

The Editor's Desk

The Upshaws ... Our Story, by Mary Imogene Noble Carpenter of Hamburg, Arkansas, is a 100 page book privately published by Mrs. Carpenter in 1976. She was a longtime subscriber to the *Upshaw Family Journal* and, I understand, passed away about the year 2000. This book primarily covers the families of "E.D. Upshaw", "Ira Upshaw", "Will Upshaw" and "Jim Upshaw" of Louisiana and Arkansas. Although the compilation has some obvious faults and errors, especially in the early families, the value is, I believe, in the more recent families that she would have had more accurate information on. Following is a page-by-page transcription, with some exceptions where noted, of her book which is a valuable contribution to the Upshaw history of these families.

This transcription is being printed in two parts - in this and the last previous issue - of the *Upshaw Family Journal* and I hope it will be useful to researchers and descendants alike.

- Ted Brooke, Editor
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The Upshaws ... Our Story
(part 2: pages 61-100)

By
Mary Imogene Noble Carpenter

(Continued from the previous issue of the *Upshaw Family Journal*)

(page 61): The Harry Noble Family.

Harry E.H. (Yates) Noble, born June 18, 1907 at home on Springhill Road, Ashley County; married Opal Elizabeth Upshaw on September 15, 1929 in Hamburg by Rev. Freeman. Opal is the daughter of Ed and Fannie Bryan Smith Upshaw of Ashley County and was born on Oct. 13, 1910.

Harry and Opal spent from 1936-1956 at Perryville, Louisiana where Harry was a gas engineer and tower foreman for Mississippi Transmission Corporation. In 1956 he was transferred to the Fountain Hill, Arkansas station. When he and his family returned to Arkansas, he built their home across the road from his birthplace. It was completed in 1960 using posts and lumber taken from his old home. He retired in 1972 receiving honors from his company. He was ordained as a Baptist Deacon by the First Baptist Church, Hamburg in 1955. He swerves as superintendent of the Adult III Department of the church. He serves on the Ashley County Fair Board. Opal has been a homemaker, mother, faithful Sunday School teacher, Women's Missionary Union Member, officer. She was chosen Woman of the Year in 1972-73 for the Hamburg Homemaker's Club. She served as president of her local clubs and as associational president for the Baptist ladies of Ashley County. Opal is a member of the Col.

Francis Vivian Brooking Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Opal and Harry are the parents of three children: Harry Noble, Jr., born June 6, 1930 in Crossett, Arkansas; Mary Imogene Noble, born March 7, 1934 at home on Springhill Road and Gayle Linwood Noble, born August 31, 1940 at Bastrop, Louisiana.

Harry Noble, Jr., attended Northeast State College in Monroe after high school graduation from Ouachita Parish High School in Monroe. He transferred to Baylor University at Waco, Texas and later to Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he received a BSE degree in agriculture. He was a commissioned army lieutenant and served in Europe. He was a district manager for John Deere Tractors until he received the call to preach God's word. He surrendered to the ministry and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas and New Orleans Baptist Seminary at New Orleans, Louisiana. He has been the pastor to Southern Baptist churches at Parkdale, Arkansas; New Orleans, La.; Poyner, Texas; Camden, Texas; Bullar, Texas. He is married to Betty Jean Smith who was born February 1, 1937 at Taft, Texas to Sue and Richard Smith. Her grandparents were Holcombs who are stuarch [sic] Baptists with preachers, teachers, and missionaries being in their number. Holcomb Hall at Glorietta Baptist Encampment, Glorietta, New Mexico is named for her family. She attended Baylor University. They were married March 23, 1957 in the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi. Their children are: (i) Robin Elizabeth Noble, born November 10, 1957 in Hope, Arkansas; (ii) Penny Alyson born November 3, 1958 in Hope, Arkansas and died January 27, 1959 in Hope. She is buried in the Noble Cemetery on Springhill Road; (iii) Harry Yates Noble, III, born May 24, 1960 in Fort Worth, Texas; (iv) Zoe Ann Noble, born March 19, 1962 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Robin graduates from high school this year, the bicentennial year 1976.

Mary Imogene graduated from Ouchita Parish high school in Monroe and attended Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She received a BSE degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas, majoring in Mathematics, English and Music. She was a high school and college honor graduate being active in all student activities, serving on Student Councils as an officer, being chosen homecoming maid and serving actively as an officer of the Baptist Student Union. She taught math at Crossett High School before her marriage to Robert Allen Carpenter, son of Lydia and Charles F. Carpenter, Sr., of Hamburg. She teaches math at Hamburg Middle School, is active in the First Baptist Church serving on various committees, has been chairman

(page 62): of various fund raising groups, is a member of the Colonel Francis V. Brooking Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution having gone in on her grandmother M.V. McGough Noble's family, the Greers. She is serving as the Ashley County Chairperson for the American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration, and is an officer of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is an active citizen of Hamburg, Ashley County, Arkansas. Imie and Robert A. Carpenter married January 29, 1960 at the First Baptist Church of Hamburg by the Rev. E.E. Griever and Dr. Thomas T. Welch. Robert A. Carpenter graduated from Hamburg public schools a received a BSE degree from University of Central Arkansas at Conway, Arkansas. He received his Masters degree in art and speech from Colorado State at Greeley, Colorado. He is a talented artist having painted beautiful baptistery scenes for churches in Ashley County. His paintings have received awards at art shows. They direct the Miss Ashley County Pageant each year and serve on the Ashley County Fair Board. He owns and operates the Sunset Drive-in Theater at Hamburg. Robert A. is an active member of the First Baptist Church, Hamburg serving with various committees. He was born on November 22, 1929 at Crossett, Arkansas.

He served in the Korean Conflict as a sergeant and was stationed in Korea for 18 months. He is the current president of the Theater Owners of Arkansas.

Imie and Robert A. have one son, Robert Allen Carpenter, Jr. He was born May 27, 1967 at Crossett, Arkansas. Robert Allen attends Noble School in Hamburg and is a member of the First Baptist Church. He is an honor roll student and sings in the Sunshine Choir.

Gayle Linwood Noble graduated from Hamburg High School as an honor graduate. He graduated from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, Arkansas and received a fellowship to Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma. His major was History and French. He, for several years, was an adjuster for insurance companies. He married Marylee Smith, daughter of Bonnie and the Rev. Chuck Smith, on July 31, 1964 at El Dorado, Arkansas, in the Trinity Baptist Church. Marylee's father was pastor of the church. Marylee was born April 19, 1941 at Clinton, Arkansas. She is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia and is doing graduate work at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She teaches French at the Pulaski Academy in Little Rock and is preparing to become a librarian. She and Gayle are active members of Olivet Baptist Church where Gayle is employed as their Minister of Education. Gayle is an ordained deacon, being ordained by the First Baptist Church of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Their children are:

- (i) Jeffrey Gayle Noble, born January 5, 1968 at Owensboro, Kentucky and
- (ii) Amy Leigh Noble, born July 7, 1972 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Jeffrey attends Pulaski Academy in Little Rock and is a member of Olivet Church.

(page 63): photograph, "Mary Imogene Noble Carpenter served as the chairperson for the Ashley County Arkansas celebration of the American Revolution 1976. She is pictured on the day of the Ashley County Super Day of Celebration, April 29, 1976, with Miss Ashley County, Debbie Jenkins; Miss America, 1976, Tawny Godin; and Miss Arkansas 1976, Paula Roach.

(pages 64-67): reproduction of the Ashley County, Arkansas Day of Bicentennial Celebration program of Thursday, April 29, 1976.

(unnumbered page); **The Family of Ira Upshaw.**

(page 68): The Ira Franklin Upshaw Family.

(This information compiled from the Family Bible and other personal papers by Mrs. Ermma [sic] Upshaw, Rt. 1, Box 46A, Farmerville, Louisiana.)

Husband's name: Ira Franklin Upshaw, born January 1, 1870 in Union Parish; died July 29, 1909 at Pineville State Hospital; buried July 20 [sic] 1909 at Pineville, Louisiana.

Wife's name: Nancy Alice Sturdivant, born March 27, 1873 at Spearsville, Louisiana; died May 5, 1948 at Ruston, Louisiana; buried May 6, 1948 at Caneena [sic].

Children:

- (1) Thomas Elish Upshaw – male; born September 27, 1893 at Spearsville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Millie Vines.
- (2) Sarah Ony Upshaw – female; born April 26, 1895 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died July 5, 1896.
- (3) Velma Tibithy Upshaw – female; born April 26, 1895 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died July 10, 1900.
- (4) Rachel Roena Upshaw – female; born September 15, 1898 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died July 13, 1900.

(5) James Edmond Upshaw – male; born April 20, 1900 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Della Brazzel.

(6) William Franklin Upshaw – male; born October 28, 1905 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died June 22, 1932.

(7) George Upshaw – male; born October 28, 1905 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died October 28, 1905.

(8) Ira Fred Upshaw – male; born November 24, 1902 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died December 23, 1967; married Emma Lou Albritton on March 10, 1928.

(9) Varna Gurther Upshaw – male; born May 30, 1907 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died February 5, 1975; married Bettie Jane Albritton on January 21, 1928.

(10) Charles Upshaw; born December 23, 1908 at Canaan, Union Parish, Louisiana; died December 24, 1908.

(page 69): The Thomas Elisaha[sic] Upshaw family.

Husband's name: Thomas Elisaha Upshaw; born September 27, 1893 at Spearsville, Louisiana; died at Shreveport, Louisiana; buried at Canaan cemetery, Union Parish; Father's name: Ira Franklin Upshaw; Mother's name: Nancy Alice Upshaw; Wife's maiden name: Willie Pearl Vines. Children:

(1) Maynard Upshaw – male; married Lavella Fuller.

(2) Olive U. Upshaw – female; born September 29, 1917 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; married James Monroe Carter, Jr. on January 9, 1934.

(3) Farris Upshaw – female; born at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Joe McAdams.

(4) Ira Garner Upshaw – male; married Pearly Taylor.

(5) Jewel Upshaw – female; married Calvin Brown.

(6) Loraine Upshaw – female; married Jerral Hardy.

(7) Lois Upshaw.

(8) Infant Upshaw; born February, 1928 at Summerfield, Louisiana; died February, 1928.

(9) Clyde Upshaw; born July, 1929 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Maloid Pardue.

(10) Infant Upshaw – male; born July, 1929 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; died July, 1929.

(11) Harold Upshaw – male; born Rayville, Louisiana.

(12) Epsy Upshaw – male; born Rayville, Louisiana.

(13) Billy Joe Upshaw – male; born Rayville, Louisiana.

(14) Lena Upshaw – female; born Rayville, Louisiana; married Russell Huey.

(15) Nell Upshaw – female; born Rayville, Louisiana; married Herman Marrow.

The James Monroe Carter, Jr., family. (Information obtained from Ollie V. Upshaw Carter, 410 Valley Street, Delhi, Louisiana, on May 16, 1976.)

Husband's name: James Monroe Carter, Jr.; born September 12, 1907 at Lexington, Mississippi; married January 9, 1934 at Rayville, Louisiana; Father's name: James Monroe Carter, Sr.; Mother's maiden name: Martha Ann Ray.

(page 70): Wife's maiden name: Ollie V. Upshaw; born September 29, 1917 at Lillie, Louisiana; Father's name: Thomas Elijah Upshaw; Mother's name: Willie Pearl Vines. Children:

(1) Helen Lucille Carter – female; born November 1, 1935 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Percy Ray Greer on July 17, 1959.

(2) Ruby Grace Carter – female; born April 4, 1936 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Charles Weldon Dayberry on February 14, 1958.

- (3) Gladys Marie Carter – female; born April 4, 1938 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Anthony Valudos on June 12, 1960.
- (4) Agnes Virginia Carter; born February 2, 1940 at Delhi, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married James Daniel Shelton on November 22, 1961.
- (5) James Wilson Carter; born October 30, 1941 at Delhi, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Wilma Jane Howell on March 15, 1968.
- (6) Alice Jewel Carter – female; born March 3, 1944 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Oscar Daniel Rainwater on April 2, 1965.
- (7) Mary Catherine Carter – female; born August 13, 1946 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana.
- (8) Doris Evelyn Carter; born April 21, 1948 at Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana; married Ernest Nathan Haynes on September 6, 1969.

Grandchildren of Tommie Upshaw; Children of Olive U. Upshaw Carter.

- (1) Helen Lucille Carter Greer; child: Stephanie Ann Greer; born 7-1-72.
- (2) Ruby Grace Carter Dayberry; Children:
 - (i) Kenneth Dale Dayberry; born 11-9-59 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana;
 - (ii) Michael Weldon Dayberry; born 7-28-61 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.
- (3) Gladys Marie Carter Valudos; child: Kimberly Marie Valudos, born 2-17-66 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana;
- (4) Agnes Virginia Carter Shelton; children:
 - (i) Pamela Renee Shelton, born 3-20-66 at Monroe Ouachita Parish, La.;
 - (ii) James Daniel Shelton, Jr., born 11-13-68

(page 71): at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.

- (5) James Wilson Carter; children: (i) James Wilson Carter, Jr., born 11-8-68 at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.; (ii) Jason Todd Carter, born 5-21-70 at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.
- (6) Alice Jewel Carter Rainwater; child: Tracy Lamar Rainwater, born 9-16-69 at Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La.
- (7) Doris Evelyn Carter Haynes; child: Carrie Nicol Haynes, born 12-17-73 at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.

The James Edmond Upshaw family.

Husband: James Edmond Upshaw, born April 29, 1900 at Canaan Community; married December 31, 1919; Father's name: Ira Franklin Upshaw; Mother's name: Nancy Alice Sturdivant; Former wife: Lula Skains; Present wife's maiden name: Delia Brazzel. Children:

- (1) Wesley Upshaw – male; born May 27, 1921 at Lockart Union Community, La.; died October 24, 1944.
- (2) Louise Upshaw – female; born September 4, 1923 at Lockart Union Community, La.; married Eugene Hicks on October 5, 1940 at Rayville, Richland Parish, La.; Eugene's father: Kitreal Hicks. Children:
 - (i) Alice Faye Hicks – female; born August 4, 1941 at Rayville, La.; died March 21, 1948;
 - (ii) Horece [sic] Hicks – male; born February 6, 1943 at Rayville, La.;
 - (iii) Peggy Hicks – female; born September 15, 1945 at Marion, Union Parish, La.;
 - (iv) Kenneth Hicks – male; born November 15, 1952 at Marion, La.

(page 72): The Ira Freddie Upshaw family.

Husband's name: Ira Fredie Upshaw; born November 24, 1902 at Spearsville, Louisiana; dies December 23, 1967 at Norris Clinic, Farmerville, Louisiana; buried December 26, 1967 at Taylor Cemetery, Farmerville, Louisiana; married March 10, 1928 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Father's name: Ira Franklin Upshaw; Mother's maiden name: Nancy Alice Sturdivant; Wife's maiden name: Emma Lou Albritton; born September 9, 1912 at Truyna, Louisiana; Christened August, 1929. Children:

- (1) Alton Donald Upshaw – male; born January 4, 1930 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Peggy Dale Vestal on May 8, 1953.
- (2) Sedrith Gray Upshaw – male; born April 17, 1931 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Joyce Anne Perry.
- (3) Ira Franklin Upshaw – male; born May 6, 1933 at Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Tressie Fromley on July 26, 1953.
- (4) Marx Charles Upshaw – male; born March 7, 1935 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Terrylla Nutt on July 11, 1970.
- (5) Florence Aliece [sic] Upshaw – female; born July 14, 1937 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Charlie Edwards Goss on June 30, 1956.
- (6) Maurice Upshaw – female; born August 2, 1940 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married James Roy Farrar on December 21, 1958.
- (7) Fredie Wayne Upshaw – male; born March 12, 1945 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Sue Gray on June 7, 1969.

The Alton Donald Upshaw family.

Husband's name: Alton Donald Upshaw; born January 4, 1930 at Farmerville, Louisiana; married May 8, 1953 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Father's name: Ira Fredie Upshaw; Mother's name: Emma Lou Albritton; Wife's maiden name: Peggy Dale Vestal; born July 27, 1935 at Strong, Arkansas; Father's name: James Oliver Vestal; Mother's name: Berdie Brown.

(page 73): Children:

- (1) James Donald Upshaw – male; born June 7, 1955 at Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana.
- (2) Peggy Dianne Upshaw – female; born July 17, 1957 at Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Paul Beasley, 1-1-75.

The Paul Beasley Family.

Husband's name: Paul Beasley; born July 20, 1953; Father's name: Harold Beasley; Mother's maiden name: Marelle Smith; Wife's maiden name: Peggy Dianne Upshaw; born July 17, 1957 at Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana. Children:

- (1) Dana Larene Beasley – female; born February 16, 1976 at Ruston, Union Parish, Louisiana; died February 17, 1976.

The Sedrith Gray Upshaw family.

Husband's name: Sedrith Gray Upshaw; born April 17, 1931 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Former wives: Gloria Belanger and Janice Sasser; Father's name: Ira Fred Upshaw; Mother's maiden name: Emma Lou Upshaw [sic]; Wife's maiden name: Joyce Ann Perry; born December 22, 1945 at Huttig, Arkansas; Father's name: Essie [sic] Perry; Mother's maiden name: Onie Mae Lancaster. Children:

- (1) Daniel Clyde Upshaw; born 1952 at Mitchell AFB, NY.
- (2) Steven Dexter Upshaw; born May 3, 1955 at Barksdale AFB, La.
- (3) Randall Bryant Upshaw; born August 30, 1957 at USN Hospital, Guam, M.I.

(page 74): The Ira Franklin Upshaw family.

Husband's name: Ira Franklin Upshaw; born May 6, 1933 at Marion, Union Parish, Louisiana; married July 26, 1953 at Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; Father's name: Ira Freddie Upshaw; Mother's maiden name: Emma Lou Albritton; Wife's maiden name: Tressie Fromley; born August 28, 1935 at Bernice, Union Parish, Louisiana; Father's name: Fesse [sic] W. Fromley; Mother's maiden name: Birdie Tabor. Children:

(1) Michael Frank Upshaw – male; born September 11, 1954 at Bernice, Union Parish, Louisiana.

(2) Debbra [sic] Sue Upshaw – female; born November 1958 at Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

The James Roy Farrar family. (This information obtained from the Family Bible, marriage license and birth certificates by Emma L. Upshaw, Rt. 1, Box 46A, Farmerville, Louisiana.)

Husband's name: James Roy Farrar; born July 14, 1932 at Lillie, Louisiana; married December 21, 1958 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Father's name: Christopher Columbus Farrar; Mother's maiden name: Pearl Moore; Wife's maiden name: Maurice Upshaw; born August 2, 1940 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Father's name: Ira Freddie Upshaw; Mother's maiden name: Emma Lou Albritton. Child: Pamile Alice Farrar – female; born August 19, 1962 at Hammond, Louisiana.

The Varna Gurther Upshaw family. (This information obtained from Family Bible and birth certificates by Ermma [sic] Lou Upshaw, Rt. 1, Box 46A, Farmerville, Louisiana.)

(page 75): Husband's name: Varna Gurther Upshaw; born May 30, 1907 at Spearsville, Louisiana; died February 5, 1975 at Shreveport, Louisiana; buried February 7, 1975 at Canaan Cemetery; married January 21, 1928 at Farmerville, Louisiana; Wife's maiden name: Bettie Jane Albritton; born May 3, 1908 at Truxno, Louisiana; Father's name: G. Alex Albritton; Mother's maiden name: Florence Green. Children:

(1) Jacqueline Earline Upshaw – female; born November 1, 1929 at Farmerville, Union Parish, La.; former husband: Laurence Albert DeVore; married September 24, 1950; present husband: Charles Carla Tronco, married March 17, 1971.

(2) Infant Upshaw – male; born May 22, 1932 at Marion, Union Parish, La.; died May 22, 1932.

(3) Wiley Gurther Upshaw – male; born February 10, 1939 at Rayville, Richland Parish; died July 8, 1944.

(4) Annella Lane Upshaw – female; born January 23, 1947 at Farmerville, Louisiana; died April 17, 1948.

(unnumbered page): **The Family of Will Upshaw.**

(page 76): Photograph of “Will and Mollie Smith Upshaw”.

(page 77): The Will Upshaw family.

“Will” William (“Wilson” on tombstone at Canaan Cemetery) Elisha Upshaw; born July 18, 1872, Union Parish, Louisiana new [sic] Spearsville; married (1) Martha Frances Phillips, daughter of Thadric and Martha Bryant Phillips; born March 17, 1878 at Hamburg, Arkansas; died March 7, 1918 at Spearsville, Louisiana; buried Canaan Baptist Church. (*Will and

brother Ed married aunt and niece, Fannie and Martha.) Children:

- (1) Travis Z. Upshaw; born 11/21/1896 at Spearsville, Union Parish, Louisiana; died 7/18/1946; married Louane Everett.
- (2) Ora Bell Upshaw; born 12/29/1899 at Spearsville; died 5/1/1955, buried at Junction City, Arkansas; married Clement Harrell Elkins on 12/19/1920.
- (3) Elton Jefferson Upshaw; born 12/18/1900 at Spearsville; died (date unknown) at Monroe, Louisiana; married (1) Irene Spencer, (2) Minnie Maxwell.
- (4) William Stanford Upshaw; born January 14, 1903 at Spearsville; married Fannie McCormick.
- (5) Jessie Luther Upshaw; born 8/31/19—at Spearsville, Louisiana; died (date unknown); married Roe Nelson.
- (6) Ola Mae Upshaw; born 12/7/1907 at Spearsville, Louisiana; died 12/23/1926 at Ruston, Louisiana; married John Henry Driggers on 12/23/1926.
- (7) Florence Lissie Upshaw; born 8/11/19—at Spearsville, Louisiana; married Perry McCormick.
- (8) Ivie Lena Upshaw; born 12/22/1912 at Spearsville, Louisiana; married William Otto Ferguson at Grayson, Louisiana on 12/2/1933. William was born 11/18/1908 at Clarks, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.
- (9) Ray Benoyd Upshaw; born 7/31/1915 at Union Parish, Louisiana; married Lennie Belle Haddox at Columbia, Louisiana on Nov. 23, 1938. Lennie was born 2/17/1915 at Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

Will also married Mollie Smith McKnight.

(page 78): The Travis Upshaw family.

Travis Zechariah Upshaw (parents: W.E. Upshaw and Fannie Phillips); born Nov. 30, 1896; died July 18, 1946; married Louanne Everett (parents: Sallie Youngblood and W.W. Everett); date married: Jan. 27, 1918; born March 7, 1899; died Aug. 1, 1965. Children:

(1) Thelma Upshaw; born March 21, 1921; married Sam Williams; born Jan. 1, 1920; married on Nov. 30, 1940; children:

(i) David Larry Williams; born Sept. 10, 1944; married Ray Jean Ouzts on May 16, 1963; born Jan. 27, 1945; children:

(i) David Lynn Williams, born Aug. 23, 1964;

(ii) Jeannie Denice Williams, born Sept. 30, 1965.

(ii) Robert Samuel Williams; born May 17, 1948; married Judith Stretch; born Feb. 3, 1948; children:

(i) Kristie Michelle Williams, born June 14, 1974.

(iii) Floyd Timothy Williams; born Oct. 17, 1949.

(2) Gwendolyn Upshaw; born January 27, 1923; married Alton B. Yarbrough on May 31, 1944; born January 5, 1918. Children:

(i) Sandra Carolyn Yarbrough, born April 8, 1947;

(ii) Ronald Alton Yarbrough, born Oct. 17, 1948; married Jeanne Ann Terpstra, born Jan. 11, 1948; married on Sept. 11, 1971;

(iii) Phyllis Ann Yarbrough, born August 17, 1950.

(3) Billye Ruth Upshaw; born January 1, 1928; married Jarrell D. Clark (parents: Susie Nichols and John Wesley Clark); married on May 23, 1946;

(page 79): born November 18, 1923. Children:

- (i) Linda Carol Clark, born March 8, 1947; married Thomas Gill White on January 9, 1965;
- (ii) Wanda Susan Clark; born May 24, 1950;
- (iii) Jarrell Daniel Clark, born Dec. 14, 1954;
- (iv) Travis Upshaw Clark, born July 9, 1956;
- (v) Doris Kay Clark, born Oct. 31, 1961.

(4) Travis Shelton Upshaw; born January 7, 1931; married Catherine Ruth Smith (parents: John McKinley Smith and Inez Vinetta Richman); born September 29, 1932; married on June 15, 1957; Children:

- (i) Travis Wayne Upshaw, born July 9, 1959;
- (ii) William Lee Upshaw, born July 31, 1960;
- (iii) Jan Marie Upshaw, born August 9, 1961;
- (iv) John Robert Upshaw, born December 26, 1962.

(5) Richard Wayne Upshaw; born Oct. 6, 1933; married Claudette Gilbert (parents: Loretha Peters and Roy Gilbert); born December 24, 1937; married on December 17, 1952; Children:

- (i) Debra Anne Upshaw Allen, born Jan. 11, 1954; married Robert Eugene Allen, Jr.;
- (ii) Vicki Lynn Upshaw, born August 3, 1957;
- (iii) Danny Lane Upshaw, born March 2, 1960.

(6) Clyde Edwin Upshaw; born March 15, 1937.

(7) David Lynn Upshaw; born December 31, 1939

(page 80): married on June 20, 1959, El Paso, Texas; married Sandra Treonne Starnes (parents: Cone Curtis Starnes and Mary Treonne Stovall); born Oct. 28, 1937. Children:

- (i) Donna Gayle Upshaw, born May 12, 1960;
- (ii) Connie Lynn Upshaw, born June 7, 1961;
- (iii) Debra Diane Upshaw, born August 23, 1964.

(page 81): Ora Upshaw's Family.

Clement Harrell Elkins was born June 3, 1900 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Dec. 19, 1920 to Ora Bell Upshaw at Lillie. He is a Baptist; is retired.

Ora Bell, daughter of Willie and Fannie Phillips Upshaw, was born at Lille, Louisiana on Dec. 29, 1899; died May 1, 1955 and is buried at Junction City, Union County, Arkansas. She was Baptist.

There were seven children born to this union:

- (1) Dolora Janet Elkins, born Oct. 27, 1921.
- (2) Gerald Windell Elkins, born June 11, 1923.
- (3) Joel Clement Elkins, born April 18, 1925.
- (4) Luther Colvin Elkins, born Sept. 28, 1927.
- (5) Brodie Harrell Elkins, born Mar. 27, 1931.
- (6) Ted Allan Elkins, born May 1, 1935.
- (7) Reginald Wilson Elkins, born May 1, 1938.

Dolora Janet Elkins was born Oct. 27, 1921 at Spearsville, Union Parish, Louisiana; is a bookkeeper at the Jonesboro Clinic at Jonesboro, Louisiana. Janet met Everett Don Odom at Temple Baptist Church in 1939 when she was a student at Louisiana Tech in Ruston and he was working in Ruston after attending Tech three semesters. They were married by the Rev. B.C. Smith in Bernice, Union Parish, Louisiana Aug. 19, 1940; lived in Ruston, Louisiana one year and then moved to Hodge, Louisiana where they have continued to make their home.

Their address is P.O. Box 172, Hodge, Louisiana. They are active members of the Hodge Baptist Church where Everett has been a deacon for many years.

Everett, son of Charles J. and Alice Avery Odom, was born in Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, Jan. 3, 1913. He is an electrical operator for Continental Gas Company and has an electric shop at home as a hobby.

Janet and Everett are the parents of four children. Two of these are twins:

(1) Gerald Lynn Odom, born Oct. 14, 1941 at Hodge, Jackson Parish, Louisiana. He graduated from Jonesboro-Hodge High School in 1959; has attended Louisiana Tech, Louisiana State University, Louisiana State University at New Orleans, Centenary College and the University of Houston. Jerry works in the laboratory for Core Laboratories and his work involves testing of the soil that is taken from oil wells as they are drilled.

In November of 1968, he began working in Aba Dhalie [sic] and Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf; he has also worked in Guatemala and in Singapore, Malaysia. He has been fortunate that he could use his vacation time to visit other countries and has spent some time in Greece and Beirut, Lebanon.

Jerry spent six years in the Naval Reserve of which two years were active overseas duty. He was stationed in England, Germany, Switzerland and Holland. He is Baptist.

(2) Martha Dianne Odom, born Aug. 25, 1944.

(3) Dolora Alice Odom, a twin, born Sept. 14, 1947.

(4) Charles Clement Odom, a twin, born Sept. 14, 1947. The twins were premature and weighed about three pounds each. Little Charles Clement died Sept. 14, 1947, living only seven hours. He is buried in the Jonesboro Cemetery at Jonesboro, Louisiana. Martha Dianne Odom was born Aug. 25, 1944 at Hodge, Jackson Parish, Louisiana. She was a graduate of Jonesboro-Hodge High School in 1962 and attended Louisiana Tech until her senior year, when she married James Ellis Davison April 10, 1965 at the Hodge Baptist Church in Hodge, Louisiana.

After her sophomore year at college, she went as a summer missionary to Indiana to do mission work through an appointment by the Baptist Home Mission Board. Dianne and James met at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana, as did her parents in 1939.

(page 82): James is the son of Paul Davison and Evelyn Anderson Davison. He was born Sept. 12, 1936 at Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana; is a graduate of Louisiana Tech and is co-owner of Davison Transport Company in Ruston, Louisiana where they reside in Forest Circle. He is one of the youngest deacons in Temple Baptist Church; is superintendent of the College Young Peoples Sunday School Department; is very active in civic organizations.

Dianne loves her church work and takes part in all of the activities, even though she is a very busy homemaker and mother. Like her mother, she is also the mother of twins. The children:

(i) James Ellis Davison, Jr., born July 23, 1966 in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

(ii) Todd Allen Davison, born July 19, 1967 in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

(iii) Stephen Kent Davison, born July 19, 1967 in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

(iv) Mark Everett Davison, born May 22, 1969 in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

(v) Catherine Dianne Davison, born June 24, 1970.

Dolora Alice Odom was born Sept. 14, 1947 at Hodge, Jackson Parish, Louisiana. She graduated from Jonesboro-Hodge High School in 1965 and entered Louisiana Tech soon after graduation. After her freshman year, she served as assistant director of the Tall Timbers Baptist Girl's Auxiliary Camp at Forest, Louisiana. While at Louisiana Tech, Dolora worked in the

Dean of Men's Office about two years and then as senior counselor for girls in the freshman dormitories for two years. Her major was Home Economics and she graduated May 29, 1969.

Gerald Windell Elkins was born June 11, 1923 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana. He married Shirley Ann Carr on September 19, 1946 at Portsmouth, Virginia; is employed as a revenue officer with the United States Navy and at the time of his retirement after twenty years service was Chief Warrant Officer.

Shirley Ann, born June 6, 1925 at Lorain, Ohio, is the daughter of Harland Robert Carr and the former Dorothy Marie Miller.

They are Methodist; have two children:

(i) Gregory Scott Elkins, born June 4, 1952 at Norfolk, Virginia.

(ii) Christine Anne Elkins, born Sept. 27, 1958 at Mobile, Alabama.

Joel Clement Elkins is a gas plant chemist for Humble Oil and Refining Company. He was born April 18, 1925 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; married Beverly Jean Tinsley Dec. 4, 1947 at Woodville, Mississippi. He had two years military duty in the United States Naval Reserve.

Beverly Jean, daughter of Thomas Clayton and Eula Blanche Worley Tinsley, was born August 7, 1928 at Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. She is a teacher.

(page 83): Joel and Beverly are Baptist; have two sons:

(i) Gary Joe Elkins, born March 4, 1952 at Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Louisiana. He married Kate Sevier of Tallulah, Louisiana.

(ii) Randall Tinsley Elkins, born Nov. 1, 1956 at Homer, Louisiana.

Luther Colvin Elkins was born Sept. 28, 1927 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana; is Baptist. He was married April 14, 1951 to Constance Amelie D'Arensbourg at Vacherie, St. James Parish, Louisiana; is production manager for thirty-four dairy operations of Southland Corporation.

Constance Amelie was born June 1, 1930 at Vacherie, Louisiana. Her parents are E.F. and Amelie Brou D'Arensbourg. She is Catholic.

They reside at 5009 Mill Run Road, Dallas, Texas; are the parents of five children:

(i) Eric Stephen Elkins, born Jan. 30, 1952 at New Orleans, La.

(ii) Vicki Denise Elkins, born Nov. 25, 1953 at New Orleans, La. Vicki is married to Sandy McCrea; were married in 1975 and have one child, Ashley Renee, born 1/23/76.

(iii) Brent Louis Elkins, born Jan. 26, 1956 at New Orleans, La.

(iv) Dean Richard Elkins, born June 21, 1961 at Atlanta, Clayton, County, Georgia.

(v) Lisa Renee Elkins, born Oct. 23, 1963 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Brodie Harrell Elkins was born March 27, 1931 at Junction City, Union Parish, Arkansas; married Jan. 24, 1951 to Ruth Christie at Junction City. They are Methodist; reside at 1677 Dogwood Drive, Harvey, Louisiana where he is a Field Superintendent.

Ruth, daughter of Scott and Milbra Pafford Christie, was born at Junction City, Arkansas, Sept. 20, 1930. They have two children:

(i) Tommie Louise Elkins, born Dec. 31, 1951 at Red Lodge, Carbon County, Montana; married Pat Haney. Pat, son of Don and Jewel Haney of Baton Rouge, La., was born 3/5/51 at New Orleans, La.

(ii) Cynthia Susan Elkins, born Feb. 10, 1957 at Stamps, Lafayette County, Arkansas.

Ted Allan Elkins, born May 1, 1935 at Junction City, Union Parish, Louisiana, is a shift foreman for a chemical plant. He married Katie Lou Davis on June 26, 1965 at Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Ted Allen [sic] served sixteen months in the armed forces and attained the rank of sergeant.

Katie Lou was born Aug. 29, 1937 at Crowville, Franklin Parish, Louisiana; is a librarian. Her parents are Alva Marshall and Annie Mae Eley Davis.

They are Baptist; reside at 252 West Parkland Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; are the parents of two children:

- (i) Beth Anne Elkins, born Feb. 7, 1967 at Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.
- (ii) Erin Sue Elkins, born July 8, 1968 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Reginald Wilson Elkins is an oil scout for Standard Oil of California; is presently working in Alaska. He was born May 1, 1938 at Junction City, Union Parish, Louisiana; completed six years duty in the military service. Reginald married Carole Ann Russ on May 23, 1959 at Bradley, Arkansas; they are Baptist.

Carole Ann, daughter of Albert Benjamin Russ and the former Ruby Dale French, was born Feb. 3, 1938 at Bradley, Lafayette County, Arkansas. When she was living in Alaska, she was employed as a secretary at the University of

(page 84): Alaska.

Their present address is c/o Mrs. Ruby Russ, Route 1, Bradley, Arkansas. They have one son:

- (i) Michael Wilson Elkins, Ora's husband, was born Jan. 17, 1970 at Anchorage, Alaska.

Reginald Wilson Elkins, born May 1, 1938 at Junction City, Arkansas; married Carole Ann Russ on May 23, 1959 at First Baptist Church, Bradley, Arkansas. Carole, daughter of Ruby French Russ and Albert Benjamin Russ, was born Feb. 3, 1938, Bradley, Arkansas. Children:

- (i) Michael Wilson Elkins, born Jan. 17, 1970, Anchorage, Alaska.

Current address: R.W. Elkins, 1353 Oxford Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Reginald is employed with Cities Service Oil Company as their Alaska Representative and Landman.

Clement Harrell Elkins, husband of Ora Upshaw, descended from Charles Londulius Elkins and Eliza Catherine Murry. Charles Londulius Elkins was born Nov. 26, 1856, at Cherry Ridge Community in Union Parish, La. He died Nov. 6, 1942 at Mt. Union, Union Parish, La. Eliza Catherine Murry Elkins was born March 18, 1863, in Cherry Ridge Community, Union Parish, La., and died Aug. 4, 1932, at Mt. Union Community, Union Parish, La.

Clement Harrell Elkins married second, Mittie Bowman Thompson, daughter of John Jacob and Teresa Elizabeth Cornet Bowman. She was born at Homer, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, Feb. 1, 1901. They live at 700 South Bonner Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

(page 85): The Elton Jefferson Upshaw Family.

Elton Jefferson Upshaw, born 12/18/1900 at Spearsville, Louisiana; married first, Thelma Irene Spencer. Child: Martha Carolyn Upshaw, born 12/3/1931 at El Dorado, Arkansas; Martha Carolyn married Ed Walker Stinson, Jr., son of Ed Walker and Mattie Lou Green Stinson, on 9/4/1954. Their children are:

- (i) Ed Walker Stinson III, born July 8, 1957 at Tulsa, Okla.
- (ii) Paul Spencer Stinson, born July 20, 1959 at Monroe, Ouachita, La.

(iii) Andrea Elizabeth Stinson, born Aug. 18, 1970 at West Monroe, La.

Married, second, Minnie Pauline Maxwell of Drew County, Monticello, Arkansas. Their children are:

- (i) Elton Jefferson Upshaw, Jr., born June 2, 1939 at Monticello, Arkansas.
- (ii) Rosemary Upshaw, born Dec. 31, 1944 at Ruston, La.

Elton Jefferson Upshaw, Jr., married Martha Jane Burns, born Nov. 9, 1940, at Monroe, Louisiana, daughter of James Robert and Bess Jane Henry Burns. Elton and Martha married 8/5/1961 at Monroe.

Elton and Martha's children:

- (i) Elton Jefferson Upshaw, III, born 8/27/1962 in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; died April 30, 1963.
- (ii) Rosemary Burns, born 3/25/1964 in Monroe.
- (iii) Ainsley Scott, born 5/13/1967 in Monroe.
- (iv) Allison Roane, born 5/25/1968 in Monroe.
- (v) Judson Maxwell, born 10/29/1973 in Monroe; died April 18, 1974 in Monroe.

Elton, Jr. is a farmer. Elton, Sr. was a college professor at Northeast University in Monroe.

Rosemary Upshaw; married Randy Lew Ewing, born Feb. 10, 1944, son of Lester Cleo and Louise Williams Ewing, at Panama City, Florida. They married on August 7, 1965, in Monroe, Louisiana. Their children are:

- (i) Ann Ashley Ewing, born 3/6/1967 at Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.
- (ii) Jefferson Brandon Ewing, born 12/30/1968 at Ruston, Louisiana.

(page 86): The Family of William Stanford Upshaw.

William Stanford Upshaw, born January 14, 1903 in Canaan Community, Union Parish, Louisiana; married January 8, 1922 in Laran Community, Union Parish, Louisiana; died November 7, 1973 at Ruston, Louisiana; buried at Canaan Community, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Fannie Lillian McCormick Upshaw (Stanford's wife); born November 16, 1905 at Laran Community, Union Parish, Louisiana; Fannie's parents: William Henry McCormick and Florence Elizabeth Nolan McCormick.

William Cedric Upshaw (oldest son of Stanford and Fannie); born November 3, 1922 at Laran Community, Union Parish, Louisiana; died October 4, 1944 at Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, South Pacific (while serving in Army Infantry, World War II); buried on Bougainville Island.

Victor Ray Upshaw (second son of Stanford and Fannie); born November 23, 1926 at Laran Community, Union Parish, Louisiana; married February 11, 1949 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Joann Upshaw Cleve (daughter of Stanford and Fannie); born March 25, 1941 at Ruston, Louisiana; married June 6, 1964 at Edmundson Village, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Lily Faye Reed Upshaw (wife of Victor Ray); born July 3, 1930 at Rison, Arkansas; parents: John Oren Reed and Mary Gladys Ryburn Reed.

Bernard Franklin Cleve (husband of Joann); born November 8, 1940 at Bonne Terre, Missouri; parents: Karl Alfred Cleve and Nell Marie Tacke Cleve.

Michael Ray Upshaw (only child of Victor Ray and Lily and only grandchild of Stanford and Fannie); born September 30, 1950 at Monticello, Arkansas; Michael Ray has never been married.

(page 87): The Family of Ola Mae Upshaw.

Ola Mae Upshaw; born 12/7/1907 at Spearsville, Louisiana; married John Henry Driggers, son of Milligan Alonza Driggers, on 12/23/1926 at Ruston, Louisiana; died 10/12/1955 at Ruston, Louisiana; buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Ruston, Louisiana. Child: Mary Ann Driggers; born 5/4/1929; married Louis Paul Walker on August 17, 1946; children:

(i) Betty Carol Walker; born 8/13/47; married 6/7/1969 to Herman Lee Tipton. Herman was born 1/1/1947. Children: (i) Paul Wesley Tipton, born Sept. 23, 1970; (ii) John Lewis Tipton, born Jan. 2, 1973; (iii) Kristen Leigh Tipton, born June 29, 1974.

(ii) Paula Catherine Walker; born 6/24/1948; married 8/15/1970 to Michael Dulaney Chalk; children: Brian David Chalk, born 12/6/73.

(iii) Donna Louise Walker; born 6/24/48; married Howard Burton Eddins, III; children: Amy Catherine Eddins, born 9/7/1973.

(iv) Jeannie Lynn Walker; born 10/3/1951; married Allan David Cavender; children: (i) Allan David Cavender, Jr., born 1/1/1971; (ii) Melanie Ann Cavender, born 9/7/1972.

(page 88): The Family of Ivie Lena Upshaw.

Ivie Lena Upshaw; born 12/22/1912 at Spearsville, Louisiana; married William Otto Ferguson on December 2, 1933, at Grayson, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana. William (son of John P. Ferguson and Martha King Huddle) was born 11/18/1908 at Clarks, Caldwell Parish, La. Children:

(1) Lyle William; born 2/19/1940 at Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

(2) Susan Carol; born 9/12/1944 at Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Lyle William; married Linda Amy Ritten, daughter of Anderson B. and Melba Platzer, on 8/24/1963 at New Orleans. Linda was born 8/17/1941 at New Orleans, La. Children:

(i) Amy Blair Ferguson, born 4/23/1965 at Hartford, Conn.

(ii) Ruth Nolte Ferguson, born 5/10/1969 at New Orleans, La.

Susan Carol Ferguson; married John Pitchford Greaves, Jr., M.D., on 6/4/1966 at Monroe, Louisiana. John, the son of John P. and Gertrude Carroll Greaves, was born 9/21/1945 at Waterproof, La. Children:

(i) Heather Elaine Greaves, born 4/4/1971 at Pensacola, Florida.

(ii) Wade Patrick Greaves, born 7/4/1975 at Bellevue, Washington.

(page 89): The Ray Benoyd Upshaw Family.

Ray Benoyd Upshaw; born July 31, 1915 at Lillie, Union Parish, Louisiana.

Lennie Belle Haddox Upshaw; born Feb. 17, 1915 at Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana; married Nov. 23, 1938 at Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

Lennie's parents: William Seborn Haddox, Minerva Louana Kirkland Haddox.

Children:

(1) Linda Sue Upshaw, born May 24, 1941 at Columbia, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

(2) Barbara Jean Upshaw Chambless; born Nov. 6, 1944 at Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.; married Jack Chambless, Jr. Jack was born March 16, 1943, Gilliam, Caddo Parish,

Louisiana, son of Jack Chambliss [sic] Sr., and Pearl Lollis Chambless. Children: Tiffany Leigh Chambless, born June 18, 1973 at Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

(page 90): photograph of “Will and Mollie Smith Upshaw”.

(page 91): (photocopy of letter dated 1-27-76 from Elton Upshaw (signature nearly illegible); stationary headed Bodcaw Compant, 1300 Mercantile Dallas Bldg., Dallas, Texas 75201; return address P.O. Box 100, Jena, Louisiana 71342):

Dear Imie;

“Thanks-A-Million” for sharing these “gems of family lineage” with me! All the Upshaws, presently, and for generations to come owe you quite a debt of gratitude for your tireless efforts in tying down who we are and where we came from. I guess you’d have to say we’re a “first family” ... been in America over 300 years, a hundred years even before the Revolutionary War. I know now why our branch of the family has been doomed to poverty ... our ancestor, Forrest, was born after his father’s, Captain William Upshaw, death and was consequently not mentioned in the will of the Captain. All this is so interesting. By-the-way, perhaps my grandfather, your great uncle Will was a William Elisha Jr. since our great grandfather also was William Elisha? Also, is there any way we can prove that Captain William Upshaw’s father was Abel Upshaw? How are we related to Alexander Wilson Upshaw who sold the land to our great grandfather, his Mother and Brother? ... So many questions I’ll just have to come to Hamburg for a visit. I’d like for our respective little families to get together. I married the former Martha Jane Burns on 8-5-61. We had a son, Elton III, born 8-27-62 who died 4-30-63. Our next child was a daughter, Rosemary Burns, born 3-25-64, then another daughter, Ainsley Scott, born 5-13-67, another daughter, Allison Roane, born 5-25-68 and named for the Roanes who intermarried with the Upshaws. Finally, we had a son, Judson Maxwell, born 10-29-73, died April 17, 1974. You see, Imie, our little boys are born without any natural immunity and succumb to infection before they’re a year old. While we were in Houston at the Medical Center, we learned there’s a possibility Martha Jane, my wife, and IO are distantly related, based on blood work done there in conjunction with Judson’s treatment. We never knew this, but her Mother, the former Bess Jane Henry, is from the Downsville area of Union Parish and of course, we’re originally from Union Parish, too. The fact we’re distantly related doesn’t, however, have any [sic] to do with the malady which affects our boys as the little girls are perfectly healthy because this deficiency is sex-linked and affects only male offspring.. This is passed on from mother to son. Oh yes, I was born 6-2-39 in, of all places, Monticello, Ark. My Mother’s family, the Maxwell’s, were from Drew County. Also, I failed to mention I’d shared your gems of wisdom with Aunt Ivie who was just jubilant over the information. My sister, Rosemary Ewing of Jonesboro, wants a copy. So, you need to go on and write your book. Finally, could it be that my grandfather” name was Wilson Elisha instead of William Elisha, after the Wilson Alexander Upshaw mentioned previously? As ever, Elton Upshaw, 1-27-76.

(Page 92): Ancestors of Wiley Post Came from Union Parish (from *The Gazette*, Farmerville, Louisiana, August 19, 1936):

John F. Ramsey brings interesting news of visit of Frank W. Post, father of Wiley Post; by Edw. Everett, Jr.

On the hot, sultry afternoon of Friday, August 14, 1936, W.E. Upshaw, his brother Ed. Upshaw, of Hamburg, Ark., and a number of friends, including John F. Ramsey, of Farmerville, were sitting on the front porch of W.E. Upshaw's home near Spearsville, La., in the Canaan community of Union parish, reminiscing over old times. Ed. Upshaw had moved away from Union parish some fifty years before and had paid only an occasional visit to his birthplace. As the conversation progressed a smart coupe rolled to a stop at the front gate from which alighted two gentlemen, one an elderly gentleman, the other a younger one. They entered the yard and came upon the front porch, and, the younger man, being known as one of the Mason boys from El Dorado, remained silent, while the older man inquired if those present remembered him. After looking at him and from one to the other they professed their inability to recall his name, whereupon he introduced himself as Mr. Post. Upon mention of that name both Upshaws exclaimed, "Why of course we know you Frank Post." And such was the return of W. Frank Post, now of Maysville, Oklahoma, father of the illustrious aviator who lost his life in Alaska with that most famous of humorists, Will Rogers, to visit the place of his birth and his boyhood and to chat again with his boyhood school mates and friends, of whom Ed. Upshaw was one of the most intimate, both having attended the old school at Canaan of which the late Watt Carroll was one of the first teachers.

Upon the arrival of the father of the famous aviator, the reminiscing began in real earnest. The conversation drifted back to the early days of Union parish when Mr. Frank Post's father, the Reverend Thomas M. Post, came with his father from Selma, Dallas County, Alabama, with the first settlers of Alabama Landing. Of how the older Post acquired land in the Canaan Community and built a log house, and how he dug a well to eighty feet and, striking no water, dug another under the hill and then moved his house to the well. They spoke of the fact that the house is still standing and Mr. Frank Post produced from his pocket a piece of bark taken from an old log crib, still standing, which was erected before the Civil War by one of his uncles. They spoke of the boy's fight that occurred, between Mr. Frank Post and Mr. Ed. Upshaw.

The Reverend Thomas M. Post, father of Mr. Frank Post and grandfather of the late Wiley Post, married Miss Cynthia M. Howell. He died at the age of eighty-eight and his wife died last February at the age of ninety-six at the home of her son, Frank Post. Frank Post's mother was born in El Dorado, and

(page 93): her father constructed the first house built on the site of the present city of El Dorado; and it was in this house she was born. Reverend Post was ordained to preach at Old Canaan Baptist church in Union parish in 1875, Rev. L.B. Abbett and Rev. S.T. Cobb composing the presbytery[sic]. Thence forward he was a faithful and ardent minister of the Gospel until his declining years.

Mr. W. Frank Post, who is now sixty-seven years of age, left at an early age in 1878 with his father's family, moving to New Boston, Texas, where they remained until 1884 when they moved to Van Zant County, Texas. From there they moved to Abilene, Texas; and it was at the latter city where W. Frank Post married and reared his family. Wiley was born near Grand Saline. In 1917 the father of Wiley Post moved to Maysville, Oklahoma, where he now resides. Wiley, according to his father, had three older brothers, all of whom served in the World War; but Wiley, being the youngest, was called in the last draft and only reached training camp when the Armistice was signed.

His father was reluctant to discuss the details concerning Wiley's death, but he waxed freely telling of his early boyhood and manhood. From the time he was a youth, Wiley was interested

in aviation and experimented with small model airplanes such as boys now build. He told of Wiley's first airplane ride when an exhibition flight was taking place near his home and the parachute jumper was unable, for some reason, to make the jump, and Wiley substituted for the jumper, successfully negotiating the jump after being instructed by the aviator, this constituting also his first airplane ride. From that time Wiley's sole ambition seemed to be to become an aviator and to own his own plane. Misfortune overtook him when employed in the oil fields near Oklahoma City, and he lost one eye. With the \$1,800.00 received as compensation for the lost eye he purchased his first airplane and from this time forward rose to fame as an aviator and ended his career in the crash which cost him his life as well as the life of one of the world's best loved men, Will Rogers, in the frozen wilds of Alaska, on a pleasure jaunt, in August, 1935.

Mr. Frank Post, now in the afternoon of life, slight of frame, quick and nimble of movements, with a gay twinkle still in his eye, is now having the consolation of a visit to the scene of his birth and early boyhood, the joy of renewing old acquaintances and the pleasure of visiting with relatives still in Union parish. In his reminiscences he told of the old song his mother used to sing to him and how, when his mother was on her last visit to him last year, at his solicitation, sang the old song again, then in her ninety-sixth year; how he had her to repeat it and how he reduced it to writing, the song being taken from and based on the 11th Chapter of John, being the story of Mary

(page 94):Martha and Lazarus. He promised Mr. Ramsey a copy of the song upon his return to El Dorado.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Post intended only to spend the afternoon, but his old friends insisted that he remain over Sunday in order that a re-union might be held of his relatives and friends. His nearest relatives are the Post, Risinger, Mason and McAdams families, now residing in Union parish. On Sunday, August 16, they all gathered at Old Canaan church where all-day singing and dinner was had on the ground in honor of the father of one of the world's most famous aviators, whose forefathers were of the same sturdy stock from which the present generation of Union parish sprang and who assisted in blazing a trail through the wilderness and establishing the civilization we now enjoy. Mr. Post is of a retiring nature and does not like publicity, stating that through the untimely and sad death of his noted son he has had enough publicity, but consented that this article might be written upon his homecoming.

So the old log home still stands through the ravages of time. Times have progressed, things have changed, scenes have shifted but the memory of childhood still lingers and tugs at the heart strings, binding with a tie that is never severed to the place of his nativity. And there reposes in his pocket a sacred memento and relic; and though it be nothing but as piece of bark it has a value that is inestimable to its possessor.

(unnumbered page): The Family of Jim Upshaw.

(page 95): The Family of James Milton Upshaw ("Jim"); by Nora Upshaw.

James Milton Upshaw, born July 24, 1875, died September 4, 1939, married Mary Lou Seale in November of 1901. They were the parents of 11 children: Dallas, Wallace (died as a baby), Annie Belle, Gladys, Ruby, Berdelle, Berna, Velma, Dorothy, Margie and two other babies who died.

(1) Dallas Upshaw married Nora McCuller on November 12, 1922. They have four children:

(i) Ermma Lee, Mary Gene, James Edwin, Kenneth Robert. Velma Upshaw died and her son

James Milton Penton came to this home as their son.

- (i) Ermma Lee married J.L. Burns and they have two children
- (ii) Mary Gene married Vergil H. Rhodes and they have six children.
- (iii) James married Doris Manning and they have three children (Upshaw children, by name).
- (iv) Kenneth married Barbara Dickson – 1 child (Upshaw, by name).
- (v) Jimmy Penton married Susan Shafer – 1 child.
- (2) Annie Belle married Joe Risinger in 1922; 4 children: 3 girls, 1 boy.
- (3) Gladys married Clite Everette; 2 children: 1 boy, 1 girl.
- (4) Ruby married Moner Riser; 2 children: 1 boy, 1 girl.
- (5) Berdelle married Willis Causey; 2 children, 2 boys.
- (6) Berna married Alice Wingfield; 2 children: girls.
- (7) Velma married J.W. Penton; 1 son.
- (8) Dorothy married Eugene Slaughter; 2 boys, 1 girl.
- (9) Margie married Pery [sic] Wade; 2 girls, 1 son.

James Milton Upshaw lived in the Canaan Community near Spearsville, Louisiana, all his life. He and his family were members of Canaan Baptist Church. His mother, Julia Ann Gatherite Upshaw, was a charter member of this church, and raised her family in the Canaan Community. Julia Ann and her heirs: E.D. Upshaw, I.F. Upshaw, Susan Elizabeth Gatherite Bryan (a half sister who is Cellon Bryan's mother), Lena Burnside, and W.E. Upshaw: sold to James Milton Upshaw on December 17, 1900, 280 acres of land. This became the Jim Upshaw home place. Later, Will Upshaw bought part of this property from J.M. Upshaw. As the years went by, Jim Upshaw bought other acres of land. In all, he owned a little over 1,000 acres when he died in 1939. Now, Berdell Causey owns her part of the land that she inherited and the Dallas Upshaw estate owns 480 acres of the land originally owned by Jim Upshaw. J.M. Upshaw had a $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in a cotton gin. Cotton was the money crop at that time.

(page 96): Descendants of Alexander Wilson Upshaw, by Gene Barrow.

Lineage of Joseph Cannon Rockett and Rebecca A. Upshaw.

Joseph Cannon Rockett, son of James William Rockett and Eudocia Holcomb Rockett (other sons are Baldwin, Richard, James William). Born 11/14/1847 at Water Valley, Mississippi; died 4/11/1929, buried at Camp Creek cemetery, Spearsville, La.; married Rebecca A. Upshaw on July 23, 1859 [sic]. Daughter of Alexander Wilson and Zillean Frances Barron Upshaw. Rebecca Upshaw was born April 7, 1851 [sic] and died April 10, 1882, buried in Camp Creek cemetery, Spearsville, La. (Editor's note: it is unlikely that Rebecca Upshaw was born in 1851 and married in 1859-tob). Children:

- (1) James Wilson Rockett, born 1/20/1870.
- (2) William Lafayette Rockett, born 5/7/1872.
- (3) Floyd Henry Rockett, born 6/28/1875.
- (4) Della Pearl Rockett, born 5/28/1881.
- (5) Ela [sic] Rebecca Francis, born 2/18/ 1882.

Ella Rebecca Francis Rockett, born Feb. 18, 1882; died May 8, 1923; married July 16, 1902 to Robert Henry Barrow; born May 22, 1879; died July 13, 1952. Issue:

- (1) Clinton Crisco [sic] Barrow, married Ethel Patton; children:
 - (i) Robert Harold, born Oct. 19, 1924;

(ii) Nell, born Aug. 25, 1928.

(2) William Henry Barrow, born Dec. 4, 1912; died Nov. 11, 1969; married Dec. 29, 1930, to Manrene Breazeal, born Dec. 1912; died --.

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Issue: (i) William Gene Barrow*, born Feb. 10, 1941; married March 10, 1972 to Betty Karline; born Oct. 25, 1942. Issue:

(i) April Daron Barrow, born April 10, 1973;

(ii) Crystal, born Aug. 18, 1974.

(ii) Joye Barrow, born Nov. 13, 1943.

(iii) Susan Edna Barrow, born Nov. 25, 1948.

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As a conclusion may I say I have in no way tried to give a complete account of any of our family. I have only attempted to keep the names and important dates of our past Upshaws from becoming lost in time, in years. The present Upshaws [sic] data is given so that we may know each other and so that when we, to, become the past ... the present may be able to know who we were when we were here, alive, on our beautiful Earth.

May I add our Upshaw family is from a strong Baptist lineage. Our present Upshaws are predominately Baptist.

In our present number and past Upshaws we find many Baptist deacons, laymen and Baptist ministers. Therefore, may I conclude that if we have not known each other as we would have like to have, in the future ... Eternity ... we will have forever to be together ... with the Lamb ... the Only Son of God ... our Saviour ... our Blessed Lord ... and all the people ... our people ... said, "Amen" ... My love to each of you forever ... (signed) Imie.

(page 99): Photograph of) Imie, Robert A. Carpenter, and Robert Allen Carpenter, Jr. from 1976, the Bicentennial Year.

(page 100): Credits.

I would personally like to thank my dear friend, Johnnie (Mrs. William T.) Files of Parkdale, Arkansas, because without her love, care, tireless help and geneology [sic] knowledge, all of this would have been futile. I am grateful to the William and Mary Quarterly, Volume XVIII, Second Series, and to Mrs. Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny for her research.

I would like to thank my mother, Mrs. Harry E.H. Noble, Sr.; my cousins, Elton Jefferson Upshaw, Jr. of Monroe, Louisiana, Elva Upshaw of Spearsville, Louisiana, Mrs. Fannilu Upshaw Posey (Mrs. J. Lee) of Crossett, Arkansas, Coy Upshaw of Union Parish, Louisiana, and Aline Upshaw Sumners of Camden, Arkansas. Their assistance in helping me with the present Upshaw generations was very valuable.

This information has been approved by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and our cousins, based on these facts, are eligible for membership. Opal Elizabeth Upshaw Noble is a DAR member by way of her Upshaw lineage back to Le Roy Upshaw, her great, great grandfather, who served in the American Revolution as a lieutenant.

(this concludes the transcription of *The Upshaws ... Our Story*)