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WHITE CITY HISTORY

Located just south of the Union Pacific railroad, West of Ark. Highway 7 and South of Two Bayou Creek, was built around a large sawmill located along Mount Holly Road. The sawmill was owned by Meek Peace who sold it to Anthony Brothers. The planer mill was later sold to Parham Bros. The community was along Old Smackover Road and Mount Holly Road.

At the intersection of Mount Holly and Old Smackover Road there was a grocery store operated by Peacock Brothers. Along Old Smackover Road south of the store was a group of rent houses, built by Mr. Shirey (grandfather of Bobby Shirey). There was an un-named street that connected the two major roads where on the North side C. C. Lanphere and Elmer Shirey lived. Across the street lived W. J. McAnulty, one of his boys was named Charles. He later sold his house to Mrs. Heard. This area was prone to flooding when the Ouachita River reached some of it's high flood stages. Mrs. Heard later moved her house to higher ground to the south.

Where the roofing plant later located there lived a family, Bill Overton.

On the West side of Mt. Holly some of the families beginning South of the bayou bridge was Mr. Tom Warnock. An interesting bit about this home was told me by Mr. Rupert Sims who was a teacher at Fairview. He rented a room with the Warnocks. One afternoon he came home from school only to find that Mr. Tom Warnock had sold his home and that Rupert was no longer to stay there. He moved to a garage apartment at the Alvin Peace place on Fairview Road..

Barrett Street is next on the West, and here Dana Elder and the family of Monet Boggs.

Next on the West is Winston Street. Here a family named Gay lived. Their children included Willis Gay. McAnultys live here also, with children including Marvin, Tyson and Earl.

Next street is York and here the Dutton family lived, Bill and Jack Dutton were children.

Kent Street had families named McDonald, children named Bruce, Elizabeth, Joyce.

Here also lived the Tomlin family, with Ivy Lee and Margurite.