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Forensic Radiologist, G.B. Brogdon, Contributed to James-Younger Research

By: James A. Bailey & Margaret B. Bailey

Jim and Margaret Bailey consulted with Dr. Byron Gilliam "Gil" Brogdon on numerous occasions while conducting research on the Northfield Robbery and James Younger Gang. It was always a pleasure to collaborate and engage in dialogue with him at forensic meetings while he conveyed his wise assessment and analysis involving historic forensic cases. It is with great sadness that Dr. Brogdon will no longer be available to lend his support and impart his wisdom with the forensic community.

Byron Gilliam "Gil" Brogdon, M.D., one of the researchers who worked on the superimposition project of the unknown skull discovered in Grand Forks North Dakota believed to belong to Clell Miller, died March 28, 2014 in Mobile, Alabama. Dr. Brogdon was 85 years old. Brogdon had an avid interest in Western history. For example, as recent as February 2014, Jim discussed Nicholas Gustafson's death with Dr. Brogdon at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, Washington. Jim described to Dr. Brogdon some written accounts of the 30-year-old Swedish emigrant Nicholas Gustafson's injury which was on his forehead over his eye. One included reporter, Joseph Have Hanson, an 1876



journalist who published under the pseudonym of John Jay Lemon. When Hanson visited Gustafson, he described Gustafson's injury as being in front of his right ear. Hanson reported that the bullet entered just below the skin, traveled under the scalp and exited at the top of his head. Some believed that the injury was caused by a bullet from a revolver or rifle while he was standing on the street or sidewalk south of the First National Bank of Northfield.

At first, observers said the gunshot injury did not appear serious; however, the next day, following the shooting, his condition worsened and he died four days after the injury. It was later reported that the bullet fractured the skull; however, it is unknown whether or not the bullet fractured the skull. After receiving the injury, it has been reported that Gustafson went to a nearby river a few blocks away and washed his

wound. The bullet's velocity and kinetic energy would be consistent with black powder cartridges from the 1870s era. The injury was likely caused by a bullet or ricocheted bullet. There is no additional information regarding the victim's injury and health.

Dr. Brogdon suggested several possibilities to explain Gustafson's cause of death. First, he suggested there were three main causes involving some type of hemorrhage, edema (swelling), or infection. However, Dr. Brogdon said infection would be the least likely cause of death since he expired four days later. Gustafson's death could have been from a single cause or a combination of causes. Dr. Brogdon also said even though the firing distance, weight and velocity of the bullet are unknown, a person having the ability to walk some distance and wash his wound suggests a low transfer of kinetic injury to his head from a bullet. Additionally, he said since the bone in the area of the brow ridge is thick, it is possible for a bullet to penetrate the tissue and deform on impact without entering the cranial vault. Another possibility could have been that the bullet could penetrate the skin and follow the curvature of the skull just beneath the scalp until its energy was exhausted. The bullet may have fragmented on impact and parts of the bullet could have entered the sinus cavities. Finally, Dr. Brogdon suggested, depending on the condition of the remains,

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a 21st century post-mortem examination could answer most of these questions. An article released in the April 2014 edition of the *Swedish-American Quarterly*, ponders Gustafson's injury. Unfortunately, since the article had gone to press simultaneously with Bailey's discussion with Dr. Brogdon about Gustafson's injury, Dr. Brogdon's observations could not be included in the article.

Dr. Brogdon's curiosity about the west was deeply rooted as a result of the stories he heard growing up in Arkansas. He said his grandfather used to practice medicine in the Ft. Smith, Arkansas area in the later part of the 1800s. He would treat the local folks, Indians and outlaws. Dr. Brogdon told Bailey, "One time my grandfather told me he was riding down a trail on horseback and rode up on a group of notorious outlaws around a curve on the trail. They immediately drew their guns and then said 'sorry doc, we didn't know it was you!'"

Dr. Brogdon was born January 22, 1929 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas where he received his formative education. He graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1952. While in medical school, he worked as a medical illustrator. Afterwards, he completed a residency in radiology at the University of Arkansas and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston Salem, North Carolina. During his distinguished career, Dr. Brogdon was the Chief of Diagnostic Radiology, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. He was also Professor and Chairman, Department of Radiology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque and Former Chairman, Department of Radiology, University of South Alabama, Mobile. Dr. Brogdon was a Distinguished Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Science and he

consulted on numerous forensic cases. He was an interesting person with a good sense of humor. He authored and coauthored 360 publications, 65 book chapters, and five books. He will be missed by the forensic community, friends and colleagues around the world. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Belle Walkow. Surviving are a son, David, and his wife Stephanie from Albuquerque, New Mexico and their children Zachary and Sarah; a stepdaughter, Diane Schreiber Graves, her husband, Dr. Ernie Schreiber from Austin Texas; and their children Scott and Daniel.

GUTHRIE DAILY LEADER

June 27, 1894

Shot at Her Husband

The Younger Brothers' Sister Resents Abuse Heaped Upon Her

Kansas City, June 26---Mrs. Emma Younger Rose, wife of Kitt Rose, who for many years was superintendent of the county poor farm, and sister of the Younger boys, the desperados, borrowed a pistol and shot at her husband whom she met near the corner of Independence Avenue and Cherry Street. She missed him, he fled, and she pursued him but he escaped. She was arrested and later released, and now declares she will live to kill her husband, whose abuse, she says, she has suffered for 16 years.

Mrs. Rose is a slender woman of medium height, with hair fast turning gray, and a face once beautiful, but now marked by cares. She was reared at the Younger homestead, four miles north of Lee's Summit with Cole, Jim, Bob and Younger [sic], her brothers. She is now 40 years old, and was married to Rose almost 25 years ago. For 16 years she says her husband has made life a burden to her. Until a few years

ago he was superintendent of the poor farm and when deposed there he took up a farm in the neighborhood, and the family came to Kansas City and made their home at 608 East Eight street a year ago. Mrs. Rose says she was granted a divorce last fall and last March she says Rose came to her promised not to drink and to be good to her, so she says she had the divorce set aside and the old home ties were resumed. With them Mrs. Rose says came the old abuse which culminated in the attempt at murder.

Submitted by Nancy Samuelson

Hardtack and Johnny Cake

From:
www.arkansascivilwar150.com
Arkansas Connections

Feeding soldiers during the Civil War was a very different process from the way contemporary soldiers are fed. Commissary departments gave soldiers uncooked rations of flour, salt, potatoes, cornmeal, beans, sugar and dried or salted beef. These rations included very little vitamin C, which caused some soldiers to develop scurvy. This was a very dangerous disease that caused bleeding gums, discolored fingernails and eventually death.

In order to supplement their basic rations, both Federal and Confederate soldiers were expected to forage for food early in the conflict. While in enemy territory, soldiers often simply stole foodstuffs from local farms. This practice left many civilians without supplies and sometimes caused widespread hunger. Soldiers often went hungry too, especially in the south where shortages were more common. Before the war, a typical southern family might spend around ten dollars a month on food. By 1864, the same amount

of food cost four hundred dollars or more.

Sometimes soldiers hunted for fresh meat, or relied on the generosity of sympathetic locals for items such as milk or fruit. Soldiers in the Union army had access to "sutler stores," something like a traveling convenience store that followed the army. These stores stocked canned fruit, fresh meat and vegetables. As food shortages increased over the course of the war, many soldiers found sutler goods simply too expensive.

Two of the most common foods for soldiers were flour-based crackers called "hardtack," and a cornmeal concoction called "Johnny cake." Federal soldiers were issued hardtack as part of their rations. This was, as the name suggests, rock hard crackers made from flour, salt and water. Soldiers often softened the crackers by crumbling them into coffee, or frying them with animal fat. Sometimes, hardtack was all a soldier had to eat for many days. Confederate soldiers did not receive hardtack as part of their rations. Instead, they used the cornmeal, milk and salt to create "Johnny cake." This served the same purpose as hardtack because the cakes hardened quickly and could be easily transported.

~ see Johnny Cake recipe on pg. 6 of this Journal.



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From: www.fortsmith.org

Less than an hour from downtown Fort Smith, you can discover the "Wine Capital of Arkansas," in and around the quaint community of Altus, Arkansas.

Altus is the heart of scenic Arkansas Wine Country in the Arkansas River Valley. Visitors receive free tastings tours at award-winning vineyards and wineries, and can shop in their gift shops and dine in their restaurants. A splendid day trip from Fort Smith.

Arkansas Wine Country has been recognized in the United States and Common Market as unique to this special part of America. Lovingly tended vineyards surround the various wineries. Some of the facilities are designed in the Swiss alpine style, overlooking the Arkansas River Valley.



By Ron Mitchell

James-Younger Gang - 21st Annual Conference

October 2, 3, 4, 2014 in Fort Smith, Arkansas

Registration Form

\$89.00 per person, includes all three days, events and banquet.

_____ \$89 Full Conference _____ \$20 Thursday only
_____ \$40 Friday only _____ \$60 Saturday only

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thursday, Oct. 2

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Welcome reception in the Marriott Courtyard Downtown.
7 p.m. Dr. Jim Bailey will give an update on Clell Miller.

Friday, Oct. 3

9 a.m. Meet in lobby for directions and maps to the day's events in Fort Smith. We will be caravanning.
Dinner on your own.

Saturday, Oct. 4

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belle Star/Younger's Bend motor coach tour. We will leave the Marriott's north entrance at 8:30 a.m. We will have lunch at Younger's Bend overlooking Eufaula Lake.
6:30 p.m. Annual banquet at Furr's Fresh Buffet. Guest speaker, author and historian, Mark Lee Gardner.

Please send in registration by August 31, 2014

Please make check or money order payable to: James-Younger Gang

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Please direct any questions to: Kathy Ness, Vice-President, James-Younger Gang, phone 507-581-9600 or e-mail KJN.Ness@gmail.com

Reserve rooms before August 31, 2014 at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Ft. Smith. Room rates are \$83.00 per night including breakfast. Mention the James-Younger Gang and receive this reduced rate. Reservations made after August 31 will not receive the reduced rate. Marriott Courtyard Downtown, 900 Rogers Ave, Ft. Smith, AR, phone 479-783-2100.

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Explore Ft. Smith with the James-Younger Gang!

WELCOME TO FT. SMITH! CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 2

Welcome casual reception. 5-8 in the Marriott Courtyard Downtown. Special program at 7 followed an an update on Clell Miller from Dr. Jim Bailey.

Friday, Oct. 3

♦ Breakfast 6-9 AM

9 am meet in lobby for directions for today's exploration of Fort Smith, we will be "caravanning!" Entrance fees are included in your registration! Maps included.

♦ Dinner—on your own. Check on the list we made for some suggestions!

Saturday, Oct. 4

♦ Breakfast included in your room rate! 6-9am

Belle Starr/Younger's Bend Motorcoach Tour leaves from Marriott's north door sharply at 8:30. Returning to hotel @4. Restroom on board.

Lunch— Younger's Bend cook-out over looking the beautiful Eufaula Lake.

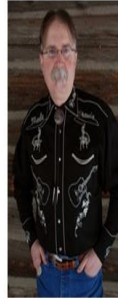
Annual Banquet 6:30 pm at Furr's Fresh Buffett
Maps available!

Special speaker author, musician and historian, **Mark Lee Gardner**.



★ included in your registration!

★ **Mark Lee Gardner** grew up in the small town of Breckenridge, MO in the heart of historic Jesse James country. He has written extensively about the American West, on subjects such as the Santa Fe Trail, George Armstrong Custer, Ben's Old Fort, Geronimo, Billy the Kid, and Jesse James.



He holds a master's degree in American Studies from the University of Wyoming and a bachelor's degree in history and journalism (double major) from Northwest Missouri State University.

Mark is also an award-winning performer of the historic music of the American West.

★ Historic Trolley Ride



A historic ride through downtown Fort Smith on a fully functioning trolley. The Motor-men from the Fort Smith Trolley Museum will point out neighboring attractions and historic places of interest. Other sites include the Fort Smith National Historic Site and Judge Parker's Courtroom (just a half block away) and the Fort Smith National Cemetery.

★ Ft. Smith National Park



From the establishment of the first Fort Smith on December 25, 1817, to the final days of Judge Isaac C. Parker's jurisdiction over Indian Territory in 1896, Fort Smith National

Historic Site preserves almost 80 years of history.

Explore life on the edge of Indian Territory through the stories of soldiers, the Trail of Tears, dangerous outlaws, and the brave lawmen who pursued them.

★ Miss Laura's



This Visitor Center is located, in a restored former bordello! You will tour of the Victorian mansion which has been restored to its original ambiance (the first bordello listed on The National Register of Historic Places). Perched on the banks of the mighty Arkansas River, an exciting adventure into the past awaits as you begin to discover this once boisterous border town of Fort Smith!

Of the seven houses on "The Row" in 1900, Miss Laura's is the only survivor and has served as Fort Smith's official Visitor Center

★ Ft. Smith History of Museum



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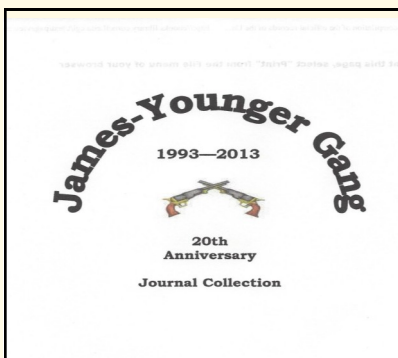
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Frank and Sharon Younger have saved all the Gang's Journals since the beginning of the re-established James-Younger Gang, in 1993. Recently they had all the Journals copied to a DVD for the 20th Anniversary of the Gang and donated the DVD to the JYG.

Reading the early Journals takes you back in time. Some of the authors/members are no longer with us, in the earthly sense, but the stories they wrote and the knowledge they shared will always be with us.

Thank you Frank and Sharon.

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On this Date in History

June 17, 1879 — Jesse & Zee's daughter, Mary Susan James is born in Nashville, Tennessee.

July 1-3, 1863 — The battle of Gettysburg is fought in Pennsylvania. Often described as the turning point in the war.

July 7, 1876 — Missouri Pacific train is robbed at Otterville. Hobbs Kerry is arrested, confesses to the crime and names others involved.

July 21, 1873 — Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific train in Adair County, Iowa is derailed killing engineer John Rafferty & injuring fireman Dennis Foley. The passengers are robbed of \$3000.

July 31, 1837 — William C. Quantrill is born in Canal Dover, Ohio.

August 13, 1863 — A makeshift jail in Kansas City collapses killing and maiming numerous women related to Quantrill's guerrillas.

August 15, 1847— Alexander Doniphan (Donnie) Pence is born in Clay County, Missouri.

August 21, 1863 — With the Kansas City jail collapse fresh in their memories, Quantrill and his men raid the Kansas town of Lawrence.

August 28-30, 1862— Second Manassas, aka Second Bull Run is fought in Virginia and is a Confederate victory.

August 31, 1875— Jesse and Zee's son, Jesse Edward James is born in Nashville, Tennessee.

Johnny Cake Recipe

From: What's Cooking America website

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients:

1 cup white cornmeal	3/4 teaspoon salt	
1 cup water	1/2 cup milk	Bacon drippings

Preparation: In a medium bowl, place cornmeal and salt. In a medium saucepan over high heat, bring water to a rapid boil; remove from heat. With the saucepan in one hand, let the boiling water dribble onto the cornmeal while stirring constantly with the other hand. Then stir the milk into the mixture (it will be fairly thick but not runny).

Generously grease a large, heavy frying pan (I like to use my cast-iron frying pan) with bacon drippings and heat. When pan is hot, drop the batter by spoonfuls. Flatten the batter with a spatula to a thickness of approximately 1/4 inch. Fry until golden brown, turn, and brown on the other side (adding more bacon drippings as needed). Serve hot with butter, maple syrup or applesauce.

If you have a theory (crackpot or otherwise) we would love to hear from you. We're constantly in search of things that will interest our readers and maybe even make them feel strongly enough one way or the other to write. Please note the contact information below

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All New Members.

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The *Journal* is going high tech in order to save money and add a bit of color to the pages while keeping everyone in the loop. A significant portion of each year's dues are spent on printing and even more on postage. Reducing these distribution costs will allow finances to be redirected toward finding new members, improving our yearly conference, as well as building a financial base. *The Journal* will be available in the same print -and -post format you receive now. However, if you wish to receive the *Journal* electronically (**AND IN FULL COLOR!**) send an email to the editor's email address below. Include your complete address and full name in the email so we can save your share of trees from the paper mill. *The Journal* will be emailed as a PDF on the same day the paper format is printed (So you'll get it earlier!) You can then print the file or view on your computer!

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