Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Estell Marion, Birmingham; four sons, Dalton and Aaron, both of Jackson, Cpl. Robert Earl, USAF, stationed at Sharon, Texas; Earnest, Sic, San Francisco, Calif.; five grandchildren and six brothers, Herbert, Vardaman, Tommy and Nolan, Martin, Tenn., Dayton, Gary, Indiana; Tivis, Sharon, Texas and Aron, Camilia, Georgia and three sisters, Mrs. Zonie Cavin, Martin, Tenn.; Mrs. Katy Steverson, St. Louis, Mo; Mrs. Netie Hyland, Fulton, Ky. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. from the Baldwin Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold Kitchins officiating. Interment will be in Lakewood Memorial Park.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, July 5, 1958

MRS. T. P. McCULLOUGH, SR. VARDAMAN – Mrs. T. P. McCullough, Sr., died Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Hamilton, of Vardaman, after a long illness. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon and interment at Midway Cemetery with Pryor Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mrs. McCullough was the daughter of the late John C. and Mary Wells. She had spent her entire life in Calhoun County. Survivors include two

sons, T. P. McCullough, Alexandria, Va., and Master Sergeant Robert E. McCullough of Maryland; two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Hamilton, Vardaman, and Mrs. Wade Clegg of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; one step-son, J. C. McCullough, Derma, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Hollie Winter, Oklahoma City, Okla.; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers, A. C. Wells, Opelika, Ala., O. S. Wells, Big Creek, J. R. Wells, Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Everett B. Cooner, Jackson and Mrs. M. Perry Strickland, Columbus, Ohio. (Ann Wells)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, June 29, 1958

TRUCK DRIVER DIES IN UPSTATE CRASH CALHOUN CITY, MISS. (UPI) A truck loaded with plywood rammed the rear of a trailer on State Highway 8 at nearby Vardaman today, killing the 17-year-old tractor driver. The highway patrol identified the fatality as **James Ray Fleming**, son of Joe Lee Fleming and a senior at Vardaman High School. The truck driver, unidentified but believed from Picayune, was treated for injuries believed slight.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, April 20, 1959

BAILEY RITES SET MONDAY MORNING Funeral services for **Sam W. Bailey**, 65, of 2628 Pinebrook Drive, will be conducted Monday at 10:00 a.m., from the Adaton Baptist Church, near Starkville, with the Rev. Leo Bailey, of Charleston, and the Rev. Bennie H. Wright, of Eupora, officiating. Interment will be made in the church cemetery. His body will lie in state at the church for one hour before the service, and in the meantime will be at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home. He had been in failing health for the past two years and died early Friday morning at the Veterans Hospital. A native of Vardaman and former resident of Starkville, he was a retired farmer and had lived in Jackson for the past year. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the Baptist church. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Fannie Mae Hendricks Bailey; four daughters, Miss Mary Bailey, Miss Eva Pearl Bailey, both of Jackson, Mrs. Donald Prisock, of Starkville, and Mrs. Shirley Parker of Shreveport, La.; four sons, Charles R. Bailey, of Jackson, S. W. Bailey, Jr., of San Diego, Calif., Harry G. Bailey, of Fort Jackson, S. C., and James Earl Bailey, of Union City, N. J.; eight grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Maud Hefner of Meridian; and two brothers, John Jess Bailey of Texas and Bill Bailey, of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, April 8, 1961

WALTER ROBERTS RITES SATURDAY Final rites will be held Saturday from the Midway Baptist Church in Calhoun County for Walter N. Roberts, 64, who died suddenly Friday afternoon. Mr. Roberts, a retired grocer of 214 Bowling Street, reportedly suffered a heart attack while mowing his lawn. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Baptist Hospital. A native of Vardaman, he had been a Jackson resident for the past six years. He was a member of the Midway Baptist Church, the Thomas Young Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Hazel Donnell Roberts, Jackson; two sons, W. N. Roberts, Jr., and Sammy Roberts, both of Memphis; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Frank Kalberg, Biloxi and one stepson, Ellis Thompson, Jr., Jackson. Interment will be made in the Midway Baptist Church cemetery with Cook Funeral Home of Vardaman in charge.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, November 30, 1963

MORGAN RITES SATURDAY

VARDAMAN – **Mrs. Margaret Inmon Morgan**, 59, of Vardaman died Friday morning at the Vardaman Clinic. She was a Baptist and a member of the Eastern Star. Funeral services will

be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery with Rev. James F. Bryant officiating. He will be assisted by Arlis Bryant. She is survived by her husband, Julian B. Morgan of Vardaman; three sons, Julian Morgan, Jr. and Sam R. Morgan, both of Memphis, and Robert E. Morgan of Columbus; five daughters, Mrs. Rosanna Farmer of Vardaman, Mrs. Carolyn Mobley of Harris, Tenn., Mrs. Margaret Hayes of Memphis, Mrs. Elizabeth Browning of Sladen and Mrs. Sharlotte Morgan of Vardaman; four brothers and ten sisters; and sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her body will lie in state in Cook's Funeral Home in Vardaman until time for the services.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, November 15, 1967

MRS. JOSEPH BARRAS Mrs. Joseph (Virginia) Barras, 61, of 4343 Jackson Highway, died Tuesday morning in the Baptist Hospital following an extended illness. Mrs. Barras, the former Virginia Inmon, was a native of Vardaman, but had made her home in Jackson for the past 40 years. She was a registered nurse, having graduated from the old Jackson Infirmary. She was a member of Van Winkle Baptist Church. Her husband, the late Joseph Barras, one of the founders of Jackson Stone Company, preceded her in death in July of 1962. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jo Ann Barras Countryman of Jackson; one son, Major Gregory I. Barras of Ft. Worth, Tex.; three grandchildren, Stephen Gregory Countryman of Jackson, Elizabeth Barras and Richard Barras, both of Fort Worth, Tex.; eight sisters, Mrs. Rose Howard of Derma, Mrs. Wilker Gilder, Mrs. Winnie Caples, Mrs. Lucille Morgan, Mrs. Mary Lewis, all of Vardaman, Mrs. Martha Davis of Mantee, Mrs. Christine Vance of Calhoun City and Mrs. Louise Leister of Benton; four brothers, Norman Inmon, Robert Inmon, Barksdale Inmon and Andrew Inmon, all of Vardaman; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday from the Van Winkle Baptist Church with her pastor, Rev. John Payne, officiating. Interment will follow in Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home. Friends may call by Wright & Ferguson until 1:30 Thursday.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, November 19, 1967

HUNT MISHAP CLAIMS LIFE

VARDAMAN – **Harold F. Kendall**, 27, of Vardaman was killed accidentally while deer hunting in the Houlka game area in Chickasaw County. He was an employee of the Jackson Manufacturing Co., and a member of the Midway Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jean Bush Kendall of Vardaman; one daughter, Miss Lisa Gail Kendall; two sons, Frankie Kendall and James Michael Kendall, of Vardaman; his mother, Mrs. Milton S. Kendall of Vardaman; one sister, Mrs. Elwanda Walters of Houston; three brothers, M-Sgt. Kenneth Kendall of Leesville, La., John Buren. Kendall of Memphis, Tenn., and the Rev. David Kendall of Bogue Chitto. Funeral arrangements, to be handled by Anthony Funeral Home of Vardaman, are incomplete.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 10, 1968

MRS. NED S. REESE, JR. VARDAMAN – Services for Mrs. Ned S. Reese, Sr., 86, who dies early Thursday at Houston Hospital, were Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the Vardaman Baptist Church with burial in Midway Cemetery. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hill of Houston; five sons, Earl Reese of Bruce, B. Howell Reese of Calhoun City, Ned S. Reese, Jr. of Rolling Fork, H. C. Reese of West Point and Jeff N. Reese of Houston. (Elizabeth Naron)

"Clarion Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 10, 1968

HARVE D. BROWN VARDAMAN – Services were held for Harve D. Brown, 77, Thursday afternoon from the Poplar Springs Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. He died Tuesday at the Vardaman Hospital. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brown of Vardaman; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Logan of Vardaman; Mrs. Gene Williams of Pineapple, Ala., and Mrs. Marge D. Kelly of Fort Worth, Tex.; three sons, Travis Brown of Courtland, Lee Rulles Brown of Batesville and Rex Brown of Cleveland; three sisters, Mrs. Gary Vancy and Mrs. Climie Williams, both of Vardaman, and Mrs. Connie Hooper of Houlika; and one half-sister, Mrs. Alma Griffin of Houston.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 10, 1968

MRS. LUCILLE I. MORGAN VARDAMAN – Services for Mrs. Lucille Inmon Morgan, 66, are incomplete under the direction of Anthony Funeral Home. She died late Thursday at Vardaman Hospital following a heart attack. She leaves her husband, Grady W. Morgan; three daughter, Mrs. Bert DeWitt and Mrs. Jimmy Rhodes, both of Memphis; and Mrs. Dewitt Spencer of Vardaman; four sons, James Morgan of Vardaman, Robert Lee Morgan and G. W. Morgan, Jr., both of Memphis, and Billy Morgan of New Albany; seven sisters, Mrs. Wilker Gilder, Mrs. Winnie Caples and Mrs. Mary Lewis, all of Vardaman, Mrs. Christine Vance and Mrs. Rose Howard, both of Calhoun City, Mrs. Martha Davis of Mantee and Mrs. Louise Leister of Benton; four brothers, Norman Inmon, Barksdale Inmon, Robert Inmon, Andrew Inmon, all of Vardaman.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 25, 1969

R. R. GILDER VARDAMAN - Funeral services for Rufus Rivers Gilder, 71, will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the Midway Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Midway Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. He died Thursday morning in Vardaman Hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County. He was a retired farmer and cattleman. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Wilker Inmon Gilder; four daughters, Mrs. J. S. Edmondson, Vardaman, Mrs. Van Flerming, Starkville, Mrs. Joe M. Edmondson and Miss Winnie Jack Gilder, both of Memphis; four sons, Rufus, Gene, and Jasper, all of Vardaman, and Thomas E. Gilder of Chatsworth, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Embry, Vardaman, Mrs. Rena Keith, Camden, Ark., Mrs. Carrie Forbes, Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Clinton, Toledo, Ohio, and McCollough Gilder, Greenville

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, September 23, 1969

W. T. BLUE VARDAMAN – Willie Travis Blue, 66, died at Vardaman Hospital Sunday. He was a retired farmer. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Virgie Alexander Blue. Services were held at Ellzey Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Monday with burial in Ellzey Cemetery.

"Clarion-Ledger" Jackson, Mississippi Monday, October 13, 1969

JIM WINTER VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Jim Winter, 75, will be held Monday at 1 p.m. from the Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. He died Saturday afternoon at Grenada Hospital after a long illness. He was a retired farmer and was a Baptist. He was a veteran of World War I. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Willie Belle Winter; one son, Brye Winter, Gadsden, Ala.; two stepsons, Ed McKenney, Vardaman, Glenn McKenney, Houston, Miss.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Winnie

Cook, Vardaman; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Flowers and Mrs. Mrs. Alvie Sullivan, both of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, December 22, 1969

H. E. CLOAR VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Hervie Elwood Cloar, 75, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the New Liberty Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. He died Sunday morning at the Houston Hospital. He was a retired farmer and was a Baptist. Survivor is one half-sister, Mrs. Freda Bailey of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, June 11, 1970

R. W. HYDE VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Robert Willis Hyde, 82, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will be Coffeerville Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. He died Wednesday at a Houston hospital. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Irene Spearman Hyde, Vardaman; two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Swartz, Memphis, Mrs. B. F. Herman, Jr., Duck Hill; four sons, R. W. Hyde, Jr., Dan F. Hyde, both of Jackson, Zack Hyde, Vardaman, Kenneth Hyde, Thailand; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Spearman, Coffeerville, Mrs. Jim Chapman, Earle, Ark.; two brothers, Hugh Hyde, Calhoun City, Frank Hyde, Water Valley; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, June 25, 1970

JIMMY G. ROBERTS VARDAMAN – Jimmy G. Roberts, 20, communications technician in the U. S. Navy, died June 16 in Tokyo, Japan. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from the Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery, with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Glenda Roberts, Vardaman; his father, Paul Roberts, Gulfport; one sister, Miss Robin Roberts, Vardaman; two brothers, Danny Roberts, U. S. Navy, Jacksonville, Fla., and Stevey Roberts, Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, October 12, 1970

BURTON ALLEN VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Burton Allen, 62, of Vardaman, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Vardaman Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Mr. Allen, agricultural teacher at Vardaman High School, died Sunday morning at Vardaman Hospital after a brief illness. He was a Methodist and a Mason. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ina Rue Allen; one daughter, Mrs. Winfred Sanderson, Columbus; two sons, Charles Ray Allen, Baldwin, Fla., James T. Allen, Vardaman; five sisters, Mrs. Laura Lauer and Mrs. Edmond Orr, both of Jackson, Mrs. Van Whittle and Mrs. Tom Dye, both of Vardaman, Mrs. Clyde Hollis, Neward, Del.; one brother, Ralph Allen, Marianna, Fla.; one grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, November 13, 1970

IKE B. WHITT VARDAMAN – Services for Ike B. Whitt, 63, will be held from the Poplar Springs Baptist with burial following in the Poplar Springs Cemetery under the direction of Antony Funeral Home here. He died Thursday at the Vardaman Hospital. He was a welder, and a Baptist church member. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Cindie Tudor Whitt of here; two

daughters, Mrs. Elmer Adcock of here; and Mrs. Loretta Phillips, Calhoun City; one son, Billy Ray Whitt, Greenville; a step-mother, Mrs. Clemmie Whitt, Houlka; three sisters, Mrs. Docia Logan, Mrs. Olivia Brown, and Mrs. Annie Pearl Berry, all of Houlka; two step-sisters, Mrs. Jerome White, Springfield, Mrs. Lula Mae Buzzarde, Greenville; three brothers, Terry Whitt, Dyersburg, Tenn., George Whitt, Okolona, Junior Whitt, Houlka; one step-brother, Jesse Tudor, Ponotoc.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, April 25, 1971

MISS ETTA BUCHANAN VARDAMAN – Services for Miss Etta Buchanan, 81, will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Midway Baptist Church in Calhoun County with burial in the church cemetery. She died Friday in Vardaman. Survivors include: three sisters, Miss Delia Buchanan of Vardaman, Mrs. J. E. Roberts of Vardaman and Mrs. John A. Edwards of Marks; one brother, W. C. Buchanan of Augusta, Ga.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday June 15, 1971

MRS. SALLY EMBRY VARDAMAN – Services for Mrs. Sally Gilder Embry, 82, will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. from the Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery with Anthony Funeral Home in charge. Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Sara Catherine Culpepper of Stone Mountain, Ga.; two sons, Hollie Embry, Jr. of Marietta, Ga.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, July 19, 1971

MRS. ZADA HAMILTON CALHOUN CITY – Services for Mrs. Zada Casey Hamilton, 70, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Vardaman Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery. She died Sunday morning at Hillcrest Hospital in Calhoun City after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Bass Hamilton of Calhoun City; three sons, Claude Overall of West Memphis, Ark., ---Overall of Washington, D. C., and Allie B. Overall of Haughton, La.; five sisters, Mrs. Johnny Bethay of Memphis, Mrs. Mary Collins and Mrs. Marlene Lindsey, both of Newborn, Tenn.; Mrs. Annie Williams of Pittsboro and Mrs. Margie Neighbors of Calhoun City; four brothers, Ranson Casey of Vardaman, Henry Wayne Casey of West Point, Wallace Casey of Bruce and Thomas Casey of Sandstone, Virginia.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 28, 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 his 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 Wednesday, August 16, 1972

EDDIE HARMON VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Eddie A. Harmon, 93, will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Vardaman Baptist Church. Burial will be in Ellzey Cemetery. Anthony Funeral

Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Harmon died Tuesday morning at his home after a long illness. 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 Thursday, September 28, 1978

CHARLES E. DYE Services for Charles Edward Dye, 36, of 3544 3rd St. in Flowood, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Breeland Funeral Home with burial in Ellzey Cemetery in Vardaman. Mr. Dye, a native of Vardaman, died Tuesday in University Hospital. A resident of Flowood for three years, he was a truck driver and a veteran of the U. S. Air Force. He was a Baptist. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marsha Mitchell Dye; four sons, John Andrew Dye, Thomas Jefferson Dye, William Edward Dye and Allen Ray Dye, all of Flowood; his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Jureski of Pascagoula; his father, Eddie Brooks Dye of Vardaman; a brother, Robert Lee Dye, U. S. Army; and a sister, Mrs. Charles Ayers of Virginia Beach, Va.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, March 24, 1981

JEFF CARDWELL, JR TERESA B. RUSSELL PITTSBORO – Joint funeral services for Jeff Cardwell, Jr., 18, and his girlfriend, Teresa Bullard Russell, 16, were Monday from Pittsboro Baptist Church with burial in Pinecrest Cemetery. They died Saturday of injuries received in a two-car collision. Caldwell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cardwell; two brothers, Clifton Cardwell and Tim Cardwell, both of Vardaman. Miss Russell is survived by her parents, Dorothy Russell of Pittsboro and Phillip Bullard of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Sherri Martin of Bruce; a brother, Charles A. Russell of Pittsboro; a half-sister, Terena Bullard of Omaha; a stepsister, Diana Skyes of Bruce.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, April 9, 1981

FLOYD MURPHREE VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Floyd Murphree, 71, were Wednesday from Taylor Church of God of Prophecy, with burial in the church cemetery. He died Monday. He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Tallent Murphree; four daughters, Ruthell Reynolds and Helen Shipman, both of Memphis, Tenn., Louberta Parker of Plain Dealing, La., Grace Dugard of Vardaman; two sisters, Ethel Ferguson of Vardaman, Pearl Stribling of Bruce; a brother, Wilson Murphree of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, April 10, 1981

WILL COOK VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Will Cook, 82, were Thursday from Pryor-Wilson Funeral Home with burial in Ellzey Cemetery. He died Tuesday. He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Monaghan Cook; a daughter, Betty Therrell of Calhoun City; three sons, Herman Cook of Houston, Billy J. Cook of Vardaman, Johnny M. Cook of Duck Hill; two sisters, Quida Brown of Mobile, Ala., Margaret Griffin of Houston; three brothers, Azyier Cook, Woodrow Cook and Roy Cook, all of Houston.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday April 12, 1981

MRS. AUDIE KINCADE TUTOR Funeral services for Mrs. Audie Kincade Tutor, 59, will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church near Vardaman. Burial will be in the church

cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Lee Tutor; three daughters, Essie Tutor, Cynthia Tutor and Maggie Tutot, all of Vardaman; seven sons, George, Harrison, Thomas Bobby, Jimmy, Chester and James Tutor, all of Vardaman; one sister, Mrs. Harriet Summerford of Shannon; four brothers, Prentiss Kincade of Tupelo, William Kincade of West Point, and Frank Kincade and Van Kincade, both of Kansas City, Kan.; two half-sisters; one half-brother, Moe Kincade of Columbus; and four grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, April 25, 1981

MYRTLE MURFF VARDAMAN – Myrtle Bailey Murff, 81, died Thursday in the Houston Medical Center in Houston. Funeral today at 2 p.m. at the Loyd Methodist Church with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery. Anthony-Parker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Survivors: one daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee Schwalenberg of Vardaman; four sisters, Mrs. Georgia Anglin, Mrs. Hazel Morgan, Mrs. Lora Lee Bailey of Vardaman, Mrs. Serena Hannaford of Derma; one brother, Raymond Bailey of Derma; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, April 29, 1981

CURTIS B. SCARBROUGH VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Curtis Bryan Scarbrough, 83, are 3 p.m. today from Vardaman United Methodist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Anthony Funeral Home is handling arrangements. He died Monday in Hillcrest Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Flossie Scarbrough; a daughter, Doris Ferguson of Calhoun City; a son, the Rev. Bryan Scarbrough; two sisters, Myrtie Dendy of Woodville, Floy Lantrip of Memphis, Tenn.; two brothers, Durell Scarbrough of Jackson, Wilmer Scarbrough of Woodville; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, June 15, 1981

RAYMOND SPENCER VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Raymond DeWitt Spencer, 75, are 3 p.m. today from Friendship Baptist Church with burial in Ellzey Cemetery with graveside Masonic rites. Anthony-Parker Funeral Home is handling arrangements. He died Sunday at home. He is survived by his wife, Annie P. Spencer; three daughter, Nelda Moore of Houston, Winnie Pettit of Vardaman, Virginia R. Wright of Averdeen; a son, Keith Spencer of Vardaman; four sisters, Edith Harrell of Clarksdale, Mildred Reed of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Opal Anderson of Houston, Nellie Gilder of Greenville; a brother, W. E. Spencer of Vardaman; 11 grandchildren

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, July 8, 1981

WINNIE M. COOK VARDAMAN – Funeral services for Winnie Mae Cook, 42, will be held today at 2 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church near Vardaman, with burial in the church cemetery. She died Monday in Hillcrest Hospital in Calhoun City. Survivors include: four daughters, Alma Wright and Debbie Kendall, both of Calhoun City, Faye Eisenberg of Vardaman and Kay Anderson of Grenada; three sons, Charles Joyner of Greenville, Jamie Joyner of Calhoun City and Billy Wayne Joyner of Houston; her mother, Mrs. Willie Bell Winter of Vardaman; and 10 grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, August 4, 1981

LUdene FREE VARDAMAN – Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Ludene Vanlandingham Free, 86, at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Survivors are: a daughter, Mrs. Era Pearl Harrelson of Memphis, Tenn.; six sons, Ernest Free of Wynne, Ark., Edward Free of Vardaman, Elmer Free, Ray Free, both of Houston, Elton Free, Eroy Free, both of Memphis, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Louella Jenkins, Mrs. Janie Freely, Mrs. Clytee Freely, all of Vardaman; and a brother, Hollie Vanlandingham of Vardaman.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, May 19, 1983

MRS. CARRIE E HOLLIS VARDAMAN – Mrs. Carrie E. Kilgo Hollis, 85, died Tuesday at Calhoun County Nursing Home in Calhoun City. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Pryor-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Calhoun City with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. A native of Vardaman, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter F. Hollis. She was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. She is survived by her son, Wayne Hollis of Vardaman; sisters, Mrs. Lubie Rowlen of Mathiston and Mrs. Jimmie Strickland of Memphis, Tenn.; brother, Stanley Kilgo of Memphis, Tenn.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, October 22, 1983

REED BARFIELD VARDAMAN – Reed Barfield, 73, died Thursday at Houston Community Hospital in Houston. Services are 2 p.m. today at Pryor-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. He was a brick mason and a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lou Edna Nichols Barfield; sons, William Barfield, Charlie Barfield, and Billy Joe Barfield, all of Vardaman and James Henry Barfield of Houston, Texas; sisters, Mrs. Jewel Hardin of Bruce, Mrs. Modess Stewart of Calhoun City and Mrs. Icy Faye Clanton of Houston; brother, Knox Barfield of Goodman; and 13 grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Tuesday, March 12, 1985

MRS. GEORGIA B. ANGLIN VARDAMAN – Mrs. Georgia Bailey Anglin, 89, died Sunday at her home. Services are 3 p.m. today at Anthony Parker Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. She was the widow of William Isom Anglin, who died in 1963. Mrs. Anglin was a retired telephone operator and store owner. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She is survived by her sons, Joe Van Anglin of Jackson and Dale Anglin of Bruce; sisters, Mrs. “Sunshine” Bailey and Mrs. Hazel Morgan, both of Vardaman, and Mrs. Serena Hannaford of the Derma community near Vardaman; and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, June 14, 1985

MRS. GRACE G. HAWKINS VARDAMAN – Mrs. Grace Gregg Hawkins, 76, died Thursday at Oxford-Lafayette County Hospital in Oxford. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Pryor-Wilson Funeral Home in Calhoun City is handling arrangements. Mrs. Hawkins was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband, Doyle Hawkins; daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Sansing of Oxford; son, Gerald Hawkins of Baton Rouge, La.; sister, Mrs. Robbie Quillen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, September 6, 1985

CARL C. SANDERSON VARDAMAN – Carl Clayton Sanderson, 72, died Wednesday at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Services are 2 p.m. today at Vardaman Baptist

Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Antony-Parker Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mr. Sanderson had retired from Chickasaw Industries. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Ruthel Gillespie Sanderson; daughter, Mrs. Linda Boutwell of Jackson; son, Don Sanderson of Vardaman; sister, Mrs. Ruby Mitchell of Slate Springs; brother Rex Sanderson of Houston; and one granddaughter.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, November 30, 1987

WILLIAM B. GREGG, JR. CALHOUN EDUCATOR VARDAMAN – William Britton Gregg, Jr., 63, died Nov. 28, 1987 at Lexington Hospital. Services are at 2 p.m. today at Vardaman First Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. A Calhoun County native, Mr. Gregg was a member of the Vardaman Board of Aldermen. He was a retired educator and member of Vardaman First Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Calhoun County and District Library Board and was a drug education specialist for Calhoun County Public Schools. He was a former basketball coach at Pittsboro, Slate Springs and Vardaman schools, where he led the 1969 girls basketball team to the state B-BB state championship. He was also a member of the Tombigbee Miss-Ala Field Trial Club. Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Clarice F. Gregg of Vardaman; daughters, Mrs. Jan Caldwell of Vardaman and Miss Tonya Gregg of Verona; sister, Mrs. Barita Davis of Houston and two grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, July 5, 1990

MRS. SALLIE MAE BECK retired teacher Mrs. Sallie Mae Carter Beck, 86, a retired teacher, died of respiratory failure Tuesday at Compere Nursing Home. Services are 1:30 p.m. today at Vardaman Baptist Church in Vardaman with burial in Antioch Cemetery in Calhoun County. Parker Memorial Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Beck was the widow of Carl D. Beck. She was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Nancy Jane Beck of Jackson; sisters, Julie Maude Carter Peden of Guntown and Ada Beatrice Carter Adams of Vardaman; brothers, Watt Carter of Jackson and Paul Frederick Carter of Sallisaw, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, May 12, 1993

WILLIAM THOMAS BLUE retired salesman William Thomas Blue, 62, of Kensington Place, a salesman, died of cardiac arrest Monday at St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, La. Services are 2 p.m. today at Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Vardaman with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. A Vardaman native, Mr. Blue was a longtime Jackson resident. Survivors include: wife, Trillia Aston; daughters, Linda Smith and Dawanna Blue, both of Jackson; son, Roy Blue of Jackson; mother, Audrey Blue of Vardaman; sister, Janie Hayes of Southaven; brothers, David Blue of Dallas, Ga., and Johnny Blue of Hernando; and a grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 1, 1994

MINNIE WALTON HILL homemaker MADISON – Minnie Walton Hill, 90, a homemaker, died of heart failure Thursday at St. Catherine’s Village. Services are 2 p.m. today at Vardaman Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation is noon today at Parker Funeral Home. Mrs. Hill was a longtime Vardaman resident and she was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. She was the widow of Roy Hill. There are no immediate survivors.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, July 13, 1994

ROBERT LEE CRAWFORD retired business owner HOUSTON – Robert Lee Crawford, 72, retired owner of Crawford Furniture Co., died of cancer Tuesday at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Houston First United Methodist Church with burial in Houston Cemetery. Houston Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mr. Crawford, a Vardaman native, had lived in Houston most of his life. He was a member of Houston First United Methodist Church and was active in church and community affairs. Survivors include: wife, Mabel; daughters, Claudia Gore of Houston and Claire Frascogna of Jackson; son, John Edward Crawford of Starkville; sister, Amaline Rutledge of Tupelo; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Houston.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, June 10, 1995

CHARLES H. POWELL, SR., retired teacher, farmer VARDAMAN – Charles Hiram Powell, Sr., 93, a retired teacher and farmer, died of heart failure Thursday at his daughter’s home in New Albany. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 today and 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Pryor Funeral Home. Mr. Powell, a Calhoun County native, was a longtime resident of the Hollis Switch Community. He attended New Liberty Baptist Church and was a member of Mayflower Descendants and the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Powell was a 32rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and had been one for 71 years, longer than any other Mississippi Mason. “My grandfather was my idol, I loved him dearly,” said Powell’s great-granddaughter, Crystal Roston of Vardaman. “He never gave up on anything.” Mr. Powell was also a Past Master of the Blue Lodge of Calhoun City and active in the Commandery of Water Valley. He held memberships in the Hamasa Shrine Temple, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Order of High Priesthood of Mississippi, Mississippi York Rite College and York Rite Masons, Knights of York Cross of Honor, New Albany Shrine Club, Calhoun City Shrine Club, Mississippi Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, and Mississippi Council of Royal and Select Masters. “He was a very jolly man,” said granddaughter, Lil Henry of New Albany. “No matter what you asked him, he always had a tale for it.” Henry, a musician, recalled her grandfather’s support for singing. “I knew he couldn’t really hear the words,” said Henry, “But he would come in a wheelchair to church to hear me sing.” Other survivors include: son, Charles H. Powell, Jr. of Indianola; daughters, Mary Stear of Richmond, Va., Juanita Godfrey of Baxley, Ga., and Bettye Thornton of New Albany; foster daughter, Annie Farris of Charleston; foster son, Bill Graham of Poplarville; sister, Beatrice Long of Memphis; and 24 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday July 2, 1995

GEORGE ‘G.W.’ RAMAGE retired engineer

VARDAMAN – George William “G. W.” Ramage, 65, retired engineer, died of a stroke Saturday at Trace Regional Medical Center in Houston. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City with burial in Mount Hermon Cemetery. Visitation is 4:30-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Ramage had worked for Barth and Associates Engineering in Jackson. He was a Korean War Army veteran. Survivors include: daughters, Georgette Helton of Silver Creek, Melissa Zeigler of Winona, Retta Waters of Yazoo City and Tabathis Ramage of Vardaman; brothers, Ronald Laderle Ramage of Vardaman, Henry F. “Hank” Ramage of Houston and Everette Ray Ramage of Huntsville, Ala.; and nine grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, August 26, 1995

MILDRED E. VANLANDINGHAM homemaker

VARDAMAN – Mildred Elizabeth Vanlandingham, 71, a homemaker, died of pulmonary fibrosis Tuesday at Baptist Memorial Hospital/North Mississippi in Oxford. Services were Thursday at Parker Memorial Funeral Home with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Mrs. Vanlandingham was a Salisbury, Tenn., native. She was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. She was the widow of James Ottis Vanlandingham. Survivors include: Betty Jean Haxall of Vardaman and Linda Sue Layton of Brandon; sons, Jimmy David Vanlandingham and Marvin David Vanlandingham, both of Pearl, and Ottis Wayne Vanlandingham of Vardaman; sister, Margie Thompson of Midland, Texas; brothers, James Reeder and Wade Reeder, both of Pearl and Marvin Reeder of Jackson; and 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, May 18, 1996

JOSEPH BOYD WALKER retired factory worker

VARDAMAN – Joseph Boyd Walker, 78, a retired employee of Shannon Manufacturing Co., died of pneumonia Wednesday at East Carroll Parish Hospital in Lake Providence, La. Services are 10 a.m. today at Pryor Funeral Home in Calhoun City with burial in New Providence Cemetery in Derma. Mr. Walker was a member of New Providence Baptist Church. He was a World War II and Korean War Army veteran and retired from the military after 20 years service. Survivors include: son, Joseph E. Walker, III of Pontotoc; sister, Rubye Stoneberger of Pensacola; brothers, Randolph Walker of Vardaman and Herbert Walker of St Paul, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, November 14, 1996

TANYA ENOCHS JESSUP retired manager HOUSTON – Tanya Frances Enochs Jessup, 74, a retired manager for the Bank of Vardaman, died of heart failure Tuesday at Floy Dyer Manor. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Houston First United Methodist Church. Houston Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Jessup, a Vardaman native, was also a volunteer for Floy Dyer Manor. She was a member of Vardaman United Methodist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Jennifer Tornwall Mooneyham of Houston; and four granddaughters and one great-grandson.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, January 4, 1997

BRYAN MARTIN retired salesman

MEMPHIS – Rexford Bryan Martin, 71, a retired salesman for Goldsmith’s in Memphis, died Thursday of a stroke at Baptist Memorial Hospital East. Services are 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Calhoun City, Miss., with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Vardaman, Miss. Pryor Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Mr. Martin was a Calhoun County native and a 1951 graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was a former teacher and coach in Calhoun and Pontotoc county schools and served as Calhoun County Chancery Clerk from 1954-1960. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was an accomplished pianist, serving as house pianist at Justine’s and Colonial Country Club, and was a Baptist. Survivors include: wife, Ellen; daughter, Jayne Martin Lockhart of Nashville; sons, Paige Martin of Cordova, Tenn., and Rexford Bryan Martin, Jr. of Memphis; brother, Thomas Lee Martin, Sr. of Nashville; and two grandsons.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, January 31, 1997

CONSTANCE MARIE STOKES homemaker

VARDAMAN – Constance Marie Stokes, 71, a homemaker died of a stroke Wednesday at Hillcrest Hospital in Calhoun City. Services are 2 p.m. today at New Liberty Baptist Church with burial in New Liberty Cemetery. Visitation is 1:30 today at the church. Pryor Funeral

Home is handling arrangements. Mrs. Stokes was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband, J. B.; son, Richard Stokes of Vardaman; sisters, Billy Jean Watkins and Doris Walls of Vardaman; and one grandchild.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, March 2, 1997

WATT CARTER retired educator Watt Carter, 86, of Canton Hill Drive, a retired educator, died of heart failure Friday at his home. Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Antioch Baptist Church in Bruce with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation is today at Nowell-Flippin Funeral Home in Ridgeland. Mr. Carter was a Calhoun County native. He was a graduate of Calhoun County Agricultural High School and Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in agriculture. He taught vocational agriculture 25 years, and was a school administrator seven years and served two terms as a state land commissioner. He was Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Mississippi in 1952 and Grand Lecturer of Grand Lodge of Mississippi from 1954-1994. He was a member of Mississippi Agriculture Teachers Hall of Fame, Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee, Board of Directors of Mississippi Agriculture Museum, Board of Alderman for the town of Vardaman, First Baptist Church in Vardaman and Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson. Survivors include: wife, Katie; sons, Joe Jon Carter and Phil Carter, both of Jackson; brother Fredric Carter of Sallisaw, Okla.; and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund, c/o Grand Lodge of Mississippi, P. O. Box 1030, Meridian, MS 39302; or Colonial Heights Baptist Church, 5708 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39211

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, July 18, 1997

LELA BELLE McCLUSKEY homemaker

SLATE SPRINGS – Lela Belle McCluskey, 83, a homemaker died Wednesday of heart failure at home. Services are 11 a.m. today at Bethany Baptist Church with burial in Bethany Cemetery. Pryor Funeral Home of Calhoun City is handling arrangements. Mrs. McCluskey was a native of Calhoun County. She enjoyed farming. Survivors include: daughters, Barbara Morgan of Vicksburg and Linda Haire of Pittsboro; sister, Lanita Richardson of Anguilla; brothers, Homa Bailey of Tupelo, David Bailey of Bruce and E. A. Bailey of Indianola; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. (Bailey family from Loyd.)

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Friday, June 13, 1997

SUSIE MAE STURDIVANT homemaker

VARDAMAN – Susie Mae Sturdivant, 84, a homemaker, died of heart failure Thursday at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in New Liberty Cemetery in Vardaman. Visitation is 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mrs. Sturdivant was a Calhoun County native. She was the widow of Jerome D. “Dud” Sturdivant. She was also a member of Duncan Hill Baptist Church. Survivors include: niece, Gerlene Sloan of New Albany.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Monday, September 22, 1997

EDDIE WILLARD HENDRIX farmer VARDAMAN – Eddie Willard Hendrix, 80, a farmer, died of heart failure Saturday at Trace Regional Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Hendrix was a Florida native. He was owner of Hendrix Sweet Potato Packers of Vardaman. He also had been a law enforcement officer. Survivors include: wife, Earnestine; sons, Jerry Hendrix of Houston, Texas, and Gary Hendrix of Vardaman; sisters,

Usona Brown of Northport, Ala., and Zanor Gewalt of Seattle; brother, Gary Hendrix of Water Valley and three grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, July 16, 1998

INMON CHARLES GILDER retired mechanic

GREENVILLE – Inmon Charles Gilder, 84, a retired maintenance mechanic for Chicago Mills, died of heart failure Tuesday at his home. Services are 10 a.m. today at Mortimer Funeral Home with burial in Ellzey Cemetery. Mr. Gilder was a Vardaman native. He was a U. S. Marine Corps veteran. He worked for Chicago Mills 28 years in Greenville. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church. He had been married to his wife 60 years. Survivors include: his wife, Nell; sons, Charles Spencer Gilder of Morgan City, La., Inmon Ray Gilder of McMinnville, Tenn., Thomas Kelly Gilder of Little Rock, Ark., and Danny Gene Gilder of Greenville; daughter, Ethel Lee Bean of Brandon; brother, James Hernon Gilder of Tupelo; sister, Mary Etta Hardin of Tupelo and eight grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Sunday, April 25, 1999

RUFUS RIVERS GILDER, JR. farmer, cattleman

VARDAMAN – Rufus Rivers Gilder, Jr., 80, a farmer and cattleman, died Friday of pneumonia at Hillcrest Hospital in Calhoun City. Services are 3:30 p.m. today at Vardaman Baptist Church with burial in Midway Cemetery. Parker Memorial Funeral Home of Vardaman is handling arrangements. Mr. Gilder was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He served as a drainage commissioner. Survivors include: wife, Naomi; daughters, Joyce Bradford of Vardaman, Phyllis Poe of Tupelo, and June Collins of Calhoun City; son Rufus Albert Gilder of Southaven; sisters, Alma Edmondson of Vardaman, Sara Edmondson of Collierville, Tenn., Bessie Fleming of Starkville, and Jacqueline Eastridge of Memphis; brother, Thomas Earl Gilder of Starkville; and nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Wednesday, February 16, 2000

EARL HICKS BAILEY retired agronomist

STARKVILLE – Early Hicks Bailey, 98, a retired agronomist, died of cardiac arrest Monday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Welch Funeral Home with burial in Oktibbeha Memorial Garden. Visitation is noon – 1:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Mr. Bailey, who was born in Vardaman, had lived in Starkville since 1923. He attended Mississippi A & M, where he was a botany professor for several years. He was an agronomist with the American Potash Institute for 31 years, retiring in 1967. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include: daughter, Patsy Bailey Randle of Starkville; son, James E. Bailey of Brierfield, Ala.; sisters, Wynette Bailey Inmon of Vardaman and Lorette Bailey Caviness of Calhoun City; brother, J. B. Bailey of Tupelo; and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, September 7, 2000

CHRISTINE R. I. VANCE retired schoolteacher

CALHOUN CITY – Christine Rish Inmon Vance, 88, a retired school teacher, died of heart failure Tuesday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Pryor Funeral Home with burial in Vance Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mrs. Vance was a native of Calhoun County. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she had previously served as Sunday School secretary for many years. She was the widow of Leonel M. Vance. Survivors include: daughters, Eleanor Shutt of Greenville, Ky., Sylvia Vance of Memphis and

Christy Hawkins of Columbus; son, L. C. Vance of Southaven; sisters, Martha Davis of Mantee, Mary Lewis of Amarillo, Texas, and Rose Howard of Derma; brother, Andrew Inmon of Vardaman; and four grandchildren.

“Clarion-Ledger” Jackson, Mississippi Saturday, October 13, 2001

CHARLES NELSON CRUM

VARDMAN 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, 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. (Mary Spratlin)