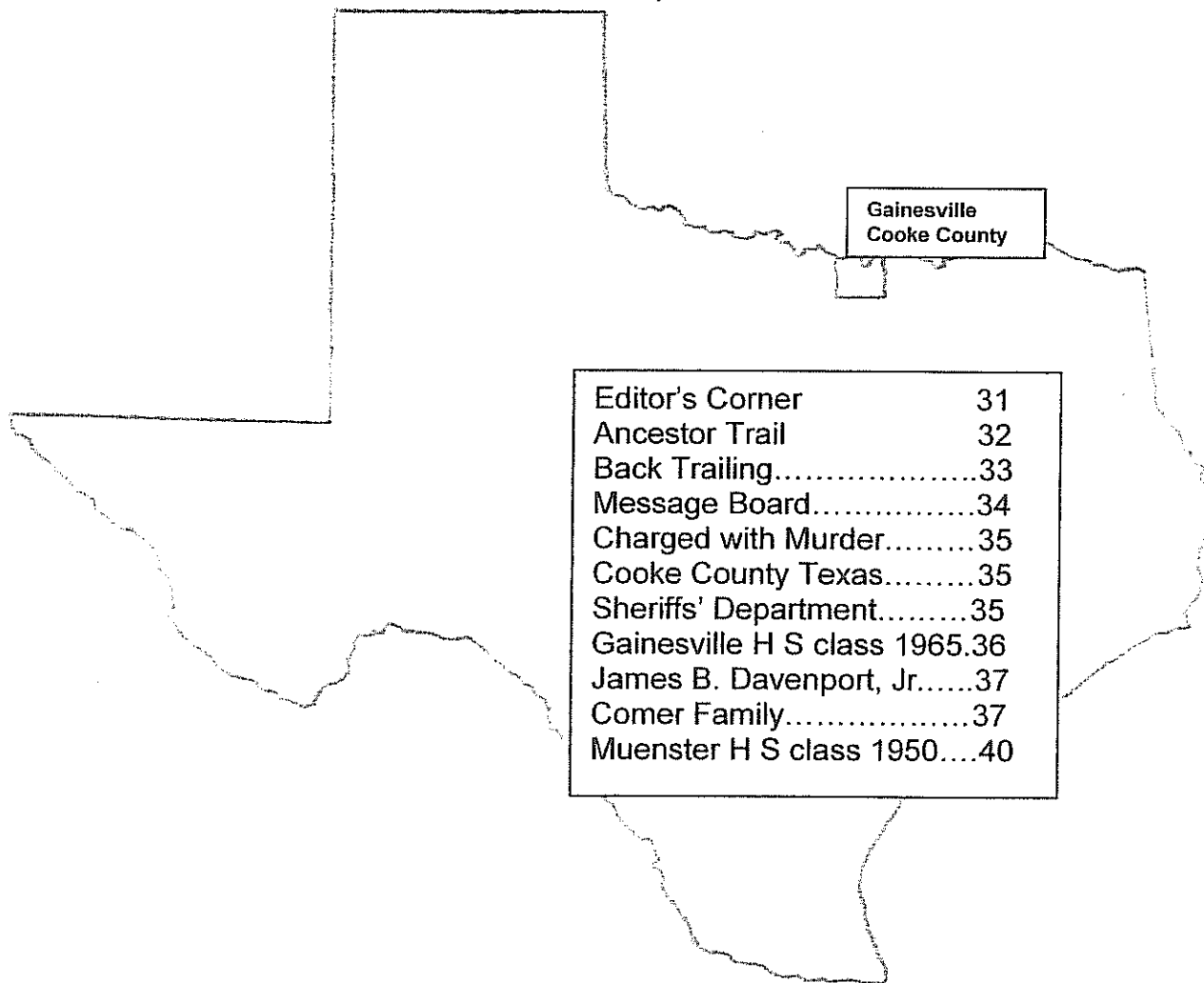


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EDITORS' CORNER

A number of our members let other people read our newsletter (this is great). So we would like to let everyone know that CTGS has the following books for sale. This price includes shipping and handling.

Collection of Obits 1950-1988 pages 172 \$26.75
Fairview Cemetery--- pages 191 \$20.00
Good Times Edition---pages 27 \$10.25
Probate Records 1848---1940 pages 70 \$19.00
Resthaven Cemetery pages 27 \$9.00
Ye Gainesville Towne 1850-1927 pages 121 \$16.50
Cooke County Marriages
Vol. I 1849-1858 pages 10 \$6.75
Vol. II 1858-1872 pages 48 \$15.25
Vol. IIA 1872-1877 pages 48 \$15.25
Vol. III 1877-1882 pages 78 \$22.50
Know Your County Pages 64 \$19.00
Early History of Cooke County Pages 103 \$23.50

These are non-member prices with shipping. Should you need a complete description of these books, contact the Editor or the Treasurer.

Meeting Schedules

Our 2009 scheduled meeting dates are **June 7, July n/m, Aug. 2, will be held at the College Equine Center on Bonner Rd Sept. 7, at the LDS Church Oct. 4, Nov. 1, in the Lyceum room in the NCTC Library Dec. no meeting – have a xmas get together** Go ahead and mark your calendar now so as not to miss a single one of our great meetings.

IMPORTANT

The first line on address label is the date your membership expires. Example:

10/3/2009
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787 FM 1201
Gainesville, TX 76240

Good Hunting

Dick Sparkman

2 **Church's in Gainesville with libraries and Archives**

Following the Ancestor Trail

This page covers research material and research locations in Cooke County.

MUENSTER LIBRARY,
418 No. Elm, Muenster, TX
[.http://www.muensterlibrary.com](http://www.muensterlibrary.com)

COOKE COUNTY LIBRARY
200 South Weaver St., Gainesville, Texas
<http://cookecountylibrary.org>

COOKE COUNTY-COUNTY CLERK
100 South Dixon, Gainesville, Texas (courthouse)
*Death, Birth, Marriage records available.
*You can look up most records yourself. Copies are \$1.00 per pages
<http://www.co.cooke.tx.us/ips/cms/countyoffices/>

MORTON MUSEUM of COOKE COUNTY
210 South Dixon, Gainesville, Texas
E-mail: mortonmuseum@att.net

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE LIBRARY—1525 W. California St., Gainesville

http://www.nctc.edu/NCTC_Library/library

LATTER DAY SAINT CHURCH

Family History Center
1703 West California St., Gainesville, Texas
Hours: Tues. 10 am -5 pm; Wed 6-9 p.m.

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First Christian Church
401 No. Dixon 940-665-2053
Started May 10, 1874 Open Dailey
Web site: firstchristiangainesville.com
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
415 E. California St. 940-665-4705
Started August 6, 1885 Open 9 A.M. to 12 Noon Only Look-up's
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First United Methodist Church
214 So. Dixon 940-665-3926
Started 1852
Web site: fumcgainesville.com
.....

.....
First Presbyterian Church
401 So. Dixon 940-665-5153
Started 1878 Archives
Web site: firstpresbyteriangainesville.com
.....

.....
St. Mary's Catholic Church
825 No. Weaver 940-665-5395
Started 1879
Web site: <http://stmaryscatholic.com/>
.....

First Baptist Church
308 E. Broadway 940-665-4347
Started in 1871 Open
Web Site: fbegville.com

BACK TRAILING

95 Years Ago—Gainesville Daily Register— June, 1905

New Drug Store for Gainesville

Watts Bros. have just opened an up-to-date drug store on the west side of the public square, first door south of the First State Bank. This store has a complete stock of fresh drugs and drug sundries, and also a fine line of jewelry. A Sanitary Soda Fountain has also been installed.

We have the old files of the Edwards Drug Co., and are prepared to re-ful any prescription ever filled at that store. In selecting our stock we have bought only the most popular lines and the best goods manufactured. We have the drug business a study for many years and feel that we can satisfy your wants. Phone us your order and count the minutes. Accept this as an invitation to call and inspect our new store. Watts Bros. Phone 51

Mrs. Buren **Howland** and daughter Miss Gladys left this morning for Sherman to visit Mrs. **Domke**

The thermometer registered 92 degrees, in the shade, this afternoon but it is fine wheat weather.

Santa Fe Freight Agent **F. J. Gates** returned home this afternoon from Fort Worth, where he attended the opening of the "Made-in Texas" exhibit. Mr. Gates reports that the Gainesville display was by far the most showy and elaborate of all the exhibits.

Lige Wiggins and sisters Miss Molly and Mrs. **E. N. Kirkham** and son Master William, left this morning in Lige's large touring car for Pilot Point. Mrs. Kirkham and son William will visit with friends in Valley View.

Real Estate Deals During Past Week

E. D. Gray and wife to **L. O. Blanton**, 400 acres in **H. Dixon** survey \$21,780.00

J. M. Knudson and wife to **Ben Ruwalt**, 79 acres **Cooke county** school land \$1,600.00

H. E. Bertram and wife to **W. A. Robertson**, part 11, **Lindsay add.** \$3,500.00

John Birdwell and wife to **H. H. Schniderjan**, 367 acres, various surveys; \$2,000.00

Tuesday was, without a doubt, Ministers' Day in Gainesville. A. H. Ross & Son, local agents for Doge Brothers automobile, reports the sales of two cars to ministers Tuesday. One of these cars was purchased by Rev. J. F. Pierce, and the other by Rev. E. H. Mosley, both Gentlemen being Gainesville residents. Mr. Ross thus secured two conversions in one day, and he says there are prospects of others

50 Years Ago—Gainesville Daily Register— June 1960

The Days Records

Building Permits	\$99,129.00
Fire losses (est)	\$600.00
Bank Deposits(1st qtr)	\$24,532,116.67
County Traffic Deaths(1960)	2
Births	33
Deaths	13
Telephones	6,965
Water Meters	4,813
Gas Meters	1,995
Parking Meter Receipts	2,190.00
Postal Receipts	\$13,262.06
City Population	13,031

Look for the construction contract on Interstate Highway 35E, (Hwy 77) from California St. in Gainesville to the Denton County to be the largest single highway construction contract in the history of Cooke County. The contract will be let June 21 in Austin.

From the Cooke County Message Board Feb. 15, 2010. These are the types of answers that Norm Newton is receiving on his new message board.

Austin & Mary Jane Loving Family

Looking for any descendants of Austin & Mary Jane **Horn Loving** who were from Carroll Co. Tennessee. Were in Cooke County by 1910 & are listed on 1920 census living in Gainesville Ward. He evidently served in Civil War. It is assumed that both probably died in Cooke Co. One of their daughters, Roma Ada **Loving** married John Elmer Davis abt 1896-7 probably in Cooke Co.

They had son, Jesse E (Ewell or Earl or Euel) **Davis** b. 15 Oct 1897 in Cooke Co. Would like to learn more about Davis parents, also.

First Answer

Joseph Sidney **Loving** was a son of Austin **Loving** and Mary Jane **Horn**, he was born in Carroll County TN 05/24/1878 and died in Gainesville 09/06/1948, he was a peace officer and died of lung cancer and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville and his death certificate was signed by Roy **Loving** of Tulsa,OK

Second Answer

Your assumption is correct. View online death certificates at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start> Austin **Loving** (1844 - 31 Mar 1921) and Mary Jane **Loving** (1 Dec 1854 - 26 Feb 1936). Sid **Loving** was the informant on both and they were buried in

Fairview Cemetery. You can also view Joseph Sidney **Loving** (24 May 1878 - 5 Sep 1948) and his wife Bertha G. [**Gilliland**] **Loving** (29 Aug 1882 - 18 Jan 1940). Click the "Advanced Search" feature and access additional info. Input Austin **Loving** as the father and Texas, United States in the Location Box. Leave the rest blank and display "All Events" in the Event Box. Click search and view death certificates for Joseph Sidney **Loving**, Earnest B. **Loving** (18 Sep 1890 - 3 Aug 1962), and Leona Links (12 Feb 1876 - 24 Sep 1961). But you are searching for living persons? They didn't have many kids! Sid's son Roy Earl (25 Jul 1903 - 28 Aug 1984) died in Los Angeles, CA. His son Joseph Sidney was born 23 Jul 1930 in

Cooke County. Joseph Sidney II and Carolyn Sue **Williams** have two births registered in Dallas County. Earnest B.'s son Robert Ernest (Elizabeth Jane **Peterson**) might be your best hope. There are three births listed in Ochiltree and one in Cooke County. Son, Robert Kerry (Gaile Ann **McNally**) has two births listed in Tom Green County. Daughter, Ginger Colleen has three births listed in Harris County. That's my contribution to possible descendants!

Third Answer

Part II. Use that pilot search link to view death certificates for J. Elmer **Davis** (1876 - 5 Dec 1918) and his father Ben Watson **Davis** (27 Apr 1849 - 27 Sep 1937). Don't have a clue regarding the mother. Benjamin(51) was living with his son in 1900 Cooke-Precinct 3-District 33-Image 18. The old man must have had several

gears? Find him in 1910 OK-Logan-Orlando-District 139-Image 10 married seven years to Rozella **Hahn**. In 1920, they were back in Cooke-Precinct 1-District 24-Image 5. The youngest child was son Louie Ernest(6) misidentified as Laura. See 1930 Cooke-Precinct 3-District 15-Image 12. Whatever Mr. **Davis** was ingesting, "I want some". Unable to find them in Ohio or Indiana prior to arrival in Texas. Believe the father was John B. W. **Davis**? Can't find proof, so use your discretion. Back to the son, John Elmer Davis. Did he truly die and leave Ada widowed per 1920 Cooke-Gainesville Ward 3-District 32-Image 17? Their youngest child on the 1910 census misidentified as Weston. He was Overton Dovine **Davis** (13 Aug 1910 - 12 May 1928).

Charged with Murder-

And standing trial in the Federal Court at Fort Smith. Dallas Morning News Oct. 7, 1889.

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 6,---A. J. **West** of Grayson County, Tex., is now on trial in the federal court charged with murder.

In February, 1884, Deputy Sheriff Thos. **Davis** of Cooke County, Tex., accompanied by the defendant, **West**, pursued some horse thieves in to the Chickasaw nation, and after having a lively skirmish captured J. F. **Spears**, **Bill Epps** and **Bill Underwood**. **Spears** was an escaped convict from Texas. **Underwood** and **Epps** were afterward convicted, and **Underwood** was sent up for ninety-nine years while **Epps** got off with twelve. **Jim Cameron** was alleged to have been of the same gang.

The day following the capture of **Epps** and the others **Davis** and **West** went to the house of **Cameron's** father at Johnsonville, Chickasaw nation, where they found the young man. A fight ensued, in which young **Cameron** was killed, and his father, **Lige Cameron**, is now here prosecuting **West** for murder. **West** was not arrested until last March, notwithstanding he could have been found at any time. **Davis** is not here and never has been arrested. **West** claims that young **Cameron** stole a horse, saddle and bridle from his (**West's**) mother and it was for this he was endeavoring to arrest him. The defendant is under bond and has been since his arrest

COOKE COUNTY TEXAS

From the Cincinnati Daily Gazette-- Oct. 10, 1878.

There is a man living in Cooke County, Texas, who boasts of a set of furniture made from a tree on which his father was hanged ten years ago.

Sheriffs' Department

Arrest of a thief—Dallas Morning News May 26, 1886

Wichita Falls, May 25.---A negro about 20 years old and about 5 feet 6 inches high, was raised in Cooke County, Tex., and worked for **John Stone** for many years, has stolen a brown pony, about 14 ½ hands and branded on the left thigh Bot K. The left front ankle is enlarged. He also took a saddle worth \$65, stamped on sweat leather, J. F. **Keller**, Wichita Falls, Tex. Wire F. M. **Davis**,

Sheriff, Wichita County, Tex., Wichita Falls.

GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1965 REUNTIES

Gainesville Daily Register Sunday April 4, 2010, Class of 1965 held their reunion March 27.

Adams	Elaine Crow
Aitchison	Judy McKnight
Balser	Claudia Underwood
Beard	Susanne Leonard
Bentley	Connie Idell
Bice	Janie Ridley
Butler	Bobby R.
Carona	Suzette Roberts
Carr	Roger "Spunky"
Christie	Patsy Nichols
Clark	Jo Woods
Corley	Sherry Stewart
Cox-Patton	Ginger Taylor
Cozby	Karen Kaden
Cunningham	Robbie Head
Davis	Ginger Ellis
Dowd	Denny
Erlandson	Patricia Reeves
Estes	Don
Felker	Brent
Frost	Bill
Garrett	Joe
Gilbreath	Cleddie
Hess	Carol Ann Stevens
Hocker	Joe
Howard	Bill
Johnson	Lynn
Keathey	Marsala McCabe
Koetter	Lou Ann Nash
LaFamme	Becky Linn
Lawler	Jeral
Lewis	Mary Ann Anderson
Massey	Jim
May	Cymthia Beall
Mayes	Bill
McCullum	Bill

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Monahan
Moore
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Norris
Paclik
Paris
Payne
Robinson
Russell
Salsman
Sanders
Sledge
Tanner
Taylor
Ward
Whaley
Wicker
Wilson
Wood

Elaine Sears
James "Don"
Peggy Smith
Brenda Trammell
Becky Johnson
Joan Hedrick
Linda Wolsey
Fritz
David
Randy
Rudy G.
Katie Couch
Gerald L. "Booty"
Tom
Janie Wyatt
Barbara Talley
Carol Ann Morisak
Darla Darr
John
Kenneth R.
Dora Grove
Jim
John
Marilyn Simmons
David

James B. Davenport, Jr.

JAMES B. DAVENPORT, JR., of Cooke county, was born in Jackson county, Missouri, August 20, 1839, and at the age of eighteen came to Texas with his father, with whom he lived until the outbreak of the war, when he enlisted, in 1861, in Captain **Wallace's** company, **Taylor's** regiment, which afterward became **Steven's** regiment, and then **Stone's** battalion. He served through the entire conflict, and rose from the ranks to a captaincy. At the close of the war he returned to Cooke county and resumed farming; he now owns 742 acres, of which 200 are under cultivation. He began in mercantile business in 1888, and is also the owner of a large cotton gin. His standing among his neighbors is of the highest, and he is a sincere and active Free Mason.

In 1875 Mr. **Davenport** married Miss **Margaret**, daughter of Colonel **William C. Young**, of Tennessee, who was shot and killed while hunting in the brakes of Red river by a member of a clan organized to rob and murder. The wife of Colonel **Young** was born in Arkansas, and is the daughter of **Philip Duty**. She bore the following children - **Margaret** (married to James B. **Davenport**) and **Simpson M.** The children born to James B. **Davenport** and wife were named -- **Pope**, who died at the age of two years; **William**, **Callie** and **Simpson M.**

James B. Davenport, Sr., the father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was a native of Kentucky.

After a residence of some years in Missouri, he came to Texas in 1857, and now resides in Cooke County, at the age of eighty-three, having been born in February, 1806. He has filled several offices of public trust, having been, while in Missouri, a justice of the peace, and since his residence in Cooke County, a deputy sheriff. He for some time kept hotel in Gainesville, and has always been identified with farming interests. He married **Mary**, daughter of **William Evans**, of Kentucky.

from *Biographical Souvenir of the State of Texas*, F. A. Battey & Company. Chicago, 1889

The Comer Family of Cooke County

Lucinda A. Crist Davis Griggs Westbrook, whose maiden name was **Lucinda Amardine Crist**, was a daughter of **George Crist** and **Lucinda Duckworth**. She first married **James Davis**, then **Samuel S. Griggs** and then lastly, **James William Westbrook** in Johnson County, Illinois in 1885 and then moved to **Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas** about 1887. Her son **Benjamin Crist Griggs** married **Cora Elizabeth Comer** in **Gainesville** in 1901. She was daughter of **Benjamin Newton Comer** who was from **Cooper and Henry County Missouri** - son of **Mark M Comer** and **Edna Elliott**.

Lucinda Amardine Crist first married **James DAVIS** on September 17, 1868 in **Moultrie**

County, Illinois. He died circa 1875 in Illinois and then Lucinda Crist Davis, widow of James Davis, married Samuel S. Griggs in Illinois? (WHERE?) about 1878 (WHEN?). He was a widower at the time as he had first married Elsie Ankney, and she died on March 25, 1871 in Piatt County, Illinois (buried in Mackville or Atwood, Illinois Cemetery). Then Samuel S. Griggs and Lucinda Crist Davis Griggs moved to Johnson County, Illinois where Samuel S. Griggs died in an explosion at his sawmill about 1883. Then Lucinda Crist Davis Griggs married James William Westbrook in Johnson County on Nov 15, 1885, but divorced James W. Westbrook before she left Marion, Illinois (would like to get the divorce records if they were any) and moved to Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas. James William Westbrook had a first cousin with the same name, and he is confused with the one I speak about sometimes. His cousin, James William Westbrook (son of Lewis Westbrook) was a teacher in Johnson County, Illinois.

James William Westbrook as a collateral line was a son of Francis Marion Westbrook, who owned the New York Store on the square in Marion, Illinois. I think Lucinda Crist Davis Griggs Westbrook learned about the retail business there from her father-in-law, F. M. Westbrook as she opened a store in Gainesville, Texas after coming to Texas.

F. M. Westbrook was born in Gallatin County, Illinois on April 23, 1821. He was the youngest of 12 children and his father

was James Westbrook and his mother was Anna McGowen Westbrook. F. M. Westbrook did have a brother, Lewis Albert Westbrook, who was born about 1830 and in 1905 he lived 10 miles south of Marion. They had another brother, Samuel Westbrook, who was born about 1809 and in 1905 he lived in Eldorado, Saline County, Illinois.

Francis Marion Westbrook came to Marion in January 1857 and first opened a grocery store there. He opened the dry goods store in 1900 on the south side of the Square at corner of South Market Street. F. M. Westbrook married Paulina J. Lafferty on January 26, 1855 and had three children: James William, Willis Francis, and Daisy Westbrook, who became wife of C. E. Mitchell. F. M. Westbrook built a two-story, Queen Anne style home in 1890 on the southeast corner of Marion and Buchanan Streets, in Marion and died there on 3 Dec 1910.

His son, James W. Westbrook "Jim" was somewhat of a "spoiled" scoundrel as he gambled too much at the race track and "partied" too much and that is why my g-g-grandmother, Lucinda, divorced James W. Westbrook even though she was pregnant with their child, William C. Westbrook, who was born in Cooke County, Texas in August 1887 after she arrived there. She was a strong fascinating woman. She first married James Davis, a widower who had at least one child, Artilius Davis. Then James Davis died and she married my ancestor, Samuel

S. Griggs, a widower with several children (I am descended from Lucinda and this second husband Samuel S. Griggs) as they had three children, my ancestor being Benjamin Crist Griggs born in Johnson County, Illinois on December 4, 1879. He married Cora Elizabeth Comer in 1901 in Gainesville, daughter of Newton Benjamin Comer. Then, Samuel S. Griggs died about 1883 and she married James William Westbrook. Apparently after Lucinda divorced him, she took all these kids, some of whom were grown and one or two had already gone to Texas, and moved all of them to Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas. After she left for Texas, apparently James William Westbrook matured and/or cleaned up his act as he was later elected Mayor of Marion in 1893 and again in 1894, and became a merchant and moved to Oklahoma City before 1905 where his brother-in-law, C. E. Mitchell was also in business. He is buried in Marion, Illinois.

My Samuel S. Griggs, second husband of Lucinda Crist Davis Griggs Westbrook, had a lumber mill in Tunnell Hill, Johnson County, Illinois and provided lumber for many of the wooden sidewalks in several cities including Marion Illinois. I first found mention of this in the Marion Monitor newspaper (on-line) of October 11, 1880 when as S. S. Griggs he provided lumber. Once again his company as GRIGGS, HILL & Co proved lumber as mentioned in the April 14, 1881 Marion Monitor newspaper. I am seeking an obituary about him when he died in the explosion at his mill in Tunnell Hill about

1883 and cannot find where he is buried. I have not been able to find the Marion Monitor on-line for 1883-1884 and there should have been an obit about his death in the newspaper. Samuel S. Griggs had a brother, Benjamin B. Griggs, who owned the Griggs Pressed Brick Works in Marion, located on East College Street, near the Fair Ground. The home of Benjamin B. Griggs, erected in 1900 was also located on E. College Street. His sons, Benjamin Eula Griggs and Sydney C. Griggs in 1904 purchased the interest of their father - thus business became Griggs Brothers Brick Works. Benjamin B. Griggs and his brother, Samuel S. Griggs were natives of Perry County, Ohio and were sons of Benjamin and Anna Struble or Strubel Griggs. Benjamin B. Griggs married Sarah Margaret Fisher in 1867 and both brothers came to Moultrie County, Illinois, then Saline County, Illinois then to Johnson County, Illinois with his brother, Samuel S. Griggs who stayed in Tunnell Hill, Johnson County, Illinois. Benjamin B. Griggs came in 1898 to Marion, Williamson County, Illinois. He married secondly to Miss Pauline Campbell of Marion in 1904 after the death of first wife, Sarah Margaret Fisher Griggs. Some of this info comes from 1905 Historical Souvenir of Williamson County, Illinois by J. F. Wilcox.

MUENSTER CLASS OF '50

Gainesville Dailey Register Sunday May9,
2010

Members of Muenster High School's Class
of 1950 recently held a 60th reunion in April.
Eighteen classmates, nine spouses, two
spouses of deceased members and two
guests attended the event.

Pels, Regina Henscheid	Muenster
Hoyt, Carolyn Wiseman	Muenster
Grewing, Carol	Muenster
Rohmer, Johnny	Muenster
Robinson, Doug	Gainesville

Name	From
Fisher, Neil and Galen	Fredisburg
Knabeof, Harold and Bertha	Muenster
Herr, Melvin and guest Olive	Denton
Endres, Hugh and guest Mary	Albuquerque
Hoening, Pupert and Jeanne	Lake Kiowa
Lehnertz, Floyd and Pat	R.I.
Wolf, Mitch	Houston
Knabe, Tommy and Ruth	Muenster
Metzler, Verna Henschied	Gainesville
Knabe, Aileen Koelser	Muenster
Walterschied, Mary Ann	Muenster
Felderhoff	
Sicking, Bernice Rieter	Myra
Hartman, Joan Felderhoff	Muenster
and Alvin	
Harper, Dolores Gremminger	Tennessee
and Ken	
Forgery, Ollie Haverkamp	Dallas