

Brockett lived on the farm he settled on until his death and was buried on what is known as the Brockett Cemetery which is well kept and a beautiful place. Anna lived a widow several years and married John Jones, which was the father of three children. Anna never had any children of her own, but helped rear John's children until they grew to adulthood and left home.

The Western Tie and Lumber Company owned a vast acreage of timberland in Randolph County and had a contract to sell ties to the Frisco Railroad Company (1886) to which was build from Cape Girardeau, Missouri through Pocahontas. That brought a great number of families from Missouri to work in the timber. Several families came from Miller County, Missouri in 1889 and a trading post and a spot for entertainment, picnicking, dancing and other activities. Soon Brockett became quite a busy little village. The original house was a loarge two story structure with fireplaces up and downstairs. Another building out fron, a store which served as a post office, dry goods and grocery store. Across from the store, to the north on the river, was a large mill which farmers took their corn and wheat to have ground into flour and meal. There was a large barn and a blacksmith shop west of that and down the road, north of the cemetery, Joe Weisenback owned a farm and raised stock and bought hogs and shipped them in car loads to the St. Louis market. As there were no cars ont he road, the farmers would get together and they would drive the hogs to pocahontas to load them in box cars to ship them to market.

As the population increased, there was a need for a place for a school and worship. R. M. Bigger and wife, G. A. Sago and wife donated one acre of land for that purpose. In 1896, the first building was built on that property and served for that purpose until it had to be replaced in 1937. It was used until a tornado destroyed it. The present building was built and as the small schools were consolidated with the Pocahontas School. The Pocahontas School District No. 19 gave a deed to the Brockett HDC to be used for community purposes, which is still in use and kept in good condition.

More About JOSIAH BLAIR:

Burial: Hitt Cemetery, Success, AR

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Divorced: March 1894, Clay Co, IL, papers served in Mercer Co.

Medical Information: Josiah thought he had indigestion but died apparently of a heart attack. He was at home with his wife, Emy and children.

Notes for NANCY LOUVINA ROBERTS:

Roberts, Nancy L. age 17 b. IL dau of James Roberts and Lavina Bridgewaters m. Josiah Blair age 24 b. IL son of Georg Blair and L. J. Willis 2-5-1888.

More About NANCY LOUVINA ROBERTS:

Burial: 1921, Old Union Cemetery, Bible Grove, Clay Co, IL

Divorced: March 1894, Clay Co, IL

Namesake: Abt. 1871, Mother's name was Lavina

More About ELIZA EMELINE BUSH:

Burial: Hitt Cemetery, Success, AR

Children of JOSIAH BLAIR and NANCY ROBERTS are:

- i. EARL⁷ BLAIR, b. May 29, 1889, Blair Township, Clay Co. IL.

More About EARL BLAIR:

Medical Information: First male child delivered by James Anderson, M. D.,Hord, IL on May 29, 1889