

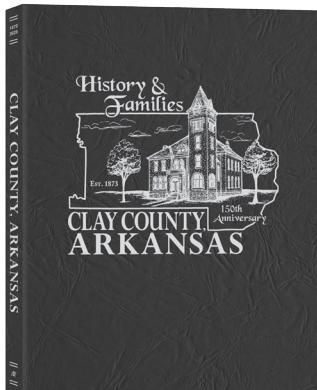
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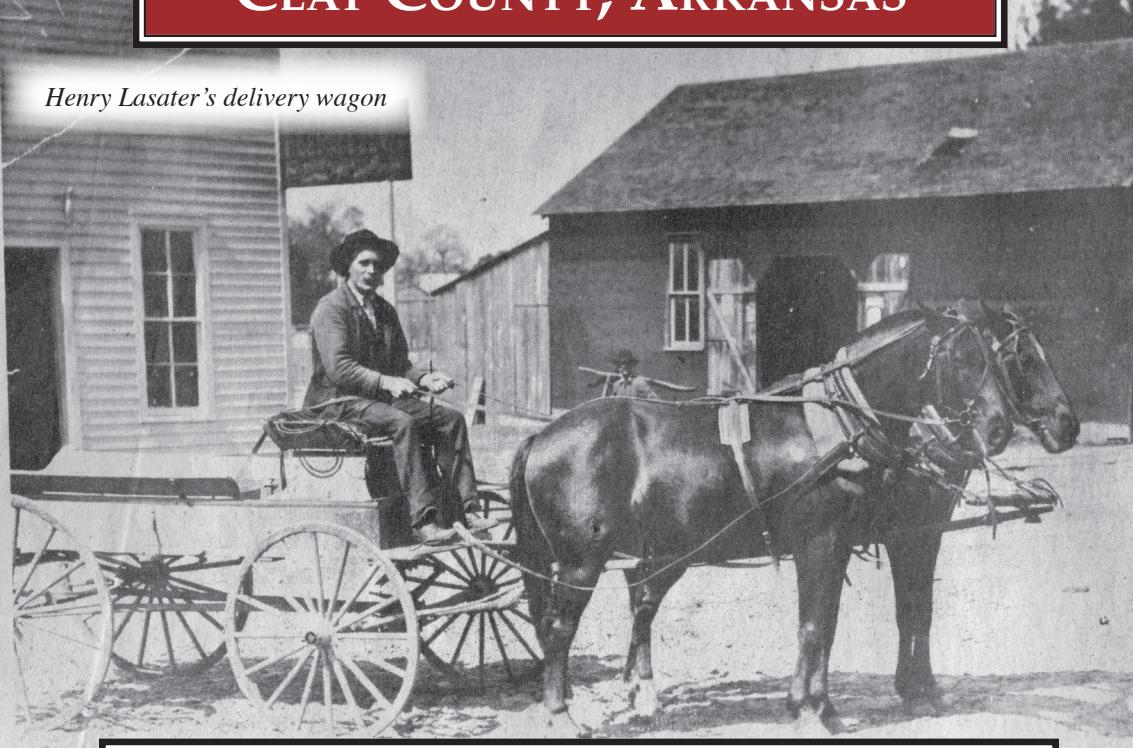


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CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS HISTORY AND FAMILIES BOOK, VOL. I 150TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Sponsored by the Clay Co. Sesquicentennial Book Committee

In celebration of Clay County's 150th anniversary in 2023, the Clay County Sesquicentennial Book Committee is sponsoring, compiling, and publishing a new book documenting the history of Clay County and its people, from yesterday to today. The *Clay County, Arkansas History & Families Book, Volume I* will feature all aspects of our communities, churches, businesses, farms, organizations, and more, plus hundreds of family histories, past and present. We would like to include your family's rich history in our new book!

The *Clay County, Arkansas History & Families Book, Vol. I*, will contain material from 1873 through 2023, with approximately 200 to 300 pages. This hardback, library quality, smyth-sewn 8-1/2 x 11-inch book will be bound in an rich Black, swirl-grained leatherette cover with a gold foil-stamped seal depicting Clay County's rustic heritage on the front, and gold on the spine. What an heirloom to give your children and grandchildren!

IDEAS FOR WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: Everyone has a family history, and even if you recently moved to the county, we want yours! Give the date your family came to Clay County, where they originated, and vocation before settling here. Tell about any interesting stories from childhood; include marriages, children, job, military, education, organizations participated in, etc. Write your stories in third person (use he, she, they). The family history must be written in 500 words or less; there will be a charge of 15¢ per word for all over 500. Please submit your story typed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper, double spaced if possible.

PLEASE SEND ONE PHOTOGRAPH (current or historic) to be used with your family story; any extra photos can be included for only \$15.00 per photo. Because the photograph will be handled many times, send a professional copy (no Xeroxes please) that is not valuable or irreplaceable. Write in pencil your name and address on the back of all pictures. **Indicate the names of people, date, and caption for the picture.** Your material will be returned when the book is completed. In addition, please feel free to send any rare historic photos you wish to be printed. This historical book is **AVAILABLE ON A PRESALE BASIS ONLY** and is priced at \$59.95. Your check should be made out to Clay County History & Families Book. It will be necessary to collect orders in advance of publication, since we are going to print only a limited number of books.

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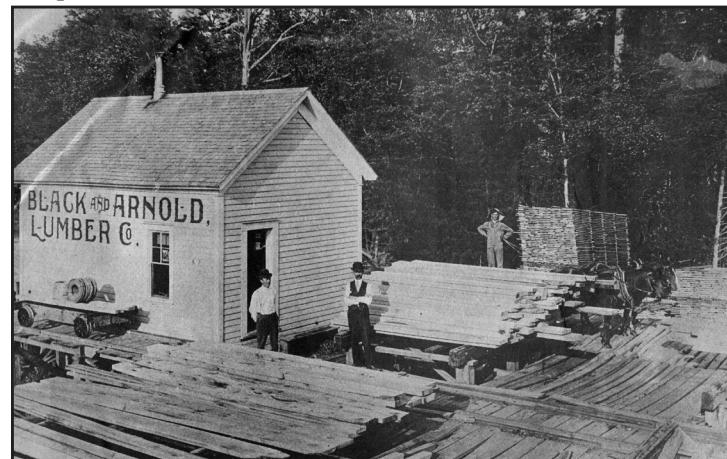
Family histories, photographs, and book orders may also be emailed to ClayCountyBook@AcclaimPress.com, mailed to Acclaim Press, c/o Clay County Book, 820 B North Main St., Sikeston, MO 63801, or submitted online at www.acclaimpress.com!

Send in YOUR family history and photograph today!

Sincerely,

Drew Calhoun

Drew Calhoun, Chairman
Sesquicentennial Book Committee



DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CLAY CO. AR HISTORY & FAMILIES BOOK—VOL. I

Sample family histories — Deadline to submit is November 20, 2022

Use these examples as a guide in writing your 500 word history. Remember: It's FREE to be included!
Send one (1) family history with one (1) family photograph per household.

ALLEN - Dewayne Allen was born in Piggott, Arkansas, the son of Fred and Thelma (Toombs) Allen. He graduated from Piggott High School in 1956 and left to seek employment. On a hitchhiking trip back to Arkansas after applying for work in Rockford, Illinois, Dewayne was given a ride from Hayti, Missouri, to Piggott by Mr. MacDonald Pine, a contractor from Springfield, Illinois. At the conclusion of that short ride Mr. Pine offered Dewayne work in his seeding contracting company. The following Monday Dewayne was in Springfield working for Mr. Pine. After a few years employment, Pine and Company arranged to send Dewayne to junior college and then on to the University of Illinois from which he graduated with a civil engineering degree in 1962.



Dewayne Allen and family

also started a ready-mix business in Piggott with a Piggott friend, Warner Hardin.

By 1968 there were three Allen ready-mix plants in Piggott, Corning and Paragould, Arkansas, and also a sand and gravel plant in Knob, Arkansas, so the family left their jobs in Illinois and moved to Piggott. Dewayne worked the Allen businesses and Mary Ann taught English at Piggott High School, Dewayne's alma mater.

By 1971 it was apparent that teaching and contracting seasons did not match so Mary Ann stopped teaching and began working in the Allen businesses. In 1973 tragedy struck when Dewayne's father, Fred, who also worked in the businesses, was killed in an accident at one of the Allen gravel pits. The trauma of that incident prompted the beginning of selling out the ready-mix and sand and gravel businesses. By 1976 Dewayne had a job in Houston and the family of three moved there.

It was in Houston that Dewayne Allen became acquainted with the concept of a concrete finishing screed. By 1977, the Allens were back at the Paragould, Arkansas, ready-mix facility and making concrete screeds. This venture has grown into a manufacturing business that in 1999 employed 160 plus workers. In 1978 the family was blessed with the addition of John Dewayne, 15 years and 15 days younger than his brother Jay. Now 21 years later, all four Allens are active in the business. Jay has expanded the family by marrying Leslie Chandler in 1993 and they are proud parents of Jessica, born in 1995, and Daniel, born in 1997. 462 words

BROWNING – Eugene Rutledge Browning was born on December 3, 1893, in Piggott, Arkansas, to James Kitchen Browning, born on November 12, 1869, in Franklin County, Illinois and died on October 14, 1926, in Piggott, Arkansas, and Augusta Mae Spraggins, born May 27, 1874, in Greenway, Arkansas and died November 6,

1948, in Clarksville, Arkansas. James and Augusta are buried in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Piggott.

Eugene's first known ancestors are John Browning and Alice Maltravers in the 1300s in England. His first ancestor to come to America was Captain John Browning who sailed from Gravesend, England, on the Abigail landing on the Collegelands, Virginia, in 1622.

Eugene married Bessie Lee Sanford, born on December 2, 1895, in Waco, Texas to Edward Owen Sanford and Caroline Lee Haddon, on November 29, 1917, in Alexandria, Louisiana. Edward Owen Sanford's parents were Chester Sanford born in New York and Sarah E. Rhea born in Tennessee. Caroline's parents were Sterling Abernathy Haddon born in Hardin County, Tennessee and Mary Emily "Mollie" Jones born in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Eugene and Bess had two children: Eugene Sanford "Squif," born December 28, 1918, in Austin, Texas and died February 2, 2000, in Bridgeton, Missouri, and James Edward, born October 7, 1920, in Piggott, Arkansas and died on December 31, 1944, in Heiderscheidt, Luxembourg. Eugene and Bess moved to Paragould around 1924. He was employed at the Security Bank and Trust Company until he retired as president of the bank. He was an avid golfer and Bess was very active in the Episcopal Church. Bess attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Prior to their marriage Eugene went with Pershing's troops in the 153rd Infantry as a First Lieutenant to fight Pancho Villa in Mexico. Eugene died in Paragould on January 12, 1974, and Bess died in Normandy, Missouri, on October 14, 1975. 307 words



Browning family

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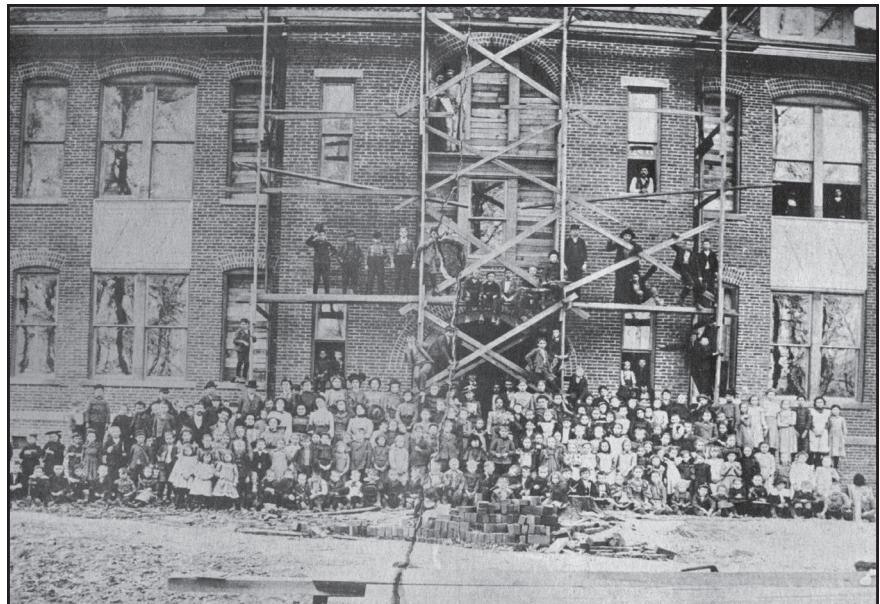
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