

trip to California with Ray Davis, where they leased a service station in Los Angeles. He only stayed in California about six months.

In 1926, Floyd Blew was residing in the White Rock community, west of Fayetteville. A young lady named Agnes Thomas had come to teach in the White Rock School. Floyd's younger brother, Paul, was in the first grade at White Rock. Floyd began to frequent the school to, so he said, check on the progress of brother. Five years later, he married that young teacher. She continued to teach in schools in Washington County, while he worked at building up a farm.

Floyd owned a farm on Owl Creek, west of Fayetteville. There were years of growing tomatoes and strawberries. Floyd also had some milk cows and hay to harvest. There were a couple of years in the late 1930s that he raised turkeys, but decided that was not for him. One year, he got the baby turkeys from Gold Medal, the others he got from Charlie Dodd. Floyd was among the first men in northwest Arkansas to raise broilers on a volume basis. Approximately fifty years ago, he began with one house which held about 250 chickens. Shortly, he added another house and doubled his capacity. Baby chickens were purchased from Brown's Hatchery on West Center Street in Fayetteville.

On the day after Christmas in 1934, an unusual event took place. Agnes was at school, teaching at Salem. Floyd was on his way to the wooded hills he owned. Both heard loud, rumbling sounds, but saw nothing. Two men who had been chopping wood investigated further and discovered a meteorite had fallen on Floyd's farm. They found a hole that was smoldering and began digging. The five pound meteorite was found about twenty inches deep. It was donated to the University of Arkansas Museum, and is possibly still on display there.

Floyd's two daughters, Betty Ruth (Mrs. Leland Tollett) and Maribelle (Mrs. Donald Williams) were born in 1938 and 1939. A son, Ronnie Lee, was born in 1940, but lived only three weeks. The babies were delivered in the home by Doctor P. L. Hathcock.

The farm on Owl Creek was sold to Linus Burton in 1946 and is now owned by his widow, Doctor Mary Burton. The Blews moved to another farm on Highway 62, west of Farmington. Floyd and his brother-in-law, Garland Lierly, had built a new house and barn there. Farming enterprises included milking cows for a few more years, then mostly raising broilers and beef cattle. Retirement years approached and Floyd tore down the chicken houses in the 1960s. By the early 1980s, he was no longer raising beef cattle. He now leases his farm to a neighbor, Mr. Lloyd Box, and a grandson, Dwight Williams. Floyd lives alone (Agnes died in 1985) on the farm in a brick home he had built in the late 1960s. (For more information, see family history of Agnes Thomas Blew in this book.)

By: Maribelle Blew Williams

## Eli Bloyed

Eli Bloyed was one of the first settlers along the west fork of the White River in what is now Washington County, Arkansas. He was born April 25, 1786, the son of William and Keziah Barsheba Lord Bloyed, both of whom were born in Scotland. They first settled in Maryland where their children were born. On records, it appeared they landed in Virginia as there were early Bloyeds living there as the name was spelled at that time by census takers. William and Keziah came to Green County, Kentucky in 1805 with the following children: Stephen, Eli, Martha, Jacob, Purnett, Barsheba, Tobias, William and Hester. These children are all mentioned in the will of William Bloyed and also on the early marriage records of Green County, Kentucky and census records, so it has been proved.

Eli was married to Mary "Polly" Graham in Green County, Kentucky on April 27, 1806. The following children were born to Eli and Mary, all in Kentucky except Pernetty, the youngest who was born in Izard County, Arkansas. (1) Matilda Bloyed was born July 27, 1807 and married Nathan Caughman who came to Washington County, Arkansas with the family. They had Alfred W. who married Rachel Anderson. Elizabeth who married Wil-

liam Anderson, Mary who married Zadok Winn, William, who married Lear Mannon, Seaborn who married Pauline Dill, Nelson B. who was killed in Civil War, Taylor Isaac who was also killed in Civil War, Nancy Ann who married Thomas J. Davis. (2) Peter Bloyed was born March 8, 1809 and married Sarah Tension and they had the following children: William who married Delilah Lofton, Eli who married Sarah Jane Gilbreath, Margaret who married Giles Lofton, Elizabeth born October 15, 1845 died unmarried, Mary born 1847 also did not marry, Lucinda married W. E. Shanks, second: J. C. Oldham, Henry married Antonia Gilbreath, John married Lydia McDonald. (3) William Bloyed was born October 7, 1811 and married Cynthia Wolf. They had the following children: Finis born 1832, James born July 22, 1836 married Sarah Jane Gilbreath after his cousin, Eli died, Nancy Ann married John P. Reed, Lucinda married William Karnes, Martha married Lafayette Bird, Elizabeth married Thomas McKnight. (4) Kizie Bloyed was born December 25, 1813 and married Conrad Yoes. Their children were: Mary Ann married Wilson Tegard, Rosana married McTroy House, Margareta Jane married Alexander Anderson, Jacob married Mary Ann Reed, James Russell married first: Mary Elizabeth Short, second: Martha Gilstrap, Cynthia married Jefferson Quinton. (6) Pernetty Bloyed was born June 29, 1825 after they had gotten to Izard County, Arkansas. She married Joel A. Combs and they had the following children: Twins, Caledonia and Saphronia on May 11, 1854. Caledonia married Calvin Rutherford and Saphronia married Joel Fallin, Mary Matilda married John Winn, Milas married Susan Reed, Frances Elizabeth married Henry Martin. (5) Fifth child was actually Nancy Bloyed born May 10, 1816 in Green County, Kentucky and she married James Minor Winn, V on March 17, 1833. Their children are the following: Rachel born December 1843 married John Karnes, Eli married Matilda McKnight, Zadok married Mary Caughman, Matilda married William Graham, Marinda married Clayton Winn, Mary married Sam Hale, Cynthia born 1852 died unmarried, Edmond married Magdaline Martin, Joel married Howey Dearing, Margaret married James Reed, John married Mary Matilda Combs.

The Bloyed family came to Arkansas before it became a state and the family has increased and married into so many long-time Washington County families that Eli has more descendants than we even know about. There is a street named for Eli in West Fork, Arkansas, the hometown of many of the Bloyed families. Along with Mary, wife of Eli, came her parent Peter Graham and Nancy and many of her brothers and sisters. They also settled in the West Fork and Springdale areas of Arkansas and were from Kentucky before they came to Arkansas in the early days, but the original immigrants were from Ireland.

Eli Bloyed lived to the ripe age of 91 years, 11 months and died April 22, 1878 and is buried at West Fork, Washington County, Arkansas. Mary was born December 5, 1788 in South Carolina and died October 16, 1861 and is also buried at West Fork, Arkansas. Polly seemed to be the popular nickname for Mary and that was the way she was known.

There are letters to Eli from his brothers and sisters in the Museum in Kentucky. His own brothers and sisters did not come to Washington County with him, but kept in touch through letters which he and Mary faithfully kept. He had to be a hardy pioneer to have survived with his family off the land and building their first log cabins and the nearest settlement at that time was at Natural Dam, Arkansas. Evidently, he got along well with the Indians who at that time lived in Washington County as he is mentioned in the books about the Cherokees by James Manford Carseloway with respect.

By: Dorothy (Byrum) Keck

## Lloyd W. Bohannan

Lloyd was born June 26, 1906 in Madison County, Hartwell, Arkansas. My pa was John "Bunt" Bohannan, born January 8, 1863, died April 4, 1941. His pa was Lige Bohannan, born 1843. He served in the Civil War and then married Mary Ann Smith who was born in 1844.

My ma was Lissie Dyer Bohannan, born July 14, 1870, died



Back row; William L. Wilson and Elizabeth Trammel Wilson. Front row; Bernelle Wilson Whillock, Cheryl Whillock (Jepson), Knox Wilson. Four generations.

settled there. In the summer of 1882 John and his son James died, ten days apart. Will was twenty years old.

The family was inclined toward work and proper management of their resources. Even Martha, busy on her loom beside the fireplace, fascinated Will by his mother's ability to draw a pattern, thread her loom accordingly and weave dyed wool from their sheep into a coverlet. As a boy he kept her clay pipe lit with a live ember from the fire while she worked.

In the early 1890s Will went to Oregon on a train. Later, he told his sons about going over the Rocky Mountains, how the engine climbed so slowly some of the passengers stepped out to walk along side. Also, how many of the men used their guns for target practice out the open train windows. In Oregon he worked one year for a dairyman named Kirksey.

Home again, Will took up post office and store keeping at Wesley in Madison County. He was over thirty now and unmarried. At Normal school in Wesley a pretty, blond, young lady attended, riding from Tuttle each day on a spirited filly. She was Elisabeth "Lizzie" Trammel, born December 16, 1873, daughter of Mary E. Trammel and the late George S. "Sing" Trammel. She was a proper lady with perfect poise, self-assured and fun-loving. She mastered her horse with grace and yet she and horse could speed down the road with abandonment. Will noticed and at Christmas he took a candy-cane from his store and tied it to the community tree for Lizzie. They were married in the summer of 1899.

After their wedding in the bride's home Will and Lizzie drove a wagon to Habberton, Washington County where Will and his three brothers owned a farm in a curve of White River. This was one of four they owned jointly. In a log house with a dug well on the west and two pear trees on the east, they sat up housekeeping. They were to live the rest of their lives, fifty-three years on this farm.

Will and Lizzie had six sons: Knox, Leo, Noid, Nard, Ernest and Clive. Nard died in infancy. In 1906 Will had a new white house built on a hill. It was four gabled, four rooms upstairs and four rooms down with a porch at each corner. It seemed always to be full, boarding school-teachers, hired help, new daughters-in-law, Lizzie's mother and later a brother and finally a motherless grandchild.

One of Will's brothers had already settled his share of the land alliance by forfeiting ownership with the others and accept-

ing one of the farms for himself. With Will's sons becoming young men, it was time he too dissolved partnership. The two remaining brothers agreed that Will's resident farm was more valuable than either of the two they occupied. Will, with his older sons drove the increase of his cattle each year up Richland Creek to his brothers' farms at Wesley, until the difference was satisfied.

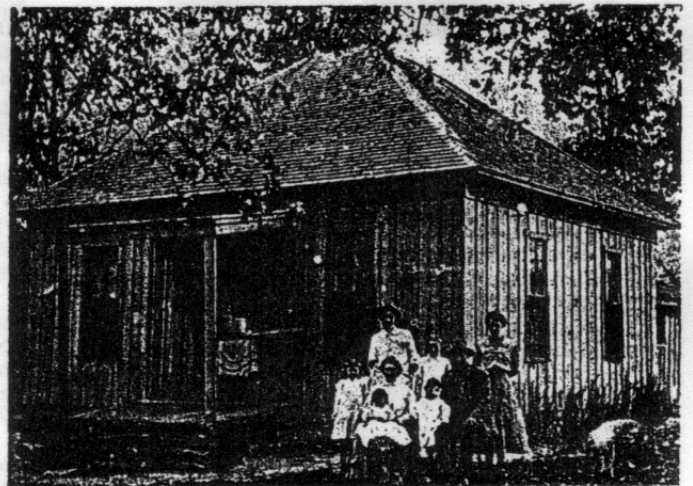
Will used tobacco early in life, but had quit as a young man, maybe because of his frail constitution. He took no strong drink, coffee nor tea. His morning eye-opener was a boiling cup of hot water. He exercised daily by walking over the five hundred acre farm, doing chores and a trip to nearby Habberton store carrying a basket of eggs. He used home health remedies freely but was quick to see a doctor "if necessary".

Will was always a student and teacher, but never a preacher, except by example. He read everything; even Darwin — and thoughtfully smiled. He read the Bible through three times in later years, once aloud to Lizzie. Lizzie (winner in most community spelling matches) listened, and pieced her quilts. His dear Lizzie left him on October 7, 1951, she was seventy-eight years old. Four months later on February 7, 1952, he too died one month past his ninetieth birthday. They lie buried in Habberton Cemetery with their infant son, Nard, a daughter-in-law and a tiny grandson.

By: Bernelle Wilson Whillock

## James Minor Winn V

James Minor Winn V arrived in Washington County from Bedford County, Tennessee in 1832. On July 16, 1840 James Minor Winn homesteaded 160 acres where the townsite of West Fork is now located. He married Nancy Bloyed, daughter of Eli and Nancy Graham Bloyed, in 1833. Eli Bloyed was the first settler in West Fork in 1828.



Picture taken about 1910 on Winn-Webber Mountain off Highway 156 west of West Fork. William and Adeline Lucinda Rutherford Winn Standing in Back: Estel Winn, Snow, Lilly. Middle: Maude, Adeline (seated), Zadok, William (seated) Baby: Pearl.

Children of James Minor and Nancy Bloyed Winn: Lili, born 1834; Zadock, February 28, 1836, died February 28, 1913. Matilda (Hale) born November 7, 1838; Marinda (Winn) born April 5, 1840; Rachel (Karnes) born 1842; John, Mary (Hale) born April 28, 1850; twins Edmonia (Dearing) and Joel born June 29, 1855; Margaret (Reed) born June 24, 1858.

On September 4, 1853, Zadock married Mary Ann Caughman. She was born February 20, 1835 and died September 13, 1910. Their home was directly across the street from the present West Fork Middle School. The first school in West Fork was constructed on Zadock Winn's land. This school was built with a

shed on the front so the pupils could have lessons in the open air in warm weather. The schools were usually three-month terms so the children could help out with chores. Both Zadock and Mary Ann Winn were born in West Fork and lived their entire lives there.

In September, 1863, Zadok enlisted in Company D, Arkansas Cavalry and served in the Union until he was honorably discharged August 23, 1865. In 1882, he was appointed Deputy U. S. Marshall under Judge Thomas Boles.

They were the parents of ten children: Melvina (Hutcheson) born June 19, 1854; Nancy (Howard) born December 3, 1857; Matilda (Bloyed) born February 10, 1860; William born July 20, 1862, died March 21, 1922; Lucinda (Fitts) born February 27, 1865; Hettie Pauline (Oxendine) born February 15, 1868; Nettie Arena (Oxendine/Gode) born June 29, 1870; Albert Sebron born July 8, 1873; Almeda (Rutherford/Robinson) born October 20, 1877; John Taylor, born November 22, 1878. William Winn married Sarah Roseberry, who died, leaving him with two small children. He then married Adeline Lucinda Rutherford, January 25, 1891. She was born February 26, 1871, died March 1953. Adeline was the daughter of John Wesley and Mary Jane Carney Rutherford. Their families were also among the earliest families of Washington County. William Winn was appointed Deputy U. S. Marshall under Jacob Yoes in 1890. He was part of the Oklahoma Strip Land Run in 1893. He was elected constable of West Fork in 1894. In 1902, he bought the farm on Winn Mountain. He had 1600 apple trees and they peddled apples by the wagon load, often traveling as far as Fort Smith. They would camp along the way. William also owned a feed store which burned in the fire in 1919. One of his sons, Estel, along with Mr. Kittridge and George Latham, helped to rebuild the building in 1920. It is now the West Fork Administration building.

Children of William and Adeline: Johnny Sebron born October 27, 1891 - died August 10, 1892; Estel Riley born September 12, 1893 - died December 25, 1965 married Florence Maddox; Lillie Ivey born November 17, 1895 married Elmer Maddox; Mary Snow born February 5, 1899 married Adolph Webber; Loy Sidney born October 5, 1901 died August 1, 1905; Maude Mariam born March 25, 1904 married Aubrey Hardin; Zadok born September 14, 1906 died July 6, 1986 married June, 1928 Blanche Elnora Carr born March 20, 1907; Ollie Pearl born November 1, 1908 married Paris Alexander; Lena Bessie born November 29, 1912 married Raymond Phillips.

Johnny, Estel, Lillie, Snow and Loy were born in West Fork on Maple Street. Maude, Zadok, Pearl and Lena were born on Winn Mountain. Sometime after William's father, Zadok died in 1913, William and Addie got the house on White Street, when his estate was settled. The farm on Winn Mountain was forfeited in 1933 for non-payment of taxes.

Children of Estel and Florence Winn: Melva Daphyne born June 23, 1914 married Bob Payton married Troy Jarnagan, Roy Warren born July 7, 1916 married Velma Toelner; LaRama Hazel born June 30, 1918 married LeRoy Burris, two children, Randy and Norma; Mary Wilma born November 30, 1922 married Doyle Stockburger.

Child of Zadok and Blanche Winn: Clarence Jene born October 27, 1936 married February 25, 1955 in Bellflower, California Patricia Kay Woodson born September 1, 1936.

Four generations of the Winn family were born in West Fork and lived there all their lives: Zadok Winn, his son William Winn, his son Estel Winn and his daughter LaRama Winn Burris are still living there.

In November 1986, C. Jene and Patti Winn traveled to West Fork, from Alaska, to see where his father and grandfather had lived. He found ten acres of his grandfather's farm on Winn Mountain for sale and purchased it. They are now building a home on the mountain.

By: Patricia Kay Winn

## Robert Curtis Wise

Alvin Hash came to Washington County (ca. 1836) settling in Richland Township. His oldest child, Celina, married Ambrose

H. Clark who had come from Ohio by oxen team (ca. 1837) to Washington County. Celina and Ambrose settled near Durham, on the White River and raised a family of 2 boys and 9 girls. Their ninth child Ida, married John Henry Springston, only child of William Linton and Sophronia Young Springston; John Henry's grandfather, William S. Springston, came to Washington County before 1840 from Kentucky.



Front row; Robert Curtis, Jr., Dorothy Mae, and Warren C., Back row: Robert Curtis, Sr., Mary Ellen, and Mary Louise.



Matt and Pearl Springston, Wise (ca. 1940)

William Linton joined the Confederate Army and on Christmas Day 1862, his regiment was passing through Fayetteville on the way to Van Buren. Sophronia, seven months pregnant, rode a mule 16 miles into Fayetteville to see her husband which for them was the last time. William died a few days later and was buried near Fort Smith. He never knew his only son, John Henry Springston, born prematurely as a result of his devoted wife's illness in late December, 1864.