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Thank you for being so patient with me.

Sincerely,

Susan Blakeney, Newsletter Editor/Treasurer

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
From the Officers of the JCGHO

This newsletter will be a shortened version of our regular newsletter. Time has not been my friend this quarter. The COVID virus has really put a hold on my research hours to look for articles for the newsletter. Please accept my apologizes for not getting this to you sooner.

Susan



### **Freeman-Williams**

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B.(R?) Williams, near Ellisville, Thursday evening December 20, 1894, Miss Lilie (Lillie or Litle) Williams to Mr. E. W. Freeman, Eld. O. D. Bowen officiting in his usual impressive style. After the ceremony was over a magnificent supper was spread when the invited guests, one of whom was the editor, did full justice to the occiassion. The NEW SOUTH tenders congratulations to these young people and wishes for them a long happy and prosperous life.

\*\*\*Source: *The NEW SOUTH* (Ellisville Mississippi), Saturday, December 22, 1894, page 3.

### **New Railroad Being Built Will Connect Ellisvilel With Town of Kola.**

Now Laying Rails West Of The River  
Twelve Mile Gap to Be Closed Up  
Before Fall Season When Regular Trains May  
be Put On. Opens Fine Territory

Work was resumed Monday morning on the Ellisville and Kola Railroad, which will extend twenty five miles due west from Ellisville to Kola on the G.&S.I. railroad. The road is already completed from the city to Leaf River, a distance of twelve miles. A big steel bridge, on of the most substantial in the state, was recently completed across that stream, and construction from the western terminus of the road was well under way when the financial crisis came in the fall of 1897. The remainnig nine miles of the road will now be speedily constructed and train service between Ellisville and Kola will be possible by the beginning of the next fall season.

The new road was begun by the Ellisville Lumber Company before its large plant in this city burned. The same company owns a large mill at Kola and has millions of feet of fine virgin pine timber in the territory traversed by the line. Mr. Mulferd Parker, chief shareholder and dominant factor in the company, is one of the far-seeing business men of this section, and is preparing to meet the tide of prosperity now set in this direction.

It is his intention to complete the new road from the river to his Kola mill at the earliest possible moment and there is every indication that the Ellisville mill will be rebuilt and in operation before another year.

The Ellisville and Kola Railroad is not a zig-zag, tramway affair. On the contraty it is a real railroad, comparativley straight and much better than many of the lumber roads in this section which have developed into great commercial highways.

The territory between Ellisville and Kola is capable of splendid development. The farm lands are above average and yield abundantly when intelligently cultivated. Some of the best farmers in South Mississippi reside in the western part of the county and tese will offer ever encouragement to the new road.

The News expects to see the Ellisville and Kola railroad develop into an important feeder to the trade of this city.

\*\*\*Source: *The Jones County News*, (Ellisville, Mississippi), Friday, July 23, 1909, page 1.



### Hotel Changes Hands

T. A. Graves, of Centerville, Miss., has leased the Windsor Hotel and will make Ellisville his future home. He is an experienced hotel man and a substantial citizen. The hotel will be renovated and repaired and will cater to the transient trade.

\*\*\*Source: *The Jones County News*, (Ellisville, Mississippi), Friday, December 3, 1909, page 1

### Married

Just as the evening twilight began to throw its soft, sleepy shadows across the Western horizon Sunday afternoon, Miss Shannon Orso of Mobile was quietly married to Mr. Kearney Leggett of this place, Rev. L. G. Gates officiating. It was another one of Cupid's capers where a princely gallant had stolen the heart of a queenly maid and where two lives were made to answer "I will."

May joy and sunshine, peace and gladness attend these lives whose hearts now beat as one.

\*\*\*\*Source: *The Laurel Ledger*, (Laurel Mississippi), Saturday, March 16, 1907, page 4.

WM. Freeman Answer To Final Call  
Well Known Resident of Ellisville

### Succumb

The death of William Freeman, well known as "Billie", who Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Hunt, in Ellisville has cast a deep shadow of grief over that place. "uncle Billie" as he was so fondly called, was a pioneer citizen of Ellisville having lived there nearly thirty years. For the past year, he had been in very ill health and part of the time a very great sufferer.

Mr. Freeman was a member of the Baptist Church and always attended when health permitted.

He is survived by four sons, Clifford Freeman, of Fayetteville N.C., Jim Freeman of Laurel, Ed Freeman of Wausau Camp and Claude Freeman of Hattiesburg. Three daughters, Mrs. Joh Bethea of Columbia, Mrs. Leslie Devall and Mrs. Jimmie Hunt, both of Ellisville. A number of grand children and one sister, Mrs. W. J. Burnside of Ellisville, and one brother, Thomas Freeman of Alabama also survive.

Mr. Freeman was 69 years old. The funeral will be held from the First Baptist Church. The hour has not been set pending arrival of his son from North Carolina.

\*\*\*Source: *The Morning Call*, (Laurel Mississippi) Sunday, February 2, 1930, page 4.





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