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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month except for January and July beginning at 6:30 with refreshments followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings take place at the FamilySearch Center, 1503 W. California Street, Gainesville, Texas.



Our current officers, left to right, Shana Powell, Perlene Newton, Norman Newton, Linda Jonas, and Ronnie Houser.

Editor's Corner:

I would like to say that Fall is in the air but that is difficult to do when the temperature is over 100 degrees. We can only hope that it will arrive at some point before we all melt. Change is, however, in the air. That began early in August with our regular monthly meeting when we met at the FamilySearch Center for an interesting program by Matthew Spaeth on the Potter's Field cemetery and the work he has accomplished there. He is an amazing young man. If you get the opportunity drive by the cemetery. The fence and gate are now up, and it is looking quite nice. With our growing emphasis on narratives and telling the stories of everyone, Linda Jonas is working on tracking the people who are buried there. She already has found an exciting story about one of the men who lies in that cemetery. As she discovers more, we will begin to share their histories. Our second change was the new day of the week to meet on-- a Tuesday. Our third change came with the development of a Facebook page for the group by Linda Jonas. So, if you utilize Facebook, please check that out. If you know of anyone who is interested in genealogy, please share the news of the genealogical society, and encourage them to attend our meetings and get involved.

Happy Fall (whenever it gets here!),
Shana Powell, Editor

September Meeting:

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the FamilySearch Center, 1503 W. California Street in Gainesville. The meeting will start at 6:30 with refreshments and fellowship and the program will commence at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Linda Jonas who will discuss “Find A Grave & Billion Graves: Why We Need Both Websites to Find our Family Stories”. Come for fun, fellowship, and the chance to ask questions about your own research.



The month of October is officially Family History Month. This “designation goes back more than 20 years, just two and a half weeks after the traumatic events of 9-11.” The bill passed by the U.S. Senate

includes a long list of reasons why October should be Family History Month and reads:

“Whereas it is the family, striving for a future of opportunity and hope, that reflects our Nation's belief in community, stability, and love,

Whereas the family remains an institution of promise, reliance, and Encouragement,

Whereas we look to the family as an unwavering symbol of constancy that will help us discover a future of prosperity, promise, and potential,

Whereas within our Nation's libraries and archives lie the treasured records that detail the history of our Nation, our States, our communities, and our citizens,

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world have embarked on a genealogical journey by discovering who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their past,

Whereas an ever-growing number in our Nation and in other nations are collecting, preserving, and sharing genealogies, personal documents, and memorabilia that detail the life and times of families around the world,

Whereas 54,000,000 individuals belong to a family where someone in the family has used the Internet to research their family history,

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world continue to research their family heritage and its impact upon the history of our Nation and the world,

Whereas approximately 60 percent of Americans have expressed an interest in tracing their family history,

Whereas the study of family history gives individuals a sense of their heritage and a sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began,

Whereas as individuals learn about their ancestors who worked so hard and sacrificed so much, their commitment to honor their ancestors' memory by doing good is increased,

Whereas interest in our personal family history transcends all cultural and religious affiliations,

Whereas to encourage family history research, education, and the sharing of knowledge is to renew the commitment to the concept of home and family, and

Whereas the involvement of National, State, and local officials in promoting genealogy and in facilitating access to family history records in

archives and libraries are important factors in the successful perception of nationwide camaraderie, support, and participation.”

It ends with the Senators passing the resolution to make the designation official.

The Senators’ justifications are in line “with what sociologists, mental health professionals and other experts have been saying for years. In short, family history is a powerful catalyst for uniting not just families but entire communities. Learning about your ancestors can make you more resilient in the face of challenges and setbacks.”

To celebrate National Family History Month, the Cross Timbers Genealogical Society will be setting up a display in the window of Solaris Hospice which is in downtown Gainesville across from the courthouse. It is in the historic building with the star on top. The plan is to display photographs of different members’ families as well as shots from the past of Gainesville. Do you have a few interesting or unusual or simply well-loved photos from your family research that you would like to share? If so, please make copies of them. We cannot use original photos as anything put into that window will fade.

They are going to allow us to keep the display up throughout October. The display will be installed on October 3rd and will remain up until Monday, October 30th. If you do have photos that we can use, please bring them to the September meeting of the society which will be on September 5. If you cannot make the meeting, you can contact Shana Powell at shanapowell97@yahoo.com to arrange a time and place for them to be picked up. You can also scan and send a copy by email. If possible, please put any photo you wish to share in a photo frame.

We also are planning on hopefully manning a table at Depot Days on October 14th. We will be selling books that the society has published and sharing information about the society and our meetings. If you would like to help with that, please contact one of the officers.

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Family Stories—Medical

Everyone has a story and ancestors and a past. It is your family's unique story. As genealogists we strive to bring to life past ancestors that we may never have known. Those ancestors are more than just a birth and death date, they are everything in between. As a genealogical society, we are going to start emphasizing those stories. So, over the next several newsletters I will be examining different aspects of the stories that we can tell as we research and think about our families. This time around I am focusing on medical stories.

In the aftermath of the COVID pandemic did it make you think about the health scares and diseases that our ancestors experienced in the past? Did it make you think about what it felt like to undergo a surgery in the past? My sixth great grandfather was wounded while fighting in New York during the American Revolution. He lost the use of one of his arms but thankfully for me he survived being shot, a miracle. My second great grandfather was wounded during the Civil War. He was fighting for the Confederacy which was more limited in the materials that it had to help care for the soldiers who were wounded. Again, thankfully, for me he survived. A favorite story of mine was one my mother often told concerning her great aunt coming to visit her family when she was very young. The great aunt slept in bed with my mother. My mother was so shocked when after the lights went out the great aunt would take out her Bible and read to her. Mother thought it was magic. She was too young to realize the great aunt was blind and was reading the Bible in Braille. Then I started to think about the relatives who died from tuberculosis and those who died from the Spanish flu epidemic at the end of World War I, a relative at 11 who died from a "malarial fever" as her obituary stated, and a great aunt who died in childbirth.

Epidemics periodically swept the country which undoubtedly impacted some of our ancestors at one point or another. Smallpox and scarlet fever were two of the first ones that I thought of, and they were on the minds of the people in North Texas and Indian Territory at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the twentieth century. What follows are some notices that appeared in the Hesperian newspaper and an entry from The First 100 Years in Cooke County.

1)“The mayor of Dallas has been officially notified by the mayor of Ft. Worth of the presence in the latter city of six cases of smallpox. This is getting uncomfortably close to Gainesville and should that dreaded malady get in our midst it would be unfortunate. The city authorities would do well to keep informed of the condition of this contagion in Ft. Worth, for it may become necessary to quarantine against that city.” *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Thursday, August 9, 1888.

2)“There is smallpox in Ft. Worth, and it may not reach Gainesville, but then it would do no injury to have the city cleaned up and put in a good sanitary condition, in anticipation of keeping out the dreadful malady.” *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Wednesday August 15, 1888.

3)“Sometime ago a case of smallpox was reported in Dallas and now comes a report of smallpox in Galveston. Are the health authorities on guard?” *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, January 13, 1889.

4)“A smallpox epidemic in 1900 caused the county commissioners to employ Dr. C.R. Johnson as county physician. Four acres of land were rented south of the city for a pesthouse.” The First 100 Years in Cooke County by A. Morton Smith.

5) Sacrificed Her Life to Help Others—Mexico, Missouri-‘After nursing back to health the smallpox-stricken family of R.S. McKinley, Miss May Rutter of this city (Gainesville) who voluntarily undertook the task is dead from the disease.

Prompted by a spirit of self-sacrifice Miss Rutter, when she heard of the outbreak of the malady in the McKinley family, volunteered her services as nurse, and to all the entreaties of her friends, who pleaded with her not to undergo the risk, she answered that she had not fear for herself.

Feeling that she was immune, Miss Rutter went to the McKinley home, where she carefully nursed each member of the family in turn and yesterday it was said that all of them would recover.

Four days ago, however, Miss Rutter contracted the disease. There was not lack of nurses for her, for her own spirit of heroism had aroused other persons in the town, who attended her bedside till the hour of death. Physicians were constantly at her bedside.

It was found that she had suffered from a more dreaded disease than those of the patients she had ministered to. But all the efforts of her friends were unavailing, and she died last night.” *Gainesville Weekly Hesperian*, Friday, December 2, 1904.

6) "Mr. Hewitt, who had a mild case of smallpox, has recovered." *Gainesville Weekly Hesperian*, March 3, 1905.

7) Caney, Indian Territory-August 21--"There are 5 cases of smallpox three miles west of Caney, all in families of Indiana. Caney and Caddo are taking steps to have them isolated and to take care of all infected persons." *Gainesville Weekly Hesperian*, August 25, 1906. NOTE FROM EDITOR: For me, this was an interesting entry to find as my family was living just outside of Caddo at that time.

8) "The case of smallpox reported a few days ago from Delaware Bend turns out to be nothing but chicken pox after all." *Gainesville Weekly Hesperian*, Friday, February 23, 1906.

9) "A bill in favor of Felix Duke for caring for John George while the latter had the smallpox was referred to the police committee for investigation." *Gainesville Weekly Hesperian*, Friday, August 9, 1907.

10) "Two children of Mr. F.C. Carlson in North Gainesville are reported sick with scarlet fever." *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Sunday, November 15, 1896.

11) "Don't worry about your health. Keep your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you need not fear the grip, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, or typhoid fever. Hood's pills are the favorite cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate." *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Sunday, November 15, 1896.

12) "There are several cases of mumps and some scarlet fever in the city." *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Saturday, January 12, 1895.

13) "Pauline, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Johnson, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and was buried in the evening. The little girl suffered for several days with scarlet fever and another daughter is seriously ill with the same disease." *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Wednesday, December 4, 1895.

NOTE: Pauline seems to have been buried in Fairview cemetery in an unmarked grave.

14) "S.A. Cherry's little son is reported sick with scarlet fever." *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Saturday, December 7, 1895.

15) “Gladys, the little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Buren Howland, is quite sick of scarlet fever.” *Gainesville Daily Hesperian*, Friday, January 7, 1915. NOTE: Gladys does survive. She lives until 1932 but sadly dies at the age of 28 from tuberculosis. Her father died in 1930 at the age of 46.



There is a real possibility that my ancestor who was wounded in the American Revolution might have had a doctor utilize leeches to “suck out the bad blood”. Do any of you have ancestors who might have experienced that same medical treatment? What are the medical stories of your family? This photograph was taken in a Pharmacy museum in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

1911 Voters List Cooke County

Thank you to Ronnie Houser for preserving a book with a list of the voters in the county from 1911. I am going to print the names of the people who are listed as

well as info that I may find for some of them over the course of the next several newsletters. For this newsletter I am starting with the second ward in Gainesville.

| Name | Age | Occupation | Town |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Allen, F.H. | 33 | Butcher | Gainesville |
| Allen, Gus | 35 | Butcher | Gainesville |
| Allen, J.B. | 29 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| Allen, E.B. | 57 | Grocer | Gainesville |
| Alexander, Arthur | 42 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Alexander, Alex | 40 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Alley, J.G. | 58 | Liveryman | Gainesville |
| Arnold, J.M. | 34 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Arnold, L.R. | 28 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| Barker, W.A. | 40 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Barnett, Frank | 41 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Baum, G. | 24 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Baum, Is | 31 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Bockelman, H. | 36 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Beireman, W.F. | 54 | Teacher | Gainesville |
| Bell, Jas Ralph | 29 | Lawyer | Gainesville |
| Bell, Jas Ralph | 58 | Real Estate | Gainesville |
| Bell, A.M. | 55 | Hotel Man | Gainesville |
| Berry, W.E. | 28 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Bertram, H.E. | 37 | Showman | Gainesville |
| Beverly, Tom | 26 | Flour Packer | Gainesville |
| Biggar, Bob | 37 | Brackman | Gainesville |
| Bills, J.T. | 41 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Black, Will* | 39 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Blackburn, W.L. | 43 | Painter | Gainesville |
| Bonettia, S. | 53 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Boozer, J.N. | 38 | Lumberman | Gainesville |
| Brady, L.H. | 38 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Bramble, J.E. | 46 | Property Owner | Gainesville |
| Bright, W.R. | 51 | Fruit Dealer | Gainesville |
| Brisco, W.C. | 40 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Brooks, M. | 25 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| Burnside, Wm. | 34 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Butcher, W.N. | 23 | Cashier | Gainesville |
| Caldwell, R.B. | 25 | RR | Gainesville |
| Carroll, Geo J. | 32 | Undertaker | Ft. Worth |
| Cearnall, R.A. | 36 | Saddle Business | Gainesville |

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| Chambers, Chester | 27 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Cheaney, T.C. | 34 | Liveryman | Gainesville |
| Cole, Sandy* | 39 | Porter | Gainesville |
| Cook, J.E. | 34 | Chef | Gainesville |
| Coursey, L.F. | 23 | Restaurant | Gainesville |
| Crawford, D.W. | 30 | Sec. & Tres. Elec Co. | Gainesville |
| Crawford, T.S. | 38 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Cross, R.R. | 25 | Druggist | Gainesville |
| Croxton, W.A. | 59 | | Gainesville |
| Cushing, P.J. | 45 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Dahl, H.G. | 55 | Shoemaker | Gainesville |
| Dalton, W. | 32 | Telegraph mgr. | Gainesville |
| Daman, T.W. | 49 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Darnwell, H.A. | 33 | Car Foreman | Gainesville |
| Davis, J.A. | 29 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Davis, W.M. | 39 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Deitz, Geo | 54 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Dickerman, R.L. | 34 | Druggist | Gainesville |
| Dietz, Aug | 30 | Baker | Gainesville |
| Dillingham, Chas | 35 | Wire Chief | Gainesville |
| Dobson, T.A. | 23 | Lunch Business | Gainesville |
| Dobson, W.L. | 59 | Carpenter | Gainesville |
| Dougherty, J.H. | 28 | Round House Foreman | Gainesville |
| Driscoll, J.P. | 27 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Driver, W.L. | 34 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Edwards, A.E. | 30 | Carpenter | Gainesville |
| Edwards, R. | 44 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Elkins, T.E. | 31 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| England, S.C. | 40 | Ice Man | Gainesville |
| Enlow, W.T. | 44 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Erickson, A. | 46 | Barber | Gainesville |
| Finnis, W.M. | 58 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Fleenor, Lymon | 40 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Frazier, Tom | 26 | Butter Maker | Gainesville |
| Gallaher, V. | 49 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Gallaher, W.A. | 50 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Gates, N. | 54 | Blacksmith | Gainesville |
| Geer, L. | 38 | Supt. Light Plant | Gainesville |
| Gibson, W.W. | 29 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Gibson, B.C. | 38 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Gibson, W.A. | 41 | Hotel Keeper | Gainesville |
| Gillis, J.H. | 53 | Hotel Keeper | Gainesville |

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| Gilmer, J.P. | 54 | Transfer | Gainesville |
| Glazier, E. | 45 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Gray, L.L. | 34 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Griggs, D.P. | 40 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Gwynn, Mart | 39 | Oil Man | Gainesville |
| Hamilton, S. | 45 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Hartman, Joe | 37 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Hartnett, J.P. | 43 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Hayes, E.L. | 35 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Hayworth, Jo Jr. | 28 | Mail Carrier | Gainesville |
| Head, R.P. Jr. | 29 | Banker | Gainesville |
| Henley, W.S. | 48 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Herr, Frank | 25 | Jeweler | Gainesville |
| Heyman, Leon | 26 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Hill, J.B. | 37 | Cotton Buyer | Gainesville |
| Hill, Tom* | 33 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Hirah, Max | 58 | Barber | Gainesville |
| Hoag, Geo | 59 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Hodge, E.L. | 40 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Hodgkinson, A.C. | 39 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Hodgkinson, W.T. | 35 | Concrete | Gainesville |
| Holder, J.E. | 32 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Holiner, Chas | 46 | Tailor | Gainesville |
| Huffman, Max | 25 | Undertaker | Gainesville |
| Ingle, J.H. | 44 | Flour Packer | Gainesville |
| Jack, W.R. | 36 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Jackson, B.F. | 48 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Jenkins, J.V. Dr. | 31 | Dentist | Gainesville |
| Johnson, R. | 35 | Car Repairer | Gainesville |
| Johnson, E.W. | 31 | Carpenter | Gainesville |
| Johnson, S.T. | 30 | Pool Hall | Gainesville |
| Jones, W.W. | 53 | House Mover | Gainesville |
| Kahn, Sam | 52 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Kahn, M. | 59 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Keel, V.P. | 33 | Horseman | Gainesville |
| Kemplin, A.L. | 46 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Kennerly, S.J. | 60 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Kibblen, Dave | 36 | Bridge Foreman | Gainesville |
| King, W.L. | 44 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Kirkham, S.N. | 33 | Billiard Hall | Gainesville |
| Laverty, C.D. | 28 | Laundryman | Gainesville |
| Leidy, Carl | 39 | Field Agt. | Gainesville |

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| Lemaster, G.A. | 25 | Letter Carrier | Gainesville |
| Lewie, G.S. | 42 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Lilly, J.B. | 43 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Lindsay, J.W. | 28 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Malaby, Frank | 51 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Melton, C.J. | 33 | Bridgeman | Gainesville |
| Mercer, F.L. | 35 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Miller, Ed F. | 41 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Miller, J.W. | 39 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Mitchell, J.W. | 51 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Mitchell, B.M. | 49 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Morgan, Will | 34 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Morrison, J.M. | 34 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Morrow, J.T. | 36 | T. Salesman | Gainesville |
| Murphy, D.J. | 30 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| Murray, J.J. | 43 | Druggist | Gainesville |
| McCann, W.O. | 32 | Agt. Oil Co. | Gainesville |
| McCarty, W.G. | 34 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| McCarty, John | 32 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| McCarty, R.E. | 35 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| McCarty, M. | 29 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| McCarty, P.C. | 39 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| McIntosh | 47 | Laundryman | Gainesville |
| McLaughlin, J.L. | 33 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| McManus | 35 | Boiler Maker | Gainesville |
| McWilliams, Joe* | 33 | Waiter | Gainesville |
| Nott, Ward | 32 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| O'Brien, T.A. | 27 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| O'Brien, J.E. | 22 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| O'Maley, E. | 55 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Parrish, W.A. | 48 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Paschtag, Henry | 34 | Storekeeper | Gainesville |
| Phillips, Frank* | 55 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Piper, W.F. | 26 | Undertaker | Gainesville |
| Porter, R.G. | 36 | Yard Master | Gainesville |
| Proffer, P.C. | 43 | Teamster | Gainesville |
| Priddy, P.C. | 42 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Pugh, P.C. | 38 | Druggist | Gainesville |
| Pyle, Rufus | 41 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Race, J.B. | 51 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Raisor, J.J. | 45 | Butcher | Gainesville |
| Rutliff, B.E. | 25 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Ranber, T.J. | 31 | Mgr. Harvey House | Gainesville |

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| Reed, Chas | 32 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Richter, Geo A. | 36 | | Gainesville |
| Recidan, E.H. | 57 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Ripley, Paul | 35 | Laundryman | Gainesville |
| Rison, J.W. | 36 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Rubush, W.H. | 58 | Contractor | Gainesville |
| Rue, W.M.H. | 27 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Russel, H.S. | 26 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Rutledge, W.C. | 25 | Tel'g Operator | Gainesville |
| Rylander, W.R. | 27 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Sarber, Geo | 49 | Boiler Maker | Gainesville |
| Scheline, H.S. | 49 | Real Estate | Gainesville |
| Scott, C.J. | 22 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Scott, W.C. | 52 | Retired Cap'list | Gainesville |
| Sherwood, C.R. | 22 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |
| Sherwood, F.H. | 42 | Banker | Gainesville |
| Siddell, Dan | 35 | Druggist | Gainesville |
| Sieger, B.H. | 47 | Car Oiler | Gainesville |
| Simons, G.S. | 23 | R. Clerk | Gainesville |
| Smith, W.T. | 47 | Clerk | Gainesville |
| Smith, S.R. | 48 | Teacher | Gainesville |
| Smith, J.M. | 33 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Smith, Bob | 32 | Hardware | Gainesville |
| Sommers, Wm. | 49 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Spence, W.A. | 43 | Local Engineer | Gainesville |
| Stephens, A.D. | 42 | Local Engineer | Gainesville |
| Straight, H.H. | 54 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Teague, Arthur | 36 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Teague, J.A. | 23 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Teague, E.E. | 31 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Thomas, L.C. | 33 | Fireman | Gainesville |
| Thomas, C.M. | 31 | Merchant | Gainesville |
| Timmerman, R.S. | 44 | Engineer | Gainesville |
| Trimble, J.W. | 30 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Truitt, J.D. | 35 | Laborer | Gainesville |
| Turnbow, Frank | 46 | Stock Dealer | Gainesville |
| Turner, Edgar | 40 | Hotel | Gainesville |
| Turner, H.G. | 45 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Tuttle, Oscar | 25 | R.R. Clerk | Gainesville |
| Varner, A.C. | 57 | Merchant Tailor | Gainesville |
| Varner, D.E. | 26 | Salesman | Gainesville |
| Ward, R.A. | 26 | Bookkeeper | Gainesville |

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| Warren, Oscar | 27 | Laborer | Ft. Worth |
| Warren, Richie* | 46 | Cook | Gainesville |
| Wasson, Ed | 26 | Clerk | Gainesville |
| Watkins, A.J. | 32 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Watts, Earl | 29 | Switchman | Gainesville |
| Weaver, B.W. | 57 | Cleaner & Dyer | Gainesville |
| Whitfield, T.L. | 31 | Nothing | Gainesville |
| Whitten, J.B. | 28 | Cashier | Gainesville |
| Wiggins, J.B. | 31 | Brakeman | Gainesville |
| Wiggins, E.W. | 24 | Conductor | Gainesville |
| Wilkins, E.W. | 45 | Capitalist | Gainesville |
| Williams, O.C. | 39 | | Gainesville |
| Wilson, W.L. | 52 | R.R. | Gainesville |
| Wilson, G.T. | 46 | D. Foreman | Gainesville |
| Womack, H.P. | 46 | Farmer | Gainesville |
| Woodson, C.E. | 26 | Printer | Gainesville |
| Wynn, L.J. | 46 | Merchant | Gainesville |
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A few notes about this list:

The names that have a * by them were African Americans. Many people were impacted by the poll tax that a resident was required to pay to vote. If you were unable to pay, then you could not vote. In many areas of the south, the poll tax was utilized to as one method to restrict the registration of African Americans. There are no women listed. Women would not receive the right to vote in all elections until 1920 with the passage of the 19th amendment.

Immigration played an important role in the county's history. There were men in this ward who were born in Germany or who were the first generation in their family to be born in the United States; one man was born in Norway. Some were Jewish. At one time there was a vibrant Jewish population living in Gainesville. Another major factor is the impact the railroad had on this county. Many of the men listed were involved with the railroad—brakeman, conductor, switchman, engineer, railroad clerk, and yardmaster. In this era, it is easy to forget how important the railroad once was to the survival and economic success of a community. That certainly was the situation for Cooke County once the first railroad arrived in 1879. For the next several decades the railroad was key to the growth of the county.

Here are a few of the stories of the men shown in the list above. August Hugo Dietz (5 April 1857-5 March 1922) was born in Germany. He was married to Anna Hermes Zopt Dietz (1856-1939). Hans G. Dahl (28 August 1856-4 June 1924) was born in Norway and died in Houston. A shoemaker, he owned a shoe shop in Gainesville. He was married to Augusta Dahl who was also born in Norway. Henry Bertram (15 July 1872-28 November 1937) bought the majestic on the north side of the 100 block of E. California Street. He built the Electric Park, the city's first and only airdrome, at Lindsay and California streets, opposite the Turner Hotel in 1909, following a fire which had destroyed a skating rink on the same site.

Is and G Baum were Israel (some sources say Isaac) and Godfrey Baum, the sons of Daniel (14 January 1837-15 September 1926) and Bertha Baum. Daniel was born in Germany while Bertha was born in Pennsylvania. After Daniel and Bertha married, they moved to Mississippi and had eight children. Daniel's obituary stated that he served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate Army. In 1881 a United Hebrew Congregation was chartered in Gainesville with Daniel Baum as president. Bertha's obituary (she died two years before Daniel) added the following information about the couple, "Mrs. Dan Baum, former well-known citizen of Gainesville for many years died at her home in Dallas, Tuesday afternoon and funeral services were held there Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Baum came to Gainesville from Mississippi and together with her family resided here for 40 years before moving to Dallas in recent years." Israel (12 November 1880-8 August 1958) was described in his WWI draft registration card as being slender, with red hair and brown eyes. He was listed as a grocer, which is what his father had been.

As delivery service became popular in Gainesville, "grocery stores had delivery wagons with large vari-colored parasols over the drivers, imprinted with the store's name and advertisement. During World War I, Is Baum, who operated a grocery store in the 100 block of East California street, used four T-model Ford trucks for delivery service."

Possibly my favorite person on list is thirty-one-year-old T.L. Whitfield who in the occupation category put "Nothing". A few others left that category blank but by his name it clearly says "Nothing".

