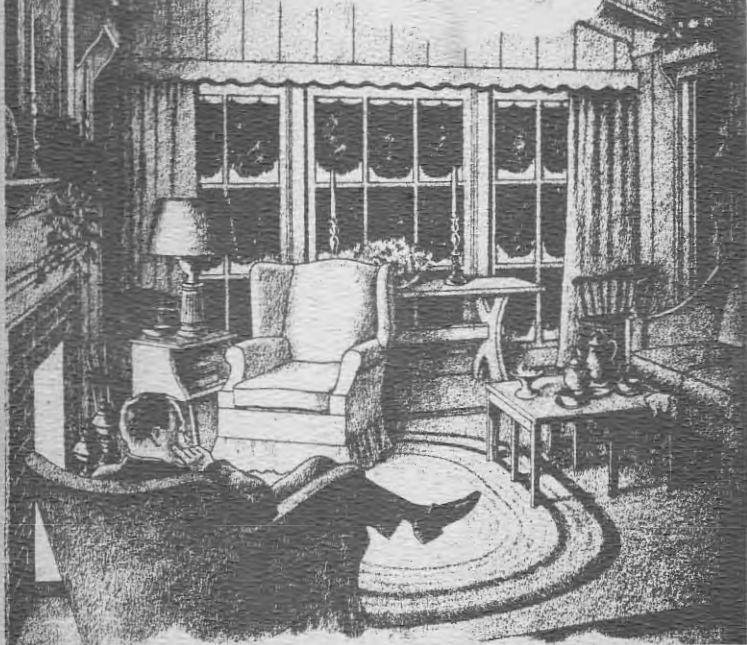


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One hundred and fifty years ago someone had a dream. The dream was to build a town, and the town was to be called Dresden. That dream has become a reality, and now through the pages of this book we hope that you will journey through yesterday. The information is as nearly accurate as possible, being compiled from bits of previously published history, old newspapers, town and school records, and various other sources. Much information contained herein has been related by the elder citizens and from stories told to them by their forefathers. It is hoped that within these pages you will find pleasant memories of Dresden, the county seat of Weakley County.

We wish to thank those who have made this book possible by the generous loan of their historical pictures, those who have given their time and thought in preparing the written material, and to everyone who has assisted in any way in the preparation of this book.

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Early History

1819-1840



The first settlers in Weakley County were Reuben Edmonston, who resided a few miles south of Dresden, and his brother-in-law, John Bradshaw and family. They located in the fall of 1819, on Mud Creek, about six miles west of Dresden and built the first log cabin in the county, and Mr. Bradshaw raised the first patch of corn. In the spring of 1820, Archibald Edmonston, father of Reuben, came with his family from Todd County, Ky., and remained at Bradshaw's until the following spring, when he settled permanently on the North Fork of the Obion River. The next settlers in the Bradshaw neighborhood were Isaac H. Ward and William Miles, who came

in 1822 and 1823, respectively, and later, Mr. Glasgow, Dudley Glass, Sr., Levi Clark and Israel Jones.

In 1823 the famous Col. Crockett settled in the southwest corner of this county. Lewis Stunston is said to have been the first white child born within its limits and Dr. Almut Gardner was the first white child born in Dresden. In 1824 John Terrell cleared the land including what is now the Public Square at Dresden, and raised a crop thereon. The first settlers of the county lived in their crude log cabins, and suffered and endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life. Their first

milling was mostly done "at Lubrick's Mill, about thirteen miles from Dresden, on the dirt road to Paris." The first grist-mills in the county (water-powered) were built about the year 1824.

During the early settlement of the county, wild animals, such as elk, deer, bears, panthers, wolves, beavers and other species, were quite numerous. Uncle Reuben Edmonson says that he and John Bradshaw killed eighty-five bears the first season after their settlement in the county, and that he killed one about 200 yards distant from the present court house. Col. Crockett, however, was the champion bear extinguisher. The Indians left the territory of the county about the time that the first settlers entered it. "Much of the best land in the county was entered by military land warrants, and was owned in large bodies by non-residents." The pioneers, however, generally settled on the lands belonging to the Federal Government, which was made subject to "occupant" entry by the laws of the state.

The County of Weakley was created by an act of the General Assembly passed October 21, 1823. The act provided that a new county by that name should be established. The act also provided that the court of pleas and quarter sessions and circuit court of said county should be held at the house of John Terrell, until otherwise provided by law. By subsequent acts of the General Assembly, James Fentress, Benj. Reynolds, William Martin, and Robert Jetton were appointed commissioners to fix on a site for the permanent seat of justice in Weakley County, as near the center thereof as practical, and to procure, purchase or otherwise, at least fifty acres of land or such site and that the said seat of justice should be called Dresden.

Accordingly said commissioners set out to examine the several points competing for the county seat, among which was the present site of Dresden then owned by John Terrell, and the place of William Willingham, one and a half miles farther north. Finding a fine spring of water on the former, they decided in its favor. A tract of thirty-nine acres, where Dresden now stands, was then conveyed by John Terrell to the aforesaid commissioners. The deed for the latter conveyance was provided in open court, in the court of pleas

and quarter sessions, January 10, 1825. The only consideration expressed in the deed was a stipulation that the lands thus conveyed should be the site for the seat of justice. It is proper to say it was a donation from Mr. Terrell, who was an officer of the first court of pleas and quarter sessions. Afterward, in July, 1828, John R. Shultz, Perry Vincent, Mear Warner, Martin Lawler and Richard Ridgeway, Commissioners previously appointed by the aforesaid court, to lay out the town of Dresden, procured by deed from Simpson Organ and Ewing Wilson, for \$50, a tract of seventeen and one half acres lying east of and adjoining the former, thus making fifty-six and one half acres in the town site.

Tradition says that in 1823, Mears Warner, a German settler accompanied the Commissioners when they selected the site of the county seat. After deciding the spot, the men took a flask of whiskey from their pocket and drank to it. Breaking the flask against a tree, they christened the town "Dresden" at the request of Warner, since Dresden, Germany, had been the birthplace of his father. Dresden became known as a town of "intensive Rest" because of the lazy nature of its people. A negro slave once remarked that the people of Dresden were born tired and had never gotten rested.



Map of Dresden

Plan of the Town of Dresden
November June 1859
Made by a scale of a pole to an inch

W. Johnson Cook

South

City



Remember ?

(Copied from the 1896 edition of the *Dresden Enterprise*).

In 1885 when the effort was made to abolish the charter of Dresden and thereby drive the saloon from the town, enemies of the movement urged with zeal and eloquence, with argument and invective, that the result of success would be the destruction of the business of the town -- a wiping out of all public spirit, and an end to progress, in short, that Dresden would soon be a "dead town". In spite of these doleful

predictions, in the face of convincing arguments thus offered, with certain prospects of ruin before them, a majority of the people rushed heedlessly to their doom and Dresden ceased to be an incorporated town, the majority in its blindness, deciding that the absence of its police and no whiskey was more tolerable than the presence of both.

In the following eleven year period, citizens were able to see the effect of their grievous error; in fact, new residences had been built in the village by several people.

Dresden is a good town and has a financial record that but few towns can boast. While we have never had to meet the demoralizing effect of inflated booms, there has been a healthy steady increase in value of real estate, that, had it come at once, would have been called a big boom, but is our normal condition to be prosperous. It is perhaps the only town in the state that can boast that it has not a family within its borders dependent on the people for charity. Dresden went through the financial crisis unhurt, and today it proclaims to the outside world that Dresden prosperity is here to stay and we cordially invite people seeking new homes to come and to abide with us.



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In the Days of Long Ago



Sidewalk sales are nothing new as this scene of Dresden, taken around the turn of the century shows. Old-time residents say the sale was held regularly the first Monday of each month and was called "First Monday".

This picture shows Mr. Will Shannon and his crew in front of the mill shack in the early 1900's. This building is still standing beside the railroad track on Linden Street.



Pictured is The Odd Fellow Hall in 1912. Mr. Frank Mangrum is standing out front. This building was located on the northeast corner of the square, where Bill Pritchett and Dr. Hutcherson now have their offices.



Irvine & Scott Grist Mill

The Irvine and Scott Grist Mill was built in about 1886, and was located on the corner of Wilson and E. Maple St. The mill employed ten to fifteen men, with a capacity of 100 barrels of flour, 50 barrels of meal and 50 barrels of chopped feed a day. In 1896, the mill had a working capitol of \$30,000.00.



U Tote 'Em Store

The U Tote 'Em Store, operated in the same location, from 1922 until 1956. The stores were easily recognized, being painted red and green. On a first Monday, before the days of restaurants, over five hundred pounds of cheese and bologna were sliced and sold with crackers for ten cents per tray.

The above picture, made in the early 1930's, shows two customers with Marshall Tucker and Bill Baucum, in white aprons.



Alexander & Brasfield
Drug Store

Left to right: Mark Melton, Sammy Rawls, Mr. Roy Brasfield, J. O. Alexander, Ben Rawls and Buck Palmer.

This drug store was previously owned and operated by J. T. Edwards and Duke Bowers, before being sold to John O. Alexander and Roy W. Brasfield in 1930.

When Mrs. Brasfield died, Harry Chandler bought his interest in 1946, and John O. Alexander Jr. bought his father's interest in 1958. In 1974, Harry T. Chandler III bought his father's interest. For the past forty-five years the drug store has been in the Alexander family.

In 1975, you can still get a friendly smile, drugs, jewelry, etc., but how we miss the good ole days when you could visit with your friends and school mates, sharing a sundae or a soda.





Dreaming of the days of yore
 calls to mind the country
 store, sturdy, weather-beaten,
 brown heart of every little
 town -

Around the Old Square





Old Dresden



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Businesses



SPOKE FACTORY

When You Have Hickory Timber in The
Woods to Sell or Want to Work It
Into Biliets, Phone or Write

DRESDEN SPOKE COMPANY
Dresden, Tenn.



LEVY'S STORE

Levy's Company Employees of 1925: left to
right: Frank Mangrum, Buton Eskridge
Lockridge, Elenor Sandefer, Mrs. Tice Alton
Tucker, Welsh (janitor).

The M. H. LEVY COMPANY

THE DAYLIGHT STORE
Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc.
Courteous Treatment Our Hobby



C. L. WOODS

Pictured is C. L. Wood's Grocery, located
at the depot, where he was in business for
fifty years. Mrs. Wood is seated in the buggy.



LEWIS VARIETY STORE
In The Late 1920's



BRASFIELD HDWE.

Brasfield Hdwe. employees in 1906 were:
left to right, Milus Chandler, Harry Rawls,
Charlie Brasfield.

The
Steele Hotel



Charlie Steele

W. D. Brasfield sold the lot to J. P. Taylor in 1906. Taylor built the hotel and called it the New Century Hotel. M. M. House bought the hotel in 1909. It changed hands again in 1911 when M. L. Pinkston bought it. He in turn sold it to Duke C. Bowers, and the name was changed to the Bowers Hotel. Mr. Bowers died in 1917, but his wife, Ethel, kept it until 1921 when she sold it to Millie Brooks. Mr. Brooks sold the hotel to Jack Vincent and in 1925, he sold it to E. D. Steele, and C. P. Steele took over on September, 1925, and the name was changed to the Steele Hotel.

During its heyday, a tableful of people could eat all the food they wanted for 50c.

Many notable people stayed in this hotel. Judge Garrell often stopped there. It was know for weddings being held there and was used by many honeymooners.

Taxis met the train five times a day, bringing people to the hotel. There were trees all around the hotel and chairs stayed on the front porch, and made a pleasant place for people to stop and visit.



Mr. M. R. (Red) Cannady came to Dresden as a young boy and lived at the hotel. He often fired the pot-belly stove in the lobby late at night, and he would let all the dogs into the lobby to warm. The dogs decided to fight for the best spot to rest. Pa Steele came roaring down the stairs in his nightshirt to see what was going on and that ended Red's inviting his friends in the lobby.



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Bowlin Funeral Home was established in 1915, in Jewell, by James R. and Press Bowlin, operating the firm as the firm of Bowlin Bros. In 1918, they moved to Dresden, locating on the corner of Main and Wilson Streets. In the mid-twenties, Bowlin Bros. became partners with Winstead and Jones of Martin, and served this community as Winstead Jones and Bowlin Bros. In February, 1938, the firm was re-organized with Jim Bowlin, and son S. T. Bowlin, continuing to operate in Dresden with M. F. Riggs, becoming a partner, using the name of Bowlin and Riggs.

S. T. and Edith Bowlin purchased the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs in June, 1959, and since the firm has used the name of Bowlin Funeral Home.



Press and Jim Bowlin, in front of the location of Bowlin Bros., in Jewell. Carmon Bowlin, son of Press, is the young man. The horses, called Bob and Raymond, became familiar sights as they pulled the black hearse.



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Bowlin Bros. operated a general store in the funeral home at Main and Wilson. Left to right: O. C. Cuntap, Wayne Bowlin, Edsel and Press Bowlin.



S. T. Bowlin

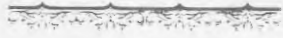
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Founding Families



A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men.



Ruben Edmonston

The first settler in the territory was Ruben Edmonston. He came to this territory as a hunter in 1818. He was born in 1802 and died in 1892.

Archibald Edmonston, father of Ruben, had a large family of eleven or twelve children. They were considered well to do people because she had seven dresses and they were considered learned people since they had sixteen books and the mother, Nancy, taught her children.

Ruben Edmonston would often entertain his children and friends for hours with his stories of his long hunts and narrow escapes.

He was a fearless person and a very religious one and organized the first Methodist Church in the county in his home and helped organize several churches in the county.

One of their main problems was salt and ammunition. They would go miles to get salt. When finding it, they would place it in bags across horses to be brought home. Often they would find a salt lick where the deer would feed and they would shovel up dirt, place it in a pot, boil it and use the salty water. They would take their furs a long distance and exchange them for wares often as far away as Jackson.

There are two descendants of the Ruben Edmonston family now living in Dresden. They are Mrs. Ethel Pritchett and Mrs. Mary Cornelia Herron.

Edmonston Home





Mears Warner

Mears Warner, of German descent, was born in 1799. History says he came to Weakley County in 1828 as a Commissioner to lay out the town of Dresden. He served as Circuit Court Clerk from 1824 to 1835 by appointment. He also served on the "Bench of Justices of the Peace", until 1836, when the justices of the peace were elected by the vote of the people.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized at his home in 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were its first members.

Mr. Warner was laid to rest at Sunset Cemetery in 1863.



Listed below are the founding families that were living in Dresden when the land was platted on June 8, 1829:

William H. Johnson
Perry Vincent
John Terrell
William Willingham
Martin Lawler
Isaac Lawler
L. Forbis
J. W. Rogers
B. H. Bondurant
Isaac Thomas
Mears Warner
Jonas McMullin
J. T. Dent
Lorenzo Parker
R. Bishop

I. Carlton
John Moran
James Burton
Jubilee Rogers M.D.
John R. Schultz
Moses Travis
John Gardner
James Jones
John Tansil
Jeptha Gardner
Joseph Lawler
B. J. Ridgeway
Levi Calvert
I. Dawson
John Joplin



John Jenkins
To quit claim and
John Terrell

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John Terrell

The first County Court, then called the "Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions", held its sessions at the home of John Terrell at Dresden, until April, 1828. The next session, July, 1828, was held in the new Courthouse.

John Terrell's home was located on the site of the present Beyer home, approximately one-half mile from the court square. The house faced north and lay along what was then the Old Stage Coach Road, connecting Dresden and Martin. He was buried on the Terrell and Bondurant burial plot which adjoined the family home. Due to time and progress, there is nothing left to mark this spot. This John Terrell, who gave the property for downtown Dresden, has a great-great-granddaughter now living in Dresden, Mrs. Margurite Jones.

The above is a deed signed by John Terrell. John Terrell bought fourteen hundred and ninety-four acres of land from John Jenkins.



Pictured above is a reunion of the Weakley County Veterans of the Civil War.

Happiness is best attained by learning to live each day by itself. The worries are about yesterday and tomorrow.



JOHN A. TERRELL

John A. Terrell, grandson of the above, is pictured in his Confederate uniform. He was born in 1842, and died in 1917. He is the great-great-grandfather of Mr. E. B. Heathcott of Dresden.



Emerson Ethridge

Emerson Ethridge was born in North Carolina on September 28, 1819, and died in 1902 in Dresden, and was buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery near Sharon.

He was a candidate in the Tennessee Gubernatorial Election of 1867 and represented the Ninth Congressional District. He was one of the four Tennessee Whigs who opposed seceding the Union and was elected to the thirty-third, thirty-fourth, and thirty-sixth Congresses, serving until 1861. While the people of Tennessee were considering holding a state convention, Ethridge, an avowed Unionist, declared that he would meet secession "with a torch in one hand and a sword in the other; and so help me God, so long as the stars and stripes wave over the State, or any part of it, I will never bow the knee to the storm of disunion." But the Tennesseans, as a whole, had definitely decided to remain in the union; that is, until the news of the bullets at Fort Sumter was heralded across the state.

Union sentiment was so strong that when Ethridge tried to speak in Paris (then in Weakley County), that he was run out of town.

Emerson Ethridge was the only citizen of Weakley County to have his picture published in a school history. He was reared in early youth on his father's farm located near the Middle Fork of the Obion River Crossing, named for the family.

When Ethridge was sent to the fields to plow, he would carry a book with him and spend time reading. His father hit upon a plan to put an end to this "waste" of working time. He attached a cow bell to the plow horse so he could tell when the boy was not plowing. Young Emerson solved that problem by tying the bell to a bush at the end of the rows and moving the bush with his feet while he lay on the ground to read his book.

When Will Ethridge was a young man, Emerson tried to persuade him to become a lawyer. Will decided to preach instead. Emerson's parting advice was the following quotation:

"Heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."



The Ethridge Home



Pictured above back row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. (Bud) Little, Mrs. R. M. Little, Dr. and Mrs. Bayliss Little and Bayliss Jr., Dr. R. M. (Ted) Little, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Banks. Front row, left to right: Maggie Little Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. (Tom) Little, Sara Little Ward, Tommie Little Ferguson, Mary Hazel Little McAdams.

The Littles

Thomas Isaac Little and Sarah Elizabeth Roberts were married May 22, 1860. His family came from Orange County, North Carolina, and her family came from Richmond, Va.

Mr. Little was a farmer, County Court Clerk for three terms, a civil engineer by profession and surveyed and laid out the town of Martin in 1876. T. I. Little, was captain of District No. 13 in the Civil war. He served as president of the Weakley County Bank until his death in 1917. Mrs. Little died in 1929. Their eight children were, Jefferson D. Little, who died as a young man in 1896; Thomas Moran Little, who owned a manufacturing plant near the depot where wooden spokes for automobile wheels were made for the old Oldsmobile Company; John W. Little, who was in the lumber business in Paducah, Ky. where he died in 1933; Kosciusko (Kos) Little who was in the lumber business in Kennel, Mo. He died in 1935; Maud Little, who married George Jeter and lived in Dresden until her death in 1960; Maggie Little, who died in 1902; Richard Mobley (Ted) Little, who practiced medicine in Dresden from 1901 until he moved to Martin in 1912, where he practiced medicine until his death in 1932. His clinic in Dresden, which he built, eventually became the old Bowlin Riggs Funeral Home; Mary Gray Little, who married I. L. Banks and lived in Dresden until her death in 1959.

Kind hearts are the gardens kind thoughts are the roots kind
words are the flowers kind deeds are the fruits.

Benjamin D. Irvine

Benjamin D. Irvine, farmer, miller, and banker of Dresden, Tennessee, was a native of Weakley County. He was born October 31, 1832, the son of Samuel and Cathrine (Jones) Irvine, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in 1802 in Buckingham County, Va. He also was a merchant and held county offices for upward of twenty years. His father, Walter Irvine, was a native of the Emerald Isle, and when a young man, came to the United States and became a merchant of Jamestown, Va. Samuel, in 1824, married Cathrine Jones and in 1833 came to Weakley County, Tennessee, and followed merchantising. He became the owner of 500 acres of land, and as he was a man of fine intellect and business capacity, was elected clerk of the Circuit Court of Weakley County in 1844, and held the office until his death in 1863. His wife was born in Nottoway County, Va. in 1808, and died in 1882.

Benjamin was educated in the neighboring schools and in Dresden, and made his home with his parents until he was fourteen years of age. There were six children in the Irvine family, three of whom were living: Benjamin D., our subject; Samuel, who farmed the old homestead, and Robert N., also a merchant. Mr. B. D. Irvine served four years as his father's deputy. In 1855 he and his brother R. N. and J. E. Freeman engaged in merchandising, and November 5, 1856 he married Agnes Moran, daughter of James H. and Harriet Moran. Mrs. Irvine was born October 7, 1838, in Dresden, and became the mother of twelve children, ten of whom were living: Harry C., who went to Texas, Thomas E., went to South America, but later returned; John S., James A., Florence, Robert L., Moran, Sophia A., Forrest D., and William P. In 1857 Mr. Irvine sold his interest in the mercantile establishment to his brother and to Mr. Freeman, and with T. B. Baker established a new firm, continuing two years. He owned 450 acres of fine land, and a handsome residence in the suburbs of Dresden. In 1880 he, C. W. Cottrell, G. S. Boyd, and S. P. Scott engaged in merchandising and milling. The dry goods firm was known as Cottrell, Irvine & Co., and the milling firm was known as Scott, Boyd & Co. In 1883 Mr. Cottrell bought the store and Mr. Irvine and Mr. Scott bought Mr. Boyd's and Mr. Cottrell's interest in the mill. The firm was known as Irvine and Scott. Mr. Irvine has been one of Weakley County's enterprising businessmen. He was a Democrat, and his first presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan. In 1876 he was elected Trustee of Weakley County, and served in that capacity two years. He was a member of the Masonic, I.O.O.F., K. of H., and A.O.U.W. fraternities. He died February 20, 1915. Mrs. Irvine was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. She died October 11, 1932.

One grandson living in Dresden now is Mr. John Albert Irvine, retired merchant, who is married to Ruth Mosely Irvine, and resides at 138 East Locust. He is the son of James A. and Mary Rogers Irvine, now deceased. One other son, James Benjamin, is living in Glenmore, La., and Charles Leslie Irvine of Paducah, Kentucky, died in 1967.

The daughters of Robert Lee Irvine are also residing in Dresden. They are Mrs. Marylee Smith, Taylor Street, and Mrs. Beulah Hamlin, Poplar Street.

Thomas M. Irvine, pharmacist, son of Mr. Moran Irvine and Mamie Moore Irvine, married Lucille Allen of Greenfield. He died October 15, 1970. Mrs. Lucille Irvine and daughter, Mrs. George (Sue) Thomas, are both living in Dresden.

One son of Sophia A. Irvine Ferguson, Forrest, retired postmaster, is married to Thomas Roberta Little. They are residing in Greenfield, Tenn. The other two sons, Albert G. Ferguson and wife Mable, reside at Lake Chapala, Mexico; Harry M. Ferguson and wife, Helan Boceman Ferguson, reside in Jupiter, Florida.

Historical Homes



The Madison House

This pre-civil war house is located approximately one mile west of Dresden, Tennessee, on Old Highway 22. It is recorded that George S. Boyd and wife, Martha R. Boyd, sold the house to Madison M. House and wife, Julia Shelton House, in 1905.

Records indicate that the land was originally in two tracts. The earlier deeds to the land were recorded in 1879 and another tract of land in 1885. Descendents of the Madison M. House family recall conversation concerning the house and its date of construction as being in the late 1840's or early 1850's.

The descendents also recall many interesting events that took place at the house; for instance, still visible on the porch wall where a child playing in the mud, placed his hands. Soldiers and officers occupied the house during the Civil War. The original shutters are on the house and most of the windows have the original glass in them. There is also a usable fireplace in every room.

The bricks in the house were hand-made by the slaves that lived on the property and the brick kiln was located in the yard. There is a room above the kitchen where the slaves had their sleeping quarters. Also, the house was equipped with running water. This was provided by a pump that forced the water from a spring into a very large tank which is still intact above the utility room. This tank provided the abundant water pressure needed to have running water in the house.

The house originally faced the Sharon road and the front yard extended down to the Sharon Road where a gate was located for entrance to the grounds. A drive led to the front of the house where there still remains the original brick sidewalk. When you enter the large front doors, there is an entrance hall with an elegant winding stairway leading to the upstairs living area.

In 1972 Bob and Kay Archie purchased the house and the two acre lot. Mr. and Mrs. Archie and their two children are now living in the house and restoring it.



Oakland

The Oakland Home of the late Major Alfred Gardner and his wife, Mary Ann Gardner is located on the Dresden-Sharon Road.

In the life of Major Alfred Gardner, he owned 1000 acres in this tract of land. Major Gardner died several years before the death of his wife. After Mrs. Gardner's death this tract of land was sold for division.

In 1895, Mrs. Metta Ann Gardner Thomason, one of the heirs, bought the homestead and one hundred thirty-two acres. It was then remodeled. The only heir of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Thomason is Alfred Gardner Thomason.

On June 29, 1921, Alfred G. Thomason and Miss Bonnie M. Bruce were married. Then Alfred and Bonnie opened the Gardner-Thomason house that had been closed for years and years and started housekeeping. Alfred was born and reared in the old house which his mother had bought. She later remodeled the house as it is today. The mantles in the house were made in Louisville, Kentucky, by Hegan Mantle Company for this home, an interior decorator from Nashville, Tennessee came and hung the draperies and laid the carpets.



The painter who painted the Pullman cars in Chicago was the decorator for the house. Several years after, Mr. and Mrs. Thomason decided to sell the house and farm and move to town to live. They sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Taylor. After some time, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Killebrew, and later Mr. and Mrs. Killebrew sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Montgomery. Later Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson, who converted the house into the Anderson Funeral Home. Then, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson sold the Anderson Funeral Home to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Alexander. It now is known as the Alexander Funeral Home. Mr. and Mrs. Thomason have the original deed to this place.



Old times, old friends –
now dear are these
To treasure now in memories!
Whatever marked each passing day
Has left its imprint on life's way.

The joyous years that swiftly
passed,
In blest remembrance still will last.
The ones we loved, no longer here,
In memory's chambers still are near.



Moran Place

Moran Place on Cedar St., a late Victorian three story landmark set among mature maple and pecan trees and surrounded by a wrought iron fence, is now the home of Major (USAF ret.) and Mrs. Nathan H. Moran and their sons, Charles Scott and Nathan Kent. They represent the fourth generation to occupy the house and the fifth generation to live in Dresden.



The house was begun in 1894 by Captain John Williamson Moran, CSA, for his beloved wife Sophia Riley Gun. Unfortunately, Mrs. Moran died before the house was completed in 1895, but Mr. Moran and their children occupied the house in the fall of 1896.

The woodwork, both interior and exterior, is a rare example of the architecture and the taste of the period. Much of the furniture was designed especially for the house or purchased from the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1894. The carriage house was built in the same style as the house. The reinforced concrete silo, visible for miles around, was built just before World War I.

Two years before Captain Moran died in 1912, his younger son, James Henderson, III, married Virginia Shumate, and brought his bride to the Moran home. They had three children, James Henderson, IV, Nathan Harrell, and Marion Louise (Mrs. Robert W. Atkins); all were born at the home. Charles Harrell Moran, Brud to his family and friends, never married, and died in the house he loved in 1967. His love is reflected not only on the grounds, but throughout the state.

Moran Place is the third dwelling occupied by the family since James Henderson Moran, the first, settled in Dresden in the 1820's. He was born in Barron County, Kentucky, in 1796, the first son of John and Agnes Miller Moran. John and Agnes had come as children with their respective parents from Virginia to Boonesboro, Kentucky, with Daniel Boone to establish a settlement. The adults were killed by Indians, and the two children were brought up by Colonel Henderson. They married and named their first son after their guardian.

James Henderson came to Dresden when it, along with Paris and Hickman, comprised the three trading posts in the territory. He first built and lived in a brick building on the square where the post office now stands. He married Harriet Harris of McLemoresville, Carroll County, and became a successful trader in cotton, tobacco and timber, which he shipped by flatboat to New Orleans, loading at the North Fork of the Obion River navigable for river traffic. He also served as an Alderman and Mayor at intervals during the 1830's for the town of Dresden until his death in October, 1843.

Four children lived to maturity: Martha married Rufus Scott of Dresden and went with him by covered wagon to the Republic of Texas, where they settled the town of Gainville and reared a large family. Agnes married Ben Irvine of Dresden and produced five descendants, John Irvine, Mrs. George (Sue) Thomas, Mrs. Marylee Smith, and Mrs. Beulah Irvine Hamlin, all of Dresden, and Mr. Forrest Ferguson of Greenfield.

James Henderson Moran, the second, ran away from home to join John Morton's Battery and fight on General Forrest's raid into West Tennessee until he was killed at twenty-one years of age, at the Battle of Franklin in December, 1864. (Reference to his heroic conduct at the Battle of

Toshomingo Creek, also known as the Guntown of Bryce's Cross Roads fight in Mississippi, June, 1864, is found in a work entitled "The Campaign of General Forrest", page 476.)

John Williamson, Captain CSA, fought with the 31st Tennessee Regiment, Co. 1. His record of a soldier and leader of men was made at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Perryville, Franklin, and other battles. He was wounded several times. At Franklin he was carried off the field by W. H. Hilliard of Dresden.

The family moved from the downtown location to a frame Greek revival style house, situated to the north of the present home. During the Civil War and for a time afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine occupied this house and their children were born there. When Captain Moran returned from the war, he lived briefly with them and about the time of his marriage, he re-purchased the house from the Irvines.

Captain and Mrs. Moran had five children; Fanny Lemira (Mrs. James B. Ezzell), descendants Sophia Moran Dobson and John Moran Ezzell of Nashville, Tennessee.; Charles Harrell; Ida Morehead (Mrs. William Timberlake); James Henderson, the third; and Marion, later Mrs. Charles Cobb, who had one daughter Carolyn (Mrs. Lyndon Godown) of Memphis. Sophia, John M. and Carolyn were born at the Moran Place.

Captain Moran prospered in merchandising, farming and banking. He wished to build a larger more modern house, therefore the old house was moved to the adjoining lot where the home of Mrs. Cayce Pentecost now stands.



Charles Harrell Moran



James H. Moran III



Virginia S. Moran

Hampton House



The Hampton Home is one of Dresden's oldest homes. It was originally located on property received as part of a land grant of 640 acres in 1838 to Captain Joseph Kirkpatrick who served with General Andrew Jackson during the War of 1812.

The two story frame structure of Greek Revival design with massive columns, winding stairway and spacious rooms was probably constructed by William Camp in 1839.

The original floor plan consisted of four rooms on the main floor and two upstairs rooms with a center hall on each floor. Twin parlors are located on the south side of the entrance hall. Four large fireplaces provide heat for the structure.

Hampton House is constructed of yellow poplar with massive hand-pegged support beams. The stairway and upstairs floors are the original yellow poplar random width flooring secured from timber on the property. Most of the walls and ceilings are of plaster consisting primarily of sand mixed with honey and horsehair filling on a base of small tree saplings split in half.

The stairrail and downstairs mantles were probably purchased from one of the Eastern states. The two mantles upstairs of a simpler design, were apparently hand made on the property.

In the 1840 census, the Camp household numbered eleven, consisting of eight children and three adults. Mr. Camp also owned eight slaves who assisted in the farming operation of the estate.

In 1864 the Honorable Emerson Etheridge acquired the property. Mr. Etheridge represented Weakley County in the U.S. Congress in the years 1853-57 and from 1859-1861.

W. F. Hampton of North Carolina, one of the early owners of the home, served as Clerk and Master of Weakley Chancery Court from 1844-59. Hampton edited and published "The Gossiper", a local newspaper for a short period of time in 1867, and was later proprietor of the HAMPTON HOUSE HOTEL until about the turn of the century.

The Hampton residence first occupied the lot on Linden Street until about 1907 until Mrs. Bettie Ewing purchased it and moved it to its present location on the corner of Linden and Evergreen Street.

In 1918, the home was purchased by the late Bob Freeman who remodeled and converted it into apartments. The home remained in the Freeman family as rental property until 1969.

HAMPTON HOUSE is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Laws Rushing and daughters who purchased and restored the stately old home in 1973.

Scott House

S. P. Scott (always affectionately called "Tobe" by his many friends), on March 7, 1871, purchased a parcel of land consisting of 5 acres, more or less from John Harbert, a large landowner of Shelby County, for whom the fashionable and influential Harbert Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, was named.

The construction of Mr. and Mrs. Scott's home was completed some time in 1872, and in 1873 additional parcels of land were purchased adjoining the original giving them a total of approximately 20 acres.



About 1880, due to lack of quality school facilities and the severity of the winters (often the snows would drift up to the eaves of the houses), Mr. Scott built a one-room schoolhouse well back on his lawn at the southeast corner of his residence. He and Mr. John Moran, President of the Dresden Bank, employed a governess, Miss Lizzie Cruickshank, from either Martin or Union City, Tennessee, to teach the two daughters and one son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and the three daughters and two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Moran. She lived six months of each year with the Scotts and a like number with the Morans. This continued for several years until a Mr. and Mrs. Mooney opened a school south of the Scott residence on Depot Street.

In 1883 Mr. Scott purchased the first upright Steinway piano owned in Dresden from D. H. Baldwin Piano Co., Louisville, Kentucky. Both of his daughters became accomplished musicians. This piano is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott's great-great-great-granddaughter who resides in Midland, Texas.

M. Scott owned and operated a flour mill situated in the low ground just off the northeast corner of the Dresden town square. His brand of flour "The Belle of Dresden" was well known and very popular in the entire community.

In June of 1900, Mr. Scott disposed of his milling interests, sold his home to a Mr. H. L. Burton, and bought a farm on the Dickinson Pike on the outskirts of Nashville, Tennessee; however, after about two years they became home-sick and in September, 1902, sold the farm, repurchased their old home from the Burtons and moved back to Dresden, which included one-fourth interest in a water works plant (windmill, well, pipes, storage tank, etc.), built by H. L. Burton, C. W. Cottrell, T. A. McElwath, and C. A. Meadows during Mr. Scott's absence. These four homes had the first and only running water for family use for many years.

After being in the Scott family for 62 years, the home was sold May 15, 1934, to Mrs. Frome Shannon. In 1952 it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pentecost.



Wilson Home

What an exciting thrill to turn the corner of Wilson and Locust Street to see today a true replica of a Virginia plantation home. Such is the picture of the Dr. P. W. Wilson home. In 1867 C. W. Cottrell came to Dresden with the plan of building.

The original home built in 1872 was patterned after his father's home in Virginia. The front of the house has hand blown glass for windows and stained glass over the doors. Mrs. Cottrell thought it her duty, following an old custom, to teach all new brides the art of housekeeping. She came to the aid of Judge Maiden when he brought his new bride to Dresden.

After Mrs. Cottrell's death, the house was bought by J. T. Edwards, a druggist. Later, Judge Finis J. Garrett owned the house. Mr. Garrett was determined to have a bathroom; so two old smoke houses from his farm in Ore Springs were moved to Dresden. These two houses were added to the original and Mrs. Garrett then had her cherished bathroom.

Judge and Mrs. Garrett, while serving in Washington, made many trips to Dresden. Each time, Mrs. Garrett brought ideas for the redecoration of the house. With her ideas, she had the unique custom of removing all the beds before entertaining at dinner parties. Also if her curtains became frayed, she would tie them into different types of knots, saying that was a Washington custom. Perhaps today we should use some of her fanciful ways and housekeeping would not be such a chore. Miss Virginia Garrett was married in the home, the only wedding that has ever been performed there.

In 1929 Milas Chandler bought the house; they lived there until May 6, 1939, when they in turn sold to Dr. M. D. Ingram, the county health doctor. Then on August 9, 1943, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and daughter, Mignon, bought the home. Since then, additions have been made, and it is now one of the loveliest and most memorable of homes in Dresden.



Post Office



Post Office employee's in front of Post Office on East side of the square, where Mr. Ed's Cafe is now located. This was made in about 1907. Pictured left to right, Walter Smith, J.T. Campbell, Berry Gibbs, Clint Gibbs, and H. A. Reavis.



Postmasters

Jeptha Gardner.....	1827
Ephriam D. Dickson.....	1833
R. C. Williams.....	1836
David P. Caldwell.....	1838
Pulaski B. Bell.....	1841
William W. Gleeson.....	1844
William W. Knox.....	1845
John M. Neely.....	1849
Aaron W. King.....	1849
Issac Winston.....	1850
William Hubbard.....	1852
Alexander G. Holden.....	1854
Samuel Q. Anderson.....	1855
W. D. Caldwell.....	1856
John R. Moore.....	1857
Abner M. Fackler.....	1857
Joseph H. Travis.....	1859
William F. Hampton.....	1861
James A. Prestwood.....	1865

John T. Jackson.....	1865
Thomas J. Latham.....	1866
John A. Gilchrist.....	1866
William Landum.....	1867
William T. Wilson.....	1869
James A. Prestwood.....	1870
Issac C. Reavis.....	1873
Miss Mary A. Reavis.....	1876
John M. Glass.....	1887
Mary Drewry.....	1889
Mrs. Edwina Rogers.....	1893
John G. Parker.....	1897
Charles A. Eskridge.....	1901
John P. Gibbs.....	1907
R. E. L. Brasfield.....	1913
Charles A. Ogan.....	1922
Sam A. Winstead.....	1926
William H. Pritchett.....	1935
Carmon C. Bowlin.....	1959
Charlie L. Taylor.....	1971



This Mural was painted for the Treasury Department Arts Project under section of Painting and Sculpture.

The artist was Miss Mettia Goode from New York, New York. The mural was installed in the Dresden, Tennessee Post Office in October, 1938, by Miss Mettia Goode, the artist, with the help of Mr. Charles Allen, a local painter, and Mr. Harris Pritchett, Postmaster at the time.

Lower left is Andrew Jackson and Issac Shelby as they were making the purchase of West Tennessee from the Indians. The man in buckskin clothing above them is David Crockett, "Stump Speaking". Upper left is the typical log cabin and bears, which were numerous in this section in the early days.

Retrospection

A picture of Robert Weakley, for whom the county was named, is in the medallion in the center of the painting. On the right of the medallion is the Seal of the State; to the left is the Seal of Weakley County. Above Robert Weakley is the picture of the early Court House, according to a photograph located in the Capitol in Nashville, Tennessee.

Around the medallion and the seals are cotton, corn and tobacco, these being the first farm products and which are still produced in Weakley County.

The upper right depicts the advent of the train and the going of the stage coach.



Pictured below is the Post Office when it was located on the west side of the square.





Weakley County Bank

The Peoples Bank



Thirteen businessmen of Dresden and Weakley County met on the south side of public square on August 23, 1887, for the purpose of organizing a bank. They did not dream that in eighty-eight years the Bank would grow into a \$16 million institution.

The Weakley County Bank has endured and prospered over three quarters of a century, running strong through changing times, panics, wars and world upheaval, and is a credit to any financial institution.

The original stockholders included Emerson Etheridge, W. V. Brann, J. W. Jeter, C. I. A. Brasfield, W. R. Bobbitt, E. Pope, C. W. Cottrell, T. A. McElwath, John McGlothlin and J. R. Thomason. These men are gone now; however, many of the older citizens of Dresden remember them.

Officers of the Bank, 1975

Dr. E. H. Welles, Chairman
Joe T. Hutcherson, President
L. L. Reavis, Jr. Vice-Pres.
John Lee Jolly, Asst. Vice Pres.
Mrs. Jannelle Smith, Cashier

In 1887, the first bank in Tipton County was chartered. The fifth branch is the Peoples Bank in Dresden, which was established in 1919. The strength of the bank and the extent of its facilities were both apparent and appreciated. From the beginning it assumed full obligation as a member of the community.

In an era of many changes, the passing of the years has brought better tools, better living, and greater opportunities. This old strong bank is glad to have had a part in progress.

From early records the following names were among the first customers:

P. J. Calvert, W. B. Mayo, E. T. Reavis, J. O. Alexander, Cayce Pentecost, F. E. Garrett, Raymond H. Smith, Roy W. Brasfield, L. E. Holladay.

Officers of the Bank, 1975

(local officers)

Carl W. Parks, Vice President
Wayne Perkins, Asst. Cashier
Thomas R. Harris, Jr., Asst. Cashier



Court House



The first courthouse, erected by John Scarborough of Steward county, in 1827, was a brick structure, forty feet square. Before its completion, the first Circuit Courts were held in a small log cabin, (which stood within what is now the court yard) the house being unenclosed and without a door-shutter. When the court adjourned in the evening, a flock of sheep would take possession and occupy the house until expelled by the sheriff the next morning.

As soon as it became too small and unsafe for use, the courthouse was torn down; in 1829 another was constructed. The second courthouse was completed in 1854 at the cost of \$20,000. It was a two-story brick structure, housing two county offices and a courtroom on each floor. This courthouse burned in February 1948 and was replaced by the marble structure that stands today.

In this courthouse the first indictment was against Wm. Ward for assault and battery, who pleaded guilty, threw himself on the mercy of the court, and was fined one dollar and costs. The first murder trial was the state vs. George W. McClain and Stunston. McClain escaped from jail while under sentence to hang and was never rearrested. Price was later acquitted. The first and only judicial hanging in the county took place June 18, 1853; Anthony and Alfred Peck, colored, were hanged for the murder of their master.

"Furl the Banner!
True 'tis Gory
Yet 'tis wreathed and
'twill live in song and story
Though its folds are in the Dust."

The Confederate Monument

Then

Now

The white monument erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Weakley County who died in the War between the States, now stands on the South East corner of the courthouse lawn in Dresden. It was presented to Weakley County on June 11, 1915, by the Daughters of the Confederacy. It formerly stood in the street intersections on the North West corner of the square. When the red brick courthouse burned and the new one was built, the statue was moved to its present position.

The inscription on the shaft was written by the poet laureate of Weakley County, B.F. Parrish.

The day on which this monument was presented to Weakley County was in the words of those present "a glorious occasion". Many people, whose names were, and still are familiar to residents of Dresden and Weakley County, were present that day. Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, Mrs. Mattie D. Smith, Colonel Luke Lea, Mr. King Webb, Mr. Joe Holbrook (Editor of the Dresden Enterprise) Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Virginia Gardner, Colonel E.E. Tansit, and others whose names we do not have.

Among the "small fry" who participated in the Celebration were Miss Mary Killebrew, Miss Virginia Garrett, and Miss Eleanor McCuan.

Mayor Suddath accepted the monument on behalf of the County and Reverend W. D. Pickeus pronounced the Benediction.



Save your Confederate money boys...

Cause the South's gonna rise again!





WM. HARRIS PRITCHETT

"Over
There"



MR. TOM IRVINE

WORLD
Soldiers
WORLD



OSCAR AND MARY ALEXANDER
ASK YOU TO
"PLEASE BUY WAR BONDS".



JOHN FAGAN & VINCENT BYARS

GOOD BYE OLE HOME TOWN



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Churches

First Methodist Church



In 1825 a site for Dresden was laid off in 91 squares by Aldred Gardner, reserving one lot for a house of worship. This lot, containing one acre and five poles, was purchased in 1833 for \$41.50. The deed was registered, and the property conveyed to nine men as trustees of the church. This same year a frame church building was erected. It was a long, narrow building with two front doors - one for women and one for men. It was lighted by candles, and each member was asked to take turns furnishing a basket of candles for the "meeting house". A one-room frame building was moved onto this lot which served as the pastor's study, living room, and bedroom. He took his meals among members, staying with each member one month. This manner of living for our pastor continued until 1888 - until that time our pastors had been sent to us unmarried.

In 1868 the frame church was replaced with what was considered a handsome brick building with two front doors. The two aisles were laid with carpeting made of rags and hand loomed by some local individual. A bell hung in the belfry, and the beautiful tones could be heard for miles around the countryside calling the village folk to worship. The same bell is still located on the premises. In 1869 the first organ was purchased. In 1923 the first pipe organ was purchased, and the Ladies Aid Society gave \$300 towards this purchase.

In 1888 the Ladies Aid Society bought a lot on which to build a parsonage. In January, 1889 the minister and his family moved into the new parsonage. On January 5, 1891, this debt had been paid and the note was burned. In 1927, this property was sold and the elegant home of F. C. Ezell was bought for \$7,500 which served as the parsonage home until 1973, when it was sold to the City of Dresden; they have since built a beautiful, modern clinic on this lot. In 1973, the church purchased a lot on the Greenfield Highway, and a modern parsonage is now located on this lot.

The Pentecostal Church

The land was purchased on the fifth day of April, 1951 for the construction of the church to be built. It was located between the Dresden and Latham Gravel Road, and the highway from Dresden to Dukedom. The pastor was Rev. Johnny Stubblefield. Down through the years it had several good pastors, but the one that stayed with them the longest was Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Williams - eleven years and two months.



Last year on October 31, 1974, the church was sold, and a new location bought on Highway 118 from Dresden to Dukedom. The new building is almost completed and a dedication service was held Saturday night, May 17, 1975 and Homecoming on May 18, 1975. The pastor at the present time is Rev. R. P. Faulkner.

By making a forward move, the church is seeing a growth.

The Church of Christ

The Dresden congregation had its beginning in May of 1910 when A. O. Colley and T. B. Thompson held a meeting that resulted in two additions.

The congregations met in the Presbyterian building, in the court house, the theater building, and the school building until 1928. It was in March of that year that they bought and moved into the old Baptist building. In 1952 the present property and the old auditorium building was completed and occupied August 24, 1952.



Following this a preacher's house was built behind the building. Then a class room addition was built in 1959.

Growth continued until facilities were taxed again. Plans then began to develop to build again. In 1969, the preacher's house was moved to the property across Gaylord Street. Then plans were developed for a new auditorium, and the old auditorium moved into this new auditorium in January, 1973.

The present facilities have 2 offices, 22 class rooms, 2 nurseries, and the auditorium will seat 700. The membership stands at 327 as of June, 1975.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church

In 1824, the organization of the first Presbytery was issued. It was called "Hopewell" and still bears that name. The first log building was on Church Street at the south end of the New Dresden Clinic. The two rows of trees which have recently been removed served as hitching posts in the horse and buggy days.

The local Cumberland Presbyterian Church began its existence Feb. 17, 1851, when Samuel A. Warner deeded lot 88 to the church, which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tuck. The Dresden Masonic Lodge was given authority to use the second story of this building for lodge purposes. This location was operated as a mission. The official organization of the church took place Jan. 4, 1885. In 1886, the session met in the home of J. G. Thomason at which ten members were added to the church.

and money was appropriated for hymnals. This was the home of Joe Maloan, grandson of Mr. Thomason.

In 1885, it was decided to erect a frame church on the present site.

The church ceased to have regular preaching in 1896, but it was reorganized in 1916. In 1931, thirty-five members, twenty-three active members, moved out of town or died in one year.

The old church was remodeled and dedicated in a special service in 1950. It was modernized with a brick veneer exterior, altered steeple, and an educational annex.



The First Baptist Church

July 18, 1907, Bro. L. D. Summers, pastor at Greenfield, Tennessee, held a revival in a small tent on the court yard in Dresden with success. At this time a Missionary Baptist Church was organized. Several joined by baptism and letter. Bro. Summers preached one Sunday a month until 1921.

Services were held in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and other places until a little church was built. A lot was given for the church on Maple Street by Mr. Ben Irvine, grandfather of Mrs. Jimmy Hamlin, deeded thus: "Given in order to promote the cause of religious worship and the interest of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Dresden, Tennessee." This lot was relinquished to Mr. W. B. Mayo, Mr. H. C. Golden and Mr. W. O. Tuck for this purpose. The church built on this lot was completed and cleared of debt the first Sunday in July, 1910.

Bro. Hale was called for trial sermon and elected December 22, 1919. On March 13, 1927, he preached the first sermon in the new church building (building we now occupy), at 10 o'clock A.M. because the church was having a Bible Conference at the 11 o'clock A.M. hour. The Bible Conference was led by Judge Clifford Davis of Memphis, Tennessee. Bro. Hale was pastor sixteen and one half years.

The Church Annex was purchased in 1959. In February, 1965, a lot was purchased for the new pastorium. The new pastorium was built and dedicated in December of 1965. On December 1, 1968, the note was burned and the church was declared debt free.

The church moved to its new location on the Greenfield Highway in June, 1975. We look forward to an even greater work of service for God in this community and to the ends of the world.

The Fuller St. Baptist Church

The Fuller Street Baptist Church was organized in the year of 1930. Two (2) ladies from the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church saw the need of a Negro Baptist Church in Dresden. The names of the ladies are the late Mrs. Mary Alexander and Mrs. Fnone Shannon. They sent to the Seminary in Nashville for a minister, who sent Rev. M. W. Poole. A revival was held in the Masonic Hall and from that revival the Fuller Street Baptist Church was organized. The moderator and members of the "Obion River District" with surrounding Baptist Churches, organized the Fuller Street Baptist Church. The newly elected deacons were ordained and charged, namely Bro. Frank Johnson, Belle Thomson, Bennie Turner, Richmond Caldwell, Walter Lewis and Sis Maude DeGae was the first elect clerk. Bro. Richmond Caldwell was treasurer.



We went into our new little church the first Sunday, May, 1933. That building has been remodeled twice. Thirteen ministers have served the church; namely, Rev. Bridgeman succeeded Rec'd Rev. Poole and they are as follows: Rev. Hutchinson, Rev. Brown, Rev. Williams, Rev. A. Taylor, Rev. C. E. Martin, Rev. Gutherie, Rev. Tolisomoe, Rev. Caldwell, Rev. Winn, Rev. Payner and our present pastor, Rev. H. T. Connor whom we have and adore. We have come over the mountains and sometime in the valley, but by the grace of God we have struggled and prayed by Grace we have come this far by faith. We have only one charter member left. We have lots who come in the next meeting, so today we ask your prayers that Fuller Street Baptist Church will grow with the guidance of God.

The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

This church stands proud in the history of Dresden. It can be seen in the background of many old pictures of the town. It was organized more than 100 years ago. The original church was wooden and was lighted at night with grease lamps. It was located next door to the present site. The brick structure was built in 1908 and each family belonging to the church bought a pew.

A tradition that has existed for years is to have their annual homecoming the third Sunday in July. The present pastor is Rev. L. Johnson of Humboldt, Tennessee. The officers of the church after it was re-built in 1908 were: Jack Ward, Cullen Edwards, Stewart Turner, Will Bondurant, Will Milliner and Mattie Bondurant, president of the First Missionary Women's Society.



Thanksgiving Celebration at Church in 1912. Standing: Mattie Bondurant, man with Bible, Will Jones.





The Old Home Town



There's a charm that seems to linger
All around our village street,
With nod, and smile, or gay "Hello!"
From all who chance to meet.
Though it may not boast of grandeur
Or fame or great renown,
Still we love each nook and corner
Of our old home town,
Here are trees whose leafy coolness
Lend a shelter from the sun,
Which our old-time friends and neighbors
Once had planted one by one.

Here the young folk often gather
In the Summer and the Fall,
To enjoy an hour of pleasure
In a friendly game of ball.
And the old folk meet and visit
While the sun is going down,
To recall "Old times and doings"
Of the old home town.
Here the joy of some achievement
Brings a thrill to every heart,
While each grief or bitter sorrow
Of our own becomes a part.



Schools

Dresden School Progress Since 1828

In 1928, Jesse Leigh taught the first school in Dresden for seventy-four days at a salary of \$35. After the Civil War, the old lodge building, located on the corner of Locust and Wilson Streets, was used as a private school. Mrs. R. T. Lewis attended this school in 1883 under Winstead and Burk.

About 1880, a Mr. Hart had his own private school, located on Linden St., where the Smyth and Freeman houses now stand. Later he sold this to Mrs. Evans, who ran school for several years. This was known as the Dresden Academy, which after a few years became Mooney School, with Mary Sue Mooney, her sister Maud, and Mr. Nix in charge of the school.

The Mooney sisters gave up the school and Mr. Nix took it and ran it until he was elected County Superintendent. While Mr. Nix was in office, a public school was established on East Main Street in 1897. Mrs. Violet Duke Bruce was one of the first students in this school. Miss Minnie Childs, with the assistance of her brother Horace Childs, was the principal. Miss Ida Baxter was also a teacher. When Minnie Childs married John McElwraith at Murray, Kentucky, Mr. Barlow was made principal. Later Mr. Robert Taylor ran the school until it closed. About 1904 a five room brick building, which was a part of the school that was torn down in 1974, was built for a Training School on Poplar Street. This school was run by Mr. Williams, followed by Mr. Branock and his daughter Ethel, and John Bell Tansil.

Our first football and basketball teams were organized then. Some of the members of the teams are as follows: Alfred Thomason, Preston Bailey, Dick Dodd, Robert Debow, Charlie Tuck, John McWherter, Gilbert Duke, and Will Young. Charlie Cobb and Walter Nichols changed it in 1906 to a preparatory school and built a boys' dormitory on the south part of the campus.



In 1909 Mr. Davinport and Mr. Debow were in charge of the school. At the same time the Training School was in operation, the public school on Main Street was reopened by Sam Featherstone, who had been County Superintendent. In the Training School time, all students were forced to go to school.

Mr. Featherstone was followed by Claud Holland, with A. B. Murray, Miss Ida Baxter, and Mrs. King Webb as teachers. In 1910, the school, under the leadership of A. B. Murray with Miss Clement and Myrtle Bobbit Matheny as teachers, disbanded.

The Dresden Training School was made a public school in the year 1910, and Robert N. Chenaull was principal. Rolandus Lewis, son of R. T. Lewis, was the first person to graduate from the Dresden Public School in 1912, and his sister, Rebecca Lewis, was the only person in the class of 1913 to graduate under Hugh Hunter and U. B. Hughes, as principals. F. Y. Fuqua and W. I. Moore and Heber Finch followed.

Dresden Special School District was organized September 2, 1916. The School Board members - Mrs. Juddie Ogan, Dr. Copeland, N. M. Tucker, R. T. Lewis, and C. H. Hillard - were sworn in by W. J. Jefer, County Court Clerk.

In 1917, Heber Finch was elected principal at a salary of \$100 per month. The other teachers were: Miss Ida Hancock, first and second grades; Miss Mary Mayo, seventh and eighth grades; and Miss Rebecca Mayo, music. The school term was eight and a half months.

The entire school enrollment was approximately one hundred and fifty pupils. Many dropped out before they graduated, and in 1916 Miss Gladys House offered a \$5 prize to the Dresden boy completing the high school course.

Two years later, in 1918, while Heber Finch was principal, Claud Jefer was valedictorian and received the prize. W. M. Bratton was principal the next year, and non-resident pupils were not permitted to attend in this special school district.

In September, 1918, the School Board appointed a committee of R. T. Lewis and I.

L. Banks to confer with the county superintendent, F. Y. Fuqua, for building a Negro school. Miss Hope Hart and Miss Era House were elected as co-principals for the school year of 1920-21. Mrs. Edna LaFon taught the first commercial course that year.

In 1923, W. W. Chunn was principal and the auditorium front office, hall, and classrooms were added. These additions completed the building, as it was until 1974.

Claud Brock and Frank Taylor followed as principals in 1940. While Preston Lassiter was principal, the Dresden Special School District became part of the Weakley County School System. The school term was nine months for high school and eight months for the elementary.

Lloyd King was principal during 1945-47. W. L. Darnall served as principal from then until 1962, when he retired, and Mr. J. T. Miles served as principal until 1965. Joe Gardner was appointed principal from 1965-1973, succeeded by Lloyd White from 1973.



going-going-gone, but not forgotten



**ELEVENTH GRADE CLASS OF
DRESDEN HIGH - 1924**

Front row: Monroe Terrell, Ray Byars, Richard Holladay, Clarence Smith, Jack Black, Joe Holbrook. Second row: Elsie Sanderfer, The Teacher Miss Sudie Whitlock Riddle, Kathryn Mayo, Clemmie Davis, Etwell Cook Turbeville, Laudell Atkinson. Third row: Kermit Rawls, Joe Arnn, Wade Fields, Augusta Winslead Reed, Mary Killebrew Brooks - teacher and Dee House.



**SIXTH GRADE CLASS OF 1912 -
WERE YOU THERE?**



CLASS OF 1921

Top, l to r: Grace Moore,
Mary Smith, Norine Tice. Bot-
tom: Mary Killebrew Brooks,
Mary House Maxwell, Mary
Jackson Taylor.



CLASS OF 1912

Top row, left to right: Raymond Smith, Nell Loyd, Annie Welch, Minnow Freeman, Mildred Moore, Autie Gibbs. Middle row: Rolandus Lewis, Lexie Tuck, Thomas Tucker, Bruce Henderson, Ruth Mayo, Rebecca Lewis, Ruby McCuan, Edith McWherter. Bottom row: Wren House, Methodist Preacher's Son, Jerry Jeter, Mark Mitchell, Bob Gibbs, Tom B. Mayo.





Play Ball !

BALL TEAM OF 1931

Principal Claud Brock; Eugene Lee, Luke Hilliard, Ralph Brann, John Freeman, Norman Hale, Harold Tilley, General Somers, Joe Ingram, Coach Aaron Walker.

GIRLS BALL TEAM OF 1925

Left to right: Margret Moore Buckley, Verona Myrick, Mamie Darnell, Effie Maiden, Mozell Myrick, Christine Tucker, Juanita Myrick, Coach Mary Killebrew.



STATE TOURNAMENT IN 1927

Seated, left to right: Christine Tucker, Mamie Darnell, Eunice Mac Bowlin. Second row: Effie Maiden, Virginia Mayo, Madge Blacknall, Mae Burroughs. Back row: Mary Nell House, Coach Mary Killebrew, and Nelle Hancock.



Horse & Buggy Doctors



Dr. Jubilee Rogers

Dr. Rogers was the first doctor
in Dresden, coming here in 1823.



Dr. Ted Little

Practiced in Dresden from 1901 to
1912, built a clinic, located on the
corner of Wilson St. and East Main
St.



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A friend to everyone was he,
No one would he neglect;
And always was he treated with
Much def'rence and respect.

Good old Horse 'n Buggy Doctor
In the good old days of yore!
No one can ever take his place --
He's gone forever more!

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Country Colds



Dr. Hsnil S. Mayo

Dr. Mayo, son of the late Rev. G. T. Mayo and Mrs. Ella McWherter Mayo, was born at Palmersville, on April 11, 1888, and moved to Dresden to make their home. Dr. Mayo received his early education in the Dresden schools and graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1905. He began his practice at Ralston for a short while before opening an office in Dresden, where he practiced until his entry into the military. He served with honor and distinction and received a citation for being a fifty year old graduate. He attained the rank of Captain in the Army Medical Corps. Dr. Mayo was a good physician with a splendid practice, well liked and possessed a host of friends. He was fond of his friends and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Dr. Mayo desired to follow the spirit of *Yine poel*, who wrote -

"Just let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to Mom".

Dr. Mayo died in 1957 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Dr. Paul Wade Wilson



Paul Wade Wilson M.D. was born September 5, 1905, the son of Thomas Louis Wilson and Frances Ionia Burton Wilson of Clarksburg, Tennessee. Dr. Wilson spent his early years on the family farm, and he was graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1925. After graduation, Dr. Wilson attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; then he entered Memphis Medical School. It is interesting to note that Dr. Wilson and his brother graduated at the same time, March 25, 1931. He interned at Memphis General Hospital, now known as the John Gaston Hospital. While interning, he met Helen Smith, who was in school at the University of the School of Nursing. A daughter Mignon was born November 18, 1934.

Dr. Wilson served in the United States Air Force and was a Flight Surgeon for the Air Force Evacuation Unit and spent part of his time in the European theater. He received his discharge on December 13, 1945.

When Dr. Wilson was asked why he chose to practice in Dresden, he replied, "I thought Dresden looked like a good place to live and rear my family."

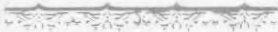
Dr. Thomas F. Taylor

Dr. Thomas Franklin (T. F.) Taylor, son of George R. and Maria Oliver Taylor, was born on November 10, 1869, in Weakley County, Tennessee. He attended public school in Weakley County and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated in the early 1900's. He practiced medicine in Dukedom, Latham, and Dresden. He left Dresden a short while and practiced medicine in eastern Kentucky at Harlan, Kentucky.

After returning from Kentucky, he remained in Dresden until his death in 1946; his widow also lived there until her death in 1957. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church of Dresden, Tennessee.



He who does his best today will be hard to beat tomorrow.



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Dr. E. H. Welles



Dr. E. H. Welles, a family practitioner, located in Dresden in 1954. He was born in Waverly, Tennessee, on September 25, 1918. He attended UT Martin and Murray State and earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree from UT Medical Units in Memphis in 1950. After internship in Houston, Texas, he practiced in Halleffsville, Texas, for three years prior to coming to Dresden.

He and his wife, the former Shirley Anne Holland of Newbern, have four children; Dr. Hunter Welles, David, a practicing attorney in Dresden; Mrs. Michael Youngblood of Jackson, and Jennifer, a Dresden Elementary School student.

The greatest and perhaps the only perfect gift that we can give to the world is the gift of ourselves at our best, and that means not just the skill of our hands and the cunning of our brains, but our dreams, our finest resolutions and most solemn promises to ourselves.

Dr. Beyer

Dr. Beyer was a native of McPherson, Kansas, where he received his early schooling and his A.B. Degree. For many years he had a general practice of medicine in Kansas and Oklahoma. He worked for the State Health Department in Oklahoma four years before moving to Dresden in 1943, serving Weakley and Henry Counties as health officer. He married the former Miss Alice Pitzer, of Oklahoma, and they were the parents of three children of whom two daughters are now living in Dresden, Mrs. Ruth Parker and Mrs. Marietta Garrison.

Mrs. Beyer and daughters are residing on Beyer Street.





Dr. Shale Smith

"A gold tooth will grow back where a tooth has been extracted if the patient does not put his tongue in the socket."

Dr. Upchurch was born in Henry County near Paris in 1897 and died in 1970.

He received his Doctor of Dental Science degree from the University of Tennessee Memphis Medical Units in 1931, where he was a member of the Sigma Delta Fraternity. After graduation, Dr. Upchurch moved his family to Dresden and started his dentist practice.

He was married to the former Rachel Love and to this union was born two daughters, Mrs. Don Peeler and Mrs. R. M. Todd, and ten grandchildren.

He was a life-long member of the Dental Association and a member of the First Baptist Church of Dresden.

Dr. Smith was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1866 and was educated in the Louisville schools. In 1886, he left for Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend dental school, remaining three years. In 1893, he came to Dresden, alternating between here and Palmersville. He was married to Miss Mattie D. Woodriddle, of Gleason, a most accomplished lady and a fine musician. They made the most excellent citizens and made their first home in Dresden at the Thomason residence near the depot. In politics, the doctor was a Democrat, in religion, a Cumberland Presbyterian, in manners, a gentleman, in business, an expert.

His office was upstairs, over the then Dresden Bank. Dr. Smith was the oldest practicing dentist in the state of Tennessee at the time of his death.

Dr. Smith died in the fall of 1952. He was a member of the W.O.W. and of the Odd Fellow's Lodge.

Dr. F. W. Upchurch



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Dr. R. C. Shannon

Dr. R. C. Shannon received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in September of 1944 from the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis. His pre-professional education was obtained at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he graduated in 1940.

Immediately following his graduation from the College of Dentistry, Dr. Shannon served in the Army for a two year period, after which he was honorably separated from military service with the rank of Captain. He then returned to Dresden in October, 1946, to open his dental office on the west side of the square in February, 1947. Five years later, in 1952, he relocated his dental office in the Shannon Building where he is presently in active practice.



Dr. Richard Shannon

Dr. Richard Shannon received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis in September of 1970. He graduated with honors and received the C.V. Mosbey Book Award and the Granville Sherman, Jr. Pedodontic Award. While attending the University of Tennessee Medical Units, he was a member of Xphi Psi fraternity and a Dean's society member.

Dr. Shannon completed his pre-professional education at the University of Tennessee Martin in 1967.

Dr. Richard Shannon began his dental practice in Dresden in October of 1970 and is located in the Shannon Building.

Richard Hutcherson

Richard (Dicky) Hutcherson, D.D.S., graduated from Dresden High School in 1959. He received his D.D.S. Degree from the University of Tennessee Center for Medical Science. On August 3, 1968, he married the former Barbara Johnson, and they have three children. He started his dental practice in Dresden in 1967. Dr. and Mrs. Hutcherson reside on East Maple in Dresden.

Dr. Hutcherson's office is presently located on the north side of the Court Square.



Dr. Joe W. Anderson

Dr. Joe W. Anderson was born January 21, 1932. He graduated from Athens High School in Athens, Georgia. While attending the Southern College of Optometry at Memphis, he met the former Patti Crawford from McKenzie. They were married and have three children. They moved to Dresden in 1953. Dr. Anderson is the only optometrist in Dresden, and his office is on Locust St.

He has always been very civic and community minded and is completing his term as Mayor.

Dr. Anderson and family are active members of First Methodist Church.



Leticia Clement

The Rev. Miss Leticia Clement was elected to serve as pastor of the Dresden Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 16, 1931. She had the distinction of being the first woman to hold a pastorate in the town of Dresden. She attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. She made her home on Maple Street with her sister and brother-in-law, Jessie and Herman Cashon.

She gave her entire time, ministering in service to others - visiting sick and lonely people, holding revivals and attending church courts. She had served as moderator of Hopewell Presbytery and attended several General Assemblies.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Cashon, she resigned her period of service in 1949, having served 18 years. She prayed the Dedicatory Prayer when the newly remodeled church was dedicated in 1950. She is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Every noble life leaves the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.

Personalities

Malcolm R. Duke

Mr. Malcolm R. Duke was born in Weakley County, July, 1898, son of William Alfred and Carrie Duke. He lived in Weakley County all his life. His business activities varied from substitute rural mail carrier, growing and shipping of sweet potato plants for more than thirty years, raising and selling Duroc hogs, operating a truck line, real estate, farming, Circuit Court Clerk, Masonic lodge, director of the Weakley Co. bank and vice-president of that bank, and president for 15 years.

During the 20's, Mr. Duke helped organize and was a member of an amateur baseball team that played all around the surrounding communities and even out of state. The team was disbanded around 1932.



Duke C. Bowers

Mr. Duke C. Bowers was perhaps one of the most colorful figures of Dresden. He married Miss Ethel Gibbs, a member of a prominent old family. They had a daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Clements of Memphis.

Mr. Bowers soon made a fortune in the grocery business in Memphis. He started a chain of stores known as "Mr. Bowers Stores." On each store was a big picture of a muzzled bull dog with a slogan "You won't Get Bit if you Trade at Mr. Bowers."

He helped organize the Piggly-Wiggly chain and was recognized as the founder of the grocery chain. He sold his interest to what is now known as the Kroger Chain.

He seemed to love Dresden and made heavy investments in real estate here. He died in the prime of his life in 1917 during the flu epidemic. Mr. Bowers and family owned a large home which burned several years ago. It was located on the lots where the Anderson Apartments are now. He was buried at Sunset Cemetery.



Auction



I am only one, but I am one.
I can't do everything, but I
can do something, and what
I can do, that I ought to do,
and what I ought to do, by
the grace of God, I will do.



The Bowers Home

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Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Ellis

A Husband-Wife team, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis pioneered agricultural and home demonstration work in Weakley County. The first mode of transportation through the rural areas was on horseback, horses and buggy, and later, a Model T. Ford. Mr. Ellis served at his position for 1913-43. Mrs. R. E. Ellis was employed by County Court in the fall of 1916 to organize canning clubs among the girls and served as Home Demonstration Agent until 1940.



It is better to lean forward in prayer than to sit back in judgment.



Mrs. Johnie Brasfield

"Miss Johnie" as she was known by a legion of friends, was an active member of the Dresden Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School for 30 years. She was also an angel of mercy always tending the sick and administering to those who fell ill and the aged. She was the widow of Roy Brasfield.

A. M. Gaylord



Cayce Pentecost

Mr. Cayce Pentecost was born January 7, 1890, in Palmersville of Weakley County. He was the son of Thomas and Julia Ann Pentecost and on December 30, 1915, was married to Carrie LaFon at Palmersville. To this union were born three children, Cayce LaFon, LaRue (Mrs. Harry Dunn), Marie (Mrs. Bill Mangum.)

He was an ordained Baptist minister and was pastor of twelve churches. It has been said by many people that Brother Cayce preached more funerals and performed more marriage ceremonies than any other man in the history of Weakley County.

At an early age he also became interested in politics and was a member of the Weakley County Court for 14 years. He served two terms as County Court Clerk and two terms as County Judge. He served as worshipful Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge for the State of Tennessee and was a life-time member of the Weakley County Executive Democratic Committee.



Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read.



Mr. Alton Waymon Gaylord was born on a farm near Sharon, Tennessee on March 23, 1897. On June 29, 1928, he married Ocie Thomas of Dresden, and they had two children, Sue Anne Hodges and Waymona Kay Lynch.

Mr. Gaylord was an automobile dealer, 1920 through 1930. He became a petroleum distributor and district Manager for Cities Service Oil Company in 1931 through 1948. He helped to set up the first Soil Conservation District and served as its Chairman for fifteen years. He served as a Charter Board Member of the T.V.A. Light Company for Weakley County, and was chairman during the construction period, until 1956.

From 1937 to 1949, he served the City of Dresden as Alderman for a period of 12 years and as mayor for another 12 years. Mr. Gaylord was a member of the Fraternal Order of Masons, and his religious affiliation was with the Church of Christ. During World War I, he served as Private First Class with the United States Army. He was a Democrat.



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L. Potter Moore

L. Potter Moore was born near Palmersville in 1879. He resided on the farm until he was twenty-five and moved to Dresden and continued farming. He was married on December 25, 1913 to Maggie Oliver, and they had one daughter, Frances Nell. After the death of his first wife, he married Ila Kennedy on January, 1919, and they had one daughter Ila Ruth. He was elected County Trustee in 1916 and served two terms until September, 1920. Mr. Moore died on September 6, 1958.



H. E. Ivie

Everette Ivie was born in 1892 and died in 1957. He was born near-sighted but attended regular school until he was nine years old. In 1917 he was totally blind. In 1907 he attended the school for the blind in Nashville. He was a member of the band and an outstanding student. Being a very ambitious man, he never let his handicap hinder his accomplish-

ments. In 1920, he had a peddler's route, using a team and wagon, going about the county selling his wares. He amazed people by picking up items and describing them to his customers. In 1938 he organized the first milk route in Latham and Palmersville area. In 1946 he owned and operated the second frozen food locker in Weakley County. Until his death he owned and operated, with help, what is now Allen's Service Station. His ambition was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.



"The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."



Finis Garrett

Mr. Garrett was born in 1875, near Ore Springs, was a member of the Dresden Bar, and served as editor of **The Dresden Enterprise** for a short time. He was named Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, and was elected to Congress as a Democrat, where he served for twenty-four years. He was named the Chief Justice of Custom's Appeals Court by President Calvin Coolidge. His ability and brilliance in Congress caused President Wilson to name him one of his Chief Advisors during World War I. He helped Wilson draw up the Articles of the League of Nations, which was the forerunner of the United Nations. Mr. Garrett died in 1956 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery.



Claud H. Hilliard

Mr. Hilliard was born in 1875, near Mt. Pelia, Tenn. His great-grandfather, James Buckley, was one of the first settlers of Weakley Co., immigrating from Virginia in 1822. In 1908, he was elected Weakley County Court Clerk and served for two four-year terms. Mr. Hilliard was married to Miss Florence Paschall in 1909. They were the parents of six children. The Hilliard home still stands on Linden St. after sixty five years. Mr. Hilliard was a Steward of the First Methodist Church, Church Treasurer, charter member of the Dresden school board, helping to organize the Dresden Special School District on September 2, 1916.



"Ma" Holladay

Pictured is Miss Addie May Hummel at age 19. She was born in St. Joseph, Michigan on May 12, 1879, the oldest child of T. G. and Elizabeth Hummel. She moved to Greenfield in 1887. In 1899 on October 5th, she married L. E. Holladay, of Dresden, where she lived until her death in 1959, at the age of eighty. She joined the Methodist Church in Dresden and was active in its affairs for all the remainder of her life. She was organist at one time and in charge of the Children's Department. In later years she taught an adult ladies class for many years. Possessing a beautiful voice, she was in great demand at weddings and funerals throughout the county, regardless of denomination or color. She was a devout Christian, and so lived her life. As she grew older, she became affectionately known as "Ma" to everyone who knew her.



Lee Brasfield

Mr. Lee Brasfield moved to Dresden in 1911 and was appointed Postmaster in 1912 and served until 1922. In 1922 he organized the Dresden Oil & Gas Co. Mr. Brasfield and Miss Cora Jeter were married and were the parents of two children.



"Ma" Holladay in her sixties.

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Judge Elkins

Judge Robert Elkins was born in 1860 in Dyer County. He was known as a fair but forceful judge. He served twenty-four years on this circuit. After retirement, he served until his death as Special Circuit Judge in Tennessee. He served in the Senate, 58th and 59th General Assemblies, from 1913-1917, representing Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties as a Democrat. He moved to Dresden in 1911 where he was Attorney for the railroad. On Nov. 10, 1909, he married Jessie Maud Hillis. One daughter, Mildred, was born in this union.



Harry Jones

Harry E. Jones was born in Benton County, Tennessee. He moved with his parents from Camden to Dresden in 1890. As a young man he attended Cumberland Law School, after which he entered law practice with his father, Judge Joseph E. Jones. He was active in law practice in Dresden for more than fifty years until the time of his death in 1960.



He who does his best today will be hard to beat tomorrow.



J. F. Jones

Judge Jones is remembered for his fearlessness in the famous "Night Riders Trial" held at Union City. It is said many threats on his life and on his family were made. The jury convicted at least one of the defendants to be hanged for the death of Mr. Rankin. Judge Jones was the father of three fine sons, Harry, Arthur, and Herbert.



W. W. House

W. W. House was born in 1869 and died in 1932. He was reared near Hyndsver, was engaged in the mercantile business, and taught school at Gully View. He moved in Dresden in 1909, serving two terms as Circuit Court Clerk. He was appointed by Gov. Roberts to serve as the first Highway Commissioner of the State of Tennessee.



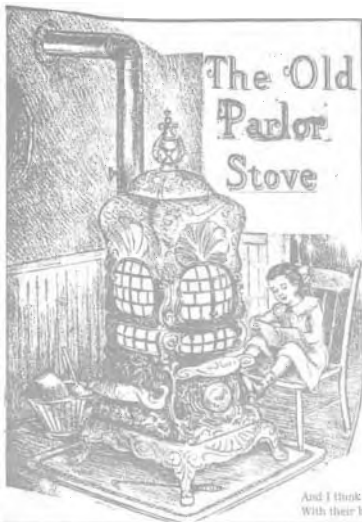
Mrs. Ethel Rogers Jones

The late Mrs. Ethel Rogers Jones, wife of the late Hillary Bondurant Jones and the great-granddaughter of John Terrell, is reading to her great-grandsons, Jack and Hillary Garrett.



"Pappy Brooks"

William David Brooks was born December 12, 1881, on a farm near Ralston. He left home as a young lad to learn the tinmith trade with Hillary Jones in Dresden. He married Prudence Freeman in 1908. They were the proud parents of four children. "Pappy" operated his own business about fifty years as tinmith and plumber until he retired in the early '60's. Before he retired, he made and erected the weathervane on the old Courthouse. He maintained the present homplace on West Main Street until his death in 1970.



Aunt "Bill"

Aunt "Bill" was born a slave in 1858 on a plantation. In later years she was the nurse, housekeeper and cook for Uncle Jos Covington, Captain in Forrest Confederate Calvary, and lived in a small cottage by Shannon's Sawmill.

And I think the modern children
With their houses filled with steam,

Have lost a cherished treasure
With no stove by which to dream.

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Joe L. Holbrook

Joe L. Holbrook came to Dresden at an early age. He accepted a job as a printer's devil in the office of the *Dresden Enterprise* in 1895, at the age of eighteen. A few years after his marriage in 1897, to Miss Lillian Louise Gardner, he bought the *Enterprise*.

Mr. Holbrook soon became known far and wide for his editorials and his column called "Goose Bumps". For forty six years he was the successful editor and publisher of the *Enterprise*. He loved Dresden and used the power of the press to promote the best interests of the town and country. Being the son of a Confederate soldier, he was quick in his praise and love of the South. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church and taught a Young Men's class for a number of years.

He died at his home in Dresden on January 12, 1954, and was buried at Sunset Cemetery.



"Goose Bumps"

Ripening Time. As a man grows riper, he reads more of the Book of Experience, and less of the Pages of Prophecy. He thinks more about the worth of folks, and less about their Collateral.

He boasts less and boosts more. He observes that snobbery is a confession of inferiority and kindly politeness and trademark of the only aristocracy worth mentioning.

He relishes an argument less and notes that the streaks of criticism can be washed away with the suds of tolerance.

He hurries less, and usually accomplishes more, and finally, he comes to know that the best trophy any man can win is love and understanding of those who need him.

After all, it is not what is around us, but what is in us; not what we have, but what we are, that makes us happy.

E. T. Reavis



E. T. Reavis came to Dresden from his home on the farm southeast of Dresden to start his business career. He was employed by Charles Cottrell as a clerk in a dry goods store. After several years experience, he went into business for himself with the firm named Reavis and Mayo, Reavis and Duke, and Reavis and Loyd. E. T. Reavis first went into business in the building presently occupied by Alexander and Chandler, shortly thereafter moving his business to its present location.

In July, 1923, he was joined in business by his only son, Loyd L., Sr. In 1947, Loyd L., Jr. joined the firm, making three generations active in the business. Since the death of E. T. Reavis in 1969, and Loyd, Sr. in 1959, Loyd Jr. and family own and operate the firm of E. T. Reavis and Son.

This firm has been in business for some eighty one years. Loyd Jr. will endeavor to continue to make this store a "safe place to trade" in years to come.



Thomas E. Loyd

Thomas E. Loyd came to Weakley County from Virginia during the Civil War. (He dropped one of the L's from the family name.) He married Callie Roberts of Duke-
dom and they settled in Dresden one block east of downtown Dresden, where he operated a tobacco business. Here Joseph White Loyd, Mrs. Hamp Chandler (Sallie) and Mrs. E. T. Reavis (Ben) were born. J. W. Loyd bought the property in 1896.

J. W. Loyd was married to Lula Eskridge and had two daughters, Nell Loyd (deceased) and Mrs. W. H. Patton (Mona). After his first wife died, he married Stella Norman and they had one daughter, Mrs. Snoda Parham (Virginia), who still lives on the Loyd property.

Since the settlement of the family here, two Loyd houses have been destroyed by fire, one facing Main Street and the other Church Street. The present Loyd house was built in 1926. The Parham residence is built over the old tobacco press, facing Main Street.

J. W. Loyd was a prominent businessman in Dresden until his death in 1920. He had operated a stove mill with W. B. Shannon, was in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law E. T. Reavis, and was a partner in the grocery business of (Pete) Harris, (Jim) Peery and Loyd at the time of his death.



F. H. Fuqua

Mr. Fuqua was born in Springfield, Tenn., in 1880. He attended Peabody College. Mr. Fuqua and Frances Hancock, were married in the early 1900's and came to Dresden to make their home. Mr. Fuqua's professional life was spent in Weakley County, where forty years he was County Superintendent, principal and school teacher. In 1927, he was honored with a banquet and presented an engraved watch for his work and efforts in establishing the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee. He was very active as a Mason and also in the First Baptist Church in Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua had three daughters, Dr. Mary Fuqua of Layette, Indiana, Mrs. Posten Cox of Memphis, Tennessee and Mrs. Clint Tolbert of Florence, Alabama. After retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua moved to the State College, Penna., to live with their daughter, Dr. Mary Fuqua. In 1961 Mrs. Fuqua became ill and passed away in Memphis. Mr. Fuqua continued to live in Memphis, and was very active in the Senior Citizen's Club. At the age of eighty five he won a bowling tournament. He died in 1967 at the age of eighty-seven.

Miss Ida

Miss Ida Hancock was born on December 7, 1873, in Auburntown, Tenn. She was a graduate of Peabody College. In 1913, she came to Dresden to teach. She taught the first grade in Dresden until 1934. "Miss Ida" as she was always called, was very active in U.D.C. organization, and also the First Baptist Church in Dresden. She was very interested in sports, never missing a basketball game. In 1940 she moved to Gardner, Tenn., where she taught for several years, and retiring after devoting many years of faithful service to the classroom. The last few years of her life, she lived with her niece, Mrs. Clint Tolbert, in Florence, Ala. On December 11, 1962, she suffered a stroke and passed away in 1963. "Miss Ida" lived to the age of eighty-six.



Don't you mind about the triumphs,
Don't you worry after fame;
Don't you grieve about succeeding,
Let the future guard your name.



Dr. Richard Brasfield



Dr. Brasfield was a prominent cancer surgeon. He wrote more than sixty articles dealing with cancer diagnosis and treatment and was a pioneer in performing extensive liver resections. He also developed a method for the treatment of breast cancer, which is now a procedure in the treatment of such disease.

In recent years he traveled over this country and many foreign countries lecturing on cancer. Dr. Brasfield also taught at Cornell Medical School over much of the past twenty-five years.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brasfield of Dresden, and a brother of Mrs. Grooms Herron of Dresden.

Aunt Mary



"Aunt Mary" Holt lived to be one-hundred years of age. Mr. Holt was a captain in the Army during the Civil War. She was Post Mistress in Dresden. Aunt Mary owned a parrot, 'Polly', whom she adored. Polly died after Mr. Holt and was buried beside him. When Aunt Mary died, she was buried in the grave with Polly as she had requested.

Hope Hart

Hope Hart was a former high school teacher of Dresden. She was born in Cottage Grove; but she has always claimed Weakley County as her home. She maintains her legal residence in Dresden and comes back every year to vote. She is the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Sterling Reece Hart.

In 1921, Miss Hart came to Dresden a full fledged school marm, and did her best to teach the local ye'r'lins's Algebra and Geometry. Raymond Vaughn can bear witness.

Woman's lib hit the Dresden High School early. That year, there were six graduates - all girls. Grace Moore was Valedictorian of the class. The others were Mary House, Mary Lee Irvine, Mary Jackson, Mary Killebrew and Norine Tice.

When the late Representative Jere Cooper was elected to Congress, he appointed Miss Hart as his secretary in 1929. She remained with him in Washington until his death in 1957. She was appointed to the same position by his successor, rep. Robert "Fats" Everette, until her retirement, after 36 years of Congressional service.

At the present time she is writing some magazine articles and has just finished a two year series with a local University Radio Program.



If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.





Mary Ann Gardner



Major Alfred Gardner

Grandparents of Alfred G. Thomason



John R. Thomason



Alfred G. Thomason at Age 5 Taken in St. Louis



Bonnie & Alfred Thomason



Our memory book,
And when we want, we only have
To take another look
On pages in that book to see
The things that made us gay,
And live along in memory
To await another day.

What would we do without them?
Our memories and dreams,
When we cannot be together,
They are all we have, it seems.
But let us not confuse them,
Each has it separate place;
Our memories are what have been,
Our dreams are what we face.





The Smith Family are:

(left to right)
Woolridge Smith
Mrs. Shobe Smith, Sr.
Frank G. Smith, Sr.
Raymond H. Smith



Mrs. Mattie Smith

Miss Mattie D. Woolridge was born in 1874 at Humboldt, Tennessee and moved to Gleason at an early age. She was teaching music at Palmersville, Tennessee, when she met Dr. Shobe Smith and they were married in 1894.

Mrs. Smith taught music for sixty years and was the organizer for the First Baptist Church of Dresden for fifty years. She was the last living president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was under her chairmanship that the statue of the Confederate soldier was obtained and erected. Her son Frank Smith of Dresden still has the gavel and charter of the American Daughters of the Confederacy left by his mother when she passed away in 1961.

Mockingbird Hill

Mockingbird Hill is one of the loveliest of Colonial homes of the town, and is located on West Maple St.

In the earlier days this street was used by the pony express and coach to carry mail from Nashville to "Old Troy" which was then the Obion Capitol of the county. Davy Crockett traveled this road many times. This home was first built in 1832 and many of the stately oaks of the time are still standing in all their majestic beauty.

The home is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith, son of the late Dr. Shobe



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Families



The Hutcherson Family

Back Row: Hoyt and Roy. Front Row: Dale, Clois Hutcherson holding Eula Mae, Mrs. Hutcherson holding Ruby Faye, and Wade.

The H. T. Lewis Family

Left to right: Mrs. Lewis, Rolan, Rebecca, Mrs. Lewis and Josie, the cook.



The Moran Family

Left to right: James H. Moran IV, Mrs. Virginia Moran, Marion Louise and Nathan H.

What sunshine is
To flowers, smiles
Are to humanity.

Wedding Bells



Mrs. Mary Mitchell Alexander
Married November 12, 1913



Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Glasgow
Married November 11, 1917



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman
Married in 1920



Bro. and Mrs. Cayce Pentecost
Golden Wedding Anniversary
Celebration in 1965



Mr. and Mrs. William B. Edmonston
Golden Wedding in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jefer
Married October 1, 1901



Grow old along with me; the best of life is
yet to be.



Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tucker
Married December 20, 1919



Captain and Mrs. John W. Moran
Married December 27, 1871



Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hilliard
Married in 1910



The sweetest gift that life can hold is
"Time" - more precious far than gold, and
yet we often throw away those priceless hours
that make "Today".



Mr. and Mrs. Clois Hutcherson
Married November 6, 1911



Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Finney married in
1924. The couple were married while seated in
their buggy.



Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beard
Married May 14, 1916



ETHEL PRITCHETT



Besquicentennial Belles



TREVA HENDERSON BRANN



GRACE MOORE
1921



IDA BAXTER



MRS. CARRIE DUKE
1930



DRESDEN BELLES-
ENTRE' - NOUS
CLUB - 1910



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Dresden Gents



Lake Erie Holladay
1908 - Site of Present Post Office



Lee Brasfield and Lake Erie Holladay
At Democratic Convention in Nashville
1906



Joe Holbrook
Age 4



Sox Freeman
Dresden's First
Policeman



Seated - Matt House
Standing - L. E. Holladay
& Ed Parham



Bonnie Bowden & Glyn Sanderfer
in front of a West Side Store



Rhet Harris
Sheriff
Weakley Co.
Tennessee





Jewell Kemp



There are ships of gold, and there are ships of silver, but there are no ships like friendship.



John Heter



Mr. Jim & Raymond Bradberry



Fred & Wechy King in their cafe

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Remember ?

Remember the time long years ago,
When you stepped on the brakes,
And still yelled "Whoa!"



Will Hays Fowler



Front seat - Oscar Beard & Hester Foster
Back seat - Hubert Wright & Gladys Simmons



Ernest Hays and his Dairy Wagon



Dr. Wilson & Frank Mangrum
1933



Left
John Fagon
Right -
Ben Byars

Seeing the
World's Fair
in St. Louis

Weakley County Bar Association - 1923



(Left to right)

Top row: Bonnie Bullock, E. T. Brann, Joe Eaves, Jordan Jeter, and Cullen Edwards (Janitor)
Bottom: Leak Hill, Ike Banks, Bob Freeman and F. Y. Fuqua.

Weakley County Bar Association - 1910



(Left to right)

Front row: R. L. Suddath, Seldon Maiden, Walter Harper, Rice McWhiter, and J. W. Thomas. Second row: L. E. Hilleday, Harry Jones, Alfred Thomason, J. E. Jones, R. T. Lewis and Eugene Boyd. Third row: J. R. Thomason, and T. K. Reynolds.

Remember When ?



Oscar and Mary Alexander enjoyed sippin' sodas?



Juke Box music was real music?



Having a "lucky party" was a real occasion?



You could get a shampoo and set for 50 cents at Irene's Beauty Shop - and didn't have 50 cents?



We had a potato festival and Marie Parks was our Queen and Richard Brasfield was King and the Princesses were Jerry Harper and Charlotte Reagan?



Mr. Jim Freeman made it in the Major Leagues and played for Chicago White Sox?



When Jack Freeman and Ed Newberry didn't have to tell how many got away - but brought a string of fish home for proof of their catch?

Remember When ?



Dresden had its own ball team? L-R, top: J.C. Parks, Alf Thomason, Will Mangrum, R. Matthews, ? Bottom: P. Little, Basil Mayo, B. Little, Oscar Alexander and Jack Freeman.



We had the "Best Band in the Land" complete with uniforms in 1899?

Back row, l r: Freddie Gardner, Ida Haynes, Will Millner, Tom Latham, M. Jones, Hunner Gardner, Front row, l r: Buddy Jones, Shed Killern, Finis Brown, Charlie Gardner, Sank Hampton.



We went to the fair on our own fair grounds in Horse & Buggy?



We got a prize for having our immunization shots and got to march in the Blue Ribbon Parade and now you can't start school unless you've had them?



Remember when the Dresden Floral Garden was the only florist between Jackson, Tenn. and Nashville and was owned by Evie and Jack Freeman?

Personalities



KIRK SMITH



GEORGE AND PEGGY
MAYO - 1932



MR. AND MRS. ED NEWBERRY



Never part without loving words
to think of during your absence.
It may be that you will not
meet again in life.



MR. C. E. STEELE



Mr. Neil Gallimore, age 18, seen holding
an \$18,000.00 Stradivarius violin.

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HARRIS AND RAWLS STORE - 1925

Left to right: W. O. Tuck, butcher, H. A. Rawls, Pete Harris, and T. B. Harris.



SOX FREEMAN AND BEN RAWLS

Looking after city business: Sox Freeman and Ben Rawls.



JERRENE'S BEAUTY SHOP IN 1940

Left to right: Ibbie Howard Kelley, Odell Swain and Jerrene Parks.



DRUG STORE

Pictured are P. Chandler, Harry Haney, Dr. Upchurch, Bill Killebrew, and Dr. Paul Wilson.

The life that we're livin' in
 Is mighty hard to beat;
 You get a thorn with every rose,
 But ain't the roses sweet?



This page is respectfully dedicated to all persons, organizations, businesses, etc., that have failed to include ----

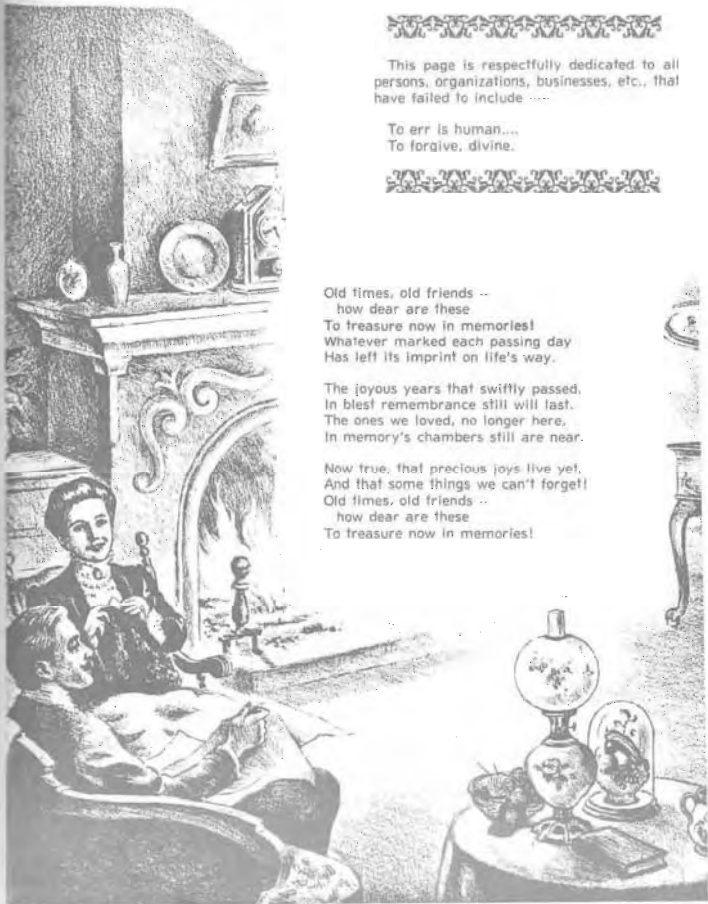
To err is human....
To forgive, divine.



Old times, old friends --
how dear are these
To treasure now in memories!
Whatever marked each passing day
Has left its imprint on life's way.

The joyous years that swiftly passed,
In blest remembrance still will last.
The ones we loved, no longer here,
In memory's chambers still are near.

Now true, that precious joys live yet,
And that some things we can't forget!
Old times, old friends --
how dear are these
To treasure now in memories!



... The fire was started at break of day . . . Now, grandma's soap is on the way . . . A ll day she'd mix and stir and boil . . . A batch of soap meant a day of toil . . . But before it became a jelly mass . . . She scented it with sassafras . . . Then into the soap barrel, wide and high . . . And if it was full, 'twas a year's supply . . . Of the best cleaning agency - dirt could not cope . . . With grandma's old-fashioned home-made soap.

How Grandma Made Soap



Faye Taylor Mosley
?!



Orpha Miller Taylor
91 Years of Age



Sarah Emerlene Miller

1844-1937

"HOME-MADE SOAP" 13 lbs. grease or cracklins, 3 cans lye, 4 gallons water Cook one hour then set till cold. Cut in squares and let dry until ready to use. (This recipe has been passed down 3 generations.)



Where
Have
They
Gone ?

Just where have they gone — all the old-fashioned ways,
With the horse and the buggy of long-ago days?
And where has it gone — all the pleasure we had
Doing things we enjoyed when Gran'pa was a lad?
Yes, what has become of those corn-popping nights
By the flickering glow of the kerosene lights?
I wonder what's happened to sleigh bells and teams
That keep reappearing in all of my dreams.

Just what has become of the old-fashioned times
When a body put value on nickels and dimes?
And what have they done with the stiff-bosomed shirt
And the upstanding collar that pinched till it hurt?
The mystery deepens about what's become
Of the five-cent cigar, and of Yucatan gum;
Those Saturday nights in which each had a turn
In a tub filled with water so hot it would burn.

I wonder what's happened to Sunbonnet Sue
With her calico dresses and petticoats, too.
Yes, where in the villages scattered around,
Are the women whose dresses reached down to the ground?
I guess I was born with the old-fashioned ways —
Seems I just can't keep pace in these new-fangled days.