## Lunet Community, Arkansas

## (Submitted by Carolyn Cox – September, 2014)

Lunet was located about eight miles northeast of Chidester in Section 24 of Township 11S 18W. It appeared on the 1898 Cram map of Ouachita County. The post office at Lunet served the entire Tate's Bluff area from 1887 until 1906 when the mail was directed to Chidester. A book of early Arkansas post offices reports that it was to have been named Victoria. The reason for the name Lunet is unknown. A 1900 business directory listed J.L. Bacon, general store; Diffee & Son, gristmill; M.W. McGill, general store; J.M. McKenzie, blacksmith; R.J. Stinnett, proprietary medicines; R.J. Tate, general store. Lunet would have been on present-day Ouachita 26 between roads 369 and 305 in the vicinity of Rocky Hill Church.

Additional information about the community of Lunet or Lunette may be found at the Library of Congress website: Chronicling America. The September 14, 1916 issue of the **Nevada County Picayune** includes a small column titled "Lunette Dots" and is replicated here:

## **LUNETTE DOTS**

Health in this community is not very good at this writing. Little Dale and Durnan Led better are very sick. Also little Latha Parnell and little Pruce Bush. The Tate's Bluff School closed Friday night with a small but very interesting program. Miss Ruby was all smiles Sun day, wonder why. Mrs. M. W. McGill and daughters were the quests of Mrs. G. T. Waiters and daughter. Saturday evening. Clarence Bush left Saturday morning for El Paso Ark. where he will attend school this winter. Sarah McGill spent Saturday night and Sunday with Emma Scott. Mr. M. W. McGill made a business trip to Little Rock last week. Sunday school at Tate's Bluff every Sunday evening and everybody invited.