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slave for life, belonging to said estate; and to cause the money arising from the sale of said slave to be distributed according to the rights of those entitled to distribution: At which time and place you and each one of you, are notified to be and appear, and present your objections, if any you have, why said order should not be granted. Signed, Henry Barling, Robert C. Barling, J.R. Kannady, Sophia B. Kannady. Fort Smith, May 11, 1855. [South-West Independent 6/23/55]

PEER, Sarah A. - Died, on Friday evening 6th July 1855, after a protracted illness which she bore with great christian fortitude, Mrs. Sarah A. Peer, consort of John D. Peer, in the 24th year of her age. [South-West Independent 7/14/55]

ROBINSON, John - Probate Court - Charity Robinson and Quillar Hutchens, as Administrator of the estate of John Robinson. [South-West Independent 6/23/55]

ROWLAND, James S. - Circuit Court, Sebastian County - John M. Morrow and Telitha his wife, John Brawley and Sarah his wife, Elizabeth Rowland and Martha Rowland, Complainants vs. Levi Rowland, the unknown heirs of James S. Rowland, dec'd, John Mulleans and Mary his wife, James B. Loyd and Eliza Tarwater, Defnts. And now on this day, June 27th, 1855, come the said complainants and file their bill of complaint herein, together with the affidavit of John M. Morrow, stating that the said defendants, Levi Rowland, the unknown heirs of James S. Rowland, dec'd, John Mulleans and Mary his wife, James B. Loyd and Eliza Tarwater, are not residents of the State of Arkansas: It is thereupon on motion of S.F. Clark, complainant's solicitor, ordered that you, the said non-resident defendants, be and you are hereby notified of the pendency of this suit against you the object of which as set forth in the said bill of complaint, is to have the following described lands to wit: the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter, and the south-west quarter and the north-east quarter and the west half of the west of the south-east quarter, all of Section 32, in Township 7, north of Range 30 W; of which the said parties to said bill are owners as tenants in common, sold and the proceeds distributed among the several coparceners, or to have partition of the said lands among the same; and that you are required to appear before our circuit court for said county on or before the third day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house of the said county, on the Third Monday, it being the 20th day of August next, and in some manner respond to said bill of complaint or the same will be taken as confessed against you. John Carnall, Clerk. [South-West Independent 7/14/55]

SANDERSON, Henry J. - Probate Court - James Rainwater, as Guardian of the minor heirs of Henry J. Sanderson, deceased. [South-West Independent 6/23/55]

SAWYER, Sophia - Probate Court - James Sutton, as Executor of Sophia Sawyer, deceased. [South-West Independent 6/23/55]

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4 p.m. Monday last. Business was entirely suspended on the day of the funeral and people turned out en masse to pay their last respects to their departed friend and benefactor and hear the beautiful tribute to his worth and memory by Rev. Dr. Ragland. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery with Masonic honors amid the tears of a grief stricken community. [The Springdale News 1/3/90]

**PRESLEY, Larkin** - The body of Larkin Presley, who was drowned Wednesday evening, has not yet been recovered. There is some dark talk concerning this affair but it is best not to publish it until further developments. [The Springdale News 6/13/90]

(from Friday's Daily) A man's life was lost in the turbulent waters of White River Wednesday and another soul has gone before the bar of judgment from which there is no appeal. The facts as we learn them are that Mr. Larkin Presley and another gentleman were in a small skiff on White river near Pettigrew's mill in Benton county Wednesday evening setting a trot line. During their work they ran against a limb and the skiff was capsized, throwing both into the river. Presley was unable to make the shore and was drowned. His companion, however, reached the shore safely and after undressing dived several times in the hope of finding Presley's body but his work proved futile. At last reports the body had not been recovered. Presley had the reputation of being an excellent swimmer which makes his drowning all the more surprising and it is very probable that on coming in contact with the cold water he was seized with the cramps and was unable to use his limbs. Mr. Larkin Presley has lived in this section for a number of years and was at one time gauger in Eidson's distillery. His untimely death is much regretted. [The Springdale News 6/13/90]

The body of Larkin Presley, who was drowned on Wednesday, 4th inst., was recovered Sunday morning some three miles below where it first sank from sight. It was in a very bad state of decomposition and one foot was torn off just above the ankle. [The Springdale News 6/20/90]

**PRESSLEY, Larkin** - (The left side of this item is obscured) \_\_ man named Larkin Pressley \_\_rowned in White river near \_\_rs last week. While fishing, \_\_ll into the swollen stream and \_\_aught in the limbs of a float-\_\_ee from which he was unable \_\_tricate himself. His body \_\_ot been found. [Fayetteville Democrat 6/13/90]

**PUCKETT, Mrs. Capt. (Baxley)** - Mrs. Capt. Puckett, mother of A.W. Baxley of this place, died at her home in Garfield recently. Al has our sympathy in the loss of one so dear. [The Springdale News 4/18/90]

**RAINWATER, Mrs. John C.** - Mrs. John C. Rainwater died Sunday at the family residence three miles north of the city. She was 73 years of age and was highly respected by all who knew her. [Fayetteville Democrat 2/14/90]

**REYNOLDS, Ben** - (from Elm Springs) Mr. Ben Reynolds, a single man, 32 years of age, died of typhoid last week and was buried at Elm Springs