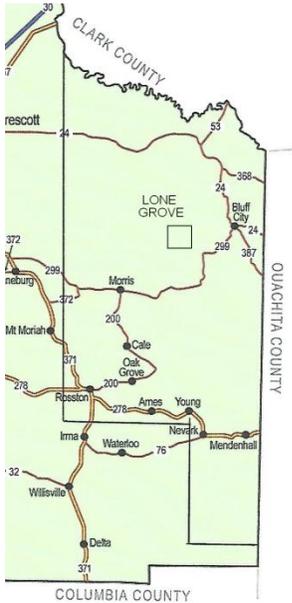


## LONE GROVE



Lone Grove was located about three miles southwest of Bluff City. It was in Ouachita County until Nevada County was created in 1871. Lone Grove had a post office from 1858 to 1866 and is shown on the 1865 map of Ouachita County. The 1860 census records for that area show the post office as Lone Grove.

Lone Grove was located on what was known as the Prairie D'Anne Road. This was the road Civil War soldiers traveled during the Camden Expedition of 1864 and is mentioned in the military reports of that march toward Camden just prior to the Battle of Poison Springs.

The area around Lone Grove was sparsely populated at the time of the Civil War. Bluff City was also shown on the 1865 map. It is called a "crossroads" in one of the reports from one of the Civil War generals during the Camden Expedition.

Somehow the name Lone Grove was changed to Gum Grove in later years. A rural school was located there until 1929 when it was consolidated with Bluff City. It is not known when the school was first established there.

After the school consolidation, Gum Grove (formerly Lone Grove) was used as a meeting place for the Church of Christ. The congregation possibly first used the vacant school building, but later a small frame church building was constructed. Services were held there until 1980 when, the congregation decided to worship with the Bluff City congregation. The area was once well populated and farming and sawmill work were the main occupations. After World War II, many people moved to nearby towns and many of the old farm fields were planted in pine trees.

Today there is no evidence of Lone Grove/Gum Grove. The location of the old school and church is now covered in timber. The location is at the intersection of county roads 290 and 403.

*Written by Jerry McKelvy*