

## **Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company**

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# Flora depot added to historical register

By ALLEN BASWELL  
Staff Writer

FLORA — A building that once housed the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Depot recently was one of 13 properties in Mississippi added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register Program identifies properties worthy of preservation for their historic, architectural or cultural significance. Its primary purpose is to help communities protect significant properties from the effects of federal government activities.

The depot was added to the register with help from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Richard Cawthen, chief architectural historian with the MDAH, said the depot is "locally significant" in that it represents the importance of rail transportation in the establishment and development of the town of Flora.

Because of its significance to the development of the area, the Department of Archives and History was able to secure a federal grant known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

"There were federal monies made available to depots that met that criteria," Cawthen said.

Located between Yazoo City and Jackson, Flora was established as a station on the original Jackson to Yazoo City line of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad when it was laid out in 1882.

In 1882, Illinois Central Railroad was trying to decide on a route for a line that would connect Yazoo City and Jackson. W.B. Jones, a prosperous farmer in Madison County in those days, saw the benefits a railroad



Flora railroad depot, recently added to the National Register of Historic Places, will be renovated

might provide and offered to allow Illinois to build on his property.

In honor of Jones' wife, Flora Mann Jones, and her charitable deeds, ICG Vice President J.C. Clarke proposed naming the area around the depot Flora.

A post office was established in 1883 and the town was incorporated in 1893.

The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Co., a subsidiary of Illinois Central Railroad, was chartered in 1882 for the purpose of building and operating a rail line between Jackson and Yazoo City.

Construction began in 1882 and the route was opened on May 1, 1884. Within the next two decades the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley expanded, by construction and by acquisitions, throughout the Delta and

southward through Vicksburg and Natchez and into Louisiana.

That linked New Orleans with Memphis and allowed the line to become one of the largest and most important railroad lines in Mississippi.

The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley ceased to have a separate identity when it was merged with Illinois Central on July 1, 1946.

According to the Department of Archives and History, the depot building was built in 1883 at the same time the railroad was being built.

Because of this, Flora was able to prosper as a railroad town, with the depot serving as the center of its transportation related commerce.

The railroad offices in the Flora Depot closed in 1971, after

which the building was remodeled for other purposes.

Janice Watkins, a librarian at the Flora Public Library, said the building was used for class reunions and birthday parties.

"Someone kept a collection of dolls on display there for a long time, too," she said.

The town of Flora owns the building now. Mayor Earl Harper said there are plans to renovate it.

"We have plans in the mill now. We're going to completely renovate it inside and out," he said.

The renovation will be funded through the ISTE A grant program. Once renovation work is completed, the town plans to use the building to house a visitors center and offices for the Police Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

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This old-time locomotive was a light engine called the "Doodle Bug" on a branch of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley RR that ran from Durant on the central line to Gwin Junction on the Delta route of the Illinois Central. We are searching for the names of these four crew members. One of the early engineers on this line in the first decades of the 1900's was William McIntyre, called "Uncle Billy" by Durant railroad families. This photo may have been made before 1900.



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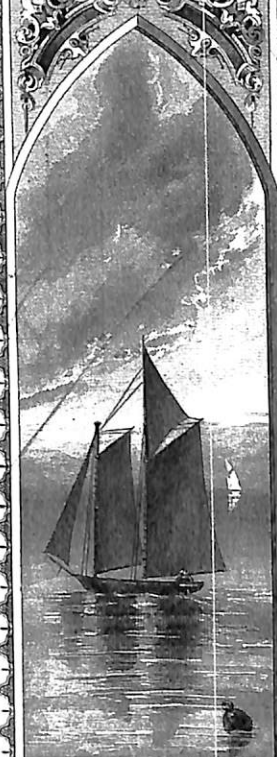
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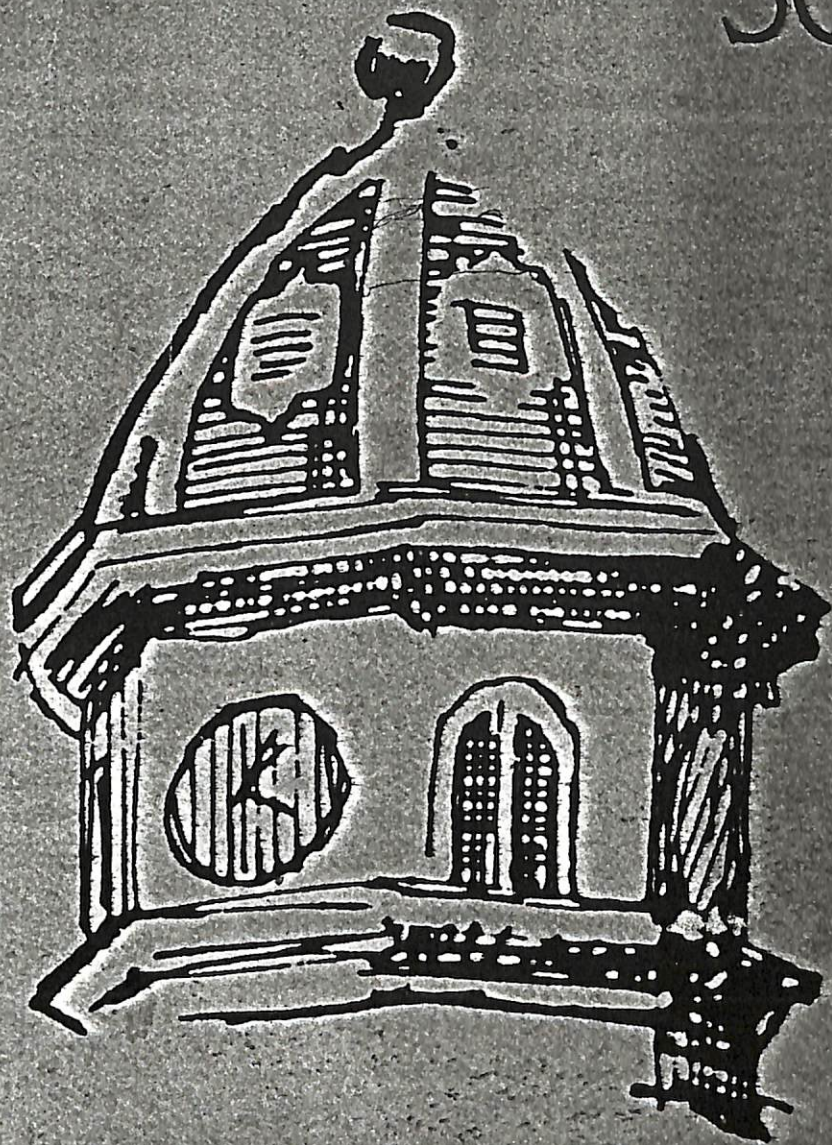
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# Railroad Helps in Development

by Robert Bowman

Just as the river had a great deal to do with the development of Yazoo City, the railroad also had a great effect upon the town and county development.

Although the railroad has been in the county a hundred years, one can only wonder what Yazoo County would be like if the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad had not decided to build a line from Jackson in 1883 which came into this part of the country in 1884.

Before the railroads were built, farmers were bringing their cotton by wagons from as far away as Holmes, Attala, Leake, Winston, Madison, Neshoba, and Carroll counties and selling them to merchants of this river town. Then in 1857 when the Mississippi Central Railroad (now part of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad) was built through Madison County, the crops along the railroad's line were shipped by rail causing a great loss to Yazoo City.

Judge Robert Bowman mentions in his history of the county that "the IC Railroad's building of the railroad from Jackson gave new life to business growth—not only in Yazoo City but all the county through which it passed . . . and on completion of the road, Yazoo County has been on a steady, unbroken progress and continuous improvement."

When the Y & MV RR came here they also built a cotton compress, and with the compress a large warehouse which in a few years was no longer large enough for the large shipments of cotton to be stored. In 1886 and 1890 several other warehouses were erected until there was enough storage for 12,000 bales of cotton; and in 1896 still another warehouse had to be built.

By this time the capacity of the compress was again too small so a combination of the warehouses was formed and they bought out the railroad press, putting in a large and modern compress which had a capacity for storing 30,000 bales of cotton.

The building of the railroad through the Yazoo Delta helped in the development of this fertile area. Besides cotton, other industries such as lumber were started.

Before the railroad lines, there was not much else to do with the large hardwood forests that were cleared except to burn them, but after the completion of the line

from Yazoo City to Belzoni, logging became a big business in the Delta with the railroad furnishing the necessary means of transportation.

The *Yazoo Sentinel* of December 12, 1902, reported: "The wonderful development of the great Yazoo Delta during the past decade has been made possible only by the building of railroads . . . and the building of railroads into the magnificent section has been the magic wand which has awakened many industries to life and activity."

The extension of the road from Belzoni to Yazoo City, which already ran from Memphis to Belzoni, was due largely to the efforts of the citizens of Yazoo City. A mass meeting was called and a committee appointed to confer with the officials of the road to see what would be necessary to get this line into Yazoo City.

The railroad company agreed to build the road if a bonus of \$50,000 be paid, but this figure was finally brought down to \$25,000 and the rights-of-way and the work was started here in Yazoo City and also at Belzoni coming south.

The 27-mile line would go through one of the richest sections of the Yazoo Delta. The *Yazoo Sentinel* reported that this would transform wild lands worth from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per acre into cultivable plantations that would be worth \$40 to \$50 per acre when cleared and ready to plant. The editor wrote: "There are golden opportunities in old Yazoo for him who will grasp them!"

E. T. Jordan, Sr., of Carter, who came to this area as a young boy with his father and worked as railroad agent at the Carter depot from 1910 until around 1918, told of the large shipment of logs from this station.

He also said a black family by the name of Carter owned most of the land around this town and donated the right-of-way for the railroad to be built. The town was therefore named for them.

Jordan bought land in this area that had been previously owned by his father who had sold the land and moved to Yazoo City in 1917. He then began to farm which brought an end to his railroad career. He and his descendants are still farming this same land.

Ironically, the same railroad line that was the big factor in bringing life to this area of the Delta is now dead—the ICG Railroad having abandoned it in 1976.

Although the building and operating of the lines that connected the Delta to other parts of the country were the main ways the railroad helped in the development of this part of the county, other ways were the operation of

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Robert Bowman is a charter member of the Yazoo Historical Society and has served as its reporter and publicity chairman. He is a genealogy enthusiast whose family came to Yazoo County in 1828.





#### YAZOO VALLEY LINE

*Sunday afternoon entertainment*

a land office with terms to buy the land to promote the settlement of this area and the publishing of books about the area.

One such pamphlet, owned by Frank Patty, Jr., was found in the basement of the Delta National Bank by his father and was issued by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1911 (Sixth Revised Edition) entitled: *The Yazoo-Mississippi Valley*. This is a booklet of information for "Home Seekers and Investors."

The pamphlet starts out with several quotes from famous men such as William E. Curtis, the noted traveller and correspondent of the *Chicago-Record-Herald* who said, "The Yazoo-Mississippi Valley is unquestionably the richest area of land on this hemisphere." The Honorable Robert S. Taylor in a public address at New Orleans in 1903 said that these

lands were "geological cream skimmed from a million square miles of the earth's surface."

The book contained articles on towns along this valley such as Vicksburg, Greenville, Greenwood, Clarksdale, and Yazoo City, with emphasis on the areas' great farming potential. Also included were many letters of satisfied Mississippi farmers and pictures of homes, crops, and buildings—two in Yazoo City, the Delta Bank & Trust Company (old Delta Bank Building) and the "new" building at Main and Jefferson where the Citizens Bank Operations Center is now located. In effect the Illinois Central Railroad was "packaging and selling" the Yazoo Delta.

The Y & MV Railroad should always be remembered for helping make Yazoo City and Yazoo County what they are today.



Illinois Central Railroad Company.  
The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Co.  
Indianapolis Southern Railroad Company.

**APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR FOR PROMOTION**

Applicants for employment or for promotion in the following classes of service with this Company are required to undergo a thorough examination to determine their visual power, color perception, hearing and physical qualifications generally, and also to determine their mental qualifications, before entering upon the duties of the position sought. (See par. 551-557 Rules of the Transportation Dept.)

Station Agents, Clerks, Telegraph Operators, Station Baggage-men, Enginemen, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Collectors, Train Baggage-men, Brakemen and Train Flagmen, Train Porters, Yard Masters, Section Foremen, Bridge Foremen, Switchmen, Signalmen, Switch Tenders, Crossing Flagmen and such others as may be required.

All applications for employment must be made **IN DUPLICATE** on Form 1333, copies of which will be furnished to such applicants as Superintendents or other employing officers may select. The blanks must be carefully and correctly filled, and **ALL QUESTIONS** must be answered, all answers must be in ink, the application in the handwriting of the applicant. Applications executed, or dated more than thirty days before the filing will not be accepted.

When both copies of the application are completed, they shall be delivered to the employing officer from whom received by whom they shall be examined; if both copies are in correct form, they shall be returned to the applicant, together with an order on Form 982, addressed to a Company's Examining Surgeon, directing that a physical examination be made; the applicant will deliver both copies of the application blank, together with the order, to the surgeon designated, who will conduct the examination and certify to the result in the place provided upon the blanks therefor, sending one copy to the employing officer signing the order for examination, and the other copy to the Chief Surgeon direct.

If the report of the examination be satisfactory to the Chief Surgeon, he will place his copy of the application on file in his office; if he does not approve the findings he will advise the Superintendent of the Division immediately of his exceptions, and communicate with the examining surgeon.

An examination fee of \$1.00 is paid by the Company in all cases to the surgeon conducting the examination. Employing officers in charge of pay rolls are instructed to deduct \$1.00, examination fee, upon the pay rolls in favor of the Company, from the first month's wages of all applicants accepted and assigned to service. The examination fee of rejected applicants, or those who may not be given employment, will be borne by the Company.

Persons of the various classes named may be allowed to enter the service on probation after they have passed a satisfactory physical examination; but no applicant will be considered an accepted employe until the Superintendent has affixed his written approval to the application, of which notice will be given to the applicant.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply ?	Section Foreman
2. What is your name in full ? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	Thomas Jay Seale
3. (a) Where were you born?.....	(a) Hamburg Miss
(b) What was the month, day and year of your birth?.....	(b) February 27 1895
(c) What was your age on your last birthday?.....	(c) 17
4. What is your actual residence?.....	State of <u>Kentucky</u> City of <u>Miss.</u>
	Street and No.....
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name.	(a) Single



and her residence.]

State of Miss City of \_\_\_\_\_

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you are not married, give the residence of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

State of Mississippi City of Centerville

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.]

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your height?

What is your weight?

What is color of your eyes?

What is color of your hair?

8. Are you employed at present?

In what capacity?

By whom?

Address of employer?

9. Where did you last work?

In what capacity?

What was name of employer?

Address of employer?

What caused you to leave such employment?

10. (a) Are you addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, morphine or opium?

(b) Have you ever been addicted to the use of these articles?

11. (a) Have you ever been in the employ of this Railroad Company?

(b) If so, give location, capacity and date.

(c) Cause of leaving such employ?

6 feet 3 inches

160

Brown

Black

no

Centerville Miss

Maintenance of way

H D Cunningham

Wilson La

resigned to enter school

no

no

eyes

Centerville Miss

Resigned to inter school



QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
12. (a) Have you ever before made application to this road for employment? [Give date and to whom.]	(a) no
(b) Have you been subject to physical examination by any surgeon of this Company? [Give name of Surgeon.]	(b) no
(c) Were you accepted or rejected?	(c)
13. (a) Is your eyesight good?	(a) yes
(b) Can you distinguish colors?	(b) yes
(c) Is your hearing good?	(c) yes
(d) Are you in sound health?	(d) yes
14. Have you any relations in the service of this Company? [Give names relationship, position and location.]	Mrs + Mrs T J Seale

15. State in proper form below record of your previous employment:

Name of Railroad or Employer.	City or Town at which Employed.	Name of State.	Name and Present Address of Employing Officer.	Your Occupation in Such Service.	Date you Entered Such Service.	Date you Left Such Service.
N 3rd MO	Centerville	Miss	H D Cunningham	Section	3/27/09	10/31/09
✓	✓	✓	✓	Asst. Foreman	5/24/10	9/30/10
✓	✓	✓	✓	" "	2/1/11	10/1/11
✓	✓	✓	✓	" "	7/1/12	7/20/12

16. Have you ever been dismissed from any situation? [Give particulars as to number of times, when and where.]	I have not
17. Have you ever been injured? [Give place and time and extent of injury.]	I have not



18. Have you now or have you ever had any litigation with any railroad company? [Give particulars.]

I have not

I do hereby make application for employment in the service of the \_\_\_\_\_ and accept all the conditions under which this application is made; and, if employment is obtained, I agree to assume all the risks and dangers incident thereto and to abide by the rules of said Company, and that my wages or salary shall be payable only upon the pay days and at the pay car of the said Company, and shall not by my voluntary act be assignable in whole or in part, or in any manner, without the written consent of the said Company endorsed upon every assignment, and I further warrant the truth of the statements hereinbefore made by me, and agree that the same and the agreements on my part herein contained shall enter into and be part of any contract of employment made with me by the said Company.

Sign here

J. Jay Seale Jr.

My present address is

Leuville Miss

Dated at

Wilson Ga

this

1

day of

June

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NOTE.—The following oath must be taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes:

STATE OF

Louisiana

SS.

COUNTY OF

East Feliciana

Before me, the undersigned, this day personally appeared J. Jay Seale Jr who, being first duly sworn, upon his oath doth say that he is the person described in the foregoing application, that the answers given are in his own handwriting, that the name signed by him thereto is his own, and that each and every answer and statement made in the foregoing application is true.

Sworn and subscribed before me this

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

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at

Wilson

County of

East Feliciana

and State of

Louisiana

[SEAL]

[Signature of Officer.]

H. W. Huley

[Official Title.]

Notary Public



Every applicant must furnish certificates from not less than two citizens, who must be at least 21 years of age and who are personally acquainted with the applicant. Certificates will not be accepted from the father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife or child of the applicant, and not more than one certificate will be accepted from a relative of a more remote degree.

*P. J. Bissell, Cantonville Miss.*  
*E. M. Carter, Cantonville Miss.*

**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE  
OF EXAMINATION.**

To be filled out after a personal examination of the applicant, and signed by the Company's Examining Surgeon at any of the following points: Chicago, Kankakee, Champaign, Mattoon, Effingham, Palestine, Centralia, Cairo, East St. Louis, Carbondale, Clinton, Springfield, La Salle, Amboy, Freeport, Dubuque, Waterloo, Fort Dodge, Cherokee, Council Bluffs, Louisville, Evansville, Indianapolis, Henderson, Princeton, Paducah, Memphis, Greenville, Vicksburg, Fulton, Jackson, Tenn., Water Valley, Durant, Canton, Jackson, Miss., McComb, New Orleans, Wilson, La., Corinth and Birmingham.

Report of the result of personal examination made by me of Mr.

*J. Lee Seale*



(The applicant must sign his name above in presence of Surgeon.)

applicant for position of Asst. Furman or service on New Orleans Division.

1. When placed at a distance of 20 feet from the test types, the last five letters read correctly by the applicant are:

Left Eye H. F. N. K. C. (H. 5 H.) 20/20

Right Eye C. R. F. M. J. (6 M) 20/20

2. (a) The applicant selects skeins numbered as follows, as being the same color as test skein (A):

2. 4- 6- 8- 10- 12- 14- 16- 18- 20

(b) The following as being the same color as test skein (B):

2 2. 2 4- 2 6- 2 8- 30

(c) The following as being the same color as test skein (C):

3 2. 3 4- 3 6- 3 8- 40

3. For ordinary conversation or a loud whisper at a distance of 20 feet, the hearing is

Right Ear 20/20  
Left Ear 20/20  
(expressed in fractions)

I hereby certify, that having examined the visual power, color perception, sense of hearing, and physical condition

of the applicant whose signature is above, I find him <sup>qualified</sup> ~~disqualified~~ to fill the position of Furman

I certify further that there is evidence of his having been successfully vaccinated, that he is not suffering from any disease or disability, and that he does not manifest any evidence of an abuse of intoxicating liquors.

Disqualifying defects None

Defects that do not disqualify \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature of Surgeon making examination.] Thos. Johnson  
Wilson Jr.

Surgeon at \_\_\_\_\_

Date of examination, March 24 1913



No. ....

Illinois Central Railroad Company.  
The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad  
Company.  
Indianapolis Southern Railroad Company.

Division.

*J. J. Deale*

APPLICATION OF

~~.....~~

For position as *conductor*

Date of Application *June 1917*

Physical Examination  *Nov 13*

Approved *J. Johnson MD*

*J. W. Mabe*

Date of Approval *Aug 15-1917*

Date of Entering Service  *Aug 27/09*



## THE YAZOO &amp; MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

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Baton Rouge, July 7th, 1925. rh.

Application of R. F. Farr.

Mr. Walker:

I attach application of Robert F. Farr  
for position as telegraph operator. You will note  
Dr. Roberts disqualified this man.

*McCampbell*  
Chief Dispatcher.



# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

## GROUP "A"

This form shall be used when applying for employment in following grades of service:

- |                         |                    |                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| ASSISTANT YARD MASTERS  | CONDUCTORS         | FIREMEN              |
| ASSISTANT SECTION FORE- | CAR INSPECTORS     | HOSTLERS             |
| MEN                     | ENGINEMEN          | STATION AGENTS       |
| BRAKEMEN                | ENGINE INSPECTORS  | SWITCHMEN            |
| BRIDGE FOREMEN          | ENGINE FOREMEN     | SECTION FOREMEN      |
| BRIDGE TENDERS          | EXTRA GANG FOREMEN | SWITCH TENDERS       |
|                         |                    | SIGNAL FOREMEN       |
|                         |                    | SIGNAL MAINTAINERS   |
|                         |                    | TELEGRAPH OPERATORS  |
|                         |                    | TRAIN MOVEMENT TELE- |
|                         |                    | PHONE OPERATORS      |
|                         |                    | TRAIN BAGGAGEMEN     |
|                         |                    | TRAIN FLAGMEN        |
|                         |                    | TRAIN PORTERS        |
|                         |                    | TRAIN DISPATCHERS    |
|                         |                    | TOWERMEN & SIGNALMEN |
|                         |                    | YARD MASTERS         |
- AND OTHERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN TRAIN OPERATION**

The blanks shall be filled out in ink in duplicate and in the applicant's own handwriting and sworn to before a Notary Public. Applicant shall undergo a physical examination by a Company Surgeon at points as provided in Surgeon's certificate on second sheet hereof.

When both copies of the application are completed, they shall be delivered to the employing officer from whom received by whom they shall be examined; if both copies are in correct form, they shall be returned to the applicant, together with an order on Form 982, addressed to a Company's Examining Surgeon, directing that a physical examination be made; the applicant will deliver both copies of the application blank, together with the order, to the Surgeon designated, who will conduct the examination and certify to the result in the place provided upon the blanks therefor, sending one copy to the employing officer signing the order for examination, and the other copy to the Chief Surgeon direct.

If the report of the examination is satisfactory to the Chief Surgeon, he will place his copy of the application on file in his office; if he does not approve the findings he will advise Superintendent of the Division immediately of his exceptions, and communicate with the examining surgeon.

An examination fee of \$1.00 is paid by the Company in all cases for conducting the examination. Employing officers in charge of pay rolls are instructed to deduct \$1.00 examination fee, upon the pay rolls in favor of the Company, from the first month's wages of all applicants accepted and assigned to service. The examination fee of rejected applicants or those who may not be given employment, will be borne by the Company.

Persons of the various classes named may be allowed to enter the service on probation after they have passed a satisfactory physical examination; but no applicant will be considered an accepted employe until the Superintendent has affixed his written approval to the application, of which notice will be given to the applicant.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	<i>Agent &amp; Operator</i>
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	<i>Robert J. Starr</i>
3. (a) Where were you born?	(a) <i>Hamburg Miss</i>
(b) What was the month, day and year of your birth?	(b) <i>September 21st 1903</i>
(c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(c) <i>21</i>
4. What is your actual residence?	<i>Miss</i> City of <i>St. Louis Miss</i>



5. (a) Are you married or single?  
[If married, give your wife's first  
name, and her residence.]

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) *Single*  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Give the name and address  
of your parents or other nearest  
living relative, specifying rela-  
tionship.

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) *Miss Leola Parr, Mother*  
State of *Miss* City of *Alaska*

6. Are any persons dependent upon  
you for support, or do you con-  
tribute to the support of any per-  
sons? [If you answer yes, give  
their names, relationship and ad-  
dress.]

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your height?

What is your weight?

What is color of your eyes?

What is color of your hair?

*Five feet 10 Ins*  
*125 lbs*  
*Brown*  
*Dark*

8. Are you employed at present?

In what capacity?

By whom?

Address of employer?

*Yes*  
*Clerk*  
*W & M Co*

9. Where did you last work?

In what capacity?

What was name of employer?

Address of employer?

What caused you to leave such  
employment?

10. (a) Are you addicted to the use  
of intoxicating liquors, morphine  
or opium?

(b) Have you ever been addicted  
to the use of these articles?

(a)

(b)

*No*  
*No*







STATE OF Louisiana }  
Parish } ss.  
COUNTY OF East Baton Rouge }

Before me, the undersigned, this day personally appeared Robert E. Farr who, being first duly sworn, upon his oath doth say that he is the person described in the foregoing application, that the answers given are in his own handwriting, that the name signed by him thereto is his own, and that each and every answer and statement made in the foregoing application is true.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1925.

at Baton Rouge Parish  
County of East Baton Rouge,

and State of Louisiana

[SEAL]

(Signature of Officer) *W. Randolph*

(Official Title) Notary Public



(c) were you accepted or rejected?  
14. (a) Is your eyesight good? (a) Yes  
(b) Can you distinguish colors? (b) Yes  
(c) Is your hearing good? (c) Yes  
(d) Are you in sound health? (d) Yes  
15. Have you any relations in the service of this Company? [Give names, relationship, position and location.] Robert E. Farr, Sgt. Sullivan  
16. Have you ever been dismissed from any situation? [Give particulars as to number of times, when and where.] No  
17. Have you ever been injured? [Give place and time and extent of injury.] No  
18. Have you now or have you ever had any litigation with any railroad company? [Give particulars.] No

I do hereby make application for employment in the service of the \_\_\_\_\_ and accept all the conditions under which this application is made; and, if employment is obtained, I agree to assume all the risks and dangers incident thereto and to abide by the rules of said Company, and that my wages or salary shall be payable only upon the pay days and at the designated offices of the said Company, and shall not by my voluntary act be assignable in whole or in part or in any manner, without the written consent of said Company endorsed upon every assignment. I agree to the rules and regulations of the Hospital Department, a copy of which I received from my employing officer, and also authorize the deduction to be made from my pay as provided therein, and I further agree to be governed by the rules and regulations of the Hospital Department. I further warrant truth of the statements hereinbefore made by me, and agree that the same and the agreements on my part herein contained shall enter into and be part of any contract of employment made with me by said Company.

Sign here *Robert E. Farr*

My present address is *Elveston Mass*

Dated at *9 am* this *6th* day of *July* 192*5*



## SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION

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Report of the result of personal examination made by me of Mr. W. E. [Signature]  
(The applicant must sign his name above in presence of Surgeon.)

applicant for position of Gen. Opr. for service on N.O. Division

1. When placed at a distance of 20 feet from the test types, the last five letters read correctly by the applicant are

Left Eye OR 2 D

Right Eye OR 2 D

2. (a) The applicant selects skeins numbered as follows, as being the same color as test skein (A):

24. 6. 8. 10. 12. 14. 16. 18. 20

(b) The following as being the same color as test skein (B):

22. 24. 26. 28. 30.

(c) The following as being the same color as test skein (C):

32. 34. 36. 38. 40

3. For ordinary conversation or a loud whisper at a distance of 20 feet, the hearing is

Right Ear 20/20  
Left Ear 20/20  
(expressed in fractions)

I hereby certify, that having examined the visual power, color perception, sense of hearing, and physical condition of the applicant whose signature is above, I find him

qualified to fill the position of Gen.

I certify further that there is evidence of his having been successfully vaccinated, that he is not suffering from any disease or disability, and that he does not manifest any evidence of an abuse of intoxicating liquors.

Disqualifying defects

Defects that do not disqualify

[Signature of Surgeon Making Examination]

Surgeon at

Date of examination

1925

Slight bronchitis (capillary upper right lobe) with fever (100-2) & extreme anemia  
marked barrel-shaped chest  
James J. Roberts M.D.  
Baton Rouge



THE YAZOO & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

305

Baton Rouge, August 17, 1925. enc-h.

Resignation of C. E. Smith.

2 3908

Mr. Walker:

Dispatcher C. E. Smith resigned August 14th account accepting position with T&P Railroad.

*[Signature]*  
Chief Dispatcher.



Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

Kansas City Mo. Aug. 26 1925

Mr. J. F. Walker, Supt.,

In reply please quote No. PR

Y & M V RR.

Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of August 4th addressed to Mr. C. J. BROWN at Falls Cy. Nebr. with reference to the record of Cyril E. Smith

This party was in the service of this Carrier in the capacity of Dispatcher on the Omaha Division, as follows: Entered service June 18, 1925. Resigned July 23, 1925.

*[Signature]*  
GENERAL SUPT.



## UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

ST. JOSEPH &amp; GRAND ISLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

W. M. JEFFERS,  
GENERAL MANAGER1416 DODGE STREET  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA August 14th. 1925.


Mr. J. F. Walker,  
Supt-Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R. R.  
Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry August 4th. 1925. addressed  
to Union Pacific Railroad Company, ; File No.:  
concerning the record of Cyril E. Smith, , we beg to  
advise that our records show as follows:

OCCUPATION	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF LEAVING
Operator-2nd. Dist.	2-24-13	3-31-13	Resigned-Own accord.
Operator-2nd. Dist.	6-23-17	6-24-18	Promoted to, Dispatcher,
Dispatcher-Grd. Isld.	6-24-18	8--1-21	Resigned-Own accord.
Dispatcher-Grd. Isld.	1-31-22	1--3-23	Resigned-Own accord.
Dispatcher-Grd. Isld.	9--5-23	2-21-24	Granted leave absence.
Dispatcher-Grd. Isld.	4--2-24	10--8-24	Transferred to Omaha, Nebr.
Night Branch Dispatcher,	10-8-24	2--4-25	Transferred to Grd. Isld.
Dispatcher, Grd. Isld.	2--4-25	5--1-25	Dismissed-Sleeping on Duty.

Yours truly,

  
General Manager.



Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company  
TO PUGET SOUND-ELECTRIFIED

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU  
212 UNION STATION

G. R. MORRISON  
SUPERINTENDENT

Chicago, Ill., August 22, 1925.

Mr. J. F. Walker, Supt.,

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley,

Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 4, 1925 addressed to  
J. T. Gillick File No. concerning the record  
of Cyril E. Smith, our files indicate as follows:

OCCUPATION	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF LEAVING
Operator	8-6-09	11-21-12	Resigned
Re-instated	11-12-13	With original date up to some time in 1917 when his services terminated. Our records do not disclose any entries since 1917.	

Yours truly,

*G. R. Morrison*



# Santa Fe.

CL

(Insert Name of Railway Company)

P. R. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. F. Walker, Supt.,  
 Y. & M. V. RR.,  
 Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Under date of Aug. 4, 1925., your No. \_\_\_\_\_

I am authorized by Cyril E. Smith.

to furnish you with his record while in the employ of this Company.

I beg to advise that he was employed on this line as follows:

OCCUPATION	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF LEAVING
Operator	4-11-23	9-25-23	Resigned.

THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NAME OF THIS COMPANY WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

REMARKS:

Conduct and services satisfactory.

Yours truly,

(Signed) **W. K. ETTER**

General Manager.

L.A.,  
 8-20-25.



THE YAZOO & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

305

Baton Rouge, August 4, 1925. rh

Application of Cyril E. Smith for  
position as train dispatcher.

Mr. Walker:

I attach application of Cyril E. Smith  
for position of train dispatcher on this division.

*W. C. Steele*  
Chief Dispatcher.

AUGUST 1925  
"NO EXCEPTION CAMPAIGN"  
PREVENT EXCEPTIONS



# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT GROUP "A"

This form shall be used when applying for employment in following grades of service:

ASSISTANT YARD MASTERS	CONDUCTORS	FIREMEN	SIGNAL FOREMEN
ASSISTANT SECTION FOREMEN	CAR INSPECTORS	HOSTLERS	SIGNAL MAINTAINERS
BRAKEMEN	ENGINEMEN	STATION AGENTS	TELEGRAPH OPERATORS
BRIDGE FOREMEN	ENGINE INSPECTORS	SWITCHMEN	TRAIN MOVEMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS
BRIDGE TENDERS	ENGINE FOREMEN	SECTION FOREMEN	TRAIN BAGGAGEMEN
	EXTRA GANG FOREMEN	SWITCH TENDERS	

**AND OTHERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN TRAIN OPERATION**

The blanks shall be filled out in ink in duplicate and in the applicant's own handwriting and sworn to before a Notary Public. Applicant shall undergo a physical examination by a Company Surgeon at points as provided in Surgeon's certificate on second sheet hereof.

When both copies of the application are completed, they shall be delivered to the employing officer from whom received by whom they shall be examined; if both copies are in correct form, they shall be returned to the applicant, together with an order on Form 982, addressed to a Company's Examining Surgeon, directing that a physical examination be made; the applicant will deliver both copies of the application blank, together with the order, to the Surgeon designated, who will conduct the examination and certify to the result in the place provided upon the blanks therefor, sending one copy to the employing officer signing the order for examination, and the other copy to the Chief Surgeon direct.

If the report of the examination is satisfactory to the Chief Surgeon, he will place his copy of the application on file in his office; if he does not approve the findings he will advise Superintendent of the Division immediately of his exceptions, and communicate with the examining surgeon.

An examination fee of \$1.00 is paid by the Company in all cases for conducting the examination. Employing officers in charge of pay rolls are instructed to deduct \$1.00 examination fee, upon the pay rolls in favor of the Company, from the first month's wages of all applicants accepted and assigned to service. The examination fee of rejected applicants or those who may not be given employment, will be borne by the Company.

Persons of the various classes named may be allowed to enter the service on probation after they have passed a satisfactory physical examination; but no applicant will be considered an accepted employe until the Superintendent has affixed his written approval to the application, of which notice will be given to the applicant.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	<i>Train Dispatcher</i>
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	<i>Cyril E. Smith</i>
3. (a) Where were you born? (b) What was the month, day and year of your birth? (c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(a) <i>Shult M.</i> (b) <i>Oct 24 1891</i> (c) <i>33</i>
4. What is your actual residence?	State of <i>Nebraska</i> City of <i>Omaha</i>



5. (a) Are you married or single?  
[If married, give your wife's first  
name, and her residence.]

(a) Married Ada  
State of Nebraska City of Omaha

(b) Give the name and address  
of your parents or other nearest  
living relative, specifying rela-  
tionship

Street and No. 2508 Capital  
(b) Guy H. Smith Brother  
State of Los Angeles Calif City of  
Street and No.

6. Are any persons dependent upon  
you for support, or do you con-  
tribute to the support of any per-  
sons? [If you answer yes, give  
their names, relationship and ad-  
dress.]

Yes - Guy Cyril Jr Claire & Nelson Sons  
State of ~~2508~~ Nebraska City of Omaha  
Street and No. 2508 Capital

7. What is your height?  
What is your weight?  
What is color of your eyes?  
What is color of your hair?

5 ft 7 1/2 in  
146  
Brown  
dark

8. Are you employed at present?  
In what capacity?  
By whom?  
Address of employer?

No

9. Where did you last work?  
In what capacity?  
What was name of employer?  
Address of employer?  
What caused you to leave such  
employment?

Falls City Neb  
Trick Disp  
Mo Pac R.R  
Resigned

10. (a) Are you addicted to the use  
of intoxicating liquors, morphine  
or opium?  
(b) Have you ever been addicted  
to the use of these articles?

(a) No  
(b) No











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Report of the result of personal examination made by me of Mr. Cyril E Smith  
(The applicant must sign his name above in presence of Surgeon.)

applicant for position of Hooper for service on New Orleans Division

1. When placed at a distance of 20 feet from the test types, the last five letters read correctly by the applicant are

Left Eye C. R. F. H. G. (Call) 10/10

Right Eye C. R. F. H. G. (Call) 10/10

2. (a) The applicant selects skeins numbered as follows, as being the same color as test skein (A):

2-4-6-8-10-12-14-16-18-20

(b) The following as being the same color as test skein (B):

2 2- 2 4- 2 6- 2 8- 20

(c) The following as being the same color as test skein (C):

3 2, 3 4, 3 6, 3 8, 4 0

3. For ordinary conversation or a loud whisper at a distance of 20 feet, the hearing is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Right Ear} \dots \frac{10}{10} \\ \text{Left Ear} \dots \frac{10}{10} \end{array} \right\}$   
(expressed in fractions)

I hereby certify, that having examined the visual power, color perception, sense of hearing, and physical condition of the applicant whose signature is above, I find him  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{qualified} \\ \text{disqualified} \end{array} \right\}$  to fill the position of Hooper

I certify further that there is evidence of his having been successfully vaccinated, that he is not suffering from any disease or disability, and that he does not manifest any evidence of an abuse of intoxicating liquors.

Disqualifying defects None

Defects that do not disqualify \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature of Surgeon Making Examination] Henry H. ...

Surgeon at Baton Rouge, La.

Date of examination Aug 2 1925



VERTICAL FILE

- Yazoo and Mississippi Railroad  
(Yazoo)

# YAZOO

## Its Legends and Legacies

by  
Harriet DeCell and  
JoAnne Prichard

*with an introduction by*  
Willie Morris

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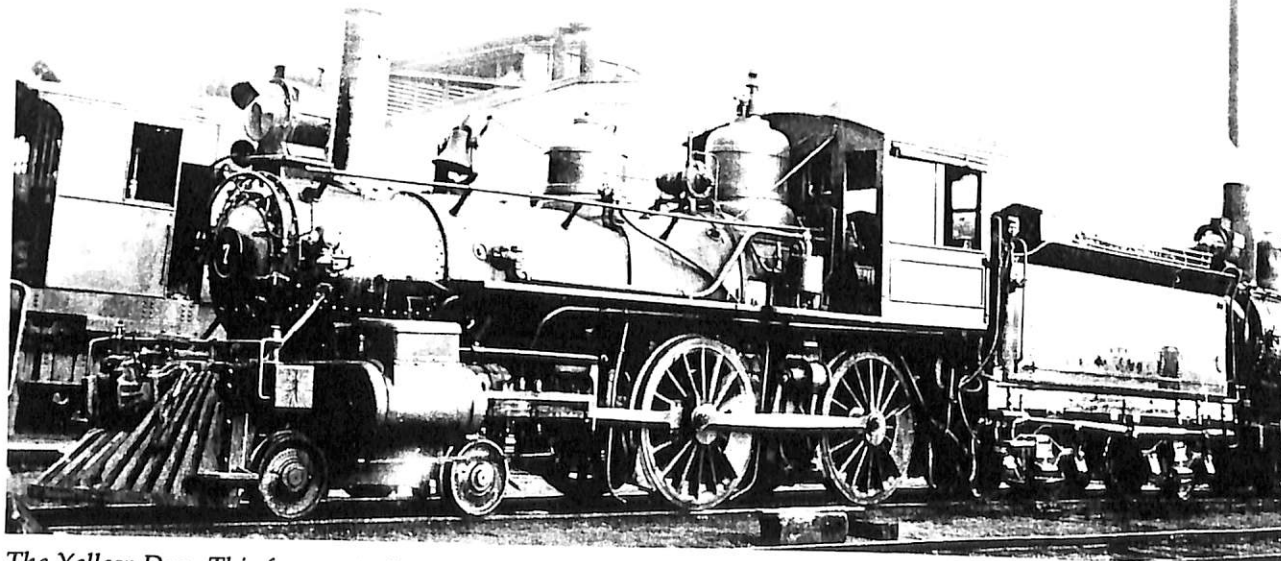
*Contemporary Bentonia bluesmen Jack Owens, right, and Bud Spires play the blues much as it was played when W. C. Handy popularized it seventy-five years ago. (Courtesy of David Evans)*

Satartia was one of the black bluesmen who was playing a distinctive kind of music that paved the way for a school known today as "Bentonia Blues." According to David Evans, a devotee of blues and professor of anthropology at California State University, the "Bentonia Blues" guitarists use mainly an open D minor tuning and an intricate picking style. The singing covers a wide range with a tendency to begin high, then "tumble" to a lower final pitch. Stuckey taught his style to a more famous bluesman, Skip James. Today, several musicians in the Bentonia area who grew up listening to Skip James keep up the Bentonia Blues tradition

### Casey Jones

While the Yellow Dog was giving birth to the blues in the Delta, the Mississippi Central (later the Illinois Central), which had been stopping at Vaughan's Station on the eastern edge of Yazoo County since its beginning in 1857 as Mississippi's first railroad, spawned a legend about the death of railroad engineer Casey Jones. While the movie and the popular ballad have Casey making his fateful ride in California, Yazoo Countians know it happened at Vaughan.

It was April 29, 1900, two months after Casey had become the engineer on the New Orleans Special, popularly known as the "Cannonball." Casey had just come into Memphis from New Orleans, when he was told he had to double back on the return



*The Yellow Dog. This famous train, part of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad, was responsible for the creation of the community of Carter as it crossed the Delta from Yazoo City to Tutwiler. (Courtesy of F. M. Patty, Jr.)*



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The Clarion-Ledger ■ Sunday, July 25, 1999

# 'Southern Crosses the Dog'

The Associated Press

Here's Samuel Tumey's winning entry in the 1999 Faulkner write-alike contest, chosen by judges John Berendt, Barry Hannah, George Plimpton and Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

Where the Southern Crosses the Dog

"There was, not since time immemorial, but beyond the memory of the oldest snaggle-toothed farmer, the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad

## ELSEWHERE

■ Attorney wins annual contest with rambling Faulkner-like prose, 1B

down from Memphis and God-forsaken points North, through lifeless cotton barrens past the up-staring soulless faces at the State Prison then over the pestilential sloughs of the Yazoo Basin and across the Big Black (a dozen times before Jackson) then down the imperceptible and unspoken-of divide toward the orphan Land of Bienville, relic of every European empire worthy of the name and tacked onto the new territory as an afterthought, but before the War there was no Greenville, or rather not where it belonged but downstream, and after a few gunboats got sniped at there was none there either and, after the war, came another Greenville, which must have been (by the logic of railroad nomenclology) about due West of Columbus (which hadn't ever moved) so the Columbus and Greenville came after the War (because otherwise it wouldn't have run to Greenville) and the train just backed into Greenville because it couldn't turn around, but before it was the Columbus and Greenville, it was the Southern Railroad of Mississippi, and now what's left just belongs to a holding company up North (though little boys thought ICG stood for Illinois, Columbus and Greenville) and the Y&MV was long since bought up also — but time was it was just the Yellow Dog line, and undoubtedly, if you studied at it hard enough,



Joe Ellis/The Associated Press

Samuel Tumey, of Liberty, Miss., reads his first-prize winning parody of William Faulkner work, in this July 13, 1994, file photo, on the front lawn of Rowan Oak, former home of the late Nobel Prize winning author. Tumey, a small-town Mississippi lawyer, has entered nearly every year of the 10-year run of the Faulkner write-alike contest, and won this year's contest with a rambling, one-sentence tale about an old Southern legend.

you could find out whether it was from the color or the caboose or what, though in time people forgot what the Southern was and what the Dog was, but the words had such a ring to them that people remembered that the Southern had crossed it once somewhere in some fabled land lost along with Earl Van Dorn and Yazoo Pass and all the rest, and it turned out that it was over at Moorhead — which was not fabled or even where anybody much wanted to go, but if you had to go there, or if you had an obsession to find the very place that your mother had told you about (or maybe if you worked for a Yankee newspaper) you could find a green sign that says this is the only right

angle railroad crossing in all the civilized world and there was once a time when a train bound from Greenville to Columbus actually crossed here while one from Memphis waited (or more likely the reverse) and then all the railroad companies bought lemon groves and sold women's underwear and ran gambling joints and went broke, and the last thing a railroad executive wanted to do was run trains so they took up the track, and people will not likely bow their heads for the lost railroads, but more likely scratch them in puzzlement over the contraption remaining there, but if your grandfather was alive, he would nod his and say: So this is where the Southern Crosses the Dog."

# Pet cremat

By Leslie Criss  
The Vicksburg Post

Gibson Sims offers comfort and consolation when people lose the best friends.

It's his job. It's also something that takes to heart.

Last October, the affable, animal-loving Sims opened his own business, Best Friends: A Pet Crematorium. For a man whose professional background is in sales/marketing and media, perhaps the bereavement business seems a stretch.

But as someone who has loved — and lost — four-legged friends through the years, Sims has experienced a grief similar to that felt by those who have visited Sims in his south Jackson location.

The idea for his first foray into being his own boss may have germinated years ago, thanks to a Doberman named Dobie.

"I loved that dog to pieces," Sims said.

When the dog died, Sims had no place to bury her, still regrets her ultimate resting place, a place where "far too many dead pets end up."

"The landfill was not the end for her," Sims said. "She was too good a dog for that."

After years as general manager of the *Mississippi Business Journal*, Sims toyed with an idea for a pet cremation kennel, which never quite got off the ground. An ancillary thought, however, took root.

"The more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea of a pet crematorium," Sims said. "I wanted to be as comfortable as they can be when they've lost a pet, which is many is like losing a member of their family."

Since Best Friends came to be, Sims has helped a plethora of pet owners push through part of their grief.

"There are stages in the process," he said. "You have to deal with the loss emotionally and physically. This process of cremation takes care of the physical part, giving closure. And it helps the emotional loss by allowing the pet owner to get into that grief process right away, since the body has been taken care of."

"The more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea of a pet crematorium, which never quite got off the ground. An ancillary thought, however, took root."



# Illinois Central Railroad Company. The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company.

Sup.No. 191 to I.C.C.No. 1033

In connection with--

Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis Ry. Missouri Pacific Ry.  
Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. Rock Island System.

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 191

(Sup.s.106,161,183,189,190 and 191 include all  
changes)

To

A-3550

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JOINT FREIGHT TARIFF

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Applying on

LUMBER

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From Stations On

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
And  
THE YAZOO & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD

To	Rate Basis No.	Division Basis No.	Route
Gas, Kas.	393	405	BR-2
xWillard, "	Cancel		
xWillard, "	460	433	BR-2

x-Prepay Station.

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Issued January 20th, 1903

Effective January 25th, 1903

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Miss. 206

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD AND CONNECTIONS.

Effective August 21st, 1891.

Rates of Transportation

	From		
Osyka, Miss.	Johnston, Miss.	Beauregard,	
Chatawa, "	Bogue Chitto, "	Martinsville, "	
Magnolia, "	Brookhaven, "	Hazelhurst, "	
McComb City, "	Montgomery, "	Gallman, "	
Summit, "	Wesson, "	Crystal Springs, "	

To Landings on Yazoo, Tallahatchie and Sunflower Rivers.

Via Yazoo City or Greenwood, Miss.

ON LUMBER ---- C.L. 6000 FEET AND OVER.  
 When accompanied by certificate from ship  
 per stating number of feet loaded.  
 (SEE FOOT-NOTE)

Per 1000 feet.

Via Yazoo City, Miss.		Via Greenwood, Miss.	
4.00	I.C.R.R.	4.80	
.80	Transfer	---	
4.00	Boat	4.00	
8.30	Through	8.80	

Note -- When false certificates are made or shipments are underbilled double rates will be charged on entire load and legal measures taken to protect the Company's interests.

T. J. Hudson, Traffic Manager,

F. L. Drake - A.G.F.A., Memphis, Tenn.

D. B. Morey, Gen. Frt. Agt.,

M. C. Markham, Asst. Traff. Manager, Chicago, Ills.

E. T. Eggleston - G.A., Yazoo City, Miss.

W. M. Rhett, Asst. Gen. Frt. Agt., New-Orleans, La.

HCT



# Railroad helps in development

Written for the Yazoo Historical Society

By ROBERT BOWMAN

Just as the river had a great deal to do with the development of Yazoo City, the railroad also had a great effect upon the town and county development—more than most people realize.

Although the railroad has been in the county less than one hundred years, one can only wonder what Yazoo County would be like if the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad had not decided to build a line from Jackson in 1883 which came into this part of the country in 1884.

Before the railroads were built, farmers were bringing their cotton by wagons from counties as far away as Holmes, Attala, Leake, Winston, Madison, Neshoba, and Carroll counties and selling them to merchants of this river-town. Then in 1857 when the Mississippi Central Railroad (now part of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad) was built through Madison County, the crops along the railroad's line were shipped by rail causing a great loss to Yazoo City.

Judge Robert Bowman mentions in his history of the county that "the IC Railroad's building of the railroad from Jackson gave new life to business growth—not only in



**YAZOO VALLEY LINE**  
Sunday afternoon entertainment

1902 reported: "The wonderful development of the great Yazoo Delta during the past decade has been made possible only by

shipment of logs from this station.

He said that there was a black family by the name of Carter

Mississippi Valley is unquestionably the richest area of land on this hemisphere," and the Hon. Robert S. Taylor in



Yazoo City but all the county through which it passed... and on completion of the road, Yazoo county has been on a steady, unbroken progress and continuous improvement."

When the Y&MV RR came here they also built a cotton compress, and with the compress a large warehouse which in a few years was not large enough for the large shipments of cotton to be stored. In 1886 and 1890 several other warehouses were erected until there was storage room for a capacity of 12,000 bales of cotton; and in 1896 still another warehouse had to be built.

By this time, the capacity of the compress was too small so a combination of the warehouses was formed and they bought out the railroad press, putting in a large and modern compress which had a capacity for storing 30,000 bales of cotton.

Another thing that might not be realized is that the building of the railroad through the Yazoo Delta helped in the development of this fertile area. Besides cotton, other industries such as lumber were started.

Before the railroad lines, there was not much else to do with the large hardwood forests that were cleared except to burn them, but after the completion of the line from Yazoo City to Belzoni, logging became a big business in the Delta with the railroad furnishing the necessary means of transportation.

The Yazoo Sentinel of Dec. 12,

the building of railroads... and the building of railroads into the magnificent section has been the magic wand which has awakened many industries to life and activity."

The extension of the road from Belzoni to Yazoo City which already ran from Memphis to Belzoni was due largely to the efforts by the citizens of Yazoo City. There was a mass meeting called and a committee was appointed to confer with the officials of the road to see what would be necessary to get this line into Yazoo City.

The railroad company agreed to build the road if a bonus of \$50,000 should be paid but this figure was finally brought down to \$25,000 and the rights of way. The railroad committee went to work and secured the money and rights of way and the work was started in 1903 which started here in Yazoo City and also at Belzoni coming south.

The 27-mile line would go through one of the richest sections of the Yazoo Delta. The Yazoo Sentinel reported that this would transform wild lands worth from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per acre into cultivable plantations that would be worth \$40 to \$50 per acre when cleared and ready to plant and the editor wrote: "There are golden opportunities in old Yazoo for him who will grasp them!"

Mr. E. T. Jordan Sr. of Carter who came to this area as a young boy with his father and worked as railroad agent at the Carter depot from 1910 until around 1918 tells of the large

who owned most of the land around this town that donated the right of way for this railroad to be built and the town was named for him.

Mr. Jordan bought land in this area that had been previously owned by his father who had sold the land moved to Yazoo City in 1917. He began to farm this land and ended his railroad career. He and his descendants are still farming this very successful plantation.

Ironically, this same railroad line that was the big factor in bringing life to this area of the Delta is now dead—the ICG Railroad having abandoned it in 1976.

Although the building and operating the lines that connected the Delta to other parts of the country was the main way the railroad helped in the development of this part of the county, other ways were the operation of a land office with terms to buy the land to promote the settlement of this area and the publishing of books about the area.

One such pamphlet owned by Frank Patty Jr. was found in the basement of the Delta National Bank by his father was issued by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1911 (Sixth Revised Edition) entitled: "The Yazoo-Mississippi Valley." This is a booklet of information for "Home Seekers and Investors."

The pamphlet starts out with several quotes from famous men such as Mr. William E. Curtis, the noted traveller and correspondent of the Chicago-Record-Herald, "The Yazoo-

a public address at New Orleans in 1903 that these lands were "geological cream skimmed from a million square miles of the earth's surface."

The book had articles on the towns along this valley such as Vicksburg, Greenville, Greenwood, Clarksdale, and Yazoo City with emphasis on the areas' great farming potential, along with many letters of satisfied Mississippi farmers and also pictures of the homes, crops, and buildings in the area—two in Yazoo City, the Delta Bank & Trust Company (old Delta Bank Building) and the "new" building at Main and Jefferson where Rexall Drug Store is now located. In general, the Illinois Central Railroad was "packaging and selling" the Yazoo Delta.

In conclusion, the Y&MV (now the ICG) Railroad should not be forgotten for the help in building Yazoo City and our county into what it is today.

In addition to the scholarships, other awards and prizes to be given during the Fair.

In addition to the scholarship awards, The department of mathematics will sponsor a Mathematics Fair for elementary, junior and senior high school students on Friday, March 18 on the university campus.

B-2, Yazoo Daily Herald, Yazoo City, Miss., Wednesday

Mathematics displays and exhibits will be available for viewing in Dansby Hall Auditorium, Just Hall of Science, and the Jacob L. Reddix Camps Union Building.

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Mathematics Fair, the Fair is designed to share knowledge and ideas about mathematics with elementary and secondary school students. Dr. Thumcha also believes that the Fair will "bring about a greater awareness of mathematics and provide the impetus for students to pursue a career in this field."

## Mathematics Fair set at Jackson State

B-2, Yazoo Daily Herald, Yazoo City, Miss., Wednesday



# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

GROUP "A" Mr. P. F. Gilhula

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|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
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| ASSISTANT SECTION FOREMEN | CAR INSPECTORS     | HOSTLERS        | SIGNAL MAINTAINERS                 | TRAIN PORTERS        |
| BRAKEMEN                  | ENGINEMEN          | STATION AGENTS  | TELEGRAPH OPERATORS                | TRAIN DISPATCHERS    |
| BRIDGE FOREMEN            | ENGINE INSPECTORS  | SWITCHMEN       | TRAIN MOVEMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS | TOWERMEN & SIGNALMEN |
| BRIDGE TENDERS            | ENGINE FOREMEN     | SECTION FOREMEN | TRAIN BAGGAGEMEN                   | YARD MASTERS         |
|                           | EXTRA GANG FOREMEN | SWITCH TENDERS  |                                    |                      |

**AND OTHERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN TRAIN OPERATION**

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If the report of the examination is satisfactory to the Chief Surgeon, he will place his copy of the application on file in his office; if he does not approve the findings he will advise Superintendent of the Division immediately of his exceptions, and communicate with the examining surgeon.

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	Train Dispatcher
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	Percy Furlong Gilhula
3. (a) Where were you born? (b) What was the month, day and year of your birth? (c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(a) Detroit Michigan (b) August 8th 1886 (c) 28 years
4. What is your actual residence?	State of Louisiana City of Monroe Street and No. 207 Wood Street.
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.] (b) Give the name and address of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.	(a) Yes married = Mignon Gilhula State of Louisiana City of Monroe Street and No. 207 Wood Street (b) Mr + Mrs J.R. Gilhula State of Louisiana City of Monroe Street and No. 207 Wood Street
6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.]	Yes My Wife and Son, State of Louisiana City of Monroe Street and No. 207 Wood Street.
7. What is your height? What is your weight? What is color of your eyes? What is color of your hair?	5 Feet 11 inches 210 pounds Brown Dark Brown



8. Are you employed at present?

Yes  
Extra Dispatcher  
Y & M R Ry Wilson La  
Work Blair Chief & Wilson La

In what capacity?

By whom?

Address of employer?

9. Where did you last work?

Addis La - Texas and Pacific Ry.  
Extra Dispatcher & Telegrapher  
J. H. Elliott Supt.  
New Orleans La  
Reduction in Force.

In what capacity?

What was name of employer?

Address of employer?

What caused you to leave such employment?

10. (a) Are you addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, morphine or opium?

(a) No Sir;

(b) Have you ever been addicted to the use of these articles?

(b) No Sir;



Division

(The applicant must sign his name above in presence of Surgeon.)

Examination made by me or MR



# Illinois Central Railroad Company.

## The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Co.

Olive Louise James

### APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR FOR PROMOTION

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply ?	Clerk
2. What is your name in full ? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	Olive Louise James. (Mrs. C. D. James)
3. (a) Where were you born?.....	(a) West Point Tenn.
(b) What was the month, day and year of your birth?.....	(b) July. 18, 1890
(c) What was your age on your last birthday?.....	(c) 23
4. What is your actual residence?.....	State of Louisiana City of Reserve Street and No. ....
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.].....	(a) Married. (Husband) C. D. James State of Louisiana City of Reserve Street and No. ....
(b) Give the name and address of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.	(b) W. B. Thompson (uncle) State of Mississippi City of Lumbard. Street and No. ....
6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.].....	no State of ..... City of ..... Street and No. ....
7. What is your height?.....	five feet three inches.
What is your weight?.....	One hundred and fifteen
What is color of your eyes?.....	dark brown
What is color of your hair?.....	dark brown
Are you employed at present?.....	yes Clerk



What capacity? .....

By whom? .....

Address of employer? .....

young  
Reserve, La.

9. Where did you last work? .....

In what capacity? .....

What was name of employer? .....

Address of employer? .....

What caused you to leave such employment? .....

Red Lick Miss  
School teacher  
Supt Public Schools,  
Bayette, Miss,  
End of school term.

10. (a) Are you addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, morphine or opium? .....

(a) .....

no

(b) Have you ever been addicted to the use of these articles? .....

(b) .....

no

11. (a) Have you ever been in the employ of this Railroad Company? .....

(a) .....

no

(b) If so, give location, capacity and date. ....

(b) .....

(c) Cause of leaving such employ? .....

(c) .....



THE YAZOO & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Memphis, July 18, 1923.

File 56-484

Mr. Walker:-

Refer employment of Mr. S. A. Young,  
Dispatcher, Baton Rouge.

I wish you would please advise what  
inquiry was made in regard to his service  
on Memphis Division, and what reply received.

  
General Superintendent



# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

GROUP "A" Samuel A. Young

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	Train Drop
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	Samuel A Young
3. (a) Where were you born?.....	(a) Charlotte NC
(b) What was the month, day and year of your birth?.....	(b) 1885
(c) What was your age on your last birthday?.....	(c) 38 years
4. What is your actual residence?.....	State of <u>Louisiana</u> City of <u>Baton Rouge</u> Street and No. ....
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.].....	(a) Yes. Marnie State of <u>Georgia</u> City of <u>Waycross Ga</u> Street and No. <u>62 Sweet St</u>
(b) Give the name and address of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.....	(b) Parents Dead State of ..... City of .....
6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.].....	Wife & Three Children State of <u>Ga</u> City of <u>Waycross Ga</u> Street and No. ....
7. What is your height?.....	5 10 1/2
What is your weight?.....	180
What is color of your eyes?.....	Brown
What is color of your hair?.....	Black



# Illinois Central Railroad Company.

The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Co. Charles

Indianapolis Southern Railroad Company. Frank Roberts

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply ?	<i>CS</i>
2. What is your name in full ? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full. State whether white or colored.]	<i>Charles Frank Roberts</i>
3. (a) Where were you born? (b) What was the month, day and year of your birth? (c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(a) <i>Conneaut Ashtabula Ohio</i> (b) <i>July 21<sup>st</sup> 1865</i> (c) <i>47</i>
4. What is your actual residence?	State of <i>La.</i> City of <i>Wilson</i> Street and No. _____
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.] (b) If you are not married, give the residence of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.	(a) <i>Mrs Anna M Roberts</i> State of <i>Utah</i> City of <i>Salt Lake City</i> Street and No. <i>12 Brunswick Ave</i> (b) _____ State of _____ City of _____ Street and No. _____
6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.]	<i>Yes - Mrs Anna M Roberts and Son - Albert O Roberts</i> State of <i>Utah</i> City of <i>Salt Lake City</i> Street and No. <i>12 Brunswick Ave</i>
7. What is your height? What is your weight? What is color of your eyes? What is color of your hair?	<i>5 ft 10 1/2 inches</i> <i>150 lbs</i> <i>Blue</i> <i>Brown</i>
8. Are you employed at present? In what capacity? By whom?	

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# The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company

Frank D. Concannon 146

## APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Applicants for employment in the following grades of service with this Company are required to undergo a thorough examination to determine their visual power, color perception, hearing and physical qualifications generally, to perform the duties of the position which they seek to obtain:

Station Agents, Telegraph Operators, Station Baggage-men, Enginemen, Firemen, Hostlers, Conductors, Collectors, Train Baggage-men, Brakemen and Train Flagmen, Train Porters, Yard Masters, Switchmen, Signalmen, Switch Tenders, Crossing Flagmen and such other grades as may be required.

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	Telegraph Operator and Dispatcher
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full.]	Frank D. Concannon
3. (a) Where were you born?	(a) Tolono, Ills
(b) What was the month, day and year of your birth?	(b) Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> 1859
(c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(c) 49
4. What is your actual residence?	State of Louisiana City of Baton Rouge Street and No. 3 <sup>d</sup> and Boulevard
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.]	(a) married, Julia M. State of S <sup>d</sup> Dakota City of Lead City Street and No. Hearst Library
(b) If you are not married, give the residence of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.	(b) _____ State of _____ City of _____ Street and No. _____

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1908

at Hamilton County of Missouri

[Signature of Officer.]  
D. J. [unclear]

[Seal.]

Before me, the undersigned, this day personally appeared Frank D. Concannon,  
who, being first duly sworn, upon his oath doth say that he is the person described in the foregoing application, that the answers given are in his own handwriting, that the name signed by him thereto is his own, and that each and every answer and statement made in the foregoing application is true.

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
COUNTY OF MISSOURI }  
SS. \_\_\_\_\_



# The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad Company.

## APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

William E. Salyards 547

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QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. For what position do you apply?	Train Dispatcher
2. What is your name in full? [Give your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full.]	William E. Salyards
3. (a) Where were you born? (b) What was the month, day and year of your birth? (c) What was your age on your last birthday?	(a) Louisville Ky (b) Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1871 (c) 37 yrs
4. What is your actual residence?	State of Ky. City of Louisville Street and No. 123 West Gray
5. (a) Are you married or single? [If married, give your wife's first name, and her residence.]  (b) If you are not married, give the residence of your parents or other nearest living relative, specifying relationship.	(a) Married Catherine State of Ky City of Louisville Street and No. 123 W Gray  (b) _____ State of _____ City of _____ Street and No. _____
6. Are any persons dependent upon you for support, or do you contribute to the support of any persons? [If you answer yes, give their names, relationship and address.]	None only my family Catherine Salyards wife State of Ky City of Louisville Street and No. 123 W Gray Salyards, Helene Salyards daughter Salyards, W.E. Salyards Jr
7. What is your height?  What is your weight?  What is color of your eyes?  What is color of your hair?	5 ft 9 in 152 lbs Blue Dark brown
8. Are you employed at present?	no.



## THE YAZOO &amp; MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

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Application Frank B. Hutchins, dispatcher.

Mr G T Lewis, CD-Mo Pac  
Jefferson City Mo.

Mr C D Parin, C D-B&O RR  
Chillicothe, O.

Mr P F Keating Gen Supt. ✓  
Great Northern RR- St Paul Minn.

H R Adans, Supt- Erie RR ✓  
Marion O. Mr L S Beattie, CD- CGW RR  
Stockton Ill.

Mr W Bollons, Supt, UP RR ✓  
La Grande, Ore.

W C Wolcott, Supt, ✓  
Union Pac RR- Green River Wyo.

Mr George Jury- C D  
Frisco Lines, Springfield Mo. J

Mr C A Moore- Supt, ✓  
UP RR- Omaha Heb.