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The society closed its membership year with a total of 319 and hope that each of you renews for 1995, which some thirty of you have already done. If you have already renewed, please disregard the reminder included in this issue. Although postage rates and cost of production has increased again, the dues remain \$12.50. Dues will not be raised as long as we can make ends meet. Renew soon for you don't want to miss an issue. We plan to begin publication of Colonel Fite's Memoirs with the next issue.

Members may send an unlimited number of queries for publication but try to keep each query to about fifty words. We need more queries!

We are indeed grateful to Mrs. E. J. Parker for the covers which give the Quarterly a more professional image.

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FRONT COVER

This antique cherry chest, a Beasley family treasure, is owned by Mrs. Neille Beasley Jellicorse, a gr gr gr granddaughter of Isham Beasley. When Neille learned that Moland Clemons had purchased this chest at a sale following the death of Isham D. Beasley, Neille bought it from Moland for the sum of \$10.00. The old chest was covered with several layers of different colors of paint which Neille had stripped off and the chest refinished. Although there is no proof, it is believed that Isham once owned the chest because Isham D. inherited it from Eliza Grizzard who had inherited household goods from her uncle William, who had inherited his father's. Also, the chest has two secret drawers which would have given Isham a safe place for storing notes/money.



Twins: Ellie and Thellie Nixon, daughters of William and Arah Nixon. Ellie married \_\_\_\_\_ Hackett and Thellie married Caubet Brown. Both deceased, they compiled many years of service as teachers in the Smith County School System.

## THE MATRIARCH OF SULLIVAN'S BEND

Louise Sharenberger

On a bright sunny but crisp Spring day in late April 1882, the Sullivan's Bend Community located on the Cumberland River in the 11th Civil District of Smith County, Tennessee was a beehive of activity. Having already planted their Irish potatoes, peas, beets, lettuce, onions and other early garden crops as well as having burned and sowed their tobacco beds, farmers were busily preparing the fertile river bottoms for crop planting. Back and forth, up and down those long rows, they guided their mules and plows, turning over that black, rich soil, perhaps, even whistling a tune as they plodded along.

Spring was literally bursting out all over! No doubt but that John A. Fite, Major A. Beasley and Anderson Beasley as they rode up to Eliza O. Grizzard's place admired the birds building their nests in the many shade trees in her yard. As Eliza's Aunt, Joanna Beasley, tells it, Eliza invited them into the "EL" room where she served them her homemade grape wine and freshly baked tea cakes. Joanna, who, at the time, was living with Eliza, sat in a different room - she sat in the family room near the hall where she could hear the conversation between Eliza, her attorney, John A. Fite, her Uncle Major A. Beasley and her cousin Anderson Beasley. (Could Joanna have been eavesdropping? Or had Eliza purposely asked her to listen in on their discussion? Or was it just happenstance that she chose to sit there?)

It was on this afternoon that John Fite wrote Eliza's will. (Had she died intestate, her estate would have become that of her Uncle Major and her Aunt Joanna.) However, of greater consequence, without this will, the chain of events which followed would have been quite different and the opportunity to learn more about Eliza - the rugged individualist, the humanitarian, farmer and business lady would have been lost.

John Fite wrote: "I Eliza O. Grizzard knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of and being of sound mind and disposing memory and being desirous of disposing of such property and effects as I now own or may own at my death do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

First - I desire that as soon after my death as practical out of any money that I may have on hand at my death or that may first come into the hand of my Executor hereafter to be appointed pay all my just debts if any I may owe and also my funeral expenses.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to Isham D. Beasley the tract of land upon which I now live it being the same land purchased by me from William H. Beasley the deed to which is dated 24 day of July 1879. And registered in the Register's office of Smith County, Tennessee in Book No. 4, page 115 containing two hundred and four acres more or less.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to Anderson Beasley one half the tract of land willed to me by William H. Beasley and the other half of said tract of land I give and bequeath to Mrs. Sallie Duffy wife of William Duffy and daughter of Gabriel D. Beasley. It is my will and desire that said land shall be divided into two tracts containing an equal number of acres by a line running straight -East and West from Eastern boundry to the River and that Anderson Beasley have the northern tract and Sallie Duffy the tract on the north of said line.

Fourthly - I desire that my Executor hereafter to be appointed shall have erected at my grave after my death a marble monument to cost not more than three hundred dollars the style to be selected by my Executor desiring however that the same shall not be very tall.

Fifthly - I give to Isham D. Beasley all the stock consisting of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs that I may have on hand at my death also my two horse waggon.

Sixthly - I give to Elizabeth Stallings one hundred dollars.

Seventhly - I give to Viana Burton one hundred dollars.

Eighthly - I give to Muisy [sic] Timberlake one hundred dollars and one Bedstead Bed and clothing for same and my Smallest Bureau.

Ninth - I give to Mrs. Vick Spickard one hundred dollars.

Tenth - I give to Bettie Blankenship one hundred dollars.

Eleventh - I give to Matilda Haley one hundred dollars.

Twelfth - I give to Permelia Derickson one hundred dollars.

Thirteenth - I give to Polly Bradley wife of Keelen Bradley one hundred dollars also one Bedstead and Bed and clothing for same one Bureau and folding table.

Fourteenth - I give to Mahala Ragford [sic] one hundred dollars.

Fifteenth - The balance of my household and kitchen furniture

and table ware I desire to be equally divided between the children of Gabriel D. Beasley and the children of Joanna Beasley each set taking one half.

Sixteenth - All the balance of my estate of any kind whether it consist of money on hand notes or anything else I desire to be divided equally between Matilda Haley, Permelia Derickson, Polly Bradley and Mahala Ragford [sic].

Seventeenth- It is my desire that in the event of the death of any of the parties to whom I have given anything in this will during my life that whatever I have given them the same shall be the property of the child or children of said party equally.

Eighteenth - Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint John A. Fite executor to this my last will.

Given under my hand this  
29th day of April 1882.

Signed and acknowledged

in our presence and we have this day  
subscribed our names or witness to same in  
the presence of the Testatrix and at her request  
and in the presence of each other. This April 29 1882.

*John B. Jordan*

*F. D. Hudson*

Only five months later on 26 Sep 1882, family members of the Grizzard household received quite a traumatic shock when they discovered Eliza's lifeless body lying near the door. Earlier in the day she had spun wool rolls and helped can fruit. According to relatives, Eliza had not been too well for the past year of her life, but her mind was as sharp as ever. She would have a swimming in her head, which was thought to have been apoplexy. (Sudden loss of consciousness caused by a rupture or obstruction of an artery to the brain). No physician was called in whenever she would have these "spells" because she had a distinct aversion to doctors.

Eliza's body was laid to rest in the Beasley family cemetery adjacent to the old family home where she spent many happy years with her grandparents, Uncle William and wife Harriett and after Harriett's death - just the two of them. However, she and her Uncle William H. both died in the house located about 1/2 mile from the old homeplace to which they had moved in the fall of 1879.

On 2 Oct 1882, Eliza's will was presented to the court for probate with J. C. Apple, Chairman. J. T. Hudson and John B. Jordan stated in open court that they were personally acquainted with Eliza O. Grizzard in her lifetime; that she signed her last

will and testament in their presence on 29 Apr 1882; that she was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of the signing. The order to probate was filed 5 Oct 1882 by John B. Jordan, Clerk.

By the next term of court, Major A. Beasley, Isham Beasley, Sr., W. A. Beasley, Alford Winkler and wife Elizabeth Winkler, Monroe Bradley, Stephen Corum and Lucinda Corum had filed a petition against John A. Fite, Executor in which they charged: "Said paper writing is not the last will and testament of Eliza Grizzard (1st) Because at the time of making the same she was not of sound mind and disposing memory. (2nd) The same was produced by undue influence of supposed beneficiaries and others. (3rd) It is not her will because she made it in precise accordance with the directions of William H. Beasley, lately deceased, it was not her own act and deed, but that of another as they are informed and believe."

The identity of the plaintiffs in the case were: Major A. Beasley was Eliza's Uncle; Isham Beasley, Sr. (too many Isham's to identify him specifically); W. A. Beasley (Walter Alvis?); Alfred Winkler and Elizabeth (his wife and daughter of Susanna Beasley Bradley) was a cousin to Eliza; Monroe Bradley, (brother to Elizabeth Winkler, son of Susanna Beasley Bradley) was a cousin to Eliza; Lucinda Corum (married to Stephen Corum, a daughter of Major A. Beasley) was a cousin to Eliza.

The legatees were Isham D. Beasley, son of Walter Alvis and Mary A. Beasley, grandson of Johnson Beasley; married his cousin, Laura Beasley, daughter of Rufus H. and Nannie Haley and granddaughter of Gabriel D. Beasley. They were living with Eliza at the time of her death. Anderson Beasley was a son of Gabriel, a cousin to Eliza. Elizabeth Stallings, Vinia Burton, Molcey Timberlake and Vick Spickard were daughters of Joanna Beasley, cousins to Eliza. Sally Duffy was married to William Duffy; Bettie (Elizabeth J.) Blankenship was married to J. J. Blankenship; Matilda Haley was married to William J. Haley; Permelia Derrickson was married to S. W. Derrickson; Mahala Radford was married to Dr. M. D. Radford; and Mary (Polly) Beasley was married to Leonard Kellon Bradley - all were daughters of Gabriel and cousins to Eliza.

Eliza, an only child, never having married, died without issue. Her parents and grandparents were deceased. She was survived by her Uncle Major, who died 7 June 1883 and her Aunt, Joanna, (lived to be 93 years old) who died 31 Mar 1898 and a host of cousins. Little is known of Eliza's early years except that her mother was Mary (Polly) Beasley and married a Grizzard. Census records indicate that Eliza was born in Tennessee. Sometime between 1820 and 1830, she came to live with grandparents Isham and Polly Andrews Beasley in Sullivan's Bend. Joanna must have seemed more like a sister for she was only five years older than



Eliza. Gabriel was three years older than Eliza and William was five years younger than Eliza. They could have been brothers to her; therefore, having lived and grown to adulthood together, it is understandable that there would have been a close relationship between Eliza, Joanna, Gabriel and William H.

In the 1870's William H. Beasley had purchased land in Wilson County and had asked Eliza to move with him to Wilson County. Eliza declared her reluctance to leave Sullivan's Bend and on 24 July 1879, Eliza purchased 204 acres from William. This tract was bounded by the Cumberland River, David Shepherd's land and that of William Beasley. Both she and William said that they liked this place better than the old homeplace. William rented his place - the old homeplace - and moved with Eliza to the other farm in the fall of 1879. It was here that William died on 8 May 1880.

When William died and his will was probated, the major portion of his estate went to Eliza. Although his will was contested, it proved valid. However, it left Eliza with scars of family dissension and ill feelings toward her. At the same time it made her the wealthiest person and the largest landowner in the Bend, which created some animosity and jealousy among family members.

Sallie Franklin, a neighbor and friend to Eliza, said she had known Eliza for thirty years. She stated that Eliza had seen a good deal of trouble since the death of her Uncle William and the lawsuit over his will. Eliza said that Cousin Alvis and the balance of the connection were trying to break his will; that they had said so many hard things about her and were trying to prove that she had made his will. Sallie last saw Eliza at Patsy Apple's house where they had both gone to visit Mrs. Apple who was ill and was a neighbor and friend to each. Eliza Lynch, another neighbor, said that once when she and her mother, Nancy Bell, were visiting Eliza that Eliza told them of her troubles saying, "the connection was bull-raging and pulling her about every way and it was troubling her nearly to death."

It is not known whether Eliza could read and write or not, but she did sign her will. She was cross-eyed, but could see well. She could see how to sew. She was described by family members and friends as an active woman for her age and looked after her farming, business and household affairs up to the time of her death. She was described as being a woman of good sound sense, fair but tight in her business dealings and managed her farms with a firm hand. She was generous, particularly to those in need and helpful to family members; however, she was also thrifty. She was not easily influenced by others.

Those who filed the petition to break Eliza's will claimed that she was managed and controlled by her Uncle William and that he

told her to whom to leave her estate. Joanna went to see Eliza and her brother, William, when he was sick; in fact, she was there when he died. Eliza wanted Joanna to stay with her so Joanna sold her farm and lived with Eliza until she died. Isham D. Beasley and wife, Laura, had also been living with Eliza before and following William's death.

Masye (Molcey) Timberlake exchanged visits with Eliza frequently; in fact, Eliza had visited Molcey shortly before Eliza died. Robert Beasley and his children visited often until they left in 1861 and went to Illinois. Emeline Allen, who was a daughter of Henry and Polly Johns Beasley and a cousin to Eliza, also visited before she went to Texas. Emeline lived on Peyton's Creek at the time. Rufus Perry and his family visited often when they lived a short distance from Eliza and William. Caroline Ellis also visited Eliza. It was Eliza who gave Caroline \$500. to pay for her house. Gabriel's children, although they lived some twenty miles from her, visited occasionally.

Even though there was much contention over her will for a time, her will did stand as valid. Sally Duffy and her husband William moved to the Beasley homestead and lived there until she sold the place to John Jellicorse in 1884. John and Charity Jellicorse had one son, John William (Bill), who was born and grew up on the farm in Sullivan's Bend. In 1927, Bill ran for the office of Trustee of Smith County and was elected. He employed Neille Beasley as his secretary. Soon a romance developed and they were married in Carthage on 6 Oct 1927. Following his term of office, Neille and Bill went to live on the farm in the Bend. Bill died 26 Apr 1983, leaving Neille owner of the farm.

Isham D. and wife, Laura, lived on and operated the farm he had inherited from Eliza. When Isham died 25 July 1915, the place was inherited by his only heir, son, Wayne. Isham D., wife Laura and infant son, Homer H., are buried in the Beasley family cemetery in Sullivan's Bend. Wayne died 15 Oct 1952 and his wife, Siddie Rogers Beasley died 30 Dec 1969, leaving the property to daughter, Laura and son Robert Isham. Shortly before Robert died on 22 Feb 1991, he sold the property to Buddy Kemp.

Neighbors spoke highly of Eliza; however, two of them seem to have put it best. Sallie Franklin said: "She was a woman of good strong, sound mind, as much so as any woman I know of. I thought that she was a woman of her own will and not easily led about by others." Eliza A. Lynch said: "Miss Eliza Grizzard was a woman of strong mind and good sense. She was a person that if she promised a person to do a thing she would do it." What more fitting tribute to the Matriarch of Sullivan's Bend than to say that she was a woman of her word!

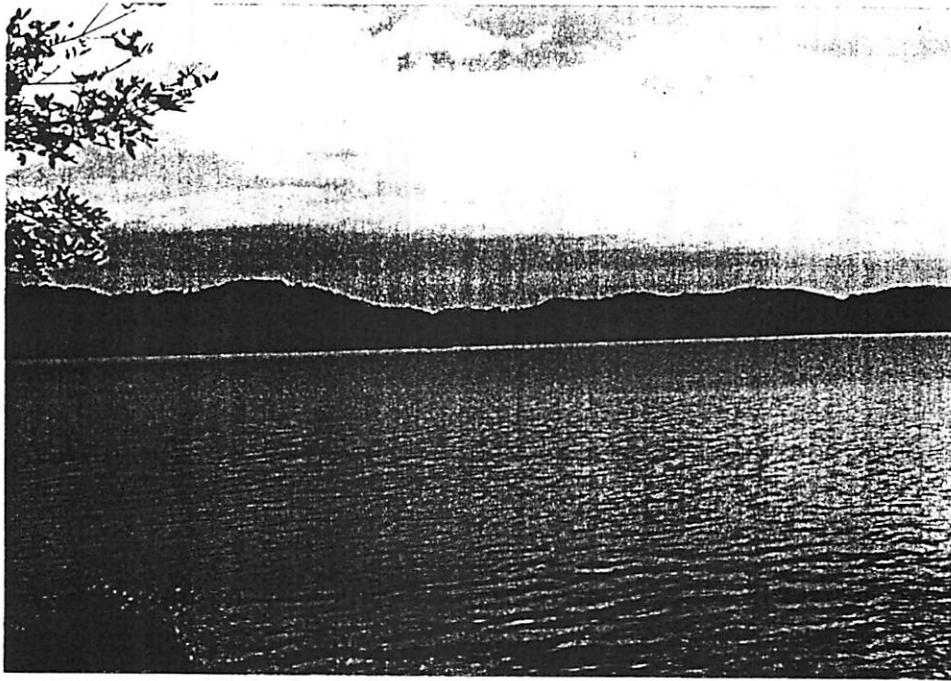


Neille Beasley Jellicorse  
previews the pictures.

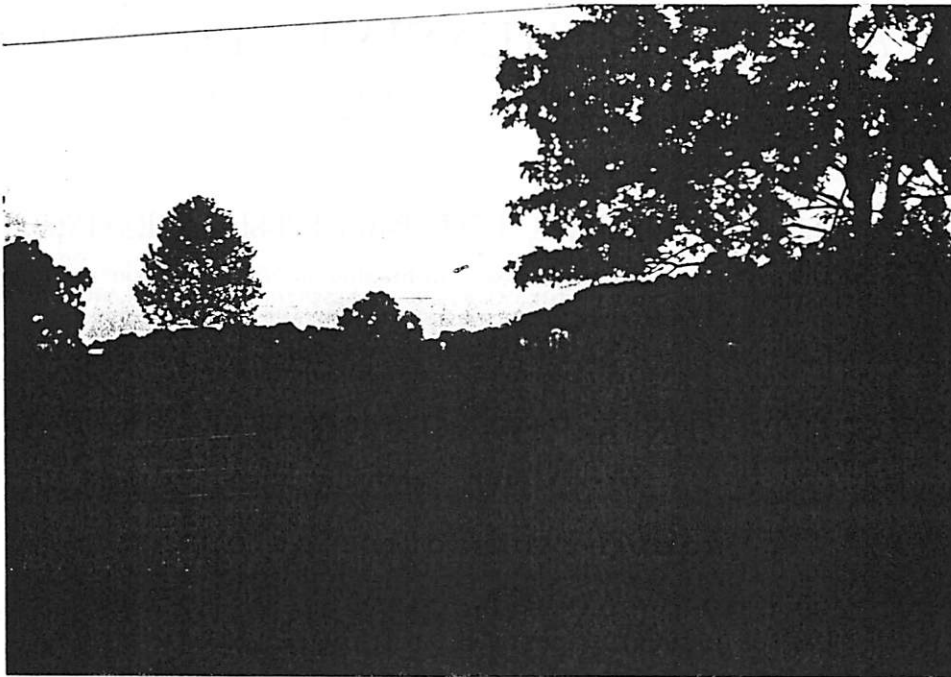
Neille treasures the  
old family chest.

Ironically, (what goes around comes around) holder of this title today is Neille Beasley Jellicorse, a direct descendant of Isham and Mary (Polly) Andrews Beasley. Her great grandfather was Major A. Beasley who married Betsy C. Nixon 19 Dec 1815. One of their sons, William P. married Mary Cato Huggins. Their son, James Ellis married Mary Etta Martin and to this union was born a daughter, Neille on 8 Aug 1902.

Although the fertile bottom lands once owned by William H. Beasley and Eliza Grizzard have been covered by the waters of Cordell Hull Lake, the Jellicorses- Neille and son, Tommy, maintain the rolling farm land and cover the pastures with cattle. Neille also maintains the Beasley family cemetery which is visited by numerous descendants each year. In fact, Neille says that the reason the Corps of Engineers did not move the cemetery was that they could never have located all the descendants. At the age of ninety-three Neille is, like her predecessor, a strong willed, generously accomodating, woman of good common sense.



Waters of the Cordell Hull Lake cover the rich river bottom land once cultivated by Eliza Grizzard.



Cattle owned by Neille and Tommy Jellicorse graze the rolling Beasley land now owned by them.

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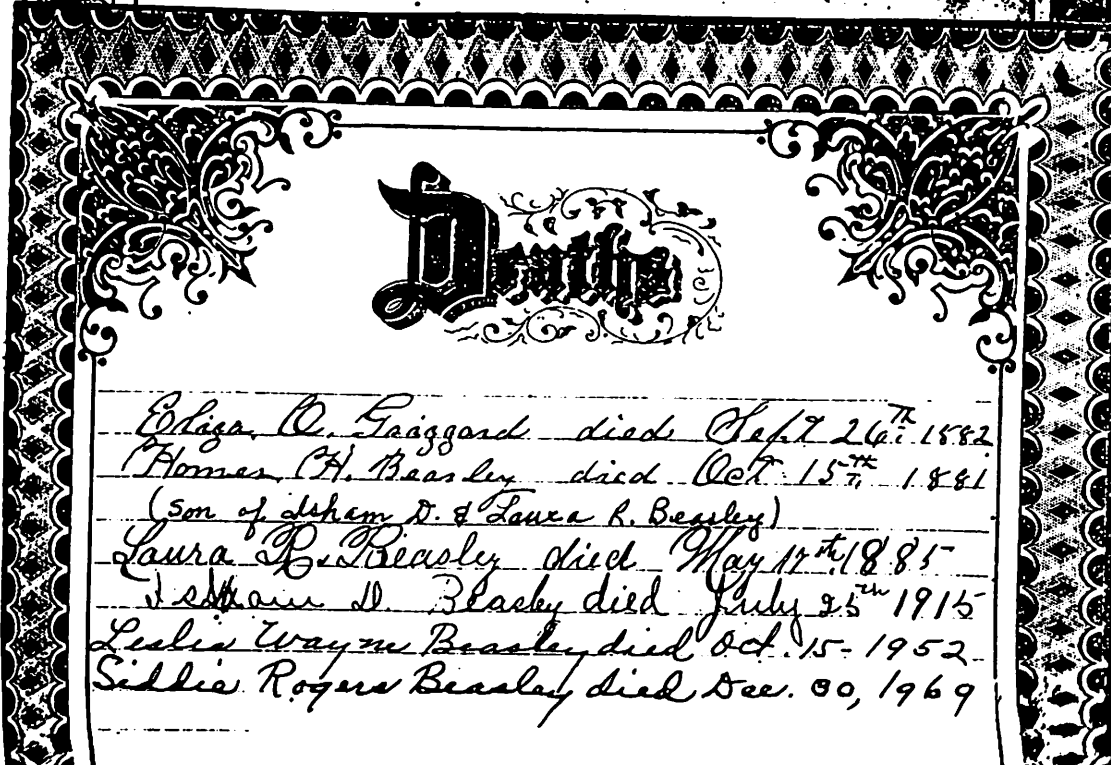
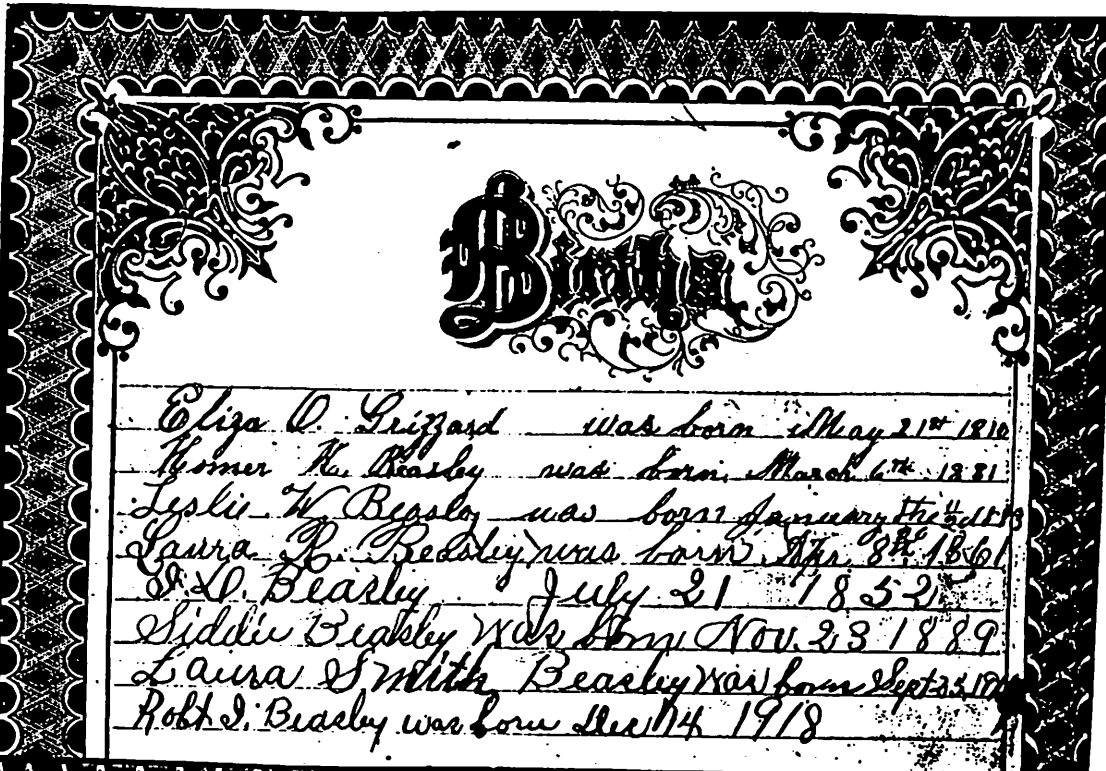
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Pictures are through the courtesy of Betty Vantrease, who, with her husband, Clint, lives with Neille. Copies from the family Bible of Isham D. and Laura R. Beasley were obtained through the courtesy of Rogers Conditt, possessor and a cousin to Robert Beasley (mothers' side) on 25 Apr 1991.



Primary sources: Eliza Grizzard's will; Circuit Court Case - Major A. Beasley et al VS John A. Fite, Executor; Smith County Deed Books; Cemetery Records, Family Bible Records and Census Records, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1860, 1880.

## SMITH COUNTY HISTORY

Some Account of the People of Smith from the early  
Settlement of the County

Dr. J. W. Bowen

## Chapter XVII

The writer is indebted to a friend, Rev. Ira D. King, for a written statement which he made of a conversation with Thomas Sanderson, in regard to the early settlements on Peyton's Creek. At the time the statement was made (1881), Mr. Sanderson was in the 76th year of his age. The grandfather of Thomas Sanderson came from North Carolina about the year 1795, and settled where the latter now lives. His father, Edward, was then about sixteen years old. His father dying soon after, the care of the family devolved upon Edward. Marrying about the age of 21, he continued to live on the place settled by his father, till about the year 1886, when he died, having attained the great age of 87 years. Besides Thomas, who still lives on, as has been stated, at the paternal homestead, only one brother, John, survives. \* About the time the Sandersons came, Patrick Sloan settled the place above on the next creek, where Barnett Cornwell lived a number of years. Mr. Sloan married three times, raising a large family of children, one of whom was a Presbyterian preacher. Another, Martin W. Sloan married Eliza Lucas, a niece of Col. Robert Allen, and was a number of years a merchant in Carthage. Archie Sloan settled the place on which Dr. Herod lives. About the same date, some of them, perhaps a little earlier, others a few years later, quite a number of other families came from the Old North State, and it may be, some other places, and settled on Upper Peyton's Creek. Among these, the writer has obtained the names of the following:

William Grenade, two Wilkerson Brothers, Christopher Boston, James H. Young, \*L. Ballow, and three Gregory brothers. Edward McMillin came about 1800, as did also Arthur Hesson and Bryan Gregory, who settled on Tow Town Branch and were Revolutionary soldiers. Three of the younger McMillins were preachers, Presbyterians, as this was the prevailing religious belief of the first settlers of this section of the creek. Dr. Brooks was the first resident physician of the settlement. He was succeeded by Dr. Peter Herod who lived and practiced his profession for fifty years, at Herod's Cross Roads dying a few years ago at the great age of 93 years. Lower down the creek, Joel Dyer settled and built the second mill. He has been mentioned before in this history. Still lower down were the Winklers, Woodes, Smiths and Haynies.



William Haynie came from Caswell County, North Carolina in 1799, and lived for half a century on Peyton's Creek where he first settled. He was for more than forty years a member of the Smith County Court. His oldest son was Captain Elijah Haynie, who was in that capacity in the battle of New Orleans on the 8th day of January 1815, and was the father of the late Rev. E. B. Haynie so well known as a faithful, pious, minister of the Gospel, and of the late Henry Haynie, who represented his native county one term in the lower branch of the State Legislature. Rev. E. B. Haynie lived to be more than four score years, and then passed to the higher life universally esteemed.

[\* The Sandersons are of Scotch descent and the name originally was spelled Saunderson. \*\* The Young was William; he had a son named James and a grandson, my father, named James H., William Young owned the land where Pleasant Shade now is situated, 640 acres. \*\*\* Dr. Peter Herod came from Stafford County, Va. and was a soldier in the war of 1812.

S. M. Young]

Many of these early settlers have descendants still living on Peyton's Creek, or adjoining communities. Others and perhaps the larger number have followed that tide of emigration which has gone to people the great West. The creek itself took its name from Col. Peyton who was a pioneer settler near where Gallatin is, and was the surveyor who first located lands on the creek to which he gave his name. He was the father of the late Hon. Bailey Peyton and of the late Dr. Joseph Peyton, who each represented the fourth Congressional District two terms in the United States Congress. There is one tributary of this creek that rejoices in the unique name of Tow Town Branch. The name is said to have originated in this wise: Among the first settlers on the branch was Andrew Hesson who was a preacher and whose place of preaching was on the Ridge, and the people to whom he preached paid him for his spiritual services in flax to be in the tow not being yet hackled, the process that takes the tow out. On this account Mr. Hesson came to be known as the Tow preacher, and the branch on which he lived was called Tow Town Branch, the name it still bears.

The mention of this incident reminds us that for the first third of a century after the settlement of the county whose history we are studying, the cultivation of flax was universal or nearly so. To the present generation it is practically a lost art. In those days every farmer had a flax patch of from a quarter to one acre according to the size of his farm. It was sowed broadcast like wheat or oats. When mature it was pulled by the roots. If the seed were saved as they generally were, enough at least for next year's sowing, it was tied in bundles and put in the dry till they could thrash it, which was done by hand. It was then spread out in the winnows on the ground to rot, which was effected by

exposure to rain and dew, and which consisted in softening the lint so that it would leave the woody fibre, which, itself by the same process was made easily broken to pieces. The next process was to brake it which was done by a hand machine, which though simply is not easily described. It consisted of two sets of slats, the lower ones fixed while the upper ones hinged at one end were free at the other so that they could be raised and let fall, and were so arranged that each upper slat would fit between two lower one. By this process the woody fiber was broken to pieces, and a great deal of it shaken out. The next process was to swingle it. Each handful was kept separate as it came from the brake. The swingling was done by taking one of these handfuls in one hand and holding it over the end of an upright board, the other end of which being fastened in the ground, and striking it with a large wooden knife held in the hand holding them from time to time, until the hurds, the name by which the refuse was called, was beaten out of what was valuable. There remained still another process to complete the preparation of the flax for the wheel, which was called hackling. The hackle was made by a number of iron spikes about four inches long, sloping to a blunt but smooth point, put through an inch board and thin iron plate so as to form a sort of comb. Drawn through these spikes or iron teeth by first one end and the other, the bunch of swingled flax was straightened and the two was separated from the fine twist fiber. The tow was not thrown away but was spun on the flax wheel into coarse thread to be woven into cloth for summer pants and every day shirts. Sixty and seventy years ago there was scarcely a boy but had his tow breeches and tow shirt. The writer can remember when he wore the shirt without the breeches. Many grown men wore tow shirts and breeches. It remained to say that except to prepare the ground, sow the seed and brake it, the women did all the work required in the production of flax and its preparation for use. They pulled it, spread it out to rot, took it when it rotted, swingled it, hackled it up, spun it, wove it, and made it up into garments that the men and boys wore. In addition to the uses of the tow cloth mentioned above, women made aprons of it, and towels. Of course, the fine flax was spun into finer thread and was made from it finer cloth.

The first meeting house of religious worship, as they were denominated in those days, -the fashion of calling them churches was of later origin,-was built on the land of Arch Wilkerson. The congregation was Presbyterian. It ceased to exist as such many years ago, but a Cumberland Presbyterian organization has occupied the house, or the one built on the same ground, nearly or quite fifty years. Lower down the creek the prevailing religious sentiment is Baptist, and two large churches three or four miles apart, have been in existence for three quarters of a century or more. The first pastors of these Baptist churches, among others, were Miles West, John Wiseman, his son Jonathan and

E. B. Haynie for fifty years pastor of Peyton's Creek church. Dr. Tooty, who lived on the river below the mouth of the creek, was a Methodist preacher, but whether there was any congregation of that denomination on Peyton's Creek in those early days or not, the writer has not been informed. There is no such organization so far as he knows at the time of this writing.

The land on Peyton's Creek, as they are on all the creeks in the county, except narrow strips along the stream, are steep hillsides, but very productive from the bottoms to the tops of the hills. Their cultivation in tobacco, while not an extensive crop, had greatly injured them by causing washing. The hills ought to be in perennial grasses, to which they are especially and in the highest degree adapted. They would in that event, be the home of fine horses, mules, cattle and sheep, for which there has never failed to be remunerative market.

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#### THE VERSATILE AGE

The old rocking chair is empty today,  
For grandmother is no longer in it.  
She's off in her car to the office or shop  
And buzzes around every minute.

No one shoves grandma back on the shelf.  
She's versatile, forceful, dynamic.  
That isn't pie in the oven my dear,  
Her baking today is ceramic.

You won't see her trudging early to bed,  
From her place in the warm chimney nook.  
Her typewriter clickety-clacks through the night  
For grandma is writing a book.

Grandmother never takes one backward look  
To slow down her steady advancing.  
She won't tend the babies for you anymore  
For grandma has taken up dancing.

She isn't content with crumbs of old thought  
With meager and second-hand knowledge.  
Don't bring your mending for grandma to do;  
Grandma has gone back to college.

From the TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF AGING NEWS

## CRUISING THE CUMBERLAND

Sue W. Maggart



The majestic riverboat MUSIC CITY QUEEN readies for docking at the historic Rome Ferry site.

Steamboat's Coming! Steamboat's Coming! On September 22, for the first time in over sixty years, the jubilant cry echoed across the placid waters of the Cumberland River at the historic Rome Ferry site. As the majestic riverboat Music City Queen sailed around the massive bluff and drifted into port, nostalgic memories were evoked in the minds of those waiting on shore to board the grande dame on a scenic trip up river to Carthage. The week-end of historic cruises was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and businesses in a four county area to stimulate interest in the rich heritage of the river and promote commercial enterprise.

The mighty Cumberland and its tributaries was always of vital importance to the farmers and merchants for shipping and receiving goods and products. The early settlers constructed keel and flat boats to float corn, corn whiskey, hogs and tobacco down river to Nashville, New Orleans and even, in the case of tobacco, it went by boat to Europe. The adept river man could take a length of 2 inch hemp and log chains and maneuver a massive raft of logs around the most treacherous stretches of the river. The concept of commerce in the world of the pioneer was that any product that could not walk had to go by river.

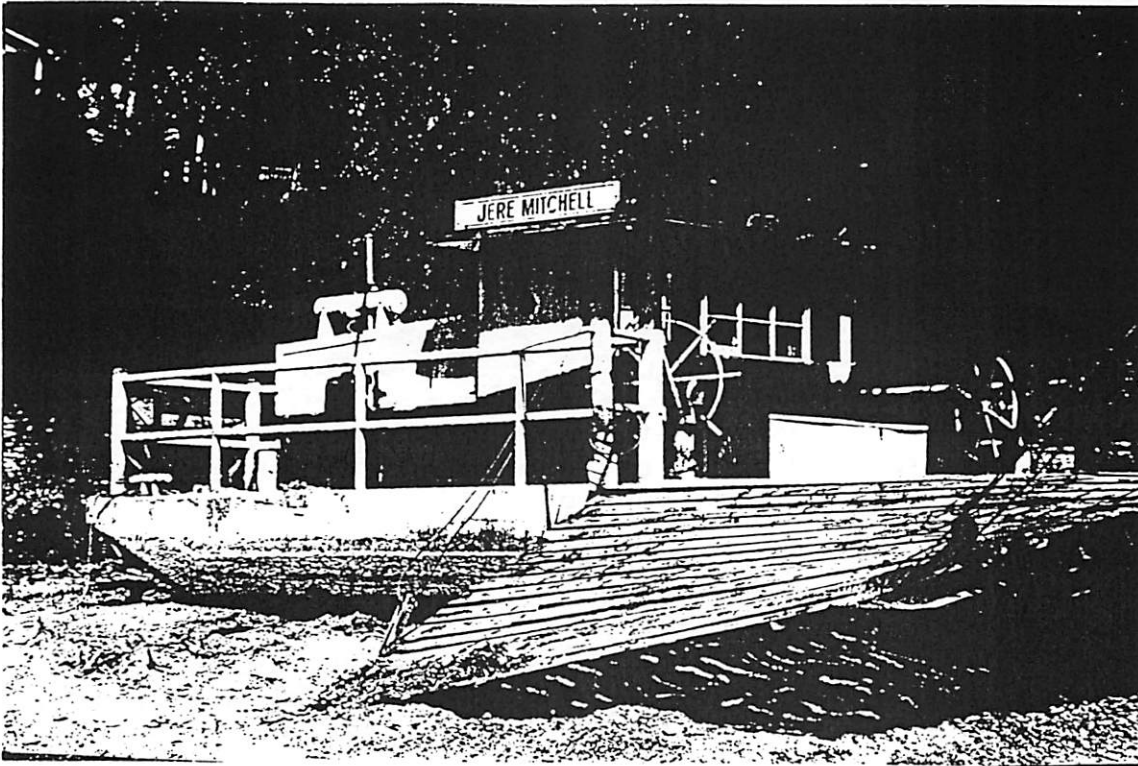
The old methods of riverboating were drastically changed by the launching of Robert Fulton's steam powered boat, the Clermont, in 1807. It was not until the 1820's that the steamboats reached as far upriver as Smith County, but with their arrival the lifestyle and material development of the county was revolutionized by the new mode of transportation. Travel that had been hazardous and time consuming could now be done on the comparative luxury of the sternwheelers. The river boats brought the gaiety of the dance floor, exotic foods and the latest news of faraway places. Local products were more quickly and easily shipped and exchanged for "store bought" goods to enhance the lives of those living in the country. The day of a steamboat's scheduled arrival at a landing generated the excitement of a county fair. Farmers came from miles around driving their lumbering wagons with wife and children perched atop the products being hauled in for shipment. The day was spent visiting and playing with friends and kinfolks, anticipating the whistle of the approaching boat. Adding to the melee, it was not unheard of for a pair of spirited mules, frightened by the noise, to plunge into the water, dragging wagon and produce behind them.

Prior to docking at Rome, in the old days, the Queen would have meandered her way upriver from Nashville, cruising through the counties of Sumner, Wilson and Trousdale. The first stop in the county would likely have been at the bustling Wright's Landing near Dixon Springs, established by Romulus C. Wright whose house, "Stoney Lonesome," stood near the river. As late as 1915 Wright's continued to be a viable landmark on Smith County's "water highway." The boat would have sailed by Saunder's Bluff where the little village of Bledsoeborough, situated on the land grant of Revolutionary War soldier, William Saunders, was little more than a memory. The town, established and laid out in 1787 when the area was still a part of Sumner County, was doomed to obscurity when Walton's proposal of Carthage as a location for the county seat won by one vote over Bledsoeborough.

The next stop upriver being Rome, what more appropriate place for the eager passengers to begin the voyage into the past than at one of the most thriving river towns in Smith County in the nineteenth century, successfully competing with Gallatin, Hartsville, Gainesboro and Carthage as a major port. When the steamboats began to ply the Cumberland, the need for a shipping point between Carthage and Lebanon became evident, and the site at the mouth of Round Lick Creek seemed a logical place. Consequently, Samuel Burdine layed off twenty-four lots and named the town Rome. The deed for the first lot sold in the plat was issued on December 13, 1828. Within five years Rome became a boom town with a bustling river dock and a stage coach route connecting it by land to Carthage and Lebanon. The Tennessee Gazetteer in 1834 reported that Rome had about 200 inhabitants, five stores, two taverns, one grocery, two tailor shops, a carpenter, a

blacksmith, a saddler, a shoemaker, a stonemason, a cabinet shop, two warehouses and one doctor.

Another major contribution to Rome's prosperity was the ferry which gave communities on the north side of the river access to the shipping facilities and commercial enterprises of the town. Sadly enough, just as the romance of the steamboat era continues in memory only, the historic Rome Ferry seems destined for the same fate. As the passengers ascended to the Queen's decks on the ramp built for the Jere Mitchell (named in memory of a World War II soldier killed in action) they filed past the once proud little ferry as it lies in helpless humiliation on the bank awaiting its death knell. A lack of passengers as well as the unavailability of a trained, licensed pilot make it doubtful that the ferry will be renovated and put into service ever again.



The old ferry Jere Mitchell sits forlorn and forsaken, patiently awaiting its fate. If the old ferry could talk, what stories it could tell!

However, the site crossing itself which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was the scene of many events. John Hunt Morgan is said to have escaped pursuing Union forces when he crossed the river at Rome; ropes were stretched across the frozen river in severe winters to enable the passage of people and vehicles. Twelve year old Billie Hailey drowned while

attempting to swim across on his pony. A family of five failed to survive when their car rolled off the ferry into the water. A pontoon bridge was constructed by the army when on maneuvers in Tennessee during World War II. Certainly, this historic site needs to be commemorated for posterity.



Site of the river crossing at Rome where the Jere Mitchell has ferried countless people and vehicles over the years to and from Beasley's Bend.

Excitement mounted as the Music City Queen fired up her motors and slowly entered the mainstream of the picturesque river. Soon Star Rock loomed up from the water as the boat rounded the curve into Kenny's Bend, named for Patrick Kenny, who settled there about 1820. The awesome rock served as a warning to early pilots who knew to steer away from the rocky shore. Andrew Kinslow, an early settler in the bend, operated Kinslow's Landing on his farm which he called "Star Rock Farm" and which remains in the family today. Mattie Bass Bradley, granddaughter of Andrew Kinslow, remembers the thrill of hearing the whistle of the Jo Horton Falls which heralded its approach to the landing. Mattie also recalls being picked up by neighboring families in their "motor boat" (a rarity in the 1920's) and going to church at Rome. Mr. Walter Taylor, former inhabitant of the bend, shares his tales of adventure of transporting mules by oar-powered ferry boat across to a small island in the river where they were hitched up to break ground for a corn crop. In the fall after the harvest, hogs were ferried across to winter on the island. As the boat continued on

around to the head of the bend was another landing known as the Sand Bar, and then on around at a location almost across from Kinslow's was yet another landing which belonged to the Bradley brothers, Jack and Taylor.

The next landmark up the river is a massive concrete wall, all that remains of Lock 7, which was constructed in 1910. Due largely to the influence of the steamboat companies, a series of locks was built in an attempt to make the river more navigable in dry weather. As the boats finally succumbed to the competition of the more reliable railroads and highways, the locks were blown out. Today a lovely park and picnic shelter above the lock wall provide a scenic respite for county residents.

Once the scene of gala picnics and expeditions seeking muscle shells in which a lustrous pearl might be discovered, the Queen cruised around Goodall Island, largest on the river in Smith County, named for early settler, William Goodall. The island was later purchased by the Reynolds family and is known also by that name.

Prior to the bridging of the Cumberland at Carthage, three ferries provided transportation across the river. After it rounded Goodall Island, the boat passed the mouth of Hogan's Creek, the site of a ferry by that name with a landing on the Carthage side at about where 3rd Avenue now runs.

Site of the next ferry, known as Middle or Cockran's, plied the river where the unique Cordell Hull Bridge was constructed in 1936, replacing an old plank toll bridge. Remnants of the old bridge still rest on the bottom of the river although much of the steel was salvaged during World War II.

The Upper or Walton's Ferry was first operated by William Walton who settled at the confluence of the Caney Fork and the Cumberland prior to the creation of the town in 1803 on his Revolutionary land grant. The Veterans Memorial Bridge was completed in July 1991 and spans the river near where, in the words of Francis Bailey, an Englishman who toured America in 1797, "...the prospect from the middle of the stream was delightful; you appeared in the middle of three grand rivers...."

On May 18, 1963, approximately 500 persons gathered on a hill overlooking the beautiful Horsehoe Bend to take part in a ceremony signaling the beginning of construction of the Cordell Hull Dam. Dirt and debris were hurled 300 feet into the air as President John F. Kennedy, from a Nashville location, closed a golden telegraph key to detonate the caps of a dynamite explosion prepared by the Corps of Engineers. Thirty-two years later the Music City Queen approached the stalwart edifice, dwarfed by a



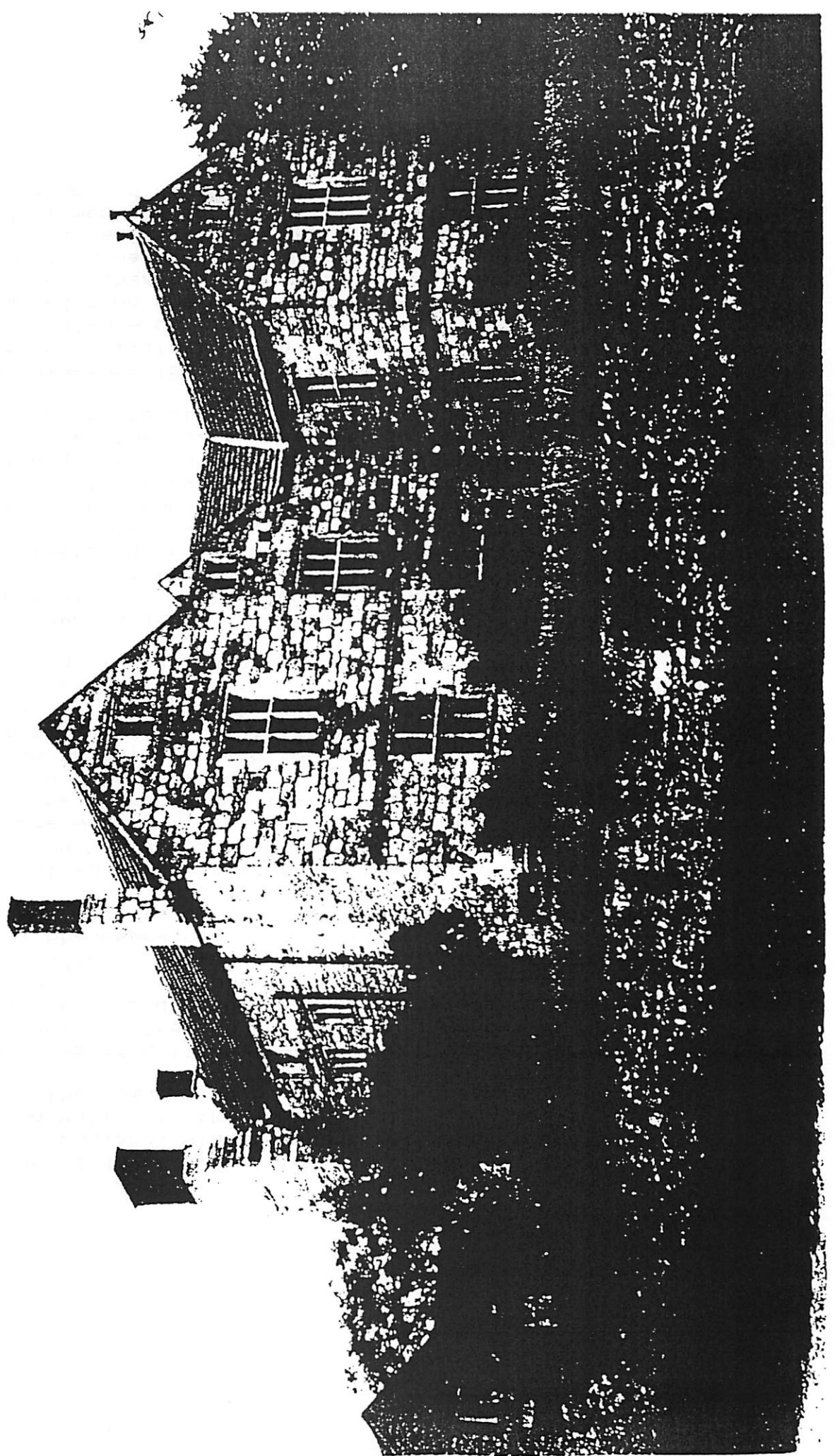
majestic bluff on one side and the sloping green terrain of the Bend on the other, and entered the lock on her voyage upriver. This man made barrier to harness the turbulent Cumberland and stimulate industrial development and recreation has enhanced the already magnificent beauty of the spot.

After locking through the dam, the Queen continued upstream on the broad expanse of the Cordell Hull Reservoir to the bustling Defeated Creek Marina. Old timers remember when West Point Landing was located at a point on this site. Established in 1847 by Ridley and Claibourn West on a portion of the Dr. McClure Revolutionary grant, West Point was a thriving center for shipping and receiving goods by way of the packets. Furniture is still extant that bears the stamped legend "Ship to West Point" on the back. There was also a tobacco inspection warehouse at the location. Luxurious steamers such as the Benton McMillen, Reuben Dunbar and Robert Rhea offered gala excursions replete with picnics, barbeque and dancing, departing from Rome with West Point as the destination.

Only memories of the river remain here as the main stream has been engulfed by the waters of the lake. Lock 8 in Horseshoe Bend, constructed in 1924, lies under many feet of water as do hundreds of acres of fertile farmland. Once familiar places such as Buffalo Landing, Allen's Ferry at Jonesboro, Sullivan's Bend community, Rogers' Landing and the village of Maggart at the mouth of Hurricane Creek are no more. There are other sometimes not so pleasant memories of the fickle old river. In the summer the water was often so low that the treacherous sand banks and shoals were not navigable. And then the rains came, flooding everything in the river's wake. There were reports of drowned livestock, chicken coops, big trees and pieces of houses swirling down the swollen river.

In spite of her treachery, a soldier rushing in 1813 with Jackson and his troops by flatboat down the river in freezing rain exclaimed, "The Cumberland should be the pride of Tennessee." Well, so also should the Cumberland be the pride of Smith County, consider what the condition of the county would be if this river had not flowed through it. We are talking bounty with no access to market, no fertile bottoms surrounded by rolling hills that give variety and character to the land, and no clanging of the ship's bell as the electrifying cry of "Steamboat's Coming" rents the air.

Thanks to you, Music City Queen, for a nostalgic voyage, a tribute to those valiant pioneers who survived the worst of times, the best of times on the capricious Cumberland.



## HUDDLESTON HALL

Joe D. Huddleston

In a secluded valley outside the village of Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire, England, stands an ancient manor house called Huddleston Hall. In the summer of 1994, my family and I visited the site, the cumulation of a 20-year dream.

At the time of William the Conqueror's great inventory of the taxable lands in England in the 1090's, known as the Domesday Book, the land where Huddleston Hall now sits was occupied by a Saxon named Huddor. That, combined with "ton," now spelled town, produces Huddor's ton, or Huddleston in its various spellings. Remember, Shakespeare, the most literate man of his day, is known to have spelled his own name at least 21 different ways.

Some English "pedigrees" trace the Huddors back five generations prior to the Norman conquest of 1066, but the first recorded use of the name was in 1110, when Nigel de Huddleston made a gift of lands to the church. Huddleston Hall, in some early form, was standing in 1296, when Sir Richard de Huddleston received permission from the church to build a chapel at his manor house "To hear divine service, this year in my chapel, kept in my court of Hodelston, yet so that on chief feast days I am to repair to the mother church of Sherburn." The chapel still stands behind Huddleston Hall, but is now used as a hay barn.

Several generations of Huddlestons were Stewards to the Archbishop of York while the Archbishopric was in Sherburn. When York Minster (cathedral) was built, the high quality of limestone from Huddleston quarry, known since Roman times, was used. Of a pure creamy white texture, the stone could be easily worked while it was damp from the ground, but hardened as it dried. When the Minster was struck by lightning and partially burned in the early 1980's the quarry was reopened and fresh stone used in the repairs. Now, the quarry has been partially filled in and the level floor is the site of a riding academy.

The Huddlestons left the Hall in the early 1300's, but it is on the British equivalent of the National Register of Historic Sites, and it has always carried the Huddleston name. The seat of the family moved from the Hall to Millom Castle in Millom, 1300-1774, and then a further branch moved to Sawston Hall, South of Cambridge, and was there from the 1530's until 1982. This branch was famous as soldiers. A Sir Richard was made knight banneret at the hand of Henry V on the field of battle at Agincourt in 1415. Sir Ferdinand and his nine sons were all cavalier officers in the

English Civil War in the 1640's, and one of the sons was made knight banneret by Charles I for his performance at the battle of Edgehill. Another son was killed at York on June 17th, 1644, and was buried in the Minster the following day.

It is hoped that it was from one of these nine sons that my branch of the family descended and came to Virginia, and then to Smith County, but that is as yet unproven. The Cambridgeshire Hall, equivalent to our county court house, has over 2300 documents dealing with the Huddlestons of Sawston Hall, and they will be the target of my next trip to England. It is just as likely or even more likely that my ancestors were servants of the lord of the manor, for "de Huddleston" means simply "of Huddleston." When surnames were being formed in the 10th and 11th centuries, anyone from Huddleston would have been known as "of Huddleston," regardless of his station, and could have assumed the name. Jesus was "of Nazareth," but so were many other people. However, many of the household would have been known by their occupation--smith, cook, carpenter, steward (stewart,) etc.

Huddleston Hall is of a common layout for the time, in the shape of a capitol H. One leg of the H is kitchen, pantry, servant's quarters, etc. The crossbar holds the great hall, and the other leg is the "upper" side of the house, with the master's bedrooms, etc. in it. The main entry, visible in the photograph, is good English oak, studded with doornails and with an iron knocker. When I knocked, my daughter and I could hear it echo in the great hall, just like in the movies. The Hall and its extensive acreage is now owned by an insurance company, and is occupied and overseen by the farm manager. He was courteous, but did not invite us inside. The house is in good repair, but the grounds are, by English standards, unkempt. The lawn is mown, but there are none of the gardens and landscaping that must have once been there. However, the farm acreage is beautiful--not a weed is visible.

The back of the H is a courtyard with a couple of pear trees, and a little further back is what was once a set of about three servant's quarters, a large stable, and several stone barns in addition to the shell of the chapel.

I am fortunate in that my name is not derived from an occupation, or a color, such as black, or a direction, such as west. It is also uncommon, so that I am not lost in a flood of Joneses, or like my Davis line, the eighth most common name in the English language. It was a thrill to stand in front of Huddleston Hall and be able to say "Within a half-mile radius of this spot, my name was first used."

MALCOM (MALCOLM) JENKINS

Peggy Martin Blue

Malcom Jenkins served as a Private in Captain William Walton's Company H, 1 Regiment Tennessee Infantry, from Smith County, Tennessee in the Mexican War. He was mustered in on June 1, 1846 in Nashville, Tennessee and joined for 12 months duty. He died of measles at Lomites, Mexico on August 13, 1846. His name appears on muster-out roll dated May 23, 1847 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a son of William B. and Sabra (Witcher) Jenkins, born in Smith County, Tennessee ca. 1826. So far as is known, he never married.

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*Jenkins, Malcom*  
 Co *H*, 1 Tennessee Inf<sup>y</sup>  
 (Mexican War.)

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*Malcolm Jenkins*

Capt., Capt. Walton's Co., 1 Reg't Tennessee Inf.  
(MEXICAN WAR.)

Appears on  
Company Muster Roll

for *Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1846.*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *Jan. 1*, 1846.\*

Where .....

Period *12* years \* *months.*

Present or absent... \* *Present.*

Stoppage, \$ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't \$ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: *Died at Sanmate  
Aug. 13/46.*

x *Malcolm Jenkins*

\* This organization subsequently became Co. H, 1 Reg't Tenn. Inf.  
\* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

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*Malcolm Jenkins*

Capt., Co. H, 1 Reg't Tennessee Infantry  
(MEXICAN WAR.)

Age ..... years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

*Nov. 23, 1847*

Muster-out to date ....., 184

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Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ ..... 100

Bounty paid \$ ..... 100 ; due \$ ..... 100

Remarks: *died at Sanmate  
Aug. 13/46.*

x *Malcolm Jenkins*

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\* 22- Muster-in roll shows enrollment and muster-in of this com-  
pany as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.

Book mark: .....

x *Malcolm Jenkins*

## WILLIAM W. AND MARY "POLLY" (GOAD) JENKINS

Peggy Martin Blue

William W. Jenkins was born in Smith County, Tennessee ca. 1827 to Daniel and Susan (Pyrant) Jenkins. To this union were born 12 children.

William W. served in the Mexican War as a Private in Company K, 5th Regiment (McClellan's) Tennessee Infantry. He joined and was enrolled on January 24, 1848 at Jonesboro, Tennessee. He appeared on Captain Patterson's Company Special Muster Roll on April 4, 1848. He was mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee on July 20, 1848 at which time he received the sum of \$21.00.

On December 1, 1848, William W. married Mary "Polly" Goad, born May 27, 1835. Mary was a daughter of John and Permelia Goad. My grandmother, Mary Evelyn Jenkins, born September 23, 1864 was one of their twelve children.

During the Civil War, William W. served in the Union Army in the 9th and 23rd Kentucky Infantry Regiments from September 25, 1861 until he was honorably discharged on January 24, 1865. During the war, he suffered from a liver disease and was wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga for which he later received a pension. He served in the same regiment (9th) with his brother Elihu H. Jenkins and brothers-in-law, Reuben A. and James Goad. He stated on his military record that he had lived in Macon, Jackson and Smith Counties. On his pension declaration dated August 23, 1882, he stated that his address was Difficult, Smith County, Tennessee.

William W. Jenkins died May 5, 1896 and Mary "Polly" Jenkins died November 26, 1899. They are buried at Alton Hill Cemetery. William W. was a farmer; both he and Mary were descendants of earlier settlers of Middle Tennessee.

Having spoken with a number of relatives from my Tennessee lines, I hope to get back to Tennessee for a visit. I send a special thank you to my family who have shared pictures, information and stories about our ancestors from Tennessee, and to Mary Hickman, who shared her book with me.

Contributed by Peggy Martin Blue, 116 Wilmar Avenue, Grants Pass, OR 97527. Telephone # (503) 479-6146.

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16. DATE OF DEATH

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## DECLARATION FOR AN ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION

To be Executed before a Court of Record or some Officer thereof having Custody of the Seal.

STATE OF Tennessee

COUNTY OF Smith } SS.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ 82

personally appeared before me William M. Jenkins of the Smith a Court

of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, William M. Jenkins

aged 53 years, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William M. Jenkins

who was ENROLLED on the 21<sup>st</sup> day

of September, 1861, in company 9 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> regiment of Kentucky Infantry

commanded by H. S. Shiner, and was honorably DISCHARGED at

Huntsville Ala on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1865; that his

personal description is as follows: Age, 53 years; height, Five feet nine inches; complexion, Dark

hair, Black; eyes, Grey. That while a member of the organization aforesaid, in the

OP, Washington, D. C.



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service and in the line of his duty at Cominth in the State of Mississippi

on or about the first day of June, 1862, he was attacked

with disease of the Liver which confined him to  
(Here state name or nature of disease, or the location of wound or injury. If disabled by disease, state fully its cause; if by wound or injury, the precise manner in which received)

the Hospital at Louisville Ky, for some eight weeks and have suffered with attacks weekly. Since that time, and I also received a flesh wound in my right shoulder at the Battle of Chicanawaga near Chatanonga in the State of Tennessee, and ever since it healed up my shoulder joint had been stiff and pains are greatly my Physician says its Rheumatism caused

That he was treated in hospitals as follows: ..  
(Here state the names or numbers, and the localities of all hospitals in which treated, and the dates

from wound, I can not raise my hand level with my head or shoulder. My disabilities are such I can not do manual labor.

That he has not been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than as stated above: ..  
(Here state what

the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above, and the dates at which it began and ended.)

That since leaving the service this applicant has resided in the County of Mason Smith & Jackson, in the State of Tennessee, and his occupation has been that of a Farmer

That prior to his entry into the service above named he was a man of good, sound, physical health, being when enrolled a Farmer. That he is now a Farmer and disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor, by reason of his injuries, above described, received in the service of the United States; and he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States. He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

**TUCKER & BISHOP, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.**, his true and lawful attorneys to prosecute his claim. That he has not received over applied

for a pension; that his residence is No. Smith County Tennessee, and that his post office address is difficult

Smith County Tenn  
Wm B. Pickering  
W. B. Jettie  
witnesses sign here.)

William W. Jenkins  
Name of Claimant.

State of Tennessee, County of Sumner, ss;

On this 23rd day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety six, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, within and for the

County and State aforesaid, Polly Jenkins, aged 60 years, a resident of Bransford, County of Sumner, State of Tennessee

who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William W Jenkins, who enlisted under the name of William W Jenkins

on the 15 day of Sept A. D. 1861, as a private in Company 9, in the 23rd Regiment of Kentucky Infantry Volunteers, and served at least ninety days in the late War of the Rebellion, in the service of the United States, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

on the 21st day of Jan 1865, and died on May 5th 1896. That he was was employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the also served in the 9th Kentucky Regiment

That he was never employed in the military or naval service of the United States after the day of March, 1866. That she was married under the name of Polly Good to said William W Jenkins, on the 1st day of December A. D. 1848, by J R Sloan Justice of Peace at Smith Co Tennessee, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that she had not maintenance. That no prior application for pension has been filed by herself or the soldier. That her husband William W Jenkins was pensioned under certificate 545

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. She hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, J. W. Chipman of Gallatin Tennessee

her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, the fee to be TEN DOLLARS, payable as prescribed by law. That her post-office address is Bransford, county of Sumner, State of Tennessee

ATTEST:  
1 Alice Jenkins  
2 Alice Jenkins

Polly Jenkins  
(Claimant's name - print name)

The Civil War Service of  
John Bransford Smith (1847-1929):  
Company C, Allison's Tennessee Cavalry Squadron.<sup>1</sup> James E. Jacobsen

"Captain Reece," said Allison, "you have no business here. Withdraw your company." "Colonel Allison," was the reply [Captain Reece feeling the stimulus yet over the victory of John Barleycorn], "Company B will remain where it is." "Captain Reece, you are drunk," asserted Allison. "Colonel Allison," snapped Reece, "you're a damned liar."

At this the two urged their horses nearer each other and on horseback engaged in a savage fist-and-skull battle. When both were nearly out of breath, and it was forced upon all that their energies were needed against the common enemy, comrades interfered.

Isiah White was present during this skirmish, and he says the Federals and Confederates were so near each other that he recognized acquaintances on the Federal side—Captain Hathaway [Lieutenant W. L. Hathaway, 1st Middle Tennessee Cavalry], Colonel Blackburn [Joseph H. Blackburn, 5th Tennessee Cavalry], and others. H. L. Hale, recalling boyish memories of these occasions, says that there were times, as the Confederates were pushed back stubbornly through Liberty and north towards Snow's Hill, when the opposing forces were only a few hundred yards apart. Part of Stoke's Regiment was advancing one day, and he saw Miss Mattie Hathaway run out to the front gate and speak a few words to her sweetheart, Capt. W. L. Hathaway, while bullets were whizzing around them.

Skirmishes were so frequent that comparatively slight disturbances would put the citizens and soldiers in commotion. About sunset on one occasion a tremendous roar, somewhat resembling the roll of thunder, was heard westward. Confederates at supper in the writer's home hastened to the street. The sound grew louder as the moments passed. The mystery was soon solved. A Federal wagon train had been captured, and the captors were forcing the teamsters to drive their fastest. This may have been the train mentioned elsewhere by Lieutenant Ridley. It proved a rich haul. That evening boxes were opened and the Confederates' hosts and hostesses given many fine presents.

Author Hale notes that John Bowman, attempting to conscript men for Allison's unit, was killed at Alexandria. Of the general Confederate military activities in the area. The following appears in Hale's account:

Alexandria did not escape the excitement of the times. Besides the encampment of local soldiers, General Wheeler, General Wharton, Colonel Smith, and Colonel Harrison (of the Eighth Texas) were familiar in that and the surrounding communities. They were camped on the various roads—Carthage, Statesville, Lebanon, and Murfreesboro. It was from Alexandria that General Morgan started on his famous raid through Ohio and Indiana.

In the autumn of 1864, Gen. Joseph Wheeler, returning southward from his raid into East Tennessee, passed through Liberty and Alexandria and on toward Nashville. He had started from Georgia with four thousand cavalry and four cannons. While in East Tennessee he sent Gen. "Cerro Gordo" Williams, with two thousand men and two cannons, to capture the Federal garrison at Strawberry Plains. With General Williams was Allison's squadron of DeKalb Countians. Williams found the garrison too strong to attack and attempted to overtake Wheeler, but failed. Wheeler came to Sparta, having General Dibrell's regiment with him. Dibrell was left at Sparta two days, while Wheeler took

McMinnville and, reaching Liberty, captured the [Federal] stockade, which had been deserted on his approach. Reaching Nashville, he kept the Federals uneasy for some days, then marched south. In his report he said he did not have a man or any material captured. It is alleged that Wiley Odum, of Cherry Valley, was the first of Wheeler's men to enter Liberty on that raid....

General Williams, as remarked, never overtook Wheeler. On the way he camped at Alexandria, where the troops of Allison's Squadron had an opportunity to meet their families and friends. Reaching a point in Rutherford County, he went eastward on the Woodbury Pike, where he had a considerable fight with the Federals. Later on he reached Saltville, Va."

Save for Wheeler's raid, Hale provides no dates for these events, but a cursory examination of Official Records lists the following Federal expeditions, which likely covered these accounts:

Expedition from Murfreesboro to Auburn, Liberty and Alexandria, February 3-5, 1863 (which involved the destruction of Elesin's Mill, at New Middleton, on the Carthage Pike)

Expedition from Murfreesboro to Lebanon, Carthage and Liberty, April 1-8, 1863 (involved destruction of mill at Smith's Fork on April 5, and skirmish at Liberty on April 7 with pursuit to Snow's Hill).

Reconnaissance from Murfreesboro to Auburn, Liberty, Snow's Hill, Cherry Valley, Statesville, Cainsville, Lebanon, April 2-6, 1863, with skirmish at Snow's Hill (or Smith's Ford) on April 3.

Scout to Smithville, June 4-5, 1863, with skirmish at Smithville on June 5.

Three veterans of Allison's command completed the Tennessee veterans' questionnaires. Horace Monroe Hale served in Company A, enlisting at Alexandria, in October, 1862. He listed Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge as his first engagements. Hale was a Carthage lawyer beginning in 1872, retiring in 1918.

Romulus Barbee, of Wilson County, enlisted at the same point, and served under Allison, Shaw and Bob Wright. Most importantly he noted that the squadron went to Saltville with Williams where they were engaged (October 2, 1864), and then into North Carolina where they were in a "heavy battle" and Barbee was wounded. He noted they "lived very rough in camps for days and nights with out any thing to eat and my way home very rough part of the way was a foot." Barbee was at Washington, Ga. at the close.

Freeling H. Hayes, also of Wilson County, enlisted at the same point, giving December 1861 as his enlistment date. He served in Tennessee "until the Fedrals forst us south", his first engagement was at Snow Hill.

"After our retreat south I was in all the battles fought from Dalton to Atlanta, Ga. a short time I was a courier for Gen. Hill. We lived hard often nothing to eat our bed was generally on the ground our clothing very sorry."

Hayes listed a number of his comrades but did not list J. B. Smith

My Cousin Clifford Dunlap recalled J. B.'s post-war arguments with a neighboring Federal veteran as well as some recollections. While children were generally not welcomed to adult discussions, some story telling was designed to entertain younger ears. As a result, Clifford recalled several story fragments from his grandfather. One concerned a constant lack of food and that the unit was always on the run. Another dealt with having to drink water from the horseshoe depressions in the road, when drinking water was not to be found. The last concerned the attack of a mountain lion or cougar upon a member of the unit, apparently the animal leapt from a tree onto the victim.

The following engagements appear in squadron records, as points where members of the Squadron were either captured or killed or wounded:

Auburn, TN,	January 22, 1863, <sup>9</sup>
Statesville, TN,	February 21, 1863
Carthage, TN,	March 24, 1863
Carthage, TN,	July 5, 1863
Smithville, TN,	September 20, 1863
Missionary Ridge, TN,	November 25, 1863
Ringgold, GA,	November 26, 1863
Chickamauga, GA,	November 27, 1863
Lafayette, GA,	December 8, 1863
Charleston, TN,	December 27, 1863
Rock Springs Church, GA,	January 13, 1864
Neil's Gap (at foot of Lookout Mountain), GA,	May 7, 1864
Larkinsville, AL,	January 17, 1864
Rock Springs, GA,	June 14, 1864
near Kenesaw Mountain, GA,	July 3, 1864
Liberty, TN,	April 7, 1865.

<sup>9</sup>Auburn, Tennessee: The Federal Third Cavalry Brigade, Department of the Cumberland, moved January 21, 1863 on the Liberty pike to retake a 34-wagon forage train captured that day near Murfreesboro. The captured wagons were removed by the captors via Smithville and McMinnville. The Federal pursuers reached Auburn at 4:30 p.m., and proceeded on the Woodbury Road, then moved on to Liberty. During the night three picket attacks were made by the Federals, and 18 Confederates were reported captured. Blackman's 1st Middle Tennessee Cavalry was part of the Federal force.

Allison reported the following to Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, on July 9, 1863, from his camp near Chattanooga:

Allisonia. Finding that our forces were falling back in the direction of Bridgeport, I moved by the left flank of the enemy to this place, arriving on the evening of the 7th. I await your orders.<sup>10</sup>

Although J. B. Smith notes that the squadron was engaged at Hoover's Gap, yet no treatment of that engagement mentions the unit as being present, let alone engaged.<sup>11</sup>

By July 30, 1863, General Bragg, commanding the Army of Tennessee, complained to Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, commanding that army's cavalry, that Breckenridge's Regiment of cavalry and the squadron were at Cherokee Springs "and are doing some harm and no good."<sup>12</sup>

Bragg's headquarters took action to put under military control "The great number of men who have joined cavalry commands, and avail themselves of that peculiar service to roam over the country as marauders, avoiding all duty." All commanders were ordered to "search out such characters, and have them transferred to infantry regiments, where they can be more easily watched and compelled to perform their duties." Embodied as General Orders #38, dated February 16, 1863, this attempt to control men who were frequently absent "whether from loitering about camp, from being without serviceable horses, from a deficiency in health...or from any other of the various causes by which bad soldiers seek to avoid the hardships and dangers of the service" from their commands. The order reflected administrative concern that

<sup>10</sup>ORA, Vol. 23, Part 2, p. 904. The squadron is not included in cavalry corps rosters for July 31 or August 10, 1863. Ibid., pp. 943-44, or 960-61.

<sup>11</sup>. A good contemporary example is a contribution to the Memphis Appeal dated July 20, 1863, written a "Soldier in [the] Gap". The letter credited the gap's defenders, Col. Butler's 1st Kentucky Cavalry and Confederate Signal Men with a spirited yet unsuccessful defense, as they awaited a belated reinforcement of infantry. "Tennessee Citizen", obviously a well placed staff officer, penned a specific list of units and their contributions soon after this. Ibid., July 21, 29, 1863. Writer "ASHANTEE" was with Bate's brigade of infantry, a part of which was en route to the gap to reinforce the cavalry at that point. "Gen. Bate met straggling cavalry in small groups, and among them, Col. Butler, of the 1st Kentucky, with a squad of five or six men, who stated that his command had been on picket, and was scattered by a severe attack from the enemy, consisting of three regiments of mounted infantry..."

<sup>12</sup>Ibid., Vol. 23, Part ii, p. 938, Falconer to Wheeler.

loose small units such as Allison's consumed valuable manpower and could best be utilized as part of the main army. The retreat of the army from Tennessee in July, 1863, provided the opportunity to bring these units into the cavalry corps, from which Allison's at least was unable to escape.<sup>13</sup>

By the end of August, 1863, the squadron was in Forrest's Brigade, Armstrong's (under Dibrell) Division and as such was engaged at Chickamauga. By this time Major Joseph Shaw commanded his own, Tennessee Cavalry Battalion and one company (Wright's) of this squadron, (the references above however show that Allison was actively in command through early 1864). By the end of November the squadron was in Colonel J. W. Grigsby's Brigade, Brigadier General J. H. Kelly's Division, Wheeler's Cavalry Corps.<sup>14</sup>

\*\*\*Federal reports placed Allison's unit as serving on picket duty at Harrison Landing on November 18, 1863.

Allison's Squadron is specifically mentioned as being at Chattanooga as of the end of August, 1863. Mr. Edward H. Packard entered Federal lines and provided a range of information about the city, including the following: "A cloud of dust was seen moving up the river, supposed to caused by Colonel Allison's cavalry." When this report was forwarded to XIV Corps headquarters that same day, it was slightly rephrased to read "On opening [Federal artillery] fire [on the city] this morning a cloud of dust could be seen moving up the river, and passed on up as far as we could see; supposed to be caused by Colonel Allison's squadron, as the movement was too rapid for infantry."<sup>15</sup>

The squadron fails to appear in the organizational unit list for Wheeler's Cavalry Corps, for August 15, 1863. This list included Forrest's Cavalry Division. Col. J. Warren Grigsby was at that time commanding his own 6th Kentucky Cavalry in Col. B. W. Duke's 1st brigade of Morgan's division. By the time of the battle of Chickamauga (September 17-19, 1863), what had been Col. Cox's 2nd brigade of Forrest's division now appeared under the command of Col. George Dibrell, and was titled "Forrest's Brigade." In addition to the 4th (McLemore's), 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Tennessee Cavalry regiments, there was "Shaw's Battalion, O. P. Hamilton's Battalion, and R. D. Allison's Squadron (consolidated), [all under the command of] Maj. Joseph Shaw."<sup>16</sup>

<sup>13</sup>ORA, Vol. 23, Part ii, pp. 637-38.

<sup>14</sup>Ibid., Vol. 31, Part ii, p. 663, Capt. R. D. Allison, commanding. For same organization as of December 10 see Ibid., p. 807, Captain John H. Allison, commanding.

<sup>15</sup>Official Records, Vol. 30, Part IV, pp. 214, 217.

<sup>16</sup>Official Records, Vol. 30, Part II, p. 20. There is confusion regarding the status of these three units. Hamilton's Battalion retained its individual organization and indeed, as of November 6, was stationed at Charlestown, Tenn. where it was gathering stragglers. The "little battalion" was detached from Dibrell's brigade, and ordered to Charlestown

A document titled "History of Hamilton's and Shaw's 4th Battalion Tennessee Cavalry" traces the operations of Hamilton's command at this time:

In the fall of 1863, Col. Hamilton took his command to Lenoirs station East Tennessee, where it was thoroughly armed and equipped, after which it returned to the old stumping ground. About this time Col. Dibrell fought and defeated the yankees under Col. Minty, near Sparta. Col. Hamilton and Maj. Shaw arrived at Sparta with a portion of the Battalion soon after the last fight near that place had closed. Col. Dibrell started across the Mountain the next day with his regiment and a detachment of the Battalion under Maj. Shaw. On reporting to Gen. Forrest at Kingston, East Tennessee, Col. Dibrell took command of his Brigade, and Maj. Shaw, with his detachment of Hamilton's Battalion was temporarily attached to it.<sup>17</sup>

No brigade-level report by Col. Dibrell can be found for the battle of Chickamauga, but Brig. Gen. Forrest's report makes several references to the brigade's service in that battle. On September 19, Forrest was reinforced by Dibrell's brigade. It went into action near the steam saw mill on the road toward Reed's Bridge. Forrest reported as follows: "[Dibrell's men] arrived shortly after we engaged the enemy; was speedily dismounted and formed, and with General Pegram's division, were able to hold position until infantry re-inforcements arrived." When Gen. Cheatham's infantry division was driven back later that day, Forrest "hastened to his relief with Freeman's battery of six pieces, dismounting Colonel Dibrell's brigade to support it." The battery fought a stubborn holding action, losing many horses but no guns. Forrest

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where it reported to Brig. Gen. Marcus Wright, post commander.

OSCEOLA wrote from that point, complaining that the newsboys had quit bringing the Appeal. Memphis Appeal, November 14, 1863. Hamilton's unit had many of the nine lives of a cat, having been twice nearly decimated by surprise Federal attacks while it was operating independently in and around Smith County. The first early morning surprise took place on April 19, 1863, at Celina, Tenn. and seven men were killed (see Official Records, Vol. 23, Part 1, p. 264). Barely two months later, on June 12, the unit was again surprised at Kettle Creek, Ky. Hamilton had apparently refused to report to Col. R. C. Morgan and instead camped separately. Here he lost two artillery pieces, wagons, stores, \$25,000 in public funds, "many men and horses" and his men were generally scattered (see Ibid., p. 369). Like Allison's unit, Hamilton's irregular unit was drawn into the regular cavalry to make better use of the men.

<sup>17</sup>. L. M. Nutt Papers in the Southern Historical Collection, Manuscripts Department, Wilson Library, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, hereinafter referred to as Nutt Papers.



noted "They were gallantly protected by Colonel Dibrell in retiring, who fell back with the line of infantry." When the victorious Confederates began to occupy positions around Chattanooga on September 22, Forrest stated that "my left, under Colonel Dibrell, [was] resting at the base of Lookout Mountain..."<sup>18</sup>

The history of Hamilton's Battalion does describe the role played by that unit at Chickamauga, notes that Shaw's "little detachment, [having] no connection with the balance of Dibrell's Brigade, fought on foot, winning imperishable renown. During the several days fighting, Shaw's detachment lost more men killed and wounded, than any other command in Forrest's corps, in proportion to the numbers engaged."<sup>19</sup>

It is fortunate that army correspondent "OSCEOLA", a member of Hamilton's Cavalry Battalion, determined to send a history of his brigade's role in the Chickamauga fight. It wasn't until October 17 that he finished it, and by that time his unit was at Cleveland, Tennessee:

**Editors Appeal:** It is due alike to the future historian, the reader of history, and gallant men who compose Forrest's old brigade, that a record be kept of the part taken by them in the bloody battle of Chickamauga.

The brigade consists of the Senior 4th, the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Tennessee regiments, and Hamilton's battalion and is commanded by Col. G. G. Dibrell of the 8th, a worthy successor to the brave and lamented Starnes, who commanded the brigade at the time of his death. Colonel Dibrell has distinguished himself upon many fields, and we hope his merits will ere long be rewarded by the golden wreath of a brigadier. Nothing would please his gallant followers more than to hear of his promotion and we feel sure there will be no better commander than he to command the brigade raised and led on so many fields by that war worn chieftain -- Bedford Forrest.

After skirmishing with the enemy near Reed Creek church during the 18th of September we were ordered moved on the right, early on the morning of the 19th. As we neared Chickamauga Creek at Alexander's bridge, our ears were greeted by the \_\_\_ of booming cannon and the roar of small arms which told that the contest had already begun. The order to double-quick passed back the line. Forward we darted. Report after report of artillery came in quick succession.

Volley after volley of musketry rang out on the still morning air. With flashing eyeballs and wildly distended nostrils our horses willingly pressed forward as if inspired with the sentiments of their fearless riders.

We reached the battlefield. Squads of Yankee prisoners and scores of our wounded could be seen wending their way to the rear. The roar of deepening contest was deafening. The early fairly rumbled. Our flanked and pressed by serious numbers, Ector's gallant Texas brigade was falling back. We dismounted at Lee's mill, and rushed to their support on foot. Our first impression was that they were retreating in confusion, but they soon satisfied us of our mistake.

<sup>18</sup>. Official Records, Vol. 30, Part II, pp. 524-26.

<sup>19</sup>. Nutt Papers.

THE JOHN HALE FAMILY OF SMITH COUNTY  
DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Madelon Smith

Letter to James from his father in Oct. 1864, continued from Vol. VII, No. 3:

The connection are all well we hear from J. S. Gill every 20 or 30 days he was well when last heard from. S. A. Owens is with John (Gill) at Camp Douglas and was well when last heard from. James Gill (John's brother) is a prisoner and is at Rock Islent (Island) if I mistake not. Your grandfather are well and almost helpless he has to be helped off his chair and put to bed like a child he cannot stand alone. The corn crop is very good I will have corn enough and to spare not having much stock. Their has been several marriages in the connection both of H. H. Stallings daughters ar married. Puss to Vince Tailor, Cat to Bark Stuart. George Dillard and Miss Brown is married and in Rome we have regular lodge meetings and are working some very good material we have had preaching regular and some good meetings your Mother sends her best respects and what has become of Brother Haras give my respects to A. Noras and all that may chance to enquire after me live near a throne of Grace by discharge of all duties to your hevenly Farther and may you and I meet beyond this world of sorrow and affliction where all good men hope to meet and gain admittance into the celestial lodge above where the Grand Architect of the universe presides, Write soon yours Fraternally  
John Hale

As the remnants of the Hale family are about to be reunited, John Hale writes his son one more time, not knowing when James will be released to return home.

Tennessee Smith County, June 7, 1865

Yours of the 28th has come to hand this evening. We are all well hoping this may find you enjoying the same blessing no doubt you think strange that I did not write in May I expected that you would have been relest soon after the surrender and a letter would not have reached you this is why I did not write in May as I have binn expecting you were on your way home Mr. Cato and I would have sent for you and Will but we war told you would be relest soon perhaps before we could get any person their you and Will must not think hard of us we new not what was best to do all the boys that was surrendered are at home but Hugh they left him in Gorgy (Georgia) his wound was nearly well Bob came with J. Corder their has binn some deaths in the connection Barnett and Georges wives are both ded Barnett's wife was sick when he got home and lived only a few days the girls and famalys are well I am in hopes you will be set at liberty soon write if you are not relest soon Hugh will come home some time this month I add no more Your affectionate Farther John Hale  
June 8th I learn this morning that Mr. Cato's house burned last night particulars not known.

DAVID YOUNG AND SARAH PHILLIPS  
DESCENDANTS  
WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
1796-1994

Compiled by Clarice Neal and Ella Young

The computer program, "Brothers Keeper", developed by John Steed is the format that was used for tracing the descendants of Sarah Phillips and David Young. This program arranges descendants by generations. Eight generations were traced. As each person was entered, he/she was assigned a number and was entered in the index. DAVID YOUNG and SARAH PHILLIPS DESCENDANTS is hard-bound, 8 1/2 x 11"; contains 351 pages, with bibliography, and is fully indexed. The title, imprinted in gold, is on the cover and the spine.

The book is well organized and formatted, provides adequate documentation, a strictly genealogical endeavor. The Smith County Library is pleased to have a copy of this valuable resource book. Anyone who wishes to secure a copy should contact: Mrs. Joe W. Neal, 2209 Shoal Creek, Austin, TX 78705.

ESTATE PAPERS of JONES BOSTON

Hollis B. Boston, Jr.

Jones Boston was Hollis Boston's third great grandfather. A long odyssey carried him from early manhood in Smith County, to Northwest Alabama, and finally to the Republic of Texas, where he died August 4, 1840. This book contains a series of court records and author commentaries that describe how the children of Jones Boston strove to gain rightful shares of his estate. Heroes and villains abound in a true account of long-ago theft and deception. Brief biographies of Jones's ten children enliven the cast of main characters.

Chapter One of this book may be familiar. It is adapted from an article written by Mr. Boston and published in the Spring 1994 Quarterly Newsletter. This book is concise, well organized and documented, fully indexed, a credit to the author, providing useful information to those interested in the Boston family's connection to Smith County. The book is hard bound with the title and author's name, imprinted in gold, on both the cover and the spine - a most useful contribution to the Smith County Library's genealogical collection.

The book was designed for pre-subscribed private distribution. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, a limited number of copies are available for sale at \$20.00 per copy/ppd. Contact: Hollis B. Boston, Jr., Colonel, USAF Retired, 2341 Wentworth Drive, Montgomery, AL 36106. Telephone number: (334) 277-1971.

## QUERIES

Published query pays off! William Alton Taylor of Brentwood, Tennessee writes that Mrs. Clailand Taylor Tedder responded to one of his queries. Not having been acquainted with her previously, he learned that they are first cousins once removed. Mrs. Tedder and Mr. Taylor have exchanged family information; she has sent him pictures of his grandfather and gr gr grandfather, as well as photocopies of letters written in 1903 and 1908.

Just goes to prove that send in those queries; get them published and someone whom you have never met may be interested in the same lines as you and contacts will be made!

THOMPSON: Looking for descendants of SWAN THOMPSON, b. NC, a schoolteacher in 1830-1850 Smith County. His wife was ANN and children were: SARAH, GEORGE, JAMES, CHARLES, DAVID, HENRY, FRANKLIN, ARRAMINTA and ZISKAUVELDER (ZU). I descend from ZU and his wife EVALINE ARMSTEAD. Will appreciate any information. DONALD GENE BELLISARIO, 6700 Warner Avenue, 8-E, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

BRIDGES: LIEUT. THOMAS P. or his siblings, WILLIAM, HENRY CLAY, etc. T. P. BRIDGES helped to start Smith County Bank. T. P.'s father was JOHN BRIDGES, sheriff and hotel owner. Any information, photos or anything else about these people will be appreciated.

JOHN BRIDGES, 300 Rural Hill Court, Nashville, TN 37217. Day telephone number: 748-3477; night 360-7263.

(In response to Mr. Bridges question regarding the original photograph with names of the veterans published on the cover of the Fall Issue of this quarterly, we are sorry but we do not have it. The copy we used was from an issue of the Carthage Courier .)

WEST, SWAN: My paternal grandmother, BELLE SWAN WEST, was born somewhere in Smith County more than a 100 years ago. She died in 1943 in Murfreesboro, TN. My father, Robert Carl West, was born in the Defeated Creek area, somewhere along or near the Cumberland River, in 1896. He grew up there, "in the woods and hollows", and later attended Carthage High School where he was a member of the football team. I would greatly appreciate any information on the Swans and Wests.

EVELYN WEST BROWN, 215 Floral Park, Lexington, KY 40503.

PRUITT: JOSEPH PRUITT of Smith County, formerly of Granville County, North Carolina, married SUSANNA GILL August 2, 1790. Who were their parents? Who were their children other than JOSHUA/?  
MRS. ETYHLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

BRADLEY: JAMES BENJAMIN BRADLEY, born March 22, 1806, married FRANCES LANCASTER October 28, 1823 at New Middleton, Tennessee. Died August 6, 1839 at age 33; buried in Woodson Cemetery. Who were his parents and siblings? J. P. WILLIAMS may have been his guardian. Who was BERRYMAN BRADLEY?  
MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

WATERS: JOHN WILLIAM WATERS: Born 1794; died 1867. Married BETSY KYLE, daughter of BARTLETT (BARKLEY) KYLE of Smith County. DR. WATERS lived at Tuckers Cross Roads (in Wilson County). He had two sons who were also doctors. JACK was a surgeon in the Confederate Army and WILLIAM, who married MIRANDA \_\_\_\_\_ . Who were DR. JOHN WILLIAM WATER'S parents?  
MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , BOX 217, BELLS, TEXAS 75414.

MARSH: I would appreciate any information on CHARLES MARSH, born 1764 in NC. Wife, CATHERINE, born 1780 in VA. They were listed on 1820 -1840 Smith County, Tennessee Census. I need to know if they had a daughter named, SARAH, who married a MATTHEW ADAMS.  
CHRISTINE MEDLIN , 780 Washington Avenue, Baker City, OR 97814.

CARDWELL, CARTER, RICHARDSON: THOMAS NELSON CARDWELL, b. 1775 Amelia County, VA moved to Granville Co., NC. Came to Middle Tennessee ca. 1820's; moved to Calloway County, KY. Died at age 72. Brothers: JOHN G., CALEW W. and JAMES DUDLEY, all lived in Smith County, Tennessee. Son, LEONARD H. CARDWELL, b. ca. 1809 in NC, married MARTHA CARTER, b. ca. 1809/11 in Smith County, TN. Daughter, MARTHA S. CARDWELL, b. 1834 in Jackson County, TN, married in 1852 SAMUEL GLASPY RICHARDSON, b. 1822 in Jackson County, TN. Who were parents of MARTHA CARTER? Is there proof that THOMAS NELSON CARDWELL was father of LEONARD H. CARDWELL, who died at the Masonic Hall in Carthage 16 Apr 1872?  
JAMES MCCOIN , 312 Seven Oaks Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922.  
Telephone number: (423) 539-0426.

ROBINSON: Have information and pictures of descendants of MAURICE ROBINSON, who went to Hardin County, Illinois after 1840 and three of his children: GEORGE WILLIAM, ANDREW JACKSON AND MARY ROBINSON, who went to Oregon County, MO in 1850. Would like to correspond with others tracing Maurice Robinson's line. Would like to know what happened to him and his wife, NARCISSA, and their other children: ELIZABETH, SAMUEL, SUSAN, WILLIAM, SARAH ANN, JOHN M. and FRANCES B. Would appreciate any assistance.  
JOHN P. ROBINSON , 2729 Chalet Forest Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129. Telephone number: (314) 846-4807.

MCDONALD/GLOVER: Seeking info. on burial place of SYDNEY S. MCDONALD ("WILLIE" SR.), born 1828 Carthage or Granville, TN. His father was JAMES PORTER MCDONALD, his mother, SUSANAH EDLEMAN. Seeking info. on burial place of FRANCES B. (GLOVER) MCDONALD, daughter of ROBERT J. GLOVER and FRANCES E. (COOK) GLOVER. She was 12th child born to this GLOVER family on December 28, 1847. SYDNEY S. MCDONALD married FRANCES ("FANNY") GLOVER January 20, 1870 in Smith County, TN. Seeking info. on burial place of SYDNEY and FANNY'S children: EDNA WINFRIED, born 1876, CALLIE MAY, born 1872, MATTIE LELA, born 1877, and "WILLIE" SIDNEY, JR., born ca. 1878. All moved to Seattle and Walla Walla, Washington with eldest brother, ALVA WRIGHT MCDONALD, born March 19, 1873/74, between 1900 and 1915. ALVA WRIGHT served in the Spanish American War; was released at Fort Oklahoma in 1890's. He died in Wilshire, CA October 29, 1947, about 74 years old. ALVA was my grandfather. FANNY GLOVER died March 19, 1877, TN.

DOUGLAS WADE MCDONALD , 5718 So. Verde St., Tacoma, WA 98409.  
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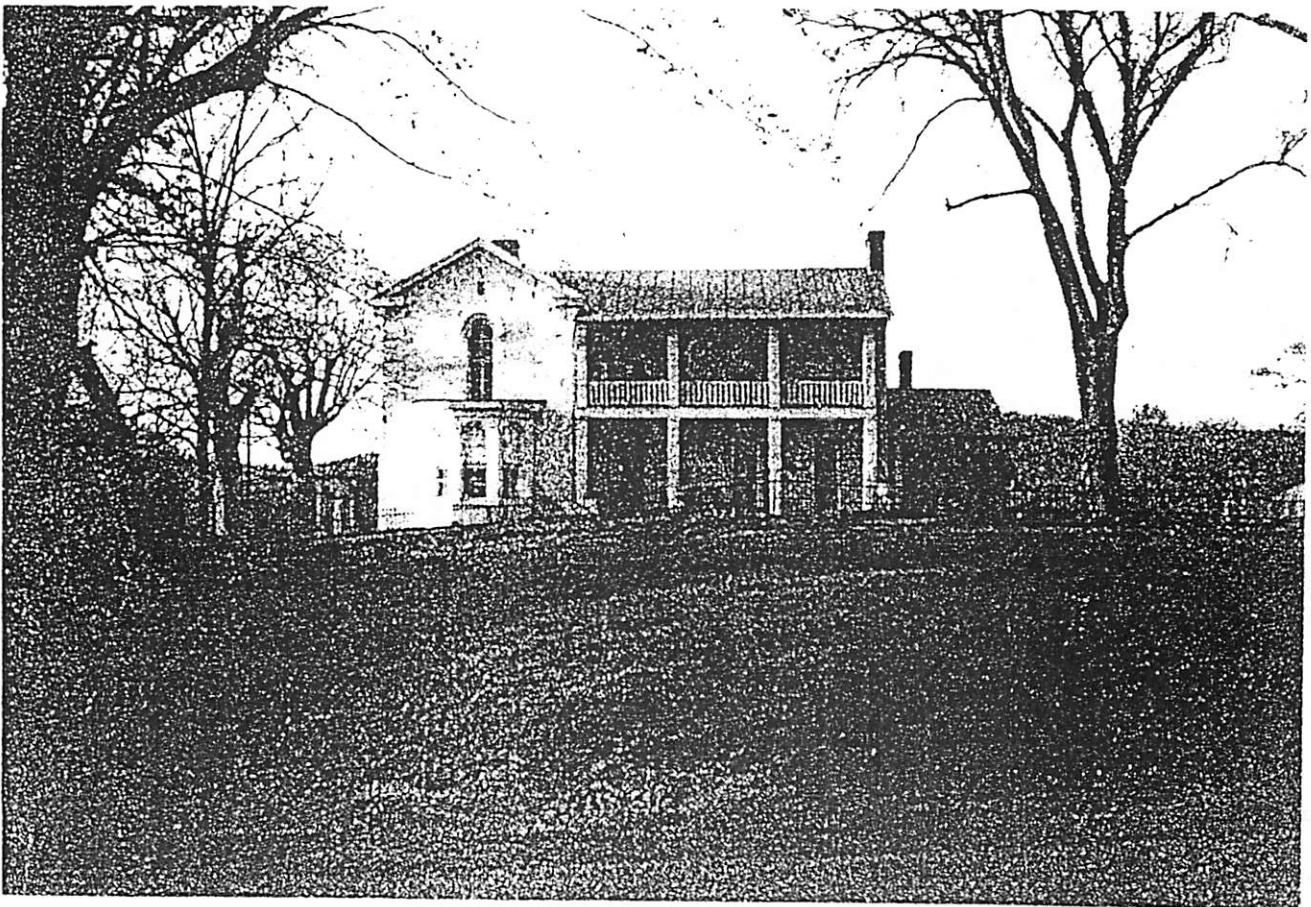
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The Grim Reaper was not too kind to the local membership of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society during the month of January 1996. On a bitter cold, everything covered with a pristine snow, early Sunday morning, January 7, 1996, the Reaper claimed Garland Massey at his home in Lancaster, Tennessee. He had been a rural letter carrier and postal clerk from 1949 through 1978.

Born at Maggart, 11th Civil District, he was the son of Herschel Taylor and Nell Maggart Massey. He descended from Revolutionary War soldiers, William Darnell, Isham Beasley and Henry Maggart, Sr. and War of 1812 soldiers, Henry Maggart, Jr. and William Massey. Garland had a keen interest in his roots and Smith County history.

He was married to Margie Nixon, who died January 13, 1989. He is survived by sister, Marie Davis, nieces, Sammye Kelly and Suzanne Dempsey, nephew, Darrell Massey, great-niece, Laura Dempsey and great-nephew, Nick Kelly.

Only four days later, the Reaper would strike not once but twice. On January 11th, Assistant Chief of Enforcement of Air Pollution Control, Chris Ford was the victim of a tragic automobile accident. Only a few years ago, Chris, wife, Carolyn and daughters, Jennifer Lynn, twins Carolyn Ann and Christin Ann purchased and moved to the old family home and farm at Elmwood,

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FRONT COVER

Located at the end of West Fite Avenue is the stately historic Swope/Fite/Ligon/Westmoreland home, where the John A. Fite family lived during his illustrious career in Carthage and Smith County.

which they named Ford's Way. They had renovated the two-story colonial frame home; had made numerous farm improvements and were enjoying life in the country.

Born to parents Edna Armistead and George Thackston Ford in Nashville, Chris' roots ran deep in Smith County soil. An avid genealogist, he was a direct descendant of Elmwood's earliest settler, Zachary Daniel Ford, born 18 Nov 1774; married Mary (Polly) Gordon 13 Nov 1794. Zachary died 26 Feb 1836. Mary was the oldest sister of John Gordon, who settled at Gordonsville. In the fall of 1995, Chris graciously videotaped the history of his home and farm for inclusion in the series - Historic Homes in Smith County. Chris was laid to rest in the family cemetery on a hill overlooking the village of Elmwood on his beloved Ford's Way Farm.

Then, on the evening of January 11th, B. Clark Meadows, retired educator, died at age 86. Born in Putnam County, Tennessee, Mr. Meadows was the son of Jessie Milton and Alva Judd Meadows. On 18 Nov 1933, he and Louise Robinson were married. They moved to Carthage about 1935, where Mr. Meadows taught agriculture at Smith County High School until 1955. He was elected Superintendent of Smith County Schools in 1956, where he served until 1968. He then worked for the Tennessee Department of Education through 1974. He joined his son, Mike, in the Powell & Meadows Insurance Agency in Carthage from which he retired in 1994. Mr. Meadows looked forward to receiving the quarterlies. One, or sometimes more, could usually be seen on a table in the lobby of the insurance company.

Mr. Meadows is survived by his wife, Louise, son, Mike, and daughter, Patsy Williams and grandchildren, Elizabeth and Julie Meadows and Randy Russell.

On the cold, blustery evening of January 30th, the Reaper claimed Mrs. Mattie Bass Bradley, widow of Carmack Bradley, to whom she was married for 58 years. Mrs. Bradley was employed by the Tennessee Department of Human Services from 1945 through 1976. For 27 of her 31 years of service, she served as Director. She was a charter member of the Carthage Business and Professional Women's Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society.

A native of the Kenny's Bend community at Rock City, she was the daughter of Charles and Odell Kinslow Bass. She was a direct descendant of Revolutionary War soldiers: David Phillips, Pennsylvania; Peter Kinchloe, Virginia; Phillip Pope, North Carolina; John Lawson, Virginia; and Theophilus Bass, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bradley is survived by a foster daughter, Teresa Vantrease Lawler, a niece, Jerelyn Jennings, nephew, Charles Bass and 2 sisters-in law, Mrs. Beulah Woodard and Mrs. Virgie Mai Bass.

## MEMOIRS OF AN OLD COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

Chris Baxter

When John Amenas Fite died in 1925, the old Carthage lawyer left behind a quiet, but sizable legacy to the generations of Smith Countians that would succeed him.

There is an avenue running west from Smith County High School, across Main Street to a dead end beyond Water Street that bears his last name and near that dead end, an old mansion built by the former politician and Confederate Army Colonel that has long since his death become known as the Westmoreland house.

Then there is the Smith County Courthouse. Fite didn't raise the old brick building by himself back in the mid-1870's, but he chaired the committee that pushed the project through and caught much flack from angered taxpayers for the courthouse's "extravagant" \$18,200 price tag.

That was just one minor skirmish the amiable old warhorse survived in a lifetime spanning 94 years, from his birth in 1832 in Alexandria, then a part of Smith County, to his burial behind the old Methodist Church (now Braden Methodist Church) at the northwest corner of the Carthage town square in August 1925.

During his rural upbringing, he always sought companionship among friends who could keep him in the thick of mischief. He was not a child to find pleasure in quieter, scholarly pursuits, although later in life, he had the wit to excel in legal, military and political matters. In his adult life, he mingled with great military men the likes of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, served in the state legislature and associated himself with Governor Peter Turney and spent many winters in retirement in Florida in the company of the great American folklorist, Joel Chandler Harris, better known as "Uncle Remus."

Fite's daughter and son-in-law, the late Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, with whom he lived in Lebanon for the last 25 years of his life, had the foresight to encourage the aging colonel to publish his memoirs. In 1910, at the age of 77, Fite recited bits from his childhood through the 1870's to his daughter, opening with the statement that, "unless I hurry up, I will go out with a small record."

John Fite Robertson, his grandson, lamented years later that the colonel's memoirs were still too brief and incomplete a record for the well-traveled old gentleman. "It is regrettable," said Robertson in his foreword to the memoirs, "that my grandfather did not bring his memoirs to a later date, to include such experiences

as his journey to the Holy Land, when he was eighty years old; riding around the walls of Jerusalem on a donkey; his visit to Egypt, and the "purchase" of 50 slaves on the veranda of Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo; and his subsequent travels from Naples up through the (European) continent."

William T. Hale, in his History of DeKalb County, noted that except for Fite's frugal character, the colonel might have died 13 years before his time on the homecoming trip from that overseas excursion. In April 1912, Fite turned down the opportunity to sail for New York from Southampton, England on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, spurning that boat's high-priced ticket in favor of a ride on a ship that left England the following day. Only upon his arrival in New York did Fite learn of the luxury liner's deadly encounter with an iceberg in the north Atlantic.

Fite dictated his memoirs two years before that event and never updated the manuscript to include his later years.

Instead, the rare volume deals with his upbringing in a pro-slavery community, his legal education at Cumberland University in Lebanon, and an extensive discourse on Fite's rise from captain of a confederate company he helped organize at the beginning of the Civil War to Colonel in the 7th Tennessee Infantry under General Robert Hatton, of Lebanon to his imprisonment after the capture at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863.

Fite was born to Jacob and Matilda Fite February 10, 1832 and spent his early childhood in Alexandria, where his father ran a general merchandise store. His family apparently owned a considerable number of slaves, one to whom he refers in his memoirs by the name of Lem, was a frequent companion in the colonel's youthful misadventures.

On one occasion, he recalled, he and Lem were under his father's orders to put oats in the family's barn loft and when we got done, Lem said, "less hang ourselves." I said. "all right, you hang first." There was a plank with one end in a crack, the other on the floor. Lem tied a rope to a girder and the other around his neck and stepped off. I always supposed he thought he would step on the floor, but he tied the rope too short. He spun around like a top, his eyes popped out and his tongue stuck out. There was an old mowing blade sitting in the corner and I picked it up and cut him down. The first thing he said was, "damned if I ever hang again."

As he grew older, Fite took charge of driving a crew of slaves in the field and by his own words, would use the "cowhide" on a reluctant or obstinate slave before he would ever argue or reason with one. He apparently gave little thought to the humanitarian

questions slavery raised. In his mind, it was a white man's prerogative to own a black man and he himself engaged in the slave trade in Nashville much the same way he dealt in horse trading. (His father chastised him more than once for trading his horses without permission, but John always seemed to be able to turn the better end of the bargain.)

In one of his first legal cases in Carthage, working in partnership with his older brother Sam, Fite filed for possession of 22 slaves owned by a debtor on behalf of the debtor's creditors, took them to Nashville and sold all but two at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. After settling accounts with his clients, he received a fee of \$2,250, "the biggest fee I ever got."

He always enjoyed a little bit of foolishness and while at Cumberland University, almost earned his expulsion from the school for a prank. It started with a fox hunt near the school. While dragging the prey through the weeds to lay down a trail for the dogs, Fite got the idea to pay a boy to drag the animal through one of the lecture halls at Cumberland, from one end of the building to the other. The subsequent dog race through the lecture hall might have resulted in his early dismissal from the school, if one of his elders had not intervened in his favor.

After graduating from Cumberland in 1855, Fite moved to Carthage to begin working with his brother.

The Civil War was only six years away, but he had time to strike up a friendship with Mary Micheau Mitchell that would eventually lead to their marriage following the war.

Soon after Fort Sumter was fired upon by Union troops in 1861, Fite and a handful of his associates established an infantry company and he was elected its captain. That was the beginning of a military career that would involve him in several of the major battles of the war, all in General Lee's eastern campaigns, and cause him serious injury more than once.

By the soldier's account, temperance was not a common practice among the Confederate troops at any rank. War production apparently included whiskey making and although the officers made efforts to keep mindless drunkenness among their troops to a minimum, they themselves were nothing close to teetotalers.

Fite recounts betting with Hatton in a remote part of West Virginia that one of his company's more accomplished whiskey hunters could find whiskey where every other comfort seemed to be absent. Hatton argued that there could be no whiskey in such remote territory, but Fite's man came through and he pocketed the \$5 wager. "If there was any whiskey in miles, he could find it," said Fite. Tactical sessions were regularly conducted over a



"toddy" and canteens, as often as not, held whiskey rather than water.

Fite took his first wound in the Battle of Fredericksburg when a spent cannon ball rolled through a bush and struck him in the chest. The impact knocked him unconscious and split his breast bone in two. He said the injury healed leaving a permanent ridge up and down the middle of his chest.

Shortly after recovering from that first injury, he went down again, in a confrontation with Federal forces near Gordonsville, Virginia in the Battle of Cedar Run, struck by a Yankee slug that fractured the bones in his lower left leg. Field surgeons prescribed amputation, but Fite retorted, "it would never come off and when I died I would die with that leg on there." He died two-legged some 60 years later.

Fite's recovery from his second wound took more time than his first injury, but he rejoined Lee's Army of Virginia in time for the ill-fated campaign to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He had long since been promoted from captain to major and finally colonel, when Hatton was promoted to general.

He witnessed Lee's artillery bombardment of Union positions on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. When the shelling quieted, Lee's whole army was ordered forward and Fite, along with General Archer's Brigade, proceeded over a series of fences on a Union battlement known as "the angle." It was the end of the war for the colonel.

"When I crossed the last fence, the enemy was getting ready to fall back, seemed to be, but just after we crossed the fence, a fresh command was put in on the Yankee side, and what wasn't shot down of our crowd fell down," he said. "When they stopped shooting, they jumped from the rock fences and came down to where we were."

Fite surrendered to a gentle young Union Private, turned his saber over to the man's commander and started on a journey that ended in 20 months in Union prisons, including a long stretch at Johnson's Island in New York.

His charm served him well in prison, earning him whiskey privileges and other comforts he shared with his mates. Still, unhealthy prison conditions reduced him from 225 pounds at his capture to about 135 pounds upon his parole, shortly before the end of the war.

He was paroled on a prisoner exchange between the north and the south and found himself back in Tennessee, even as Union soldiers were still hunting Confederate holdouts over the countryside and more than once, hid in the country when he heard Yankee troops.

As soon as he arrived back in Carthage, his romance with Mary Mitchell was renewed and on December 27, 1866, less than two years after Appomattox, they were married.

Their union produced two daughters, Bettie, who died about 1881 at the age of 14, and Mrs. Robertson, who prompted him to write his memoirs.

He served as clerk and master of the chancery court from 1871 to 1876 and was appointed to fill a vacant term on the state legislature from 1881 to 1882. Fite presided over the 5th Judicial Circuit Court from 1886 through 1893, resigning that post to serve as adjutant general under Governor Peter Turney from 1893 to 1895. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Smith County Bank and was the bank's first president from 1892 until his death.

Fite moved to Lebanon upon his wife's death in 1899, but is said to have maintained his residency in Carthage for voting purposes to the end of his days.

No doubt but that John Amenas Fite left Smith Countians quite a legacy. He was a rugged individualist, possessed a good sense of humor, a man of integrity and character. He definitely made an invaluable contribution to Smith County, especially in the areas of law and civic endeavors.

When your editor contacted Chris Baxter, former editor of the Carthage Courier, regarding the publication of his article, he most graciously consented. We are indeed grateful to Chris, who with his wife and family lives and works in Carthage, for granting permission for the publication of his article which he researched and published in the Carthage Courier October 21, 1982.

Chris' article gives us an excellent background picture of John Amenas Fite and will certainly provide better understanding and an enhancement of Colonel Fite's Memoirs which will be published in their entirety in future issues.

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Historical and genealogical researchers are like prospectors. They learn about possible rich ground, sometimes from rumor, sometimes from hard fact; they doggedly sift through small mountains of ore, often during painful periods of frustration; they persevere; occasionally they find a motherlode.

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

August Term, 1812. ANDREW GOFF VS POLLY HAMILTON etal . On 11 Aug 1812 indenture between Andrew Goff of Williamson County and Polly Hamilton, wife of John C. Hamilton, formerly Polly Turner, Berryman Turner, Nancy Armstrong, wife of John B. Armstrong, formerly Nancy Turner, Susannah Turner, Betsy Turner and John Turner of Smith County. Goff conveyed 15 acres part of warrant #2664 in 1st District of Smith County south side of Cumberland River on waters of Round Lick Creek for \$100.

March Term, 1832. RICHARD MCCONNELL VS JOHN BEVERLY HUGHES . Richard McConnell and John Beverly Hughes, both of Smith County, on 30 July 1832 entered into a mercantile co-partnership. It was believed that a mercantile business at Granville, Jackson County, Tennessee would thrive. At time of formation of this business, Hughes lived in Carthage and was employed as a clerk in mercantile business. The new firm lost money which Hughes claimed was because McConnell sent large quantities of broadcloth, Irish linens, silks which made for very dull sales and scanty supplies of marketable goods. Depositions were given by William Moreland, clerk employed by Hughes 27 Aug 1832, Lemuel Tileston, Joseph Allen, Samuel C. McConnell, brother to Richard McConnell, John Stephens, Malcom W. Nelson, Lott Hazard, Harvey Hogg, Martin W. Sloan, William Owen and Alfred H. Vannerson. The firm of J. Beverly Hughes & Co. was dissolved by mutual consent 4 Dec 1832. On 16 Jan 1834, Chancery Court ordered the bill dismissed; complainant was to pay cost of suit.

December Term, 1835. HENRY BERRY and wife VS CAMPBELL CRUTCHFIELD, GUARDIAN etal . Bill of complaint of Henry Berry and Eliza, his wife, of County of Madison against Samuel and minors Dicey and Frances Williams. They requested that two negroes, Henry and Mariah be sold in order to make the division among the heirs of Sally Williams. Crutchfield's father, Thomas, was their former guardian but he died in 1833 having made his will in which he appointed son, Campbell as executor.

April Term, 1835. SAMUEL CAPLINGER VS JOHN T. STOKES & S. KELLY . William Sullivan had been guardian for minors: John T. Stokes, William B. Stokes and Gordon B. Stokes. Caplinger was appointed their guardian in the year 1830 because Sullivan was removed by the court for alleged mismanagement. Spencer Kelly was stepfather to the Stokes' boys. John T. Stokes, with the approval of Kelly, wanted to go into the mercantile business and needed to raise money for that purpose. To raise this money, he had taken some negroes from Sullivan in the amount of \$1,000 and sold them for cash. Caplinger receipted Sullivan as though he had received the money. Compounded interest was too much.

July Term, 1846. GASTON heirs, sale of land VS EXPARTE . Bill of complaint of Robert Donaldson & his wife, Susan, of the state of New York. Susan Gaston, Hugh Gaston, William Gaston & Hannah Manley, minors sued by next best friend and guardian Mathias E. Manley of state of North Carolina. They owned a tract of land on north side of the Cumberland River being same granted by state of North Carolina to William W. McClure by patent #429. Donaldson and wife own 1/3 tract; Susan, Hugh and William Gaston own 1/3 of tract. Hannah Manley owns remaining 1/3 tract. She is the daughter of Mathias E. Manley who is executor of will of Judge Gaston, grandfather of William, Hugh and Susan.

July Term, 1824. WILLIAM BOYD VS JOHN BOYD . About 1820, William Boyd resided in Jackson County, Alabama having some ten or eleven negroes. He said that he was old and imposed upon. In addition he was married to a second wife who will not let him live in peace. He verily believed that she married him for his property. He stated that her son, John Lane, by a former husband, had intermarried with Boyd's daughter. Lane said Boyd's children wished to inherit his estate before his death. He told Boyd that his second wife and her children planned to strip Boyd of all his property. Thus Boyd conveyed some to one child and then another. Son, John Boyd, lived in Jackson County, TN to whom he gave negro Charles and his wife Nance; they have since had a child. John was to get them after William's death but in February 1822, John took them. He needs them to render menial service. John is the eldest child who lived and worked for his father until he was 24 years old. Depositions of John Shaw, Mary Boyd and Betsy Boyd of Jackson Co. TN were taken at the home of John Vance in the same county. John Lane is ca. 34 years old.

May Term, 1838. NANCY DILLARD, dec. VS PERLEMAN W. CAGE, admn. of NANCY DILLARD, dec. . Nancy Dillard departed this life in Smith County intestate in the year 1838. Poleman/Perleman W. Cage was appointed administrator of her estate. In addition to household goods and other property she left four negroes: Judy ca. 28 years old; Betsy ca. 10; Anna ca. 2; and an infant born since the death of the intestate. There are ten distributees of said estate; however only 1 was named - ZACHARIAH - on whom she held a note. He had since died. In a deposition John M. McMurry stated that "she had ten children in all and that most of her children resided beyond the limits of the state (TN)." "That one of her children, Zachariah, departed this life since the death of his mother". John McDaniel agreed with the deposition of McMurry.

May Term, 1827. JAMES ROLLINGS VS LARKIN CORLEY . Rollings & family moved to TN latter part of 1825; rented farm from Corley on Mulherin Creek. In 1826, he purchased 254 acres including farm rented; had survey made, only 217 acres. Corley came to Smith Co. in 1804 having served under Harmer, Sinclair and Wayne for four years fighting northern Indians. On 15 Oct 1811, he received a grant and purchased other land of Benjamin Enoch, James Riggs and Wyly Denny.

The original bible pages belong to Reba De Monbreun, 149 46th Ave. Nashville, Tenn.  
She is a grand daughter of John & Elizabeth Mc Kinney.

What God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

THIS CERTIFIES  
THAT

*John H. McKinney*

AND

*Elizabeth Gishman*

Were solemnly united by me in the

Holy Bonds of Matrimony,

at *her house* on the *thirteenth* day  
of *February* in the year of our Lord One Thousand  
Eight hundred and *sixty five* conformably to the

Ordinance of God

And the Laws of the State.

In Presence of:

Signed:

*John Mc Kinney*

*James W. Apple*

*M. A. Dickson*

# MARRIAGES.

Sally McKimney	Hattie B. McKimney
Mrs. Mary Apple	and Andrew J. Tubb
was married on the	were married Nov.
29 day of Oct 1894	14 <sup>th</sup> 1904.
Hugh McKimney	Joseph C. McKimney
and Alice Goss	and Effie May Gibbs
were married on the	were married July
4 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1902	7 <sup>th</sup> 1906.
James B. McKimney	
and Ruthie Vangou	
were married on the	
20 <sup>th</sup> day of April 1902	

John F. McKimney family bible pages

# BIRTHS.

John F. McKinney	was born April 30 1871
was born July 29	William C. McKinney
1845-	was born Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1874
Elizabeth H. Lusk	Walter C. McKinney
was born Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> 1849	was born March 31 <sup>st</sup> 1878
Louisa McKinney	Walter A. McKinney
was born August 6 <sup>th</sup> 1866	was born May 30 <sup>th</sup> 1890
William C. McKinney	Joseph C. McKinney
was born Nov 25 1867	was born Feb 20 1895
George W. McKinney	
was born April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1870	
James P. McKinney	

John Francis Mc Kinney family bible pages

# DEATHS.

<p>Louisa McKinney widow of McKinney        Departed this life on        the 7 day of August        1866</p>	<p>Departed this life on        the 27 day of August 1900        Elizabeth McKinney</p>
<p>George W. McKinney        Departed this life on        the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April        1870</p>	<p>Departed this life        June 27 - 1918        Effie Mae McKinney</p>
<p>William B. McKinney        Departed this life on        the 18 day of Dec 1899</p>	<p>Departed this life        July 25 - 1924        Joseph Carter McKinney</p>
	<p>Departed this life        March 3, 1949</p>



JAMES EDWIN MCKINNEY AND LETCY JANE HERRING MCKINNEY  
LINEAGE

Irene McKinney

Among the more colorful families to settle in the old 8th and 11th Civil Districts of Smith County were the McKinneys. Unlike many of their neighbors, they were strong Republicans and Unionists.

James Edwin McKinney, an orphan, said to have been reared by the Cook family, was born 1 Mar 1825 in Smith County. On 1 Apr 1844, he married Letcy Jane Herring. She was born 1 Apr 1827 in West Tennessee. James Edwin died 1 Dec 1898 and Letcy died 10 Oct 1908. Both are buried in the family plot near Chestnut Mound. Family tradition tells it that James Edwin stayed in bed most of the time for seven years with rheumatism. He had had his coffin made many years before he died; it sat in a back bedroom and he would tease Letsy about being afraid of his coffin.

McKinney was a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil Wars. Enlisting at Carthage on 25 Dec 1863, he served in the Union Army. Age 39 years, he was described as having black eyes, dark hair, dark complexion and being six feet four inches high. He resigned his 1st Lt. Commission in Co. H. 1st Regiment of MTD Inf 27 May 1865 to become Internal Revenue Collector of Smith County. James Edwin and Letcy were parents of the following:

1. Son, John Francis McKinney, also served in the Union Army. At the time of his enlistment on 25 Dec 1863 (same as his father's), he was 18 years old, had black eyes, black hair, dark complexion and stood 5 feet 8 inches high. He was in Co. A, 1 TN MTD, Inf.

Born 23 July 1845, John was married to Elizabeth Grisham 16 Feb 1865. She was a daughter of William "Pryor" Grisham and Martha Jane Thornberry Grisham, having been born to them on 2 Sep 1848. They were the parents of the following: Louisa born 6 Aug 1866 and died 7 Aug 1866; William born 25 Nov 1867 and died 18 Dec 1873; George W. born 13 Apr 1870; died 14 Apr 1870; James Pryor born 30 Apr 1871 in Eldorado, Saline County, IL. He married Ruthie Vaughn on 20 Apr 1920. He died and was buried in St. Louis, St. L. Co., Missouri. Sallie Edna born 1 Dec 1874 in KY; married Henry Brooks McDonald Apple 23 Oct 1894 at Chestnut Mound, TN. They removed to Lewiston, Fergus Co., Montana, where they both died and are buried. Hattie Belle born 31 Mar 1878 Gamaliel, Monroe County, KY; married 7 Nov 1904 Andrew Jackson Tubb, Granville, Jackson County, TN. They removed to Seattle, King County, WA, where she died 28 Sep 1967. Hugh Alphy Orion Young was born 30 May 1880, Jamestown, Russell Co., KY in a sugar camp. He first married Alice Glover 9 Mar 1902.

Alice was a daughter of Newton Harrison Glover, born 9 June 1840 Smith Co. and Nancy Inez Bellar, born 11 Apr 1845, 10th Civil District, Smith Co. Alice descended from Lee Clay Glover, son of early settlers Darnel Glover and Elizabeth Cannon and from Eliza Maggart Glover, daughter of Henry Maggart, Jr. and Jane Darnell Maggart. Alice was born 18 Feb 1878 near Chestnut Mound and died there on 25 Aug 1925. Hugh second married Nannie B. Carr. Following their divorce, he third married Margaret Cordell. Joseph Carter was born 20 Feb 1885; married Effie Mae Gibbs 7 Apr 1906. He died 3 Mar 1949; Effie Mae died 22 July 1924 both died and are buried in Nashville, Davidson Co., TN.

2. Amanda born ca. 1848 and died between 1855 and 1859.

3. Samuel Green (e) born ca. 1851; was married 23/24 Mar 1874 to Nancy Hughes, usually referred to as Nannie, a daughter of Powell Hughes and Luanda Widwell Hughes.

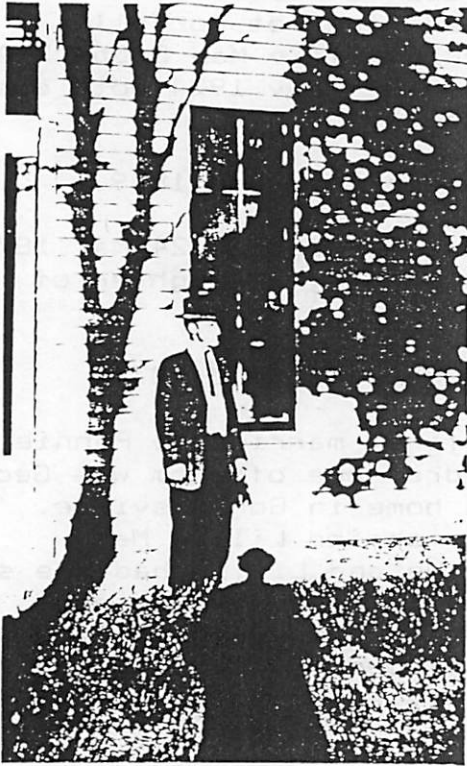
4. Andrew born ca. 1854 and died between 1870 and 1879.

5. Ellis Seton born 11 May 1857 was first married to Fannie Dillard 28 Jan 1881. They had six children one of whom was George Benton, a bachelor who lived in the old home in Gordonsville. After Fannie's death, Doctor Ellis then married Lillie Mai Hance/Hanson, a former school teacher. He and Lillie had one son, Lutrell. While Ellis practiced medicine in Gordonsville and surrounding area, Lillie operated a general store and millinery shop in Gordonsville. Lillie was born 31 Dec 1867 and died 4 Jan 1944. Dr. McKinney died 2 Jan 1928. They are both buried in the Gordonsville Cemetery.

6. Sarah Catherine born 29 Aug 1865 married Elihu White 15 Sep 1881. Elihu, a Union soldier, was a son of Hiram Harris White and Caroline Sadler White. He enlisted in the Union Army 27 Feb 1861 when he was 19 years old which indicates that he was born ca. 1842. He had blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion and was five feet seven inches tall. He was assigned to 1st Regiment, TN MTD. Inf. Elihu and Sarah had six children: Alvin Fuller, born 8 July 1882 and died 5 July 1954, was a minister. Clydie Gemima died 11 Jan 1947. Dogy Vertella born 27 Jun 1890; died 30 Nov 1975 lived with Dr. and Mrs. Ellis McKinney for a time. Orbin Brady born 4 May 1893 became a minister. Carola Banks White born ca. 1897 and died 27 Dec 1972. A missionary, she frequently visited relatives in Tennessee and is buried in Ridgewood Cemetery in Carthage. Eda Muza was born 8 Aug 1900 and died 10 Sep 1959.

Family tradition relates that Elihu, a miller, was reasonably prosperous and owned property, unmarried at age 39, and that Sarah Catherine was young (16) and beautiful so they united in marriage. Somewhere along the way things went awry for as the family tells it, Elihu was at work; Sarah had prepared the noon meal but she

and the children ate and left, leaving lunch on the table. Divorced August 1904, Sarah and children removed to Indiana ca. 1911, where she died 17 Mar 1955 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, and is buried there. Elinu went to New Mexico where he is said to have died in 1911.



*George*

GEORGE BENTON MCKINNEY  
BORN 17 SEP 1890



*Truman & Grandfather*

TRUMAN BEASLEY (BABY)  
WITH GRANDFATHER JOHN  
DAVIS BEASLEY/ELLIS  
SETON MCKINNEY



EFFIE MADDEN MCKINNEY  
BEASLEY (DAU. ELLIS &  
FANNIE MCKINNEY) HUS-  
BAND & BABY, TRUMAN

Samuel Green (e) McKinney was born 26 May 1851 in Gibson Co., TN; married Nancy E. Hughes (Nannie), daughter of Powell and Luanda Widell Hughes 23/24 Mar 1874. Sam died from gunshot fired by his son-in-law, James Ira Grisham, 29 Aug 1898. Nannie, born 11 Oct 1860, died 19 Nov 1936. Both were buried on their farm in the Grisham Hollow, 11th Civil District, near Maggart.

## Children of Sam and Nannie McKinney:

1. William Henry, usually referred to as W. H., was born ca. 1875. He married Martha Etta Grisham 16 Jan 1895, ceremony performed by Rev. R. F. Wilmoth. He and Etta moved to Elmwood in the early 1900's where he operated a mill and blacksmith shop. They were the parents of Tom who married Susie Woodard, Lil married a McKinney, Odell married Jerome Ramsey who died in 1933, Jess married Lula Cochran, Bonnell married Bonnie Maxwell and Ina B. Henry purchased the land where the old Elmwood Institute was located and constructed a general merchandise store and a shop for himself. Ina B. and Odell operated the store while Mr. McKinney concentrated on his shop work. Odell worked in the store from 1959 until 1986 when she retired. She died on 21 July 1991 at age 87; she is survived by daughter, Billie Ramsey Pettross. Neither Tom nor Jess had issue. Lil had a daughter, Rebecca, who married W. E. Mundy. Rebecca is deceased. Bonnell and Bonnie had 3 sons: (the 3 J's) Jack, Jerry and Jimmy all of whom reside in Elmwood. Bonnell built a restaurant on Cookeville Highway near Elmwood, which Bonnie operated until joined by son, Jimmy and wife, Becky. Appropriately titled the "B & B", it is the place to eat in the Elmwood area. Now retired from the store, Ina B. lives in the family home in Elmwood.

2. Rossie Ellen was born 4 Apr 1877; married Leonard Reams Grisham 11 Sep 1895, ceremony performed by V. S. Massey, J. P. Leonard was a brother to Martha Etta, wife of Henry. They were the parents of Charlie, Alma, Ernest Weldon, Cecil, Evi and Kaye. Alma married a McDonald and lives in Nashville and Kaye lives in California. Ernest Weldon was named for Sam and Nannie's young son, Clarence Weldon, who died as a young boy from an accidental gunshot. Ellen died 21 Aug 1947; Leonard, 13 May 1950. Both are buried in the Dickens Cemetery near Maggart.

3. Minnie Lou "Ethel" was born 17 Jan 1881; married James Ira Grisham 24 Dec 1896, ceremony performed by V. S. Massey, J. P. At one time Ira lived in the Ferrell Hollow in the old 16th District. Ethel died 17 Oct 1928 and Ira, 14 Oct 1959. Both are buried in the Dickens' Cemetery.

4. Ada Bessie was born 11 Apr 1882; married Elihu Dickens 29 Jul 1899, ceremony performed by V. S. Massey, J. P. Elihu was born 5 June 1877 and died 5 Oct 1958. At one time they lived in the Aunt Mahala Cowan house in the old 16th District. Bessie died 17 May 1960. They are buried in the Dickens' Cemetery.

5. Arnelde Tecumseh Sherman "Cap" was born Aug 1885; married 22 Mar 1903 Jennie Haynes, ceremony performed by J. J. Lester, J. P. The traditional story of how he got this nickname is that he was "capering about in a sheet" with the idea of scaring or harassing someone. He knocked on a neighbor's door and asked the one who

came to the door for a drink of water. Upon receiving the drink of water, he said, "Best drink I've had since Shiloh!" Whereupon the individual chopped Cap in the kneecap (or knee), a blow from which he was crippled. The nickname Cap remained with him for the remainder of his life. He and Jennie and their young daughters removed to California. The following is copied from the original letter by Jennie to Mrs. N. E. McKinny:

Sharon Calif Sept 24, 1911

Mrs. N. E. McKinney

Will now answer your kind & welcome letter we recd a few days ago & was glad to know you all were well-this leaves us all well. We was glad you got your money all O. K. We sure would be glad to see you all. Say how is your mother & father? hope they are well. have you been picking any peas this fall or not? Yes we are doing well here and I guess we will stay here for quite a while I dont want to come home now. Cap is well satisfide he says he never means to come back there to stay but says we will come home on a visit some time. But that is to far to visit so guess when we come home we will stay. We had a letter from Brother Marvin yesterday said he & Cassie would start out here the last of this month. Well they can make money here but Cassie wont be satisfide I dont think but she may like fine the little girls said tell you hello & they would like so much to see you & Cap said tell you he wanted to see you awful bad. This is sunday & the children & I are here all alone & I am so lonesome. It looks awfully like rain today. We haven't had a rain since April But we dont need rain now. Its not here like it is back there If we have rain In the Spring that is enough to make grain but folks have to earigate their vinyards & gardens. We never have any snow here & scarcely ever see any ice every thing is green & flowers bloom the year round well Cap & I signed your paper hope you will get your money out of the place all O. K. Well as I dont know any thing else to write will close & write more next time. I sure was glad to get the pretty card you sent me I sure think it is pretty Good By to all & God Be with you all till we meet again from

Jennie & Cap

Jennie and Cap were later divorced in California.

6. Ova Green was born 18 Aug 1890/92; never married. Evidently Ovie was either a minor or had died about 1910/1911 because Cap and Jennie McKinney transferred their part of Ovie's 1/8th interest in the farm to Nannie on 25 Sep 1911. Records show that Henry sold his interest to J. N. Grisham; Bessie Dickens sold her interest to Leonard Grisham.

7 Clarence Weldon was born before 1900 and was acidentally killed by a gunshot when older brother, Henry, laid a gun down on the porch which went off. A bullet hit Ovie in the stomach but she recovered. This accident happened a few years before Mr. Sam was killed.

8. Verna Maye was born 2 Oct 1896. She married Henry Spivey, both of whom are buried in the Dickens' Cemetery but no information is recorded on their markers.

Hugh Alphy Orion Young McKinney, son of John Francis and Elizabeth Grisham McKinney lived a rather adventuresome life. He said he was born in a sugar camp known as "Jimtown"/Jamestown, Kentucky. He also lived in Smith County and Kent, King County, Washington. His nickname was "Hoy." From his State of Tennessee, Department of Public Instruction Certificate, he attended 15 days at the State Institute held in Carthage from June 11 to July 6, 1906 and that he attained the following grades: Orthography - 88; Writing - 87; Grammer - 86; History of Tennessee - 95; Physiology and Hygiene - 96; Reading - 88; Arithmetic - 97; Geography - 91; United States History - 92; Theory and Practice of Teaching - 98. "In consideration of the above grades and attendance, this certificate is issued. It entitles Hugh McKinney to admission to the Secondary course of study in any State Institute in Tennessee, and on presentation of this certificate to receive without examination from any County Superintendent in the State a Third Grade Teacher's Certificate, which will expire June 30, 1907."

Perhaps because Hugh was scholarly and wife, Alice, was a teacher, they named their first born WALDO EMERSON. Ralph Waldo Emerson was one of American's greatest thinkers and writers. Children of Hugh and Alice are as follows:

1. Waldo Emerson was born 15 May 1903 at Chestnut Mound, TN. He removed to the state of Washington where he married Esther Arlene Lindros 21 Aug 1929. He died 17 May 1959 in Seattle, King Co., WA and is buried there.

2. Theodore Roosevelt "Ted" was born 14 Jan 1906 in the 10th Civil District of Smith County. He married Pearl Bellar 13 Aug 1927. Ted and Pearl had a mutual great grandfather, Moses Bellar, who married 3 times. Pearl descended from number 1, Nancy Dillard; Ted descended from number 2, Mary Dillard, daughter of Daniel Dillard. They were the parents of James R. McKinney who was selected as Democratic nominee for speaker of the Tennessee State House of Representatives in 1970. They also had daughter, Alice, and son, William H. Ted died 7 Apr 1991 in Greenbrier, TN.

James R. McKinney, a prominent Democrat and lawyer in Davidson County, TN was born in Smith Co. ; died Wednesday, 24 Mar 1993 in Madison, TN where he lived. He was survived by his wife Dorothy Scudder McKinney, two sons, James Robin McKinney and Bradley S. McKinney.

3. Leslie Hugh "Les" was born 17 Jun 1908 in Smith Co. He removed to Kirkland, King Co., WA, where he married Vivien Pohlmann. He died 14 Mar 1971 and is buried in Kirkland.

4. Rodney Smith "Rod" was born 8 Sep 1912, Seattle, King Co., WA; married Flora Knohr 23 Dec 1939 at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City. He died 22 Sep 1974 Cherry Hill, Camden, NJ, where he is buried.

5. Lillian "Lil" was born 15 Jul 1916, Seattle, WA. She married Elmer Douglas Lince/Lynch 17 Mar 1941, Anaconda, Deer Lodge Co., Montana.

6. Robert Quentin "Bob" was born 26 Jun 1921, Seattle, WA. On 27 Aug 1958, he married Hilda Irene Rinehold, Granger, Yakima Co., WA. Robert, a World War II and Korean War veteran, is a renowned educator, having served as a Community College President prior to retirement.



SARAH CATHERINE MCKINNEY WHITE

Hugh and Alice Glover purchased her parents' homeplace in 1925. Alice and four of their youngest children had moved to the place, while Hugh remained in Seattle working on a Street Car line. In a letter written to Hugh shortly before her death she said that she was having a hard time, no rain, hot and her pears were infested. She is buried in the New Macedonia Church Cemetery on Pea Ridge, TN. Hugh died 4 Dec 1861 and is buried in Kent, King Co., WA.

Trying to clarify this large family is like catching eggs from an electric fan. Just perhaps, this compilation of data on the James Edwin McKinney family will be of assistance to others researching this line.

Pictures of members of Ellis McKinney family are courtesy of Truman Beasley, who, for many years, has been a resident of the Smith County Health Care Center in Carthage.

Editor's note: Thanks, Irene, for sharing your intensive genealogical research.

## MILLOM CASTLE And the Huddlestons

by Joe D. Huddleston

As discussed in a previous article, the Huddleston name originated in Yorkshire at Huddleston Hall. Sir Richard de Huddleston, the man who built the chapel at Huddleston Hall in 1262, died without a male heir about 1300, and the Huddleston line ended in Yorkshire. Prior to 1300, Richard's younger brother John had married Joan de Boyville, heiress of Millom Castle, so the seat of the Huddleston family moved there.

According to two accounts of a de Boyvill family legend, one published in 1610, the other in 1675, the Huddleston family crest comes from an event in the de Boyvill family. The two accounts give different settings, one in Ireland, the other during a crusade in the Holy Land, but the details are the same. The Lord of Egremont and his brother were captured by the enemy, and as was the custom of the day, the older brother was released while the younger was held for ransom. Initially, the younger brother was loosely held and well treated, in anticipation of his being worth a large ransom, and besides, it was the proper thing to do. During this time the young man and the daughter of the chief holding him began a relationship. As time went on, it became apparent that Lord Egremont was not going to honor his debt, and his brother's treatment grew harsh. Despite the pleas of his daughter, the chief finally had de Boyville confined by suspending him by his hair, which had grown long. In desperation, the young woman and her servants attempted to free him by cutting his hair, but, because of his suspended weight, only succeeded in scalping him. After he had recovered, he was released to return to England and confront his brother, carrying his scalp and his hunting horn. Approaching Lord Egremont's castle the young man blew his horn in his distinctive call, and the Lord, in his shame, sent an emissary to treat with him. The upshot was that young de Boyvill became the first lord of Millom, with estates measuring 10 by 20 miles, and several generations later the Huddlestons acquired one of the most gruesome family crests in heraldry: the two arms of a woman holding up a human scalp with the bloody inside showing.

There had been an earthwork fortification outside the village of Millom since about 1125. By the late 1200s, it is referred to as a castle. In 1298 Sir John de Huddleston fought under Edward I in the defeat of Sir William Wallace and the Scottish independence movement at the Battle of Falkirk (see the movie [Braveheart](#)). In 1314, Sir Richard was on the English side when Robert the Bruce defeated them at Bannockburn, and the Scots finally won their independence. I likely had ancestors on both sides of these battles, for the Highland Scots from which the Sandersons are descended were fighting on the Scottish side. Emboldened by their victory at Bannockburn, the Scots raided severely along the borders, and in the early 1330s another Sir John de Huddleston (there is a John and a Richard in virtually every generation) fortified Millom Castle with a moat and defensive walls. It appears that this same Sir John was the one that built what is now known as the Huddleston Chancel Chapel as an annex to the Millom Castle Church.

In 1415 another Lord of Millom, Sir Richard, was made Knight Banneret by Henry V for bravery at the Battle of Agincourt. This elevated him from run-of-the-mill knight to a position between knight and baron, and was only granted by the king for exceptional service. It was not, like knighthood, passed on by heredity.



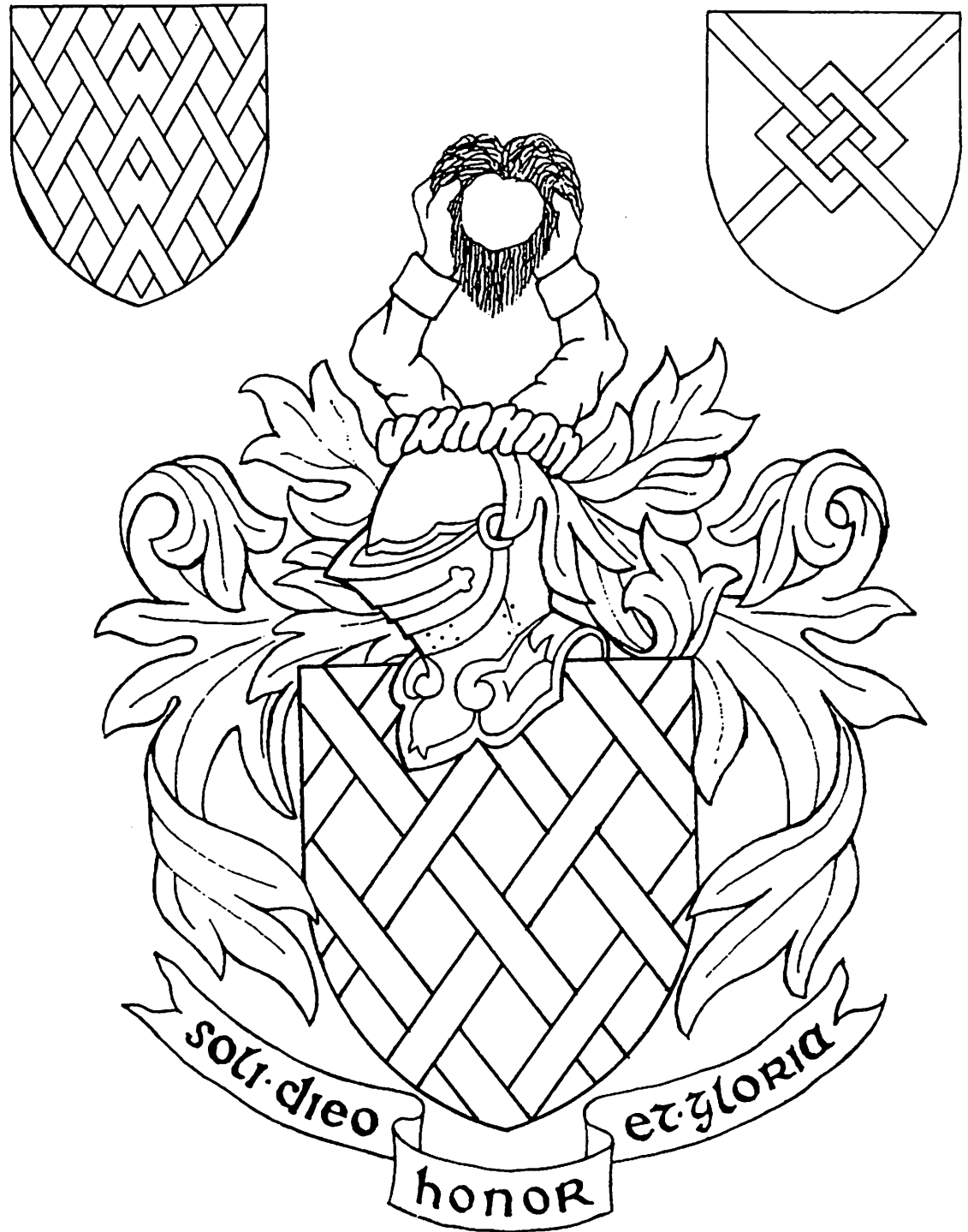
In the 1460s, Millom was partially destroyed during the Wars of the Roses, when the Huddlestons fought for the house of York. One of the Yorkists, another Sir John, is buried with his wife in a stone sarcophagus to the right of the alter in the Huddleston Chapel. To the left is another tomb containing his grandson and his wife. This is a much fancier tomb, with the man in a full suit of armor and the woman in her finest, sculpted in full relief on the lid. Unfortunately, both tombs have been defiled, probably vandalized by Oliver Cromwell's "Roundhead" troops during the siege of Millom Castle in October 1644, at the height of the English Civil War. The church was severely damaged, as was the castle. Colonel Sir William Huddleston raised a regiment for Charles I, and he and his eight brothers all fought as "Cavaliers." Sir William was made Knight Banneret by Charles I at the Battle Of Edgehill in 1642.

After Charles I was beheaded, another member of the family, Father John Huddleston, helped Charles II escape after he was defeated at the Battle of Worcester in 1651. This was the second time a Huddleston had saved a royal neck, as we shall see when we deal with the Sawston Hall branch of the family. When Father John was summoned to Charles II's deathbed to administer the last rites, Charles stated that John had once saved his body, and it was now time for him to save his soul.

As a result of the Civil War, the Huddleston family was impoverished. Millom Castle was never restored to its former glory, and today lies in ruins. To add insult to injury, its current tenants are slovenly stewards. The only remaining habitable part of the castle is the old keep, a four story stone tower about 40 feet square. However, the church, now known as Millom Old Church, is the pride of the village. It and the graveyard surrounding it are well kept, and in the 1950s and 60s it was extensively restored. Many "recent" alterations from the last few hundred years were removed, and an effort made to return the church to its original state.

In addition to the two Huddleston tombs, the church, and particularly the Huddleston Chapel, are full of the Huddleston family. On the walls hang wooden panels with variations of the Huddleston coat of arms going back to the Middle Ages. Each knight in the family used the same bloody scalp crest, but the laws of heraldry demanded that if he was not the hereditary head of the family his coat of arms had to be "differenced" to make it his personal emblem. Thus, there are a number of different arms, some with slight variations, some with major changes.

In 1745, William Huddleston died with no male heir. About 1748 his eldest daughter, Elisabeth, sold the castle and its remaining estates. However, another branch of the family carried on at Sawston Hall, as we shall see.

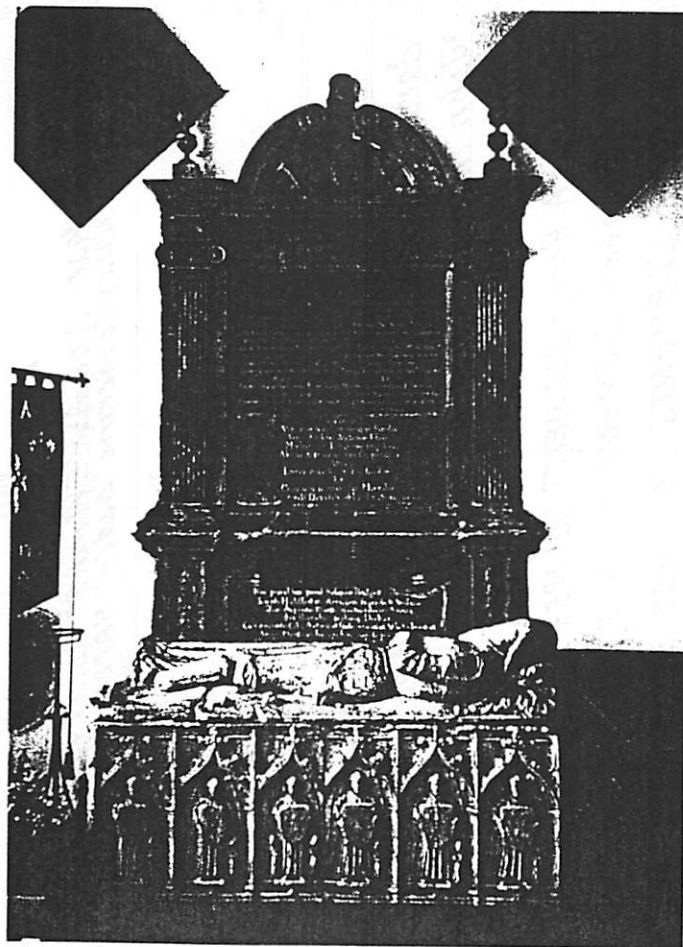


The Huddleston coat of arms. At the top are two "differenced" shields that we saw in England. The colors are white on a red background in all cases.



The ruins of Millom Castle

The Hindleston coat of arms. At the top are two "differenced" shields that we saw in England. The colors are white on red background in all cases.



In the Huddleston Chancel Chapel, Millom Old Church. On the floor is the defaced tomb of Sir Richard Huddleston and his wife, circa 1500. The effigy wears a collar of suns and roses, denoting his service for the house of York during the War of the Roses. The crypts in the wall behind contain the remains of Sir William Huddleston, Knight Banneret, and his wife, circa 1682, and Esquire Joseph Huddleston and his wife, circa 1714. The dark squares on the wall are funeral hatchments, painted with Huddleston coats of arms.

HUSBAND George J. CLEMENTS NORTH CAROLINA  
 Birth c. 1818 Place SMITH COUNTY, TENN.  
 Chr. C. 1811 Place SMITH COUNTY, TENN.  
 Death C. 1871 Place CHARLOTTE, N.C.  
 Burial C. 1872 Place CHARLOTTE, N.C.  
 Father b. N.C. Mother ( Maiden Name ) CHARLOTTE, N.C.  
 Mar. c. 1842 Place SMITH COUNTY, TENN.  
 Other Wife 2nd wife: MARY ANN ASKEW Mar. 27 Jan. 1849 SMITH COUNTY, TENN.  
 (20 Feb. 1871) 3rd wife: NANCY CATHERINE BELL " HARRIS - her 1st hus. JAMES R. GILLAHAN (3 children)  
 WIFE SMITH COUNTY, TENN.  
 Birth ..... Place .....  
 Chr. ..... Place .....  
 Death ..... Place .....  
 Burial ..... Place .....  
 Father ..... Mother ( Maiden Name ) .....  
 Other Wife (if any) .....  
 Name and address of person submitting this sheet: MARTIN CLEMENTS SEIBERT  
1725 BRYANTS FARM RD.  
SUNSONIA, KY 42082  
(502) 898-8164

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?  
Child: 1-2 by 1st wife  
Child: 3-8 by MARY ANN ASKEW  
Child: 9-11 by NANCY C. HARRIS

Sex	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State or County	DIED		MARRIED
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County	Day		Mo.	Yr.	
F	<sup>1</sup> Sarah Frances CLEMENTS	c.	1843		Smith Co.	Tenn					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>2</sup> John Thomas CLEMENTS	c.	1844		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>3</sup> James H. CLEMENTS	c.	1850		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>4</sup> Gustavus A. Henry CLEMENTS	JUL.	1853		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
F	<sup>5</sup> Mary Elizabeth CLEMENTS	c.	1855		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>6</sup> George F. CLEMENTS	c.	1859		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>7</sup> Jordan Stokes CLEMENTS	5th.	1861		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>8</sup> Robert Lee CLEMENTS	c.	1864		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
F	<sup>9</sup> Louiza CLEMENTS	c.	1872		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>10</sup> Claddon CLEMENTS	c.	1879		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
M	<sup>11</sup> Stockard CLEMENTS	c.	1881		"	"					Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
	<sup>12</sup>										Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
	<sup>13</sup> George J. CLEMENTS	lived in the 9th dist. of Smith Co. Tenn									Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
	<sup>14</sup> on the "King Tract" near Lancaster, W. Surber, faced houses & ran a grange -										Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To
	<sup>15</sup>										Date <u>1st md. JOHN T. CONSD</u> To <u>2nd md. JOHN H. MANTOUA</u> Date <u>21 May 1844</u> To <u>MARY E. HARRIS</u> Date <u>1st md. SIMA BELLARS</u> To

Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

LETTER FROM THADDEUS H. ARMISTEAD OF SMITH COUNTY  
TO MR. DAVID STINSON OF GILMER, TEXAS

Contributed by Merle Stevens

Thaddeus H. Armistead was a son of John H. Armistead and Nancy Jane Stinson. Thaddeus in his letter, dated 4 Feb 1855 to his uncle gives a few clues to the conditions of the time. "Grandfather" is Alexander W. Stinson, born 1778, died 14 Nov 1864. "Father" is John H. Armistead born ca. 1797 and died in the 1850's. "Alexander's affliction" is his brother, Alexander W. Armistead born ca. 1826, living with Thaddeus. David Stinson was born 9 Apr 1810, Smith Co. and died 20 Sep 1878, probably in Hunt Co., Texas. He was a son of Alexander W. Stinson and Mary Robinson. David, along with his brother, Samuel and sisters, Mary and Matilda, moved to Texas in 1839.

STATE OF TENNESSEE SMITH COUNTY FEBRUARY 4TH 1855

Dear uncle

I Received your letter bearing date Nov 21 I was truly glad to hear from you and your family that you was all Tolerable well at that time. Your letter came to hand about the 23rd of December last which I would have answered before now but I had nothing of much importance to write. I am Enjoying Tolerable health at present Grandfather is in tolerable health at this time. Father and family is in moderate health at present with the Exception of Alexander's affliction and He is most worn out, our connection in This country is all well so far as I know at present. Times is very hard here this season produce is very searce and high corn is worth \$1 dollar per bushel and cant be had for that wheat is \$.50 cts per Bushel tobacco is selling for \$4 dollars per hundred Stock of all descriptions is very low on account of the Searceity of grain, lands is very high here it is selling from \$5 dollars to \$20 dollars per acre there is a great many of the citizens of this country talking of moving To Texas next fall but I do not know how they will turn out I want you to write to me as soon as you Receive this I would like to hear from you often I would be very glad to see you and your family and the balance of my connection in Texas I have been trying to fix my business to come to that Country some time in the Spring I have been teaching School But my school is now out I have been thinking That you would come to Tennessee this winter or spring to see us all as you have been talking something about it a good while we would all be truly glad to see you in this country again grandfather would be glad to see you again and have the pleasure of talking with you, write to me how land is seling In Texas now that is Improved and that which is not Improved and if the titles is Easy to come at generally I would like to know what is the state price what it would cost per acre to take up land in that country. Robert Warren has returned from Texas but I have not seen him yet the health of our country is tolerable good this

winter though we have had a very sever season of cold weather so far But the waters are still very low yet we heard from aunt Susan and uncle Paterson about Christmas and they were well give my love to all of my connection in Texas Write often Nothing more at present But Remains your Nephew untill death.

T. H. Armistead

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ABSTRACTS FROM THE 1887 GOODSPEED HISTORY OF  
FRANKLIN CO., IL

Miscellaneous: the year 1804, seven brothers by the name of Jordan, John and Willing Browning, Joseph Estes and a man by the name of Barbrey, a brother-in-law to the Jordans, from Smith Co., TN located in this county. These settlers were all related. John Browning's mother was Mollie Jordan, sister to the seven Jordan brothers. John Browning was the father of James and Levi. Elias Jordan, father of Moses, was one of the seven Jordans. William (Willing?) died 1817. In 1812, Barbrey was scalped and killed by Indians. Frank and Thomas Jordan, James K. and William R. Browning, twin brothers, and sons of John Browning and wife, were the first white children born (24 Dec 1810) in the county.

Gallatin Co., IL: Ellen Barnett White born 1860 in IL; married Wiley F. White; born 8 Aug 1856, Smith Co., TN and died 1883, was a son of Don and Sarah White.

ABSTRACTS OF 1885, PERRIN'S HISTORY OF FULTON CO., KY

Archibald E. Brevard born 20 July 1836, Smith Co., TN to KY in 1849; father was Cyrus N. Brevard born 1808 NC; died TN 1866. Mother was Polyxena Miles born 1806, Sumner Co., TN; died 1842, was daughter of Archy Miles of Sumner Co., TN. His siblings, Nancy M. (Johnston); Minerva J. (McConnell); John A.; Caledonia C. (Miles); and Mary E. Case born 1821, IN; married Oct 1848.

Squire Harvey C. Donoho born 13 Dec 1831, Smith Co., TN went to KY 1853. Father was John Donoho born 1804, Sumner Co., TN; died 1877. Mother was Martha Rooks born 1800; died 1869. Grandfather was William Donoho born 1760; died 1864, age 104 in war of 1812 and John Rooks of NC. Siblings: Amanda (McClellan); Edna (Slaughter); Elizabeth H. (Phillips); Nancy T. (Brooks); Henry P.; Drusilla (McKinnis); William S.; John C.

J. H. Huddleston born 21 Oct 1848, Smith Co., TN went to KY 1873. Father was Daniel Huddleston; mother was Sarah Brooks, both of TN; he was the youngest of 11 children.

Paducah and McCracken Co., KY: Judge Wiley P. Fowler born 2 Sep 1799, Smith Co., TN to Caldwell Co., Ky with parents; died 1881, Paducah.

SMITH COUNTY WINFREE'S AND SOME CONNECTIONS TO GRANVILLE CO. NORTH CAROLINA  
by CLARENCE & LELA WINFREE, 28031 LORRAINE, WARREN, MICH. 48093; FEB.1992

FIRST, AN OUTLINE OF WHAT THIS WRITE UP WILL INCLUDE.

1. A FEW SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION.
2. A BRIEF OUTLINE OF EARLY WINFREE DATA BEFORE AMERICA.
3. SOME HISTORY AND STORIES BEFORE THEY ARRIVED IN SMITH CO. TENN.
4. DETAIL GENEALOGICAL RECORD, GRANVILLE, CO. N.C. AND SMITH CO. TENN.
5. ??? INFORMATION THAT IS OPEN TO QUESTION, COULD BE WRONG.
6. I CAN FURNISH SOME INFORMATION ON COMPUTER DISK, AS BACKUP DATA OR GEDCOM FILE FOR THE MORMON PAF PROGRAM. YOU CAN THEN SELECT WHAT YOU WANT,

INFORMATION SOURCES:

1. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY-SAINTS. [ MORMON ]  
THE FAMILY HISTORY DEPARTMENT; 50 EAST NORTH TEMPLE ST.  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150  
IF THE MASTER COMPUTER PROGRAM WORKS, IT WILL BE A BIG HELP TO EVERYONE.
2. " THE WINFREY FAMILY " by JAMES CLIFTON WINFREY [ DECEASED ] 1982  
8 1/2 BY 11 , 414 PAGES. MAINLY KENTUCKY, MISSOURI, COLORADO, WINFREY
3. " JOHN AND EDWARD TUCK OF HALIFAX CO. VIRGINIA AND SOME OF THEIR  
DESCENDANTS " by ALETHEA JANE MACON [ DECEASED ] 1964, 216 PAGES
4. " CHESTERFIELD AN OLD VIRGINIA COUNTY " by FRANCIS EARLE LUTZ printed by  
WILLIAM BYRD PRESS
5. WINFREE RECORD BOOK AND BIBLE: UPPER CUMBERLAND GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION,  
BOX 575, COOKEVILLE, TENN. 38503-0575 . RECORDS FROM 1770 FOR WINFREE  
AND CONNECTIONS IN GRANVILLE CO. N.C.. SMITH CO. AND DEKALB CO. TENN.
6. " WINFREE GENEALOGICAL WORKBOOK " 8 1/2 BY 11, 120 PAGES. COLLECTION OF  
ARTICLES AND LETTERS COMPILED FROM 1965 ONWARD TO HELP PEOPLE WORKING ON  
THE WINFREE AND RELATED LINE, ABOUT 200 COPIES DISTRIBUTED. FILMED BY THE  
LDS [ MORMON ]. REF. HEREIN AS WGWB.
7. UNPUBLISHED WORK OF MR. JERRY LEE WINFREY OF SMITHVILLE, TENN. EXTENSIVE  
DETAILS AND PICTURES OF HENRY WINFREY DESCENDANTS OF DEKALB CO. TENN.
8. UNPUBLISHED WORK OF MR. ROBLEY WINFREY AND FOUR OTHER MEN WORKING AROUND  
WASHINGTON D.C. AND RICHMOND VA. FROM 1968 UNTIL 1988. RESEARCH IN ENGLAND  
VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, MISSOURI AND IOWA. THEY MAY PUBLISH AT A LATER DATE.  
I HAVE COPIES OF SOME OF THE WORK.
9. THERE MUST BE EXTENSIVE WINFREE RECORDS AROUND GORDONSVILLE, CARTHAGE,  
LANCASTER AND SMITHVILLE. THERE ARE OTHER WHO HAVE RECORDS, HOW ABOUT  
GETTING THEM INTO PRINT, THAT'S WHAT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ARE FOR.  
THE " SMITH COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY " IS THE FIRST  
CHANCE TO PUBLISH MANY RECORDS IN THE COUNTY WHERE THEY SHOULD BE.

BEFORE AMERICA:

1. THE FIRST THING THAT MIGHT BE THE NAME IS AROUND 700 AD IN GERMANY. THE  
BOOK PUBLISHED IN GERMANY ABOUT 1954 COVERS THE LIFE AND TRAVELS OF  
St. BONIFATIUS. HIS BIRTH NAME WAS WINFRID. BOOK IN GERMAN.  
" Winfrid-Bonifatius Und Die Christliche Grundlegung Europas"  
by Theodor Schieffer. Publisher Herder & Co. Gmbh. Freiburg im Breisgau.  
Copy in Ohio State University Library, Columbus. Call # BX 4700 B7 S3
2. THE NAME SHOWS UP AS A COURT JESTER IN ENGLAND AROUND 1275 AD.
3. FROM 1600 ON THERE ARE MANY WINFREE NAMES IN AND AROUND LINCOLNSHIRE CO.  
IN ENGLAND. SOME STILL LIVING THERE TODAY.
4. A WINFREE, STILL LIVING NEAR PETERBOROUGH, ENGLAND , SAYS THE STORY IS THAT  
THE WINFREE'S CAME WITH THE DANISH INVASION OF THE 9th CENTURY, AND HELPED  
SACK THE ABBEY AT PETERBOROUGH IN 870 AD.



5. MANY PEOPLE LEFT LINCOLNSHIRE CO. ENGLAND IN THE 1600 FOR THE COLONIES AND CHANCES ARE WINFREE WAS IN THAT MOVEMENT.
6. MOST WINFREE'S WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ESTABLISHED ENGLISH CHURCH, THIS ADDS TO THE PROBLEM OF FINDING RECORDS.

## EARLY AMERICA:

1. WILLIAM WINFRETT, JULY 7, 1636 . JOHN CHEW, gent. PAID FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOURTEEN PEOPLE. CHEW HAD A HOUSE OR STORE IN JAMESTOWN, VA.
2. SAME AS 1. ABOVE EXCEPT DATED AUGUST 1, 1637.
3. MY FATHER, HOMER WINFREE, TOLD ME THE FIRST WINFREE WAS A BOND SERVANT AND SHOD HORSES, WORKED HIS WAY FREE.
4. OTHER WINFREE SHOW UP IN VIRGINIA IN 1650'S. AROUND JAMES RIVER, FROM JAMESTOWN TO PETERSBURG. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER.
5. HENRY WINFRIDE, APRIL 2, 1677, MAY HAVE GOT INTO BACONS REBELLION.
6. 1698 - 1784. NEW KENT CO. VA. OVER 20 WINFREE LISTED. SEE WGWB. PAGE 8.
7. 1750 - 1850. AROUND CHESTER VA. CHESTERFIELD CO., CUMBERLAND CO. & WEST.
8. SOME STORIES SAY THEY WERE FRENCH HUGUENOTS, THIS I DOUBT. I BELIEVE SOME MARRIED FRENCH AROUND POWHATAN COUNTY, VA., THUS THE FRENCH CONNECTION.
9. THERE ARE ABOUT 900 WINFREE FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTRY AND THEY ALL TIE BACK TO VIRGINIA. TODAY THREE COUNTIES HAVE MANY WINFREE'S, CUMBERLAND CO. VA. SMITH CO. TN. AND ONE COUNTY IN NORTH CAROLINA.
10. WINFREE, WINFREY AND SOME 20 VARIATIONS ARE ALL THE SAME FAMILY LINE.
11. 1790 VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS GIVES THE FOLLOWING WINFREE.  
 CHESTERFIELD CO. VA    HENRY, RUBIN, WILLIAM, SONS OF VALENTINE.  
 CUMBERLAND CO. VA    CHARLES, JOHN, STEPHENS, WILLIAM, DAVID WINEFRED.  
 AMELIA CO. VA        ANN, CHARLES, ROBERT, ESTATE of GIDEON  
 GRANVILLE CO. NC    JAMES WINFREE, ONLY ONE LISTED IN NC.  
 IN CUMBERLAND CO. HEZEKIAH & JOHN ROBINSON ARE NEXT TO CHARLES WINFREE.  
 JONES, JOHN & DAVID ROBINSON ARE NEXT TO STEPHEN, WILLIAM & DAVID WINFREE.

## GRANVILLE CO. NC AND SMITH CO. TENN.:

THERE WERE WINFREE'S IN GRANVILLE CO. BEFORE 1755,  
 THERE WERE TWO JAMES WINFREE BORN ABOUT 1750. ONE IS THE JAMES WINFREE OF CHESTERFIELD CO. VA., MARRIED NANCY SCOTT BEFORE 1777, DAUGHTER OF WALTER SCOTT. THIS JAMES WAS THE SON OF VALENTINE WINFREE, WILL 1796. WGWB. P.29. HE LEFT A LARGE ESTATE, AND HIS CHILDREN WERE RICH IN THE 1810 CENSUS.

THIS IS ABOUT JAMES WINFREE b.ca 1748, d.28 NOV 1822, GRANVILLE CO. NC

ISSUE OF AMBROSE JONES [will NOV.1792] AND CATHERINE [COLLINS?], PROBABLY DAUGHTER OF JAMES COLLINS OF ??? CAROLINA CO. VA.

1. JAMES            m. 12 AUG 1761, CHARITY ALSTON; BOND #4, SOLOMON ALSTON JR.
2. AMBROSE
3. STEPHEN
4. GABRIEL        m.??? 6 AUG 1805, POLLY ALLERSON; BOND #37, MARUICE SMITH
5. REUBIN         m. ELIZABETH TUCK
6. ELIZABETH    b. ca 1750 d. 24 MAY 1811 m. JAMES WINFREE
7. PHOEBE        m. 1. BENJAMIN HAWKINS; 2. 18 OCT 1787, THOMAS GREGORY;  
                   BOND #7462, GABRIEL JONES
8. ANN            m. ROBERT STANFORD
9. PEGGY         m. 14 FEB 1783, WILLIAM DAVIS; BOND #3381, BENJAMIN HAWKINS,
10. MARY          m. \_\_\_\_\_ BRACY [BRASSIE]

ISSUE OF JAMES WINFREE b.ca 1748 d. 23 NOV 1822 AND ELIZABETH JONES b.ca 1750 d.24 MAY 1811 NC.

1. JANE b. 1770-80, IN GRANVILLE 1835; STAYED ON JAMES FARM IN GRANVILLE. BASE BORN CHILD CATHERINE , TAKEN BY FATHER WILLIAM LASSITER
2. ANNA m. 7 APRIL 1808, PHILLIP PETTYPOOL. BOND #6584, COLLINS WINFREE. IN GRANVILLE 1835
3. DAVID b. 10 SEPTEMBER 1770, d.aft 1840, m. ACHSAH TUCK b.31 OCT 1770
4. CHARLES IN TENN. 1835
5. COLLINS IN TENN. 1835; ?? WARREN CO.??
6. SALLY m. \_\_\_\_\_ DENNY; IN GRANVILLE 1835; TENN. LATER ??
7. JOHN IN GRANVILLE 1835
8. NANCY b. 20 FEBRUARY 1772, m. EDWARD TUCK
9. MARGARET b. \_\_\_\_\_ d.before 1835, m. \_\_\_\_\_ PINSON

JAMES WINFREE b.ca 1748 NC or VA, d. 28 NOV 1822; ON HIS FARM NEAR VIRGILINA, HE RESIDED GOSHEN DISTRICT, HIS SON-IN-LAW, EDWARD TUCK WAS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE.

IN 1771 CAPT. JAMES YANCEY'S COMPANY LIST, JACOB WINFREE, JAMES WINFREE, JOHN WINFREE . ABOUT 1778 JAMES WINFREE IS LISTED AS HAVING TAKEN THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE IN GOSHEN DISTRICT OF GRANVILLE CO. JAMES HAS BEEN LISTED WITH THE DAR, AND CAN BE USED TO JOIN.

LAND GRANT TO JAMES WINFREE, NORTH CAROLINA, 24 SEPT.1779, 640 ACRES IN GRANVILLE CO. BOOK N, PAGE 143, FILE NO. 1351. 1/2 MILE EAST OF VIRGILINA, VA. NORTH SIDE OF FARM WAS NC. VA. STATE LINE. JAMES PAID TAXES TILL 1819 WHEN HE GAVE HALF THE FARM TO DAVID AND HALF TO JANE.

NANCY WINFREE b.20 FEB.1772, d.9 MARCH 1831, m.11 JAN 1787, EDWARD TUCK b.10 DEC 1762, d.22 JUNE 1840. NANCY AND EDWARD LIVED ON THE VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA STATE LINE AT VIRGILINA, KNOWN THEN AS TUCKS CROSS ROADS. TUCKS ARE STILL LIVING IN THAT AREA [1991]. THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE LISTED IN MRS. MACON'S BOOK " JOHN AND EDWARD TUCK OF HALIFAX CO. VA. AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS ". SOME TUCKS MOVED INTO MACON CO. TENN.

ISSUE OF DAVID WINFREE AND ACHSAH TUCK ; BOTH DIED AT COVE HOLLOW, DEKALB CO.

1. INFANT b.20 MARCH 1792 d.20 MARCH 1792
2. FRANCIS COLLINS WINFREE b.23 FEBRUARY 1793 d.31 JANUARY 1808
3. TABBITHA b.4 JANUARY 1795 d. \_\_\_\_\_ m.14 NOVEMBER 1811 TO WOODSON FITTS. b.14 NOVEMBER 1789.

ISSUE:

1. MARY WOODSON b.25 DECEMBER 1812
  2. SARY ADKINSON b.8 APRIL 1815
  3. JOHN TUCK RICARDSON b.31 DECEMBER 1817
  4. NANCY OLIVER b.23 APRIL 1820 OR 1821
  5. TANDY WALKER b.4 MARCH 1823
  4. ALLEN CAREY b.2 AUGUST 1797 d.2 AUGUST 1882 SMITH CO. TENN.
    - m. 1. 1 APRIL 1824, MARTHA \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d.ca 1845
    - m. 2. AFTER 1850, ROADA JANE EVERETT b.ca 1816
- ISSUE: \*\*\*\*\*NEED HELP FROM SMITH CO. ON THE FOLLOWING LINES\*\*\*\*\*
1. DAVID TURNER b.14 MARCH 1825
  2. FRANCES BENETT b.12 MAY 1826
  3. ACHSAH b.ca 1832
  4. JAMES [ CAT ] b.ca 1835 d.??? DURING CIVIL WAR, SEE " HISTORY OF DEKALB CO. TN ", CHECK ON ROCK ISLAND, ILL. CEMETERY,

5. ELIZA b.ca 1837  
 6. THOMAS b.ca 1839  
 7. ELIZABETH b.ca 1841  
 8. HENRY C. b.ca 1843  
 9. ? BENJAMIN F. b.ca 1844  
 10. ? BETHEL W. b.ca 1845  
 11. ? JAMES H. b.ca 1847
- 2nd. WIFE ROADA JANE EVERETT
12. VIRGINIA b.ca 1856 m.WILLIAM ENOCH  
 13. GRANDBERRY PINKNEY b.25 JUNE 1857,  
 m.MARY FRANCES DENNY b.23 JAN 1864  
 14. HATTIE BRIDGES b.ca 1 APRIL 1860, d.4 JUNE 1953, m.WmBALLINGER  
 15. ALLEN CAREY JR. b.26 NOVEMBER 1861, d.8 OCTOBER 1941,  
 m.27 SEPTEMBER 1906, NELLIE B. TIMBERLAKE
5. MARY POWELL b.25 AUGUST 1799, m.1 NOVEMBER 1823, GEORGE DENNY  
 ISSUE:
1. BENJAMIN ALLEN b.8 JULY 1824  
 2. NANCY ANN ELIZABETH b.4 MARCH 1826
6. DAVID TOMSON b.26 SEPTEMBER 1801, IN 1840 SMITH CO. CENSUS  
 7. JOHN TUCK b.7 JANUARY 1804  
 8. SARY JONES b.17 NOVEMBER 1806, m.15 APRIL 1824  
 9. JAMES MADERSON b.24 JULY 1809, IN 1830 & 1860 SMITH CO. CENSUS  
 10. ELIZABETH COLLINS b.18 DECEMBER 1811, m. ANDREW LEWNEY [LOONEY]  
 ISSUE: LOST A LETTER FROM A LOONEY IN TENN., A FEW YEARS BACK.  
 1. DAVID LEWNEY b.26 FEBRUARY 1832, d.15 OCTOBER 1862
11. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WINFREE b.5 FEBRUARY 1814, d.12 JUNE 1883 AT COVE  
 HOLLOW, DEKALB CO. m.18 DECEMBER 1834 TO HIS COUSIN JUDITH ROBINSON  
 b.2 OCTOBER 1818, d.3 MARCH 1903, COVE HOLLOW. SAID TO BE DAUGHTER OF  
 WILLIAM AND POLLY ROBINSON. BOTH BENJAMIN AND JUDITH WERE BURIED IN  
 COVE HOLLOW BUT MOVED TO MT.HOLLY CEM. WHEN THE CENTER DAM WAS BUILT.  
 BEN SAID THE MAIN THING HE REMEMBERED ABOUT THE TRIP FROM VA TO TN  
 WAS ONE AREA THAT HAD LARGE FIELDS OF CABBAGE. MY UNCLE ARCHIE WINFREE  
 SAID IT MUST HAVE BEEN IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF VIRGINIA. ALONG THE  
 ROAD THAT RUNS BETWEEN ROANOKE, VA. AND KNOXVILLE TN. IN THE 1920'S  
 THERE WERE LARGE FIELDS OF CABBAGE IN THAT AREA.  
 HORACE WINFREE SAID HIS FATHER DIED AFTER NOON DAY MEAL. BEN HAD HEART  
 TROUBLE, AND WAS TAKING IT EASY AROUND THE HOUSE, NOT DOING FIELD WORK.  
 THEY HAD ATE DINNER AND WENT BACK TO WORK CRADLING WHEAT ON EXUM'S LAND.  
 BEN WALKED OVER TO THE WINDOW AND WAS WATCHING THEM WORKING. HE FELL AT  
 WINDOW, SOMEONE HOLLOWED FROM THE HOUSE AND THEY RAN DOWN THE HILL. BEN  
 WAS LAYING ON THE FLOOR WHEN HORACE GOT THERE. HORACE LIFTED UP BEN'S  
 HEAD AND BEN DIED IN HORACE'S ARMS. MR.CHRISTIAN SAID THE HOUSE IN COVE  
 HOLLOW WAS BUILT OF WALNUT LOGS AND A STONE IN THE CHIMNEY DATED 1848.
- ISSUE:
1. INFANT b.5 OCTOBER 1835, d.5 OCTOBER 1835  
 2. FRANCIS TUCK [FANNIE] b.24 DECEMBER 1838, d.29 MARCH 1870  
 m. BEFORE 1860, THOMAS N. CHRISTIAN  
 3. WILLIAM ROBINSON b.22 OCTOBER 1841, d.ca 1913, SMITHVILLE TN.  
 m. 2 OR 3 TIMES, LAST WIFE NATTIE, HAD BEEN LIVING WITH HORACE ON  
 THE RIVER, BUT MOVED NEAR HIS DAUGHTER IN SMITHVILLE. VERY COLD  
 WEATHER WHEN HE DIED. DRAWING UNION PENSION AT HIS DEATH.  
 4. HENRY LUCUS b.6 MARCH 1843, d.9 JANUARY 1909, m. IN ILLINOIS  
 NANCY JANE HOLLAND b.16 MAY 1845, d.22 DECEMBER 1911  
 JERRY LEE WINFREY OF SMITHVILLE, TN. HAS THIS LINE COMPLETE.

5. HORACE SULLIVAN b.2 JULY 1847, COVE HOLLOW d.10 MARCH 1938,  
AT HIS HOME ON MOUNTAIN CREEK IN WARREN CO.,TN.  
m. 1st. MARY JANE STEPHENS b.17 AUGUST 1849, d.13 JULY 1878,  
DAUGHTER OF CHARLOTTIE STEPHENS d.12 MAY 1902, ?COVE HOLLOW  
m. 2nd. 6 AUGUST 1879, MARY JOSEPHINE BROCK b.6 MARCH 1855  
d.24 AUGUST 1944 AT HOME WARREN COUNTY TENN.  
DAUGHTER OF NEPTHLIA I. BROCK b.26 MAY 1829, d.1 OCT 1876  
bur. MTHOLLY, SMITHVILLE, TN., MILITARY MARKER  
AND MARTHA C.STARNS b.ca 1835, d.18 JUNE 1894, DuQUOIN, ILL.  
10 CHILDREN, I HAVE NAMES. WORK ON THIS LINE IN ILLINOIS.

ISSUE OF HORACE SULLIVAN WINFREE AND FIRST WIFE MARY JANE STEPHENS

1. WILLIAM FRANKLIN b.8 APRIL 1868, COVE HOLLOW, d.7 FEB 1916, COLBERT,  
OKLAHOMA or LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. bur. DURANT, OKLAHOMA.  
m. ELIZABETH GILL
2. FANNIE ELIZABETH b.5 JUNE 1870, COVE HOLLOW, d.6 SEPT 1901, ELECTRA,  
WICHITA CO., TEXAS, bur. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS. m.ca 1888, ANDREW JACKSON  
BRASWELL of LONG BRANCH, DEKALB CO.
3. NANCY IDA b.12 MARCH 1873, COVE HOLLOW, d.26 AUGUST 1874, COVE HOLLOW
4. ROBERT SOLON b.21 OCTOBER 1875, COVE HOLLOW, d.15 JULY 1917, MADERA,  
MADERA CO., CALIF. bur.MT HOLLY CEM. SMITHVILLE, TN.  
LANCASTER MASONS PAID FOR SHIPMENT AND FUNERAL FROM MADERA, CALIF.  
m.1913, MINNIE SMITTENBANKS ,CALIF. d.before 1917, CALIF.

ISSUE OF HORACE SULLIVAN WINFREE AND SECOND WIFE MARY JOSEPHINE BROCK

1. ELMER G. b.21 MAY 1880, COVE HOLLOW, d.10 OCTOBER 1881, COVE HOLLOW,  
bur. COVE HOLLOW THEN MT HOLLY, SMITHVILLE TN.
2. JAMES ARTHUR b.3 MARCH 1882, COVE HOLLOW d.21 FEB 1963, NASHVILLE  
m. MATTIE JOSEPHINE HALE b.24 JUNE 1882, d.28 MAY 1958, DEKALB  
BOTH BURIED WHORTON CEM. DEKALB CO. TENN.
3. CHARLIE NEPTHALS b.12 JUNE 1884, COVE HOLLOW d.21 JAN 1942  
m. EMMA NANCY STACY b.10 JAN 1885 d.9 SEPT 1968  
BOTH BURIED WHORTON CEM. DEKALB CO. TENN.
4. MARY JANE b.14 MAY 1887, COVE HOLLOW d.9 JUNE 1911 ,WINFREE CREEK  
m.28 APRIL 1902 JAMES DUNN at JOHN BONHAWES, EXUM, DEKALB CO. TN.  
d.ca 1910, MURDERED NEAR RIVER & BRIDGE, DEKALB, TN. bur. UNKNOWN
5. BENJAMIN HARRISON b.10 NOV 1889, COVE HOLLOW d.22 APRIL 1986 MEMPHIS  
bur. DEKALB CEM. DEKALB CO. TN. m.18 SEPT 1910 MATTIE ELIZABETH PULLUM,  
b.23 MARCH 1890 d.2 OCT 1924, bur. PULLUM CEM. PUTNAM CO.,TN.
6. HOMER CLARENCE b.3 FEBRUARY 1894, WINFREE CREEK, d.14 OCTOBER 1978  
DETROIT, MICH. m.15 JULY 1915 STOCIA MYRTLE MADDUX b.1 NOV 1894  
BAXTER, TN., d.25 MARCH 1976, BAXTER, TN.
7. ARCHIE MARVIN b.9 APRIL 1897, WINFREE CREEK d.6 NOVEMBER 1976  
WASHINGTON D.C. bur. MCMINNVILLE CEM. WARREN CO. TN.  
m.17 JUNE 1933 IDA BELLE BRAGG BRAYNT at McMINNVILLE, TENN.
8. ARTIE MELVIN b.9 APRIL 1897 WINFREE CREEK d.18 NOVEMBER 1897  
PER HIS BROTHERS, HE CHOKED ON A PEA.

WINFREE CREEK IS ACROSS THE CANEY FORK RIVER FROM THE MOUTH OF INDIAN CREEK,  
SOUTH EAST SIDE OF EVANS STATE PARK. ABOUT 2 MILES UP RIVER FROM THE CENTER  
HILL DAM. THE CREEK HAS NO NAME LISTED ON THE GEODETIC MAPS. HORACE LIVED  
THERE FROM ca.1893 TO 1920 WHEN HE MOVED TO MOUNTAIN CREEK IN WARREN CO. TN.  
IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS PLEASE SEND THEM.

## DEFEATED CREEK

Evelyn West Brown

The wooded hills surround me today in quiet strength, keeping their ageless vigil, waiting and watching faithfully while time and the world pass by.

Here the little creek flows gently beside me, winding its rocky way to the Cumberland, tirelessly and eternally. It speaks to me in echoes from the long, long ago. It whispers memories from the mist of forgotten times and names. It reflects fleeting images and smiles that greet me from over a century ago. My roots are here, all along the path of Defeated Creek.

A young girl walked beside this creek over a hundred years ago. Her steps were on the same ground where I stand today. I wonder what her thoughts were, and her dreams of the future. I wonder if she listened to the musical murmur of this little creek bubbling across the rocks. I wonder if she admired the remote beauty of these woods, or if she was lonely. I wonder if she picked wildflowers here and listened to songs of birds in the air, like I hear today. I wonder where her home stood, if she had friends nearby, what her daily routine was, and if she was a happy girl. I don't have to wonder about her name. She was Belle Swan.

Later, as the wife of Bob West, the young woman, Belle Swan West, became my grandmother. Her first-born child was a son, Carl West. She reared him along this creek in Defeated. He was my father, born in September of 1896.

My beloved Granny has been gone a long time. She was not as old as I am now when she died in 1943. Her little boy, who grew up in these woods and hollows along Defeated Creek to become my father, lived to the honorable age of 97. They were remarkable people, my grandmother and my father. Their lives were true examples of pride, strength, faith in God, and family love.

It is strange, yet comforting, to stand where they stood, walk where they walked, and feel their spirit all around me in this place of their homeland. I wish I knew what they would tell me about those far-away years if they could be here with me today. Only these woods and hills know. Only this little creek remembers. Here my people live forever with them.

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In the early 1900's every community in Smith County had its own correspondent to the Carthage Courier, someone who gathered, wrote up the news, and sent it to the paper for publication in

the Community News section each week. The following are from the March 4, 1915 issue of the paper.

#### SYCAMORE BRANCH

The health of this community is very good at this writing. An enjoyable entertainment was given at the Club Spring school house Monday afternoon of the 22nd to celebrate Washington's birthday. The young people of this place enjoyed an oyster supper given at the home of Mrs. Josie Russell. All reported a nice time. Mack Glover, who was carried to Nashville for an operation for appendicitis, is getting along nicely. Solon Glover, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to his home in Texas. Rev. Adcock filled his regular appointment at Club Springs. George Bush has sold his farm to George Gann for \$3,000. Mrs. Alice McKinney of Seattle, Washington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Glover, near Chestnut Mound. (See McKinney article, this issue, pp. 59-60). Born to Mr. and Mrs. Capt. McKinney a fine baby girl. Bob Ballard, who has been sick for several weeks is improving slowly. Misses Mai and Susie Lester of Wadesville visited her sister, Mrs. Luther Glover last week.

#### HORSESHOE BEND

Several from here attended the good road meeting in Carthage last week. The roads were so rough they had to make the trip by water. Hershall Petross lost a fine horse last week caused from blind staggers. J. D. Robinson, W. H. and S. S. Petross have purchased a new corn sheller which is an improvement over the old kind, and they will be ready within a few days to shell a few barrels. The pupils of the school at this place enjoyed the afternoon of the 22nd. Many games were played after which refreshments were served in connection with ryme of flowers. The number of pupils enrolled, and the per cent of attendance for last month was 94 1/2. Dewitt and Austin Petross attended the music recital at Carthage Friday night, Feb. 19. Since the sun has been shining everbody works but Dad. (Wonder who Dad was?)

#### DIFFICULT

Woodrow, the little three-year old son of Willie Kemp died recently. Lonnie Jones of Willette was here Sunday. Mrs. Mollie Lovell of Nashville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Canter. Miss Bessie Sutton returned home Friday from Carthage where she visited her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kemp. Euginie Hailey of Watertown was here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hailey. Mr. and Mrs. Delton Russell were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Yeaman. Farmers are making good use of the pretty weather by turning oat and corn land.

## REMEMBERING DAYS GONE BY

Mrs. W. C. Ashby

Huge tractors with modern machinery in the fields  
Making crops grow so fast.  
So much different from plowing with mules as in the past.  
Turning hillsides more difficult than bottomland,  
Corn planters, double shovels, cultivators were in great demand.  
Corn was carried to the mill for the family's bread;  
Also, chickens, turkeys, and livestock had to be fed.  
When the roasting ears were ready to eat, what a treat!  
Fried in that good ole smokehouse - cured "streaked" meat.  
And that good ole country ham - delicious, every bite,  
Not approved today for the regular diet.  
Hogs were killed, scraped in a scalding box,  
Salted down then hung - didn't use smokehouse locks.  
Raised wheat for biscuits and cake-baking,  
And when the thresher came up the road,  
Steam engine blowing, the farmers knew to get  
Their wagons and sideboards ready to load.  
After the thresher came the combine, which  
meant lots less work, and that was fine.  
Hay is another crop that's rapidly taken care of  
these days. Rolling instead of a horse-drawn  
baler that really pays.  
Soybeans produce beautifully, making a big show,  
Covering the ground with green foliage, row to row.  
The tobacco-setter is much better than by hand;  
It can set faster and cover more land. Baling is  
better than tying; Makes no difference in selling or buying.  
Giant mechanical pickers work wonders in cotton fields,  
And quality fertilizer really boosts the yields.  
Potatoes were dug with a special plow That would turn and  
roll them out somehow. Molasses mill turned by a mule in  
a circle, Running the cane juice in a three-section pan  
Where it was skimmed, cooked, and run into a lard can.  
A good joint of cane the children would pick; While  
molasses cooked, they'd take a lick.  
Gardens were grown for canning, and on the metal roof  
fruit was dried. Preparing for those apple and peach  
pies to be fried.  
Remember milking? It was so aggravating when the cow put  
her foot in the pail. Milk in cans put on a truck route  
and sold, then the check came by mail.  
Cream also was carried to a nearby creamery, and transpor-  
tation was rather slow Because wagons, buggies, and horse-  
back were the most common way to go.

Mules were kept regularly shod and humanely used.  
 They didn't become tender-footed and sure weren't abused.  
 Geese and ducks were plucked for pillows and feather beds -  
 Gifts that really came in handy for newlyweds.  
 Peddlers came along to exchange chicken and eggs for merchandise: From then to now, prices have continued to rise.  
 Also an ice peddler, no refrigerator "way back when" -  
 Had to run to the house to keep it from melting then.  
 Honeybee hives were robbed and the honeycomb so good  
 To chew if you wanted a really tasty "cud."  
 Vines loaded with grapes to be made into nectar, juice, or  
 a little wine To be used at mealtime for a taste so fine.  
 Wood was cut by crosscut saw and ax Then made into boards  
 or stacked in cords, ricks or stacks.  
 Rye was also grown, as well as other crops I haven't touched on.  
 The farmers toil and toil While the Lord waters the soil.  
 Farmers carry out this country's greatest occupation.  
 You've heard it said, "They are the backbone of the nation."  
 They work from sun to sun, always on the run.  
 It seems their work is never done. There are hundreds of other  
 things - too many to mention - But I wanted to bring some to  
 your attention. And remember: If you want to stay on top  
 Be ready to take the advice of your Co-op!

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COPY OF THE TEXT OF A LETTER HANDWRITTEN, MARCH 14, 1894 BY HATTIE SIMPSON TO HER SISTER, LUCY MARLAR, IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, TELLING OF THEIR MOTHER'S DEATH. THE MOTHER WAS ELIZA KITCHING SIMPSON, WIFE OF TUMP SIMPSON, BURIED IN KITCHING CEMETERY, BRUSH CREEK, TN.

Tuckers + Roads, March 14, 1894

Dear Sister - Your letter that you wrote last, the mail was robbed it was broke open and one side was tore off but we could read the most of it. O, how sad it found us fore we have got no Mama: And all is crying at ever thing we do. Lucy can't imgine how we miss her and just to think that a week ago she helped me wash and that night eat supper well as usual and knit until after eight. When we all went to bed she never complained any and about twelve she told Pa to see if D and K was covered up good. They were on the louge. Pa covered them up went back to bed went to sleep. Then at three he heard the door open that goes out toward the store room and mama fell on the floor. We don't know wether she had been out of the room or not he called me and we all ran downstairs, put her on the bed, she never spoke but a few words but suffered very much told us once to put some turpentine on her temples for us to open the door, but never knew any of us sent for Dr. Waters. He came but could do no good. He left at six told me to give her medicine every three hours apart went to sleep then began to snore never roused up any and at nine was up on side \_\_\_\_\_ to give her a spoonful of medicine. When she fell asleep never to



wake again, Oh how it did hurt us for just to think that the first death was our Dear Mother. Mrs. Bobo, Julia, Bud, Jinnie, Ida, Mr. Purs Bass, and Bob Bradshaw was here when she died, she never struggled moved her hands just died as easy. I can't tell you nothing hardly when I am writing but Lucy we do need you so much to live close to us and can't you all come back to Tenn for you know all of these little children how pitiful they do look. Alice is a good baby she sleeps with me every night, but K look like she is lost entirely. Lucy; Pa would say all here but Lucy. I want you to think of these little children that need your instructions for you know you was next to Mama. Think of it here is a piece of her robe it was trimmed in lace and black satin ribbon. She looked as natral as if she had been asleep. Good bye we are all well write soon

Your loving sister  
Hattie Simpson

Contributed by Ruby Covington, 108 S. Cedar Street Lot 86, Cross Plains, TN 37049 (615) 654-3137. Her husband, James Jay Covington, was a great grandson; Robbie Posey, Donelson, TN, is Kate's daughter; Katherine Tomlinson, Lebanon, TN, is Alice's daughter; and Claudette Goad, Lebanon, is a granddaughter of Hattie, who married Alonzo Carter.

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February was American History month which was celebrated by numerous organizations and schools in various ways. Yet, with all the celebrations, do we really appreciate our heritage and what those who went before us endured in order that we live as free and independent citizens? The following article should cause us to think and seriously appreciate these ancestors.

#### WHAT IS THE REAL PRICE OF LIBERTY?

If you've ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed our nation's Declaration of Independence, here is part of the story.

Five of them were captured by the British and branded as traitors. They were tortured and killed. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Nine fought and died during the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists; eleven were merchants; nine were farmers and plantations owners. The other twelve were also men of means, well-educated. They all knew that signing this document put their lives and their fortunes in jeopardy.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British. He sold his home and properties

to pay wartime debts and died in poverty.

The British hounded Thomas McKeam and forced him to keep his family in hiding. They took all his possessions, and he died in rags.

The properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton were looted or destroyed.

After destroying the home and properties of Francis Lewis, the enemy jailed his wife , who died shortly thereafter.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had seized the Nelson home for his headquarters. He urged General George Washington to open fire and his home was destroyed. He died bankrupt.

John Hart had to flee from his dying wife's bedside. Later, their 13 children also fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. He returned home after the war to find his wife dead and his children vanished. He died within weeks of a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the sacrifices of these men of vision, who valued liberty more than their own security. Their pledge was : "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

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#### QUERIES

Just to show that it does pay to publish your queries, here is proof from Donald Gene Bellisario, 6700 Warner Ave., 8-E, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

Mr. Bellisario writes: "Since my query was published in the last issue of the Newsletter , I have received information on over 40 people in my family tree." SO, KEEP THOSE QUERIES COMING; SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE WILL RESPOND .

ELLIS: Researching the BENJAMIN ELLIS line. BENJAMIN ELLIS, SR. mar. RACHEL PRESSMILL; BENJAMIN ELLIS, JR. mar. SARAH COPELAND; JOHN WILLIS ELLIS mar. RHODA JOHNSON; SUSAN ELLIS mar. JAMES R. BASS (?). Am interested in any of these connections. Especially want info. on RHODA JOHNSON. Need her parents. b. ca. 1790/1800 TN; d. between 1830/40, Sumner Co., TN. Would like to exchange info. on this family.

PHYLISS BONTZ , RR 1 Box 58, Curryville, MO 63339.

HALL/HEROD: Seeking info. on ancestry and descendants of CLAIBORNE HALL (1789 - 1874) & ELIZABETH HEROD (1790 - after 1860). Their children: SALLIE mar. ADAM C. PERKINS; \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ mar. DAVID C. CANIDA; MARY ANN mar. JOSHUA B. COX; SUSAN MATILDA HALL; ROXEY mar. JOHN BOSTON; REBECCA mar. ALLEN PIPER; ELIZA mar. BETHEL J. GREGORY; MARTHA mar. JAMES BOSTON; ARCHIBALD W. HALL. Will exchange information.

RICKY T. ALLEN , RR #2 Box 138, Galconda, IL 62838. Telephone (618) 949-3888.

JENKINS/BOSTON: Seeking info. on RUTH (BOSTON) JENKINS, dau. GEORGE BOSTON & JUDE COPE; mar. SAMUEL JENKINS before 1850. RUTH b. ca. 1821; d. after 1880. She may have been mother of THOMAS BOSTON b. 1840. Will exchange information.

RICKY T. ALLEN , RR #2 Box 138, Galconda, IL 62838. Telephone (618) 949-3888.

HENRY: Looking for info. about KIOUS (KIAS) HENRY; d. 1821 in Wilson Co., TN. Wife was MARGARET PULLY. Children were JACOB D., MARY ANN, HENRY & JOHN. They lived near Round Creek. Will appreciate any information.

SHIRLEY BERG , 7466 Lindley Ave., Reseda, CA 91335.

NUNLEY/HAYNIE: Need confirmation of identity of people in picture & significance of sashes worn. Believed to be WILLIAM ALLEN NUNLEY b. 26 Dec 1827; d. 31 Jul 1890; bur. WM. MARTIN CEMETRY, Dixon Springs & his 3rd wife FRANCES TABB GARRETT HAYNIE NUNLEY (widow of JAMES HAYNIE). Their children: BRANCH b. 6 Aug 1866; d. 31 Jan 1900 & ELIZABETH (BETTY) b. 22 Oct 1869 mar. WILLIAM GABRIEL COTHRON (my ancestor); d. 6 Aug 1945. Any info. will be appreciated.

BRENDA BEASLEY BRANHAM , P. O. Box 4415, Maryville, TN 37802.

SWAN/WEST: Please contact me if you are a member of WEST/SWAN families in Smith Co., especially in Defeated area. Want to locate possible descendants of my paternal grandparents, BELLE SWAN & BOB WEST, who lived there more than a century ago.

EVELYN WEST BROWN , 215 Floral Park, Lexington, KY 40503.

MOFIELD/MOREFIELD: Have researched this family for years; like to hear from anyone who had relatives/ancestors married into this family. Have much to share.

DONALD A. HARRIS , 544 Swindell Hollow Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090.



KITTRELL/BALLOW: JOHN "JACK" BELL KITTRELL, b. 7 Apr 1839, d. 22 Apr 1902; mar. JULIA ANN ELIZABETH BALLOW, b. 4 Apr 1836, d. 8 Apr 1902. Issue: DIOGENES "DODGER" BALLOW KITTRELL, b. 17 Dec 1860; mar. MARTHA C. SMITH. NORMAN B. KITTRELL, twin of DIOGENES, mar. LUCY ELLEN TONEY. ANNIE KITTRELL, b. 7 May 1862; mar. WILLIAM YOUNG CLAY. ROBERT LEE KITTRELL, b. 13 Apr 1865; mar. NANNIE PROWELL. ELLEY GEORGE KITTRELL, b. 1 Sep 1867; mar. CLAUDIA PIPER. BRYANT L. KITTRELL, b. 27 Dec 1870; mar. EMMA LEE WHITLEY. MARY KITTRELL, b. 25 Mar 1873; mar. WILL G. GIBBS & JENNIE KITTRELL, b. 21 Apr 1879; mar. 1st \_\_\_\_\_ FUGATE & 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ BYARS. Seek info. about/correspondence with descendants of any of these families.

ROBERT YOUNG CLAY , 3704 Ellwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23221.

SHOULDERS: From where did list of MALACHI SHOULDERS' children come? Everyone with whom I have ever talked has the same list: MARTHA (PATSY), JOHN (JACK), LEVI, ABNER, THOMAS, RICHARD, JAMES (FATTY), WILLIAM IRA, JOSEPH, LINCOLN. Yet, only wife MARY, & sons JOHN, JOSEPH, JAMES AND THOMAS are mentioned in MALACHI'S will. Any assistance appreciated.

NETTA COFFMAN , 4013 Rudy Road, Corydon, KY 42406-9569.

SHOULDERS: Looking for MALACHI SHOULDERS' parents. MALACHI b. NC ca. 1780; Oct 1839 Minutes of Smith Co., records MALACHI as deceased. Land grant issued 1-29-1828. Deed of Trust issued Nov. 1838. MALACHI was on 1820 & 1830 Smith Co., TN Census records. Polly head of household in 1840. Any info. appreciated.

NETTA COFFMAN , 4013 Rudy Road, Corydon, KY 42406-9569.

KEMP: AULSEY KEMP, son of SOLOMON KEMP; JAMES, son of AULSEY CLIMER & ELIZA ANN KEMP. looking for grave sites of my kin; photographs or anything else about these people will be appreciated.

JACK CRONE , 8137 Smith Road, Villa Rica, GA 30180. Telephone collect at night 1-770-920-2154.

MARTIN/HUTCHISON: Who were parents of DANIEL MARTIN, b. TN ca. 1827; mar. 1848 MARY HUTCHISON, d/o THOMAS H. & ELIZA "BETSY" JONES (d/o SAMUEL & ELIZ. WATKINS JONES, SR.)? Children: MARTHA; MARY J.; REBBA; KIBBA; CECILA ANN; WILEY (my gr grandfather); W. L./W/WADE HUTCHISON & JAMES ALBERT. Where did DANIEL MARTIN go after his & MARY'S divorce? Would like to correspond with descendants of DANIEL & MARY HUTCHISON MARTIN and those working on MARTIN genealogy.

PAT ELDREDGE , 303 E. Ida, Electra, TX 76360. Telephone: (817) 495-2266.

MOREN: Is OVA WALLER MOREN still living? She was wife of W. CLARENCE MOREN (he b. 4-6-1899 s/o BATE & MARTHA J. CANADA MOREN). Need her parents, date of birth/death, where buried. If living, her address.

PAT ELDREDGE , 303 E. Ida, Electra, TX 76360. Telephone: (817) 495-2266.

PARKHURST/JENKINS: In will 4 Nov 1810, ABIGAIL PARKHURST gives name of dau. JEMIMAH JENKINS; who did JEMIMAH marry? Was she RODERICK JENKINS 1st wife?

ALENE PIPKIN KINGREY , 2405 Franklin Road, Scottsville, KY 42164.  
Telephone: (502) 622-5958.

CARTER/CARDWELL: Looking for info that will help determine parents of MARTHA CARTER b. ca. 1808/11; mar. LEONARD H. CARDWELL in 1827 in Smith/Jackson Co., TN. LEONARD H. CARDWELL b. 30 Jul 1807/09, Granville, Co., NC; d. 16 Apr 1872 at the Masonic Hall in Carthage, TN.

JAMES MCCOIN , 312 Seven Oaks Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922.  
Telephone: (423) 539-0426.

CULBREATH: Would like to correspond with descendants of HERMAN MOSES CULBREATH mar. ESSIE WHITEHEAD 24 Dec 1910 Smith Co., TN. He was s/o ROBERT A. CULBREATH & MARY ELIZABETH FRANKLIN. HERMAN MOSES stayed in Smith Co. when his brothers (including my ancestor CARROLL FRANKLIN CULBREATH) went to TX. ROBERT A. was s/o JAMES H. CULBREATH & CAROLINE R. OVERBY. Also any other CULBREATH descendants. Will share info. on VA ancestors of this family.

SHARON MULREY , 5330 La Colonia Dr., N. W., Albuquerque, NM 87120.

FIELDS: Seek info on DENSON FIELDS b. ca. 1777 NC & wife SARAH b. ca. 1785 VA. Both lived in Smith Co. in 1850. Had son MADISON (MATTHIAS ?) b. ca. 1823. Others possible including dau. mar. ? TUBBS. MADISON had many children who lived in Smith & Putnam Counties, TN; others moved to Fannin Co., TX.

SHARON MULREY , 5330 La Colonia Dr., N. W., Albuquerque, NM 87120.

YOUNG/CANTRELL/MOORE/REDMON/SMITH/POTTER: Early residents of DeKalb Co., TN; all related to my gr grandmother, MARY J. YOUNG b. 1837 at Young's Bend, DeKalb, Co., TN; mar. JOHN KEEL b. 1840 TN. If you have any info, please write me; I will answer all letters and exchange info.

RUTH O'BRIEN , 1501 Comanche Trail, Garland, TX 75043.

WASHER/BOMAR/BOWMAR/TUNE: 1787 ELIAS WASHER, Rev. War soldier mar. JUDITH BOMAR d/o JOHN BOMAR in Halifax Co. Va. 1812 son, JOHN WASHER mar. FRANCES TUNE d/o THOMAS TUNE in Halifax Co. VA. 1790 Halifax Co., VA, WILLIAM BOWMAR'S will named children: ALEXANDER, THOMAS, WILLIAM, JOHN, ELISHA, ANNA & CATY. It also mentions FIELDING & BIBBY BOWMAR. What relationship are these to JUDITH? Would like to share notes with anyone.

JORENE PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

WASHER/BAYSINGER/HARDCASTLE: JOHN WASHER mar. ELIZABETH BAYSINGER in Smith Co., TN 1852. TERRIS/FARRIS WASHER mar. BETSY ANN WASHER in Smith Co., TN 1850. WILLIAM WASHER mar. MARY MARCELLOUS HARDCASTLE in Smith Co., TN 1858. Can anyone tell me anything about these people?

JORENE PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

SMITH: Am still searching for GEORGE & SYLVIA SMITH of Smith Co., TN. If anyone has any info., would you please share it with me? FRANCES E. SMITH, 405 S. Prairie # 127, West Salem, IL 62476.

CLEMENTS: GEORGE J. CLEMENTS from ca. 1818-1881; b. in NC. Lived on "King Tract", Dist. 9, Smith Co., TN until his death. Mar. 3 times, 1st \_\_\_\_\_; 2nd MARY ANN ASKEW; 3rd NANCY CATHERINE HARRIS known as "Bedie". She 1st mar. JAMES R. GILLAHAN. GEORGE'S mother was CHARLOTTE b. NC ca. 1784. Am looking for GEORGE'S father b. NC and his 1st wife mar. ca. 1843; she died before 1849. GEORGE was father of 11 children. His sister, LOUISA, mar. JOSHUA S. CLARK. Their sons: ANDREW JACKSON CLARK, JOHN EDWARD CLARK (sheriff of Smith Co. 1868-1878 ?), & GEORGE DAVID CLARK. Correspondence on any of these family members will be appreciated.  
KAREN SEIBERT, 1725 Bryants Ford Road, Symsonia, KY 42082.

SMITH: My second gr grandfather BURREL SMITH & his brothers, DRURY SMITH, ALSEY R. SMITH & WILLIAM SMITH were born in Smith/Wilson Co., TN, in early 1800's, possibly sons of JESSE SMITH. Family went to Morgan/Scott Counties, IL ca. 1830, later to Perry/Washington Counties, IL. Family tradition says the SMITHS were related to PIPERS, GREGORYS & LITTLES. Can anyone help?

CAROLYN WALDON, 520 E. Main St., Ripon, CA 95366. Telephone: (209) 599-2636.

PIPER: Seek parents & siblings of BENJAMIN PIPER, born ca. 1800. Smith Co. deeds name neighbors ("on waters of Peytons Crick") as JOHN PIPER, JOHN PAYNE, SAMBETH (?) GRISSOM. Would appreciate any help that anyone can give me on this family.

CAROLYN WALDON, 520 E. Main St., Ripon, CA 95366. Telephone: (209) 599-2636.

DENNEY: Am looking for descendants of WILLIAM DENNEY, husband of CHARLOTTE (LOTTIE) WARD. Children: MARY ANN DENNEY, WILLIAM C. (BILL) DENNEY, CARROLL W. DENNY, HARRIET DENNEY & CHARLOTTE F. DENNEY. HARRIET AND CHARLOTTE both mar. UNDERWOOD men. Children of CHARLOTTE DENNEY & BURTON UNDERWOOD: BERTIE OWENS, JONATHAN, CLARENCY VANTREASE, CHARLOTTE BARTON & EMMA BRADLEY. DENNEYS lived in Smith Co., Hiwassee community. Any info. shared will be appreciated.

MRS. EDGAR WALLER, 870 Ward Hill Road, Lebanon, TN 37087. Telephone: (615) 374-2834. (Hartsville)

CANADA/CRAGETT/CRAGHEAD/CRAIGHEAD: Need parents of NEWTON R. CANADA & MARY A. CRAGETT; mar. 29 Dec 1869 by E. W. CORNWELL, J. P. Is he same NEWTON CANNADY living with PETER & JENCY CRAIGHEAD on 1850 Smith Co., census? Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families.

PAT ELDREDGE, 303 E. Ida, Electra, TX 76360. Telephone: (817) 495-2266.

CIVIL WAR: Am interested in receiving any info. relative to Civil War Diaries, Memoirs, Letters, ect. that are unpublished and pertain to Smith and surrounding counties. If anyone knows of any campsites or skirmish sites of the Civil War, please contact me. Also anyone with info. as to early pioneer forts or stations would very much like to hear from you about them.

DONNIE VAUGHN , 900 N. 16th St., Nashville, TN 37206.

HUGHES: Am seeking data on LEA HUGHES, b. 1799/1801, VA & his wife "EUDOXIA". Both are buried in Nashville, TN. Any assistance rendered will be appreciated.

GLENDA CARNEY , 3299 Countryside Circle, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

ATTENTION: BEASLEY family researchers - Bob L. Andrews, 107 Apache Ct., Hendersonville, TN 37075 shares the following: Has info. that identifies MARY (POLLY) ANDREWS BEASLEY as sister of JOHN ANDREWS, b. 1758; d/o THOMAS, who d. 1779. MARY was aunt of ANDREWS' ancestor, DRURY ANDREWS, early Smith Co. resident; went to IL in 1838. DRURY mar. REBECCA PARKER, d/o WILLIAM. She d. 1811. DRURY was in War of 1812; upon his return, mar. ELIZABETH GAMMON. DRURY left two sons in TN: JOHN (JACK) AND WILLIAM CULLIN/CULLEN.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

#### THE DESCENDANTS OF OBADIAH (OBED) WILBURN

Floyd Wilburn

Mr. Wilburn introduces his genealogical book with a brief historical background of the Wilburn (Wellbourne/Wilbourne) family followed by local color stories of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilburn. He then begins his book with Obadiah (Obed) Wilburn and his family and their long line of descendants.

Thoughtfully, Mr. Wilburn has left sufficient space for additional information to be inserted at the right places.

The book is 10" by 7", 121 pages, and softbound. Mr. Wilburn states that his information was obtained from U. S. Census Records, Bibles, Tombstones and family members. He has graciously donated a copy to the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society, which will be placed in the F. C. Key Genealogical Room at the Smith County Public Library.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a copy, please contact: Floyd Wilburn, 836 S. Broadway, Portland, TN 37148. Telephone: (615) 325-4851. The price is \$7.00 plus postage, if mailed.

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REMINDER: To have your queries published in the Fall issue, they must be received on or before August 31st. Upon receipt, they are dated and published in that order. Those not published in the Summer issue will be published in the Fall issue.

Back issues are available for \$3.50 each which includes postage. We have a short supply of Bible records, please send a copy of yours. We have had a request for someone to write an article on the community of Flat Rock. Anyone take on this challenge?

You might pass this on to friends and neighbors, if a person sends a SASE, he/she is much more likely to receive a response. Postage is expensive; the society cannot assume postage responsibility for genealogical requests.

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Local members of the Society are beginning to wonder just what the Grim Reaper has against us. Once again we have been raided. On April 4, 1996, well-known Missionary Baptist Minister and historian, Elder R. D. Brooks died of a heart attack. Born and reared in the Cato community, he was a son of Richard Donoho and Docia Ann Beasley Brooks, Sr. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Farley, who survives. Other survivors are sons: Richard M. Brooks, Phillip Day Brooks and Stephen Brooks, 3 granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Elder Brooks not only pastored a church but also pursued his livestock business interest. He served in the U. S. Army in the European Theatre, being discharged with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was an ardent supporter of the Library having been instrumental in the County securing a library building. He was a charter member of the Society. He served for many years as its chaplain. He was an ardent researcher; had an excellent historical and genealogical library; had done the 1860 census of Smith County and was working on a history of the county at the time of his death. He contributed much to his church, town and county.

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FRONT COVER

The Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration continued Saturday, April 27, 1996 in Nashville at the new Bicentennial Mall where the ninety-five counties' time capsules were buried. These time capsules will not only give future Tennesseans a slice of life from 1996, but they will also send a message about the unique aspects of each county. Pictured burying Smith County's time capsule are four generations of several of Tennessee's first settlers: John Lancaster, Sr., Thomas Ensor, Matthew Raulston, William Jared and James Trousdale. Descendants of 1st settler Lancaster are (L.) Betsy Formosa Hudson, (F.) Taylor Shivers ( a tenth generation Tennessean), Mary Lancaster Leftwich, (R. with shovel) Mary Ruth Leftwich F. Lewis.

Once again death claimed another local member, Norma Young, on March 8, 1996. In a teaching career that spanned forty-three years, Miss Young participated in the end of an era in rural education - the one-room school and the advent of a new age - computer teaching.

Born in Davidson County on March 15, 1914, Miss Young moved with her parents, Dero D. and Henrietta Jane Escue Young and nine brothers and sisters to Brush Creek, Smith County, Tennessee in 1916. She was interred in the Brush Creek Cemetery.

She began teaching first through 8th grade at Ogles School in 1934. In addition to Ogles School, Miss Young taught at New Middleton, Pigeon Roost Hill, Grant, Hiwassee, Flat Rock and Rural Academy in Smith County. She retired after teaching twenty years in the Portland Elementary School in the Sumner County School System. She will be remembered for having used both the old and the new educational techniques to provide the best educational opportunities for students.

Native son, Dr. Sam Young Garrett, died at his home in Nashville on May 2, 1996. He had practiced general surgery for more than 40 years in Nashville and Smith County.

Dr. Garrett was the son of Dr. Rhea Edward Garrett and Laura Gaston Young Garrett of Dixon Springs. He grew up and attended grammar school in Dixon Springs where his father practiced medicine. He graduated from Smith County High School and went on to the University of Tennessee, where he was a third-generation graduate in 1940. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1943 and served as a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in the Phillipines in World War II.

Dr. Garrett was an avid history and genealogical buff. He compiled and published a volume of letters concerning the Revolutionary War of his family ancestor, General Joseph Martin. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a life member of the Tennessee Historical Society, member of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society and of the Archaeological Institute of America.

He managed the family farms, including "High View," a Tennessee Heritage Farm, from 1950 until his death.

He is survived by wife, June Harrison Garrett; sons, Rhea Edward Garrett II, Page Garrett and Sam Young Garrett, Jr.; daughter, Mary Marshall Garrett and three granddaughters.



The writer of this family history was Robert Morris Paty. The original was done in 1944 and copied in February 1963 in its exactness. Robert Morris' grandfather. "John Williams Paty", according to the 1850-60-70 census records for Smith and Warren Counties, Tennessee was born about 1805 and not 1801 as Robert Morris wrote. Also mentioned in this family history are the ATWOOD and MORRIS families. Robert's grandparents were parents of ten children; however, there are missing pieces of information concerning the nine who reached adulthood.

Just what the relationship was between John O. and John Williams Paty is not presently known. Some researchers believe they were half-brothers. Because it is not known who John Williams Paty's parents were, perhaps this article may lead to someone who has that long sought information.

Grave # 7 Hazel Cemetery, Bell Buckle, Bedford County, Tennessee  
ROBERT MORRIS PATY 1862 - 1946; ZULA MUSE PATY 1866 - 1940.  
Marriage: PATEY, WILLIAM T. to BARTHENIA M. PATEY 12-29-1853,  
Smith County, Tennessee.

Mr. Paty's history is published as he wrote it; no editing has been done in order to preserve his individualistic and unique style of writing.

PREFACE To what is intended to be a short family History. The writer of this is R. M. Paty now in his 82nd year, and so far as he knows, is in good health and in possession of all his faculties - though not so keen and active as they once were. So the readers of this reminiscence will of necessity have to forego the criticism that he would employ in reading the product of a younger narrator.

This attempt is being made At the insistance and repeated request of one of my dear daughters -- Sadie, who claims that she has not had the opportunity to learn the history of my branch of the family, and that I am the only one remaining source of information, traditional or legendery, or from personal memory that is now or be available.

So without further hesitation I will begin by saying that my Grand Father - John Williams Paty was born in one of the upper Cumberland Counties, to the best of my memory, Jackson, in the year of 1801 - the exact day and month I do not know. He lost his father and Mother while a boy, and of necessity had a hard struggle for his existence and maintainance. But being of the hardy Irish parentage, who themselves, with others of their kin, had dared to face the dangers of the then New America, had several years previously, ventured to cross the FROGG POND as the pioneer IRISH would say of the Atlantic - perhaps, were prompted by an intuition that as the population of old Ireland was increasing so rapidly that if the Paty Irish were to have a ghost of a chance

to exploit their reproductive inclination, unrestrained (and from what we know of the AMERICAN PATYS, Who would doubt correctness, the good judgment, and foresight of the Irish Patys?) they would of necessity have to have plenty of territory in which to expand---but after this digression, I will try to continue with my story of John Williams Paty. Although left to battle the world alone, and a mere boy he removed himself to Smith County, Tennessee, where by close application and hard labor, as a farm laborer, he was in the course of time able to purchase a Good farm, near the Old Brush Creek Baptist Church where there is now a R. R. Depot on the T. C. Ry. He married Miss Frances Parker somewhere about the year of 1824. Frances Parker had also lost her Mother when she was an infant. Her Mother was of English descent - the only others were two girls, who in time married in Rutherford County - one Nancy Married a Mr. Norman, the other Millie Married a Mr. Osburn, their descendants are prominent people in and around Murfreesboro. My Grand Mother Frances' Mother if I mistake not was an Allison and related to Col. Don Allison of Mexican War fame, she had for the Allison kin -- the long line of Allison Methodist Minister away back in the late 1800 - Allison Maloy was a name sake of one of the Allison preachers. My Grand Mother was born in the year of 1809, married John William Paty, of this marriage there was 10 children by name as follows-

- Now for a brief review of the original Irish "O'Paty" tribe-
1. Lorenza, as the writer remembers "legend", and who was father of all this tribe, First wife, (1) Jane Allen, Second wife (2) Mary J. Morris.
  2. Mary who married John Frye, who in the far distant past time has veiled in almost obscurity.
  3. Nancy, Married to Belcher - migrated to this land of opportunity to as mentioned at the outset of this story to "multiply and replenish the earth."

William Paty the son of John O'Paty, the father of Taylor Paty.

Joe Paty who died at about 50 years, cousin of John O'Paty, the father of Taylor Paty who the writer mentioned married Margaret Paty and James Paty married Mary Dillard who was sister to Margaret-

James, who married Miss Mary Davis, lived and died in Cannon County, raised a large family of sons and daughters in that county, also John C. Paty mentioned above as the father of Taylor Paty reared a large family in the regions of Smith County.

NOTE: The above paragraph was badly garbled and typed over and may be subject to correction.

(To help with some of this paragraph): John O. Paty, born 20 Nov 1809 in Smith County to Jesse and Elizabeth (Whitley) Paty was not a son of John Williams Paty. But John O. Paty's son "William Taylor Paty", did in fact marry Barthenia Margaret Paty, a daughter of John Williams Paty.

Now as to the relationship of the Patys and the Pattys who are scattered over Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas -- I have not intelligence to information to venture a guess as to the kin relation of the "SIRCUTS" from the original "STUMP", baring perhaps a few scattering WATER SIRCUTS.

Now I would like to return to give more detail history of my Paty Grand parents. First I will Say that I have a very keen recollection of my grand father - I have a very vivid picture of him in my mind to this day - he was compactly built, dark hair, dark, deep set dark blue eyes, strong and rather rugged appearance, capable of enduring almost any hardship that might come to his lot coupled with the will and determination to push his will to a successful conclusion; and this idea of him and this picture of him as I remember it is born out by the fact that, notwithstanding the handicaps of his youth, he made a success in life commensurate with the day and time in which he lived, and I might add that the last time I saw him, when I was about 13 years old and he never had to go to bed on account of sickness.

Early in life, he became an ardent member of the Methodist Church - he was self educated, an ardent student of the Bible, and enjoyed an argument on the "Scripture" with the Bishop -- the Elders or the laity with the same composure and poise, which was one of his outstanding charistics -- always ending his arguments with the self satisfaction that he had won out. Early in life he become an "exorter" in the Church -- that A "local" preacher, which place he filled for 50 years - having appointment at neighbor hood churches, as a rule, every Sunday. His friends were as numerous as the population of the community in which he lived. He was a member of the County Court of Smith County for several years before removing from that County then after moving to Warren County in the year of about 1859, elected to the County Court of that county, which office he held until 1876.

Thus we end the story of the life of a great and good man, whos good judgement and council was sought by all, whos life was devoted to the elevating and progressive movements of his local invironments, yet at last, who fell a victim to the machinations and base influences of the lude and visicious and in keeping with his head strong nature - cast all the good principles for which his lifes work had been devoted, his friends, his loved ones -- sold it all for a "mess of pottage". However, I feel that altho a man of this type may fall at the last ditch - the vast amount of good that his influence has accomplished will not be lost to the world. So Grand Pa - your ashes rest in peace where ever they may be.

We will now leave the sordid and tragic finelle of my Grand Pa. And take up the more pleasant narrative of my dear "little Grandmother" - Frail; married when about 15 years old - never weighing as I remember her history as much as a 100 lbs.

But a bunch of concentrated energy, kindness and devotion to her friends, and untiring devotion to family. It was she so successfully guided and directed her familys course in life that made them outstanding men and women in their relation to their community life and environments. She was especially interested in the education and development of her boys, for in those days the education of the boys seemed to occupy the center of interest and effort for the mother. So she saw to it that all the boys of the family took advantage of what educational advantages were to be offered in that very progressive community. So by this means she was able to develop 3 " School teachers " out of the 4 who grew to manhood.

I was especially very much devoted to my Grand mother, as she lived in our home for about 3 years, and the most of that time she was a semi-invalid - as a rule a boy, such as I, was not often drawn close to an aged invalid - but her love so genuine, her interest in my little troubles so manifest, that I was always ready to administer to her little requests and desires. She had raised nine children to full grown man hood and womenhood - and now as I glance back over 53 years of close observation and constant association, with the mother of my brood - her untiring devotion of time and energy in development, into worthwhile citizens, I can better understand the source of supply of good citizens for our country -- It is a MOTHERS LOVE -- and not a fathers IRON rule.

My Grand Mother Paty passed away at our home at about the age of 67 and buried in old "BASCOMB" cemetery, in the little old town of Vervilla in Warren County, Tennessee. Thus ends an imperfect sketch of the life and activities of my grandmother Frances Paty.

Now before going further into the misty labarnth of the self exalted Paty family - the myrios of whom are even at this historical period beginning to make the Federal Census Enumerator sit up, take notice and wonder - I will - like the proverbial Cat, back down the tree and see if I am able to locate the "MORRIS AND THE ATWOOD" limbs and shake them up a bit and see/ arrive at any conclusion as to their-Whos-Whens-Wheres- as to their martial relations of the "illustrious"??? Patys.

For the lack of authentic information as I dive into the ancient history of the Morris family - I will begin with my Grand Father on my mothers side -- who answered to the name of ELIGA MORRIS. I am not informed as to his year of birth - but he was somewhere near the age of my Grand mother Paty - as the associations of the two families in Smith County were Coincident. He was of Irish extraction and he often told his wife he came from the higher stratum of Irelands social and interlectual geographical territory -- that he boasted that he did not belong

to that menial, ditch digging class . He was pure Irish, in that he was full of wit and keen of mind, and was accepted as a man of good judgement by his peers, as was evidenced by the fact that he was elected to County Court of Smith County - had a long term of service to his record, and, rather a coincidence, his service in that body was at the same time of that of my Grand Father J. W. Paty and my Father Lorenza O. Paty -- So from the records the County Court of Smith County at that time had the appearance of a "family affair". Well back to my Grand Father Morris; He did not live to be old. -- he lived an invalid for a number of years before his death, and though I was very young at the time of this incident I am about to relate -- I will say, three and one half years old, my Mother, with my oldest half brother, James as "COACH MAN", loaded a bunch of the children just above my age together with me, into the 2 horse wagon, with all the baggage necessary to accomplish the long-LONG -- which, with an early start and no interferences might be negotiated in one day and a part of the night - the whole distance supposed to be about 40 miles. Well that trip was made in due time, sometime in the night we landed safely at the home of my Grand Father Morris, "none the worse for wear" and next morning while I was out chasing my grand mother's chickens around the house with a stick in my hand with a threatening attitude toward the "biddies" -- which I learned later was a very serious offence -- I heard a rough commanding voice addressing me - telling me the dire consequences that would be visited upon the head of the one who would dare harm or molest one of Patsy's prize "biddies". That was the only time I have any recollection or of hearing his tender? voice or of seeing his bent and twisted form, which was then crumpled in large old arm chair, with years of serious affliction with the dreaded rheumatism, from which he died -- That was very likely about the summer of 1865.

Not withstanding the repulsive impression that I got from my momentary acquaintance with my grand father from the incident just related, I later learned from the family, and other outside sources, that his normal disposition was that of gentleness to the older people and distinctive tenderness to children -- that suggests to me that the first impressions that a child receives upon its tender mind - unless some process is brought to bare on that mind to erase and obliterate that impression while the mind is yet plastic, they will remain and become a part of the permanent "records" - as they did in the case mentioned above.

My Grand ma Morris, was before her marriage to Eliga Morris -- Miss Patsy Atwoods - Now STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN!!! For you are nearing the LOWLANDS of old Ireland, whence came the direct ancestors (the elder Atwoods - my great-great grand parents) of "Colleen" - my great grand mother - and family history records that they were both skilled Irish weavers - If that means anything to the readers - you may draw upon your imagination, and make a very safe bet some of our "Atwood" relative would be found in

muddy lakes and the frog ponds of the Low swamps to recover enough land upon which to grow sufficient hemp for clothing with which to protect the "numerous" members of the family from the rigors of winter and the torrid sun rays of the summer, however that wild guess may approximate the truth or it may not, by some unrecorded chance of FATE finds GREAT GRAND PA and GREAT GRAND MA - long before the 1800 A. D. century mark was reached - legalized citizens of the U.S.A. --THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY -- in Smith County, in the fertile Central Basin of Middle Tennessee -- there to multiply and replenish the earth with "little Atwoods" and from the history of that section they did that thing and did it well, for in due time the country was full of the Atwood stock, noted for their large physique almost reaching the proportions of giants in some cases.

My Grand Father Elija Morris married to Patsy Atwood, in the early 1830's - in Smith County, Tennessee -- they were the parents of nine children - names and order of birth as follows:

My mother Mary Jane, the eldest then Thomas--Edward--Elizabeth--Malissa-- Greenie--James and Matilda. The four boys served in the Federal Army, Thomas was a Captain in the Cavalry, and fought in both battles of Murfreesboro -- Edd, was a non commissioned officer in a Kentucky regiment - Sam (not listed above) was a lieutenant in a Tenn. cavalry brigade, and James the youngest did not get into the fray until later, not being of military age when the war broke out. The civil war demoralizing effect upon all the Morris boys except Captain Thos. -- Edd died soon after the close. Sam, a hansom, brilliant, fearless, soldier, - after the war lived rather a mixed life of romance and dissipation, and as a result, died in middle life. His bro. James followed somewhat in his footsteps, and he too came to an untimely death. Aunt Elizabeth died while a young lady as did Aunt Greenie -- though I think she had married a Mr. Washburn and had two or three children before her death. Aunt Malissa Married for her first husband, Dr. John Everett, - a good man with a good country practice, which kept him almost constantly in the "saddle", and not having a strong constitution he finally surcome to the strain and passed away in about 1880, but not until he had accumulated enough to leave Aunt Malissa with a good home, situated on the head of Clear Fork in Cannon County, Between Woodberry and Liberty in Decalb Co. near Short Mountain -- I remember that I was priviliged to visit them in their home at their place a few years before his death. After Uncle John's death a few years, Aunt Malissa Married the Old Sheriff of Cannon County a Mr. Vincent - who was an old Confederate Veteran. After that I lost connection with them, except that they both lived to a ripe age. Aunt Matilda married after she was a mature woman and I have lost the name of her husband, never having seen him, but have learned that she had a good and provident husband, and lived between McMinville and Short Mountain.

I had secured her address some fifteen years ago from a neighbor of hers, and since then, year after year I had promised myself that I would make her a visit -- but that many years back, found me with little time to visit. She lived to be quite old and only a few years ago I remember seeing an account of her death in the daily paper. She resembled Sister Josie very much, and I was very fond of her when she was young and around our home, and I a small boy. Back to Uncle Thos. Morris for a brief history and comment on his career. As stated in the outset He was a Captain in the "Yanky" Army. After the war, which left him in very poor health, and he having acquired a sufficient education to qualify as a county School Master, the profession of which he continued for some time, he acquired sufficient knowledge of law to enter its practice which he did, which he continued until his death. I remember that when very old he made us a visit to our home in Bell Buckle I think just before my mother passed away. He had a very good home and land in Smith Co. at a little town known as Grant, Tenn. he had quite a family of children, but I never knew any of them except one son, John, who I saw one time. I know absolutely nothing of the families of the others.

Uncle Tom's wife was a Miss Ann Phillips, of Good family. Now for a "closer" up, and more detail discussion of the J. W. and "Frankie" Paty children - both girls and boys, and their offspring so far as this narrator has information: L. O. Paty, their eldest - and my father was born in Smith Co. 1826 on the 18th day of March. He attended the country schools, was skilled in the ordinary mechanics, both in wood and metals, as practiced by the country artizans of the day - and I had the exalted opinion of him, and that opinion was shared by many who knew him that he could make anything out of wood or iron in common use as an impliment among the country people of his day. He grew up to manhood, strong and athletic and was foremost in all of the current sports of his time. And when "Muster" day came round you would find him the drill master of the occasion for he made a close study of military tactics, of which I will make referance later.

When in 1846, the U. S. Government called on Tennessee for volunteers, my father a little over 20 years old, offered his services, and on the 15th day of June 1846, his regiment, at Memphis, Tenn., was mustered into service, which was the first Tennessee Cavalry, ready to begin their long trek thru Arkansas - Texas, across the Riogrande into and thru the half of Mexico -- and to think of such a trip now - on horse back - how would that feel to our soldiers to day -- when the same number of soldiers could be transported all the way around the WORLD, and if they started in the early spring, would get back in time to "pitch" a crop, cultivate it and gather it and have all their winter wood cut and corded in the "WOOD SHED" ready for a winter "holiday", but that lacked only 2 yrs. being a century ago --from that, what

may we expect in the NEXT 96 years? Well it's only a guess.  
Yours is as good as mine.

On the LAST DAY May 1847 My father, with hardly 12,000 of the remaining 18,000, at Memphis Tenn. mustered out of services at New Orleans-La. - over 6,000 having been left as a toll of the ravages of war on strange and Foreign soil - their graves unmarked and unkept. How strange that, after a lapse of a century, peoples, with all their supposed science, religion and culture, will continue to slaughter each other in the terrible conflict of WAR. In due time our subject of remarks returned home a wiser young man, but some what broken in health from sickness and exposure -- the long journey on horse back afflicted him with a chronic ailment from which he never recovered, and in his later years caused him much pain, misery and was the cause of his death at the age of 66 years. In the absence of more reliable record, I will estimate the date of his first marriage to Eliza Jane Allen after his return from the Mexican War, in the year of 1848 or 9. As a result of that union, there was born to them six children, by name and the order of birth as follows: - The older, Frances Evelin, born about the 16th of Sept 1850 - Ellen Green...1852--James Morgan June the 9th 1854--John Williams Jr. Jan 11th 1856, -- William Thomas, Oct. 18th 1858, the youngest of that set, Eliza Jane, Dec. 16th 1859. With the birth of this last named child, Eliza Jane (Allen) Paty, passed away, leaving my father to shoulder the management and care of six small children, and to increase his burdens and bewilderment, during the early part of that year, with my Grand father and Uncle "Dick" Belcher, the husband of Fathers sister Nancy - had sold their farms in Smith Co. and purchased farms in Warren County. and had made preparations to move to their new homes just as soon as the expected child was born, and the mother had sufficiently recovered from her confinement to warrant the change. So it seems that a "council of war" was held by the parties interested, in which a unanimous decision was made, that my father should bestir him-self and secure some one qualified to handle the situation, either by the employment as servant, house keeper, or as a last resort by the matrimonial route. So after exhausting all of the first named propositions he was advised, as a certain solution to his dilemma to take the matrimonial route, which it would seem that he did, for he laid the situation before my mother, whome he had known as a neighbor and pupil of his in school, she thought favorably of the proposition and in due time they were married, when the three families, who had been anxiously awaiting a favorable turn in events, loaded up their wagons, with their personal effects, and "hied" themselves away to old Warren County, their future home. Well you now find my father located with my mother, and newly acquired "ready made" family situated on what is derisively known as "ROGUE" branch - a tributary of the "Barren Fork" of Collins River that flowed into the Cany Fork of the Cumberland River near Carthage, near the



rich farms that the afore mentioned "emigrants" had exchanged for the thousand acres of that worthless barren lands, all for the reason as they expressed it to acquire more "elbow room" - and this thought has repeatedly come to me after I was older, and had made a visit to their old farms in Smith Co. and realized the natural fertility of that soil, why sensible men, and they all that in the line of farming, would allow their best interest to be jeopardised for a desire for more "elbow room" - when the room was all they got and something they could not use to an advantage - but I think it was a great MISTAKE -- but life seems to be made up of "those little things." So here we find Lorenza and new wife in their new home, with their "ready made family" beginning life anew, under the gathering gloom of another war, which was being brewed between the North and the South, that which was, ere long to break forth in all of its fury. But we will let the question of the war rest for a time, and give you a cronology of the new installment, in the order - by year by name and the sex:  
 Martha Ann, the elder of sec. 2. born Dec. the 18th 1860.  
 Robert Morris (yes dats me) born Dec. 1st? 1862.  
 Sarah Elizabeth, born Dec. the 4th 1866.  
 Lorenza Burr (I have lost the dates) Who met a tragic death by falling backward in a kettle of boiling water - at the age of three.

Josephine Hill born I think in June and about 1870.  
 So ends the second edition of the second section of the L.O.P. Family - Eleven in all, which with father and mother - bring all "comers and goers" THIRTEEN REGULAR MOUTHS TO FEED and last but by no means LEAST, the same number of bodies to care for and clothe.

I will now return to a brief mention of the Two help mates of the aforesaid L. O. Paty. As already stated her name before marriage to my father was Eliza Jane Allen and was from one of the best families of the section of Smith Co. She was the daughter of one James Allen, who with his bro. Marcus were artizans, and crafty in the creation of fine furniture, and household ornaments, made from the virgin growth of poplar wood of that section. There still remains in the possession of some members of my family, perfect specimens of their creations, in Wild Cherry now in perfect state of preservation and beauty. My mother was very fond of her, and always held her in the highest esteem -- she must have been a wonderful influence over her brood - for that same kindly consideration - "of the other person" was reflected from them toward my mother, which you know is an unusual thing from "step Children" to "step mothers" ( and I might add visa versa,) but as for that "step" business there was nothing of the kind in our family - neighbors and friends really forgot that there was two sets of children, and the children themselves never realized that that condition prevailed.

As stated before, we now find Mary Jane (Morris) Paty's preem in command over the newly acquired household, which had already

reached reasonable proportions in size, but on looking back a few paragraphs you will realize that it had made only a beginning as the list of her issue just mentioned will prove. But through it all - the "Hard Time" resulting from the ravages of the Civil War -- the accumulation of additional bodies to clothe, of additional mouths to feed, and in addition to this as time went on, the older children of the family began to marry off - they of necessity had to be set up in housekeeping, and before the "Honey Moon" quit shining for the "Newly Wed" when arrangements had to be begun - preparations that no one but the one skilled in the art, both of preparation and deep secrecy, for it was in that day, something akin to sining against the HOLY GHOST for one to divulge that profound secrete - that a baby was expected to be bornd in the family -- no one but a confirmed "TATTLE TALE" would dare violate such a sacred rule of ethics ( 1944 - NOT SO NOW - THE TATTLE TALE today is the one that merrits the Blue Ribbon ))))) My mother desireable of all the arts mentioned above as evidenced by the fact that she was called upon by the whole country side to administer in cases of obstetric ailments. So my Father and Mother lived a life full of helpful service to, both to their family and to the community in which they lived.

My Mother died at the age of 72, in the year of 1907 - out living my father some 15 years. They were burried in the old Bascomb Church Grave yard at the little village of Vervilla in Warren County, Tenn. In spite of all disturbing elements, may their ashes forever rest in peace.

I will now leave the other branches of the family, for a brief summing up or recapitulation of the conclusion of this imperfect report -- and "jump over on the limb" known as the "old man R. M. Paty stub", for in the process of the "pruning" operations it developed about nine healthy looking sprouts or SCIONS, but before trying to devellop the afore said SCIONS, I drop to the base of the afore mentioned STUB - and with all the modesty and that I can command try to give a brief account of his beginning and life up to the present time. I was born in old Warren County in the 10th Civil District, Tennessee -- 10 miles west of McMinnville - 3 miles north of Morrison and 4 miles North east of Vervilla, on the waters of the afore said ROGUE branch, of the first day of December, 1862, at the time of that terrible and bloody battle of Murfreesboro, (My mother has told me numbers of times that when she laid in bed with me - an infant, that the vibrations were so great from the cannonading during that battle - that it made the window sash rattle in her home some sixty miles away even that was shooting some, TOO.) So when the smoke of battle had cleared away - and peace was declared, some attention was directed to the newly arrived, who by that time had struggled out of bed began to claim attention - it was discovered that he really was RED HEADED, and I mean RED, that discovery of itself caused further investigation of the "kid", so they found after they had given me a good bath that what they thought was

only dirt, showed up as well established freckles as numerous as the stars that shown from above of a clear dark night.

So that was the picture the family got of the first born boy of the second edition of the family. Now that boy was I, and I have managed to live with him fer somethin over 81 years, sometimes satisfied with the associations with him, and at other times, I have felt that if I could only pull away and be some one else for a time at least it would give a respite, but I am now glad that the laws of nature are so rigidly enforced that we will be one and the same to the end. Enough of the bosh, I attended the public schools of the neighborhood - and I might say that my attendance was about the most that could be said of the time spent, for I attained a very meager, and limited education. I remained on the farm.

Now to return to the latter part of the year of 1874, for this marked turning point in the history of the two families -- J. W. Sr. and L. O. Paty and also J. M. Paty, for a turn of events effecting the solidarity of the L. O. Paty family -- which had already begun to disintegrate, by the two older girls having already "taken unto themselves", husbands of their own choosing and started to creat a "brood of their own", when Bro. James inspired by the action of his older sisters, began a serious courtship of one Miss Amelia Brewer, which in due time resulted in their marriage in Nov. of that year. It now developed that a plan had already been brewing, that as my Grand parents were getting old and that my Grandmother was weak and feeble in health, and that the help that they had with her was not at all satisfactory to her; so the two elder Patys decided that Bro. James and Bro. John, take charge of our old farm on "Rouge" branch, and that my father with the remainder of the family - my mother - Bro. Tom, sister Eliza - Mattie - Sallie - Josie (the baby,) and last but not least - Bob - the "family problem". This plan materialize beautifully, and things ran along smoothly for a time at least. This is where we will again take up a further discussion of BOB. the family problem -- I was at the begin of 1875, in my 13th year, and with the other children, changed my place of attending school from the old log school house on "Rogue" Branch to a more pretentious "PLANT" for the purpose of disseminating knowledge to all who were so fortunate to be permitted to enter its "stately portals" and set at the feet of its competent instructors . The building was for that day and generation, an imposing structure, built of brick, and two story hight, and had for its campus, the length and breadth of the whole country side, and had all the room for the prevailing athletics and sports practiced at that time -- such as Town Ball -- Bull Pen -- three cornered "Cat" -- marbles in almost any variety of games the player would wish. Public swimming pool in the mill pond hard by.

Now, in all seriousness, there was nothing happened in my career during my school days worthy of special mention; my lot was the common lot of all boys of that community, and the way we lived, and the way we developed, and responded to our opportunities, was a determining factor in our future lives; up until the time I quit school, which from four to six months in the year, I was engaged in helping my father on the farm, however in between times, I took employment in whatever work I could find to do - usually it was of the nature of work with some kind of machinery, for that kind of work was not only more lucrative, but it was something that I enjoyed doing. In 1883, I decided that I would try the "wild and woolly west", which I did for two LONG YEARS, teaching school -- running saw mills -- cotton gins -- keeping store, wheat threshers, and various other things -- so my trip to the far west only yealded me experience, when in december 1885, I decided that I would return to my native state. For my Br. John had located a general store in Bell Buckle, and wrote me that he was in need of a clerk ( Some one to stand behind the counter ) so I came from Texas straight to Bell Buckle, where after a few months I met, who to me was one of the most attractive and the most beautiful young ladies I had ever seen -- her name was Miss Zula Muse -- but little did I then imagine that one, of all I had ever known or seen -- the most lovely -- was in a few months, destine to be my future wife, and companion for 53 years and the mother of my nine lovely children.

So on the first day of September, 1887, in the little town of Bell Buckle Tenn, at the home of Mr. W. R. Muse, at about ten A. M. R. M. Patty and Zula Muse were quietly married, By the Rev. J. B. McDonald, a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister, who lived at the Crawford old home - and at the place which I now live (1944) with my wife until 1940, the rearing of my children since.

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#### THAT WONDERFUL CHURN

I want to add my testimony to the list of those who have used the Lightning Churn. It does all that is claimed for it. You can churn easily in one minute, and get a large percentage more butter than with the common churns. I never took the agency for anything before, but so many of my neighbors wanted churns that I ordered 30 and they are all gone. I think in a year every farmer will have a Lightning churn. In fact, they make so much more butter, and a good little bit of money can be made in every township selling these churns. By writing to J. F. Casey & Co., St. Louis, Mo., you can get circulars and full particulars about the churn. A Reader.

For those born before 1945  
WE ARE THE TRUE SURVIVORS !

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the "Pill".

We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens, before pantyhose, dishwashers, drip dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. We thought fast foods were what you ate during Lent.

We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, senior centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums, a "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how we did on our exam. Pizza, "McDonalds", and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents. For one nickel you could ride a street car, buy an ice cream cone, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two post cards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00 but who could afford one? What a pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex changes! We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

We remember when FDR said, "We will never be taxed on our Social Security", and John D. Rockefeller, Sr. said, "don't use." The initials "CD" stood for Diplomatic Corps, and saving money for a "rainy day" the old fashioned way, was in fashion!

BUT WE SURVIVED !

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7th Tennessee Infantry  
C.S.A.

February 10, 1832 - August 23, 1925

FOREWORD

Colonel John A. Fite, whose memoirs appear here, moved from Carthage, Tennessee, to Lebanon, Tennessee, about the year 1900 and resided with his only daughter and his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, until his death on August 23rd, 1925.

His only other child, a daughter, Betty, died in 1881 at the age of 14 years, and his wife died in 1899, at the age of 50 years. All are buried at Carthage.

During the time that he lived with his daughter and son-in-law they had heard him recount many times the incidents set forth here and from time to time had sought to get Colonel Fite to dictate them to someone so that they might be transcribed and preserved for the benefit of his friends and members of his family.

Finally, after much persuasion, he agreed to "tell" these stories so that they could be reduced to writing, and Mrs. Marie Fite Wilson, his niece (the daughter of Dr. Jim Fite), who resided next door in Lebanon, came over daily for several weeks and wrote them down, just as her Uncle told them, including the heading at the beginning.

This occurred in 1910 and the manuscript has been carefully preserved ever since. It is regrettable that my Grandfather did not bring his memoirs to a later date, to include such experiences as his journey to the Holy Land, when he was eighty years old; riding around the Walls of Jerusalem on a donkey; his visit to Egypt, and the "purchase" of fifty slaves on the veranda of Shepherd's Hotel, in Cairo; and his subsequent travels from Naples up through the Continent.

One of his most interesting subsequent chapters could have dealt with the approximately thirty Winters which he spent in Clearwater, Florida, where he and four others - (two old Yankees - Colonel Ewing, from St. Louis; and an old gentleman, whose name I do not recall, but whom they referred to as "Indiana"- and three old Rebels, namely Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus), John Storm from Lexington, Kentucky, and my Grandfather), - fished, played cards, and reminisced.

I have made certain explanatory notes, so that those who are not entirely familiar with names and places can identify persons

to whom, and places to which he referred.

John Fite Robertson  
Sarasota, Florida  
May 15, 1935

"SHORT AND UNINTERESTING HISTORY OF A  
SMALL AND UNIMPORTANT MAN."

I was born at Alexandria, Dekalb County, Tennessee, on the 10th day of February, 1832, so that on my next birthday I will be 78 years old and have accomplished little so far, and unless I hurry up I will go out with a small record. I am the son of Jacob and Matilda Fite, a grandson of Leonard and Peggy Fite, the great-grandson of Peter Fite. I was born in a house which stood where Byron Ball now lives. (On corner, the North side of Main Street at West side of Square in Alexandria.)

The first recollection I have was when I was about two years old. My mother told me to call my father to dinner. He was a merchant and had a store just across the street. The next recollection I have was the day we moved from there to the place where Dan Williams now lives. I am inclined to think I was rather a rattling kind of a boy. My father was a strong Methodist. There was a campground about one mile below Alexandria on the creek at which my father always camped. I remember being at the camp meetings. Among other things I remember Old Jonnie Yeargin was one of the leaders. Caleb Davis had been a Methodist preacher and had gone off with the Baptist. He concluded to come back to the Methodist. Every morning about sunup Bro. Yeargin would blow the horn and the people would meet for prayers. One morning after Davis came back from the Baptist he hollered for Bro. Yeargin to blow his horn and said, "Let's raise a shout." There was great rejoicing over the return of Bro. Davis.

I remember very distinctly that some time after that an old fellow by the name of Mogan died. He was regarded as a very bad man. Bro. Davis preached his funeral and the only thing that he could say good of him was that he could get in heaven was that Davis gave him a pig. I remember hearing people say he got him in on a scratch.

When I was about 7 or 8 years old my father owned a small farm out in the country about a mile from town and on it some old negroes, Uncle George and Aunt Rhoda. The old woman got sick and my mother went to see her. So she took me on the horse, or rather mare, behind her. On the way out we passed a field we owned which had corn on it and there were some cattle in the corn. After we got to the old negro's house mother told me to take Uncle George's dog and get them out. I called the dog and he came running. I

had heard the question discussed as to whether a dog or horse could out run. I concluded that was a good time to try the question so I called the dog and he came a running. I let the mare out, and looking at the dog, did not notice that the mare got on the wrong side of a gully. When she jumped she fell, and knocked what little sense I had out of me.

They saw me from the house and came and got me. When I was able to talk they asked how it happened and I told them that the mare got sc-red at an old sow that was lying in the corner of the fence. It turned out that my left shoulder had been knocked out of place. I was kept in the house about two weeks, I think I got out on Friday.

Sunday I went with a fellow by the name of Stiles, a kinsman of John Stiles, about two miles down the creek to Tom Brown's to get a horse book. As we came back we found some boys in swimming. We went in too. Monday morning father thought I was well enough to go to work so he told me to go with him and help plant some artichokes. The truth was I was sick then but I was afraid to say so. I knew I had acted badly on Sunday so I went but was sick. Soon, however, I told him to and he sent me to the house. I went to bed and had a good case of measles.

Soon Bro. Jim and Edwin were down so they put us all in the same bed. At that time when a fellow had fever, instead of giving him something cold, they gave him hot teas. We would beg for water but they gave us hot tea. While we were thus suffering my sister was taken violently ill and they thought she was going to die. Father and Mother left us in charge of Lucy, a negro woman. There was a cold spout spring at the corner of our yard. I made Lucy take a big gourd and go to the spring and get a gourd full of cold water and I drank it. Before morning I made her get another and drank that. Jim and Ed begged for some but she wouldn't give them any for she was not afraid of them. Next morning when mother came back Lucy told her. She sent for father and the Dr. Old Dr. Snead came and when told of what had happened I remember well what he said. "If these children are to be this way I will not be responsible for them." Father asked if we were any worse. He said he could not see that we were. I said I was better. Father told the darky to go to the spring and get us all some water which she did. That broke up the hot tea business in Alexandria.

About this time a whole lot of boys, of which I was one, one Sunday morning went down the road towards Carthage hunting peaches or anything we could find. We passed an old fellow's house name Hezekiah Turner. He was a great stutterer and lived about one hundred yards from the road. Between his house and the road he had a watermelon patch. We could see the melons and we tried to get him to let us have some and he said there was none ripe so we went on over to his father's who had a big peach



orchard . He told us we could have all we wanted. We got all we wanted and started back to town. When we got back to old Hezekiah's there was no one in sight so we concluded they had gone to Church. Two of the biggest boys gave us their peaches to hold and went over into the patch. They thumped the melons to see which were ripe. About that time old Hezekiah raised up out of the fence and, stuttering, said "I have got you now." The boys, instead of running through the cornfield, broke for the road. The way he belted those boys with a limb was a sin to Davy Crockett. After we had run off a piece he called us back and when he saw who we were he said I will be in town tomorrow and have every one of you whipped. I knew very well my daddy would skin me when he found it out.

It was late in the evening and Grandfather lived six miles from Alexandria. I knew my salvation depended on getting to him before father found out. I would run a while and walk a while. Tuesday I saw father coming. It was not long before I went to Grandmother and I told her father was coming to take me home to beat me to death. I told her what I had done. She told grandfather. Along in the evening father told me to have the horse caught and we would go home. Grandfather told him he must not whip me. He told grandfather he was running his boy, that I needed whipping and he was going to give it to me when he got me home. Grandfather told him that unless he promised he would not whip me he should not take me. Father finally promised. I knew if he promised he would not do it. I had implicit confidence in his keeping his word. The lecture he gave me was a caution.

It was soon after this that I went to live with my grandfather. (Leonard Fite, who lived just across the creek near Doweltown.) There was no one living with the old couple but negroes. He had a good many negroes, among them a boy named Jack. He was about my age and we ran together. I could make him do most anything. They had a good many chickens. Among other things that Jack and I did we would hunt up the eggs. Once Jack and I went up in the loft hunting eggs. Jack somehow fell out of the loft and lodged in the rack that the horses eat hay out of. In falling Jack got fastened in the rack so he could not get out. Some of the darkies came and had to cut out some of the rack before he could get out.

Some time after this Jack and I were down on the creek where we had a dispute about something and he gave me the lie. I ran at him and he fell into the creek where it was over his head. It so happened that Uncle Isaac, an old negro, was working in the field close by and he ran and got Jack out. Jack was squalling, and broke for the house. When we got there the negro women raised a howl. There were five or six of them and they were saying I would be the death of Jack. Grandfather came out and wanted to know what this hullabaloo was about. The negroes told him that I had knocked Jack in the creek and that Isaac saved him or he would have drowned. Grandfather told them if they did not get in

the house and go to work or he would break their heads.

My Uncle John Fite lived about 1/4 a mile down the creek below my Grandfather. Just below Uncle John's there is a high bluff and between the bluff and the creek is a field. It was in corn. On top of the bluff was a loose rock five or six feet square to look at, and it looked as if it was ready to tumble off. One Sunday Uncle's boys and I and Grandfather's negro boys went on the bluff and concluded we would roll it off to see it roll down the bluff. We worked for some time but failed to move it. We sent a boy to the house and got an axe and cut prize poles and after working for a long time off she went, and such a go.....As it went down the bluff it tore down small trees and made an immense noise. It struck the fence and knocked down twenty-five panels and landed near the middle of the field. (I passed there a few years ago and it is still lying there). We were much alarmed and broke from there. I went home. Not long after I saw Uncle John coming to Grandfather's, he was hot. He told on us and said he was going to whale the whole lot. Grandfather told him he could whip his boys if he wanted to but he should not whip me or his negroes. He said he had often noticed that rock and wishes he could turn it over, said he would like to see it roll down the bluff.

My grandfather got his mail at Liberty, about two miles from there. He often sent for his mail. Between our house and Liberty Uncle Mose Fite lived on the creek. He had a fish trap on the creek just above the ford. One day as I went for the mail I saw some fish in the trap, so when I came on back I concluded to get a few. The trap was in sight of Uncle's house. About the time I got the fish strung he saw me and hollered at me. I jumped on my horse and lit out for home but I held on to my fish. That evening I saw Uncle coming to our house. I felt sure he was coming to larrup me. I went to grandmother, as usual, for protection. She went to the old gentleman and told him and he said it was alright that he should not hurt me. Uncle asked me how many I got and said it was all right, for me to get them whenever I wanted to. I think this about winds up my devilment while living at Grandfather's.

Not long after this the old people moved to my father's house to live. I had a brother-in-law, Leander Scott. He was very fond of whiskey and often got drunk. One day he told me and George, his son who was just one year younger than I, that if we would go and bring a steer home he would give us a ginger stew. I had never tasted it and thought it must be good, so we went and brought the steer home. He made the stew in his blacksmith shop and gave it to us. I think I was never more disappointed in my life. I did not like it at all, and I have never liked it since. I don't know why anybody ever did drink it.

Along about this time there came a big show to Alexandria. Among other things they had was a chariot drawn by 32 horses. I concluded that I could drive as well as their fellow did. We were getting in hay at the time so I got all the old work horses we had and all Scott had and perhaps borrowed some from somebody else. My father had a cable rope, I don't know how long, so I took them up in the hay field and after the negroes had loaded on the hay I hitched the horses to it and started for the barn. All went well until I had to make a turn and then the fun began. The rope tripped up the horses and mules. There were 8 or 10 down at the same time. People came running and among them was father. About the first time I ever saw him have a hearty laugh was then. I expected a good thrashing but he never said a word.

Along about this time my father put me and a negro named Lem to putting oats up in the barn loft. The negroes would haul the oats and throw them in the hall between the stables and Lem (A young negro boy about his age who belonged to his father.) would throw them up to me and I would pack them back. It was Saturday and the town was full of people and several drunk and rowing. So Lem and I concluded we would go down and see the fun but while we were looking on, father came along and saw us. We were up on the fence very much interested. The old gentleman gathered me first and like to have worn me out, then he gathered Lem and skinned him. He told us to go back and put up the oats and if he caught us down there again he would wear us out.

We went back and when we got done Lem said, "less hang ourselves." I said, "alright, you hang first." There was a plank with one end in a crack the other on the floor. Lem tied a rope to a girder and the other around his neck and stepped off. I always supposed he thought he would step on the floor but he tied the rope too short. He spun around like a top, his eyes popped out and his tongue stuck out. There was an old mowing blade sitting in the corner and I picked it up and cut him down. The first thing he said was "damned if I ever hang again."

Among the first schools I ever went to was to a fellow by the name of Wiley Reynolds. He was one of those old time "Pennyrile" teachers who did not believe in saving the rod and spoiling the child. He believed that if he could not get "larning" in a boy no other way he would beat it in him. He took a special delight in whaling me. He had an old darkey named Aunt Gatty; she was my friend. She told me she would fix him and made me a shirt out of a sheep skin and put it on under my other shirt. It was hot, but that was better than the hurt from the limb. He would come down on me but it did not hurt, I could look him in the face and never bat an eye. After that he commenced whipping around my legs. Aunt Gatty made me a pair of sheep skind drawers. Then I had him. He never knew how hot it was.

Some time after this, I don't know how long, Caleb Davis bought a cotton factory in which they made "Spuntruck". My Father and Maj. Goodner were his securities. He broke and they had to pay the debt so they took charge of the factory and ran it. There were some twenty or thirty hands. Bill Botts was the overseer. The hands were some negroes and some white boys and girls. One of the hands got sick and Father put me in the factory. After we had been running the factory for some time, one Saturday, John Botts and myself concluded we wanted to quit at dinner and have the evening. The overseer would not agree to it, so John Botts and I determined we would fix it so he could not help it. The factory was run by six or eight blind horses on a big tread wheel. There was a band which if thrown off there was nothing but the wheel and it would run away. We threw off the band and away went the horses. Some went one way and some another. One old white named Goat was killed. That stopped work for the day. We did not tell how it was done and no one but John and I knew. We went down to my father's lot, and got a wagon and mules, rolled Goat on it and carried him out to the bone yard. All the hands went. Botts and I preached his funeral.

Old Jimmy Powell a very wicked old man came along and heard us. We were so busy we did not know he was about until he spoke to us. He had two daughters, Julia and Lucy. He told me and Botts if we would come out to his house next day, which was Sunday, and preach for his gals he would give us five dollars a piece. This was more money than we had ever had so we agreed to go and preach for them. Sunday evening we gathered up a lot of boys and went out. When we got in sight of the house we saw horses hitched everywhere. It was such an unusual thing to have meeting at his house that the whole country had turned out. He had sent his negroes through the neighborhood and notified them that there would be preaching at his house that evening. I knew if I went there and preached my daddy would skin me. So we abandoned the job.

During the time I was a factory hand, there was an old fellow by the name of Claiburn who passed there every day going to and from his work. He looked like an old broken down drunkard, so everytime he passed either Botts or I would preach to him and warn the old man to flee the wrath to come. One day while we were warning him father came on us and such a lecture we got was awful. He said he was a good christian man and if he ever heard of our preaching his funeral again he would wear us out.

Some years before this I had a small experience which I overlooked, at the place I should have told it. My brother Jacob and myself used to fight every few days. My father got tired of it and told us if we did not quit it he would send us where we would never see one another again. I loved Jake better then any brother I had. He was a high tempered fellow, and it was not long before we had another fight. One morning father had his

horse brought out and ordered me to get up behind him. A negro put me up behind him and off we went. He carried me up to old Jonnie Collins' school about a mile and a half from town. When we got there he lifted me down and told Collins to take charge of me and rode off. I remember well as if it was yesterday. I thought I surely would die. For a few days mother would make a darky take a horse and carry me to school. I soon got over it and was delighted with the change. Every boy in town wanted to go but I was the only one who went.

When I was about 8 or 10 years old all the hogs were driven from this Country south by drovers. Most of the hogs around Alexandria were gathered at our place. I concluded it would be a great thing to go south with a drove of hogs and persuaded father to let me go. At first he would not hear to it but consented for me to go with Bill Sellars. We left Alexandria one morning early. We drove to Henry Fite's that day, got there about sundown. Few boys ever got tired as I did that day. Sellars kept me heading hogs all day. While the others were feeding the hogs Lem and I got off to our selves and were sitting on a fence. One or the other suggested that we run away and go back home. The proposition was readily accepted and off we went. We had about six miles to go. We got home some time in the night and I slipped up to my room and went to bed. No one knew I was there until the next morning. When I went down to breakfast father said, "young man you made the fastest time to Georgia I ever heard of." I have always believed Father told Sellars to work me down that day so I would come back. He sent the negro along to come back with me.

When I was about 12 or 13 years of age, I went to Statesville, to a barbecue, myself and a lot of boys rode into town, and up in front of a grocery, and while standing there, on our horses, there was drinking and carousing all about the grocery, a fellow came up to me and asked me if I'd trade that mare I was on. I told him I could. He asked me whose son I was. I told him I was the son of a widow Moore who lived there in Alexandria and he asked me who owned the mare I was riding. I told him she belonged to me. He then asked me if my mother allowed me to trade horses and I told him she did. He said, "I'd like very much to own that horse, and would like to swap for her." He went and got his horse and it was a pretty good looking animal. He asked me how I'd swap. I pretended to examine his horse like I thought I knew something about horses. He finally asked me how I'd swap and I told him I'd take \$20.00 to boot but he said that was too much. I told him I wouldn't take any less and he then said, "I'll give you \$20.00 to boot, and next week I'll be over in Alexandria, and if your mother is dissatisfied with the trade, I'll swap back." I told him alright. He gave me the \$20.00 and we exchanged saddles and bridles and I rode the horse home.

Next morning father asked some of the negroes where that horse had come from, and they told him, I had brought him there so he

called me and asked me where I got it. I told him I swapped for him. He asked me who I got him from and I told him I didn't know the fellow's name. He told Worry to hitch him to a wagon, and see how he'd work. He worked off fine but said then, "If you ever swap another one of my horses I'll wear you out."

Some time after that Lincock who had married a cousin of mine, his first wife being a daughter of old Col. Overall's. Lincock lived in Mississippi and the old man Overall having died, left a large estate consisting principally of negroes, Lincock either bought or drew several negroes. He was staying at my father's and he was going to take his negroes through the country in a wagon, as there were no railroads then. He had one horse he had been on a trade with a fellow up about Liberty for him. He offered him \$80.00 and the fellow wouldn't take it. He concluded he'd give him \$85.00 and he give me the \$85.00 to go up to the fellow's house and get him. When I got to Liberty, I saw a fellow there, with just such a horse as Lincock had described to me, hitching him to a rack there. I asked the fellow what he was going to do with that horse, said he was going to take him down to Alexandria and sell him to Lincock. I told him I wanted to buy just such a horse as that was, if he was a good work horse. I pretended to examine him. I asked him what he wanted for him, he said Lincock had offered him \$80.00 for him. I told him I'd give him \$75.00. He said he couldn't do that, that he could make \$5.00 mighty easy by riding down to Alexandria, and he knew he could get \$80.00 from Lincock for him. I said "you would as soon sell him to me as to Lincock wouldn't you?" He said "yes", the money was all he wanted. I then bought him for \$80.00. As I went on back home leading this horse, I met a fellow by the name of Garrison, and he proposed to swap for the horse I was riding. He offered me \$5.00 to boot, and I told him I'd take \$10.00. He gave me the \$10.00 and we changed saddles. When I got back home father and Lincock were standing at the front gate and when I rode up father said, "Where did you get that horse?" I told him I swapped for him. He said, "How did you swap?" Well Lincock had given him \$5.00 to boot, the money that Lincock had given me. Father looked at me, he was mighty mad. He said, "Didn't I tell you I was going to thrash you if you ever swapped any of my horses again?" I think it was the next day that I told mother that I had got \$10.00 to boot in my horse swap, instead of giving up \$5.00 and I told her I got Lincocks horse for \$5.00 less than he sent for him. She told me "You have got to go to Lincock and tell him and give him back his money". I went to Lincock and told him. He laughed heartily over it, and told me to keep the money, and said if I'd made as much as \$50.00 I might have had the balance. He said, "You will make a living some of these days."

To be continued in subsequent issues.

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

1855. Box 14, No. 719. ANDREW BALFOUR VS THOMAS P. COCKERHAN. Henry Cockerhan died in 1834, leaving five minor children: three girls and two boys and two older children - seven total: Henry J.; Thomas P; Jediah G, who was insane; William L; Luther B. (never married); Manervia, who married Josiah Baird; Mary Jane married Jesse H. Baird; Orthy married Wislon Boulton; Elizabeth married John Balfour.

Thomas P. Cockerhan administered his father's estate and purchased the land. The Balfour heirs charged Thomas P. of failing to give them their fair share.

Elizabeth and John Balfour had children: Andrew, Mary, Eliza, Henry and Thomas Balfour. Elizabeth died about 1841 or 1842. The Balfours were citizens of Marshall County, Mississippi, having previously lived in Grenada, Yallabushy County, Mississippi. Orthy Cockerhan and Wilson Boulton, deceased, 1851, had children: Benjamin, Francis M., Lent (Leonard), William Thomas and twin daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. Mary married Isaac N. Baker; Elizabeth married William J. Armistead. Lent Boulton became 21 on 6 Feb 1852. Benjamin lived in Arkansas in February 1848. Elizabeth Balfour and Orthy Boulton predeceased their father. Minervia Cockerhan Baird, wife of Josiah, died in April 1851, leaving minor children: Mary Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, and Jesse E. Baird.

1866. Box 14, No. 732. JAMES BRADLEY, ADMN. et al VS JAMES M. HAZZARD et al. Bill of complaint filed by James Bradley, administrator of John M. Tunstal, deceased; Tilman B. Flippen, administrator of James L. Hazzard, deceased; William Price and wife Margaret N; Mary G. Hazzard against James M. Hazzard, Nancy K. Hazzard, John S. Hazzard, Joseph Bowman and Isaac N. Payne.

John M. Tunstal died 4 Nov 1860, leaving 3 children (his wife had died before him - a bill for his wife's coffin dated 1859 is among the papers) to wit: daughters, Margaret N.; who intermarried with William J. Price and Mary C. who intermarried with James L. Hazzard, now deceased, and one son George W. Tunstal, never married, now deceased. James L. Hazzard left widow Mary C. and two minor children: James M. and Nancy K. Hazzard, as his heirs at law. W. W. Ward was appointed administrator of George W. Tunstal's estate in 1866. John Tunstal's land was divided into 3 shares (plat included). The lot assigned to George W. Tunstal was to be sold.

1888, Box 22, No. 1125. VIRGINIA SCUDDER VS W. R. SCUDDER, MARTHA A. SCUDDER, T. F. SCUDDER. Thomas A. Scudder died

intestate August 1888, leaving widow, Virginia and two children under twelve years of age - T. F. and Martha Ann Scudder. W. R. Scudder was an adult, son of a deceased wife by a former marriage. Deceased owned a tract of land in District 8. Court appointed W. J. Fitzpatrick, J. C. Apple and J. C. Fletcher to work with County Surveyor in laying off a homestead and dower for the widow.

1840. Box 20, No. 1042. RACHEL HALLUM VS MARTIN W. SLOAN. Bill of complaint of Rachel Hallum of Smith County and John Hallum of Dekalb County filed against Martin W. Sloan of Smith County and George Stevens of Kentucky.

In 1838, Rachel Hallum was executor of husband, William Hallum's (deceased) estate. He owed Sloan a note. John Hallum was a son of Rachel; another son, Josiah was mentioned. John Stevens was agent of George Stevens but said he had no interest in the case.

1832. Box 56, No. 2917. JOHN GRISHAM VS GEORGE W. GIBBS. George W. Gibbs was a resident of Davidson County. Complainant stated that in the year 1832, his wife, Jane Grisham left his bed and board for no just cause. Said Jane attempted to burn the house of Grisham. James Rucks testified that he believed the charges of arson against Jane Grisham are false and without evidence and were sworn to by Joseph Moore, son-in-law of complainant. Rucks said he believed Jane was beaten by her husband and that she sustained bruises in this manner rather than by self-infliction with her shoe as accused by Moore.

1843. Box 20, No. 1071. FRANCIS DOWELL VS ELIAS DOWELL. On 27 Apr 1840, Ephriam Agee sold to Samuel Read a tract of land in the 19th District, Smith County. On 19 June 1840, Read sold same tract to Elias Dowell for which Dowell executed three notes in payment. Said Dowell left Smith County in Spring of 1841 for the State of Missouri, leaving his family and three negroes. He did not return until August 1842. During the absence of Elias Dowell the notes became due. Said Elias had written to his wife, Nancy Dowell, directing her to raise the money to pay the notes by selling her property. Frances Dowell advanced the money to Nancy Dowell to secure notes. Elias Dowell returned to Missouri. The court decreed that the land be sold - was struck off to Frances Dowell.

1877. Box 10., No. 517. ROBERT G. DAVIS VS JAMES P. PATY. In 1861, Paty married a daughter of Thomas Kitchens, a niece of Davis. Through sympathy and kindness for his relatives, Davis financed a home for the couple in the 19th District of Smith County. Defendant had defaulted on note and Davis requested a court order to sell the land.



Susan Stewart  
betrothed Dec. 24.  
1851.

WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED  
**THIS IS**



THAT *J. M. Stewart*  
AND *Susan Bush*

WERE UNITED BY ME

# *Sole Matrimony*

at *Chilopings* on the *23*  
day of *Dec.* in the year of  
our Lord One Thousand *1* Hundred  
and *69* in the presence of

WITNESSES.

*Campbell Knapp* Signed *M. J. Knapp*  
*Wm. Cook*



THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.  
Gen. ii 24

married Jan 7, 1912.  
 Robt Sterling Lancaster.

# Family History

## Children.

Names:	Born		Married		Died
	When	Where	When	To Whom:	
1 Francis Stewart		Oct 26,	1870		
2 W. S. Stewart		Aug 9,	1872		
3 J. F. Stewart		July 30	1874		
4 Vesta Stewart		Oct 7	1879		
5 Winfield Stewart		Nov. 12	1881		
6 Lillie Stewart		Oct. 16	1883		
7 Luther Stewart		April 25	1886		
8 Mimmie Stewart		Nov. 13	1889		
9 Mary Stewart		Jan. 9	1892		
10 Verneil Stewart		Aug. 10	1895		

Names:	Nationality	Where Educated.	Occupation or Profession.
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# Family History

Names:	Religious Persuasion	Converted or Confirmed.		Baptised.	
		When	Where	When	By Whom.
1 J. M. Stewart	Baptist	1871	Maradon	1872	H. S. [unclear]
2 Susan Stewart	Baptist	1868	Maradon	1869	J. S. [unclear]
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Names:	Cause of Death.	Where Buried.	Vault, Monument or Headstone.
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# Family History

## Great Grand Parents.

### Father's Grand Parents

Names	Born.		Died.	
	When	Where	When	Where
Grand Father's Father 1				
Grand Father's Mother 2				
Grand Mother's Father 3				
Grand Mother's Mother 4				

### Mother's Grand Parents

Grand Father's Father 5				
Grand Father's Mother 6				
Grand Mother's Father 7				
Grand Mother's Mother 8				

## Grand Parents.

Father's Father 9				
Father's Mother 10				
Mother's Father 11				
Mother's Mother 12				

## Parents.

13	J. T. Stewart	son	Nov 5	1851
14	Wm. Stewart	son	Dec 24	1857

SMITH COUNTY HISTORY  
Some Account of the People of Smith From  
The First Organization of the County

Dr. J. W. Bowen

Chapter XVIII

Defeated Creek, the most important tributary of the Cumberland River, above Peyton's Creek, entering that stream from the North side, has its name from the following incident:

On the 9th day of March, 1785, John Peyton, father of the late Hon. Bailey Peyton, so well remembered by the few old surviving citizens of Smith County and the adjoining counties, his brother Ephriam Peyton, Thomas Pugh, and John Fraizer, on a hunting and surveying excursion, while encamped on an island a short distance below the place now known as Williams Cross Roads (Difficult), were surrounded by a party of Indians and fired upon while they were asleep. They were all wounded but one, though none of them fatally. They broke through the Indians and made their escape, separately however, no one knowing the fate of the others till they reached Bledsoe's Station one at a time, late in the afternoon of the next day. Col. John Peyton was most severely wounded of any one in the party. He was shot through the ankle, the bones of which were much shattered, yet in that condition he made his way through the dense cane, reaching the place of safety as above stated, before sunset the next day. They of course lost all of their camp equipment, including their surveying instruments. From this event the creek at first was called Peyton's Defeated, but because the creek next below it, as has been recorded in a former chapter was called Peyton's Creek in honor of the same person, the "Peyton's" was dropped and the creek in question came simply to be called "Defeated Creek".

The lands through which it runs, and which constitute its valley, are identical in kind with those that constitute the valley of Peyton's Creek. Except narrow strips along the stream the surface is mostly hillsides, than which no lands anywhere are more fertile, more productive or better adapted to pasture and meadow grasses and grain growing, and consequently to the growing of fine stock, horses, mules, cattle, and sheep, and hogs to a limited extent. Like all the other rich lands in the county, - and most of the lands in the county are of that kind, - they have been greatly injured by the continual culture of tobacco. That the cultivation of tobacco in Smith County has been a failure, and an injury from the first, scarcely an intelligent observer will deny. Those sections of the county which abandoned its cultivation thirty or forty years ago, are less embarrassed pecuniarily and more prosperous than those who have continued its culture. It is a rare thing to hear of a mortgage on a farm in

the non-tobacco growing districts, while they are said not to be infrequent in those which continue to grow it. But, the worst injury done to these fertile hill lands, and one which is permanent and almost inevitable by their continued cultivation in tobacco, is the washing in gullies which it necessarily causes. In grasses for which they are eminently adapted, this washing would not occur, and they would grow richer and richer and more profitable from year to year. Like all the hills and valleys of Smith County, as were those of the whole Central Basin of Middle Tennessee, those of Defeated Creek were dense cane brakes, overshadowed by forests of majestic trees which could only be penetrated after using the butcher knife and axe. How the first settlers made their way into such cane brakes and forests, and lived for a time, the following extracts from a letter of one of their descendants now in a Western state tells. He writes: "My grandfather John Lovelady was a native of South Carolina. He and his wife both served in the Revolutionary and Indian Wars. Grandmother moulded bullets for the men while they fought, thus being used to camp and fort life. They came to Tennessee in a one-horse wagon, cutting their way through cane and grape vines with a butcher knife and hatchet. They stopped near the head of Dixon's Creek, on the land now owned by Jesse Parker. Here finding a good spring, they erected a camp beside a large log and used their wagon for a bed room. Thus they passed their first winter in what became Smith County, amid the howling of wolves, screaming of panthers, growling of bears, yelping of turkeys, and hooting of owls. When spring came, they built a cabin about a hundred yards above the spring, cleared a patch for corn and other vegetables and thus made preparations to live. My father, Asa Lovelady, married a daughter of Henry McWhorter, and was one of the early settlers on Peyton's Creek, where he continued to live until 1837 or 8. Success to you in writing the history of my native county." This letter is dated from Cave Creek, Newton County, Arkansas.

It was thus that the first settlers came to Defeated Creek, and thus were the beginnings of society there. They were a noble and worthy race of men and women, who bravely endured the privations, and overcame the difficulties of pioneer life. They redeemed from savage wilds and the desolation of a wilderness state, a rich region, and transmitted it to their descendants in a high condition of civilization. They deserve to be remembered, and their names and deeds should have a place in history. It would have afforded the writer of these poor annals pleasure to have humbly contributed to this end. He could have done so had their descendants done as the writer of the above letter. Though now living in another state, he responded to the writer's appeal for information about his ancestors which each one could have done in regard to his ancestors. But he has received no response from any descendant of the early inhabitants of Defeated Creek, though the appeal was made repeatedly, and many of them still survive. Thomas Draper came from South Carolina in 1796, to Mansco Creek,

but moved to Salt Lick in Smith County, which in the meantime had been established. In 1804, when Jackson County was formed out of territory taken from Smith County, Salt Lick was included in Jackson. Henry Huddleston, one of whose sons married a daughter of Thomas Draper, settled on Defeated Creek about the time Draper did on Salt Lick. He was therefore one among its earliest settlers. He had one or two brothers who also lived in the same region. Stephen Holladay married another daughter of Thomas Draper and was an early resident of Defeated Creek. Thomas Draper had three brothers, James, Daniel, and Phillip who lived in Smith County, but whether on Defeated Creek or elsewhere this writer is not informed. They were among the earliest settlers. Hoggs, Cornwells, Harpers, Kempes, Wests, Donohos, Bennetts, Reeds, Harrises and Youngs, were at an early period, and some of their descendants still are residents of the Defeated Creek valley, but whether all or any of them were among its earliest settlers, or not he has not been able to learn. At an early period there was a tan-yard on the creek, owned by a man named Goodner. He had a son named Maj. James Goodner, who was for a number of years a merchant at Alexandria then in Smith County, but now in Dekalb. All the fixtures of the tan-yard were washed away and destroyed by the flood so well remembered by the survivors of that period, which occurred in the early part of the year 1841.

McClure's Bend of the Cumberland River, through which Defeated Creek enters that stream, had its name from Col. McClure who owned a tract of five thousand acres in that bend, and on the creek, conveyed to him by the State of North Carolina for military services. This large tract of the very best land was leased for a number of years to a number of persons, and when the lease expired, the same and other parties continued to rent it. At length after the death of the daughter and only child of Col. McClure, on whom by will he had entailed the land in question, who had intermarried with Judge Gaston in the meantime, this land after being divided into small bodies, was sold. This sale took place nearly fifty years ago. Many who had been renters became purchasers, and in a few instances they or their descendants are still living on these lands.

Mathew Harper who was a leasee and then a renter of a part of the McClure lands, and, as it came to be called, Gaston land, and was agent for the owners, bought what was then known as the Horr place, about one mile North of Gordonsville, about seventy-five years ago. He died there in 1840.

One of the best known men on Defeated Creek, fifty or seventy-five years ago and longer, was Miles West. He was a Baptist preacher and led a secession fifty-four years ago, from Salem Baptist Association on the question of missions and school for educating ministers. He was a man of determined purpose and strong will power. A majority of the private members of the association went with him, but only two or three preachers. The

preachers of the Round Lick Association which the secedents formed have increased, but the private greatly decreased. Mr. West was a renter on the Gaston Lands, and a purchaser when they were sold, as were others of his descendants. Their descendants are well known citizens of Smith and Macon Counties. A grandson of his name, - Miles West, - is a preacher of the same faith as was his grandfather. The writer would have been glad to have a fuller and more correct account of the first settlers on Defeated Creek and of their descendants, and he could have done so had those descendants responded to his appeals for the information they could so easily have given.

#### THUS THEY WROTE

To one who is interested in styles of writing, no better examples exist than those of Robert Morris Paty, John A. Fite and Dr. J. W. Bowen. Each clearly possesses a keen mind and an excellent command of language as well as a uniqueness in writing style. Both Paty and Fite speak of their age and poke fun at themselves. Mr. Paty used colloquial language - "to cross the Frogg Pond" - "relation of the "Sircuits". He was prone to capitalize in the middle of a sentence - "to purchase a Good farm". He frequently digressed; used an excellent vocabulary but often misspelled words, "charistics - whos." He related the good and the sordid - grandfather's fall - the misty labarnth [sic] of the self exalted Paty family . He and Fite both had excellent visualization (the chicken incident); was critical of some family decisions - moving from Smith's rich fertile land to Warren's "worthless barren land." He pokes fun at himself (red hair and a face full of freckles). He obtained a meager education having gone to school only 4 to 6 months each year. His sentence structure is at times awkward and hard to interpret. He had a streak of adventure having gone out west for 2 years.

On the other hand, Mr. Fite and Dr. Bowen were well educated. Although different in writing styles, they both wrote clearly and concisely. By his title, one would think that Mr. Fite was modest (perhaps). He came from a very well-to-do family who owned slaves, land and a mercantile business. He made use of "I concluded" frequently; outwitted others; always let someone else go first as when he and Lem were going to hang themselves. When he wrote that he was "a rattling kind of boy," he put it mildly.

Dr. J. W. Bowen was also well educated and one who had a distinct way with words; good sentence structure; excellent speller and observer of the rules of grammar. He was a man with strong opinions and convictions - opposed to the cultivation and growth of tobacco. He was an early conservationist who spoke/wrote his convictions.



CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS LIVING IN  
SMITH COUNTY  
JANUARY 15, 1915

DISTRICT ONE

NAME	AGE	COMMAND
John A. Fite	88	7th Tenn
H. M. Hale	70	Allison's
W. B. Petty	78	8th Tenn.
S. O. Nixon	76	28th Tenn
Titus Sampson	72	4thTenn
J. M. Cox, Sr.	82	Hart's Co.
B. J. Taylor	Not known	Not known
Sam Fitzpatrick	78	8th Tenn
G. W. Hughes	68	7th Tenn

SECOND DISTRICT

S. N. O. Robinson	78	28th Tenn
W. J. Petty	69	Ellison's
J. B. Cardwell	75	28th Tenn
W. J. Craighead	77	44th Tenn
J. M. Kemp	74	28th
Jack Hewitt	74	28th

THIRD DISTRICT

J. I. Beasley	76	7th Tenn
L. E. Royster	77	7th Tenn
Thos. Hackett	84	23rd
James N. Key	79	23rd
James Nixon	78	23rd
Geo. M. Key	82	7th

FOURTH DISTRICT

Ned Beasley	Not given	Starnes 4th Tenn
Tom Hailey	"	"
J. R. Smith	"	Not given
A. J. Bradley	"	7th Tenn

Wm. Brooks	"	23rd Tenn
Jobe Gregory	"	"
Chas. Brooks	"	Paul Anderson's Reg.
Push Cornwell	"	Ward's

## FIFTH DISTRICT

Clark Cartwright	72	28th Tenn
Jno. Jones	73	"
Joshua Goad	76	24th Tenn
H. L. McCall	80	"
John Harrison	69	44th
Hamp Butler	82	28th
R. H. Yeaman	72	9th
Matew. Mathews	86	2nd

## SIXTH DISTRICT

C. E. Goad	76	West's Co.
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## SEVENTH DISTRICT

W. T. Jones	71	Ellison's Reg.
Logan Reasonover	79	44th Tenn
Jas. Nixon	86	1st Tenn
R. W. Tubb	79	"
J. W. Evans	78	4th

## EIGHTH DISTRICT

Jno. A. Harris	81	B. Smith's
H. L. Horn	83	Stanton's
N. H. Glover	75	"
E. H. Knight	74	Hatton's 7th

## NINETH DISTRICT

J. M. Betty	73	4th Tenn Cav
L. C. Pritchard	75	24th Tenn Reg
F. E. Justice	74	"
G. W. Lamberson	79	7th Tenn Reg

## TENTH DISTRICT

W. M. Ferguson	Not given	28th Tn Reg
B. A. Trawick	"	"
J. M. Ballard	"	Dibbrel's Cav

Jos. Sullivan	75	44th Tenn Reg
P. J. Ballard	Not given	Dibbrel's Cav

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT

L. C. Brown	72	Not given
J. O. Blair	70	"
G. W. Boulton	78	"

## TWELTH DISTRICT

W. M. Bell	Not given	4th Tenn Cav
R. J. Etherly	"	"
W. O. Caplinger	"	"

M. B. White	"	"
Thos. Hailey	"	"
Ed Beasley	"	"
J. K. P. Smith	"	18th Tenn Reg
S. M. Corley	"	9th Tenn Ref
S. R. Comer	"	2nd Tenn Reg

## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

A. Oliver	75	7th Tenn Reg
H. C. Denton	72	4th Tenn Reg
A. S. Hailey	73	"
Geo. T. Williams	72	Smith's Reg
O. P. Sampson	69	Ellison's

FOURTEENTH  
DISTRICT

W. H. Flippen	74	4th Tenn Reg
C. M. Mofield	72	Starnes'
J. H. Tyree	71	Barton's
Jno. Boulton	82	7th Tenn
Tobe Thompson	80	Forrest's Cav
J. V. Taylor	76	"

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

H. P. Dowell	78	24th Tenn Reg
R. D. Coffee	76	"
W. B. Prentice	75	"
J. E. Gold	73	"
A. A. Robertson	76	4th Tenn Cav
R. A. Ware	Not given	Not given
B. F. Jeffreys	75	9th Ky Cav

SIXTEENTH  
DISTRICT

W. O. Boze	75	7th Tenn Reg
W. W. Vaden	74	8th Tenn Reg
J. T. Booker	69	"
M. N. Ford	72	"
John Glover	71	"

SEVENTEENTH  
DISTRICT

L. B. Cheek	92	Died since report rec'd.
G. C. Flippen	86	Not given
Thos. Fuller	84	"
J. V. Stonecipher	79	"
Dr. J. N. Bridges	78	"
Brown Denney	76	"
T. J. Eastes	73	"
B. H. Moore	72	"
T. C. Bradford	71	"

NINETEENTH DISTRICT

J. B. Pendleton	70	7th Tenn Reg
P. A. Hall	73	24 th Tenn Reg

TWENTY FIRST  
DISTRICT

W. H. Bradley	74	23rd Tenn Reg
J. P. Bowman	75	"
Jerry Read	71	Ward's Reg
J. K. P. Smith	75	2nd Tenn

TWENTY-SECOND  
DISTRICT

W. R. Perkins	76	Not given
R. L. Scruggs, Sr.	80	"

TWENTY-THIRD  
DISTRICT

W. H. B. Duke	72	7th Tenn Reg
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## QUERIES

Celebrate Tennessee's Bicentennial with your family; swap family stories; share a covered dish dinner with your kin from across the country. The 62nd annual reunion of descendants of WILLIAM TUBB (1729-1804) of South Carolina will meet Saturday, August 31, 1996 at the Senior Citizen's Center, Alexandria, TN. Dinner at noon (12 P. M.); meeting place open at 10:00 A. M. For more information contact LIVY SIMPSON, P. O. Box 41422, Nashville, TN 37204 or call (615) 297-4151.

KENNEY: Would like to contact descendants of Thomas Patrick Kenney (born 1823 - died 1892) married first AMANDA BRIDGES; second MALINDA OWENS. Interested in KENNEY'S Civil War service. BERNIE S. BASS, 1904 Shenandoah Trail, Lebanon, TN 37087. Telephone: (615) 449-0802.

OWENS, WILLIAMS: Wish to contact descendants of MRS. SAMUEL A. (FRANCES COOPER) OWENS, died June 1917 in the Rome area at home of her daughter, MRS. A. T. WILLIAMS. BERNIE S. BASS, 1904 Shenandoah Trail, Lebanon, TN 37087. Telephone: (615) 449-0802.

FARMER/SHOEMAKE (SHUMAKE): LITTLEBERRY FARMER (Nov. 25, 1826 - Nov. 30, 1891). Was JOHN FARMER (b. ca. 1806) in VA his father? JUDY SHOEMAKE (Feb. 18, 1831 - \_\_\_?\_\_\_). Who were her parents? Need any information on her people. ERMA BASS. Box 500, Carthage, TN 37030.

McCORMACK: Searching for McCORMACK family, son SQUIRE McCORMACK mar. CHARITY CRAIGHEAD, dau. of PETER and JINCY CRAIGHEAD Nov. 24, Smith Co., TN. Also spelled McCOMMACK, McCORMICK. Will share info. on my line. PEGGY MARTIN BLUE, 116 Wilmar Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97527. Telephone: (541) 479-6146.

SNEED: Found HANNAH SNEED with my 2nd Gr Grandparents JOHN & PERMELIA GOAD in 1870 & 1880 Macon Co., TN Census. HANNAH listed as sister-in-law to JOHN GOAD 1880. Was PERMELIA GOAD a sister to HANNAH SNEED & dau. of WILLIAM SNEED & PRISCILLA WILLIAMS?. Found HANNAH with parents on 1850 Smith Co., TN Census. Will appreciate any help & information on this family. PEGGY MARTIN BLUE, 116 Wilmar Pass, OR 97527. Telephone: (541) 479-6146.

PEYTON: Seeking biographical info on COL. PEYTON & family; both parents, siblings & descendants. Also bio. info on sons HON. BAILEY PEYTON & DR. JOSEPH PEYTON mentioned in Smith County History, Chapter XVII, Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. VIII, No. 1. FRED ROSE BUENROSTRO, 1010 Wiggins Parkway, Apt. 1151, Mesquite, TX 75150.

STAFFORD: STEPHEN b. 13 Dec 1789 NC. mar. HANNAH \_\_\_\_\_ b. NC. Children: ABEL CARMON STAFFORD b. 28 Dec 1817 TN; SAMUEL C. STAFFORD b. 1819 TN; CALEB A. STAFFORD b. 1826 TN. ABEL CARMON STAFFORD mar. MARY ANN BROOKS, parents of my maternal Grandmother. Seek mar. & death dates, burial location of STEPHEN & HANNAH STAFFORD; need HANNAH'S maiden name.  
FRED ROSE BUENROSTRO , 1010 Wiggins Parkway, Apt. 1151, Mesquite, TX 75150.

SMITH OR PRUITT: BETSY. Who were her parents? Mar. DANIEL S. WILLIS 14 Dec 1809, Sumner Co., TN. Died before 1850 census; buried Willis Family Cemetery (destroyed) Sumner Co. Children: FRANCES A.; WESLEY H.; ALPHONSO F.; LEVINA S.; JOSEPH S.; OSCAR D.; PERMELIA A.; & SARAH C.  
GLEND A CARNEY , 3299 Countryside Circle, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

CLARKEY WEST CANADA: She was b. 8 May 1825 TN. Who were her parents? Mar. WILLIAM CARROLL CANADA (b. Mar 1816) 17 Aug 1842 by Eld. Miles West in her father's home. Children: WM. CULLUM 1844; CYRUS BROCKETT Apr 1852; ANDREW ALFRED Oct 1861; LUCY ca. 1848; N. T. (female) b. 1854 & SARAH T. b. ca. 1867.  
PAT ELDREDGE , 303 E. Ida, Electra, TX 76360. Telephone: (817) 495-2266.

CANADA: Need parents of Wm. CARROLL CANADA b. 1816. What relation, if any, were Wm. CARROLL CANADA & DAVID CANADA who mar. TAMAR KEY? Where did the CANADA'S live? Defeated Creek? Connection between STEPHEN & MARY CANADA, Wm. CARROLL (W. C. KENNEDY (CANADA) b. 30 Dec 1831, mar. ELIZABETH BETSY DONOHO, other Smith Co. Canadas & my Wm. Carroll Canada family?  
PAT ELDREDGE , 303 E. Ida, Electra, TX 76360. Telephone: (817) 495-2266.

WASHER/BAYSINGER/HARDCASTLE: JOHN WASHER mar. ELIZABETH BAYSINGER in Smith Co., TN 1852. TERRIS/FARRIS WASHER mar. BETSY ANN WASHER, Smith Co., TN 1850; WILLIAM WASHER mar. MARY MARCELLOUS HARDCASTLE, Smith Co., TN 1858. Can anyone tell me anything about these people?  
JORENE PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

WEST: My uncle mar. a granddaughter of TIM POWELL WEST b. 1854, whose parents were ANDREW JACKSON WEST & ADELIN EDENS b. TN 1836. Two Wests mar. POWELLS. How are they related to the Smith Co. Wests?  
JORENE PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

GREGORY: Looking for GREGORY & SHOULDER connections. MARY POLLY GREGORY was dau. of BRY GREGORY & ELIZABETH CHRISTINE AUSTIN. Her grandfather THOMAS GREGORY was administrator of husband

MALACHI SHOULDER'S will. 1850 listed with son, JAMES. Deceased Jan. court term 1851, JAMES GREGORY, administrator. Any info. will be appreciated.

NETTA COFFMAN , 4013 Rudy Road, Corydon, KY 42406-9569.

NASH: Looking for info on CATHERINE ANN NASH. Believe she was born in Smith Co., TN ca. 1806; died ca. 1844. Who were her parents? Mar. JOHN (JACK) SHOULDERS ca.. 1830. Children: ELIZABETH, HENRY, ALBERT, THOMAS, MARY & JOHN. Any info appreciated.

NETTA COFFMAN , 4013 Rudy Road, Corydon, KY 42406-9569.

GILL: Need info on GILL family who lived in Smith Co., TN in early 1800's. SUSSANAH GILL mar. JOSEPH PRUITT 2 Aug 1790. His parents were JOHN PRUITT & ELIZABETH BRADFORD PRUITT originally from Granville Co., NC. Who were SUSSANAH GILL'S parents & siblings?

MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

PRUITT: JOSHUA PRUITT was b. 1795. He mar. NANCY \_\_\_\_\_. They reared 12 children most of whom stayed in Smith Co., TN. Does anyone know Nancy's maiden name? Children: HENRY C. mar. VIRGINIA BARRY; JOSEPH LUSTER mar. MARTHA EVERETT; DARTHULA mar. PLEASANT ROSE; ELIZABETH mar. ALFRED NICHOLS.

MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

BAILIFF: THOMAS BAILIFF mar. ELIZABETH BAKER 24 June 1790 in Orange Co., NC. By 1815, he was in Chatham Co., NC. Ca. 1821, he mar. MARY BURKE in Chatham Co., NC. Shortly after 1823, they moved to Smith Co., TN. Would like to exchange info with anyone having info on them.

RON CORNWELL , 1900 Stanford, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

CATE: THOMAS CATE mar. NANCY BAILIFF 7 Apr 1803. She was sister to THOMAS BAILIFF. THOMAS CATE was in Smith Co., TN in 1835. Would like to hear from anyone having info on THOMAS CATE & the CATE family.

RON CORNWELL , 1900 Stanford, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

ROBINSON/RIVES/McKINNEY: My great grandparents were RIDLEY ROBERT ROBINSON & SALLIE BELLE McKINNEY. Grandmother METTIE DOLA ROBINSON was b. in Carthage, TN on 19 Oct 1884. My father, DAN RIDLEY RIVES b. in Carthage 30 Jan 1909. ROBINSON family was in Smith Co., TN between 1850 & 1880 census. My info is primarily from the census listings. Would appreciate any info concerning these families.

ANN GABBERT , 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932.

WILLIAMS: JOHN WILLIAMS b. 1860 Smith Co., TN mar. 1882 SALLY PALMER b. 1867 Wilson Co., TN. Had children: WILLIAM b. 1883; GEORGE b. 1885; CHARLEY b. 1887; LIZZIE b. 1889; CARTER b. 1891; MYRTLE b. 1893; ELLA b. 1895 & BEN b. 1897. This family moved to OK

ca. 1902. Seeking to learn what happened to this family & to locate descendants. Any help will be most appreciated.  
DONALD HARRIS , 544 Swindell Hollow Road, Lebanon, TN 37090.

McCLENNAHAN/CHUMBLEY/HARRIS: Seek info on BEVLY (BEVERLY?) McCLENNAHAN & wife, RACHEL SHUMLEY who mar. in Smith Co., TN 28 Sep 1840. They had four children: BEVERLY HARRISON b. ca. 1843 TN; MARTHA b. 1846 TN; NANCY b. 1848 MS & MARY b. 1849 MS. In KY by 1860.

TERESA B. HARRIS , 943 Quachita 47, Camden, AR 71701.  
Telephone: (501) 231-6869.

FITE/HARRIS: I am a descendant of LEONARD FITE family through son, DAVID b. 1795 NC. Would like to correspond with someone who owns a copy of The Fite Families , written by ELIZABETH MITCHELL STEPHENSON FITE, printed in 1907. Seek more data on this family. Would like to exchange info with others working on this line.

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SULLIVAN: Trying to learn if SULLIVAN'S of Smith Co., TN connect to CHARLES SULLIVAN of Warren Co., TN (McMinnville) early 1800's. His known children: CHARLES JEFFERSON SULLIVAN, ISAAC SULLIVAN, NANCY SULLIVAN & BEERSHEBA PORTER SULLIVAN CAIN. Any info shared will be appreciated.

DONNA TALLEY LESNIAK , 2736 W. 96 PL., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

SULLIVAN/YOUNGER: The grandparents of the YOUNGER brothers (THE JAMES-YOUNGER gang) were JUDGE RICHARD MARSHALL FRISTOE & MARY POLLY LEIGHTON SULLIVAN of Mc Minnville, TN (dau. of the affluent & prestigious CHARLES & BEERSHEBA SULLIVAN) mar. 1815, grandniece of Pres. ZACHARY TAYLOR. Their 1st dau, BEERSHEBA LEIGHTON SULLIVAN mar. HENRY YOUNGER. Parents of the YOUNGER brothers & books written on them cite the above relationships. An old letter indicates CHARLES SULLIVAN could have been the son of GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN.

DONNA TALLEY LESNIAK , 2736 W. 96 PL., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

BOZE/BROOKS/WELLS: HARDY BOZE was my g-g-g-grandfather. I am seeking info on his parents, JOHN BOZE & KATY WELLS & his wife PEGGY BROOKS. When and where were they born? Who were their parents? What military organizations were JOHN, GRIFFIN & RICHARD BOZE in & what references would show their participation? Would appreciate any information on this family, particularly Revolutionary War info.

HERB McCARTNEY , 506 E. 11th Street, Rome, GA 30161.



HUNT: DANIEL HUNT, b. 1823, believed to be father of MARTHA FRANCES, my great grandmother, who married BROWN Mc DONALD. What was MARTHA FRANCES' mother's maiden name? Believe family came from Rowan County, NC. Would appreciate any info on this family in Smith Co. or prior to arrival there.

HERB McCARTNEY, 506 E. 11TH Street, Rome, GA 30161.

MORELAND/SAVAGE: JAMES A. MORELAND, b. 1824; mar. ELIZABETH SAVAGE, b. 1826, Jackson Co., TN. Who were their ancestors? VENSON MORELAND, b. 1795 SC, & NANCY ?, b. 1795 VA, lived near JAMES & ELIZABETH MORELAND in Jackson Co., TN. JOHN MORELAND, b. 1777 VA; died 1853, Smith Co., TN & EVA, b. 1776 NC, also lived near JAMES & ELIZABETH. Were they related? Dau. NANCY SAVAGE MORELAND, b. 1856 Jackson Co., TN; mar. ISAAC RICHARDSON, b. 1857 Jackson Co., TN. Any info will be appreciated.

JAMES McCOIN, 312 Seven Oaks Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922.  
Telephone: (423) 539-0426.

PATY/PARKER: Am researching the JOHN WILLIAM PATY line. JOHN was born 18 May 1805; mar. FRANCES ASBURY PARKER ca. 1824. Would be glad to share data on this line. John is said to have purchased a farm near Brush Creek Baptist Church probably ca. 1820. Can anyone tell me or show me on map where this church was located?

CHARLES M. PATY, JR., 2013 Midwood Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

BALLOW: My great-grandfather, JOHN W. BALLOW, was b. in Smith County, TN, 28 Oct 1820. He later married SUSIE WHITE. She was b. 29 May 1831 in Scott Co., MS. They settled in Henderson County, TX no later than the 1850's. Their only child, ALBERT, was b. 28 Jan 1859 in Henderson Co., TX. JOHN served in the CSA an officer in company "C" 37th Texas Cavalry. He owned a large farm in western Henderson Co. until his death 30 Oct 1898 in Athens, TX. I would appreciate any info on the Ballows in Smith Co., TN during the first half of the 1800's.

CHARLIE SEEBER, 5205 Huntington Drive, Midland, MI 48640.  
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LANCASTER: RHODA LANCASTER was b. in TN on 19 Dec 1819. She mar. ANDERSON SUTTON, DEMPSEY'S oldest son on 9 Dec 1835, probably after they had moved to Independence County, AR. A ROBERT LANCASTER & many of what appear to be his sons moved from Smith Co., TN to Missouri, then Independence Co., AR. Many of them named daus., RHODA. I cannot tie my RHODA into her parents. RHODA died 5 Sep 1886; buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bell County, TX. Will appreciate any assistance.

LES SUTTON, 254 Old Spring Lane, Houston, TX 77015-2042/  
lessutton@aol.com.

DONOH0: According to 1870 & 1880 TX census, ELIZABETH DONOH0 was b. in TN in 1793. Her gravestone in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bell Co., TX says 1798. She mar. DEMPSEY SUTTON between 1813 and 1815, probably in Smith Co., TN, but I have not located a record. In July 1832, they sold their property in Smith Co., TN & moved to IZARD Co., AR. When ELIZABETH was pregnant with her 11th child, DEMPSEY died. She mar. BENJAMIN COX & bore him 2 children. In 1845, she & BENJAMIN moved to TX, where she died in 1896. I have what is purported to be a copy of the will of WILLIAM "BIG DADDY DONOH0", b. 1747, which lists an ELIZABETH. Earlier researchers assign all the other children listed in this will to WILLIAM DONOH0, b. 1773. Can anyone add to this?  
LES SUTTON , 254 Old Spring Lane, Houston, TX  
77015-2042/lessutton@aol.com.

TIPPIT/DeWEESE: Searching for any info on JOHN TIPPIT, b. 1839 in Jackson Co., TN; mar. NANCY DeWEESE, b. 1859 NC; eight children b. in Smith Co., TN (1860 - 1876) then moved to Dent Co., MO. In military Co. E 35th Reg. TN. Inf. 1863 (deserted?). Family stories indicate he died near Pleasant Shade, Smith Co., TN 28 Sep 1881. Any assistance appreciated.  
MARGRET JENNINGS WEST , 3355 N. Delta Hwy., #122, Eugene, OR 97408.

FROGG/FROGGE: JAMES FROGG mar. CORA ELLIS 14 Dec 1893, \_\_\_\_\_ LYNCH, witness. 1910 Smith Co., TN census lists a JIM FROGG living with JOHN & DONNA WADE. 1870 Smith Co., TN census lists JAMES FROGG, age 7, living with MARGARET FROGG; WILLIAM FROGG mar. MARTHA LYNCH; FRANCES E. FROGG mar. J. W. LYNN; DORCUS FROGG; CLEMENTINE FROGG mar. WOODFORD P. HALE. 1880 Smith Co., TN census lists JAMES FROGG, age 16, living with ISAAC F. LYNCH & wife, RACHEL. Children: MELLIE E., ISAAC F. & WILLIAM J. I am assuming all these JAMES FROGG are one & the same. When and where did he die? Appreciate any info on him.  
NELL WILLIAMS , Box 115, Rule, TX 79547.

WADE/INGRAM/COLBERT: About 1878, brothers: FRANCIS, THOMAS & JOHN W. WADE, left Smith Co., TN for Pulaski Co., AR. FRANCIS' wife was ABBIE INGRAM, JOHN W. mar. SUSAN COLBERT. Need maiden name of MARY A., wife of THOMAS WADE mar. ca. 1878. Anyone have any info you will share?  
NONA REED WILLIAMS , 4160 Dunhaven Road, Dallas, TX 75220.

WASHER/WILLOUGHBY: ISAAC WILLOUGHBY mar. LUCY WALSWORTH 28 mar 1849. Who was the mother of his children? ELIZABETH ANN WILLOUGHBY, b ca. 1822; mar. SPENCER WASHER; JOHN WILLOUGHBY, b. ca. 1826; mar. ANNE WASHER; ELIZA JANE WILLOUGHBY, b. ca. 1826; mar. 1st THOMAS WASHER 2nd JOSEPH PARKER; MARTHA WILLOUGHBY, b. ca. 1834; mar. JOHN HELMANTELLER; MARY WILLOUGHBY, b. ca. 1836; mar. A. C. WILLIAMS; SARAH CATHERINE WILLOUGHBY, b. ca. 1843; mar. THOMAS L. WINFREY. Any help given will be appreciated.  
JORENE WASHER PARSELY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

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NIXON FAMILIES OF SMITH COUNTY : Deborah Percy, Franklin, TN and Deborah Nixon, Watertown, TN, have been collecting information on Nixon families in Smith and DeKalb Counties and their descendants. Much information has been collected from census reports, cemetery records, marriage records and personal knowledge. A book on these families has been compiled and will be reviewed in the next issue. To share your information and to get more information about the book write to Deborah N. Percy; 103 Sheffield Place, Franklin, TN 37067-4428.

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ROWARK: Need info. on HENRY ROWARK; listed on Macon Co. 1850 census # 1306; b. in MD ca. 1791; wife JENSY/JANE WALKER; daughter, JANE; sons, ROBERT, JAMES and DAVID; moved to Macon/Smith Co. from NC ca. 1838 with JAMES WALKER family. Please contact me if you have any information.  
RONALD RUARK , 2686 S. John Hix Road, Westland, MI 48186.

WALKER: My 4th great grandfather, SAMUEL WALKER, purchased land from LEONARD FITE. Have been researching WALKER family for some time. Would like to contact whoever is interested in the FITE family and share info.  
MITCH S. WALKER , 112 Haws Lane, Flourtown, PA 19031. Telephone # (215) 836-7712.

HOLLAND: JOSIAH b. ca. 1798 in Sumner/Smith Co. Father was JOEL HOLLAND (D. 10/1807- 3/1808). MAR<sup>y</sup>. NANCY \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_ (2nd wife) JOSIAH and family moved to Schuyler Co., Il after 1845. Died there 1856/1860. Family included at least 8 children: WILLIS C. (mar. MARGARET ?), JOEL, JOSIAH, JR., HEZEKIAH, SARAH, PERLE INEZ, MARY LOUISE and CHARLES E. My research began as a last promise to Uncle Albert. Fascinated to learn that my gr-gr-gr-grandfather, JOSIAH HOLLAND may have married in Carthage, TN and his granddaughter mar. in Carthage, IL in 1870. If I can be of help to anyone, please let me know.  
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House was constructed by James J. Dillehay. The architectural design is consistent with the houses built in the area during the late 1800's and early 1900's. In the family portrait from left to right: Herlin L. Dillehay, sitting James (Jim) Dillehay, in his lap is Mamie Dillehay; back Willie H. Dillehay; standing between Jim and Dossie, Lillie E. Dillehay; seated Dossie Brooks Dillehay with baby Arlis J. Dillehay; behind Dossie is Charlie Dillehay; on the end is Marcellus Dillehay.



## EDMUND AND JOANNA DILLEHAY

## Estella Knight Morrison

The records of Albemarle Parish in Sussex County, Virginia, show the birth of a son, Edmund, to Arthur and Sarah Delahay on October 12, 1767. Edmund was christened the day after his birth with his god parents being Robert Slate, Thomas Wynne, Jr., and his aunt, Sarah Delahay.

Edmund was only five years old when his father died. Arthur Dillehay's will, proved during the August term of Brunswick County, Virginia, Court in 1773, stated that Edmund was to inherit a share of his father's land.

Sarah and the children continued to live on the family farm in Brunswick County. Sarah paid the tax on their 250 acres through the year 1787. Sarah's marriage to Mager Green is recorded in Brunswick County as an undated return. Mager served as guardian of Sarah's minor daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy Gilliam Dillehay.

The family was living in Caswell County, North Carolina, by January of 1791 when Edmund was exempted from paying poll tax.

This was the year that Person County was formed from Caswell County. It appears the family lived in the eastern portion which changed their county of residence without a move.

On the 28th of February when Edmund and his brother, John Dillehay, made a deed selling their land inherited from their father, Arthur Dillehay to Samuel Avent of Greensville County, Virginia they were living in Person County, North Carolina. They received 150 pounds for the 250 acres they had inherited. The witnesses to the sale were William Avent, Peter Avent and John Avent. The deed was proved in Greensville County Court.

Edmund married Joanna (Hannah) Asher sometime about 1795. It is unfortunate that North Carolina has few marriage records extant. We can only base their marriage date on his age and the age of their oldest child.

Edmund was listed as taxable in 1794 and 1795 in the Nash District of Person County, North Carolina. On the 24th of September 1795, he purchased some items from the estate sale of Jesse Walker in Person County.

On March 5, 1798, Edmund purchased 182 1/2 acres of land on Castle Creek from Paul Haralson. He paid 180 pounds for the land.

that began at a pine tree on the road cornering his brother, John's land. Other neighbors were M. Farland, Moses Walker, John Roger and his stepfather, Mager (Major) Green. Witnesses to the transaction were A. Haralson, John Dillehay and Mager (Major) Green.

In 1800, the families of Edmund, his brother, John Dillaha, and their step-father, Major Green were counted in the census. Only the Green household had a slave.

By this time Edmund and Joanna had three daughters, Nancy, Elizabeth, better known as Betsy, and Agnes.

The Dillehays were among the young men and women being baptised in 1802 - 1803. Bethel Church still exists in Wooddale, North Carolina.

When Paul Haralson made his will on the 9th of February in 1803, Edmund and his brother, John, served as his witnesses.

In 1805, Edmund and John are listed in Captain Street's Company. They were taxed for the 182 1/2 acres of land each owned in Person County for their own poll tax. They did not own slaves.

John Dillehay and Major Green are listed on the 1800 census of Person County but no listing is found for Edmund anywhere in North Carolina. It is not known if the person taking the census missed the family or if they had left the state.

In 1814, Edmund is found again listed in Person County. He and John were shown living in Captain Webb's District. No details are given on land ownership.

Edmund sold his 182 1/2 acres of property on February 4th 1817 to James Moody. The only witness to this sale was John Dillehay. The land cornered that of Mager (Major) Green.

Joanna and Edmund's family continued to grow. Levi was born sometime between 1800 and 1804. Martha "Patsy" arrived about 1806. Joanna sometime between 1805 and 1810, Johnson about 1807, Thomas R. on 18 Dec 1808. Sarah Hill, more commonly known as Sally about 1810, Mary was next with Edmund Jones, Charles and Alexander all born before the census was taken 1820. With thirteen children in the household several of the older children must have worked with their parents to keep food on the table and clothes on their backs. It is known that two were engaged in agriculture. That would probably have been Edmund and the oldest son, Levi. Edmund's mother, Sarah, was living in the next house and his brother, John was in the second house from Sarah.

On September 19, 1821, the oldest daughter, Nancy J., married Arthur Dillehay in Person County. Arthur is believed to have been Nancy's cousin, the son of John Dillehay. Nancy's brother, Levi G. Dillehay was the bondsman. This was the first of a series of major changes for the family.

Edmund, with his brother, Authur, their sisters, Nancy Brooks and Elizabeth Dillehay, inherited land from their uncle, John Dillehay of Sussex County, Virginia. When Arthur died, intestate and with no children, his brother, John, became entitled to a 1/16 share of the estate. On September 24, 1821, the land was sold to Thomas K. Mayler of Sussex County, Virginia. He paid the Dillehay heirs \$720 for the 240 acres of Sussex County land.

On 6 Oct 1821, a land dispute between Edmund and his brother, John, was serious enough that it was brought before the members of Bethel Baptist Church for settlement. It was about the rent received on their Uncle John's land before the sale of the land. The decision of the members was that John receive 1/16 part of the rent by reducing the 16th part of expense that occurred in renting. If the brothers were to reconcile, and Brother Edmund apply for a letter, John Lawson was to write it. At this same meeting Hannah (Joanna) received her letter of dismissal.

When the Church members met in November, it was found that the brothers had not reconciled. Finding that Edmund had gone off in disorder, he was considered "unworthy of fellowship". Edmund was excommunicated.

It was July 5, 1823 before Edmund returned from Tennessee and gave the satisfactory acknowledgements to be restored to full fellowship and be granted a letter of dismissal to take with him to the new home in Tennessee

There is no way of knowing if Joanna and the children had accompanied Edmund when he went to Tennessee in November of 1821, but the fact that Joanna took her church letter is an indication that they did.

On the 24th of June 1824, Edmund was living in Jackson County, Tennessee, when he made two land purchases the same day, both from Miles West. One was a twelve (12) acre plot of land for which he paid \$45. The property was described as being on the south hillside of the first ridge south of where Ellis E. Knight was living. It ran to the top of the ridge and was lying on the waters of Defeated Creek. The witnesses for the deed were Daniel Smith and James Rippy. The second purchase was for 143 acres and is described by saying that it lay on the top of the ridge and joined James Rippy's northwest corner. It also joined John Knight's north boundary line. Daniel Smith and James Cook

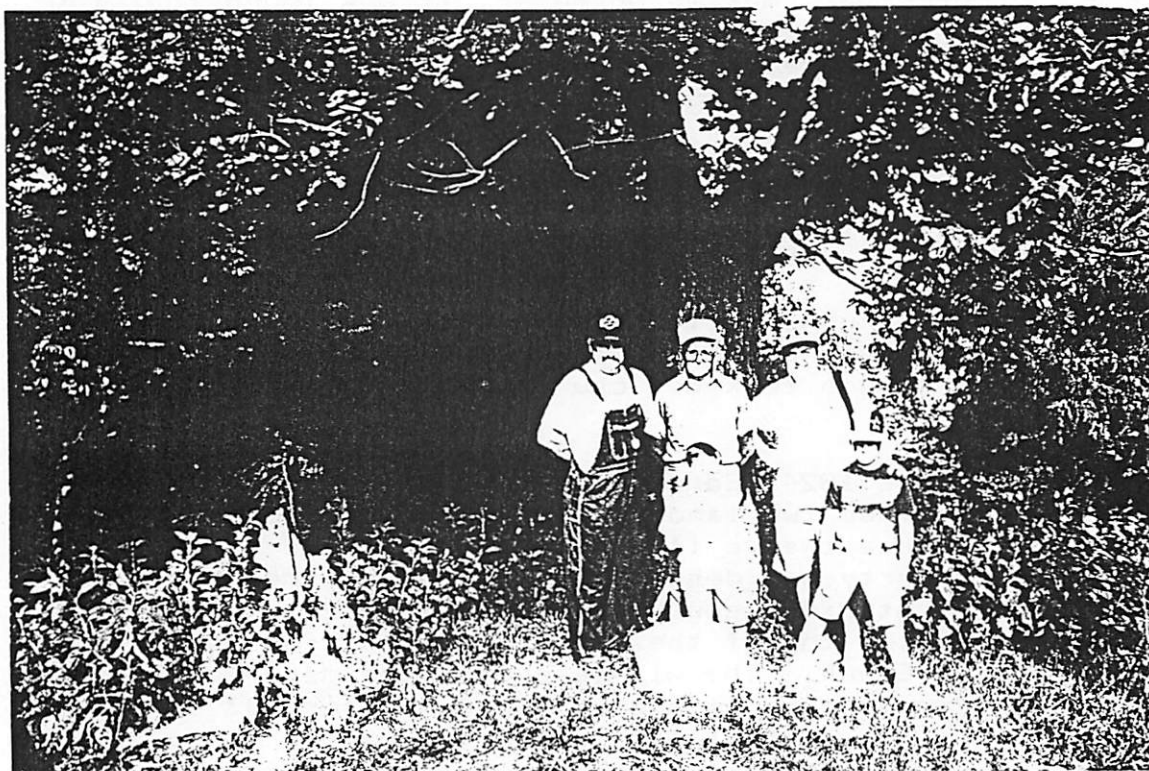
were the witnesses. Edmund paid \$250 for this larger tract. It, too, was on the waters of Defeated Creek in Smith County. This meaning that the land drained into the waters of the creek, not that it actually was on the creek bank.

Edmund increased his land holdings by obtaining Tennessee land grant #4524 for 30 acres in 1825 and 25 acres in 1827 with grant #6824 for 75 acres in 1827.

The family appeared to have done well in Smith County raising cows, cattle, hogs, oxen and they had at least one horse. Two slaves had been purchased, one male and one female. Their crops were of cotton, corn, potatoes, flax and oats.

At the age of 60, Edmund made his will. He gave to his wife, Joanna, all his land in Smith County, a black girl named Milley and a boy named Peter, as well as several farm animals and tools. It was to remain hers as long as she was his widow. The older children were to have what they had already been given as their full portion of his estate until after Joanna's death.

Graves of Joanna and Edmund Dillehay on the hilltop Edmund admired.



( Picture courtesy of Geneil Dillehay )

Each of his six youngest sons and his unmarried daughter, Mary, were to receive \$20 on the day of their marriage or when they reached the age of twenty-one. Joanna was appointed as the executrix of the will which was dated 26 Sep 1827. Daniel Smith and Miles West served as the witnesses and came into the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions during the February term in 1828 to prove the will.

Edmund was buried on the top of a hill on their farm. He is said to have remarked on what a beautiful place it was to be buried when there one day rounding up his hogs. The grave was marked with a native stone marker with his name as well as his birth and death dates carved on it.

Among the buyers at the sale of Edmund's personal property were the widow, purchasing additional tools and hogs, their son, Johnson, who purchased an ox, 2 heifers and 2 hogs, another son, Thomas paid \$2.93 cents for a heifer. Daniel Smith and Miles West were neighbors who made purchases. Edmund and Joanna's daughter, Sally Knight, bought a heifer for \$6.06 and 1/4 cents.

The inventory returned to the court by Joanna showed that Edmund had several notes out. Most were considered on good and solvent people. The total for Elizabeth Jones, \$80; William Canada, \$21.87 1/2; Lakes Canada, \$5; Edward West, \$7; William Carter, \$22; Norman Matthewson, \$10; Obadiah Gregory, \$30 amounted to \$175.87 and 1/2 cents. One note on Jesse Die for \$2 was not good and could not be collected.

On August 1st, Joanna, as executor of Edmund's estate, sold to Elizabeth Jones, a tract of 84 acres, known as Tract #9, in Maury County, Tennessee. Joanna's witnesses were her son, Levi G. Dillehay and Little B. Carter. This sale was to satisfy a note, "Know all men, that Edmond Dillahy is bound to Elizabeth Jones for the sum of \$400". The note was dated 2 Dec 1827 and was signed by Edmund Dilleahy.

In November 1828, almost a year after Edmund's death, Miles West made a deed to Edmund's heirs stating that during his life, Edmund Dillehay of Jackson County, Maury County and Smith County had paid Miles West \$325 for 150 acres of land on the waters of Defeated and Paytons Creeks. It began on the top of the first ridge southwest of Ellis Knight and crossed a ridge that was the dividing line between the waters of Defeated and Payton Creeks. Daniel Smith was a witness.

On the 22 of February 1829, Miles McKnight made a deed to Edmund's heirs for land Edmund purchased before his death. Miles West and Daniel Smith were witnesses.

In a letter written by a Mr. Barnett of Warren County, Tennessee to a Mr. Fuller of Caswell County, North Carolina on 22 Aug 1834, Mr. Barnett reported that he visited in Smith County last week. "Joanna Dillihay and they ware well some time back."

Some of the Dillahay family attended Peyton's Creek Baptist Church in Smith County. Joanna was serving on a church committee in May of 1836.

Joanna remained a widow, living in the Dillehay home. A slave remained with her. Her sons and daughters with their families lived nearby.

Joanna's daughter, Mary Dillehay Cleveland, died early in 1840, leaving four children. The two boys and two girls were living with Joanna in 1850.

The deed, inventory, receipt and minute books of Smith show many transactions for Edmund's heirs as they receive and dispose of his estate both before and after the death of Joanna. She died sometime from 13th of January 1855 to 2nd of January 1856.

Joanna was buried on the hilltop beside her husband. Her grave was also marked with a native stone. Near the small settlement known as Defeated the grave sites overlook a portion of the lake formed by the Cordell Hull Dam. Deer graze the land keeping the grass trimmed.

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#### DILLEHAY ANCESTORS OF STANLEY ROYCE DILLEHAY

#### GENEIL DILLEHAY

The Dillehay family were among the early settlers of Defeated Creek. Charles Dillehay, born 1707/1717 in either Maryland or Virginia, died after 1784 probably in Maryland. Arthur De La Haye, born 1559/1621, Channel Island; died before 1721 probably in Maryland. Arthur Delahay born 1657/1691; died before 1791 in either Maryland or Virginia. He married Mary Shepherd, born before 1647 and died before 1747. Arthur Dillehay born 1741 married Sarah Hill, daughter of John Hill and Mildred Gilliam, born March 12, 1744, Surrey County, Virginia; died 1830/1840 in Person Countu, North Carolina.

Children of Arthur and Sarah Hill Dillehay are as follows:

1. Elizabeth Jones Dillehay
2. Nancy Gilliam Dillehay
3. Edmund C. Dillehay
4. John Dillehay, born June 6, 1765, Sussex Co., Va., christened June 30, 1765; died 1830/1845, Albemarle Parish, VA., Sussex County, VA.
5. Arthur Dillehay, born 1773 Brunswick County, VA.
6. Eliza Jones Dillehay

Edmund C. Dillehay was born October 12, 1767, Albemarle Parrish, Sussex County, VA. He was christened December 13, 1767. He died December 1, 1827, Smith County, Tennessee. In 1795, he married Joannah Asher. Joanna was born April 11, 1778 and died May 11, 1856 in Smith County.

Children of Edmund C. and Joanna Dillehay are as follows:

1. Nancy J. Dillehay
2. Elizabeth Jane Dillehay
3. Agnes A. Dillehay, born May 5, 1853 in Marshall County, TN; married Barry/Benny Carter.
4. Sarah Hill Dillehay
5. Levi G. Dillehay
6. Martha P. Dillehay
7. Joanna E. Dillehay, born 1805/1810, Person County, NC. She married Miles McKnight, 1827.
8. Johnson Dillehay
9. Thomas R. Dillehay
10. Barnett T. Dillehay
11. Edmund Jones Dillehay
12. Edmund J. Dillehay
13. Charles A. Dillehay
14. Alexander Dillehay
15. Mary B. Dillehay, born 1810/1820 in Person County, NC, married Robert Cleveland December 12, 1860.

Thomas R. Dillehay born December 18, 1808, Person County, NC. First married Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Tennessee. Second, he married Nancy Goodner, 1832. She was born in 1819; died about 1850 in Smith County, TN.

Children of this marriage are:

1. Jessie J. Dillehay
2. Nancy Dillehay
3. Altheia Dillehay
4. Sam Dillehay
5. Newton Dillehay
6. Frances Dillehay
7. Sarah Dillehay

Children of Thomas R. and Nancy Dillehay are as follows:

1. James T. Dillehay

2. Ruth J. Dillehay
3. Donna F.. Dillehay
4. John H. Dillehay
5. Martha A. Dillehay, born about 1834/1844, Smith County, TN; died 1860 or later.
6. Dixon A. Dillehay
7. Mary E. Dillehay, born 1848/1849; died 1860/1949.

Jane Canter Russell was a relative of Reba Dillehay's. Jane Canter Russell made the quilt which is so treasured by the family. It was her daughter, Minnie, who took the baby from the plane crash to her home on a stretcher. The site of the plane crash was near Minnie's home. However, the baby lived only a short time.

Dixon/Dickson Dillehay, born 1846; married Mary E./ Marie Craighead 1865/1868. Her father was Obediah Craighead and her mother was Mary. Mary was born 1848/1849; died 1880/1949.

Children of Dixon A. and Mary E. Dillehay are:

1. James H. Dillehay
2. Ridley Robert Dillehay
3. W. J. Dillehay, born 1874/1875, TN; died 1880/1975.
4. Newton Dillehay
5. Bettie Dillehay first married Dowdy Dickens; second, Pete Pully; third Arch Oldham; fourth, George Beal.
6. Belfrey Dillehay, born September 26, 1889; died September 23, 1979; married Bob Nesbitt.
7. Maude Dillehay, born after 1865; married Lark Lankford.

This Dixon Dillehay family lived at the foot of Dean Hill on lot in a big white house; they moved to Difficult to another big white house where J. B. Kemp now lives. This huge house had a gazebo with a setee, a trellis with lattice all around it. There was a cave on this property where they had a pump for pumping water. Doctors had previously lived in this house. Leeman Canter went into a closet where he found a skeleton. They had a special shovel used for cleaning out the cookstove, but when they moved to Difficult, the shovel was gone.

James (Jim) Dillehay, born January 10, 1870; died December 23, 1935. James H. married Dorothy (Dossie) Brooks 1887/1885. She was the daughter of James P. and Martha Brooks. Dossie was born July 28, 1871 and died March 31, 1911.

Children of James H. and Dossie Brooks Dillehay:

1. Willie H. Dillehay
2. Charles P./ W. Dillehay
3. Herlin L. Dillehay
4. Robert A. Dillehay, born 1856/1857.

5. Marcellus Dillehay, born February 1897; married Daisy Massey, December 25, 1915. Ceremony performed by N. B. West, J. P.
6. Lillie E. Dillehay, born May 1898; married Arthur Craighead, February 10, 1915, ceremony performed by L. P. Grigg, J. P.
7. Mamie Dillehay, born March 1900; married Clarence Boze December 17, 1916; ceremony performed by N. B. Kemp, J. P. She died May 20, 1986.
8. Arlis J. Dillehay, born August 29, 1902; married Amy R. Powell. He died in May of 1965.
9. Oval A. Dillehay, born 1905/1906; married Rebecca Gregory.
10. Ora D. Dillehay
11. Lora Gladius Dillehay
12. Robert Sellus Dillehay, (Sellers Dillehay married Maggie Merryman, February 25 1899. John H. Brimm, J. P. performed the ceremony.

James H. Dillehay married Frances Brooks after the death of Dossie. They had one child, Gladice Opal Dillehay.

Willie H. Dillehay, born July 27, 1890, married in April, 1910 Lethie Anderson, daughter of John A. Anderson and Ilnora Nesbitt Anderson. Willie died in August 1970; Lethie, born in 1891, died in 1928

Children of Willie H. and Lethie Dillehay are:

1. Osa Dillehay
2. Doyle Dillehay
3. Mildred Dillehay
4. Lutrell Dillehay
5. Ottis Cleveland Dillehay married Reba Lois Donoho, daughter of John Alexander and Lellia Canter Donoho. Reba died in 1959, leaving children, Stanley, age 7 and Beverly was a baby.

Reba Dillehay "loved shoes"; she had rather have 2 or 3 pairs of cheap shoes as to have one good pair. She was very particular about her appearance. She liked to stay at home and take care of the children. She was a lover of fun. One day she was hind catcher and another girl was at bat. This girl was knocked out by a bat. Reba taught about two years for which she was paid \$65. per month. She and Aunt Bea wrecked Mr. Dillehay's car, an event that wasn't discussed much. One day her husband came in unexpectedly and caught her dancing in the kitchen. She was really embarrassed. She liked to walk and would walk to school, straight up a hill behind the little red house. Sometimes she would walk to the head of the holler on Ronnie's farm to the road.

When Jeanette Sadler passed away, the babies were laid on a bed; Stanley was a much larger baby than was Joyce's. Joyce was the oldest daughter of Leaman Donoho West. When the babies were moved; there was a big wet spot under Stanley and a small wet spot under Gary. Reba stated that one can tell which is the largest baby by the spot they leave.

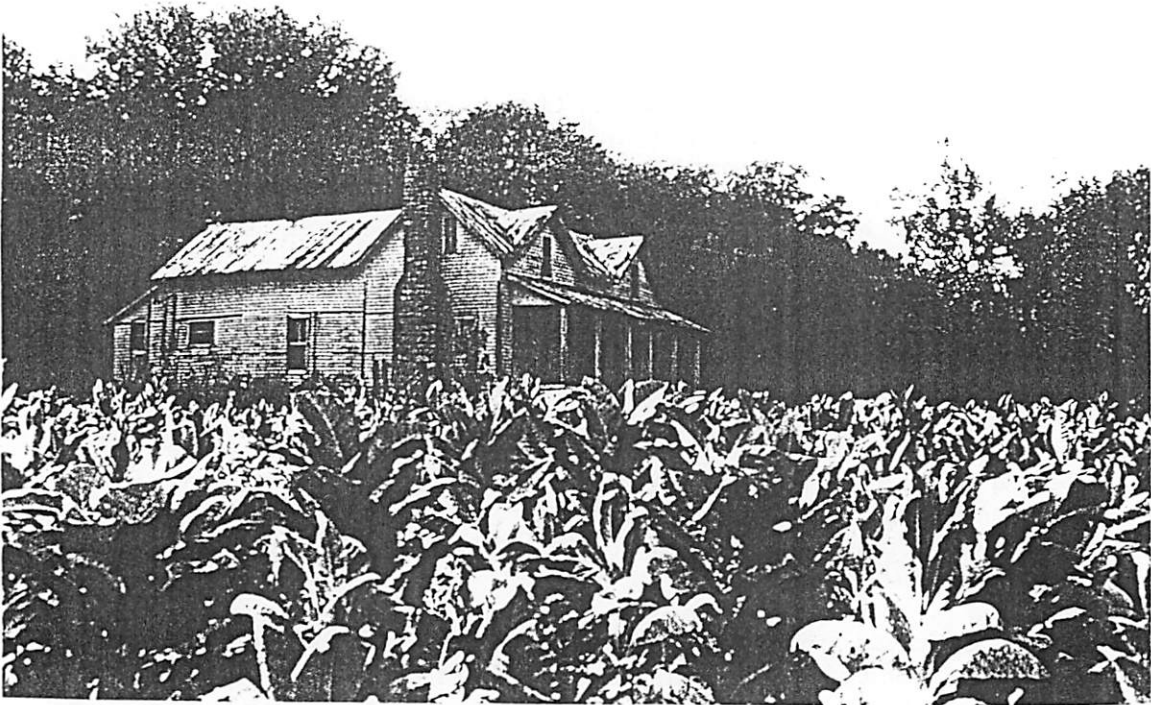
Charles West was there when the plane crashed; he heard them hollering when it went down over the hill from the Dean Hill school where Leaman had taught for a year.

Beverly was a baby when her mother became ill. For years she had suffered a build up of calcium on her teeth. She had gone to Dr. Bell, a local dentist, who told her that "it was as dangerous as a keg of powder in her mouth." He advised her to have her teeth extracted, but she refused.

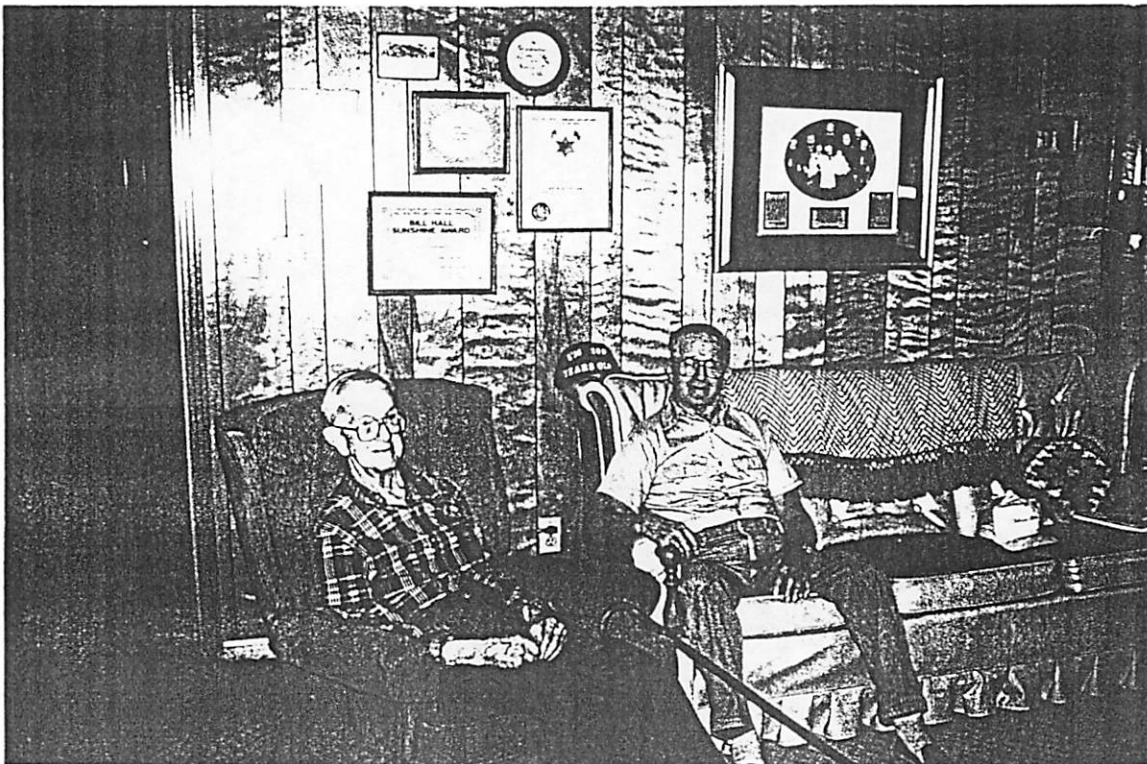
Her husband, Ottis, said that she suffered death but never complained. Her doctor advised her husband and her mother not to tell her that she had leukemia, but she read a book and she knew, although neither her husband nor her mother ever told her. She became so weak that Mr. Dillehay had to carry her to the car. She bore her burden and pain courageously.



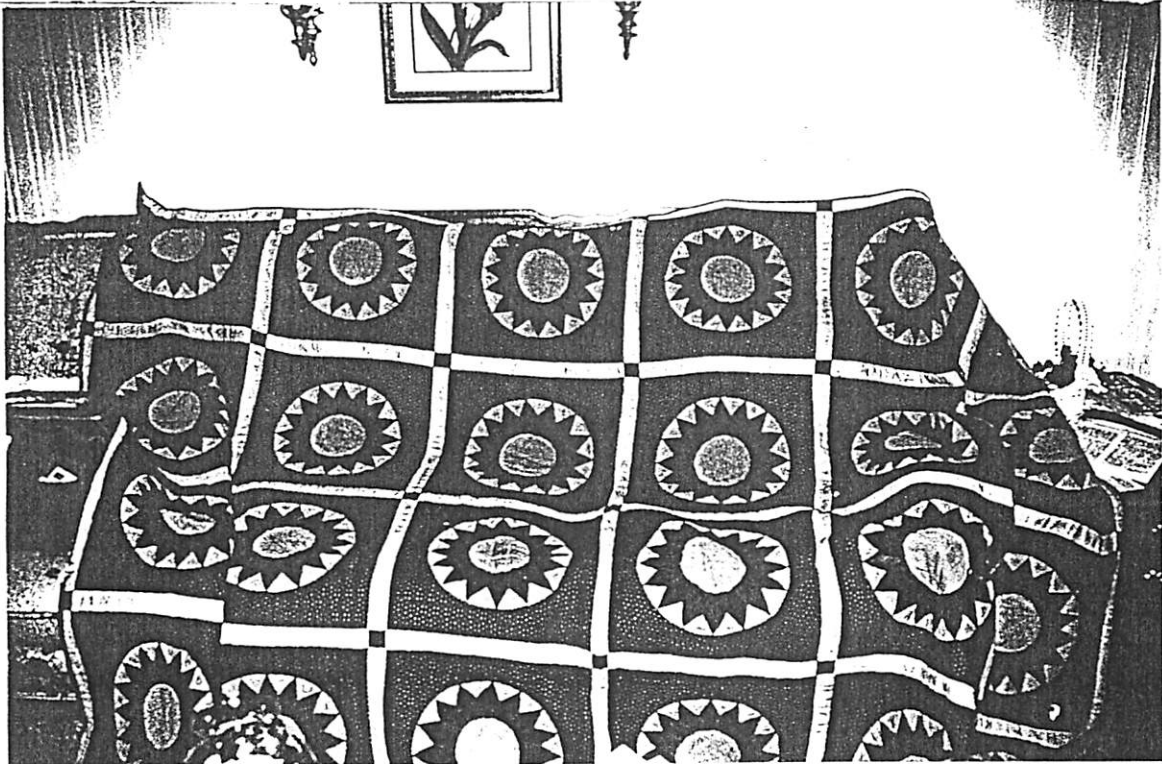
Ottis C. (Bob) Dillehay standing between the graves of his grandparents. On the right, James H. Dillehay; on the left, Dossie (Brooks) Dillehay. Graves are in the Lankford Cemetery, Smith County, Tennessee.



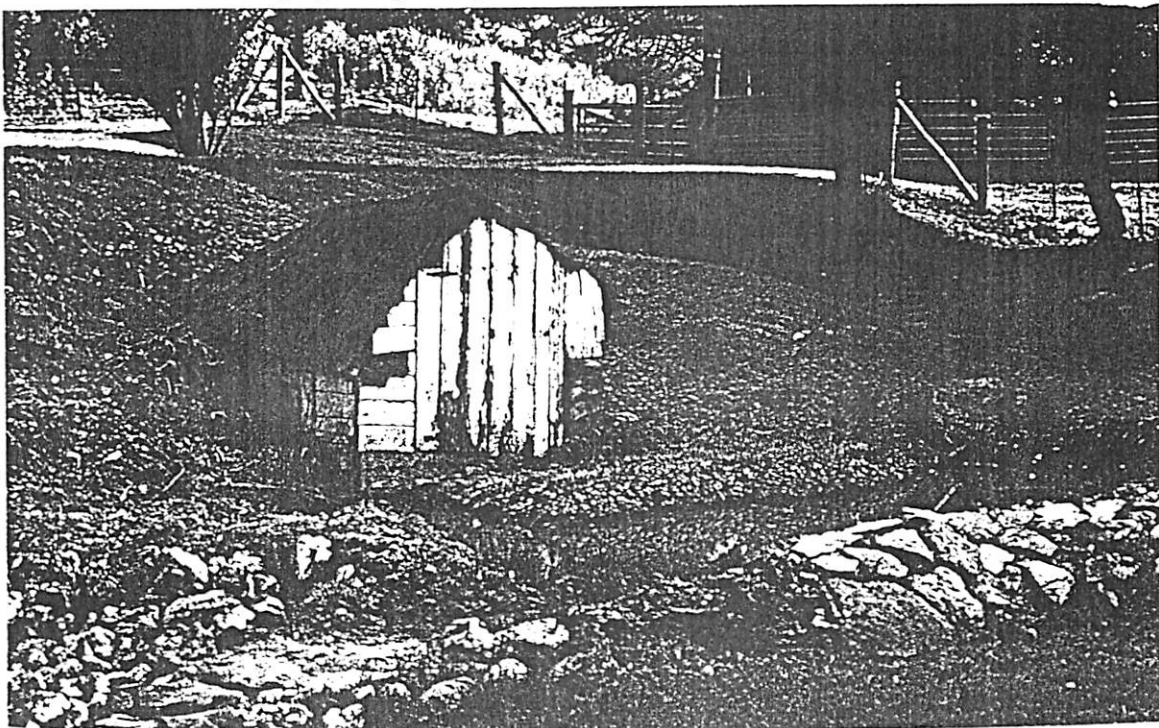
House built by James H. Dillehay. The tobacco crop next to the house is almost ready to harvest. Tobacco is Smith County's "money crop".



Herlin L. Dillehay on left, 101 years old; will be 102 in May 1997. On right is Herlin's nephew, Ottis C. (Bob) Dillehay, who will be 77 in October 1996.



Lem Canter married Jane Carter Russell who made a quilt still lovingly kept by the family.



Spring House located just below the site once occupied by Edmund Dillehay's cabin.

Photographs courtesy of Geneil Dillehay.

**Deed of Sale from Leonard Fite, Sr. to Samuel Walker**  
20 May 1818 (Recorded 23 Dec 1818)

Smith County, Tennessee; Deed Records, Vol. E, pp. 396-397  
Family History Library Microfilm #0319082  
This is the correct Samuel Walker, father of Bird B. Walker

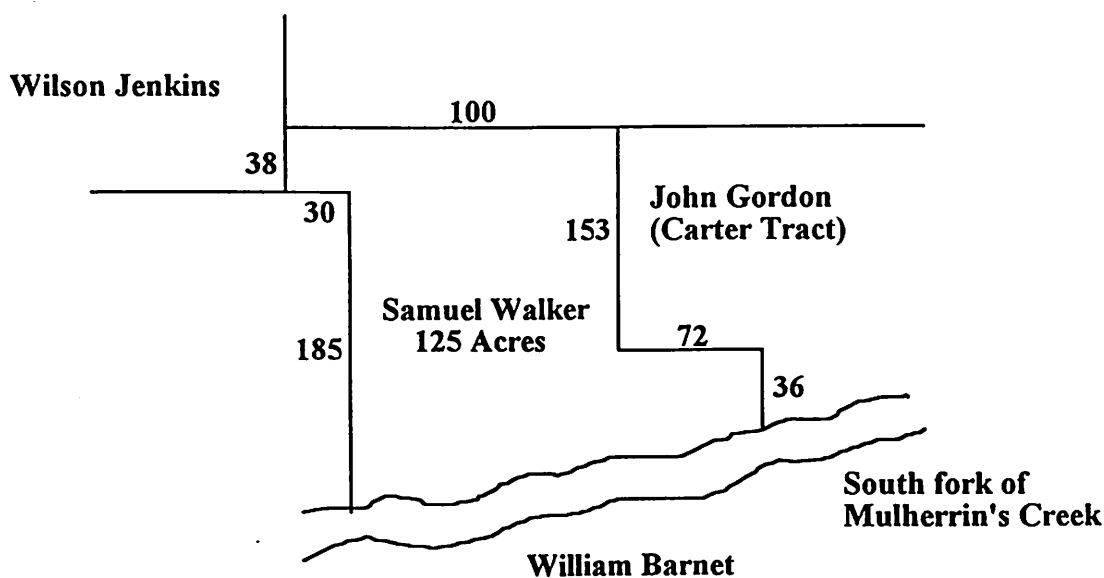
**Seller(s):** Leonard Fite, Sr., Smith County, TN

**Buyer(s):** Samuel Walker, Smith County, TN

**Description:** 125 acres on the south fork of Mulherrin's Creek: Beginning at William Barnet['s] north west corner on a walnut, elm & hickory running north 185 [poles] to a sugartree, thence west 30 poles to two sugar trees at Wilson Jenkins south east corner, thence north along his line 38 poles to an elm, thence east 100 poles north west of John Gordon's tract, north west corner of John Gordon's tract coled [called?] the Carter tract, thence south with the line of the said track, 153 poles to its south west corner in the field where William Barnet now lives, then east 72 poles to two beeches and a small dogwood, then south 36 poles to the crick, then up the crick with its manders to the place of beginning.

**Price:** \$400

**Other:** Witnesses: Jonas Belote, William Barnet



Contributed by Ron Cornwell, 1900 Stanford, Edwardsville, IL.  
62025.

**Note: All lengths in Poles**



## HAILEY / GREGORY

## THREE POWERS OF ATTORNEY

"Know all men by these presents that I Stephen Hailey of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee do make ordain and appoint my Father John Hailey my true and lawful attorney to settle with Mary Gregory and recover from her such sums of money or other things as may be due to me from the Estate of John Gregory, late of Mecklenburg County State of Virginia by heirship in behalf of my Wife Nancy Hailey formerly Nancy Gregory and to do all such acts as may, by him Seem advisable on said Matters, all of which acts Shall be as Complete as though I was present at the making my self - In Testimony whereof I do set my hand and Seal this 19th day of January 1825

Signed Sealed &c )  
 in the presence of ) Stephen Hailey (Seal)  
 State of Tennessee Wilson County S<sup>ct</sup>

Personally appeared before us Joseph Johnson and H. L. Douglass acting Justices of the Peace in and for Wilson County aforesaid Stephen Hailey [and] acknowledged his own execution of the above Power of attorney to John Hailey - Given under our hands & Seals this 19th day of January 1825.

Jos. Johnson JP (Seal)  
 H. L. Douglass JP (Seal)

State of Tennessee Wilson County S<sup>ct</sup>

I John Allcorn Clerk of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions of Wilson County aforesaid do hereby Certifiy that Joseph Johnson and H L Douglass esquires who have Certified the acknowledgement of the within Power of attorney from Stephen Hailey to John Hailey are acting Justices of the Peace in and for Said County, Commissioned and Sworned and that their official acts and attestations are entitled to full faith & credit - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Private Seal there being no Seal of office, the 19th day of January 1825

John Allcorn clk

State of Tennessee Wilson County S<sup>ct</sup>

I William Steel Chairman of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of Wilson County aforesaid do hereby Certify that John Allcorn whose name is Subscribed to the above Certificate is Clerk of Said Court and that Such Certificate is in due form in law - Given under my hand and Seal the 19th day of January 1825

Wm Steele Ch. (Seal)

At a Court Continued and held for Mecklenburg County the 25th day of March 1825 The within Power of attorney together with the Certificates of authentication thereon endorsed was received in our said Court and Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste

Edw L Tabb cl"

J Pickett ck.

State of Tennessee )  
 Smith County ) I John Chambers Chairman of the Court of  
 Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Said County, do hereby certify  
 that Jonathan Pickett whose name appears to the above Certificate  
 is Clerk of our Said Court. that his said Certificate is in due  
 form of Law and that full faith and credit is due to all his  
 attestations as Such. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto  
 Set my hand and Seal this 11th day of October 1833

John Chambers (Seal)  
 Chair. Smith County Court

Virginia

At a court held for Mecklenburg County on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April 1835 the foregoing Letter of Attorney with the certificates  
 of Authentication thereon endorsed was then produced in open  
 court and ordered to be recorded.-

Teste

Jno: G Baptist. C

...  
 Mecklenburg Co., VA. Deed Book 26, 1834-1836. p. 289.

John Gregory married Polly Apperson in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
 by bond dated 19 December 1786. She was the daughter of David  
 Apperson who gave consent. Bondsman was John Apperson and they  
 were married 23 December 1786 by Henry Lester, Baptist Minister.

An inventory of the estate of John Gregory was taken 22 December  
 1812, and recorded 20 October 1817, in Mecklenburg Co., VA.  
Will Book 8, 1813-1819, pp. 366-368. The administrator, Stephen  
 P'Pool, recorded accounts current and a division of the estate  
 20 October 1817, in the same volume, pp. 371-373, listing Polly  
 Gregory widow, and the following heirs: Banister, Barnett,  
 Bedford, Abel, Julia, Temperence, Sally, Nancy and Martha Gregory.

The will of Philip Hailey, dated 13 August 1831, was proved 21  
 November 1831, and recorded in Mecklenburg Co., VA. Will Book 12,  
 1829-1832, pp. 456, 457. In it, he named his wife Margaret  
 Hailey; sons Meredith, Thomas, John and Philip Hailey; daughters  
 Martha Pierce, Rutha Carter, Jane Butler, Dosha Moore and Nancey  
 Butler. His son Meredith was named executor and the witnesses  
 were Peter Irby, Richard E. Bennett and Gray Holloway.

"Know all men by these presents that I Nancy Hailey of Smith County & State of Tennessee Administratrix of Stephen Hailey deceased her late husband Formerly of Smith County & State aforesaid, here and by these presents do nominate & Constitute and appoint Edward R. Chambers of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia my true and lawfull attorney for me and in my name as administratrix as aforesid to ask for & demand receive & Receipt for & for me & in my Name as administratrix as aforesaid for all monies which is due me from the Estate of John Gregory decd. late of Mecklenburg County & State of Virginia which money is now supposed to be in the hands of David Shelton of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia and my said Attorney Edward R Chambers is hereby fully authorised and Empowered to use all Lawfull means to procure all moneys which is due me from the Estate of said John Gregory decd. Whether the same be in the hands of said David Shelton or any other person or persons whatsoever Hereby agreeing to ratify and confirm Whatever my said Attorney Edward R. Chambers may Lawfully do Touching the premises and which acts and doings of my said Attorney shall be as Good and Valid to all Intents & purposes as if I was to do the same in my own proper person. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this day of January 1832.

Nancey Hailey (Seal)

State of Tennessee  
Smith County

This day it being the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1832 Nancy Hailey Administratrix &c personally appeared before us Thomas W Cosby & Elijah Toney acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and state aforesaid Signed sealed and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be her act and deed for the purposes therein expressed - Testimony whereof we have hear unto subscribed our names the date and year Within Written

Tho W Cosby (Seal)  
Justice of the Peace  
Elijah Toney J.P.

State of Tennessee  
Smith County

I Jonathan Pickett Clk of the County Court of Smith in the state afores<sup>d</sup> do hereby Certify that Thomas W. Cosby & Elijah Toney whose hands & seals are affixed to the within certificate were at the date thereof & still are acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County Aforesaid duly Commissioned & Qualified. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 19th day of January 1832 & the 56th year of Our Independence

Jonathan Pickett clk



State of Tennessee  
Smith County

I John Chambers Chairman of the County Court of Smith do hereby Certify that Jonathan Pickett Whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate is Clerk of the County Court of

Smith aforesaid and was at the time of Signing the same and that full faith & Credit are due to his Official acts as such and this Certificate is in due form of Law - Given under my hand & seal this 19th day of January 1832

John Chambers (Seal)  
Chairman of the said County Court

Mecklenburg County March Court 1832

The Within Written Letter of attorney together with the Certificates of authentication thereon endorsed Was this day received in open court and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Jno. G. Baptist CC"

...  
Mecklenburg Co., VA. Deed Book 25, 1832-1834. pp. 58, 59.

Know all men by these presents that I John Haley of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee do hereby Nominate constitute, and appoint Godfrey Gregory of the Same place, My agent and Attorney, for Me and in My name to ask for demand Sue for recover and receive all Sums or Legacies that are due to Me from all persons or Manners of persons Whatsoever in the State of Virginia or else where decending to Me by the death of My father Philip Haley late of the State of Virginia, and My Said agent is authursed in My name to Sign receipts releases acquitances &c for the purpose of Settling and adjusting My rights and Interests, in the estate of the Said Phillip Haley dec.d and all Such Signatures When Made shall be as binding on Me as if I had done the Same in proper person

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set My My (sic) Name and affixed My Seal this 10th day of Sept A.D. 1833

John Haley (Seal)

State of Tennessee )

Smith County ) John Haley Whose Name appears to the above power of attorney this day personally appeared before us Isaac Goodall and Don C. Dixon two of the Acting Justices of the peace for the County afore Said, and acknowledged Said Signature to be his act and deed for the purposes Mentioned in Said Power

Given under our hands and Seals This 10th day of Sept 1833

I Goodall JP (Seal)

Don C. Dixon JP (Seal)

State of Tennessee )

Smith County ) I Jonathan Pickett clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarterd Sessions in said County, do hereby certify that Isaac Goodall and Don. C. Dixon before whom the within Power of attorney was acknowledged, now are and were at the time of the acknowledgement of the Same Acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, duly Commissioned and qualiafied according to Law.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Said Court at office in Carthage this 11th day of October 1833 and 58th year of Our Independence

"SO HE TOOK THE OATH AND I BROUGHT HIM HOME"  
Bernie Bass

(In the fall of 1995 while reviewing 1917-18 Carthage Courier issues for a Courier article on Fred Vantrease, the oldest living Smith County World War I veteran, the writer succumbed to a failing probably common to almost everyone who reviews old newspaper issues - reading articles that "catch the eye" but have nothing to do with the subject for which the issues are being reviewed. Thus, an article in the 5 July 1917 Courier entitled "Several Old People Pass Away" caught the eye. It read:

Among the several old people who have recently passed away and not heretofore mentioned in this column were....Mrs. Frances Owens, aged 87 years, died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williams of Rome. She was the mother of several children, Mrs. Williams being now the only survivor. During the Civil War she made a trip alone to Washington to intercede with Pres. Lincoln on behalf of her husband, a Confederate soldier, suffering in a northern prison. She remembered with equal clearness things that happened in the early and modern history of the county. She remembered distinctly when the first grave was made in the Carthage cemetery.

What especially "caught my eye" was the statement of Frances Owens' visit to Washington to see the President about releasing her husband from prison camp. Along with a feeling of great admiration for one who would undertake such a venture, many questions came to mind: Who was her husband? When and how was he captured? Where was he imprisoned? Did she secure his release? How did she travel? And many other questions. Beginning with no knowledge of the Owens family, this article is the result of the foregoing.)

Samuel A. Owens, son of Mary (Polly) Kenney and Sam Alexander Owens, was born on 15 December 1823. Frances Margaret Cooper, daughter of Edness Hale and Abraham Cooper, was born on 8 June 1830. Both were born in Smith County and after their marriage on 30 November 1848 they lived in the Payne's Bend section of Civil District 13. The census of 1860 shows six (6) children (Mary, John T., Lucy T., Frances, Sarah, and Samuel) ranging in age from 1 to 10 born to the marriage and that Samuel Owens was a farmer.

When the Civil War came Samuel Owens would have been 38 years old with a wife and six children. Despite his age and dependents and obviously believing in "The Cause," he enlisted for service on 7 December 1861 at Camp Trousdale in Sumner

County. His enlistment was in Company G, 4th (Starnes') Tennessee Cavalry, C. S. A. His Company Commander was Captain Andrew McGregor of Lebanon. In 1907, McGregor wrote of Owens in an affidavit to support Mrs. Frances Owens' Confederate widow's pension application, "He was a good soldier and true to his State. He could have kept out of the army on the account of his age but chose to remain with his Comrades."

Over the next few years the 4th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment was involved in various skirmishes and battles in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia. In early 1862 the unit was committed around Chattanooga. That summer the 4th was assigned to Brigadier General Nathan B. Forrest's command in Middle Tennessee. They then moved into Kentucky, near Richmond, under Brigadier General E. Kirby Smith. In November-December 1862 the 4th was back with General Forrest in demonstrations to the outskirts of Nashville, and then on into West Tennessee with Forrest in late December 1862.

In the spring of 1863 the unit was in assaults on Thompson Station and Brentwood in Middle Tennessee. Colonel James W. Starnes, Commander of the 4th Tennessee Cavalry, was killed in a "fierce" engagement near Tullahoma on 30 June 1863 and command of the regiment passed to Colonel William S. McLemore. In August, the 4th was in skirmishes around Sparta. In November the regiment moved to East Tennessee as a part of Brigadier General W. Y. C. Humes' Brigade which was a part of Lieutenant General James Longstreet's command.

In the late summer of 1863 Federal Major General Ambrose E. Burnside moved an army of about 15,000 men from the vicinity of the Ohio River across the mountains of Kentucky into East Tennessee and occupied Knoxville in late August-early September ousting a Confederate force under Brigadier General Simon Bolivar Buckner who moved his forces to Chattanooga under the command of General Braxton Bragg. Following the Confederate victory at Chickamauga in mid/late September, General James Longstreet with two infantry divisions, about 12,000 men, was dispatched to Knoxville in early November to drive Burnside from the city and destroy his army. Thus Knoxville came under siege in November 1863.

In the fighting around the city Company G and the 4th Cavalry were deeply involved and it was here that Samuel A. Owens was wounded, probably in late November since Longstreet assaulted Knoxville's fortified lines on 29 November (and was repulsed) and the Siege was lifted by the arrival of a Federal force from Chattanooga on 4 December 1863.

Owens was wounded by a shot through the knuckle of his right hand which went on through his hand and exited on the underside of his wrist. He was sent to a hospital for treatment.

Its exact location is not known nor is the length of his stay at the hospital known. He did return to duty with his unit as the muster roll shows him signing for a clothing issue at Resaca, Georgia, on 4 May 1864. In early July the unit was in action around Roswell, Georgia. There followed a lull in the fighting and during this time Owens very probably was given a furlough to return home.

Traveling with another soldier, Silas M. Donnell, Company C, 4th Tennessee Cavalry, from Wilson County, also on furlough, the two were captured by Federal forces at Lynnville, Tennessee, north of Pulaski, on 23 July 1864. Following capture, they were in Nashville on 27 July. Here, they were offered the opportunity to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal government. Both refused and were sent to Louisville and on to Camp Douglas, IL as prisoners of war, arriving on 1 August 1864. (Donnell took the oath and was released on 24 March 1865.)

When war erupted neither the North nor the South was prepared to handle the large numbers of prisoners that fell into their hands. All kinds of facilities were initially requisitioned and used: warehouses such as Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, a former grocery warehouse; tobacco warehouses; a paper mill in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; state prisons; city jails; parish jails; established forts along the Atlantic Coast such as Fort McHenry at Baltimore; and, among other facilities, a medical college in St. Louis. Camps that had been created to train Union volunteers such as Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin, and Camp Douglas, Chicago, began to be used in the North. New facilities were opened such as Johnson's Island on a spit of land in Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio, and at Andersonville in southern Georgia.

In July 1862 the two sides signed an agreement regulating the exchange of prisoners which reduced the prison population, but for various reasons this exchange system broke down and ended in the late spring of 1863. Thereafter, prisoner buildup became a real problem for both sides.

With the fall of Fort Donelson in February 1862 about 8,000 Confederate prisoners were taken. Five thousand (5,000) were sent to Chicago and Camp Douglas, a former Union training camp, came into being as a permanent camp for Confederate prisoners.

Congestion in the camps produced problems of feeding, housing, and medical care. Long periods of confinement, poor and inefficient medical care, and lack of vegetables in the prisoners' diet, producing scurvy, led to the death of many. Smallpox was a common disease among the prisoners. At Camp Douglas, in October 1864 out of about 7,500 prisoners the number of casualties rose from 34 deaths and 167 sick in June to 123 deaths and 393 sick in September. The first week in October

984 were sick.

There was mail going out from the prisoners and letters and packages coming into the prison. Mail was censored and all mail was restricted to one page per letter.

How Frances Owens and her family survived under war conditions and with her husband away is not recorded. We know that as the war lengthened conditions for the South's civilian populace worsened. Inflation was rampant. Although farm families produced much of what they consumed severe hardships resulted from the existing conditions and were further worsened if the husband and father was gone. Union raiding parties as well as guerrilla and/or outlaw band raids would have been a threat and probably a reality. One story that has been handed down in the Owens family concerns raids. When it became known that a raiding party was in the area, certain family members were responsible for moving the horses down under a bluff on the Cumberland River to hide them. On one occasion, not all the horses were moved and Frances Owens mounted one. When she was told by a soldier to get off the horse, she replied, "In these parts a gentleman does not ask a lady to dismount." An officers' order to dismount brought the same response from Frances Owens. With this, efforts to get her off the horse ceased.

Echoing what Frances Owens may well have thought, a farm woman in another Southern state wrote the governor in 1863 saying, "I have six little children and my husband in the army and what am I to do?"

Frances Owens was in communication with her husband. She learned of the harsh conditions under which he was confined and of his illness which included smallpox and rheumatism, in addition to his war wound which resulted in a drawn and stiff hand.

Fearful for the life of her husband in the miserable conditions under which he was held, Frances Owens obviously decided to take a bold course of action: go to the one man who could resolve her problem and return her husband to his home.

Preparations for the journey to see the President of the United States would have included securing petitions from local citizens recommending the release of her husband. One such petition, dated 24 November 1864, and addressed to President Lincoln was signed by several prominent Carthage citizens. Another recommendation for Owens' release that must have been secured at this time and taken with her to Washington, was from Colonel William B. Stokes, Commander of the Fifth (Union) Tennessee Cavalry. As will be noted later, this recommendation



was "on file" in Washington and must have been carried by Frances Owens. She then proceeded to Nashville to get the necessary papers from Military Governor Andrew Johnson to proceed to Washington.

Her mode of travel is not definitely known. It may have been by stagecoach. However, the writer's opinion is that travel was by steamboat to Cincinnati and rail to Washington.

At the Executive Mansion in Washington, hordes of petitioners came to see President Lincoln at all times and at all hours. Lincoln knew that he was being overwhelmed but insisted on making himself available certain hours of the day to all who came. Petitioners were there for many reasons: to secure business contracts with the government, to get conscripts released from military service, to secure commissions in the armed forces, for commutation of death sentences, to secure the release from prison of relatives or friends, to secure the release of Confederate prisoners from prison camps, and for any other number of reasons. Lincoln listened to all kinds and sorts of reasons as to why petitioners' requests should be honored.

To see the President petitioners were usually required to have spoken or written introduction from some member of Congress. In Frances Owens' case, she would have had such an introduction from Governor Johnson of Tennessee. She would have seen the President sometime before 1 December 1864 because on that day President Lincoln sent two telegrams to Governor Andrew Johnson in Nashville. The first read:

I am applied to for the release of Alexander B. Kinney, John P. Carter, and Samuel A. Owens. Your name, commending their application to favorable consideration, is on the papers. If you will say directly that you think they ought to be discharged I will discharge them. Answer.

A. Lincoln

The second telegram, sent about two hours later, read:

In the cases of Alexander B. Kinney, John P. Carter, and Samuel A. Owens, Col. William B. Stokes has recommended the release of all three. His recommendation is on file here.

A. Lincoln

The two other prisoners noted in Lincoln's telegram were Alexander B. Kenney, a private in the 4th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment and brother of Captain Thomas Patrick Kenney, 2nd (E.

S. Smith's) Tennessee Cavalry Regiment. Alexander B. Kenney was captured at Sparta, Tennessee, in August 1863 and was a prisoner at Rock Island, Illinois. John P. Carter, a private in the 9th Tennessee Cavalry, was captured at Buffington's Island, Ohio, in July 1863 during General John B. Morgan's raid. He was a prisoner at Camp Douglas. Carter was from Smith County's 14th Civil District, and his wife, Sarah, accompanied Frances Owens on the journey in the effort to secure the release of Owens and Carter. (There is a good possibility that Thomas Patrick Kenney accompanied the two ladies on this trip. If so, he would have gone on to Rock Island, Illinois, where his brother was imprisoned. The writer was unable to positively confirm that T. P. Kenney did, in fact, make the trip).

Governor Johnson replied to the President by telegram of 3 December 1864, as follows:

From Representations made to me by persons of reliability & loyalty I should have no hesitancy in releasing Alex B Ramsay (sic - should be Kenney), John B (sic) Carter & Saml A Owens the Prisoners named in your dispatch.

To secure the President's signature for release of a Confederate prisoner it was essential for the Confederate to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal government, and Frances Owens undoubtedly assured the President that her husband would take the oath. There are recorded cases where the petitioner told the President that the Confederate would not take the oath and Lincoln's response then was, "I cannot pardon him. I should like to do so but it is impossible unless he will take the oath."

After Lincoln's receipt of Johnson's telegram on 3 December 1864, the President on that date approved the release of Samuel A. Owens on the condition that he "take the oath on Dec. 8, 1863." In her 1905 Confederate widow's pension application Frances Owens stated, "At first he (Lincoln) refused to release him (Owens) but after hearing the condition he was in he signed the necessary papers and I left Washington City for Chicago and that December 7, 1864."

In her 1905 pension application Frances Owens stated, "After I got to the prison he (Owens) refused to take the oath but his comrades in prison with him beged (sic) him to take the oath and if he did not take the oath he would die in prison. So he took the oath and I brought him home." Owens took the oath of allegiance on 8 December 1864 and was released from prison. (Alexander B. Kenney and John P. Carter both took the oath on 7 December and were released).

The Smith County homecoming would have been a joyous

occasion reuniting Samuel Owens with his family. His war wound continued to trouble him as attested by one of his Company G comrades who wrote in 1907, "I saw him (Owens) after the war and his hand and wrist was drawn and stiff. He was a Christian man and a true soldier." For the remainder of his life he was unable to use his right hand due to stiffness and could not grip tools such as an axe and hoe. Six additional children were born to the family, two during the war years (Harriett, William, Thomas, Catherine (Katy), Hubert E., and Jennie).

Samuel Owens died on 8 July 1885 and is buried in the Kenney-Bates Cemetery off Lock 7 Road on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gann. The 1900 census shows Frances Owens living in the home of her daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Albert T. Williams), at Rome. She died on 17 June 1917 and is buried with her husband in the Kenney-Bates Cemetery.

(Primary sources for this article were: A Confederate widow's pension application submitted by Frances M. Owens in July 1905. This was a rather brief response to a form that contained a series of questions. In April 1907, she submitted a detailed narrative statement in support of the 1905 application. At this time her son-in-law, Albert T. Williams, at whose home Frances Owens was living, submitted a supporting statement to her application. Also, in 1907, supporting statements were submitted by Captain Andrew McGregor, Commander, Company G, 4th Tennessee Cavalry and by other Confederate veterans who had known Owens. Also included in the pension application file is a statement of Owens' service provided by the US Army War Department in 1906. All the foregoing documentation was provided by the Cleveland TN Public Library; "The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, Vol. VIII," Rutgers University Press, 1953; and various Civil War publications.

The following individuals were helpful: John A. Arbogast, Historian, White Sulphur Springs, WV, who provided information concerning Confederate hospitals in that area; Elizabeth Beasley, Dixon Springs, TN, and Pelham Norris, Dallas, TX, descendants of Thomas Patrick Kenney; Jack Williams, New Middleton, TN, nephew of Jennie Owens and Albert T. Williams; Jean Williams Bush, New Middleton, TN, daughter of Jack Williams; Myron W. Manker, Nashville, TN, great grandson of Frances and Samuel A. Owens; and Joe Nowlin Payne, Nashville, TN, great grandson of the Owens'. Joe Payne was located through the Queries section of the Newsletter and was of great assistance with the large store of information he had previously gathered. The writer's especial thanks go to him.)



Samuel A. Owens  
 Circa 1865-66  
 (Owens was 6' 1" tall)  
 Photo courtesy Joe Payne



Frances Owens  
 Circa 1910  
 Photo courtesy Joe Payne



Samuel A. Owens Monument  
 Kenney-Bates Cemetery  
 Frances Owens' grave is  
 unmarked

(Contributed by Bernie Bass, 1904 Shenandoah Trail, Lebanon,  
 TN 37087).

UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF WAR OF 1812  
GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 14, 1996, a momentous event occurred in the community of Cato where the Upper Cumberland Chapter of the Tennessee Society of United States Daughters of the War of 1812 held a grave marking ceremony honoring Colonel William Martin at a cemetery located a short distance from Scanty Branch and the Dixon Creek Baptist Church.

The cemetery, a rather unique one, is enclosed by a stone stack fence. The entire area is covered by vinca, an ivy like ground cover plant which grows prolifically. Several graves are enclosed by the stone stack fence, most of which are crypts of stone and concrete. Colonel Martin's wife is buried beside him.

Several descendants of Colonel Martin attended this historic event, among whom were: Mrs. Sam (June) Garrett, widow of Dr. Sam Garrett, sons, J. Page Garrett and wife Sandra, Rhea E. Garrett and wife Crystal, and their daughters, Caroline and Katherine, who served as pages and three month old, Laura Lee Garrett, Stephen Brooks and wife, Regina, and daughter Angela Hackett and her baby daughter Audrey, and namesake of Colonel Martin, William Martin Young and wife, Faith.

Mrs. Sue Maggart, President, welcomed everyone after which the Pledges of Alligance and the U S D 1812 were repeated. Angela Brooks Hackett sang the National Anthem after which J. Page Garrett, representing the descendants, presented a brief biographical sketch of Colonel William Martin. Stephen Brooks rendered the benediction.

Following the ceremony, guests and members went to Arcadia, historic home of Miss Evelyn Ross, where all were graciously received and sampled the many delicious refreshments.

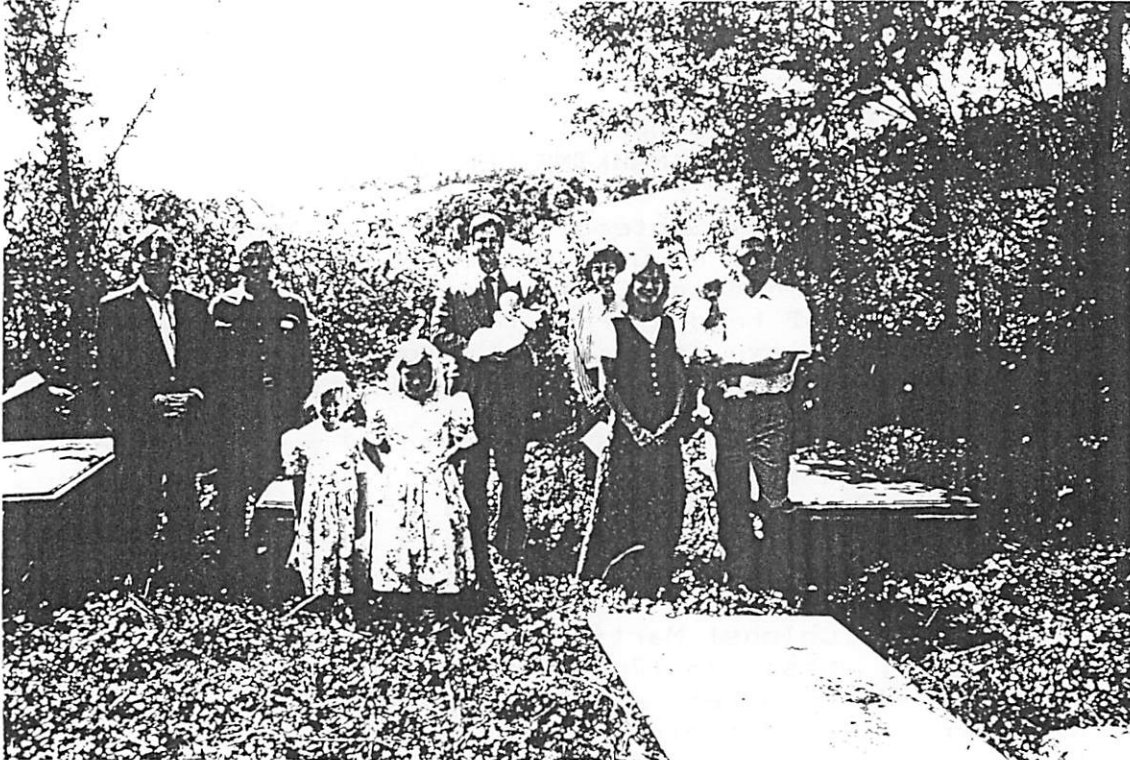
Mr. James Fletcher, President of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society, kindly video taped the entire ceremony. We are grateful to him for this service. It was truly a great day!

Your editor prevailed upon Mr. Page Garrett to permit us to publish his biographical sketch of Colonel Martin. Graciously he gave his permission; his biographical summary of Colonel Martin follows:

COLONEL WILLIAM MARTIN

J. PAGE GARRETT, ESQUIRE

WHY ARE WE HERE TO HONOR COLONEL WILLIAM MARTIN EXACTLY ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH?



Descendants of Col. Martin who attended the ceremony:  
 Left to right, J. Page Garrett, William Young, Katherine  
 Garrett, Caroline Garrett, Rhea Garrett holding 3 month  
 old Laura Lee Garrett, Sandra Garrett, (wife of J. Page  
 Garrett, Angela Brooks Hackett, Stephen Brooks hold-  
 ing Angela's daughter and his granddaughter, Audrey.



Among those present were: left to right, Rhea Garrett,  
 J. Page Garrett Nancy Allen, Sue Maggart, Evelyn Ross,  
 Pages, Katherine and Caroline Garrett, back row, Louise  
 Sharenberger, Mrs. William Cannon, Betty Scott, and  
 Ruth Hill.

Born in Orange County, Virginia in 1765, his father was General Joseph Martin, the celebrated Revolutionary War hero whose diplomacy with the Indians in the old southwest frontier was instrumental to our nation's success at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Moreover, his step-mother was Betsy Ward, daughter of the influential Nancy Ward, the High Priestess of the Cherokee Nation, whose grave is now in a beautiful Tennessee State park next to the Appalachian mountains in Etowah, Tennessee.

#### HE WAS A FAMILY MAN.

He married Frances Ferris of Virginia, then fathered and raised a son, Wilson Yandell Martin, who lived 1810-1876.

#### HE WAS A POPULAR STATESMAN.

Martin served not only in the South Carolina legislature when he lived there, but also the Georgia legislature, and then after moving back to Tennessee to remain, he served for several terms in the Tennessee legislature. A major player in the national Whig Convention, which ran unsuccessfully a presidential candidate against Andrew Jackson, a Democrat.

#### HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL MILITARY OFFICER.

Commissioned as a Captain in the Virginia Rangers by Patrick Henry himself, Martin successfully supervised in 1786 his company's cutting the first military road between Kingston and Nashville. This trace was known as the Fort Blount Road. In addition, he enjoyed a significant military career in protecting families from marauding Indians along the old southwest frontier all the way from what is today Tennessee down to southern Alabama.

We recall in the War of 1812 that General Jackson in December, 1813 accused Colonel Martin's men and others in his brigade of engaging in mutinous conduct when those men attempted to exercise their rights to return to their Tennessee homes after completing a full calendar year of volunteer military service. Jackson's allegation was incorrect, and his ironfisted and illegal handling of alleged "munity" nourished a statewide controversy which lasted for years. The Carthage Gazette and other publishers in 1814 took the side of Colonel Martin in this dispute by publishing and adopting his sworn Statement of Facts about the incident. As late as 1828, this debate continued to rage, which furnished fodder for the presidential campaign that year. That year, Colonel William Martin published in the Nashville Banner an eloquent analysis of his conduct and of General Jackson's misconduct. Popular demand for this definitive account was so great that Martin succeeded in publishing it as "The Self Vindication of Colonel William Martin."

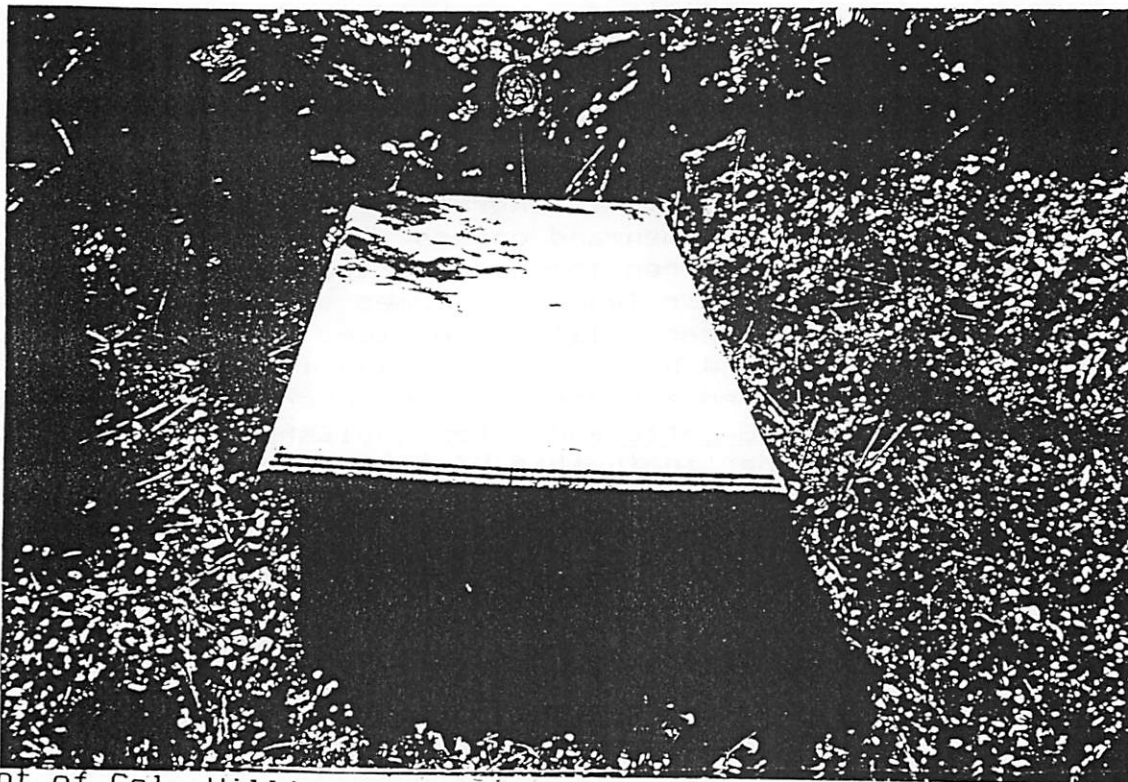
MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, COLONEL MARTIN WAS A CHRISTIAN.

After settling at Cato in 1798, for the last forty-eight years of his life, Colonel Martin was a generous member of the Baptist Church. He donated the land on which the Dixon Creek Baptist Church stood. Colonel Martin declared the Bible to be the "Alpha and the Omega" and could recite entire Bible chapters from memory.

Threats to our young nation for which Colonel Martin worked so hard to defeat, including Indian attacks and imperialist invasions, no longer exist. However, equally devastating threats, including rampant drug abuse, runaway teenage pregnancies, unchecked violent crime, incalculable budget deficits, and oppressive taxes have taken their place. As we stand here today on the threshold of a new century, America will need, and I predict, will find more people like Colonel William Martin to lead it to victory.

We are indeed grateful to and appreciative of Mr. Garrett's granting permission to publish his article. We thank all the Garrett family, the Brooks and Young families for their support of this endeavor on the part of the Upper Cumberland Chapter of the Tennessee Society USD of 1812.

Editor



Crypt of Col. William Martin, War of 1812 marker behind crypt with red, white and blue wreath and War of 1812 flags to the right.



Henry Goad Executor of Joshua Goad Dec'd

vs

Parum B. Hawkins & wife Nancy Hawkins & their children, Joshua, Harrison, Penelope, Cornelia, & John Goad, Stephen Goad, Martha Kirby & her husband Joseph Kirby, & Wyatt Goad & Martha Ann Pruitt and her husband Charles Pruitt, & Jincy F. Massy and her husband Eli Massy, Joshua C. Kirby & Leonidas H. Kirby, Cerelia R. Smith & her husband Joseph A. Smith, Swepson M. Kirby, Sally V. Kirby & Laura V. Kirby, Anthony H. Kirby, Sally Kirby & Eliza Cook & her husband James Cook, Francis Kirby, Leonidas Kirby & David Kirby, Shepherd Kirby.

Be it remembered that this cause came on to be heard on this 11th Feb 1857 before Chancellor Ridley. And it appearing to the court that summons had been regularly served upon Wyatt Goad & Charles Pruitt & wife Martha Ann Pruitt, & Joshua C. Kirby, Leonidas H. Kirby, Cerelia R. Smith & her husband Joseph A. Smith & Shepherd Kirby to appear at the present term and defend this suit and they having failed to plead answers or \_\_\_\_\_ to complainant's bill. It is ordered and decreed by the court that the same be taken for confessed as to them. And this cause coming on to be further heard upon the will & answers of the other defendants and the guardians \_\_\_\_\_ of the minors and the exhibit in the case whereupon it appears to the court that Joshua Goad departed this life having a will, which was duly proven in the county court of Smith & that the complainant was duly qualified as executor thereof, the other persons named executors having renounced the trust. It further appears that this is a proper case for a Bill of interpleads{?}. The court upon consideration of the provisions of the said will is of opinion and so decrees:

That the said complainant had power under the will to sell the slaves, and therefore said sale was proper and legal. The court is further of opinion and so decrees that the children of Anna Kirby & Betsy Kirby are entitled each to the shares that their mother would have received had they been living, said shares to be equally divided amongst said children i.e., that is the share of Betsy Kirby to her children and that of Anna to her children and that the husbands of said Anna & Betsy take nothing by virtue of their marital rights. The court is further of opinion and so decrees, that the share bequeathed to Nancy Hawkins and children of that part of his estate for immediate distribution, goes to said Nancy and her children in being at the time of said Testators death, viz, Harrison, Penelope & Joshua, & Cornelia as tenants in common and that part of his estate covered by the life estate of his widow, coming to them at the death of said widow, goes to them at the death of said widow, goes to and shall vest in the said Nancy and all such children that she may have living at the death of the tenant for life, the said widow. The court is further of opinion that the testator intended to make all of his children equal and such of his children were dead leaving children, said children of each \_\_\_\_\_ child as a class to take one share among them. And it appearing to the court from the will that the testator had advanced to each one of his children a horse worth \$80 eighty dollars except Anna Kirby, Betsy Kirby, Martha Kirby, & Nancy Hawkins who had not received said horse, and that the will directs they should have the same over and above an equal share of the property left, except that they the said Martha Kirby, Betsy Kirby, and Nancy Hawkins should be charged with {\$20} twenty dollars each that they had advanced to them.

It further appears that Martha Kirby was to have a saddle in addition - the value of which will be added to her share. It further appears that Stephen Goad had been advanced by his father the sum of five hundred and five dollars with which he is chargeable as in advancement in the distribution of the estate. It further appears that the share of the estate coming to Martha Kirby wife of Joseph Kirby was intended for her sole and separate use, and that the parties desire the same to be \_\_\_settled, and that that part of the estate coming to Nancy Hawkins was intended for her and children equally, she taking her part absolutely it being one fifth of one eighth of the estate now ready for distribution. And on application of said Hawkins & wife, it is ordered and desired by the court that said Parum B. Hawkins be appointed trustee and that upon his executive bond with good security.....  
.....the said funds so coming to his said wife and children be paid over to him to be invested by him in a tract of land for the use of his said wife and children.

It is further ordered that the share coming to Martha Kirby shall be paid over to such person as may be appointed Trustee for her to hold for her and her legitimate children and their sole and separate use, and not to be liable to the debts or contracts or control of her said husband. It is further directed by the court that the executor shall take into consideration the advancements herein set forth and divide said estate into eight equal shares giving to Henry Goad one share, to Nancy Hawkins & children one share, to John Goad, Stephen Goad & Martha Kirby & Wyatt Goad, each one share, to the children of Betsy Kirby one share, and to the children of Anna Kirby one share. It is further ordered and decreed by the court that the costs of this case be paid out of the fund in the hands of the executors, including a fee of [left blank] to S.M & J.A. Fite solicitors of complainant, the clerk will take proof and report what will be a reasonable fee for them. On application of J.B. Moons Solicitor of Hawkins & wife and children, and of H.B. McDonald solicitor of Joseph Kirby and wife. It is ordered by the court that the clerk take proof and report what would be a reasonable fee for said solicitor for their services in this case, and that the same be paid out of the funds coming to their respective clients. And also what would be a reasonable fee for H.B. McDonald, sol. for Francis Kirby, Leonidas Kirby & David Kirby, which will be paid by the executor out of the portion due them. Ordered that the executor pay to Payrum Hawkins husband of Nancy Hawkins \$80 eighty dollars.

To the Hon B. L. Ridly chancellor and sitting at Carthage, Tennessee.

The Bill of Complaint of Henry Goad executor of the last Will & testament of Joshua Goad deceased against Parum B. Hawkins a citizen of Henry County, Tennessee & his wife Nancy Hawkins & her children Joshua, Harrison & Penelope Hawkins all of said county of Henry, and John Goad, Stephen Goad and Martha Kirby & her husband Joseph Kirby of Smith County, & Wyatt Goad of Macon County, and the children of Betsy Kirby to wit Martha Ann wife of Charles Pruit said Charles of Macon County, Jincy Frances Massy & her husband Eli Massy of Smith County, Joshua C. Kirby, Leonidas H. Kirby, Serelia R. Smith & her husband Joseph A. Smith, Swepson M. Kirby, Sally V. Kirby, & Laura V. Kirby of Macon County {the said Swepson M., Sally, and Laura V. being minors}, and the children of Anna Kirby to wit, Anthony H. Kirby, Sally Kirby, Eliza Cook & her husband Jonas Cook, Frances Kirby, Leonidas Kirby & David Kirby of Smith County, the said Frances, Leonidas & David being minors & no "general" guardian & Shepherd Kirby of Macon Cty.

Respectfully complaining your orator shows that some time since his father Joshua Goad of Smith County departed this life, having previously made and published his last will & testament which was duly proven in Smith County Court a copy, of which is herewith filed and marked "Exhibit A to goods Bill" & prayed {?} to be taken as part of it. It will be seen that he appointed as his executors your orator & defts {defendants} Stephen, John & Wyatt Goad, but all except your orator declined to qualify as such, and at February term 1855 of the County Court of Smith County your orator qualified as such executor & took on himself the \_\_\_\_\_ of its execution.

In persuance to the provisions of said Will some time after his qualification your orator sold at public auction on twelve months credit all the slaves belonging to said estate except those set apart for the widow. As the time will soon come when it will be necessary to distribute said estate, your orator on looking to the will finds several questions of doubt as to how said estate shall be distributed and files this Bill for the instruction & direction of your honor in the premises.

The first question is raised by the fact that at the time of the writing of said will two of the daughters of said testator to wit Anna Kirby and Betsy Kirby were dead & this fact well known to the testator and because the will declares that he desires that his "estate be equally divided amongst all of my {his} children". Can the children of these deceased daughters take under the will? Secondly, can the husbands of said Anna and Betsy take the personalty or any part of it that might be coming to their said children? The said Joseph Kirby having first been the husband of said Anna & after her death & in the life time of the testator and before he made said will having named his present wife the said Martha, and said Shepherd Kirby having been the husband of said Betsy & father of said children of Betsy Kirby.

The next question arises upon the clause which refers to the said Hawkins & wife & children. Is it a bequeath to Mrs. Hawkins alone or to her & her children equally? Or what interest if any does her said children take? And is it a bequest that excludes the marital rights of Mr. Hawkins & settles it on Mrs. Hawkins for her sole and separate use?

This question is also raised in the relation to the share of Martha Kirby. It will be seen there is a life estate given to his widow of certain property & then later equally divided amongst his children. Can the children of the deceased daughters Anna & Betsy take any thing under this bequest at the death of the tenant for life?

Another difficulty presents itself arising out of the fact that the will provides that whatever said Parum B. Hawkins may be indebted to said John Goad shall be deducted out of the part that would be going to his daughter Nancy Hawkins & the fact that your orator has no way of ascertaining what that amount may be that is to be deducted, and the said Hawkins & John Goad have failed to make any settlement as to the amount & differ widely on the subject as your orator understands. Your orator further shows that a short time since say about 5th of June last, one James C. Williams had been summoned as a garnishee{?} to answer what he owed said Joseph Kirby and wife and what effects he had of said Joseph and wife in his hands & upon the answer of respondent that he was executor of said Joshua Goad & that there wont be effects due then to said Kirby or his wife as might be determined upon a proper construction of said will, the justice gave some sort of a conditional judgment for the amount of said William's claim twenty five or twenty six dollars & cost upon condition that there should be \_\_\_\_\_ in the hands of respondent to pay it & that refunding bond was executed to your orator. Your orator desires to be protected from liability on account of this judgment. Your orator is of opinion that said Hawkins & wife Nancy have another child in addition to those named, but its name is unknown to your orator, and your orator desires that said Hawkins and wife answer as to this & state the name or names of any other child or children they may have. All of said children of Hawkins & wife are believed to be minors and have no general guardian known to your orator nor has any of the other minors named in this will any general guardian known to your orator.

The premises considered your orator prays that all of said parties named in the caption of this bill be made defts {defendants} and that process issue & that they answer{?} and interplead{?}, and in final hearing your orator prays for a construction of said will & direction in the premises, and prays for general guardians and leter to be appointed for the minors.

S.M. & J.A. Fite  
Sols for Compl.

Mr. A. Moon is authorized to sign my name to any bond necessary for the  
prosecution of the foregoing Bill. This 22nd July 1856 Henry Goad

## BOAT BUILDING IN SMITH COUNTY

Sue W. Maggart

Boat building is not an industry usually associated with Smith County. However, in the decades of the 19th century prior to the arrival of the steamboat, merchants and farmers of the county constructed flat bottom and keel boats for use in transporting their corn, whiskey, wheat, hogs, timber, tobacco and other products to market, the boats and rafts sailing to such distant markets as Nashville, Natchez and New Orleans. Upon reaching the destination, the boat would be sold and the crew would return home, usually walking or on horse-back up the Natchez Trace.

One of the earliest boat building yards flourished at the mouth of Mulherrin Creek at the confluence of the Caney Fork River near the present site of the Bonnell/Tredgar Company. Often partnerships were formed by entrepreneurs engaged in shipping enterprises. One such endeavor was entered into in 1832 by Joel Fulks and Swan Thompson who undertook to export tobacco to New Orleans. For their business venture two boats were constructed. One called the *Big Boat* was built by Spencer Kelly at a cost of \$185.00 on the Caney Fork at Mulherrin, this location being accessible to the loading of the crops of the farmers on the south side of the Cumberland. A smaller vessel was built on the Cumberland and served those planters living from the mouth of the Caney Fork down river towards Rome. The so-called *Cumberland Boat* was constructed for \$165.00 and was steered by Turner Roundtree. Fulks steered the larger boat and traveled as far as a place called Caryosaro where he died from unknown causes. The hands on board took the boat on to New Orleans where the load of tobacco was delivered to the commissioned merchants to whom it was consigned. It is presumed that the unfortunate Mr. Fulks was given a Christian burial "somewhere" on the banks of the river. Roundtree safely delivered his load of tobacco to New Orleans. A third boat belonging to the partners and loaded with corn also made the voyage without mishap.

In order to secure a full load, the boat owners solicited the tobacco growers for their crops, offering reasonable freight rates, safe delivery guaranteed by insurance coverage (even in those days), and cash advancements on the crops. On the eve of departure of the boats a rowdy *bon voyage* party was often enjoyed on the decks when something "good" to drink was provided by the owners as the growers gathered around in celebration of the end of another harvest year.

Because of the untimely death of Joel Fulks and a resulting chancery court suit filed by his administrator against Swan Thompson, a good record remains of those farmers who, almost one hundred seventy-five years ago, consigned their crops to Joel Fulks and Turner Roundtree for safe delivery to the distant port of New Orleans. Following is a list of some of those who received advances for their tobacco crop shipped on either the *Big Boat* which carried 89 hogsheads or the smaller *Cumberland* which was loaded with 68

hogsheads. On the *Big Boat*: Hardy Bose & Son; James and Moses Springfield; Obadiah Parris; William Allin; David Prowell; Wm. McClanahan; Lewis Allison; Dawson B. Harris; James Rowlings; L. B. Hughes, Sr and L. B. Hughes, Jr; Wm. P. Hughes; David Thomason; Elijah Moore; Eli Shy; A. Helmantaler; Thomas Snoddy; J. R. Smith; R. B. Williams; Wyatt W. Bailey; Abraham Vaughn.

On the smaller *Cumberland Boat*: Jes Cardwell; R. Moore; William Owen; Jerry Dickens; Arch. Gibbs; C. Thompson; J. R. Hughes; E. C. Clark; Benj. Roe; Willis Toney; Elijah Toney; John Reed; John Moore; Isaac Goodall; Willie Sullivan; John Culbreath; Bluford Oliver; John Beasley; George Rison.

Some of the boat hands who made the long voyage to New Orleans were Geo. Baker, Joel Thomason, Winchester McGee, John Paty and Robert Wilson. Wages for the hazardous trip which would have taken several weeks averaged about \$50 per hand. The net profit for the two boats was \$277.65.

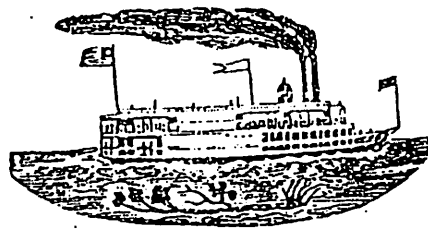
When the mighty steam boats began to ply the river, the little boat yards sank into the waves of obscurity. Only the yellowed old pages of court records remain to attest to the long-ago existence of the sound of the boat builders hammer as, in the words of W. J. L. Hughes, writing in 1884, "a tomb like silence and loneliness broods over the place."

### THE CARTHAGE MIRROW

26 February 1847

NASHVILLE, GALLATIN, CAIRO, ROME, DIX-  
ON'S SPRING, HARTSVILLE AND CARTHAGE  
**Regular Packet.**

The New Light



Draught Steamer

## BOLIVAR.

DAN. DASHIELD, --Master,

The Bolivar runs as a regular packet from Nashville to Carthage, twice a week, stopping at all intermediate landings. Persons leaving orders with the Captain for merchandise and groceries can expect delivery on the next run. Passengers at the different landings on the river will find a safe and comfortable passage up or down by being in time with her.

• CAMPBELL, ALLEN & DOWDY

## IN MEMORY OF THE LONG-AGO

Evelyn West Brown

The hills and ravines winding through the hollows of the Cumberland Plateau were green and lush with primitive trees. The morning was filled with peaceful serenity. The only sounds were those of birds and an occasional distant whistle of a barge on the Cumberland River. It was late spring in Smith County, Tennessee. The year was 1894.

A three-room log house stood in a clearing on Overton West's land, north of Defeated Creek, in the Friendship Hollow. The windows were open, and a wisp of blue smoke wafted upward from a rock chimney on one side of the house. In back were a few chickens, a covered hen house enclosed by long strips of wood, and a small log barn that housed a cow and a horse. A two-seated buggy sat in a lean-to of the barn. Firewood was stacked against the barn, and a black, iron wash-kettle sat on stones nearby. A path led to the foot of a hill behind the clearing where springwater trickled from the rocks to be collected in wooden buckets.

That morning a young woman stood in the doorway of the house, contemplating the day, and looking along the trail through the hollow used by wagons, buggies and horseback riders. Her husband had gone on horseback to a grist mill several miles away to get supplies. She was seventeen years old when they married. Their marriage had been "arranged" by their parents, as was often the custom of the times. The name of the husband chosen for her was Robert (Bob) West. His father was Overton West, and his mother was Sallie Ann Kemp West. That day he would stop and eat the noon meal at his parents' homeplace before returning home.

The young woman, Bob West's wife, was a daughter of George Washington Swann and Martha King Wolf Swann. Her mother had died when the young woman was three years old. She and her brothers and sisters were reared by a step-mother after their father remarried. She grew up on nearby Swann land along Lankford Branch Road.

The young woman was blonde, fair skinned, with light colored hair and clear blue eyes. Standing in the doorway of the house that morning, her expression was pleasant, yet thoughtful. She wore a long home-made dress of muslin, an apron and high-top laced shoes. She was eighteen years old that spring, and becoming heavy with her first unborn child. Her name was Belle Swann West. She would be my paternal grandmother in future years!

Life wasn't easy for her in those early years in Friendship Hollow. The tasks of cooking, cleaning, washing clothes and linens, and raising a meager garden were hard to accomplish in the conditions and surroundings of the times. Her husband was an itinerant school teacher and was rarely at home except briefly during summer. When she had time to sew by hand, it was in candlelight or firelight at night, before the luxury of kerosene lamps. She was lonely there in the isolation of the woods and missed her brothers and sisters. She feared she would soon never see one of her brothers again, Jimmy Swann. He had chosen to become a Baptist minister, and declared he would leave Defeated to go live and preach the gospel in Kentucky. To her, that was far, far away from the only world she knew. She delighted in attending Friendship Hollow Primitive Baptist Church when she had the opportunity and gather with her family and friends there in the log building on the side of a hill. She couldn't remember her mother. She respected her step-mother and had obeyed her during the years of her rearing, but it saddened her that her own mother could never know about the lives of the children she had borne before the age of forty. However, she was a strong young woman of hardy English lineage, and she accepted her life with courage, determination and remarkable character.

Along with her other daily tasks, Belle Swann West made ready for the forthcoming birth of her child during the remainder of that particular spring and summer. Sewing, knitting and quilting, she made preparations for the needs of a baby as best she could. As word spread through the neighboring hollows that Bob and Belle West were expecting their first child, women who were mothers in the Dillehay, McClure, Nixon and Lankford families talked to her at church and went by horse-and-buggy now and then to visit her on long summer afternoons, sharing their experiences with her and offering their advice. Their company and friendship were a great comfort to her. Medical care and attention were unheard of in the hollows during those early times. She had heard of "country doctors" who rode horseback to treat someone who was near death, but she had never actually seen one herself. One can only imagine how tired she must have grown during the long, hot, sultry days as she became heavier and heavier on her feet. She tolerated her discomforts and "day of waiting" with patience and stamina, however, and accepted all of it as being "natural."

When "her time drew near, a midwife was summoned from Lankford Hollow to come and stay with her until the baby was born. Who could know what the thoughts of Belle Swann West were? Was the eighteen-year-old girl fearful, or apprehensive? Did she wonder if her child would be a boy or girl? Did she fear the baby would be "normal", or would it die at birth? What were her dreams and aspirations for the life-to-be of her child? No one could know her feelings and thoughts as she awaited the birth in the lonely clearing where the humble log house stood.



On September 11, 1894, Belle Swann West gave birth to a healthy, robust baby boy. She named him Robert Carl West. In future years he would be my father!

The young mother and her baby son did well the remainder of that fall and throughout the harsh winter of 1894-1895 in the woods of Friendship Hollow. Her preparations for warm clothing and bedding for the baby rewarded both of them in the log house with good health, and springtime came again to the hills and hollows.

In following years Belle Swann West gave birth to two daughters, suffered a life-threatening miscarriage, and her last child was another son. Hard work, bearing and rearing children aged the young mother beyond her years. Her body was no longer slender and lithe. Her hands were chapped and rough from the weather and toil. Her blue eyes lost their luster and her vision was dulled by strain. She was a good mother and loved her children above all else. Forsaking herself, their needs and care were foremost in her life.

Her first-born child, Robert Carl West, grew up around Deated in the Friendship Hollow. There were occasional visits to-and-from with his grandparents, the Swanns and Wests, and a few other family members. He walked through the woods to attend a log school when he was old enough, but he never enjoyed the pleasure of having playmates and friends. In spite of hardships, poverty, and the desolate conditions of early times, he was healthy, strong and sturdy. He worked from the time he could walk-gathering and chopping firewood, tending the chickens and cow, raising a garden, mending the log house and always helping his mother. He took care of her when the other children were born and did the cooking and washing. Because his father was away from home most of the year, he became the "man of the house" at a very early age. As long as she lived, to his mother, "her Carl" was the finest son that anyone could have ever had.

The family left Deated when Carl West was seventeen years old and moved to Middle Tennessee, the community of Walter Hill, near Murfreesboro. After serving in the Army during World War 1, Carl West returned to Walter Hill, Tennessee and married there in 1920 Lorene Singleton. I was born to them in 1921, their only child.

My beloved grandmother, Belle Swann West, was so proud of me when I was born and throughout her life. I was her only grandchild for several years, and her other three grandchildren were boys. My grandmother meant so much to me and my life, and it broke my heart to lose her. She died of asthma in 1944 at age 70. Bob West, my grandfather, died many years earlier in 1929. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

My father, Carl West, born in Friendship Hollow, Defeated, Tennessee so long ago, was a wonderful person and parent. He accomplished so much during his life from humble beginnings and long years of hard work. He was tireless in his faithful dedication to God, family, work and country. My father had great pride in me all of his life and was always there for me regardless of anything else. He died at Christmas of 1991 and had lived to be 97 years old. When I lost him, I lost the love of my best friend in the world. He and my mother are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in our hometown, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Remembering my grandmother, Belle Swann West, and my father has always been a source of inspiration and courage to me throughout my life. Knowing all the hardships and deprivations they endured to pave the way for my future fills me with pride and respect. I will always honor them and my ancestral roots in Friendship Hollow, Smith County, Tennessee.

From the account records of Lankford and Monda, Difficult, TN.

J. E. LANKFORD

J. H. MONDA

## LANKFORD & MONDA

DEALERS IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

ALL KINDS PRODUCE

Difficult, Tenn., \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_

W. A. Swann	✓
Laura Anderson	✓
Branford Trickett	✓
Billie West x	✓
Jim Pettie	✓
Burford Kemp	✓
Jim Jenkins	✓
Bill Lankford	✓
John Kemp	✓
Robert Woodard	✓

## QUERIES

KIRBY: Trying to prove/disprove ELIZABETH GOAD KIRBY, wife of Shepherd Kirby, was daughter of JOSHUA and SALLY (TOWLER) GOAD. Indications are that it is true except ELIZABETH died before JOSHUA wrote his will. It was/is unusual to list deceased members of family as heirs instead of children. JOSHUA not only listed deceased daughter, BETSY, but also deceased daughter, ANNA. Can anyone explain this?

EVEA BACKNAK, 1717 Fisher Street, Munster, Indiana 46321.

M. B. KITTRELL (MARION BRYANT KITTRELL): Was a brother to my Great Grandfather, SAMUEL JACKSON KITTRELL and JOHN F. KITTRELL was their brother not the son of M. J. KITTRELL. In this family were WILEY KITTRELL, MORGAN COUNTY, TN; ROLAND KITTRELL, Wilson County, TN; JOHN F. KITTRELL, Wilson County, TN; MARION B. KITTRELL, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TN; SAMUEL KITTRELL, Woodruff County, Arkansas; GEORGE KITTRELL. Their father was JOHN KITTRELL; Mother was ROSEY BRYANT, married 1801. MARION B. KITTRELL married 3 times, according to our records, but had no children named JOHN. (correction to article p. 34, Vol. 1, No. 2).

MRS. MINNER BONNER (KITTRELL) BRANCH, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

JAMES ANGEL, MATILDA OVERTON: Need marriage date and place of birth of JAMES ANGEL AND MATILDA OVERTON. Also need parents and birth places of both JAMES and MATILDA who had at least one son, BENJAMIN, born ca. 1828 in KY who was my great great grandfather. JAMES AND MATILDA were both born in TN. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

MRS. LURA (WILEY) BROCKETT, 13603 Shy Hawk Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375-5834.

MCDUFFEE/GREGORY: Looking for proof that BARTHENIA GREGORY (b. 1789 NC) mar. NEAL MCDUFFEE (b. 1788 NC) had son GEORGE WASHINGTON MCDUFFEE ca. 1836. Any help on this family will be appreciated. Will share info. on these lines.

JUDY DEAN, 3110 Arrendale St., Memphis, TN 38118-3226.

BUSH: Seeking info. on JEREMIAH and CAIN BUSH. Where are they buried? Any assistance will be appreciated.

Joe Dean Lee, 5266 Cripple Creek Court, Houston, Texas 77017.

MCCORMACK: LEVI P. MCCORMACK was born Smith Co. 1876; mar. LOU MAI SNODDY of Smith Co. Had 5 children, my father was JULIUS C. (JUDE), the youngest, b. Mar 1913. LEVI d. June 1916. LEVI, oldest child of 2, sister b. to JOHN E. and MARY J (JUDE) MCCORMACK. MALICIE b. ca. 1879; mar. BOB WEST (?). JOHN E. was son of JOHN AND SARAH (PULLEY) MCCORMACK, b. SMITH Co., ca. 1853; mar. MARY JANE (JUDES) MCCORMACK b. ca. 1852 to TILLMAN H. and MARY F. CORNWELL, Smith Co. JOHN E.'s father, JOHN b. Smith Co. ca. 1813; mother SARAH (SALLIE) PULLEY b. 1813, Smith Co.; believed to be daughter of JAMES PULLEY of NC. Who was JOHN'S father? Who

were his siblings? What was his kinship to JOHN and TILMAN H. MCCORMACK? Will share info. Need your help!

MELBA MCCORMACK MILLIKEN : P. O. BOX 824, MT. JULIET, TN  
37122-0824. TELEPHONE # (615) 758-7914.

DILLEHAY: JOHN DILLEHAY mar. LULA DAVIS in Smith Co., 24 Jul 1921. JOHN DILLEHAY and F. Y. GOAD provided the bond. Who were JOHN'S parents, siblings and heirs?

MRS. HOWARD MORRISON , 1038 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO  
64024-1904. Telephone # (816) 637-3414.

DILLEHAY: JOHN DILLEHAY mar. LUVERNIA N. RUSSELL in Smith Co., TN on 10 Dec 1868. 1880 census, Dist. 5 Smith Co. lists Robert, age 39, wife LEVINIA, 33, and son, MILES E., age 10. Is this ROBERT the son of CHARLES and CATHERINE DILLEHAY listed on the 1850 census of Smith Co.?

MRS. HOWARD MORRISON , 1038 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO  
64024-1904. Telephone # (816) 637-3414.

DRAPER: Seeking info. on my ancestor THOMAS DRAPER. Am trying to prove an ancestor who settled in TN and could qualify as a first family. Your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated.

BARBARA J. MCCOIN , 312 Seven Oaks Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922.  
Telephone #  
(615) 539-0426.

CLARK: MAURICE CLARK'S grandson remembers hearing his father, CHARLEY MORRIS CLARK relate. One: MORRIS BROWN CLARK held his commanding officer as he died. He was not sure of the man's name, thought it might have been JOHNSON. He didn't know what the term "commanding officer" referred as to rank. Other story: Men came down a mountain after a battle in the sunshine then encountered fog and rain . If anyone can tell me more about these incidents, especially the dying officer's name it would be most appreciated.

KATHRYN HUGHES (ADAIR) NORTON , 1625 E. Browning Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710.

PATTERSON: I am a descendant of FULTON PATTERSON and his first wife, LUCY WATERS, through their second child HIRAM SHELAH. HIRAM had two sisters, one older, CAROLYN J. and FRANCES. CAROLYN mar. WILSHIRE WASHBURN ca. 1844,; one son, JAMES L. WASHBURN b. 1845. CAROLYN d. ca. 1848. Thus, the history of CAROLYN and FRANCES is at a standstill. Can anyone help?  
W. W. PATTERSON , Rt. 3, Iola, Kansas 66749.

NIXON: Would be happy to correspond with any Nixon families that settled in TN. Deborah Nixon and I are collecting info. on all the Nixon families who settled in TN. (Book Review will be in the next issue.)

DEBORAH PEERCY , 103 Sheffield Place, Franklin, TN 37067-4428.

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Another year has come and gone; we hope it was a good one for each of our 328 members and that 1997 will be an even better one. It is renewal time again. When preparing the quarterlies for mailing, a renewal form is placed in each one; however, if you have already paid for 1997, please discard the notice. To refresh your memory, the following have paid memberships for 1997: (to date 12-02-96) Anne Eastes, James & Beverly Lancaster, Steve Wilmore, Charles M. Paty, Jr., Donald Gene Bellisario, James H. Chism, Anne Gabbert, Glenn Gann, Bobbie Wright, Pat Kay, Mrs. Betty A. Musielak, Golda H. Culler, Ronald R. Ruark, Mary Lovett, Clyde G. Huggins and Arnie Bryson McKinnis, Jr. Dues will remain at \$12.50 per year.

Some of you have inquired about First Families of Tennessee; the deadline for filing has been extended to 1997. Anyone interested in applying should write: FIRST FAMILIES OF TENNESSEE CERTIFICATE, c/o East Tennessee Historical Society, 500 Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

All members are urged to attend our meetings on the 3rd Monday night of each month except December, July and August, at the Public Library at 7:00 P. M. during the months of November-April and 7:30 P. M. September, October, May and June.

Members are requested to send articles, Bible Records, Military Records, and Queries for publication. There is no limit on the number of queries one may submit. They will be published in the order in which received. Numerous members report success with their query publications. Send yours today; for publication in the Spring issue, we need to receive them on or before February 17, 1997.

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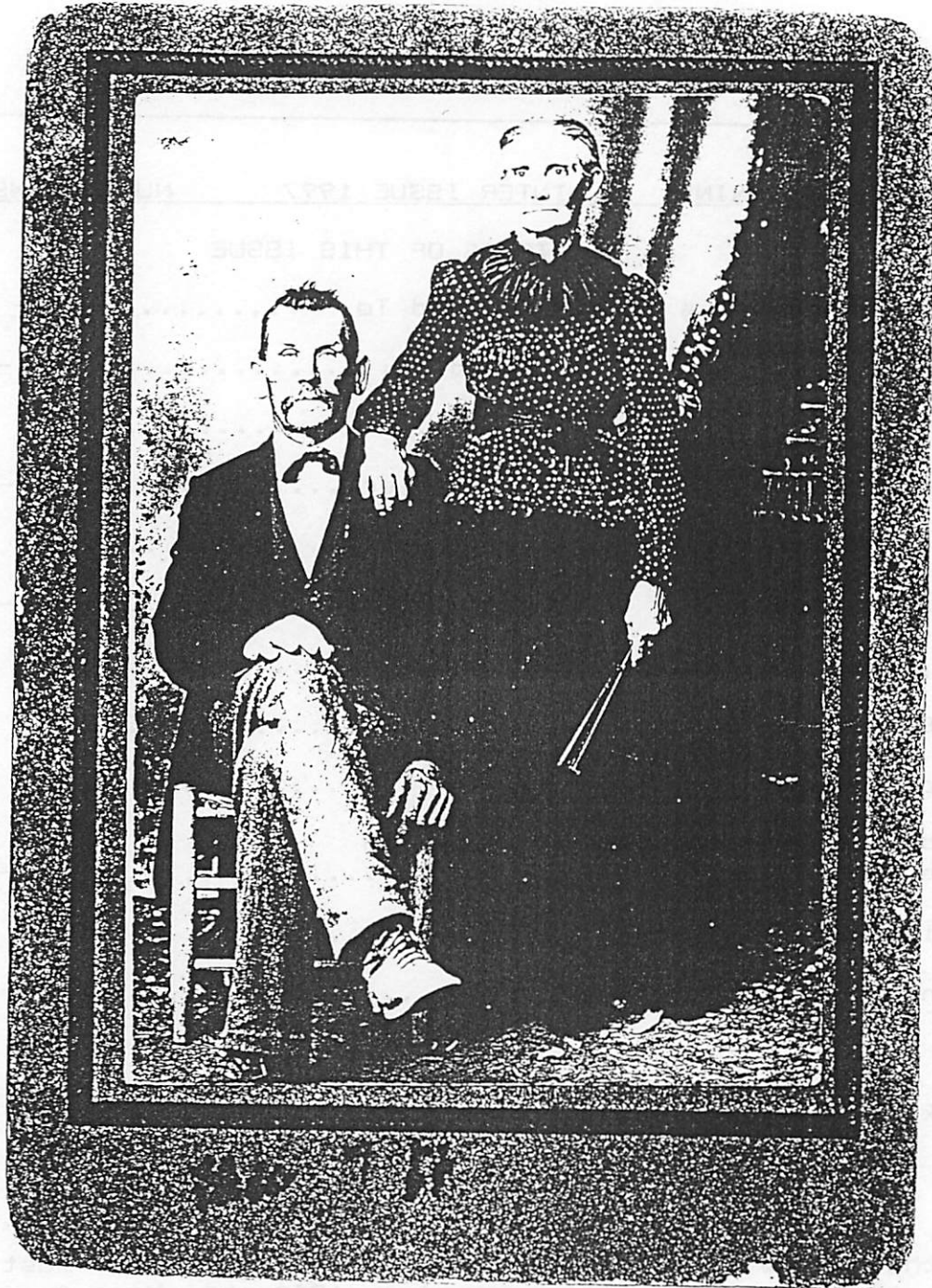
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FRONT COVER

Carthage, the County Seat of Smith County, for the most part, hasn't changed too much since 1940 when Miss Annie Lee Myer Turner published her article. Major changes have occurred on the western end of town, where a Walmart store, branches of Smith County and Citizens Banks, two new, large grocery stores, Eckerd's and Dollar General have been constructed. Also, the latest addition is a by-pass around the town which one enters from the new Memorial Bridge over the Cumberland and exits near the Health Care Center and Smith County Memorial Hospital.



James Campbell Nixon and wife, Judy Gregory Nixon

Photograph, courtesy of Steve Wilmore

WHEN CARTHAGE WAS YOUNG  
--AS TOLD TO ME

Annie Lee Myer Turner

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May 2, 1940  
(article unedited)

Carthage, the county seat of Smith County, has, from its very beginning been a town of unusually high-class citizenship, and because we are proud of these men and women who have made the town take the place it has in Tennessee and national history, is the reason for this work.

This is not to be an account only of our political leaders, although we take great pride in the achievements of a long line of fine men climaxed by our international figure, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, but there is a long list of characters who are outstanding in the memories of Carthage's younger generation--some for their superior mentality, their public spiritedness, their eccentricities, their determination to succeed, or their ableness along many lines. We honor these men and give them praise and due credit for handing down to us this town as it stands today. Those reminiscences will not come down to the present generation.

In talking around the fireside, it was noticed that distressingly few of the present generation, even the oldest members knew to whom to give the credit for our happy town. Few of us even knew our very own ancestors; few knew of their family's connection back of the father and mother of their own parents. With each generation it becomes increasingly difficult to trace the development of the first days in Carthage. There are not many records available to fill in the everyday life in the first days. I have looked over the records and interviewed the oldest citizens living here and have asked through the Courier for information from anyone who would supply me with material. I welcomed suggestions from all who had information. I cannot in this account give personal credit to all who have shown their interest in coming with bits of history. Each of you will recognize the facts you gave me and I want to express my gratitude for this help with the idea I have been working on and thank you for your interesting data. I have endeavored to give only authentic history, and have checked over any dates with authorities.

This is not intended as a history of Carthage but is a collection of reminiscences of old men and women based on facts gathered from Goodspeed's Publications and information from an

account printed by the late W. D. Gold; I give full credit to him for this article. My only purpose is to preserve for the future lovers of Carthage a record of its first citizens so that they may love them and feel them real men and women, not mere names as we give honor and respect for their efforts in making our town. It is a matter of deep regret that I am forced to leave out the names of many worthy people of young Carthage for the reason that I could not locate their descendants; there was no way I could get in contact with anyone who could give me their story. I have followed every lead I have discovered to get news of all our earliest inhabitants to give credit to each one who played a part in the early life of town.

When the first settlers came to Carthage about 1787 (1789?) or a few years later, there were no nearer neighbors than Major Tilman Dixon at Dixon Springs and a settlement up near Kingston. There were still Indians roving about the woods, and of course there was all kinds of wild game. William Walton was the first settler in this vast region--about one hundred miles; he built a large two-story log house near what is known as Walton Springs on the Myer Farm. Parts of this original house are in tenant houses there at this time.

He received a grant of thousands of acres from the government for Revolutionary War services. He was lord of all he surveyed and lived a busy life. He owned many slaves, was a man of means, more than the usual settler. At this time there were no roads around his large acreage; he opened roads; was appointed to lay out the road from here to Kingston; this highway marked today as the "Walton Trail". Colonel Walton was a man of very amiable traits of character, upright and honest in all his dealings, benevolent to the needy always kind and considerate, a lovable man. His conduct abundantly shows that he was public-spirited, enterprising and liberal. He was a fine example, his many friends were ardent in their admiration for him. Nothing is known of his religious views, but his wife was a Baptist. They came here from Sumner County. One can picture the life of this brave couple in the deep wilderness, with no roads, supplying their household with bear meat, venison and wild fowl, ever watchful for the prowling Indians.

There is a woman buried in the Walton Cemetery who was shot and killed by an arrow from a roving Indian. She was on the Walton farm and the Indian shot her from the bluff across the river. None of the history of the Indian fights of Carthage, if there were any, are preserved, but there is an exciting account of a fight on Defeated Creek. As soon as Colonel Walton could clear some land, he began to raise grains and tried some cotton. However, the first bluegrass was not brought in until 1836 by Dr. Gordon, who went to Kentucky for a herd of Durham cattle. He sowed bluegrass seed as a pasturage for this herd. What supplies Colonel Walton brought with him had to be brought in on pack

horses, often through dense canebrakes. He had to camp in the wilderness while building his first home. The clothes worn by men, women and children at this time were made of cloth, spun and woven at home. Copperas breeches and hunting shirts were universally worn; those able to wear them had dressed deerskin and breeches to match. So our first settler lived the hard life of an early pioneer in any country, with freedom, but privations, too. What a comfort it must have been when some other daring men came to this settlement, drawn by the fertile land along the Cumberland.

Armistead Flippen (the great-great grandfather of the writer of this story), William Goodall, James Hodges, Richard and Aurthur Hogan and the Rev. Daniel Burford, who was later the first Register of Smith County; Sampson Williams, Joseph Allen, John W. Overton (of the prominent Overton family in Nashville's history) and other families following soon came on to lands around the present site of Carthage. The county at this time extended from the Kentucky line to Alabama, on the south.

The first wedding ever performed was of a couple, Richard Hodges (ancestor of David Hodges) and Delilah Risen. Ceremony was said by Aurthur Hogan. However, this was not the first romance, for young Arthur Hogan had fallen in love with Rachel Walton. When his father had received a Revolutionary War grant in Smith County, he sent his son from North Carolina to see this land on the Cumberland River. Arthur was coming through the country when his pack-horse fell dead by the bluff on the Caney Fork River. The boy tramped on until he saw Colonel Walton's home across the river. He called until the Walton's heard and rescued him. And there he fell in love with William Walton's daughter. Mrs. W. V. Lee has a ring which contains the diamonds of the engagement ring which Hogan gave to Rachel Walton. William Walton is Mrs. Lee's great-great grandfather. This couple, Arthur and Rachel, moved to a home across from what was later called "Enoch". The house long since has been torn down. Harriett Hogan, their daughter, married a Goodall and they built the home called "Island Site". Too, they owned the large rich island still known as "Goodall's Island".

"Island Site" stands today the home of Edward Reynolds. This is the oldest house in the neighborhood of Carthage, which has been continuously used as a residence.

There were thick cane-brakes all over the island. These were full of deer. One day Mrs. Goodall heard one of the pigs in the pen squealing. She ran out to see a bear tumbling down the river banks with her pig in its arms.

The grandfather of Judge S. M. Fite had probably the first Christian worship ever made in the vast region on Smith Fork, fifteen miles south of the Cumberland--he and two other families camping there had family worship.

There are other names that are found in records of the early days. Nathan Ward, who was a man of much enterprise; Samuel Caplinger, a man of importance in the settlement; William Black, Samuel Jackson, Samuel Redditt, William Birdwell, George Tillman, Edward Ward, and David Campbell. Gov. William B. Campbell was Governor of Tennessee in 1851. Tennessee History, Garrett and Goodpasture says of Gov. William B. Campbell, "A man whose name deserves to be honored in Tennessee history, modest and brave, honest and true, wise and prudent, he filled the full measure of his duty as a citizen and a patriot." He was the last Whig Governor. He lived in a small frame house where the brick house of Arthur Hackett stands. On this spot lived Gov. Campbell; later lived there the respected Judge Gardenhire being the grandfather of our well-known Judge J. M. Gardenhire. He was after the Civil War a member of the Court of Referees and also a member of the Confederate Congress; there was another house built on the same location for Captain Tom Bridges and Calvin Davis, and later Judge Cordell Hull. Judge Gardenhire's brother loved pets. He had a special runway made from his room so the cats could go and come as they pleased.

In 1840 Willis Jones, Benjamin John and Wilson Gage (or James Draper, James Gwinn, John Gordon and Henry Tooley) were appointed Commissioners to select a site for a town. Colonel Walton gave to the town fifty acres, or sold it for one cent an acre, a real gift. Later he bought lots amounting to \$1,436.25, thus paying to the town this amount for land he had given. This is the present site of the town.

During the winter of 1805 the first town lots were sold and the first Court House was constructed of brick. It stood on almost the very same position as the present Court House. The building had four offices and a hall on the first floor, and two offices and the court room on the second. All the rooms had large wood fire-places. First court was held there in March, 1806. It was a building of good lines and substantially built. Colonel Fite was the general superintendent of the erection of the house and Henry Jackson was the contractor.

The first jail was built by James Walton in 1812, made of logs and contained two rooms. There were public stocks and whipping posts in the Square. This same James Walton fought as a captain in the the War of 1812, fighting with General Jackson in the famous Battle of New Orleans.

One of the first houses built in Carthage was a hotel by William Walton, (It is pleasingly fitting that we have at the present time a Hotel Walton and we hope this name will be handed down through the decades). This hotel stood opposite the old Court House on Main Street. In these days there were a number of "taverns". Colonel Walton sold this one during his lifetime and it came into the hands of Major Hallum in 1826, a few years later



to John Bridges, father of one of our earliest bankers, Capt. Tom Bridges. It was burned in the big fire in 18    ?    that swept away all the buildings on Main Street in the business section.

First and last nearly all the men who have made Tennessee history stopped at this tavern. The oldest house in the limits of the town is the stucco house on Main Street opposite the Baptist Church. This house was owned by Judge Thomas Jefferson Fisher for many years while he was making a name for himself as an eminent jurist. The rooms in this house are on different levels and there is an unconfirmed story that many years ago this home was used as a club house. Around the hall were until recently rows of long hat pegs to hold the tall bee-gum hats.

The second oldest house is what is known as the "Doctor Swope" home. Mrs. Eunice Fite of Nashville was reared in this home. There are two very large rooms in the basement, one with a huge fireplace. This room was used as a kitchen, and the other as a dining room.

Along about this period in our changing world there was a well-known racing track with its attendant taverns out on the large river bottoms on Turkey Creek. There are signs of them on the Hackett and Wright farms. Sporting men and women came by the river to these racing events. It was the communities times of fun.

One of the earliest criminal cases tried in the new Court House was that of the State vs Dr.           ?          . The defendant was indicted for stealing a six-cent cow bell. He was tried and found "not guilty", whereupon, the costs of the case were put against the prosecutor. The following novel resignation was discovered in the records of the May, 1914 term of court.

"No Justice of the Peace, you see,  
No longer now I mean to be  
I therefore now resign to you  
As by these lines you see it is true  
You therefore now your order may  
Give to the Clerk without delay,  
That he may your right transmit  
To the next session when they sit."  
"Henry McWhorter"

There is the record of a bill presented by Col. Walton to the Commissioners of Carthage for work done to clean the town--this work done in January 1801; bill sent in 1813.

For cleaning Spring Street.....	\$59.00
Upper Cross Streets.....	19.50
Cleaning five springs.....	27.50
Draining ponds.....	25.00

The noted evangelist, Lorenzo Dow, preached in Carthage to the soldiers raised for Jackson's army before they departed for New Orleans.

A second generation is coming into history. Some of these names are familiar ones yet and many of their descendants live here in 1939.

Robert Lapsley married Alethia Allen in 1848. Their grand-daughter was said to be the loveliest girl ever reared in this section. I am sure every child brought up in Carthage between the dates of about 1868-1928 recalls Dr. Indiana Lapsley, the grand old colored woman "doctor" who threatened to "break the nape of your neck" every time she saw a child who was misbehaving in any way. I was scared to death of her as a child-but when older realized what a noble character she was and how much good she did among all classes of friends. "Dr." Lapsley boasted of her age: she was almost a hundred years old when she died. I never heard her tell how many babies she had brought into the world but there were generations of them. Indiana was a tiny Negro woman, neat, always in the same style of dress all her life-a black satine slat bonnet with long tail, very full long black dresses with a white apron tied at her waist. These aprons had two pockets, a handkerchief in one the constant tin of "Bruton's Snuff" in the other.

Indiana Lapsle could not read but knew her Bible with a remarkable thoroughness, quoting passages. She stopped everyone on the street or wherever she met one to ask, "Do you love the Lord?" and then quoting scripture. She would go to her friends, and her friends were perhaps equally divided among the white and Negroes, and ask them to read to her. She was very charitable, a fine practical nurse, and her death was a loss to Carthage. She and her husband once belonged to the white Lapsley family.

Other names we find often in the records of the town at this period are Colonel Williams, William Gregory, who, in 1809 received a grant for military service by Gov. Joseph McMinn, and William Cullom who bought a large farm from I. Timothy Walton. A house had been built by the Waltons on this farm, but it had been torn away for some cause. General Cullom built at the end of the Avenue a beautiful home which still stands. This lovely home is described as follows in "History of Homes and Gardens of Tennessee":

"Carthage Heights;"

"Perhaps with the same urge upon him which caused his forebears to leave Scotland and seek a new home upon the Potomac, and later ones to migrate to Kentucky, William Cullom, just graduated from the law school at Lexington, moved his young wife to Tennessee in 1833. He built for himself the great house of that section. He furnished this house in the manner of the time, with carved rosewood, rich damasks, French china, velvet carpets, real lace

curtains and unbelievable quantities of silver hammered from silver coin."

He was a man of great mental and physical vitality, of magnificent appearance, he went quickly from state to national politics. While still unknown as a member of Congress at Washington, he made a brilliant and dramatic speech which gave him nation-wide recognition. In another part of this story there is a description of another type of garden, that at the stately brick home of Col. Abraham Elibion Garrett, a representative from Tennessee. Colonel Garrett came to Carthage from Overton County. He was educated as a lawyer and was admitted to the bar but went to the war and served as a Lieutenant Colonel of the First Tennessee Mounted Infantry of the Union Army during the Civil War and on his return he was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1865.

Other names that continually come up in our history are those of Francis Kirby, Jonathan Pickett, F. Caruthers, James DeBow, Judge Andrew McClain, Col. Henry McDonald, Jimmy and Hughie McClarin, David Sanders (who was register for fifty years) and called "Ole Walk-the-water" because he did his electioneering walking, and Capt. J. W. McHenry. Jimmy and Hughie McClarin were unique characters with strong individuality. They came from Ireland, they had the Irish wit, I believe, from the traces I can find of their lives.

Hughie built the beautifully constructed brick home of Gov. Benton McMillin. Across from this home was the home, a very well-managed tavern, of Col. Henry McDonald's and his wife, Julia. The young grandchildren, a boy and little girl, Ada Salter were left orphaned babies in Washington, D. C. There was no one here who could quickly go for them. Congressman McMillin had the two children sent to Carthage to their grandmother by American Express Company. They arrived safely.

This unusual express package was a lively topic of conversation for a long time afterwards. Mrs. McDonald was one of the earliest members of the Methodist Church in Carthage. Their son, David McDonald, was a West Point graduate. He led a romantic life, going out West to fight the Indians three or four times. He fought the great chieftian, Geronimo. At this time he was a second lieutenant and a dashing handsome soldier. The Indian girls while he was held captive fell under his sway and they each time connived at his escape, the squaws presented him with exquisitely beaded mocassins this being a sign that a proposal would be accepted. Later he was made a Captain. Capt. McDonald married an attractive girl, Miss Clara Whitehurst, from Nashville. She had had unusual advantages in her musical education. She was very generous with her talent and she helped the town by teaching and offering comfort with her singing.

Carthage was from the first a good business center. Later the town boasted of being a town of the best aristocratic families in Middle Tennessee. It seems again we go back to our central theme of business and prosperity.

In the earlier days one of the largest and most prosperous businesses was a tanyard, a saw mill, and a saddlery shop. Our merchants were not excelled, the leaders of whom were the Allens from Pennsylvania and the Porters and Allison from the Old World. There were weavers and hatters--men of affairs wearing the high "bee-gum" hats. These hats were expensive but of a quality which wore for years.

James McHenry, one of the ablest lawyers in the State at his time, lived in Carthage, and his son, Spenser McHenry, who was born here, became a leading business man in Nashville, at one time cashier of Fourth National Bank. Recently Mrs. Spenser McHenry died in Nashville and willed a large part of her library to Carthage High School.

Judge W. H. DeWitt, the grandfather of Mrs. Bessie Fisher Hart, was a man who left an impression on the town. He was a man of influence and there are entertaining stories told of his life. He went to school near Chapel Hill. He had no funds and to get to school he worked his way to Nashville on a flatboat, then walked the remainder of his way. When he came home he walked all the way with his boots and clothing in a pair of saddlebags swung across his shoulders. His father was a soldier under Andrew Jackson and his ancestors fought in the Revolution.

After Judge DeWitt began his law practice he moved to Carthage from Lafayette with his baby daughter, Sallie (afterwards Mrs. Monroe Fisher, a beloved woman all her long useful life). Soon after they came there was a dreadful epidemic of "spotted fever"--probably meningitis--by which whole families were taken. Judge DeWitt's wife and two sons were buried in the same grave. He was then father and mother to the little girl, Sallie, and she accompanied him on his Circuit. When she was older he sent her to the famous old school of "Nazareth".

Many young lawyers read law with Judge DeWitt. He was said to be a Chesterfieldian in appearance with his courtly manner, being fastidious and immaculate in dress: it was said of him that he could walk across a muddy unpaved street without ever soiling the soles of his shoes. In his later life he moved to Chattanooga. He was an amateur poet. Mrs. Hart has a book of his verses.

#### OLD BILLS

In looking over some old papers I found a collection of bills. These prices were 1801 and 1802 prices:

1 wool hat.....	\$2.00
1 pr. blankets.....	8.00
1 pr. three-point blankets.....	3.50
3 lbs. coffee.....	1.50

This is a bill sent by Dr. Wilson Yandell in 1802:

To visit his wife.....	1.00
To blister.....	.25
To 2 doses Rhubarb & one of Talop.....	.75

Another in 1860:

1 pr. shoes for son.....	1.50
50 lbs. flour @ cts. per lb.....	1.50
1 can oysters.....	.75
1 comic valentine.....	.05
2 lbs. crushed sugar.....	.40
(This was pulverized rock candy.)	
1 lb. raisins.....	.40
1 doz. candles.....	.50

Prices are surprisingly near what our prices are today as a rule.

There were four companies of soldiers who went to the Mexican War from the county. Roger Dixon Flippen, a spirited young man fired with the love of adventure, went to the Mexican War when he about eighteen years old. He was one of the three men who scaled the walls of Mexico City. On his safe return to Carthage, he met his future wife, Tennessee High. They were married and he left to join the gold rush to California in 1849. The understanding was that he was to stay until he made \$10,000, or stay seven years. He went the Santa Fe Trail in a covered wagon, taking Mr. Flippen (my grandfather) three months to go out. He began digging for gold; at one time he dug on the site where Sacramento stands. He was captured by Indians in Southern California and was held prisoner for a year, but by strategy he escaped.

Having no money he tried various things to get the funds to stake other claims, for a time he rode the exciting Pony Express with daring escapades.

Food was scarce at this time in California. He remembered paying one dollar for one egg. Mr. Flippen returned around the Cape of Good Hope and landed in Philadelphia. The forty-niners were given a royal reception there, being entertained for two or three days. Roger Flippen had a bag of gold nuggets which he was bringing as a gift to his wife. When he arrived in Philadelphia in the excitement he forgot the gold hidden under his mattress. When he went back to the boat, the gold had been stolen. He had brought home souvenirs from China, one silk shawl that was embroidered artistically. Returning home via Kentucky he bought a thoroughbred mare to ride home. His son he found was a boy of 7 years old.

To be continued in subsequent issues:

## PETER HEROD - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Peter Herod of Smith Co., TN, age 63, stated on 13 November 1850, that he enlisted there in Captain Anthony "Medcaff's" [Metcalf's] Company, 2nd Regiment of Mounted Gun Men commanded by Colonel Williamson in the "War with Great Britton" declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812." His date of enlistment is not shown but he volunteered as a Private for seven months and was honorably discharged at Nashville in 1815, "as will appear by Reference to the original Rolls of Said company he having lost his original certificate of Discharge." His declaration was sworn to before Stephen Petty, J.P. for Smith Co., TN. Proof of his identity was sworn to by William Haynie, 13 November 1850, and William R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court of Smith County certified the declaration 21 December 1850. The cover letter, dated 26 December 1850, to The Commissioner of Pensions, Washington DC from Smith and Jones Attorneys, Nashville, TN, states that the declaration was made "under Act of Congress of September 28th 1850 granting Bounty Land to certain officers and Soldiers."

He filed a "War of 1812 Declaration of Soldier for Pension," dated Smith County, 10 April 1871, before John A. Fite, Clerk of the Chancery Court of Smith County. He was then 84, a resident of Smith County and he stated that he married Rachel McKinnis 22 June 1868, in Smith County. He further stated that he volunteered in Captain Anthony Metcalf's Company, William's Regiment, Coffee's Brigade in Smith County, that he was mustered at Fayetteville, TN, 1 October, corrected to 25 September, 1814, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, TN 1 May 1815. "After being Mustered into the Service at Fayetteville Tenn. The Command Crossed the Tennessee River, at Muscle Shoals & wasd moved to Pensacola Florida & from there to Mouth of Sandy Creek & from there by land to New Orleans La & was in the fight on the 23rd Dec 1814 & also at the Battle of 8th January 1815. That he previously served a Six month term in the Creek War & was at Tallashatchie, Talladega & Horseshoe in 1813 & 1814." He stated that his post office was Dixon Springs and that he lived "about Six miles east of said office." Joshua A. Stone and Major A. Beasley swore to his character and the declaration was attested before John A. Fite 10 April 1871.

He was dropped from the pension rolls because of his death and was last paid \$8.00 to 13 June 1880. "Time from 4 June 180 to 13 June 1880 Amt \$2 67/100 paid Widow."

On 19 July 1880, his widow Rachel E. Herod, age 45, filed a "War of 1812 Claim of Widow for Service Pension." She listed his service as above and stated that she was married to Peter Herod of Pleasant Shade Post Office in Smith County, 27 June 1868, by E. L. Bush, Minister of the Gospel. She was Rachel E. McKinnis and he "had been previously married to Rebecca Key who died on the 9" day of February 1868." He died 13 June 1880. She stated that she was a resident of Pleasant Shade, TN, and that she had not previously applied for a pension.

G. W. Herod, age 34, of Pleasant Shade and J. J. Gregory, age 61, of Dixon Springs, stated they had known Rachel Herod for 20 and 30 years respectively, "they having lived near her for many years past" and swore to her character. The declaration was sworn to before Samuel Allison, Clerk of Smith County Court.

On 16 October 1880, C. P. Russell made affidavit before D. C. Boston, J.P. that "he was present at the marriage ceremony of Peter Herod and Rachel E. Herod, which took place on the twenty Seventh day of June 1868 at the residence of Said Peter Herod" in District No 6 and that he had obtained the license for the couple from the "proper authority" and that E. L. Smith performed the marriage service. He further stated that they "lived together as man and wife until the death of Said Peter Herod" and that he had lived in the same neighbourhood with them and "he had been often at their house" and that Rachel had not remarried.

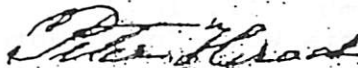

On 18 March 1881, W. C. Thomas swore before D. C. Boston, J.P. that "Rachel E. Herod Was never married until She married Peter Herod."

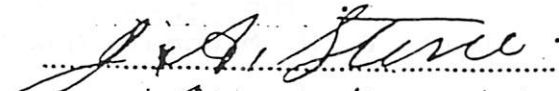
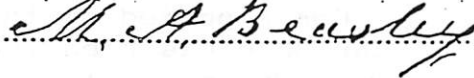
She was last paid \$12.00 to 4 February 1911 and was dropped from the pension roll because of her death 14 March 1911.

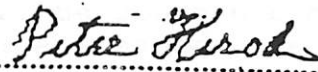
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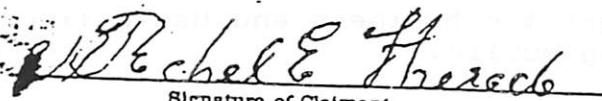
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(1850)

  
Applicant.  
(1871)



  
Signature of Claimant.

U.S. Census, 1850, Smith Co., TN. p. 559, number 953.

Herod, Peter, 63, male, M.D. \$3,560 Real Estate, born VA.  
 " Rebecca, 63, female, born NC.

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U.S. Census, 1850, Slave schedule. Smith Co., TN. p. 79.

Shows Peter Herod with 6 male slaves, ages 37, 25, 10, 10 and 9 and 8 female slaves, ages 46, 20, 17, 14, 38, 3, 2 and 6.

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U.S. Census, 1860, Smith Co., TN, P.O. Dixon Springs, 6th District, p. 320a, no. 597.

Herod, Peter, 73, male, Physician, \$6,000 Real Estate, \$40,000 Personal Estate, born VA.  
 " Rebecca, 72, female, born VA.

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U.S. Census, 1860, Slave schedule, Smith Co., TN, p. 261.

Shows Peter Herod with 7 male slaves, ages 50, 35, 34, 20, 18, 17 and 5, 11 female slaves, ages 50, 29, 27, 24, 17, 14, 5, 2, 2, and one and four slave houses.

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U.S. Census, 1870, Smith Co., TN, 6th District, P.O. Dixon Springs. p. 77, number 75.

Herod, Peter, 83, male, white, Physician, \$7,000 Real Estate, \$800 Personal Estate, born VA.  
 " Rachel E., 34, female, white, Keeping House, born TN.  
 " George W., 24, male, white, Physician, born TN.

#### MCDONALD HOUSE

THE TIMES, Thursday, September 17, 1896

Capt. D. N. McDonald Now Manager of this Well-Known Hotel

For a period of thirty years and upward the popular hotel for Carthage has been the McDonald House, when under the charge of Mrs. McDonald, the present bonifice, it has been known far and near as the tavern of home life. The house occupied is an antique structure, built on the colonial style and, since its inception as a hotel, it has entertained many a distinguished guest, being honored frequently during the late turmoil between North and South with men of prominence in both Blue and Gray. Mrs. McDonald is now advancing into her 80th year, yet active in promoting the pleasure of those that make her house their home. Her son, Capt. David N. McDonald, now manages the business and has a fine livery stable to serve the traveling public.



## SOLOMON DEBOW - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Solomon Debow of Sumner Co., TN, age 63, stated on 22 March 1852 that he enlisted at Fayetteville, TN in Captain Brice Martin's Company, 1st Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Edward Bradley, in the "War with The Creek Indians." He was mustered into service 28 September 1812, as a Private and was in actual service three months. He was discharged at Fayetteville, TN, 1 January 1813. He stated that he "received no written discharge, though the troops were all honorably discharged at the time above mentioned my self among the Number." His declaration was sworn before Michael Duffys, J.P., Sumner Co., TN, and certified by John L. Bugg, Clerk of Sumner County Court 25 June 1852.

On 20 July 1855, at age 66 and a resident of Smith Co., TN, he stated the same service and added that he entered for the term of three months "and continued in active Service for fourteen days" and "that he had heretofore made application for bounty land under the Act of September 28th 1850, and received a land warrant No. [blank] for forty acres, Which he has Since legally disposed of, and can not now return. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining additional bounty land to which he may be entitled under the Act approved the 3rd day of March, 1855. He also declares, that he has never applied for nor received under this or any other Act of Congress, any bounty-land Warrant except the one above mentioned." His declaration was sworn before Samuel Andrews and Thomas Bundy, Justices of the Peace for Smith County. Debow's cover letter, addressed to Honorable L. P. Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, was dated "Hartsville, 1855."

He filed a "Declaration of Surviving Soldier For Pension" under the Act of 14 February 1871, dated 13 April 1871, Trousdale Co., TN. He swore before C. W. S. Bennett, Clerk of the County Court of Trousdale County, that he was then age 82, a resident of Hartsville, Trousdale Co., TN and that he was married to Elizabeth Caruthers in Smith County 17 October 1811. He stated that he was enrolled in Captain Brice Martin's Company, Edward Bradley's Regiment, William Hall's Brigade, Andrew Jackson's Division, at Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., TN, in September 1813, and was honorably discharged there the \_\_\_ day of December 1813 and that "he left Tennessee immediately after he enrolled & went into the Indian Nation on the Coosa River for the purpose of fighting the Creek Indians, he served as a Private in the Infantry. At the battle of Talladega he was detailed to guard the camps, consequently was not in the battle. After serving the full period of ninety days he returned home & was discharged..." His declaration was attested to by A Allan and H. L. Crenshaw.

On 3 October 1871, he was pensioned at "eight dollars per month, from February 14, 1871," his pension brief

stating that the "Report from 3[rd] Auditor, shows, that Solomon Debow, Pvt. served in Capt. Brice Martin's Co[mpany], Tennessee Mil[itia], from Sept 26th 1813, to Dec 10. 1813. Length of service, 76 days..."

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC,  
War of 1812 Pension Applications, SC 5745.

Copies of signatures from the application file.

*Solomon Debow* (1)

(1855)

*Sam<sup>r</sup> Andrews*

*Solomon Debow*

(1871)

*Thomas Bundy*

*A. Allair*

*H. L. Crossland*

U.S. Census, Smith Co., TN, 1850, p. 584, number 1131.

Debow, Solomon 61, male, farmer, \$3,500 Real Estate, born NC.  
 , Elizabeth, 57, female, born TN.  
 , James R., 27, male, Attorney at Law, born TN.  
 , Mary, 13, female, born TN.

Caruthers, Wm. 59, male, no occupation, born TN.

Britton, Nathan, 25, male, Blacksmith, born TN.

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U.S. Census, 1850, Slave Schedule, Smith Co., TN. p. 90a

Shows Solomon Debow with 10 male slaves, ages 58, 46, 27, 30, 30, 8, 6, 4 and 1 and 7 female slaves, ages 54, 31, 30, 6, 4, 3 and 1.

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U.S. Census, Smith Co., TN, 1860, P.O. Dixon Springs, p. 302, number 1118.

Debow, Solomon, 71, male, farmer, \$10,000 Real Estate, \$20,000 Personal Estate, born NC.

., Jane, 71, female, born NC.

., Mary, 20, "male," b. TN.

Caruthers, Wm., 69, male, b. TN.

U.S. Census, 1860, Slave Schedule, Smith Co., TN. pp. 267-268. Shows Solomon Debow with 11 male slaves, ages 69, 45, 40, 30, 18, 16, 12, 8, 6, 5 and 3, and 9 female slaves, ages 65, 40, 35, 18, 16, 12, 4, 1 and 1, and 3 slave houses.

The printed index to the Tennessee 1870 Census contains no reference to Solomon Debow.

#### HART BROTHERS

THE TIMES , Thursday, September 17, 1896

A New Firm that are Hustlers in the Stove and Furniture Trade.

Hart Bros. are recognized as one of Smith County's leading firms, and one whose name has become famous for fair and honorable dealing. Goods are handled by this firm on a broad gauged scale, everything being bought direct from the manufacturers in carload lots, and being in a position to discount all bills, they are enabled to save quite a per cent on all classes of goods; consequently, they can sell as low as the lowest, which is much appreciated by the general public, as they realize the fact that they can get as good merchandise for as little money from Hart Bros. as from any house in the great State of Tennessee.

Their business house is located on Main street, a two-story structure of modern architecture. The lower room is stocked with one of the largest stocks of hardware to be found in Smith County. The elegant line of stoves is the commendation of all. A stove purchased from this firm can not help but please the most fastidious housekeeper. The second floor is used as a duplicate storage room for stock, and for displaying the elegant line of furniture, everything for the home of the wage worker and that of the aristocrat. Two elegant rooms are used for the display of furniture, with the many different varieties and patterns, and the extensive stock, it forms a scenery of splendor rarely found in a rural village.

Hart Bros., H. E., E. S. and W. Y., were born and reared in Smith County, and by energy, will power and pluck have advanced from day to day up the ladder of business life and today ranks with the best business firms of the State. H. E. is a leading Carthage physician who devotes the greater part of his time to the practice of medicine. E. S., the younger member of the firm, assumes the active management of the firm. In business and social circles, none stand higher than the firm of Hart Bros.

## DAVID BURFORD - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

David Burford of Smith Co., TN, age 59, stated on 9 January 1851, that he served as "Third Lieutenant and Subsequently promoted to 2nd and 1st Lieutenant in the Company first commanded by Capt. James Doherty and after promotion by Capt George C. Allen, of the 7th Regiment United States Infantry. but by whom Said Regiment was commanded he does not now recollect, in the War with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812. That he was appointed 3rd Lieutenant on the 9 of August 1813 as may be Seen by the letter of the Secretary of War of the 10th August 1813. hereunto annexed, and continued in actual Service in said War for upwards of two years, being mustered out of Service, as well as he recollects, the later part of August or first of September 1815 at Pass Christian, La..." He "never received any written discharge nor does he believe that any of the commissioned officers of Said Regiment did who were mustered out of Service at the Same Time." "He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled..." The declaration was sworn to before Lipscomb D. McMurray, J.P. and certified by William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court of Smith County, 21 January 1851.

The letters enclosed as proof of service were as follows:

"War Department August 10. 1813.

Sir,

You are hereby informed, that on the 9. instant the President of the United States appointed you a 3.Lieut. in the 7th regiment of Infantry in the service of the United States: should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

You will, immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment, and report yourself to officer commanding at Nashville.

J. Armstrong  
Secretary of War

L<sup>t</sup> David Burford  
Carthage, Tenn<sup>ee</sup>"

...

"Williamsburgh September 1<sup>st</sup> 1813

Hon,<sup>bl</sup> John Armstrong Secretary of War  
Sir Washington City

by<sup>d</sup> this you may now of my acceptance of  
The appointment of 3<sup>d</sup> Lieut, in the 7th Regt of Infantry  
in the Service of the United States, and according to orders  
Shaul report myself to officer commanding at Nashville

D. Burford

John Armstrong  
Secretary of War"

...

"Adj<sup>t</sup> & Inspt<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ls</sup> Office  
Washington Oct. 5. 1813

Sir

You stand on the Register of the Army as third  
Lieutenant with 7.<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Y<sup>r</sup> Obed.<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

A M Smith (?)<sub>1</sub>  
Inspector Gen<sup>l</sup>

Lt David Burford  
7. Reg. Infantry  
Carthage Tenn -"

...

"Treasury Department  
3d Auditor's Office  
Jany 13. 1819.

Sir

Your letter of the 28.<sup>th</sup> Nov: has been duly received -  
The Secretary of War having allowed your Account for comp-  
ensation as Quarter Master at Fort Pickering from 15. May  
1814. to 15. Jany 1815. - the amount thereof being One hund-  
red & forty four Dollars will be remitted to you by the  
Treasurer, U.S. to whom you will forward a Receipt, and one  
also to this Office. -

Respectfully

Your ob:Ser:<sup>t</sup>

P M Haynes (?)

Aud

M.<sup>r</sup> D. Burford  
late Lt: 7. Inf<sup>y</sup>  
Carthage  
Tenn<sup>ee</sup>"

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David Burford died 23 May 1864, and on 20 June 1878,  
his widow filed a "War of 1812 Claim of Widow for Service  
Pension." She stated she was Mrs. Elizabeth W. Burford,  
age 69, of Smith Co., TN, widow of David Burford, Lieutenant  
of the 7th Infantry. "He was a Tanner - Born in Casuel  
[Caswell ?] Cty. N Ca was about 5 feet and 9 inches high  
gray eyes light Bro hair." She stated that they were married  
"near Dixons Spring in the county of Smith...16th day of Nov-  
ember, A.D. 1825" by John Page, Minister of the Gospel, that  
her maiden name was Elizabeth W. Alexnder and that "she has  
never been married except to the said David Burford nor was  
he ever married except to herself." She gave his date of  
death and said "Both herself and husband have lived all the  
time in Smith County "since his discharge from the army."  
Witnesses were Mary T. King, age 59, and John A. Fite, age 46,  
each of Carthage, who stated they had known Elizabeth W.  
Burford 55 and 23 years respectively. "I Mary T. King, was  
present at the Marriage and have been intimite with the family  
ever since" and "I John A. Fite have known both since 1855

have visited in \_\_\_\_\_ ? and know they were recognized as husband & wife." The declaration was attested to before Samuel Allison, Clerk of the County Court of Smith Co., TN.

On 2 July 1878, George A. Howard of Washington, DC, stated "I was acquainted with the late David Burford, and know that he died at his home near Dixon Springs Smith County Tennessee Sometime in the year 1864. I have known him since the Year 1855 to the time of his death. I am well acquainted with his family. His widow Elizabeth W. Burford is still living at the Old homestead, and has never Married a second time. I have Known the family since the Year 1855. I have no interest in the Prosecution of this Claim.

Washington D.C.  
July 2d 1878

Geo. A Howard

Subscribed and sworn to before  
James Laurenson J.P. in and for  
the District of Columbia 2 July. 1878."

On 12 October 1878, the Adjutant General's Office summarized his service as "Appointed Ensign 39th U.S. Infantry July 29, 1813, and 3rd Lieut. 7th U.S. Infantry Aug. 9. 1813. Promoted 2nd Lieut April 19. 1814. and 1st Lieut Aug. 27. 1814. It is supposed he was disbanded in June 1815, under Act of March 3/15 reducing the Army."

She was placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$8.00 per month beginning 9 March 1878. Her death date is not shown but her tombstone in the Dixon Springs Cemetery gives her death date as 15 July 1894. On the jacket of her pension file is "Oct. 31/94 Letter from J. D. Allen rel[ative] to reimb[urserment] ref[erred] to Aud[itor]."

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC,  
War of 1812 Pension Applications, WC 12295.

Copies of signatures from the application file.

*D. Burford*  
(1813)

*J. P. Menary* (JP)

*D. Burford*  
(1851)

*Mary J. King*  
*John A. Lile*  
(Signatures of witnesses.)

*Elizabeth W. Burford*  
(Signature of claimant.)

U.S. Census, 1850, Smith Co., TN, pp. 579-580, number 1100, taken 26 October 1850.

Burford, David, 58, male, farmer, \$10,000 Real Estate, born NC.  
 " Elizabeth W., 41, female, born TN.  
 " Mary A., 11, female, born TN.  
 " Danl., 14, male, born TN.  
 " Frances M., 6, female, born TN.  
 " Clarissa V., 4, female, born TN.  
 " Alice, 6/12, female, born TN.

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U.S. Census, 1850, Slave Schedule, Smith Co., TN. p. 87.

Shows David Burford with 9 male slaves, ages 60, 38, 30, 30, 28, 20, 14, 12, and 11 and 10 female slaves, ages, 42, 37, 18, 8, 8, 5, 4, 9, 8 and 6 months.

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U.S. Census, 1860, Smith Co., TN, 4th District, P.O. Dixon Springs. p. 293, number 995.

Burford, David, 68, male, farmer, \$13,700 Real Estate, \$40,000, Personal Estate, born NC.  
 " Elizabeth, 52, female, born TN.  
 " Daniel, 24, male, Lawyer, born TN.  
 " Caroline (sic), 13, female, born TN.  
 " Alice, 10, female, born TN.  
 " David, 9, male, born TN.

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U.S. Census, 1860, Slave Schedule, Smith Co., TN. p. 264.

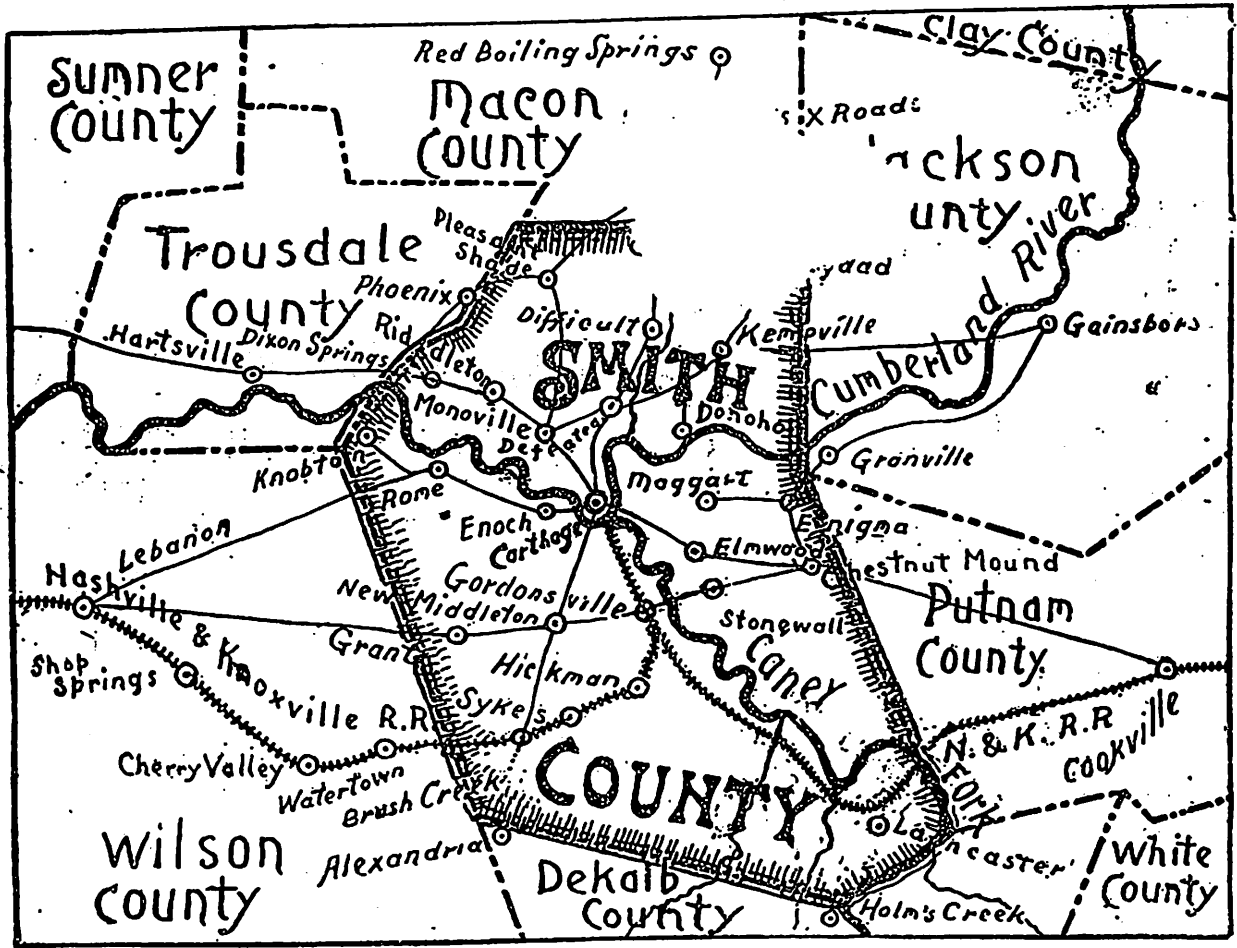
Shows David Burford with 11 male slaves, ages ?, 46, 48, 41, 28, 48, 15, 8, 8, 6 and "Randal" age 100 and 7 female slaves, ages 27, 25, 18, 16, 14, 11 and 1, and four slave houses.

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U.S. Census, 1870, Smith Co., TN, 4th District, P.O. Dixon Springs. p. 41, number 57.

Burford, Elizabeth, 62, female, white, Keeping House, \$1200 Personal Estate, born TN.  
 " Alice, 20, female, white, No Occupation, \$1200 Personal Estate, born TN.  
 " David, 19, male, white, At School, \$1200 Personal Estate, born TN.  
 HOWARD, Mary, 28, female, white, No Occupation, \$1200 Personal Estate, born TN.  
 " Sallie, 9, female, white, At School, born TN.

Contributed by Robert Young Clay



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Always Ready to Serve the Public With All Kinds of Table Supplies.

One of Carthage's most enterprising firms is L. B. Flippen & Co., whose place of business is located on Main street, in a two-story building 24 by 75 feet in dimensions.

This firm carries one of the best assorted stocks of drugs, groceries, and hardware in our city. The drug line is represented with all that is usually found in a well regulated drug store, the prescription case being presided over by R. G. Turner. The grocery line is complete with all that goes to make a fancy and staple market for brands of the most extensive to select from, and of the most wholesome kind.

Hardware is a feature of their business that is given much attention, they keeping in stock such goods that meet with ready demand from this and contiguous territory.

The personnel of this popular firm is L. B. Flippen and R. G. Turner, being associated in the above named business for a period of three years, and from in-

ception have enjoyed an enviable trade. The business is practically under the charge of Mr. Turner, as he devotes his entire time to the interest of the business, while Mr. Flippen is busily engaged in looking after and taking care of the circuit court clerk's office, to which office he was elected in August of this year.

Each member of the firm is recognized as a reliable and conservative business man, standing high in all circles.

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They Have a Well Equipped Livery, Feed, and Sale Stable.

What is more essential to a growing city than a first-class livery and feed stable? - In this Carthage has no peer, as Malone Bros. in every way meet all the requirements in the line of livery. A full corps of saddle and driving animals are always kept by this firm to accommodate the traveling public. Fine single and double rigs can be had at any time. Special vehicles are kept for the commercial trade, and they are prepared to make drives to any part of the coun-

try, furnishing the very best of turnouts, and careful, competent attendants. For the accommodation of the traveling public, these gentlemen run a hack to and from all in and outgoing trains.

Malone Bros. are old and experienced liverymen, and enjoy the confidence of all who know them, and we can heartily recommend them to any and all who desire livery service.

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**For Over Fifty Years**

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world; 25 cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.



MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7th Tennessee Infantry  
C.S.A.  
February 10, 1832 - August 23, 1925

Father had confidence in Lincock's judgment of a horse and he said, after walking around and looking him over, "Uncle I think this is a better horse than the one John rode off." He said you go and put this horse up, and don't you ever get on another horse of mine. He bought some colts from a fellow and gave me a great flat footed filly. She was poor and shabby, he said now you take this filly, and ride her, and do anything you please with her, but you let my horses alone. The negroes made fun of her, called her "Jerk". I don't remember what I ever did with her.

Some time in 1847 my father sold his place in Alexandria to Pleas Wade of Smithville and bought the place where Fons Donnell now lives on the Gainesville Road.\* The family moved down there in the fall. He left me and some negroes to gather and sell the crop. After selling the crop I came down. I had a good horse and splurged around over the country. I think it was about the next March I was sitting on the porch one day when father came out where I was and said, "Young man, there is one of three things you have got to do." I said, "What is that?" He said, "You have either got to go to school, got to work or leave here." "I don't intend to have a boy gallivanting over the country doing nothing." I did not want to go to school, so I said, "If I go to work what will you give me." "Oh, well, he said, "I will give you one-third of what you make." I told him if he would allow me to have entire control of the negroes and the farm I was sure I could make a big crop and make some money. He agreed to select the fields I was to culture and turn over everything to me and he would see what I could do. He reserved the right to take charge if I was not doing right. As I remember he had three grown men and four boys about my age. I went to work on those conditions, and if ever a poor devil worked harder than I did I never saw it. I worked from sunup to dark. I don't now remember that I lost but one part of a day till the crop was laid by. Some time that spring Brother L. B.'s wife died, and she requested him not to hire out her negroes, so he brought them to our house and that gave 3 or 4 more hands.

The time I speak of losing was on Monday morning. On Sunday I went with Martha Burns to a meeting down on Barton's Creek. From there we went home with the Justice girls and back to Church that night and then back to Justices and stayed all night so it was late next morning before we started home. When I got in sight of

\*(about 3-1/2 miles from town. The family graveyard where Peggy Fite and others are buried is there also.) Near Lebanon

home I saw every negro lying under a big walnut tree in the yard. I knew father had told them to do it so when I got over to where they were I said (not in good Sunday School language), "What are you niggers doing there?" The old master told them he was afraid they might do wrong and stay there till I came. I told them to get their mules and get in the field as soon as possible or I would wear the whole posse out. I went in and shucked off my Sunday clothes and went to the field and worked till it was too dark to see how to work.

The "Colery" broke out in Nashville that summer and a great many died. L. B. got scared and came. He got there one morning before day, scared almost to death. When I got ready to go to the field he told father he ought not to let me and the niggers work that everybody in Nashville was dying and that we would if we kept on. Father told him to stop his niggers if he wanted but that John had worked hard and had a fine showing but if I stopped now it would amount to nothing. L. B. said if I would work I ought to go to town and get some brandy for me and the niggers. That suited me. I got in a buggy, went to town, got a gallon of Brandy and two or three gallons of whiskey, gave the niggers the whiskey, and drank the brandy myself. We had no "Chollery" in our family but there were several deaths in the neighborhood.

The only trouble I had with the negroes that summer that amounted to anything was a nigger named Beverly that Bro. L. B. brought up there. He was a one-eyed nigger and as mean as they ever got to be. He was about my age, 16 years old. He thought he was as good as I or anybody else. I threatened to kill him several times for his impudence. One day when we were working in the field just across the road from the house several of us were plowing and I had the boys hoeing the corn, I discovered this darky and one of father's, named Milas, both hoeing the same row, each claimed it was his row. I told both of them to go back and bring up another and then they could go ahead. Milas went back but Bev refused to go. When we got to the end of the row I concluded I would whale him. I got a limb and started to thrash him. I did not notice that he had his knife in his hand. He struck me across the stomach, cutting through my pants and shirt, just grazing the skin, making a mark clear across my stomach. He dropped his knife and grabbed his hoe and was trying to strike me with it. One of father's negroes named Lem caught it and took it away from him. I then, for the first time, saw that he had used his knife on me. There was an old elm log lying by the side of the fence. I made the niggers tie him across the log, got me some limbs and I lit into him. I hit him as long as I could, I did not care if I killed him.

This occurred just before taking out for dinner. He went on to the house ahead of me. Bro. L. B. happened to be there. Bev told I had beat him nearly to death. He told L. B. some sort of a lie about it and when I got to the house he asked me about it

and I told how it happened. He got furious. He went out, cut him a good switch, and lit into that nigger. He whipped him till father went to him and told him he would kill him. He said that was what he wanted to do. From that time on he was one of the best niggers we had.

After gathering and selling my part of the crop, having become satisfied on the working proposition, I agreed to and did start school. The first school I went to was to a fellow named Moore. He taught down in Wharton's lot between where Jo Ramsey lives and where McDaniel lived. The next summer Dr. Lindsley had a large amount of cedar hewed to build his Greenwood Academy\* where Edgar Waters now lives. He would go out every few days and mark such as he did not want in his house. Father went to see him and tried to buy some of it. He said he did not know what it was worth but he would let his man George trade with father's foreman, Worry and whatever they did he would agree to. So father sent Worry down to make the trade so when he came back Father asked him what he did and he said he agreed to give five dollars for what he could get away in two weeks.

Father was President and Secretary of the Lebanon and Smithville Turnpike Road. One day when he was starting on the road he was to be gone for several days he told me to take the niggers and wagons and haul some of that cedar. He gave me no special instructions, so I took the wagons, a four and two horse, and 5 or 6 niggers and went to hauling. We had to haul about half a mile, we could haul several loads a day. Father was gone several days and when he got back you never saw such a pile of cedar as we had. Father was disgusted, said he had no use for such a lot. He went down to Lindsley and told what I had done, that he wanted to pay him for what he needed and he could haul the balance to town and sell it. Lindsley said no he made the trade and he would stick to it. Lindsley did not know anybody in the neighborhood except Mr. Wharton. Father saw Mr. Wharton and talked to him about it. He said he would see Lindsley and fix it up. Some time after that he saw Father and told him he had settled it said he gave him fifty dollars and father was to keep all the timbers. He built barns out of it, picketed the garden and the last time I was over there, there was some of it still there.

The next school I went to was to Old Levi Fisher at Union Camp ground. I despised Old Fisher but my daddy did not. The next fall he sent me down to Fisher's Leeville to school. I went a few days and ran away and went back home. I then started to Cumberland University.

\* (A girls' school at Greenwood conducted by N. Lawrence Lindsley)

Mr. Wharton used to live down on the creek where Jim McDaniels\*

\* (James L. McDaniel, son of W. R. McDaniel, the latter owned the Wharton or Capt. Harper place 1 1/2 miles S. E. of Lebanon)

lived a year or two ago but moved to where the Carters now live on the pike. He had a brother-in-law named Shutt who came up there sometimes. He was a great Fox hunter, was always bragging on what a fine pack he had. The neighborhood was full of hounds. At that time I had a pack, John Hartsfield one, Dillard's one, Wharton one, Ben Clifton one, all told we had about 60 or 70 dogs between us. Shutt proposed to bring his pack up and show us how he could beat our dogs. One Friday was set for the trial so he came Thursday evening ready for the frolic.

Friday morning we all met at Mr. Whartons. We started early, had not gone far before we jumped a gray fox. He did not run far before we caught him. By that time it was raining to beat the band so we concluded to go back to the house and wait until the rain was over. While there someone proposed that we tie a rope around the fox's neck and drag him down the road and put the dogs on the track. I was selected to drag him. I got on my horse and started towards town. When I got to the square I turned towards where Grigsby's Store\* is now. I went around the Square and up Depot Street to the First Street, then up College Street to the back of the College. I gave the rope to one of the students who carried it through the hall and handed it to me and I went on back to the starting point.\*

The next Monday I was summoned to appear next morning in the College Chapel for trial before the faculty and Trustees of the College. Mr. Wharton sent me word to come to his house. I went. He wanted to tell me how to answer them when they put me on the stand. He told me not to be alarmed that he was going to stand up for me. So next morning I made my appearance according to order.

All of the Faculty and Trustees were present when I made my appearance. Old President Anderson said, "Young man there are some very serious charges against you." I said, "What are they?" He said, "You are charged with drawing a dead fox through the College last Friday." I said, "I am not guilty, I did not." He said, "Don't you tell me a story". I said, "Don't you accuse me of it." He said, "If you did not do it you know who did." About that time Mr. Wharton said, "Mr. President, (I guess he thought that the old President was about to corner me), "Mr. President, this is all nonsense, no harm has been done and whatever that boy did he did just what I told him to do and I am responsible for it and if he is to be punished for it I will resign as Trustee and take my boys out of this school." After a short conference they told me I could go and I went.

\* (North Side of Square)

\* (The pack of 60 dogs followed the entire course, including through the school.)

Some of the fellows whose horses had torn up their vehicles threatened to sue my father for damages. Mr. Wharton told my father to let them sue and he would foot all the bills. That was the end of it.

About this time I was desperately in love with a girl in the neighborhood. Her name was Mary Adkerson. She lived with old Solomon Hartsfield. I couldn't see how it was possible I could wait till I was twenty years old before marrying. After a while she moved to Henderson's Cross Roads. That "sorty" weaned me off. She afterwards moved to Gladville. Then I saw less of her and more of other girls. She was a very delicate girl and some years afterwards died of consumption. While I was in love with her we had a negro woman who knew about my love affair. Her name was Lucy. One day we had killed hogs and was cutting out the ribs and Lucy said, "Some of these days Mas. John will be living out at the Simmon Orchard. He will have Miss Mary and four or five little white headed young ones. I expect to see him come down here and say, "I want to swap you some rabbits for some back bones and spare ribs." I was so mad I wanted to kill the nigger.

In the summer of eighteen fifty two I went to Irving College\* went the last of June. My father wanted me to go to Emory and Henry College in Virginia but mother did not want me to go so far off. There were several boys going to Irving from our neighborhood, and I wanted to go there myself, so I made my arrangements to go there. The day I started I met father between the gate and the house. He said, "Where are you going?" I said, "To Irving College." He said, "I suppose your mother will have to have her way," He pulled out of his pocket book and handed me twenty dollars and said, "That is all I have got. You take that and when you need money I will send it to you, don't you go on a credit for anything. If you make any debts up there I will not pay them." Me and the other boys agreed to meet at Norman Welches.

The crowd was composed of Rufe Doak, Fate Welch, Tom Belcher and Mathew Turner. We went as far as Smithville and stayed all night. Next day we went to College nine miles beyond McMinnville. The session did not begin for several days. We roamed over the country and had a good time. I was a few months over twenty years old and weighed eighty-five pounds. I had never had any health. I don't remember whether I had ever shaved or not, don't think I had. At least I had no beard. When I came home for Christmas I weighed one hundred and seventy pounds and had pretty good pair of whiskers. I did not study any while there. I had only one book and that was Horace and I had a translation and could get my lesson in a few minutes. I was constantly on the pad over the country and many things happened that would not look well in print...

\*(Above Mc Minnville, Tennessee.)

Old Mose McKnight owned the College and was at the head of it. A short time before that they had had flux at the College so the old fellow concluded to feed us on sheep meat. That was all the meat we had for a week. We got tired of it. So one Saturday we held a meeting and resolved to make an effort to get a change. We decided that on Sunday evening when we left the table we would all get on our hands and knees and blate like a sheep. We repeated the same thing Monday morning at breakfast. It was a rule of the school that when the Old Professor went outside of the house that stood in the center of the square in which we recited our lessons and rang his bell every body had to go to Chapel. So as soon as he got his breakfast he marched over, got his bell, and walked all around the building ringing furiously. So we all marched in and took our seats on the bench around the wall. He commenced at one end of the bench asking every fellow what he meant by such conduct. Every fellow said he did because the others did. When he would call a fellow's name he had to stand up so when he got to me I told why we did it. I said, "We are tired of sheep and want something else." He gave us a terrible lecture and said if we did not like what he was giving us we could go home. I was tired of the place and did not care if he expelled me. Our ruse had the proper effect. He then commenced to give us beef and run that for awhile. We got tired of beef so we tried a horning and pawing escapade on him. He called us up to the chapel again. Without going around the room as before, he ordered me to stand up. I told as before, said we were tired of beef. He gave us another lecture, and after that we had bacon, pork, beef, sheep.

Mr. McKnight had a negro man named Wollard. He was a great rascal, would steal chickens, and turkeys and have them cooked and have suppers, and we would eat them. One Saturday he came to me and Rufe Doak and said he wanted to go down to Mr. Shafley's and get a turkey and make a big supper. Said for us to sign Mas. Mose's name to it. We had no idea that he intended to buy it, but simply wanted us to think so. We had told him all right. We wrote Mr. Shafley that if Wollard came to him to buy a turkey to give him a good thrashing and start him home -Contrary to our expectations he carried our note to Mr. Shafley. He told him to take a seat and went and cut him a good limb, and when he came in Wollard asked him what he was going to do. Shafley said, "your master told me if you came here to buy a turkey to give you a good thrashing and send you home." Wollard told his master he did not write the letter that me and Doak wrote it. Then he said, "I am going to lick you for bringing me a forged letter." So they lit into him and set him afire. When Wollard came back he asked me and Doak what we wrote Mr. Shafley. He said that warnt the way Mr. Shafley read it. He said it said if I come there to buy a turkey to wear me out. "And sir," he said, "he mighty nigh done it."

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10, 1923

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3, 1937

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to Virginia Hill's daughter

1948

Frankie was married to

David Wilson August 12, 1949

Joe Preston was married to

Marjorie Poff on Dec 29,

1949

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

Term, 1842. Box 20, No. 1074. JOHN M. DEJARNATT VS EPHRIAM AGEE. Complainant said that on 14 Oct 1836, Agee sold to William Trail a tract of land lying in District 19, Smith County with Dejarnatt on the note as security. Before maturity of note, Trail died leaving widow, Nancy, who intermarried with George Bradley and one son, William Trail, Jr. Edward Lawrence was appointed administrator of the estate on 12 Mar 1839. Dejarnatt claimed that Agee never gave title to Trail. Agee said that Trail paid a horse for part of the land and later sold the land to Mortimer Waters, who sold the tract to Samuel Read who, in turn, sold it to Elias Dowell whose wife lives on the land.

Term, 1908. Box 11, No. 592. JOHN APPLE, et al VS J. M. BETTY, Exec. et al. A. M. Betty hired Wade Apple, son of John, whose wages were to have been credited to note of John's dated 1879. A. J. Simpson, surety on complainant's bond, is a non-resident of the State. Lina C. Betty was widow and second wife of A. M. Betty, no issue. Heirs of A. M. Betty, deceased: Evaline Reasonover, wife of J. J.; Fanny K. Braswell, wife of H. K.; J. M. Betty; W. S. Betty; Martha Kerr; Harriett Petty, wife of Henry; Mary Trawick, wife of Burt; L. A. Betty; J. M. Betty, Jr.; (Katie Betty, Drusie Betty; Elroy Betty, J. M. Betty, Guardian). L. D. (Fate) Apple, 84 years old on 21 April, lived at Gordonsville, and was a brother to Liva C. Betty, who died 10 Feb 1908. Jane Brown, wife of L. C., age 75, sister to Lina C; Henry Betty, age 76 in 1909, lived at Lancaster and worked for the telephone company, son of Cassey Betty. A. M. Betty had seven living heirs, one dead; left three heirs out of his will—Scott Betty, Mary Trawick and Fanny Braswell. William Petty died 18 months before 1908.

Term, 1838. Box 14, No. 727. VINCENT R. BRADFORD VS SWAN THOMPSON. James Bradford, father of Vincent R., David M. and Ann R. Bradford, died in Smith County in 1813. Elizabeth Bradford was the mother of these children and the widow of James; she intermarried with William H. Cheek, who became administrator of the estate of James Bradford. Ann R. Bradford married Swan Thompson who became administrator of estate of William H. Cheek, who died in 1826. Elizabeth Bradford Cheek was appointed guardian of her minor children, heirs of William H. Cheek: Araminta W., William R. and Luther B. Cheek. Elizabeth Cheek died in October 1837; William R. and Luther B. Cheek were still minors. Complainant was claiming title to lands which belonged to William H. Cheek, deceased, as part of his legacy from James Bradford, deceased.

Term, 1880. Box 69, No. 3526. SARAH J. NEWBELL VS P. C. (CAMPBELL) HEFLIN, et al . The estate of John H. Newbell, who died insolvent in 1876, was seized by administrator T. J. Fisher. Sarah J. was widow of John H. Newbell. She and P. C. were children of Hawkins and Mary C. Heflin, who had inherited land from their grandfather, William Heflin. Old Mrs. Heflin, wife of William, died in 1869 at age about 80-85. P. C. Heflin's land was known as the Billie Heflin tract; Sarah's was known as Pleasant Robert's land. Sarah was first married to Joshu Inge, son of J. W. Inge, age 79. P. C. Heflin married Mary Jane Manners, daughter of James Manners. Bartley Wauford said he married a sister to P. C.'s wife. Siblings of Sarah and P. C. were William B., born in 1846 and Sophronia who married a Cowan. John H. Newbell was said to have died of milk poison.

Term, 1857. Box 9, No. 439. SAMUEL ALLISON VS D. A. MC EACHERN . Bill of Complaint of Samuel Allison and James Fry vs Daniel A. Mc Eachern and Duncan Johnson of Wilson County. Larkin Corley died in 1855, intestate, leaving a widow, Saluda, and small children. This suit was to determine the status of a slave, Sam, sold by Corley to Johnson. The estate is indebted to Allison and Fry. Securities on Corley's notes were Henry Arrington and Thomas Wilkerson. Witnessess were: John Oakley, Wilson Co., born 1791; George Oakley; Jacob Vantrease, Wilson Co., 27 years old; Wyatt B. Jenkins, age 35; Capt. Jack Moore; Henry Bradley, age 49; William Johnson, son of Duncan, age 18; Fleming P. Woods, age 61; Brittain Odum, age 71; L. D. Barbee, age 44; Joseph Barbee, age 44; Charles Palmer, age 38; Alfred Bane, age 31; Elizabeth W. Paschal, half-sister to Saluda Corley; Joseph Tuggle, who will be 25 on 6 June, child of Elizabeth's first marriage; and James Timberlake, age 28, resided in Carthage, where he has been a merchant since 1852. Mother of Saluda and Elizabeth was a sister to W. W. Bailey.

Term, 1848. Box 22, No. 1124. NATHANIEL TERRY et al VS JOHN SIMPSON . John Simpson, a citizen of Shelley County, Kentucky, died in Wilson County, Tennessee in July 1809, leaving a widow, Mary Simpson and six heirs: Rachel, Mary, Sarah, John, Thomas and Agness Simpson. The widow, Mary, purchased a farm on Hickman Creek and moved her family to Smith County in 1817. Rachel Simpson married Augustine Robinson and lived in Itawomba County, Mississippi; Mary Simpson married first Samuel Wilson, second William Washer and lived in Lawrence County, Alabama; Sarah married Nathaniel Terry and lived in Onachito County, Arkansas; Agness married George W. Coopwood. Agness died before her mother, leaving children John, Mary, Sarah and Eveline Coopwood, who lived in Monroe County, Mississippi. Eveline married David Jameson. Mary Simpson, widow of James, sold her farm on Hickman Creek and moved to her son, John's place on Smith Fork Creek, where she died the last of December 1847. In 1826, in Smith County's Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Augustine Robinson was appointed Administrator of John Simpson, Thomas Simpson and Agness Simpson because these children were minors at the time.

QUERIES

ROBINSON, WEST, SHOEMAKE, POWELL, GLOVER, MCKINNEY, RIVES:  
 Researching these families, especially interested in info. on  
 family of RIDLEY ROBERT ROBINSON, son of SAMUEL B. ROBINSON and  
 SUSAN WEST and family of SARAH BELL SHOEMAKE (possibly MCKINNEY).  
 Any assistance appreciated.

ANN GABBERT , 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932.

WOODARD/MATHEWS: Looking for info. on parents and family of  
 JOSEPH "WILLIE" WOODARD, born 1891, Smith Co., TN - died 1959 TN  
 and his wife HATTIE "BELL" MATHEWS, born 1891 Smith Co., TN -  
 died ? They had children: ERMA, DAVID, MARGARET, NANCY, CARVER  
 and GEORGE. Their family lived in the Defeated Creek area. Any  
 help will be appreciated. Thanks.

DONNA NICHOLS-LASTER , P. O. Box 958, Peru, NY 12972.

LOONEY: Tracing my relative, DAVID LOONEY, who moved from  
 Sullivan Co. to Smith Co. with his wife and family ca. 1799/1800.  
 Data from the Natl. Archives shows his application for land for  
 service in the War of 1812, which proves that he was a War of  
 1812 soldier. Any info. will be appreciated.

PAT KAY , 24302 75th SE, Woodinville, WA 98072.

BUSH: CAIN BUSH (b. ca. 1815 TN mar. ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ ? ) was  
 son of JEREMIAH & REBECCA BUSH, both listed 1840 Jackson Co., TN  
 census. Both are mentioned in Smith Co., TN court records (1865  
 & 1870) when heirs of CAIN BUSH sold their share of inherited  
 land. Children: GIDEON BRANSFORD BUSH, LOUISA TROUSDALE, MARTHA  
 DICKENS, ELIZ. JOHNSON. Siblings: ZACHARIAH, WILLIS IVY, ALLEN,  
 and FRANCIS ASBURY. Sisters names not known. What happened to  
 ELIZABETH & CAIN BUSH?

JOE DEAN LEE , 5266 CRIPPLE CREEK COURT, HOUSTON, TX 77017.

Telephone:

713-946-6486.

MC DONALD/WATKINS: WILLIAM HENRY MC DONALD mar. LUCINDA WATKINS.  
 They were parents of EB and STERLING BROWN MC DONALD. (My great  
 grandfather) Would like info. and dates on this family. When  
 did they come to Smith Co.? From where did each come? Who were  
 their parents and where were they from? Did LUCINDA stay in  
 Smith Co.? When did she die?

HERB MC CARTNEY , 506 E. 11th Street, Rome, GA 30161.

GASS/ROSE: JOSEPH GASS, my g-g-grandfather, b. 1784 near  
 Philadelphia & d. 1857, Smith Co. Mar. NANCY GRIFFIN BOZE, dau.  
 of HARDY BOZE. Need info. on JOSEPH'S parents, SAMUEL GASS &  
 NANCY ROSE & info. on their parents. When and where did the  
 families come to this country from - what towns in Ireland &  
 England? What ship and what port?

HERB MC CARTNEY , 506 E. 11th Street, Rome, GA 30161.

CARMACK/LAMB: Seeking info. on ELIZABETH CARMACK, b. 17 Dec 1779 in VA. Mar. 19 Aug 1802 in TN to ALEXANDER LAMB, b. 7 Oct 1782 PA. Evidence points to ELIZABETH being eldest child of CORNELIUS CARMACK (1759-1848) & LETTICE CARMACK. ALEXANDER LAMB'S father was HUGH LAMB, who lived near CORNELIUS CARMACK during 1801 - 1803 in eastern part of old Jackson Co., TN now Overton Co., TN. ALEXANDER & ELIZABETH LAMB moved to Bledsoe Co., TN with brothers, ADAM & HUGH LAMB ca. 1805. 1st son, HUGH; sec. son, CORNELIUS. HUGH, b. ca. 1753 in Scotland. Need info. to help prove HUGH was father to ALEXANDER & ADAM LAMB.

JAMES GRAYSON MC COIN, 312 Seven Oaks Trail, Knoxville, TN 37922. Telephone: (423) 539-0426.

MC KINNIS: Researching MC KINNIS family; believed to go back to ALEXANDER (MC INNES) MC KINNIS & Edinborough, Scotland. ALEXANDER MC KINNIS, b. 1726, came to Cross Creek (Fayetteville) NC after 1770. Fought in Revolutionary War & d. 1783 in Cross Creek. Widow & family moved to Smith Co., TN. Family consisted of DANIEL, b. 1770 in Scotland, HUGH, JAMES, JOHN & two females, b. in US. My great grandfather, HUGH MC KINNIS, b. in TN ca. 1818. Who were his parents? Is there info. which would connect HUGH to this or another family? Have info. on JAMES MC KINNIS mar. FLORA MC MARHIN. Thanks for any help you may render.

ARNIE BYRON MC KINNIS, JR., 1104 W. Fay Circle, Kingfisher, OK 73750.

SMITH: Searching for info. on ROBERT SMITH, b. ca, 1791 VA; d. 1861 -1870 Smith Co., TN; mar. MARGARET, b. ca. 1798 VA; lived in Smith Co. Children: ELIZABETH, b. ? ; d. 1854; mar. Elder DANIEL WISEMAN SMITH, son of JAMES DANIEL SMITH; WILLIAM L., b. 25 Jan 1817 VA; d. 3 Jan 1895 TN; mar. MARY (POLLY) ANN SMITH, b. 1837, SARAH J., b. 1841, possibly more. Any help on this family would be greatly appreciated.

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WILLIAM HARRISON NIXON, ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

The author, Mrs. Deborah N. Percy, provides European background information on the Nixon family name. Early Smith County settlers were Robert settled near Hickman Creek in 1815; Charles, 1820 and William settled near Graveltown (Pleasant Shade area) by 1830. Nixon served valiantly in the Revolution and War of 1812. The author traces the family through seven generations. Also included are Robert Nixon's pension record, marriage bond, of W. H. Nixon and Martha E. Roberts, obituary of W. H. Nixon, Nixon family Bible records, copy of John S. Robert's will and selected Smith County deeds. The book contains excellent pictures, a map and is well indexed. It is a detailed, documented, genealogical book on the Nixon family. To obtain a copy, contact: Deborah N. Percy, 103 Sheffield Place, Franklin, TN 37067-4428.

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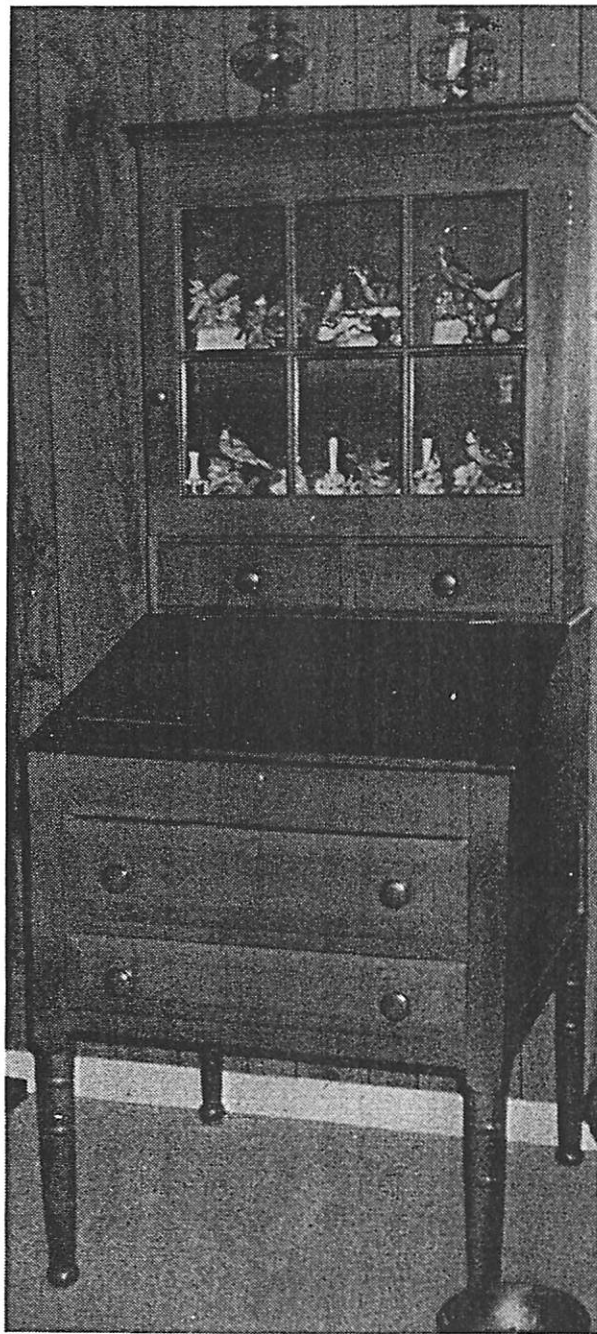
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A. J., 30	TURNER	32
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FRONT COVER

This elegant old cherry desk has seen plenty of activity in its day. It was used by Jesse Houston Beasley during his years of being a merchant and tippler at Chestnut Mound. At present it is in the possession of descendant, Anna Jo Beasley McDonald. It is a rare piece and one to be treasured not only because of its history and use but also because of its detail and beauty.

The following letter is a copy of the original letter from the great uncle of Willie Dye, Rt. 3, Box 323 A, New Matamoras, Ohio 45767, which Mr. Dye sent to James L. Fletcher, President of the Historical and Genealogical Society, with permission for publication in our Quarterly. At the date of this letter Elam Dye was stationed near Carthage, where he died. Elam Dye enlisted on 8 Aug 1862 and died 30 Apr 1863. This letter is to his brother, Mahlon.

Camp near Carthage, Tennessee March 27, 1863

Dear Brother,

I now seat myself to inform you that I am well at present, hoping these few lines will find you all enjoying good health. I received a letter from you a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you all. We have not been attacked here yet--only the pickets--but we are looking to be every day. The rebs are conscripting the men through this part of the country and some of them are leaving the rebel army and coming through inside our picket lines to keep out of the way of the rebel army.

I understand that there is another draft a-going off in the northern states. I would like to know how it's going on there by this time.

The 92nd is not in very good health at present. There are some few cases of measles. We have lost two boys out of our Company. Thomas Reeves from Antioch and David Piatt, Jacob Piatt's son, took measles and were sick about ten days. They died in the hospital at Carthage and they were buried in a nice graveyard at Carthage. They were buried very decently for I saw tham buried and helped to dig Piatt's grave. William Foraker and Harvey Cline had the measles but they are getting well now. I think they will get along if they have no bad luck.

I got a letter from Joshua a few days ago and he was well then. He was near Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Well Mahlon, as I have nothing of much importance, I will close by wishing you all good luck. Write soon and tell me whether you got that money or not. Direct to Camp near Carthage, Tennessee, Co. C, 92nd Regt., O V I, Crook's Brigade. Nothing more, but remaining yours

Elam Dye



JESSE HOUSTON BEASLEY  
10 April 1830 - 21 Feb 1900  
Family man, Merchant, Soldier

Most families have an out-of-the-ordinary, unusual and, often, outstanding personality among them. The Robert Beasley family was no exception; they had Jesse Houston, who appeared to have been one of those individuals. According to Marriages of Wilson County, Tennessee, 1802-1850, Wilson County Deed Book, C-M, p. 96, Robert Beasley first married Sarah Cunningham 2 Jul 1829. The writer has not found further information about Sarah. The story told to the writer on 16 Apr 1991, although seemingly far fetched and mythical, may have some merit. This traditional story handed down by Jesse's daughter to her son, Jesse, who passed it on to his son, Jim, is an intriguing and, to some degree, a plausible one.

As Jim told it, it seemed that Robert and Jesse's mother were involved in quite a "tiff", when the mother, suddenly and without warning or any notice, took young Jesse, left Robert and went back to her family. Whereupon, Robert resolved to retrieve his son. He sent a furtive, but trusted, slave to kidnap the child and bring him back. The slave was successful in this endeavor, and Jesse was returned to his father where he grew to manhood in the 11th Civil District, Smith County, Tennessee.

Whatever the merit of this boyhood story, it could account for the seven year gap between Jesse and his eldest sister, ~~Molcey~~ Beasley (Dillard). The fact may have been that his mother died and that Robert did not remarry for a period of time. Reared primarily by slaves, Jesse never worked much in his early years and never seemed to have had the Beasley "bent" for farming. He appeared to have been what one would today term - "laid back". He was somewhat lackadaisical; uneducated in the formal sense, and never owned any extensive acreage.

Regardless of whatever one may conjecture about his early life, Jesse Houston Beasley was--first and foremost--a family oriented man--always concerned about the welfare of his wife, Mary Jane McDonald Beasley and his children, the first of whom was a daughter, born in September 1858 whom they named Mary Adaline followed by Rufus Porter, born 14 Apr 1859; married Fannie Tumlin 27 Dec 1888, ceremony performed by W. F. Wyatt, J. P. Rufus died 23 Feb 1935 exactly one year to the day after the death of his brother, Robert. Martha Jane was born 5 Dec 1860, believed to have married a Bush; died 21 Jun 1919; Sarah Frances (Sallie), born 10 Dec 1862; married a Campbell; died 12 Jun 1923; Robert Lee, born 6 May 1866; married Etta Tumlin 8 Jan 1891; died 23 Feb 1934; Clarky, born 6 May 1866; married John Fite Blair, age 20, 9 Jan 1882, ceremony performed by W. F. Wyatt, J. P. Witnesses were A. J. Anderson and N. E. Smith. Clarky died 1 Feb 1936. She and Robert were twins; Susan O., born 23 Oct 1867; died 27 Jun 1949, and Julia E., born 13 Dec 1868; died 26 Mar 1947. (Birth dates taken from the Beasley Family Bible page herein included.)

While Jesse Houston was a merchant and a tippler, the family lived at Chestnut Mound near the present site of the home of Mrs. Katherine McDonald Beasley; widow of Jesse Beasley. Susan, Julia and their mother are buried at the rear of this home; however, there are no markers. Because Mary Jane was buried there, it would stand to reason that Jesse was also buried at the same place; however, there is no proof to substantiate this.

A key element to a family's relationship is communication no matter whether writing on a drum head from Camp Trousdale, or

sitting on a rock in the dense woods of Kentucky. During the Civil War, Jesse managed to get letters home to his family; many of these letters were saved and can be read today. Always, he showed love and concern for them, always signing, "Affectionately, your husband until death" - Jesse. One of the most touching of these letters to his family is one in which he thanked the children for gathering up chestnuts and sending to him. Another time he expressed his joy over the "birth of another fine daughter" and told Mary Jane to name her that he would be happy with her selection. The baby was named Sarah Frances (Sallie). In still another letter, he sent money and expressed the desire for Mary Jane to use it wisely but purchase what she and the family needed.

Not only did Jesse, in spite of the war, keep in touch with his family, but he and Mary Jane maintained correspondence with his family in Eldorado, Illinois, her family in Missouri and with son, Rufus Porter in Texas, as well as with family and friends in other locations.

Of the letters available to share, three have been selected: (1) James and Susan McDonald's, Dent County, Missouri, evidently James was a brother to Mary Jane. (2) R. P. Beasley (son), Dodd City, Texas and (3) A. (Asa) M. Beasley, brother to Jesse, Saline County, Illinois. These letters demonstrate the good climate of rapport the families had. Asa's letter and his sending Jesse the sum of \$30.00 at a time when Jesse was "strapped" for money shows the love shared by the brothers even though there was several hundred miles distance that separated them. The following letter is unedited.

State of Missouri Dent County  
Feb. the 1 1861  
Dear brother and sister

I now set myself to rite you a few lines to let you now that we are all well at present and do hope that these few lines will find you all in Joying the Same Grate blessing I seed your letter dated the 3rd of January the 20th of the Same in Stance for which we was all glad to hear you all was well I got to Stop for Sausan has got Supper reddy I have now eat I am reddy to go on the seal The reason I have not answered your letter no sooner is they is Such an uproar in the country about the Union about to Split they is a big Union speaking in town a Monday and I thout I would wait til then and I want to go and hear them and mail this letter that day. I think Missouri will stand out for the Union as long as they is enny chance and if they can't do no better they will go off with the South So She is Gest Standing So She don't now what to do the worst curses in this Section of Country is laid all

together on the Methidus denomination all together down in Arkinsaw they hang all the Sircuit riders they can fine thay have run them all out of there Missouri ant quite so bad but they wont go to hear them preach So they will have to stop preaching here So no more of that I will now say that the health of the country is very good at this time We have had a fine winter but one little Snow as yet it was about 2 1/2 inches deep it did not last but a few days Stants and family is all well I will say to you that times are tollerable dull here They is no money in the Country. Stock of all Sort is cheap enuff and So is provisions bacon 7 cents a lb corn 50 cents per bushel wheat \$1.00 per bushel flower \$2.50 per hundred coffee 7 lb to the dollar Sugar 12 lb to the dollar I will now Say that H M Apple and family is all well at this time and all the rest of the connexion as far as I now Hal McDonald is here yet I don't now when he will go home he can't Sell his Wilson land he talks Sometimes about goin home in the Spring but he don't now what he is agoing to do They have rote for him to come home and he talks of doing so Will Gaw (?) if old Thomas Hunters folks Says enny thing about him you can tel them that him and family is all well at present Well Jane said you had a fine girl and you wanted me to send it a name You can cal it Sausin ? Beasley Well I want you to go and see Pap and Mother and tell them that I am well and harty and have wove 3 peases of cloth this winter for my Self tel them if they wanted to see me as bad as I do them they could come and see me Jane if you and Jessey goes to Texas I would like for you and him to come up here as you go for this is a heape the best route you can go when you start come to galconda, from there to greens at ferry then to Jackson thru to Farmington then Calladona then to Webster then to Salem it is a thing impossable to travil lower route in the Spring of the Year this is the route that Cade Sadler went to Texas. Jane tel Nan and Cosy (?) that I would like to hear from them and tel James L. Dillard if he is there that I would like to hear from him and family mity well and also Uncle George Dillard and family all So they feel like Kin folks to me You can tell them that Wilson Cage lives in 3 miles of me and wants them to rite and let him now how they all come on I have herd him laugh a heap a time about Steeling his Ant Lithy's chickans one Cresmus time he Says he would like to here how leroy Cage is a doing and where he is he hant herd from him in ten years So I will close for this time by Subscribing our names

James McDonald Sauson McDonald To Jessey Beasley Jane Beasley

Dodd City Tex  
 Nov 18th 184(?)  
 Mrs. Jane Beasley  
 Dear Mother



I Rcd your letter not long Since it found me enjoying a reasonable portion of health I was glad to hear that you was all well and so doing I am don gethering my crop and hav bin picking cotton out from home corn is worth from 45 to 50 cts per bushel I hav got about two hundred bushels I made 4 bales of cotton I dont no whether I will make a crop next year or hire out that depends on what kind of a lay I can get Mother Nat wrote to me about Renting land for me you tel him that he need not Rent no land for me for I will not be there to cultivate it I would like to be there and See you all verry mutch though I can make more here than I can back there and I think it is advisable to Stay where I can do the best although I expect to come back there and See you all but I cant first tel when I will come tel Jennie that I want to See her and kis her mother tel Robert that we hav had a big protracted meeting it held on two weeks I had a great old time I think I have found a girl that Suits me now though I aint married yet and I cant just tel when I will I will giv you her name in the next letter Liza Apple Ses tel you that She wants to See you and for you to write to her and com out Christmas and Take Dinner with her and she will kill the gobler and have a big time Write soon Your Son as ever til deth.

R. P. Beasley

State of Illinois Saline County

April 26 th 1875

Dear Brother I send you Thirty dollars I recd \$33 dollars and paid three dollars expences that is all I can get now if there is any more I will look after it My self and famaly are in tolerable healht My wife is not very good She has chils occassionly I have had good luck My Tobacco crop brought me \$258 and other property I have Sold has brought me out of debt and I have plenty of grub for one year

Your Brother

A M Beasley

Jesse provided the best education he could for his children and they seemed to have done well in school. Receipts for tuition from the Snow Creek Academy are among his many records. A card of Honor was earned by daughter, Julia E., K Beech School on 20 May 1888, awarded by B. J. High, teacher. Mr. High went on to earn a license to practice medicine, which he did most effectively in the Elmwood community for many years.

No doubt but that Jesse made financial sacrifices in order that his children receive the best education available to them. From the evidence presented, one can easily determine that Jesse was a good husband, father and citizen of his community.

As a merchant and tippler, Jesse was, perhaps, too generous with and trusting of his customers, most of whom charged the merchandise, liquor, and brandy they purchased when the economy was good, but many had not paid when Jesse went off to fight for the Confederate cause. Mary Jane's efforts to collect during the war were mostly futile as were Jesse's when he returned after the war. Many prominent men purchased whiskey and brandy making sure to write on their order, "for medicinal purposes".

Records indicate that James Womack worked with Jesse in the early 1850's; that the firm was Beasley & Trousdale during the late 1850's. By 1872, it was Dillard & Beasley. (James L. Dillard, was the husband of Jesse's sister, Molcey.)

Whereas, *Beasley & Trousdale*  
 this day applied to the Clerk of the County Court of Smith County, for a License to  
*Retail Goods*  
 in said County, and paid the said Clerk the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars,  
 the State Tax on \_\_\_\_\_ dollars of purchases, and *also*  $\frac{10}{100}$  dollars,  
 the County Tax on such privilege. *for the past year*  
 These are, therefore, to License you, the said *Beasley & Trousdale*  
 to *Retail Goods* at any one place in said County, for the term of one year  
 from the *19* day of *March* 1860

*John D. ... et al*  
 Clerk of Smith County Court.

Beasley & Trousdale's Retail License

Beasley & Trousdale's License to keep a Tippling House in Smith County was issued 19 Mar 1860.

Merchandise, whiskey and brandy were brought up the Cumberland River from Nashville by steamboat to Granville where they were placed on a mule drawn wagon and carried to Chestnut Mound, a distance of five or six miles. The following statement gives some indication of the price of whiskey, the volume purchased and hauling charge.

*Jesse Beasley Dr. To Josiah Whitefield*  
 May 13, 1857. Dr. on old account \$2.00 - \$2.00  
 To 87 Gallons Whisky @ 50 43.50  
 To Hauling it to him 1.50  
 To 2 Barrels 2.00  
 June 8, " To 2 Barrels Whisky  
 1<sup>st</sup> with 42<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 44 Gallons  
 (supposed) making 86<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 43.25  
 To Hauling it to him 1.50  
 To 2 Barrels 2.00  
 \$95.75  
 June 25, To 29 Gallons Whisky 14.50  
 To Hauling the same .75  
 111.00

Hundreds of bills such as the following two were in the accounts' record. Prior to the Civil War, slaves were often sent with a note for purchase such as this one.

December 25<sup>th</sup> 1854 Mr. Beasley Lit  
 Negro Jim live half gallon of whiskey  
 G. R. Sadler

O. B. Anderson Dr  
 To 1 quart Brandy 75¢ 1 Do. 75¢ \$ 1.50  
 To 1/2 pt Brandy 25¢  
 To 7 Drinks 70¢  
 To 1 pint Brandy \$ 2.45  
 \$ 2.95

For a time after the war, Jesse kept the toll gate at Chestnut Mound; it was located only a few yards up the road from his home. On 25 Jan 1881, A. A. Allison, by letter, notified Jesse that he had hired Mr. P. S. Frogge to keep the gate for him. Mr. Allison requested that Jesse turn over the gate and his receipts to Mr. Frogge. The following day, 26 Jan 1881, Jesse received the following receipt from Mr. Frogge.

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1881 Received of Jesse  
 Beasley \$26.50<sup>cts</sup> Toll money  
 P. S. Frogge

Jesse must have been serving as constable in 1869 for a States Warrant VS J. Steward by J. G. Wyatt, J. P. was issued to Jesse to execute on 15 Sep 1869. James Womack on oath stated that Jeremiah Steward was guilty of assault and battery and inciting riots, causing quite a "fracas" on the Chestnut Mound Highway. Wyatt directed Jesse to bring Steward before him. Witnesses were John Camel, James Womack, Henry Dillard, Asa Brinley, W. B. Denny, Thency (?) Steward and John Sines (?).

Following the sale of his merchandise business in Chestnut Mound, Jesse, on 8 Nov 1880, agreed to pay Joseph Myer \$125.00 for rent of a portion of the Jordan Farm located in Sullivan's Bend, 11th District, Smith County. For Jesse, life had come full circle, for a year at least, he would be located within a short distance of where he grew up.

From the beginning of his enlistment as a private to his parole at Greensboro, North Carolina 1 May 1865, (four years), Jesse Houston Beasley was a faithful, loyal soldier obedient to the stringent military regulations. He served with courage and valor. In a letter to Mary Jane from Camp Trousdale, dated 17 Jun 1861, he stated that there was an outbreak of measles in camp that John Apple had the measles.

Letter to Mary Jane dated October 7th, 1861

"We have been in the state of Caintuck about three weeks some seventeen or eighteen miles from Cumberlen Gap. We have been looking for an attack ever since we come here. We have been on a Scout Patrol threw the mountains about twenty five or thirty miles from camp on pursuit of some northern men. We heard before we started that there was about Sixty five of them they heard we was a coming before we got there and they left thear camp and started about threw the Mountains and we only taken thirteen of them prisoners with their long Rifles. Two or three of them was barefoot they could run like a buck we caught all of them that we saw but without firing a gun. While we was gone we crossed one very Rough Mountain and came back another rode which was blockaded Some five or Six miles with trees cut down across the Road So as to keep anybody from escaping though we managed to get threw and came back to camp. I was out in the Rout myself though our (not legible)"

"Back your letters in this form To Cumberlin Gap Pa toppia Cer. of Capt McDearman Co Col Newmans Regiment"

Jesse first served in the 17th Infantry Unit which was organized 6 Nov 1861 then merged with the 84th TN Infantry 8 Mar 1863 forming the 28th.

Meanwhile much to Mary Jane's distaste and chagrin, she had to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government on 3 August 1863.

Provost Marshal's Office,

*Nashville, Tenn., Aug 3 1863.*

*Mrs. Mary J. Beazley* of *Smith* County, State of Tennessee, has taken the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Government, and filed Bond for the faithful observance of the same, at this office.

*Edward Maynard*  
Col. and Provost Marshal.

Field officer Preston D. Cunningham was killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro; Sidney S. Stanton was killed at Resaca, Georgia, May 1864. Jesse's unit fought at Jamestown, atop Cumberland Mountain, Battle of Fishing Creek, and did guard duty at Shelbyville, Tullahoma and Georgia.

Although the war was over in 1865, Confederate soldiers suffered further privations as they made their way home. Not only were their clothes in rags and many were barefoot, but a basic necessity food was a very scarce item. Among the stories Jim Beasley told the writer about his family was of his great grandfather's trip home. As Jesse and other soldiers were returning home to Tennessee after having been paroled in North Carolina, they would hide in the woods and watch animals, especially horses being fed corn. When all was quiet and the owner had left the area, they would manage to slip along quietly making their way to the horses and take the corn from the horses even from their mouths and parch it for themselves. They virtually starved on their way home and then, once home, they found hardships on every hand and devastation everywhere. For Jesse and his family it was most difficult because his business was ruined and his capital was depleted. Bills had to be paid, but those who owed him could not or would not pay. He could not renew his business enterprise. What a sad , tragic time in American history! However, the Beasley family faced life with courage and fortitude.

Jesse Houston Beasley was a man of honor, integrity, character, courage and valor, who served the Confederate Cause loyally and honorably for four long years. He was a good and contributing citizen of his community and county, and, above all else, he loved and cared for his family - leaving his descendants a rich legacy - one of which they can be proud.

#### Acknowledgements:

To Mrs. Katherine McDonald Beasley, my eternal gratitude for holding on to the "satchel" filled with records, letters, that rare picture of Jesse dressed in his Confederate uniform, and the family Bible record - all of which she so generously and graciously shared. Susan, daughter of Jesse and Katherine and great granddaughter of Jesse Houston, shares the family's interest and appreciation of their heritage.

To Jim Saunders Beasley, a great grandson, my sincere appreciation for sharing traditional stories of his family, a heritage which he obviously treasures.

To Anna Jo Beasley McDonald, my gratitude for information and, especially, pictures of family members and one of Jesse's desk, which is in her possession. Anna Jo's father, Norman Benton Beasley, was a grandson of Jesse and a son of Rufus Porter Beasley. Norman was born 31 Dec 1889; died 5 May 1958. He married Flora Ditty 2 Jan 1916; the ceremony was performed by S. S. Bellar, J. P. Children of Norman and Flora: Mary Douglas (dec.) married Bennett O. Fields; Maurine Ditty married Alfred R. Lambert; Fred Maddux (dec.) married Mary Jo Harris; Opal Dean married J. B. Sullins and Anna Jo married Robert F. McDonald.

PAGE FROM THE BEASLEY BIBLE

Mary Adeline Beasley Bond Sept the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Pruffis D<sup>or</sup> Beasley Bond 14 of April 1859  
 Martha Jane Beasley Bond Dec<sup>th</sup> 5 1860  
 Sarah Francis Beasley Bond Dec<sup>th</sup> 10 1862  
 Robert E Beasley Bond May the 6 1866  
 Clarkia C Beasley Bond May 6 1866  
 Susan Othel Beasley bond Oct 23 1867  
 Julia Eter. Beasley bond the Dec 13 1868  
 Jennie get to Calicut bond 29 of Sep 1881  
 { Died Nov. 2, 1933

Jessie Houston  
 Born Apr. 10 1827

Mary Jane  
 Born Nov. 2, 1830

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Jesse m. Beasley - Born June 3 1906  
 Jess S. Beasley. Born April 14 1936  
 Katherine m. Beasley June 16 1922  
 Susan Jane Beasley Oct. 27 1953

Born  
Apr 10, 1829

Mary Jane  
Born  
Nov. 2, 1830

WHEN CARTHAGE WAS YOUNG  
--AS TOLD TO ME

Annie Lee Myer Turner  
Published in a Special Cordell

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The money Mr. Flippen had made in California he used to buy a home, Walnut Grove, from Colonel Overton who got the land as a land grant for services.

As far as I have been able to trace the town's schools, it must have gone to private schools or had governesses. Perhaps one of the very first private schools was taught by Mr. Howard in a small brick office on Main Street near the site of the present Christian Church.

The best school in about 1820 was in New Middleton, and some of our boys and girls went there. Later, Margaret Haynie came from the East and married Ned Haynie. He preached in the Baptist church on Peyton's Creek and he and Mrs. Haynie had a school in the basement of this church. Town children attended this school then the Geneva Academy.

There was a section for the boys taught by Mr. Yancy on Hale's Hill. A part of the H. M. Hale residence was a room of this boys school. The Geneva Female Academy stands today, remodelled, into the pretty brick home of Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Bradford. In after years the two sections were combined and the school was on Main Street in the Geneva Female Academy building, but there was a high board fence between playground of boys and girls. One pupil of this school remembers a tall back porch, high off the ground. Under this, pigs used to wallow. Some time later there was a split school, free and private, and the free school was out on Tanyard Hill. In 1875 Clark Academy on Snow Creek had some of our best pupils, for he was running a high class school.

Miss Willette McMillin had a private school in the old Presbyterian Church for a short time, this as late as 1888. She also taught art. After a new principal came to town once, one of the young pupils went home complaining that the new teacher was so good. She was questioned and the explanation was, "He said hoist the window instead of hist the winder".

There has been no one who could give me a clue to the dates of the old Tithe land was given by Col. Henry McDonald for the church. In his will he said the property was to revert to the McDonald heirs if it ceased to be used as a church.

All agree that it was a shame to have lost that building for our town. It should have been preserved as a shrine. The brick



building was a gem architecturally, with beautiful woodwork. It was as handsome as some of the churches around Washington which are crowded with sightseers. This church stood on the lower end of Main Street where the F. P. McGinness home is today. This was used as a Union Church some of the time. I hate to relate that this fine church in its last years was a livery stable and at last torn down.

There was then a Methodist church built down at the edge of the old Carthage Cemetery. The cemetery was in the church-yard. Any of the readers of this story would find interest in the many old and very unusual monuments and the epitaphs on some of them in this old cemetery. On the old mill yard on the river are two graves which are enclosed in one tomb-like flat rock cover. These are the graves of Jeremiah Bowen, born 1770 and died 1882, and Seborn Bowen. There many of our ancestors and founders of the town are buried.

#### PRIVATE CEMETERIES

It was a custom in early times to have private family burying grounds, but there are some very old graves in the Carthage Cemetery. Next to this to the north in the rolling ground is the oldest section; after that was not used any more by the white people it was used as a cemetery for slaves and later as a Negro cemetery. The Methodists used this church for years. The first Quarterly Conference for the Carthage Circuit began and held at Chapel Hill, December 1, 1839. The following members were present: F. G. Ferguson, G. W. Kelso, G. H. Bransford, Leroy Cage-Leroy Cage's name appears on the records of the M. E. Church from 1839 to 1861, being the first name on the first Board of Stewards and continuing uninterruptedly to within five years of his death at seventy-six years, and Bartlett Patterson, E. S. Banks and Richard Bransford. Leroy Cage served as secretary. In March, 1840, the Stewards reported that Carthage should pay \$15 towards defraying expenses of the presiding elder. In May, 1841: "There are trustees wanting to superintend and take charge of the Methodist Church and lot of land granted to said church in the town of Carthage by Nathaniel Williams. Therefore the following are appointed successors by T. P. Holman, pastor in charge. Viz: Leroy Cage, Gideon Bransford, John P. Burnett, William Ragland and Jacob Roberts." Also the following were appointed trustee in trust for the lot of ground granted to the Methodist Church by Cockron (Cothorn) and the house to be built thereon in the Town of Carthage: "John Hodges, David Timberlake and Armstrong Allen". July, 1841-Report was made of sale of the old church to John Burnett for \$125.12 1-2 and lot to J. W. Allen for \$25.06 1-4. The sale was made on July 8 and made to the highest bidder on credit until Dec. 25. The trustees prayed the Conference to confirm and ratify the sale and to apply the proceeds to the building of the new church. The new church is the pretty brick church used today.

August, 1845—"The character of one exhorter could not be passed as such and renewal of his license denied." In 1846 a steward's name was dropped from the list "not for immorality but inefficiency." December, 1849, the P. E. allowed \$15 expenses; the P.C. was allowed \$22.50 for quarter and \$2.50 expenses.

#### PROFANE LANGUAGE

March, 1850, there was a church trial by which four were expelled for profanity. Carthage and Wartrace Circuits were together, then separated, but apparently combined again after the Civil War. In 1872, David Campbell's proposition to give a piece of land on which to build a parsonage was accepted. Bishop Galloway dedicated the church about 1892.

In the early days of the church there was a minister here for several years and in all this time no one noticed the uniqueness of the family's names until an account written of this in a northern paper - the minister was Reverend Die, here in 1891. The children were May Die, Will Die, Can (field) Die.

Mrs. E. G. Rogers' grandfather in the 1840's ran a tavern in the old town of Bon Air, Tenn. She has the register and we found many names of Carthaginians on this. It was the custom then to register instead of Mr. and Mrs. John Blank as Mr. John Blank and Lady. Our esteemed Jos. W. Allen was registered there repeatedly by his beautiful signature. Some of our friends there with the Rogers' tavern were Will Hart, Jr., Wm. B. Campbell and Harvey Hogg. Mr. Hogg was an influential man in the growth of the County.

Have not all of us heard of and marvelled at the mystery of the sudden disappearance of the beautiful wild pigeons? There are a few old people living in Carthage today who remember hearing of the great flocks which used to come to the forests and canebrakes around town. These birds were gorgeously colored, large, and flew in the largest flocks ever known. They usually came around Christmas time; they would fly in by the millions, actually by the millions, their mass so great in flight that the sun would be almost obliterated by noon-time, the roar of their many wings like the approach of a tornado. When they settled down to roost at night small trees would be crushed and big limbs broken from forest trees. At this season the sportsmen of town would go out to these roosting places with bright flares and after blinding the wild pigeons would knock them down with poles, killing thousands of birds night after night. Then, suddenly, every wild pigeon was gone from the United States and no scientist has ever been able to satisfactorily explain the mystery. No wild pigeons have been seen here since the fall of 1882.

#### GOOD DOCTORS

Our town has always been blessed with good doctors. I was able

to find out who were the very first doctors to locate here. There was the mention of a Dr. Yandell, a doctor whose name is remembered is Dr. Spraggins - Dr. Spraggins had an office right on the street with a horseblock in front between the homes where Frank Read and Alec Read, Jr., now live. A family of doctors whose line of doctors continue to stand out in fame even in the nation is the family of Dr. Abram King. Dr. King's ancestors came to America very early in 1600. About 1624 Abram Mecheaux escaped from France when the Huguonots were expelled. He and his sweetheart, Susanne Rochette, fled to Holland and later were able to reach America by the ruse of hiding in a hogshead labelled "cabbage". Dr. Abram Hassell King married Mary Howard. The Kings once owned many acres out on Turkey Creek. They lived in town on the spot newly built up north of the Walton Hotel.

The present school principal Mr. E. G. Rogers has written a paper on the Country doctor for the Tennessee Folklore Society. This paper is delightful. This paper tells of the type doctor who lived in Carthage in the early days when they wore large handwoven shawls. These shawls were large enough to cover both rider and horse, they were usually warm and would turn water. Bleeding was a common practice, there was little surgery and that was crude and without the comfort of anesthetics. Here are a few samples of remedies used here:

"For mumps, brake a hogs jaw, get the grease and rub on affected parts. Hogs jaws were regularly kept in the smoke house for this purpose." "Polecat grease was applied for rheumatism." "Red mud, vinegar and salt should be used for a broken limb." "This poultice draws the pain from a sprain, dig down a bit and get dirt that is not washed. This gives relief overnight."

"If a person will drink a pint of molasses very day or two he will never need to have a doctor." In later years Dr. Abe King, father of Drs. Howard and Bryan King, once remarked that molasses had saved Smith County - now it has been discovered that molasses is rich in certain vital vitamins. These first remedies were mixtures of superstitions and lore brought from the Old World with our experiences and the wisdom of the Indian added.

At the Courier office was found an old paper called "The Republican" printed in 1844. In this copy were long tedious articles on Temperance, an item about Henry Clay arriving in New Orleans for a few days; a notice that "The Carthage Lyceum will meet in the Carthage Court House on Wednesday eve next - the citizens in general are respectfully invited to attend. A very interesting question will be discussed." Also an advertisement, "Latest fashions, just received from London, Paris and Philadelphia for 1844 - By G. Berg & J. Nance. Mantuamaker - Mrs. Nance". There was a controversy between Smith County vs Wilson over which county had the largest Whig majority "Get out of the way when you hear the Whig thunder of Old Smith coming for it will be more terrible than were Amos baby walkers."

"The Carthage Casket", 1847, another old paper in Clerk & Master's office, Burke Pickett, the editor. There were ads in that for the river packet lines. "The Regular" - Nash & Calt. packet. "Uncle Ben" - Charles Ryman ( a well known river family for decades) Master.

All the boats at this time had bars at which whiskey was sold. But Capt. Ryman joined the church after Rev. Sam Jones' revival in Nashville, and he had all the bars taken away from his line of boats. This gentleman, Capt. Tom Ryman, was the founder of the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

Another item: "Arrival of Prisoners" (taken from New Orleans paper) 8 Mexican prisoners from Tampico. An item, about the Mormon Converts leaving in a caravan for Salt Lake City. There converts gathered from all over Tennessee.

J. B. Luster was editor of the "Carthage Mirror".

#### FIRST TRAIN

"The Record" - 1855. This paper carried the account of the first train coming into Carthage. It follows:

"Our First Railroad Train." "Whoot! toot; Ding-ling! Whist, whirr Huff-Puff. Look out for the train. Here it comes. Get out of the way, you sleepy citizens, or it will run over you."

The grandfather of Mrs. Clint Beasley, Mr. J. C. Sanders, gave the easement for the railroad to pass through his property.

"The Republican" of Feb. 2, 1844, Editor J. Y. Frazier, had an article sarcastically asking, "What has become of the Carthage Temperance Society?" This same Temperance Society had wielded a great influence and the members had taken a broad oath not to even touch cider as long as they lived. It is noteworthy that five members, some of them men, never broke the oath to abstain from all alcoholic drinks, cider and grape-juice to the day of their death, although these members joined in their youth.

The paper said, "Alabama money" will be taken for goods and in payment of debts in sums of \$5.00. A company called "The Mountain Boys" was to parade in town, with also a parade of Captain Allison's Dragoons and an address by Col. A. W. Overton."

First apricots brought to Smith County came with the family of David Hodges' father's people.

James B. Moore, whose grandson was editor of Carthage Paper, was the wealthiest man of his time in town. It was a family of strong personality. His daughter, Betty, went with him once to spend the night with President Jackson at the Hermitage.

Stories of the grandeur of their living are entertaining - diamond studded heels, first croquet grounds, and fine furniture. The parlor furniture was carved rosewood which they kept covered by tan linen slip-covers always. Betty wore the cute little cork-screw curls at the side of her face even after she was an old woman, the same style as was worn when she was a girl.

Being outside of the direct line of march, Carthage did not suffer as much as some towns in the Civil War in Tennessee. The first occupation of Carthage by Federal troops took place in February, 1863, when Gen. George Crook with his command took possession of the town. He was relieved in the following June by General Spears. Later the town was occupied by Col. Jordan Stokes; it was in possession of the Federal troops until the close of the war. Capt. John A. Fite commanded a company, another company was commanded by Capt. W. W. Ward, three companies commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ James, Henry W. Hart and \_\_\_\_\_ Dillehay, others by Capt. W. H. McDonald, Capt. Q. C. Sanders. Capts. Tom King and A. B. Cates served in Colonel Barstow's regiment.

Capt. Henry Hart is grandfather of Mr. E. S. Hart. W. H. Hart was Circuit Court Clerk in 1830, owned the whole city block where the Hart's live at the present time, the grandfather and grandmother are buried in the Hart garden. His father or grandfather was once Governor of Georgia. The United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter in Carthage is named in honor of this William Henry Hart.

The "Battery Hill" was fortified during the war; there remain still markings to show where the magazine was laid and giant signs of the breastworks can be found. All the younger generation have picked up minie balls on these hills around town. From the top of "Battery Hill" the Federals had an expansive view, especially of the river. While we escaped many privations and dangers, there were various annoyances and trouble to undergo. The "Bushwhackers" and marauding bands interfered with happy normal living and all kinds of unpleasantness arose. Scarcity of food and constant fears of other disturbances made life hard to bear. Johnnie Hiett's mother tells their grandchildren of riding horseback with large sacks swung across the saddle with food to sell the Union soldiers. She would bring chickens and eggs and baked bread and go to their lines on the hills to sell this. The soldiers would eagerly buy from her.

Mr. B. S. Sanders remembers well when the soldiers under Gen. Crook's command were billeted in his father's large house - the original part of the home was once a tavern - the fields of his father were white with tents filled by "D-mn Yankees". Their stock farm was used as a Commissary. The soldiers treated the young Sanders children to a sandwich of hard tack and brown sugar, a rarity. He recalls a harrowing scene where the medical

advisor for the Yankees, Dr. Gleason, by his poor judgement in ferrying across the swollen Cumberland caused the drowning of his own wife, himself and the colored boatman. The soldiers and the Sanders family were always on amicable terms. Mrs. Beasley has a fine old "money table" that was stolen from her grandfather, the thieves became alarmed and threw the table into the river. The table drifted onto a small island where it was recovered - no money but all the papers were intact. Mr. Sanders brought to town the first soda fountain, the first Coca-Cola and also the first block of ice for sale.

There are many bills of sale for slaves in the records of the county. A record of Alethia Allen as executrix of Robert Allen has with it a petition for slaves. R. B. Allen bought from Francis Kirby 490 acres of land at \$37.50 an acre to be paid for in Confederate money. This is an order signed, "April 4, 1867, and in the 91st year of the Independence of the U. S. Clerk & Master, E. W. Turner."

(The Robert Allen mentioned here was my great-great grandfather my mother being Montie (Sis) Braswell, daughter of Amanda Allen who married William Braswell. Amanda was the daughter of William Allen who married Eliza Marshall. William Allen was a son of Robert Allen. Signed: Pearl Jared High)

Once when the Allens' lived at Greenwood, forty of their slaves died suddenly within a few hours of each other. The mystery was solved by the examination of a greenish scum on the water of Mint Spring, these bacteria had poisoned the slaves. Take warning present generation of picknickers!

S. S. Stanton lived where T. D. Sanderson's home is. He was a kinsman of Mrs. Charlie McClarin. Mr. Stanton was a well known orator, a partner of General Cullom. Mr. Stanton went to war and rose in command to be a Colonel, and was killed in action. He once fought a duel.

#### BRAVE DEED

I read a thrilling story of a daring rescue that recalls the friendship of David and Jonathan. Tom Gann (father of Jordan Gann) risked his life in a dash to save his life-long friend, Joe Harper, near Lavergne in the heavy fighting there. The circumstances make too long a story to tell, but it is good enough to deserve realistic story.

During the war there was one winter bitterly cold and the Cumberland froze so hard that one could ride a horse across the river to get supplies in Carthage.

To be continued in subsequent issue.

## SOME EARLY MARRIAGES

The late Carmack Key, knowledgeable, eccentric Smith County genealogist, maintained notes in his head, on the back of an old envelope or, if in a really expansive mood, jotted them down in a little stenographic note pad. Seldom if ever was any documentation proffered. From Mr. Key's papers has surfaced one little ruled note book containing a listing of several early marriages. As to be expected no documentation or location accompanies the list. Many of the marriages relate to the Stovalls. Carmack, a descendant of this family, may have gleaned the list from family records, or they may have been abstracted from miscellaneous county records or old newspapers. Due to the dearth of early marriage records, whatever their origin, perhaps the researcher will gain some clue for use in future searches. For that reason they are published in this quarterly.

- James Hardin - Elizabeth Pitt, 12 May 1804. James Brigance.  
Joseph Stephenson - Polly Pitts, 22 Jan 1805.  
Goolsby Thurman - Patsy Stovall, 14 July 1806. Thomas Stovall, Bond.  
James Job - Catherine Pitts, 10 Sep 1808. Robert Pitts, Bond.  
John Pitts - Susannah Strother, 12 May 1808. James Strother.  
John Pitts - Sarah Stovall, 11 Nov 1809. William Stovall, Bond.  
Stephen Pitts - Nancy Hamble, 11 Jan 1809. Wm. Neal.  
Dr. N. B. Pillow - Caroline Hogg, dau of David Hogg, 1 Mar 1842.  
Col. Francis W. Butler - Lucinda Montgomery, dau of Robert Montgomery, 7 Apr 1842.  
John Yandle - Judith Pitts, 13 Mar 1809. Wilson Yandle.  
Robert Pitts - Sally Hall, 13 July 1811. Stephen Pitts.  
William Stovall - Betsey Rickman, 5 Nov 1814. Goerge Stovall.  
Byard Stovall - Charlotte Dickerson, 5 July 1816, Robt. Pitts, Robt. Rickman, Bond.  
James Stovall - Polly Dephrest, 5 Mar 1816, John Pitts, Nathan Halloway, Bond.  
Thomas Stovall - Betsey Sanders, 1 Aug 1817, L. W. Weathered, Bond.  
Charles Horsley - Lucinda Stovall, 16 Jun 1819. Talbet Horsley, Bond.  
Logan D. Key - Polly Stovall, 5 July 1819. John Pitts, Bond.  
Solomon Key - Nancy Stovall, 1 Dec 1819. Joel Stovall, Bond.  
Joel Stovall - Rebeckah Rickman, 22 Aug 1820. Mathew B. Cathey, Bond.  
William B. Stovall - Mary Ann Cruise, 10 Dec 1825. Mathew Cathey, Bond.  
Robert Smith - Susannah Goodrum, 14 Aug 1826, Geo. Stovall, Bond.  
Benjamin Pierce - Americus C. Stovall, 28 Dec 1827. John Wiseman, MG  
Gideon Pitts - Roxanna Ferguson, 28 Apr 1827. Solomon Shoulders, Bond.  
Fountain E. Pitts - Martha Britt, 14 Aug 1827. Henry Sarver, Bond.  
Tarrisha Turner - Tabitha Parish, 20 Aug 1827. Robert Bell, Bond.

Willis Crews - Nancy Thurman, 2 Sept 1828.  
 Tarrisha Turner - Priscilla Parrish, 24 Dec 1829. James Wallace, J.P. Stokley Vinson,  
 Bond.  
 John M. Goldson - Louisa Stovall, 2 Dec 1830. John Parker, J.P. Calvin Sarver,  
 Bond.  
 James Key - Lucinda Thurman, 24 Apr 1830. Peterson Key, Bond.  
 Thomas Stovall - America Bennett, 29 Nov 1830. Wm Smith, Bond.  
 Hastin D. Thurman - Ann Miller, 26 Feb 1830. James Charleston, J.P. Geo. D.  
 Thurman, Bond.  
 John B. Wilson - Nancy R. Lunsford, 9 Apr 1832. Luke P. Allen, MG. Mumphord L.  
 Sneed, Bond.  
 W. R. Stovall - L. J. Bradley, 22 May 1837. By C. G. Browning.  
 Skelton T. Harris - S. G. Thurman, 11 Jun 1838. John Wiseman, MG. William W.  
 Barley, Bond.  
 Bartholomew Stovall - Betsey Avitts, 16 May 1838. Robert D. Stovall, Bond.

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B. F. SANDERS

In a New Store With a Fine Line of Glassware, Queensware,  
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One of the most complete and elegant line of fancy groceries, glassware, and queensware on the Upper Cumberland is that owned and presided over by B. F. Sanders, who has had years of experience in the mercantile trades, and by close application to business has built up a wide growing trade in and throughout the territory tributary to Carthage. Mr. Sanders' place of business represents, in grandeur, one of the most elegant in the Valley. The show cases, shelvings, and counters being of elegant patterns and laden with all the luxuries of life in the edible line. The stock of glassware is replete with practically anything for household use, while his queensware is the commendation of all housekeepers, he keeping the largest line in the county to select from. Patrons to this house have long since learned that nothing but the very best goods are offered for sale, and they at as low figures as a much cheaper quality.

Mr. Sanders is one of our most enterprising citizens and looks forward to a day when Carthage will be recognized as one of the principal towns of the South.



SMITH COUNTY HISTORY  
Some Account of the People of Smith from  
The First Organization of the County

Dr. J. W. Bowen

Chapter XIX.

The following letter gives such a clear and satisfactory account of the beginning of settlement on Buffalo Creek, a small stream entering the Cumberland next above Defeated Creek and on the same side of the river, that it is inserted in full.

Donoho, Tenn., July 15th, 1887

Dr. J. W. Bowen,

Dear Sir: - In compliance with your request, I write you what facts I am able to give in regard to the first settlers on this (Buffalo) creek. Thomas Holt from North Carolina, settled and built the first house near the mouth of the creek on land that was afterward known as the Bennett place, now in my possession.

Bennett's descendants all went West years ago. Soon after, John Hughes came from Virginia and settled about one mile up the west fork on what is now the property of William S. Hailey. Isaac Hines, a maimed ex-Confederate soldier of this neighborhood, and Wesley Hughes who lives near Carthage, are grandsons of his. About the year 1812, Hugh McClellan, who was a man of considerable property, came from Virginia also, and settled on the West fork of the creek on land now owned by M. D. Young. He raised two sons, Andrew and Sampson, who early in life became distinguished as tobacco freighters.

Andrew married Margaret, daughter of Sampson Williams of Jackson County and settled at Fort Blount in that county, where he resided the remainder of his life. He raised two children, a son and a daughter. The former, S. W. McClellan resides at Alexandria, DeKalb County. Sampson settled on Defeated Creek where he raised two children. His son, D. L. McClellan, married a daughter of Dr. Norman of Lebanon, and resided till his death on the old homestead. The daughter married J. H. Vaughn of Dixon's Springs. Samuel McClellan came from Virginia about the same date and settled on the East fork of the creek, where he lived in easy circumstances and raised a large family, till 1851 when he moved to Batesville, Arkansas. One daughter, wife of Samuel Russel, a granddaughter, wife of W. D. Mundy, and myself his grandson, are all of his descendants that remain in this section.

Very Respectfully,

J. J. McClellan.

Of course, there were other pioneer settlers on Buffalo Creek, who came there as early and some of them perhaps earlier, than those mentioned by Dr. McClellan; but the writer has no knowledge as to who they were. They have either left no descendants, or if any, they have not felt interest enough in their ancestors to give information to perpetuate their memories.

The writer has heard a tradition to the effect that the name of this creek originated in the following way: Edmund Jennings killed a large buffalo one winter day on the bank of the river near the mouth of the creek. When he finished skinning it darkness had set in, and the night being cloudy and no moon, he concluded not to try to find his way home, or to camp that night, but to wrap himself up in the buffalo skin and wait till morning, which he did. When he woke the next morning from a comfortable night's sleep, the ground was covered several inches deep with snow. From tradition of this adventure the creek took its name. Jennings had the reputation in regard to his own adventures, of being a bragging, blustering, boaster. It is probable, however, that the name's origin is in some way connected with hunting or killing Buffalo.

The lands on this creek are naturally of the highest quality of fertility, but like all other lands in the county they have been greatly injured by improper methods of culture.

The phrase "tobacco freighters" occurs in the letter of Dr. McClellan. As that is a species of business which has become obsolete, it is proper to explain what it was, for the benefit of the rising generation to whom it is a lost art, and those who shall come after them. "Tobacco Freighters" were men who made a business of taking the tobacco for the producers when put in hogsheads at a fixed price agreed upon, per hogshead, to market, which was New Orleans, at which place all the tobacco cultivated in this region was marketed. For this purpose they built boats called flat boats. These boats were oblong in form, from 80 to 100 feet in length, and about 16 to 20 feet in width. They were decked or covered deep enough for a hogshead of about 52 inches in length to set endwise in them. A boat would carry from eighty to one hundred hogsheads. They were built during the fall or winter, so as to be ready for the spring freshets. The freighters were in the habit of advancing money to the farmers on crops while they were still growing. The interest on these advances was no small part of the profits of the business. The usual charge for freight was, upon average, ten dollars per hogshead. The tobacco freighter in those days was in many respects the most important man of the community in which he lived, and generally one of the most prosperous. His annual trips to New Orleans, furnished many interesting stories of adventures and incidents with which to entertain his acquaintances during the intervals of these journeys.

As early as 1807, or it may be a few years earlier, four brothers, John, William, James, and Winston High, came from North Carolina, and settled in the Horsehoe Bend, - the next bend to the one on which Carthage is situated, and on the other side of the river. William and Loderick Vaden, also brothers, came about the same time, and settled in the same neighborhood. Benjamin Johns, the father-in-law of William Vaden, settled at the mouth of Turkey Creek, a little stream which enters the Cumberland a short distance above Carthage. As he was one of the commissioners that laid off the town of Carthage, which was done in 1804 and 1805, he, and perhaps the Vadens, must have been here before the Highs came. Benjamin Perry and wife, who was a sister to the Highs, came perhaps as early as any of them, or it may be earlier. John High and James High, as the writer believes, left no children. All the others mentioned in their connection have descendants still living in the county. Mitchell Perry, now more than four scores years old, well known and highly respected, resides at his uncle James High's late residence. Perhaps the oldest man born in the county and still remaining here, never having lived anywhere else, is Rev. Welsey Carlisle. He was born in January 1806, and is therefore, at the date of this writing January 1892, eighty-six years old. His father, Rev. Simon Carlisle was a Methodist preacher, lived to be an old man, and had an extensive acquaintance among the early settlers. Mr. Carlisle lived in the community in which he has passed more than his fourscore years. The location is known as Snow Creek, the name of a small stream of less than four miles in length that empties into the Caney Fork from its East side. The first settler on that creek, many of whose descendants remain, was Zachary Ford. He came there in the latter part of 1799 or first of 1800. John Gordon, Sr., whose eldest daughter was the wife of Mr. Ford, came about the same time, but only remained a year or two, as has been before stated in this writing.

Recurring again to the mention of Uncle Wesley Carlisle, as he is familiarly called by his acquaintances, the following incident in history is here given for what it is worth, in the language of a correspondent:

"In his early ministry while preaching somewhere in Middle Tennessee, (I think in Williamson County), he gave offense to a young boy by reporting him for raising a disturbance in one of his congregations. The young man went to his stopping place and secretly placed a pistol in his saddlebags, and the next day got out a search warrant for him, stating on oath that he believed Mr. Carlisle had stolen his pistol. An officer went after him on his circuit and arrested him, charging him with the crime. The preacher, knowing his innocence, cordially consented to have his saddle bags searched. To his utter astonishment the pistol was found in them. He knew not what to do. He had no way to clear himself, and was therefore tried, found guilty, imprisoned, and excluded from the ministry and membership of the church.

About two years afterward, the young man upon his death bed confessed that Mr. Carlisle did not steal his pistol, but that he put it in the saddle bags himself. Mr. Carlisle was restored to the ministry, and gave the remainder of his life in faithful service to the church. He died in great peace in 1838."

The first settlers on the lower part of Snow Creek were, at first, mostly renters or lessees, the land being owned for the most part by Col. Walton.. Next above Zachary Ford was Morris Brown, then John Mann and above him William Vaden. Ford lived at the big spring where Elmwood is. After these came the Timberlakes, Armisteads, Ferrels, Capt. Matthew Nichols, Hiram Lyles, the Conditts and others. Most of the older members of all these families have passed to the beyond, some whole families have become extinct or gone to other states. The descendants of others remain and constitute to a large extent, the most respectable portion of the community. Perhaps the oldest man in the county is Samuel Fitzpatrick, who lives near the section which has just been mentioned. He is now in his ninety-third year, having been born in 1796, and is vigorous, active, rides horseback to church and to the mill in an old fashioned way on a turn of corn or wheat. His mother lived to be an hundred and seven years old. This legend is told of her, that the spring before she died, she planted a gourd seed from which grew a vine that, at the time of her death had upon it one hundred and seven mature gourds, to within a short time of her death, she continued to walk every month more than a mile to her meeting, being, as her son Samuel is, a member of a Primitive Baptist Church..

The oldest man or woman living, who is a native of this county, so far as this writer knows or believes, is Wesley Harvey. He resides in Putnam County, on the waters of Indian Creek. He was born in the year 1803, one mile from Gordonsville in the month of February.

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#### RESEEDING CLOVER MEADOWS

The Ohio Experiment station is now planning some experiments in attempting to get a stand of clover on fields sown last spring, but which failed to make a perfect stand, owing to the drought. The bare spots in these fields will first be gone over with a sharp spike harrow, or with a disc harrow; crimson clover and common clover will then be sown side by side, and lightly covered in with a smoothing harrow. A light seeding of oats as a nurse crop may be added on part of the land, for comparison, but we expect the best results from seeding the clover alone. Last season's experience demonstrated that the nurse crop may prove a fatal robber instead of a nurse, by taking all the water from the soil and leaving none for the clover.

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7TH Tennessee Infantry  
C. S. A.

February 10, 1832 - August 23, 1925

On another occasion Wollard came to Welch and myself and said he knew where there was some of the best apple brandy a man ever tasted. We engaged a quart a piece. He was to go after it Saturday night and deliver it that night. After supper he came for our bottles. In the meantime that day a lot of us concluded we would hunt for it and play a joke on Wollard. We went to the shuck pen and found it. We then got bottles and drew out every drop of it and filled his jug with water. When he came around with it I asked him if it was good. He said it was the best I ever tasted. He handed me my bottle and I poured out some in the tumbler and pretended to taste it. I said, "It is no account, it is nothing but water." I handed it to him and said, "taste it." He turned it up and tasted it. He said, "That is Curious." He said, "Do you reckon it could lose its strength in one night and the jug stopped." I told him I did not know but I believed it was never any account. He swore it was the best he ever tasted last night.

Wollard came around one day and said he knew where there was some good watermelons and wanted to know if I wanted some. I told him yes. He said he would go that night and get some. Some of us concluded we would follow him and see where he got them. We followed him and he went straight to Old Mr. Miller's about one mile from College. He climbed over the fence and began thumpin the melons. He pulled three and put them in his sack and laid them on the fence, and about the time he got on the fence we let loose at him with rocks. He took through the woods and broke for home. We got his melons and carried them home. I think we ate one of them that night, and put the others under our bed. Next day Wollard came around and I asked him where the melons were. He said he went to Mr. Miller's to get them and he said he did not have any ripe. I pointed to the sack under the bed and asked him if he had ever seen that sack before. He said, "For God was dat you what flung rocks at me last night?"

One other thing with Wollard and I will pass him. A lot of us went down on Collins River and went in a washing. As we came back we passed old Mrs. Woodles house and saw a lot of home made cheese on a shelf on her back porch. Some of the boys hired Wollard to go there and steal them. Next day the old lady came up to the College and raised particular sand. She knew some of the boys that was along and said she was satisfied they were the ones that got her cheese. He said if we did not pay the old woman for her cheese he would expel the whole lot. Of course we all denied that we were guilty, but we were sorry for the old woman and would pay her for her cheese and did pay her. I don't remember how much we paid.

Going back a few years, when I was perhaps ten years old, a thing happened that made a very deep impression on me.

There was a negro named Jim Payne, he had been sold down South. He came back up on Dry Creek, near where my grandfather lived. My grandfather had a negro named Isaac. Isaac married a negro girl who lived with old man Williams. This runaway negro Jim Payne had been informed that Isaac had betrayed him and was going to have him caught. One night when Isaac was at his wife's house at old man Williams and was lying in front of the fire on a pallet with the little girl by his side, this negro Jim Payne, slipped up back of the cabin and shot him through the crack of the cabin.

Sometime after that Payne was caught and indicted and tried for murder at Smithville, and sentenced to be hung. It was sometime after the killing before he was caught and tried, for at that time I was living at home at Alexandria, I, with my grandfather, had moved there.

With a lot of other boys I went to see him hung. He was hung about one half mile from Smithville, in a hollow. He was sitting on his coffin in a wagon, and before he was hung, the sheriff asked if he had anything he wanted to say to the people. He said, "Yes", and got up on his feet and asked for Henry Hart, and nobody answered. He then asked for Peter Crepes, and nobody answered. He then asked for Terry Williams. Terry Williams was sitting on the ground a few feet from me. Somebody told him to get up and see what the negro wanted. He said, "If it hadn't been for you and Henry Hart and Peter Crepes, I would never have killed Isaac, Henry Hart furnished me the pistol, you promised to give me some money, and Peter Crepes was to put me in his wagon and conceal me and take me to Nashville, you came to me the night that I killed Isaac and showed me where Isaac was lying. Some time before that I had hid in the hollow of a sycamore tree on Dry Creek, and I had seen Isaac and a little white boy going by, going by to the mill, when he came back I didn't want to scare the little boy so I did not shoot, and he never knew I was there at that time."

I remember distinctly going with Isaac up from the mill to grandfather's and when he told that I was satisfied that if he had shot at that time I should have been scared to death.

All three of those fellows had to move away from there. This statement should have been made further back in this history.

Not long after I started to C.U. school, my father, for some reason I did not know, concluded to send my Brother Jim to school to an old fellow by the name of Lindsley, who had an academy down in the glade, about seven or eight miles from home. He would send me down Friday evening to bring Jim home to stay until Sunday evening or Monday morning.

One time when I went after him we came back by old man Link's and got supper with a crowd of school boys. With us was Bob Link and Mart Beard from our neighborhood. After supper we went to Barton's Creek school house to attend a debating society. It was a little log house about twenty feet square. When we got there the house was crowded full of people, men and women. Bob Link and Mart Beard were members of the debating Society. The subject for discussion was, "Which is the Greater, a work of art or a work of nature." They had judges, and after a few boys had spoken, the President called, "Mr. Bob Link," who after making a profound bow, said,

"Mr. President, I was chosen tonight on the side of Art. Go with me in your imagination, down to Nashville. Go down on the steam boat landing and see the pretty boats, and I say, Mr. President, and ladies and gentlemen, there is nothing prettier in nature. I thank you for your kind attention," and took his seat.

The President then called Mr. Matt Beard, who was rather a small fellow, with a sharp small voice, he rose and said,

"Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. I was chosen tonight on the side of nature. Now in the first place I want to say, Mr. Bob Link haint never been to Nashville, he aint never seen nothing but the picture of a steam boat. I say Mr. President, you take a pretty girl and put pretty clothes on her, and any man that says a steam boat is prettier than she is, is a damn liar. I thank you for your kind attention," and took his seat. Nature won the prize.

While I was going to school at C. U. one of the professors, named Marimer, took a dislike to me, and gave me demerits on every occasion. He would sit and watch me constantly. I got tired of it finally, and sitting one day in the class, I winked at him. He reported me to the President, and the faculty, and they had me up and tried me, gave me a lecture and turned me loose.

Among other duties we had to perform, was to write a composition and hand it in every Friday. We could either write a composition or write a letter. He would take them Friday and return them Monday with his comments on them. He had an old maid sister named Kate, so I concluded that I would write a letter to Kate, in place of a composition. So I wrote a very loving epistle, and handed it in to the old Prof. and when he returned our papers on Monday, his only remark on my letter was, "when a gentleman writes a letter to a lady, he always prepays the postage."

During the time I was going to C. U. Dr. Lawrence Lindsley had a large female school at Greenwood. I had a sweetheart going to school there. It was against Lindsley's rules for the girls to have anything to do with the boys on the outside, and the only way

I could get to see my sweetheart, I had a pack of hounds, and would go down to Lindsley's or near there, and set the fox, and Lindsley would invariably send a negro fellow to tell me to come down there to the house, and keep my dogs from biting his girls, the girls would always come out in the front yard to listen to the dogs, then I would chat my girl.

Lindsley was a very profound, learned man, but did not have one particle of practical sense. There was a fellow came there one day, with a wagon load of scythes and cradles, and proposed to sell him one, he had no idea what it was, and supposed it was a cradle in which to rock children, he told the fellow he did not need one that he had no children, but that he might sell one to his brother Van Lindsley, who lived in Nashville, he had children. The fellow told him it was a thing to cut oats and wheat, and Lindsley told him that he did not want anything to cut wheat with, he was going to make his negro man pull them. He only had one negro fellow. He had a little field of oats near his house that were about ready for cutting. The fellow told him to bring out his negro fellow, and let him pull a little, and he would show him the difference between pulling it and cutting it with his cradle. Old Lindsley told his negro to pull some of his oats. He pulled a little, then the fellow took the cradle, and made a lick at it, and Lindsley saw what a wonderful instrument it was. He bought the fellow's whole wagon of scythes and cradles.

Along about this time, a great temperance wave went over the country, and most everybody in our neighborhood joined "The Sons of Temperance." Our lodge met in a vacant house of Sam Comers farm where he had formerly lived. My father was Worthy Patriarch. During the vacation of our school an old fellow by the name of Billy Somerhill, who lived at Murfreesboro, came to our house and told me he would give me a certain price for all the wheat I'd buy and bring over to Murfreesboro. I went around over the country and bought up quite a lot of wheat. I had eight wagon loads and I carried it over to Murfreesboro. When I got there and when we were unloading the wheat, there came up a hard rain, and we all got wet unloading the wheat. After we had finished unloading and weighing we went up to Mr. Jordan's warehouse and store to get my money, and as we were all wet he proposed to give us some whiskey, we all took a drink or two and came home.

The next Saturday the lodge met, and fearing that somebody would tell on me I concluded to tell myself, and when I did so my father ordered me to leave the lodge room, and they discussed my case pretty thoroughly. Most of the members were for letting me off, but father was very much opposed to it. He insisted that I ought to be expelled.



They finally agreed that father should reprimand me, and let me off. I was invited into the lodge room, and such a lecture as I got, no young fellow has heard before or since. He told me that if ever I took another drink, he would see that I was expelled.

Sometime after this there was a shooting match about two miles from where I lived, and I went to it. There was a fellow there by the name of Ben Clifton, who lived close to us. He thought he was a good shot and proposed to me to bet me \$10.00 that he could beat a certain fellow there shooting. We made the bet and I won it. That was all the money he had so he then proposed to bet me a yoke of steers against \$20.00. I took the bet and won his steers. He then proposed to bet his ox cart against his steers and I accepted his propositions, and won his cart. He then proposed to me a filly he had against the cart and steers and I accepted his proposition and won the filly. I carried the cart and steers and filly home, and that night turned them in the stable lot. The next morning was Sunday and so father went down to the stable lot. I knew he was going to have something to say there so I got where I could hear him. He saw the filly and steer there and asked Worry, the negro man, where they came from. He told him I turned them in the night before. He called me and wanted to know where I got them and I told him I bought them from Ben Clifton. He asked me why I bought them and I told him Ben Clifton owed me some money and couldn't pay me so I took the steers and filly for pay. He asked me how Ben Clifton came to owe me so much money. I told him that I had loaned it to him at different times. He asked me where I got the money from to lend Ben. He then told me that he had more stock there that he wanted to feed and that I had to get them away from there. I sold the steer and cart soon afterwards, the filly I kept. I had her there a year or two, up to the time that I went to Carthage I sold father the mare and colt for \$140. Some time after that I was at home on a visit, I asked father if he ever knew how I got the filly and steer and cart. He said I told him I got them from Ben Clifton on a debt and he supposed that was true, as among my other meanness he had never caught my lying. I then told him how I got them, he said if he had known it at the time he would have given me a whaling and made me take them back. Ben Clifton in the meantime had left the country and died, so that ended it.

I did not graduate in the literary department of C. U., having taken an irregular course. I ended the literary course in the fall of winter of 1853. In Jan. 1854 I entered the law school at Lebanon. Judge Abe Caruthers, Judge Robert L. Caruthers, Judge Broomfield Ridley and Judge Nathan Green, Sr., were the teachers. Judge Ridley being there occasionally.

Some time during the time I was at the law school and before I graduated, there was a wedding up near Henderson's X Roads. I was over at Norman Welches that day and Bill Doak, Ruff Doak, Fate Welch and Dr. Hannah and we concluded to go to the wedding. It

was some 6 or 8 miles from there to where the marriage was to take place, when we got up there it was raining in torrents, we put up our horses in the stable and went in the house. They were all mad especially the father of the young lady, they didn't say anything in particular to us when we went in, after while the marriage took place, and soon after the old gentleman, father of the young lady, came in and said, "Now all of you that have been invited here, walk in to supper", that of course left us sitting there. After they had all eaten supper and come back in the parlor, John Hannah got up and said, "Now you that haven't been invited here, walk out to supper," and we went out. They treated us very nicely, gave us supper, and after that we went back in the house and they commenced playing various kinds of games, we took a part in all the games, and it wasn't long before we were the biggest men there, some of the bridegroom's folks insisted on our going to the affair, the next day and we went and had a big time.

The Course at that time was 15 months. I graduated in June 1855. On September 5th, 1855, my brother S. M. Fite was married. I went to the wedding, and he went on his bridal trip. The understanding was that I was to go from there where he was married to Carthage and take charge of his office.

The camp meeting at Union was to commence the next Sunday, and instead of going to Carthage I came back home. After camp meeting was over and I went to Carthage, I went up on the mail hack, and when I got in sight of Carthage and looked over the place, I concluded that I wouldn't stay there, and made up my mind that I was going to go back home, but I gave out the idea, and located in Carthage.

Before my brother returned there came a fellow by the name of Love, who had a law suit before the justice of the peace. My brother had been his lawyer in the case, and he came to see me about the case. Finding that he was gone, he asked me if I wasn't a lawyer. I told him I was a sort of a lawyer, and he said well we will go down and try it. The case was to be tried before John Bridges, Esq. Mr. J. B. Moore represented the other side. The lawsuit was about the sinking a flat boat with some corn in it. I had a very poor idea as to how to conduct a law suit, however, when we got through with the witnesses I tried to make a speech for my client. When I got through Mr. Moore made a speech, then I followed him, and he spoke again, and I tried it again. Then the Justice of the Peace said he thought that we had spoken about enough and decided the law suit. He decided it in my favor. My client was very well pleased with the decision of the case. After we got through he asked me what was my fee, I did not have the remotest idea as to what it should be; so I told him \$10.00 and he paid it, that was my first law suit.

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## SMITH COUNTY TAX LIST

1860

## DISTRICT 1

NAME	ACRES	SLAVES	POLLS
Allison & Piper	2 lots		
Allen, B. R.	1 "		1
Allen, John		5	1
Allen, A. W., Jr.			1
Bradford, D. M., Jr.			1
Beasley, J. P.	95	1	
Baker, F. G.	300	3	1
Bogs, Daniel	To be pd by Tim Williams		1
Boulton, J.D.	Volenteer		1
Brown, Robt.	1 lot		1
Boze, Wm.	1 "		1
Boulton, Wm.	300	1	1
Brooks, T. W.	2 lots	1	1
Crowell, M. M.			1
Campbell, D. H.	6 lots	2	1
Carthage & Harts	Turnpike		
Alex, Car, RBS	Turnpike		
Cardwell, Jas. A.	126		
Cardwell, Sarah	98	4	
Cullom, Wm.	1326	12	1
Car Land Stk Corp			
Dewitt, W. H.	4 lots		1
Davis, Wiley			1
Everitt, James	Left the county		1
Everitt, Phoral	" "		1
Fisher & Sanders	49		
Fite, John A.	25		1
Fisher, Thomas	2 lots	2	1
Fisher, Thomas, Gdn. Bates Heirs			
Fite, Samuel M.	572	3	1
Fergusson, W. W.			1
Fergusson, Charles			1
Fergusson, Adam	170, 1 lot		
Farley, Wm.	329	3	1
Flippen, Roger			1
Flat, Isaac			1

Gibbs, Frederick			1
Glover, John W.	70		1
Glover, James E.			1
Garrett, Sam'l. W.	26	1	1
Goodall, Jane M.	100	.2	
Goodall, Harriett	3		
Hunt, F. F.	2 lots		1
Hackett,	100		
Peter, Estate			
High, Sarah F.	3800		
High, L. B.			1
Hall, John			1
High, James T.	330	3	1
Hall, Claiborn	50		
Hall, Wm. C.			1
Hall, Caleb	Left the State		1
Haddock, T. J.			1
High, John	190	5	
Hais, Francis			1
Holt, John			1
Hallum, Josiah		1	1
Heron, B. L.	35		1
Hart, Wm.	110	1	
Haney, Hoggs Heirs	3 Lots		
Jackson, Isaac F.			
Jones, Henry			1
Jones, John			1
Jones, Dickson			1
James, Wm.	1 Lot	1/2	1
James, Alexander	1 "		1
Kemp, Wm.			1
Kemp, Larkin			1
Knight, Ellis	138		
Knight, Alix			1
Knight, Wm.			1
Knight, Henry			1
King, A. H.	485	7	1
Lemons, M. L.	50		1
Lawrence, J. J.			1
Lemons, O. J.	51		1
Linch, David			1

Lapsley, R. A. & A.	300	5	
Lapsley, R. A. & A., Gdn. for C. Allen	2 Lots	11	
Lapsley, R. A.		5	
Lapsley, N. A.	Volenteer		1
Means, J. W.			1
Mathews, Enoch			1
McKee, J. P.	2 Lots		1
McClain, John	170	3	1
Massey, G. W.			1
McDonald, H. C.			1
Mann, F. G.	40, 3 lots	2	1
Mann, S. S.			1
McClain, Andrew	23	2	1
Moore, J. B., Agent for Mrs. E. Russell			
Moore, J. B. Agent	457		
Moore, J. B.	4 Lots	4	
McClain, James	2 "		
Moore, Armistead	524, 3 Lots	6	1
McDonald, H. B.	99, 13 Lots	5	
McCall, W. P.	1 Lot		
Nesbitt, John			1
Oldham, Robt.	1 Lot	1	1
Perim, Joseph			1
Perry, Martin			1
Perry, Swann T.			1
Pendarvis, J. A.	100		1
Perry, Mitchell	590	7	
Perry, Mitchell, Admr. Jas. High		1	
Phelps, Joshua			1
Phelps, Silas			1
Piper, Henry			1
Reese, Henry			1
Rutlen, G. W.			1
Ross, A. H.		1	
Richards, Wm. S.			1
Ross, Wm. L.			1
Robertson, Allen	100		1
Sanders, R. C.	2 Lots		
Strother, Robert	Left the County		1
Smith, J. H.	1 Lot		1

Simpson, John	396	2	
Sampson, S. R.	1	1	1
Sanders, G. C.			1
Sanders, E. C. & G.C.	1 Lot		
Shoemake, John			1
Smith, Hensley	75		
Smalling, George			1
Smith, John C.	270		1
Stephens, John E.			1
Shoemake, Miles			1
Spraggins, L. D.		1	1
Sanders, D. C.	6 Lots	3	1
Tyre, Robt. I.			1
Taylor, Hezekiah	133		1
Turner, E. P.	1 Lot		1
Turner, James E.	1 "		1
Taylor, John A.			1
Thompson, Wm. L.			1
Timberlake, T. F.	15	1	1
Underwood, W. G. F.			1
Williams, T. D.	Left the county		1
Williams, J. M.	72, 3 lots	1	1
Williams, W. T.	6 Lots		1
Woodard, Wm.	175		1
Woodard, Henry			1
Ward, W. W.			1
Williams, T. H. & L. A.	160, 2 lots	3	1
Williams, J. M., Gdn. Borens heirs			
Woodforks Estate	640		

## DISTRICT 2

Anderson, Burton	60		1
Anderson, Lafayette	27		1
Anderson, George W.	88		1
Anderson, James T.			1
Adams, John G.			1
Adams, H. M.			1
Adams, H. H.			1
Bennett, James D.	150	2	1

Contributed by Sue W. Maggart

## QUERIES

REYNOLDS-ANDERSON: JOHN HARRISON REYNOLDS, b. 1828 near Maggart, Smith Co., TN; mar. 7 Jun 1849 to ELIZABETH ANDERSON, b. 14 Dec 1828, near Maggart; d. 26 Apr 1859. Daughter of ANDREW & DORCAS ANDERSON. Living on headwaters of Hurricane Creek. 1850 census lists the couple living with ELIZABETH'S widowed mother as "HARRISON REYNOLDS, age 22 & ELIZABETH, 21." He is not found on 1860 census. Were there any children born; what happened to John? BOB C. ANDERSON , 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092.

ROBINSON: Seeking parents & siblings of ARCHER COLEMAN ROBINSON b. 8 Dec 1825, Smith Co. now DeKalb Co., 5 miles from Alexandria. Mar. 1849 Shelby Co., TN to MARTHA REVEL; ch.: Mack, Frankie & ?? . 1907 she was MRS. J. R. WATTS, Buffalo, TX. Mar. 2nd, 1860, Colliersville, TN to MARION V. KINNIE, ch: ARCHER ALEXANDER, MARION COLEMAN, MILTON KINNIE, WILLIAM OSCAR, JOHN FALL, & CHARLOTTE FANNIN ROBINSON. JOY H. AURAND , Box 73, Seward, IL 61077-0073.

ELLIS: Looking for info. on JOHN WILLIS ELLIS & wife, RHODA JOHNSON ELLIS. JOHN WILLIS was son of BENJAMIN ELLIS & SARAH COPELAND ELLIS. RHODA'S parents unknown. Don't know if RHODA died in TN or MO, 1830's. Would appreciate any info. on these families. Phyllis Bontz , RR 1, Box 58, Curreyville, MO 63339.

CARMAN, CARMEN, CARMON: Seeking info. on any & all CARMONS. CARMAN, CARMEN & CARMON families were neighbors or relatives of STAFFORDS in Smith County from about 1800-1850. FRED R. BUENROSTRO , 1010 Wiggins Parkway, #1151, Mesquite, TX 75150. Telephone: (972) 686-3035.

STAFFORD: Seeking anyone with ties to STEPHEN STAFFORD. Said to be veteran of War of 1812; settled in Smith Co., apparently never left. Mar. HANNAH \_\_\_\_\_ & reared children all born in TN. STEPHEN & CARMEN bought, sold and traded lands. Fred R. Buenrostro , 1010 Wiggins Parkway, #1151, Mesquite, TX 75150. Telephone: (972) 686-3035.

ROWLAND/ROLAND: 5 ROWLAND bros., JOHN, DAVID, BENJAMIN, JAMES & GEORGE came to Smith Co. ca. 1800 from Rockingham Co., NC. JOHN & DAVID already owned property in Smith Co. when, in 1803, GEORGE purchased 200 acres on south side of Cumberland River adjoining DAVID ROWLAND. In 1810, BENJAMIN bought 42 acres nearby. In 1805 JOHN bought 640 acres in Sumner Co. (on Smith Co. line near Hartsville), being grant to JAMES ROWLAND for Rev. War service. GEORGE, DAVID & JOHN listed on 1820 census with families; where were JAMES & BENJAMIN? Seeking info. on any of the brothers & their descendants, especially DAVID, d. ca. 1837 & his ch.: ROBERT, GEORGE, DAVID, JEFFERSON, ANN, ELIZABETH, PATSY & SALLY. BERNICE P. EVANS , 4421 Gaines St., #5, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

GREGORY: THOMAS GREGORY, SR. b. 1725 NC moved to Smith Co., TN ca. 1800 to Nixon Hollow on Peyton's Creek, his son THOMAS, JR., b. 1760, his son BIG TOM b. 1787, his son JAMES J. GREGORY b. 1819, his son WILLIAM STOKES GREGORY b. 1860, his son, THOMAS RAINEY b. 1888, his son KENNETH RAY GREGORY b. 1930, my father. THOMAS RAINEY mar. AQUILLA OLDHAM b. 1890; they owned a grocery store in early 30's at the now Ghost Town of Monoville. If anyone has any info. on this line or the old community, please respond; we may have valuable info. to exchange.

CHARLES GREGORY , 320 Bart Dr., Antioch, TN 37013. BBS: (615) 331-7306. Email:charlieg@hotmail.com.

MCDONALD, CATRON: FRANCIS T. MCDONALD b. 1853 in Wilson Co. mar. 1880 BLANCHE CATRON b. 1856. Ch.: MINNIE b. 1882, HAMLET b. 1884, AGNES b. 1886, JOHN b. 1895, CUMMINS b. 1899 & EMMA b. 1869 (?). This family moved from TN to NM after 1900. Anyone with knowledge of this family, please contact me.

DONALD A. HARRIS , 544 Swindell Hollow Road, Lebanon, TN 37090.

ANDREWS-GREEN: W. H. ANDREWS b. 1830; mar. 1856 SARAH GREEN b. 1830. Ch: HATTON b. 1857, MARY b. 1858, THOMAS b. 1861, WILLIAM b. 1866 & SALLY b. 1869. Family moved from TN to Collin Co., TX ca. 1858. Would like to hear from anyone with knowledge of this family.

DONALD A. HARRIS , 544 Swindell Hollow Road, Lebanon, TN 37090.

McCLENNAHAN/CHUMBLEY/HARRIS/FITE: Seek info. on BEVLY McCLENNAHAN & wife RACHEL CHUMBLEY mar. Smith Co., TN 1840. Four ch: BEVERLY HARRISON b. ca. 1843 TN; MARTHA b. 1846 TN; NANCY b. 1848 MS & MARY b. 1849 MS. Family migrated to Marshall Co., KY by 1860. Would like to locate parents and sibling of BEVLY and wife RACHEL. Also seek photos of LEONARD FITE and wife MARGARET, early residents of Smith Co., TN.

TERESA HARRIS , 943 Quachita 47, Camden, AR 71701. Telephone: (870) 231-6869.

ARENDELL: Seeking info. on MITCHELL P. ARENDELL b. Dec. 1849 in TN. Listed on 1850 & 1860 Smith Co. census living with ABRAHAM DAVIS next door to BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH or ZILLA ARENDELL.

LINDA DAVIS HOPSON , 2010 Oak Creek Drive, Sherman, TX 75092.

CURTIS: Searching for info. on father of JOHN H. CURTIS, reportedly being JAMES CURTIS b. ca. 1850; mar. to a SARAH "HERCULES???"

ERNEST E. HOWELL , 20771 SONRISA WAY, ROCA RATON, FL 33433-1705. Telephone: (561) 483-8305. E-MAIL: ernieh@juno.com.

KEMPS: North of the old Four Way Inn Intersection in Smith Co. on left where KEMPS live, old map shows Kemp Hollow. Does anyone know who lived there long ago?

L. W. KEMP, Jr. , 500 Cheyenne Blvd., L-300, Madison, TN 37115. Telephone: (615) 868-5723.



ORPHANAGE, CEMETERY: Have been told that there was once an orphanage on Macy Hill or maybe on Scanty Branch. Does anyone know the exact location, if it was private or County owned and operated? Am most interested in the Cemetery there.

L. W. KEMP, JR. , 500 Cheyenne Blvd. L-300, Madison, TN 37115.  
Telephone: (615) 868-5723.

SEWELL, WILMOTH, CAPSHAW: On the 1850 DeKalb Co., TN census, DANIEL SEWELL b. ca. 1792 NC is a widower with family of 10 and JOSIAH WILMOTH. Who is WILMOTH? A step-son? Did PHALBRY CAPSHAW marry a WILMOTH? Who are the parents of DANIEL? Who are the parents of Phalbry? Would like to correspond with anyone having info. on these people.

JORENE WASHER PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd., Smithville, TN 37166.

JOHNSON, WARFORD, BARTLEY: 1850 DeKalb Co. census lists JANE JOHNSON b. ca. 1800 KY, sons: JOHN, DAVID & ISAAC b. in TN. Did she have other children? Was her husband, JOHN? Was she dau. of JOHN WARFORD & MARY BARTLEY of Rowan Co., NC? Will gladly exchange information.

JORENE WASHER PARSLEY , 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd., Smithville, TN 37166.

PERRY: Need info. on CAGE PEERY, b. ca. 1800 NC or TN; d. between 1840 & 1850 Smith Co., TN; mar. SUSAN KEMP (dau. of RICHARD KEMP & SARAH PEACE) ca. 1831. Ch: JAMES MARLIN b. 1832; d. 1898; mar. (1st) MINERVA CLIMER (2nd) CYNTHIA WARD ROBINSON, Mahulda b. 1835; mar. WILLIAM W. ANGELL, SWAN T. b. 1836; d. ca. 1910; mar. SARAH M. OVERSTREET; SARAH & BETSY b. 1840. Also need info. on WARREN PERRY b. 1825; d. 1850. How was he associated with this family? Will appreciate any info.

CAROL A. POOLE , 347 N. Orange St., Rialto, CA 92376.

WEST, McCORMACK, CORNWELL, SNODDY: Need help with finding descendants of CALLIE A. or JOHN E. WEST. CALLIE b. ca. 1898 in Smith Co., TN & her bro. JOHN E. b. ca. 1900; parents were MELISSIA A. & ROBERT M. WEST. MELISSIA was a McCORMICK before mar. to "PEPPER" BOB WEST. Known to have lived around Bagdad Rd. in July of 1938. MELISSIA'S parents were JOHN E. & MARY JUDITH (AUNT JUDE) McCARMACK. Would also like to find info. on JAMES McCARMACK OF VA; came to Smith Co., TN ca. 1800. 1806 he was known to have been helping clear area around the Caney Creek. MARY JUDITH was dau. of TILMAN & MARY M. McCORMACK. She was a CORNWELL before marriage. MELISSIA'S bro. LEVI mar. LOU M. SNODDY, dau. of JOHN FRANKLIN & MANERVA (LANKFORD) SNODDY. Would appreciate any help in finding children of Melissa West.

MELBA McCORMACK MILLIKEN , P. O. Box 824, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.  
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CORNWELL, McCORMACK: Am seeking names of parents/siblings of MARY MARINDA (POLLY) CORNWELL who mar. TILMAN H. McCORMACK on 28 Sep 1848 in Smith Co., TN. She was b. Feb. 1828 in Smith Co.; d. 1918, Smith Co. MARY M. CORNWELL McCORMACK is listed in 1853 as an heir (no relation stated) of JAMES CORNWELL along with JOHN T., L. R., PETER, MARTHA, JAMES A., A. W. & WILLIAM P. CORNWELL. Her name also appears on the 1 July 1844 membership list of the Bagdad Meeting House Church of Christ along with WILLIS, LORILLA, MILLY & ELIZABETH CORNWELL. From dates of birth, she does not appear to be a dau. of either ENOCH or THOMPSON CORNWELL. Does anyone have a suggestion as to how I may ascertain parents/siblings of MARY CORNWELL McCORMACK? Any help will be appreciated.

BETTY BUTLER RAVENHOLT , 3156 E. Laurelhurst Drive, NE, Seattle, WA 98105. Telephone: (206) 525-0503. E-mail: ravenholt@aol.com.

DAVIS, McDONALD: JAMES DAVIS' dau. ELIZABETH DAVIS mar. WILLIAM HENRY McDONALD who came to Smith Co., TN in 1810; settled at Boston Springs. Need name of mother and siblings. Ch. of ELIZABETH: FRANCES ALLMON, WASHINGTON BETHEL, MARTHA L., PRENTICE & JOCEPHUS McDONALD. WM. HENRY mar. (2nd) LUCINDA WATKINS; had 3 more ch: AMANDA, EBENEZER & STERLING B. McDONALD. Any assistance appreciated.

EARLINE PRENTICE SLOAN , 3181 Old Greenbrier Pike, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

BEASLEY, TAYLOR: Need info. on HENRY L (LYTLE) BEASLEY mar. NAOMI JANE CARDWELL. HENRY b. 1816/17; d. 1891. NAOMI b. ca. 1821; d. ca. 1888. Ch: HENRY LEONARD 1845, MARY LUCY (my grandmother) 1848, ALICE A. 1855, ROBERT ISHAM 1858, WILLIAM YANCY 1862. Need info. on where HENRY & NAOMI died and where buried. Also seek info. on WILLIAM A. TAYLOR b. ca. 1846; d. ca. 1883; mar. to MARY LUCY BEASLEY. She later married GARRETT HOOD. Any help will be appreciated.

CLAILAND TAYLOR TEDDER , 1407 N. W. Lawton Avenue, Lawton, OK 73507-3863. Telephone: (405) 355-4169.

WOOD: In 1993, DON WOOD of 6469 Dunmoor Dr., Jonesboro, GA wrote that he was planning to move to Henry Co., TN in Jan.-Feb. 1994. In Nov. 1996, he was not in Paris (Henry Co.) phone book. Can anyone tell me what has happened to him & where he can be contacted regarding the MOSES ALLEN (of Brush Creek) and his son-in-law, JAMES WOOD?

CLARICE NEAL , 2209 Shoal Creek, Austin, TX 78705-4910. Telephone: (512) 476-4192.

SMITH, NEAL: Where and when did DANIEL SMITH, s/o Danitl (?) Smith die and where is he buried? He mar. AMY NEAL, d/o PALLIS NEAL in 1828 in Wilson Co., TN. Was on Smithville 1870 census as a mill worker. AMY SMITH is on 1880 census with her son-in-law, WILLIAM SELLERS of Wilson Co. Any info. on ANY of these illusive SMITHS will be welcome.

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CLARK, STUBBLEFIELD, FERGUSON, INGRAM: SILAS CLARK left will 1836 Smith Co., TN. Ch: SALLY FERGUSON, MATILDA INGRAM, ISHAM CLARK & heirs of JAMES CLARK. Was wife of SILAS nee KEZIAH STUBBLEFIELD? Any help appreciated.

NONA REED WILLIAMS , 4160 Dunhaven Rd., Dallas, TX 75220.

MAGGART: Seek info. on where JOHN MAGGART & MELINDA HEWITT MAGGART are buried, parents, siblings, ch. Need to know JANE DARNELL MAGGART'S husband's name, parents, where lived, ch. Will appreciate any help.

DIXIE WOODWARD , 1400 Stovall Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164.  
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MCCRARY: Seek name of mother, siblings, military record & place of burial of JAMES MCCRARY, JR. Who were parents of SOFFIE MCCRARY? How was she connected to JAMES MCCRARY, SR.? Info. appreciated.

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SWINGLEY, HARRIS: GEORGE SWINGLEY mar. 1893 FANNIE HARRIS, Wilson Co. Moved from TN before 1900. Would like to hear from anyone who has any knowledge of this family.

DONALD A. HARRIS , 544 Swindell Hollow Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090.

SURNAMES: Researching ancestors: JOHN D. TIPPET (T) b. 1839 TN & NANCY DEWEESE b. 1842 NC; mar. 1859 probably NC. Issue: VANDALIA, SARAH, DORCAS, EDMOND, WILLIAM, NAPOLIAN, ALICE, GERTRUDE, SUSAN, ARTHUR b. MO, MARY b. MO & JOHNNIE ELLA b. MO. MARGARET JENNINGS WEST , 3355 North Delta Hwy. #122, Eugene, OR 97408.

#### BOOK REVIEW

##### CORNWELL OF VIRGINIA AND ENGLAND

By William Claude Gould

Mr. Gould's book is detailed, explains the difference between the names CORNWELL and CORNWALL. He provides the family's early English history and gives the ancestral lines of Richard, Earl of Cornwall/Cornwall. The index is in the front of the book and has generation outlines. The book is of both historical and genealogical significance, copyrighted in 1996, an asset to a library or personal collection.

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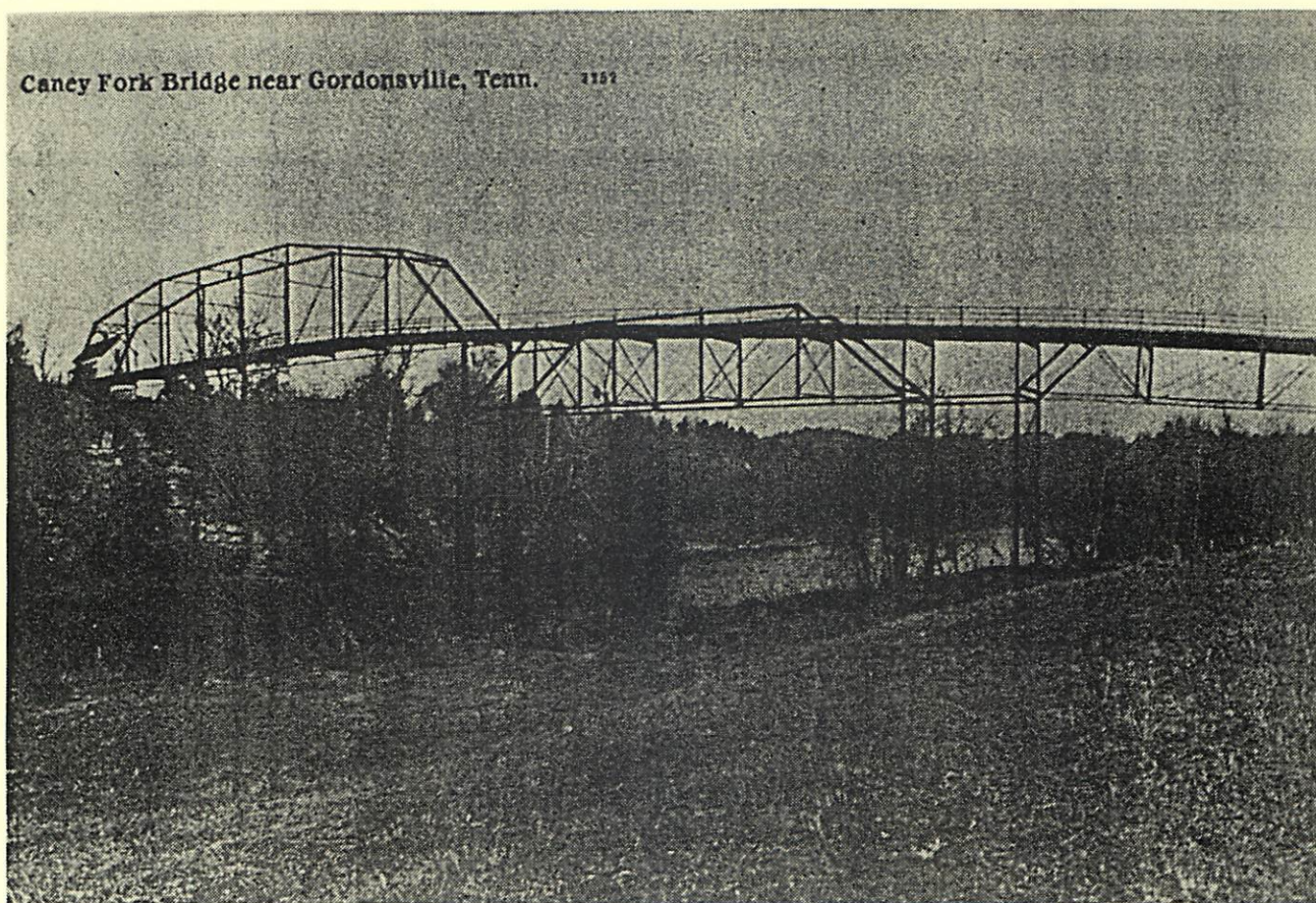
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A number of companies also sell certificates or books that supposedly detail the history of one's surname; some sell lists of addresses for people with the same last name. These are neither a family history nor a form of genealogy.

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FRONT COVER

This majestic and unusual old bridge once spanned the Caney Fork River on Trousdale Ferry Pike between Gordonsville and Stonewall. Local folks usually referred to it as "the Stonewall Bridge". At one time, it was a toll bridge with the toll gate located on the Gordonsville end of the bridge, where the gatekeeper lived. Currently, the site of the bridge is within the Gordonsville City limits. Those who travelled this road and crossed the old bridge well remember, especially in its later years, the "clatter" of the planks as one crossed and that sharp curve on the Stonewall side.



"Uncle John" Klope, twin brother to Susan Klope Norman; brother of William D. Klope, born 1823; died 1903.



Great Great Grandmother "Susan Klope" Norman, born Smith Co., Carthage, TN, 1823; died 1925, Marion, IL, 102 years of age. Married David Norman; had seven children; reared seven children of David's.



Possibly a sister to my great great grandmother, Susan Klope Norman.

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## **GORDONSVILLE IN THE TWENTIES AND THIRTIES**

*(This is an excerpt from a personal record of family background and experiences written by Thayer Wilson Beach )*

*In May of 1924 I was born in a very small house on Main St. which caught fire and burned when I was six weeks old. After that we lived in an upstairs apartment for a while before moving into my grandfather's house on the property now owned, I believe, by Barbara McDonald Bradford and her husband. At that time there was a large, rambling Victorian frame house there surrounded by a wrought iron fence with a hitching post and mounting steps still in place at the front gate. My grandfather, John Burr Wilson, had moved there after his son, Jesse, had come to Gordonsville. My grandfather died in the Fall of 1923, before I was born, and his second wife moved to Nashville to live with her own children. My father had completed his medical training in 1921, had married my mother, Emma Louise Johnston of Rome, Georgia, in that same year and moved to Gordonsville to set up practice. My mother was a registered nurse and helped my father greatly in his work for the first several years of their life in Gordonsville.*

*My earliest memory is of the day we returned from a trip to Nashville to find that our house had burned to the ground. My parents lost most of their possessions, but were soon able to start building the bungalow on Main St. where the Bradfords live now. Originally, the house had three bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen and bath on the main floor and one large room upstairs. In 1939 or 1940 my mother had the roof raised and converted the upstairs to a bedroom and bath for me. About the same time she threw together the living room and front bedroom to make a large living room and the two back bedrooms were combined into one large bedroom. On the back of the house was a screened in back porch where we ate in the summer.*

*Soon after the new house was built my Mother had a hemorrhage from her lungs while working in the flowers one spring day. I remember nothing at all about the consternation and horror that this must have occasioned. At that time, before antibiotics, tuberculosis was the great killer and her chances of surviving more than a few years must have been less than 50%. I was sent to live on my aunt's and uncle's farm near Grant for the next six months where I, an only child, had a wonderful time living with my four Seay cousins. Against the odds my mother did not die, though she had two more flare-ups of tuberculosis in her eighty-four years.*

*After six months in bed Mother was gradually allowed to get up for part of the day and I was brought back home where I soon learned to read and to swim, both accomplishments of the year I was four. Mother and Daddy both liked to swim and we went often to the Caney Fork River at the old Stonewall Bridge about two miles from Gordonsville. When the river was low there was a big sandbar there, convenient for swimming. It was easy to teach a child to swim because the downstream current helped keep them afloat. I learned only the dog paddle. The sandbar was just below the old bridge and we often walked over the rickety bridge which had cracks through which you could see the river some 60 - 70 feet below. There was also a right angle curve in the bridge itself about two thirds of the way across; I've never seen another bridge constructed like that. Like all the old metal bridges, it is gone now and a new, safer, and utterly uninteresting bridge, named for my father, has replaced it. After I got a horse, when I was nine, I sometimes rode to this old bridge but the horse refused to cross it. In retrospect I think he was smarter than I was.*

*I do not remember clearly much about public events in the 1920's. I do recall being told that Calvin Coolidge was president and I do remember the election of 1928 when my mother voted for Al Smith and my father refused to do that on the ground that he was a Catholic (though Daddy changed enough on this point to vote for John Kennedy in 1960). I don't recall the stock market crash of 1929, probably because I knew no one who owned stock - certainly my family did not. When I went with a group to the Methodist church on December 31, 1929 to ring in the new decade there was no sense of present or impending disaster. In fact, I felt a thorough-going confidence all through my childhood and youth in the concept of "Progress" and there before my eyes were the newly developing automobiles and radios to prove it. The telephone was already*

*commonplace. When in 1930 and 1931 the Depression became a noticeable topic of conversation, it never seemed more than a temporary social setback to me. I did know that I had lost my savings account when the Gordonsville Bank closed, never to reopen; I did know that Daddy accepted more payments in goods, but this meant that we ate rather well; I did know that some farming families were worried about losing their land. But the fact was that I knew no rich people and the most comfortable families among us lived very simply. Material well being was manifested in the acquisition of land, or, for a few, in buying a car. There probably weren't more than fifteen cars among the 800 inhabitants of Gordonsville in 1930, but by 1940 they were much more plentiful. They cost about \$300 at the time I first became interested in such things, and by the end of World War II they had gone up to a little over \$1000.*

*My most vivid memory concerning The Depression was of going with my father to the tobacco sales in the Winter. He would stand with his account books beside the paymaster and when one of his patients came to collect his tobacco money, Daddy would say, "Can you pay anything on your account?" If the patient said, "I just can't do it, Dr. Wilson," there was no further discussion and my father never refused to go to a sick person because he had not been paid.*

*Everyone I knew worked hard if their health was good. My mother, down with tuberculosis from about 1927-1935, told tales of how hard she had worked as a nurse helping Daddy before she got sick. One incident which the doctors believed had contributed to her illness occurred when she and Daddy rode a mule across the backwater to attend a difficult birth. The mule shied and Mother was thrown off into the water. It was wintertime and by the time they reached the house her skirts had frozen. The house was heated only by fireplaces and the patient's bed was pulled close to it so that Daddy's hands would not be so stiff. Mother was at the head of the bed giving the woman chloroform, still in her frozen skirt. She soon came down with something like the flu.*

*Most of the men I knew were farmers and the only difference I can recall between the land owners and the tenant farmers was that the land owner sometimes had a suit to wear on Sunday and on trips to "town." Town meant the county seat, Carthage, six miles away, and most country people tried to go there on Saturday, partly to take care of shopping and various kinds of business, but most importantly to see other people and*

*talk and gossip. On Saturday mornings along the country roads you could see wagons and buggies full of families going to town. On weekdays everyone worked and it was rare to see a farmer in town.*

*Gordonsville was self-consciously divided into "uptown" and "lower town" (based on a physical fact) and "Niggertown" (based on a social one). Uptown consisted of my uncle Jesse's drug store and "Miss Mat" Gwaltney's grocery, my father's office, Dr. Dalton's office, Oliver Gwaltney's barber shop, the post office, the bank, the local telephone office, Ivie Agee's garage, "Uncle" Lem Whitley's blacksmith shop and a dry goods store and about twenty houses. Downtown was similar, but it contained "Miss Het" James' grocery or general store, the combined elementary and high schools, a grain store and Nixon's garage. The third doctor, Dr. Bridges, had his office in the yard of his house near Uptown. Both the other doctors were a generation older than my father and as they died off no new doctors came in. When Daddy moved his office to Carthage in 1945 Gordonsville became and, I believe, still is doctorless. The area of Gordonsville called "Niggertown" was close to the cemetery on the road to New Middleton. There were only six or eight houses there, though there were other black people who lived in small houses "on the place" of their employers.*

*There was little delineation of social class in Gordonsville except on the basis of land ownership or race. Education was much admired; school teachers, who still boarded in private homes (we had several at our house) were highly respected and backed up by parental authority. Except for the three doctors, the only people in town with college degrees were Charlie and Love Sullivan who had graduated from Carson-Newman College, I believe. The common pattern in our area was to graduate from high school and marry soon after. The boys were already working as farmers or merchants and the girls learned "Home Ec." in school and only went to college if they wanted to teach. At that time I did not realize that teaching was to be my life's work too. It was not romantic enough for me. I wanted to raise show horses or be a movie star.*

*I had learned to read before I started to school and Mother saw to it that I was liberally supplied with reading materials. She, herself, read constantly and developed a truly catholic taste, but, except for a few best sellers like GONE WITH THE WIND few adults read anything more complex than popular magazines. Of course, most people did read their*



*Bibles. Mother and I always took "something to read" when we went on "calls" with Daddy as we frequently did. One day we were sitting in the car outside a house in the country when the woman of the house came out to invite us in. This was an accepted ritual and Mother almost always politely refused, partly because she did not want us exposed to contagious diseases. On this occasion the woman walked over to the car and noticed the books in our hands. "Whatcha doin' Miz Wilson, reading a BOOK?" "Yes," my mother said, showing her the book. "Well," the woman replied, "We had a book onc't." The kind of poverty which prevailed everywhere in rural Tennessee in those days is almost incomprehensible to people today.*

*All in all, though, the world, my world of the twenties and thirties, was a world in which position was created by hard work and virtuous attitudes, not by wealth or background, though those things sometimes helped. I do not believe that people were either more or less happy than they are today. It was a stable world, the Depression notwithstanding, and that counts for much in the sum total of human happiness. Rapid and radical change, such as we have seen over the last 30 years or so, creates much anxiety and many unrealistic expectations and it is the gap between expectation and fulfillment that creates most unhappiness. Man's natural state is that dominated by neither extreme joy nor extreme sorrow. A placid life is a happy life if combined with some degree of self-approval. Young people, perhaps, need more occasions of joyous excitement, but all people need peace and a sense of personal fulfillment. These are not material things and are hardly ever connected with material things beyond the basic necessities of life. No wonder we live and have lived in such an age of dissatisfaction. Most people today have only material goals which do not bring fulfillment even if they are achieved.*

*The town of Gordonsville around 1930 was much like the fictitious town Harper Lee wrote about in *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*. I knew almost every one of its citizens by sight and by last name. A year or two ago my eldest cousin, Eleanora Wilson Davis, and I made a diagram of all the houses along the main street with the names of the families who lived in them about 1930. I found I could remember the appearance of each house and most of the names of the people who lived in them, but of the black people I knew only those who were my father's regular patients or who worked for the families in whose homes I visited.*

*There was one important exception to this. After I got my horse, Dan, when I was nine years old, I came to know and admire our village blacksmith, "Uncle" Lem Whitley. Uncle Lem's shop was in Uptown just behind Dr. Dalton's office on the road that comes into Main St. just across from the road to Hickman. It had a dirt floor and the only place to sit that I was aware of was a large stump where I sat and watched Uncle Lem put new shoes on Dan. He was a tall old man, very dignified and hard working, but best of all he was the first adult who talked to me as if I were also an adult. We had long, serious conversations, but the one I remember best took place just before Christmas about 1934. Neither my mother nor I had thought about getting him a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve afternoon I suddenly remembered that I had nothing for him and rushed to Mother to supply something. It was too late to do more than wrap up some oranges, apples and nuts, which she did, but I dragged my feet with shame as I walked to the blacksmith shop, because I knew he deserved something more special. I gave him the gift, but with many apologies. He told me to sit down on the stump and I did, still not looking him in the eye. "Mary," he said, "You don't understand what Christmas gifts are." I was puzzled but I said nothing. He persisted: "The only important thing about a Christmas gift is that it means you care enough about a person to want to do something nice for them. Now you have shown me that you care about me, and that's what counts. Besides, I really like fruit and nuts and I don't have much of that at home!" He had done what he had set out to do; he had convinced me that what I had done was all right. More, he had shown that he understood that I really did think of him as someone special. We were friends for about five years until I went away to school in 1939. I will never forget him.*

*At that time there were two telephone systems in Gordonsville. They were named for the villages where the switchboards were located; ours were "Gordonsville" and "Hickman." Daddy had to have both phones because some patients subscribed to one and some to another. When you wanted to make a call you went to the proper phone (on the wall) and rang it by the rotary handle on its side. When the operator answered you spoke to them as the name of the town they were in, e.g. "Gordonsville, ring John Scruggs, please." These operators, in addition to being purveyors of the latest gossip, were invaluable aids to my father. They acted as an emergency service assuming the responsibility for getting help, thus freeing the person in emergency to leave the telephone. They often kept up with where my father was going on his calls and could track him down.*

*When Mother needed to get a message to my father on the road she called the operator on the route and they went out on the road and flagged him down. One of my favorite stories of those lost times was about a telephone operator in New Middleton whom Mother called one warm summer night to ask if she knew whether or not Daddy had already passed her house on his way home. The operator replied, "Why, yes, Mrs. Wilson, I heard him go by about fifteen minutes ago playing his Jew's harp (pronounced Juice harp)." It was perfectly true. Daddy did carry with him what he called a French harp which he often played as he drove along the road by himself. To imagine what this story was really about, one must know how very few cars were on the country roads in those days and remember how deeply quiet the summer nights could be. At Christmas Mother made the rounds of ten or twelve switchboard operators with boxes of candy, thank-you gifts.*

*My uncle, Jesse Wilson, Daddy's older brother, was a druggist in Gordonsville. It had been because of him that Daddy had gone to Gordonsville to practice "for a few years" until he could make enough money to move on to a more lucrative practice in a larger town, or so they planned. It was difficult to build a practice and Mama's efforts were often heavily devoted to doing things that would enlarge it. She was particularly interested in having Daddy become the family doctor for the more prominent landed families. Any doctor could acquire the poor whites or the black families (most of whom were also poor), but neither of these groups paid their debts very often. In fact, during the thirties Daddy collected less than half of what he earned and at the time of his death in 1974 we wrote off thousands of dollars in unpaid accounts many of which went back thirty years or more. Medicine had its rewards but they were seldom material ones. In moving to Gordonsville Daddy had expected the good reputation of his druggist brother to help him establish himself in a village of 800 where there were already two doctors! Because there were plenty of doctors in the county and because no one called the doctor until they were sure the hurt or illness was serious, business was not easy to come by and the doctors, and their wives, were jealously possessive about their patients. Each new family was a feather in Daddy's cap, but he was young (28 when he went there in 1921) and with my mother's help and promotion he was on firm ground by the time I was born. However, he was not to be completely out of debt (for medical school) for many, many years.*

WHEN CARTHAGE WAS YOUNG  
--AS TOLD TO ME

Annie Lee Myer ~~Burner~~

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It is too late to find many old colored friends to tell of their lives as slaves. "Uncle Johnny" McClarin--the old hack driver--reminisces of the times when he used to drive Judge E. L. Gardenhire. There was a slave-block which stood where the new bridge enters Main Street. "Uncle Johnny's" mistress was very ill in bed one day, her husband was selling a group of slaves this day and among the slaves was one aunt Prissie (Tobe McDonald's mother) and Uncle Johnny, a young child, was to be put up, too. Mrs. McClarin got the news of the sale and arising from bed she went out and just saved these two from being "sold down the river". These two were her individual property.

About one hundred slaves were sold that day. "Aunt Mattie" recalls the terrible story of her father's wife (not her mother) who having been put up and sold was carried away with the other slaves who were all tied together by chains. The overseer drove this tied line of people through Martin's Creek tied as they were. This woman had a small child which she could not raise her arms to hold; the water grew so deep that the child had to cling with its baby arms to the mother's neck. The baby was almost swept away in the swift water. Before the last bid was made on her, the mother had begun to cry; she was laid across a barrel and beaten cruelly, as she lay buckled down, after her release she was beaten with a cat-o-nine-tails. However, she brought a price high in the hundreds as she was a "fine breeder".

The granddaughter recalls that Walton Carter (Gardenhire) was a slave who was sold twice, sold here from Virginia. His last wife, Aunt Tennessee, came from Overton County, Tennessee, used to tell stories of her young life, sleeping in a trundle bed, of the Yankees coming and taking her "white folk's silver and of the Yankee's forcing her mother to cook them a "big dinner". The first pair of shoes she had was made for her wedding day and they were made at home from her father's boot-tops. She told of how she and other little Negroes had to crawl up in long wooden troughs where the clothes of the white folk were out to be washed. These children "tromped" up and down, up and down, until all the dirt was washed out. There were no washboards then.

There was always plenty of food and at Christmas time great baking of cakes went on. She never went to school a day in her life.

When the slaves worshipped out in their little cabins at night they always first "turned their kettles upside down before their cabin doors" so the folks up in the big house would not complain of the noise of their shouting; somehow this kettle caught and held the reverberation of their noise. The question was asked, "what did she do for fun"? The answer, "She didn't never have no fun."

Andrew Johnson spoke here one day, and it was a gala day, for John Robinson's Circus came too. There are told stories that circulate to the present about how many horses the clown jumped at a jump. The last time I heard Mr. Sam Pickering tell it, the clown jumped seventeen horses!

Isn't it strange that Carthage lying as it does at the confluence at two rivers has never had more shanty-boat people? However, a generation ago a family of shanty-boat people did float down from Kentucky and tie up at the bluff at foot of the big island. Here they stayed on but finally left the boat and settled on the land. Later on the large connection moved in a body to a sort of squatters settlement at the north entrance of the town, this group of cabins is known to us as "Buelah-Land."

The town had no paved roads, no pavements and no street lights. The business houses were frame and there were private residences on the Square. These were built to open directly onto the street. Buckner Caldwell had a three-story hotel on the side of our old Riverside Hotel. There was the McDonald Hotel. Probably the first postoffice was in Major Key's home which was where the Tom Read, Sr., home is. Later the post-office was moved to lower Main Street into the KcKey home there, and then to the present site. Old Masonic Hall was built in the early seventies before Tennessee became a state. "Bone" Williams and Charlie Smith had drug stores on the sites of our two drug stores today. Jim Calhoun had a dry goods store.

There were open saloons and men carried pistols openly. Out of town visitors and shoppers hitched their horses onto long chains in posts all around three sides of the Court House yard. It was no infrequent sight, truly it is what happened each first Monday, to see drunken men on spirited horses riding furiously up the street loudly giving the Rebel yell. Often they would shoot off their pistols in the best accepted wild West movie of this period. Too, we regret to say that the settling of disputes often ended in a pistol shooting. No children or women ventured to town on Court day unless the mission was vitally important.

Some old invitations to parties were found. While these notes were extremely formal, the parties were sometimes very lovely. The first valentine party ever given is remembered vividly by some present. The "piece de resistance" of this special party was the centerpiece on the dining room table, a mirrored lake with drooping ferns, miniature glass swans and mossy rocks around.

## SHARP ETIQUETTE

The etiquette of the time was more elaborate and the sexes were restricted in their gatherings together. One admonition: No young girl could lift her foot while she was sitting to allow the bottom of her shoe to be seen; when a young lady's engagement was announced she, as a properly reared young girl, stayed at home quietly until her marriage. If she lived near the street she did not even sit in an unshaded window. The customs were different but they seem to have had many good times. "Watermelon" parties were fun and one of the favorite excitements was going in couples to "school exhibitions".

An amusing but truly shocking story of these times was an incident when a young man's sweetheart rode into town horse-back, on a side-saddle, of course. He wrote a note to her at her hostess' home asking if she would not drive home with him in his new buggy, suggesting tying her horse to the back of the buggy. By a careless error he left the letter "r" out of the word "horse."

Item in an old paper headed "New Things":

"Capt. Lovell has a new boat;

Capt. Rockwood a new baby;

Mr. Myer, a new carriage;

Col. Fite a new lawn mower;

Dr. King a new horse;

Mr. McMillin, a new carpet and furniture, in fact, most everyone has something new."

An ad for a school spoke of the training in making wax flowers. Major Swope had the first buggy.

Picture the contrast in the way one got to Nashville during the different stages in the development of the town's life. First, there were the tortuous trails through the forest, then the blazed trail to be ridden through on horseback, later the river passage or by Gallatin by a stage line. It is known that all virile young boys' dreams were to grow up into a stage driver.

When the stage came in it announced its arrival by a loud blowing on the trumpet at the top of the hill and dashed into town with the driver flourishing his long whip over his team. It came in with a clash and clamor but awoke desires of importance in the young hearts. After the train came with its regular schedule it was a tiresome trip to the Capital City. First the hack would drive out to your home early in the morning and take you to the lower end of Main Street to go slowly down the steep muddy river banks to a ferry boat, which was pulled by a horse across the river, up steeper banks on the other side of the train. A ride of seven miles to the Junction; there you had to wait an uncertain variable length of time for the "down" train,

another ride for three hours to Nashville, then you took either a cab up town or waited for a rickety old street car. Now, we step in our own car at our front door and in an hour and a quarter we arrive at the door of our destination, untired and independent.

#### JUDGE FITE

Col. John A. Fite, who lived to be ninety-eight years of age is remembered by many of us. He had a wide acquaintanceship through this entire section and was honored by a host of friends. He was a Circuit Judge for years and he was said to try always to decide his case by justice. He was public-spirited and helped the town in various ways. His life was one of interesting and highly entertaining happenings; he wrote for his family a book of memories. Col. Fite married Molly Mitchell, the daughter of Leroy and Eliza Mitchell. The Mitchell family was one of the first families-first in point of time and first in wideness of its influence. Their home was one of the oldest which this generation can remember, was torn away nearly thirty years ago. It stood near where the Christian Church is. Colonel Fite's brick house belongs to Mr. L. A. Ligon and is still one of the show homes in Carthage-where thousands of blooms of Mrs. Ligon's flowers delight the visitors today, once stood a deer park. To insure having a neighbor on a lonely street, Colonel Fite gave a building lot to the Tollivers, who later moved to Lebanon. Judge M. Fite, who lived out four miles, was his brother. This branch of the Fite family moved to Nashville.

Major Ferguson certainly must have been a man of great charm, a gentleman of the old school with his dignified manner, immaculate linen and he was a delightful conversationalist. He and all his family read a great deal and-as was and unusual at this time-kept in touch with the outside world's events. He was to Carthage what a magazine like Readers Digest is now. Two of the Ferguson boys have won distinction in their careers.

The old people tell of how they and their boy and girl friends used to quake in their boots when Charlie Smith frightened them. He lived a strange life in his corner drug store. From what we understand of his type he must have been a sadist, but he was not understood when he lived here. Tully Brickhouse was another queer character who was feared by children back in the seventies, but today he would be termed an "herb-doctor". In these early days the psychiatrist had not warned parents about the dangers of frightening the children, so they all scared the young people by tales of Tully Brickhouse. Once a year he would arrive-by foot-and stop with his negro friends. He was tall, with long white hair, and his clothes were one mass of patches, one patch over the other, always spotlessly clean. Over his shoulders he carried a stick on the end of which was a handkerchief with all his worldly possessions and also his store of herbs.

To be concluded in Fall issue.

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

1852. Box 13, No. 652. LARKIN CORLEY et al Vs NANCY CORLEY et al. Bill of complaint of Larkin Corley, Jr., Rebecca Nolin of Smith Co., John J. Corley of Davidson Co. against: Nancy Corley; Richard Corley and wife, Mary; Richard Butler and wife, Elizabeth of Smith Co.; Elisha Corley and wife, Nancy, of Wilson Co.; Merritt House and wife, Frances E.; Dudley Corley; Patsy Corley; residence of the last four is unknown. Larkin Corley, Sr., died in 1834/1835 leaving widow, Nancy. Complainants claim that in 1829 deceased willed a slave to his four youngest daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Frances Eleny. The issue of said slave has increased to eleven and the other children are asking for a division of the slaves. Nancy Corley, widow, age 66, is a sister to Turner Roundtree.

1891. Box 73, No. 3750. BARRETT AND HAREL Vs HALL HALLUM CO. AND BASS. Lawsuit concerning ownership of a "jack" that has been replevied by James A. Barrett to cover debts of Taylor Rollins. The jack has died since suit began. Includes report of W. V. Harel, Admr. of estate of Lewis Allison. The following were notified to be present for the final settlement of the estate on 22 Sept 1886: William Rollins and wife, Rebecca; Taylor Rollins and wife, Mary; Robert Allison; James Allison, Jr.; Lewis Allison, Jr.; Thomas Ballinger is named as guardian of William Waggoner, a minor.

1895. Box 55, No. 2821. EVALINE HARRIS Vs JAMES W. DENNEY. Evaline Harris, age 85 last month, born in 1810 in Old Virginia, says that in 1875 she leased to her son, James W. Denney, age 58, all her lands to hold during her natural life. She has 5 other living children - those that are dead left no issue. Evaline wants to revoke the lease because James has failed to farm the land as agreed upon. Names sister to Evaline, Peggy McClanahan; son, Wyatt B. Denney; daughters, Eliza, wife of Henry Hubbard; Pleas G. Harrison, 65; Caroline Allison; Jno. B. (Sonnie) Harrison, grandson. Land is known as old Jimmie Rollins farm; old cabin James W. Denney lived in called the Corley house. Court rules that James W. Denney is to vacate land by 25 Dec 1896.

1848. Box 49, No. 2483. ANN KYLE Vs ROBERT B. KYLE. Ann Kyle states that she and defendant were married in August 1843. After living together less than a year she was deserted by her husband, leaving her the care of their infant son, James Benjamin Kyle. Ann asks the court to put an attachment on 7 horses supposedly owned by defendant. Robert claims his brothers, James and George Kyle own the horses. Daniel J. Cardwell, brother-in-law of Robert Kyle, states that his father, William N. Cardwell, advanced money to Kyle to purchase horses. Benjamin Payne is brother-in-law of complainant; James E. and John Fry are brothers of complainant. Depositions: Elizabeth Springfield, age 32, formerly lived in Monore Co., Mississippi and is a sister of Ann Kyle.



daughters of Henry Fry. She testifies that a Mrs. Waters, sister of Robert Kyle, brought a parentage suit against Lewis Hall and was ill at Ann because of her testimony in the suit. Henry Fry was age 67 in 1848. Divorce was granted.

1827. Box 49, No. 2491. JAMES ROLLINGS Vs LARKIN CORLEY. James Rollings says he moved to the State of Tennessee in 1815 and rented a farm from Corley. Corley proposed to sell 255 acres on Mulherrin Creek to Rollings in exchange for a negro woman named Mary. After the trade was made, Corley claimed to have been drunk and defaulted on the deal. Corley says he came to Tennessee in 1804 with his family after having served as a common soldier under Harmer, Sinclair and Wayne for four years fighting the northern Indians. The deposition of David McClanahan, age 76, states that Corley says to him, "Granddaddy, I have sold my possessions...." (Not clear if McClanahan is Corley's grandfather or if this is only a form of addressing an older man). Samuel Reed states that "old" Wm. Bailey had offered Allaway a cow and calf if he would get Corley's land and get him out of the neighborhood, and Capt. Massie offered Rollins 20 gallons of whiskey to get Corley out as he was an old rascal. On oath J. B. Forester says he received Reed's deposition from Wm. B. Moores, son of Wm. Moores, dec'd., 21 Jul 1828.

1845. Box 75, No. 3933. D. A. MCEACHERN Vs GREGORY AND MARTHA MOORE. Daniel A. McEachern states that he bought a slave, Anderson, from the estate sale of John Moore who died in the fall of 1841. The slave was owned by Thomas Moore and then John and Martha Moore. Gregory Moore was Admr. of John and sold the negro to be sound. Daniel says the negro has a bad back and cannot work. Gregory and Martha deny any unsoundness of the slave. Depositions taken at schoolhouse near Isom Fuller's on 8, 9 August 1845: Duncan Johnson, age 34; William Barnett, age 63; Thomas Paschell, age 18; Secela Fuller, age 45. Dr. Abram H. King, age 30, treated the boy in 1844, says he has been practicing medicine for 12 years. State of Mississippi, Monroe County, 1845, depositions are taken from Dr. Thomas T. Armstrong, age 30, and Nelson F. Kyle age 38. Dr. Armstrong states he has been practicing medicine 5 years and attended one course of lectures at the Medical School of Louisville, Ky. Moses Springfield, 36, now a resident of Monroe Co., says he worked with the negro in 1831. State of Mississippi, Holmes County, deposition of Dr. Wm. P. Sayles, age 37, taken in 1845. He says he completed his medical studies at the School of Ohio in 1832. Deposition of John Moore, Senior, 56 years, taken in 1845, mentions William Moore, age 36, brother of Gregory, sons of Thomas. Jonathon Bailey, 35, states that complainant McEachern, Thomas Moore and son, John, lived within 2 miles of one another. Jesse Fuller, 31, says John and Martha Moore both owned a part in Anderson and lived on the same farm. Samuel Fuller, age 44, says he has known Anderson since 1811 and that Thomas Moore died in 1835.

1874. Box 9, No. 452. WILLIAM ROLLINS Vs WYATT B. DENNY. A life interest in a 111 acre farm was granted Barbara Allison upon her divorce from Lewis Allison. At her death the land goes back to the Allison heirs. Wyatt B. Denny is living on the land and the Allison heirs (Wm. Rollins married Rebecca, daughter of Lewis Allison) complain that Denny is cutting timber and destroying the farm. Lewis Allison testifies that he lived on

the place over 20 years and gives a good description of the property as it was then. Court rules in favor of defendant.

1837. Box 26, No. 1310. MARY HARRIS Vs DAWSON B. HARRIS. Mary (Polly) Dowell, daughter of Nehemiah Dowell, is filing for divorce from Dawson B. Harris. She says they were married in 1818 or 1819 (he says 1820) in Virginia. She claims he is cruel to her and slips in the kitchen at night where the slave girl, Rachel, sleeps. She and Dawson B. have six minor children: Bus, 16; William, 12; Frances, 10; Betsy Ann, 8; Sarah Jane, 6; Lucindy, 1. Suit was filed 5 Jun 1837. On 26 Dec 1838 Mary requests that the suit be dismissed.

1889. Box 26, No. 1315. EVALINE HARRIS Vs W. B. DENNY, JAMES ALLISON, CLOUD DENNY, JEFFERSON TAYLOR. Evaline Harris, a widow about 78 years old, been married twice, her first husband being Benjamin Denny who died in 1844. She then married Dawson B. Harris about 1849. He died about 1880 in the State of Illinois. J. W. Denny, age 51, is oldest living son; W. B. Denny is another son. Caroline Denny married an Allison, has son, James, age 32 or 33. Nick Denny, age 23, another grandson, son of Wyatt B. Denny (W. B.). Eliza Hubbard, age 37, half-sister to W. B. Denny, married Henry Hubbard. Enoch Rollings, age 55, says Evaline is his mother-in-law. B. F. Atwood, age 67, states that Evaline had 6 children by Denny, 2 boys, 4 girls and 1 daughter by Harris. Evaline inherited tract of land in District 17 from her father, James Rollings. She accuses son, Wyatt B., of taking her interest in the tract. Reference is made to Minute Book, p. 214, May 21, 1897, that, because of the death of Evaline Harris, Lewis Allison, Admr. continues suit.

1834. Box 10, No. 423. WM. PATTERSON, ADM. OF JOEL FULKS Vs SWAN THOMPSON. Fulks and Thompson were partners in "boating" tobacco down the river to New Orleans. One boat was steered down river by Turner Roundtree. The boatyard was located at the mouth of Mulherrin Ck on the Caney Fork River. Fulks commanded one boat down the river to a place called Caryosara where he is said to have died in 1831-32. The hands on board delivered the loading to New Orleans. Patterson claims that Thompson owes the estate of Fulks for payment received for some of the tobacco in New Orleans. Individuals who shipped their tobacco were: Wm. P. Hughes, James Boze, Abraham Vaughn, John G. Cardwell, David Robertson, Joseph Guess, Hardy Boze, Sion P. Hughes, Johnson Lawson, Arch'd. Gibbs, Wiatt W. Bailey, Isaac Goodall, Wm. Reeves, Sr., Bluford Oliver. A corn boat was contracted for with Spencer Kelly by Thompson and Fulks. Timothy Walton and James High were also engaged in freighting tobacco to New Orleans.

## SPEARMAN ROBINSON, MEXICAN WAR SOLDIER

Robert Young Clay

On 12 June 1872, Spearman Robinson, late a Private in Captain Walton's Company, 1st Regiment Tennessee Volunteers in the Mexican War applied for a pension. He stated that he enlisted 1 June 1846, and was discharged 13 September 1846. "He claims a pension alleging injury to back received in Mexico."

On 18 June 1872, receipt of his application was acknowledged by the office of the Commissioner of Pensions and his service verified. "It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Spearman Rob er son was enrolled and mustered into service as a Private on the 1st day of June 1846, at Nashville, Tenn, in Co[mpany] H, 1st Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, to serve twelve months. On the Muster Roll of Co[mpany] H of that Regiment, for the months of June, July and August 1846 (three months muster), he is reported Present. M[uster] R[oll] for Sept and Oct 1846 reports him 'Discharged at Camargo on the day of \_\_\_ Sept 1846 on Surgeon's Certificate.' M[uster] O[ut] R[oll] said Co[mpany] dated May 23 1847 reports him 'Discharged at Camargo Sept 19 1846 on Surgeon's Certificate.' Also borne as Spearman Robinson."

After the death of Spearman Robinson, his widow Lucy S. Kittrell Robinson applied for a pension based on his service: "State of Tennessee, County of Smith. On this 14th day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and 98, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public,..in the State of Tennessee Lucy S. Robinson a resident of Defeated in the County of Smith in the State of Tennessee who being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: I am the widow of Spearman Robinson, who served under the name of Spearman Robinson, as a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Walton in the 1" regiment of Tenn Vol Inf[antry], commanded by Col. Campbell in the war with Mexico; that my said husband enlisted at Carthag[e] on or about the 30th day of May A. D. 1846 for the term of twelve months; that I was married under my name of Lucy S. Kittrell to my said husband, by Wilson Hearin M. G., on or about the 3rd day of Feb A. D. 1847 at Linwood in the State of Tennessee, and lived with my said husband from the date of my said marriage until the day of his death, to wit: the 14 day of Sept A. D. 1898, when my said husband died at Defeated in the State of Tennessee, and that I have not remarried; that there was never any legal impediment to said marriage." She stated that his service was "as a private in the above Stated Servis untill discharged...at Comargo Mex on the 20th day of November A. D. 1846" and that he was not in battle at no place." Further she stated that she was 72 years old and "was born on or about the Second day of February A. D. 1826...in the State of North Calina," but she did not know the exact place of her birth.

She stated that she had not before made application for a pension but that her husband had been "a pensioner under the Act of January 29 1887, under certificate No. 6416, at the rate of 8 dollars per month and increased to \$12 per Month under the Act of January 5, 1893."

On 29 December 1898, Lucy S. Robinson, age 75, a resident of Defeated, Smith County, Tennessee, stated before D. H. West, and notarized by J. L. Hewitt, that she was "the widow of Spearman Robinson dest. who was a Soldier in the Mexican war She further States that She and the Said Soldier Spearman Robinson was married on or about the 3d day of Feb 1847 and neither myself nor him were married before our marieg to gether and we never was divorced and we lived to gether untill his death Sept 14th 1898 She also States that there is no person that She Knows now living that was present at our marrig in wilson County the minister that performed the marriage is dead his name was Willson and there is no public Record of his death to her Knowledge."

She was placed on the pension roll 13 January 1899, to receive \$8.00 per month, changed to \$12.00 by Act of 19 April 1908.

On 20 August 1902, she stated before W. L. Kemp, Jr.; Notary Public, that "between January the 5th 1893 and January the 22nd 1894, Neither myself or Husband (Spearman Robinson) owned any Real or Personal Property, and that no one was legally bound for his Support, and that he was Wholly disabled for Manual labor during that period. My Husband had no income from any Source except his pension of Eight Dollars per Month and this Eight Dollors per Month Was insufficient to Provide him with the necessaries of life."

On 20 July 1903, she stated before W. L. Kemp, Jr., Notary Public, witnessed by W. J. Beasley and C. A. Holliday; that "I wish to make a correction in my affidavit executed in August or September last concerning what property my husband and I owned between January 5, 1893 and January 22, 1894. I did not mean to say, although it appears that I did say it, that we owned no property at all during that period. The fact is, that during that period we had a little house and lot in the village of Defeated, Tenn. worth about \$200. This house was bought and paid for by our children and while the deed to it was in my husband's name, yet we had not paid anything for it. Strictly speaking the house belonged to our children, although it was in my husband's name. What I meant to say was, that we owned no property from which we got any income. We simply lived in the house and got no income from it. The point of fact, we had no income during the period from January 5, 1893 to January 22, 1894, excepting my husband's pension, beyond what little our children gave us from time to time and had it not been for their contributions we would have suffered for the necessaries of life.

I did not intend to make a misstatement concerning the property. It was simply a misunderstanding on my part and on the part of the witnesses as to our owning any property from which we got anything, or from which we paid anything."

She was last paid \$12.00 on 4 November 1911 and was dropped from the pension roll because of her death.

On 25 November 1911, John W. Robinson, age 56, of Defeated, Smith County, Tennessee, applied for burial benefits for Lucy S. Robinson. He stated that her last sickness began 1 November 1911 and that she died of "Old age - 86 years old" on 14 November 1911. Claims filed were for E. S. McKinney, Physician, \$8.15, unpaid; John W. Robinson, Nursing and care, \$19.50, unpaid; G. F. M. Russell, Undertaker, \$16.00, paid and West Brothers for burial clothes, \$3.13, unpaid - a total of \$46.80. E. S. McKinney, M. D. stated that he attended the pensioner November 1, 5, 8, and 12, 1911, that she died of "Old age" and that he had "lived within four hundred yards of dec. Pensioner for 16 years. She was very poor and feeble, and was waited on the entire time by Claimant."

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.  
Mexican War Pension Files. Robinson, Spearman, SC-6416, WC-11468.

NOTES: Spearman Robinson's signature does not appear on any of the papers in the application file. Lucy S. Kittrell Robinson signed by mark. Her mark and the signature of John W. Robinson are as follows:

*Lucy S. Robinson*  
Signature of Claimant -  
mark

*John W. Robinson*  
(Claimant's signature in full.)

Lucy S. Kittrell, who is sometimes called Lucinda, was probably born in Granville County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Isaac Kittrell and his second wife, Frances "Frankie" Snipes.

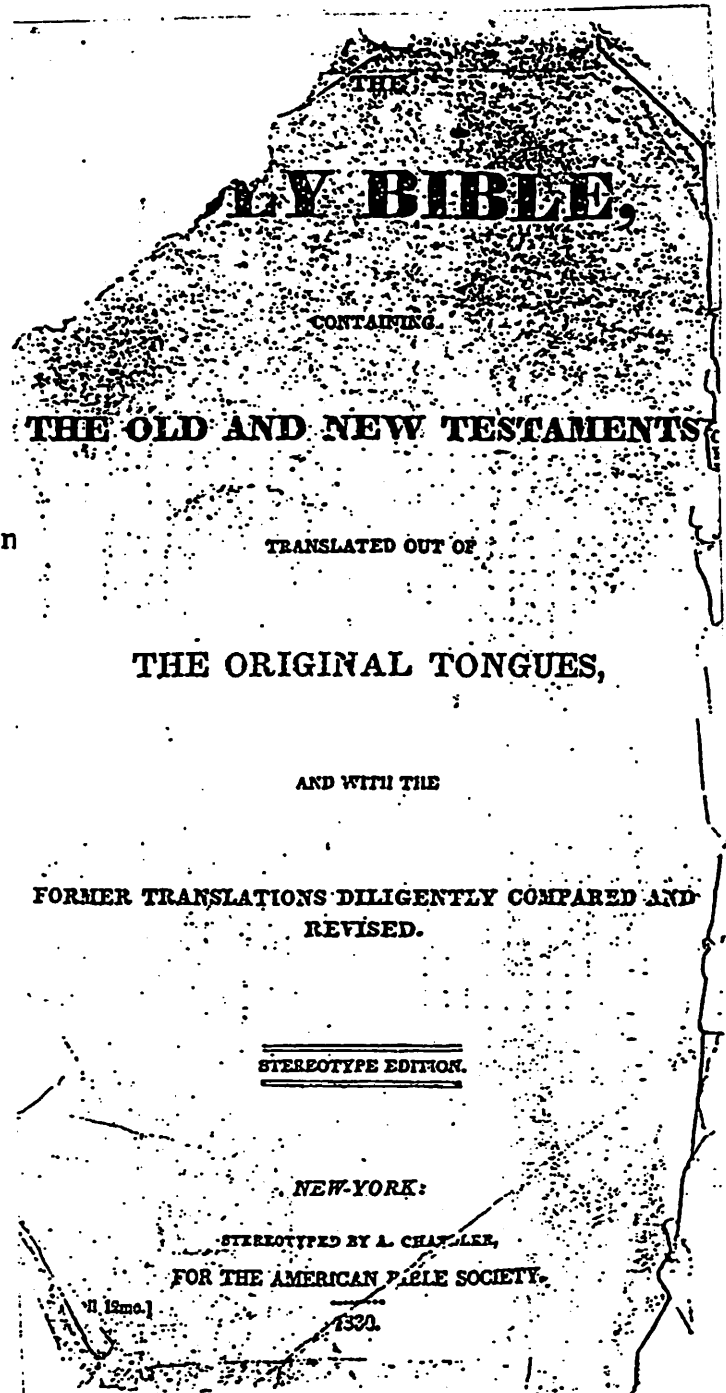
REUBEN and MARY  
(WITCHER) GOAD  
FAMILY BIBLE RECORD  
(This family Bible  
is owned by Maxine  
Earps, Dixon Springs,  
TN.)

Reuben and Mary were  
early settlers in  
Smith Co., portion  
that later became  
Macon Co. They were  
married 3 Oct 1789, VA.

My 2nd great grandfather,  
John Goad, was born 10 Jan  
1806; died 15 Dec 1881;  
married Permelia ?  
born 18 Feb 1807; died  
28 Mar 1882; buried in  
Goad Cemetery, Pleasant  
Shade, TN.

My great grandmother,  
Mary "Polly" Goad was  
born 27 May 1835; died  
29 Oct 1899; married  
William W. Jenkins  
Dec 1848.

Bible records submit-  
ted by:  
Peggy Martin Blue  
116 Wilmar Avenue  
Grants Pass, OR 97527  
(541) 479-6146



Reuben Good was born  
May the 25th 1770

Abby Good was born  
July the 17th 1770

Henry Good was born  
November 4th 1780

Juliana Good was born  
December the 12th 1792

George Good was born  
April the 15th 1794

John Good was born  
October the 31st 1796

Abby Good was born  
June the 11th 1798

Daniel Good was born  
December the 2nd 1804

William Good was born  
January the 1st 1804

John Good was born  
January the 1st 1806

Abby Good was born  
February the 7th 1808

Reuben Good was born  
July the 21st 1810

Reuben Good was born  
April the 2nd 1814

Rachel Willulson  
Born Dec 18, 1817

It looks like some  
names didn't copy on  
bottom of page →  
would be.

Reuben A Good  
July 16, 1842  
William C Good  
Jan. 7, 1845  
Priscilla Ann Good  
May 23, 1848

Other Names Found  
in the Bible:

Rachel Willulson  
Dec 18, 1867 (above)  
Mary P J Good  
March 21 1872

(I don't know who  
Mary P J Good is!  
MWH

12. July 1821

Nancy Good Good

18. Feb. 1833.

Mary Good Good

27. May 1833

Templey Good Good

16. Jan. 1842

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from December 1842



## THE DIXON SPRINGS FAIR

Evelyn E. Ross

Some of the more interesting and successful events in Smith County history in the latter part of the nineteenth century were the fairs at Rome and Dixon Springs.

Wyatt Allen, Jr., has an original "Programme" announcing the first fair of the Dixon Springs Live Stock Association to be held August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1889. Site of the fair was about one half mile west of Dixon Springs on Highway 25. The property was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Seay at that time, and is now owned by heirs of Dr. Sam Young Garrett.

Officers of the Live Stock Association were Major John D. Allen, President; Major R. A. Burford, Vice President; S. M. Young, Secretary and Treasurer; and Wallace Murrey, Assistant Secretary. The Board of Directors was comprised of J. D. Allen, J. B. Duke, E. P. Garrett, J. H. Young, H. M. Bridgewater, C. H. Throp, R. A. Burford, W.W. Jenkins, M. B. Haynie, J. W. Duffy and S. M. Young. R. B. Stubblefield served as Marshal and Ring Masters were W. G. Tinsley, G. B. Payne, L. H. Ward and J. B. Ward, Jr. Superintendents of the Floral Hall were C. H. Throp, W. V. Lee, John P. Andrews, Miss Etta Haynie, Miss Willette McMillin (sister of Governor Benton McMillin) and Miss Laura Hutchins.

The program lists 28 rules and regulations. No. 3 sets the prices of admission at 25 cents for children under 12 and colored persons, 50 cents for all others. No. 5 says no person under the influence of intoxicants will be admitted or allowed to remain on the grounds and that "no disorderly or immoral conduct will be allowed." Rule No. 6 reads, "The Association will provide ample facilities for hitching and feeding, and none but competent and reliable men will have charge of this department. Visitors may therefore alight upon the platform at the Grand Stand, thus avoiding all trouble and solicitude about their horses and vehicle." Rule No. 8 stipulates that, "Competition shall be open to the world." Rule No. 23 states, "There shall be no gambling of any kind." The other rules outline regulations pertaining to entry of animals, arena procedure, judging, etc. The last, Rule No. 28, states, "A Police Force will see that these rules are respected." An added note provides that "Sealed bids will be received by the secretary until Saturday, August 10, for the following privileges: Restaurant, Confectionary, Hitching and Feeding."

Program for the first day listed 10 classes of beef cattle, a beauty contest for babies, boy or girl under two years of age; 11 classes for horses; four for sheep and a Ladies Riding Ring to be judged for "Grace and Carriage, firmness of seat and control of horse."

Premiums ranged from \$2 to \$12, except for the ladies, with first place to receive \$7 and a handsome silk scarf, and second place to receive \$5 plus a solid gold bracelet with garnet settings.

Schedule for the second day included three rings for chickens and turkeys; five for hogs; 17 for horses; seven for cattle; and the concluding ring, the "Knights' Grand Tournament" with an award of \$10. "Each knight is requested to appear in costume and will be required to carry a lance not less than eight feet in length, the winning Knight to crown the Lady of his choice."

The third day agenda had ten classes for mules; eight for jacks and jennets; three for "combined horses," gelding, mare or stallion to be shown in harness and under saddle. A special premium of \$7 plus handsome whip and fly-net was offered by Major R. A. Burford to best family mare or gelding, four years old or over, to be driven by a lady. A Grand Stallion Stake required \$10 entry fee but provided a premium of \$100 to \$125. Only a \$5 prize was offered for most graceful gentleman rider, but the "Gentlemen of Trousdale County" offered \$25 to the most graceful lady rider.

Activity on the fourth and final day of the fair included numerous rings of harness horses and special competitions such as "Best young lady equestrienne" (Grace of carriage, firmness of seat and control of horse to be considered) for which Mr. W. T. Williams offered a pair of "elegant French kid boots" and \$7. \$10 was offered for "Handsome Single Turnout" (to be driven by gentleman accompanied by a lady).

The "Young Ladies of Dixon Springs" offered special premium of a gold medal and \$10 to "Most Attractive Drummer."

Mrs. J. L. Alexander, Jr. donated a handsome bridle and \$3.50 to the best boy rider under 12 years of age.

Mr. E. P. Garrett offered consolation premium of \$5 to the "Best harness horse, mare or gelding, any age, that had been shown but taken neither first nor second money at this fair."

Mr. S. M. Young gave special premium of \$10 to "Best animal of its kind, any age, breed or species, having taken a first place award during the fair."

The Floral and Agricultural Department classified exhibits as Field and Garden Products: Miscellaneous (such as wine, preserves, jellies, pickles, etc.); Domestic Manufacturers (carpeting, blankets and the like); Needlework and art; and Mill Products which included Stone Mill Flour, Roller Mill Flour and Corn Meal. Awards in this department ranged from \$1 to \$10.

Premiums other than money were to have been displayed at ~~John~~ DeBow's Drug Store in Dixon Springs from August 12 to August 27. An award of \$5 and a solid silver cake knife were contributed by Mrs. R. C. Wright for "Best Plate of sliced cake (four varieties)."

The fair catalog was printed by Foster and Webb, Nashville. It contains 37 pages with about half of them devoted to advertisements, the majority of which are Nashville firms. New York Life Insurance Co. ad covers page 4; while the address is on Union Street in Nashville, S. T. Clark, Dixon Springs, is shown as agent. Other Nashville advertisers were Bradley & McKay, wholesale dealers in leather and saddlery hardware; Huntington's on Church Street featuring men and boys' clothing; B. H. Cooke & Co., manufacturers and jobbers of Men's, Youth's and Boys' clothing, on the Public Square; American Accident Association, which also shows S. T. Clark as General Agent for "Upper Cumberland Country"; John T. Carson, wholesale and retail dealer in family groceries (including wines and whiskies, tobacco, cigars and snuff); Albert Maskey, confectioner on Union Street; Houston, Bridges & Co.'s china, glass and queensware; McEwen's Dye Works on Cherry Street; J. D. Goodpasture, importers of Cleveland Bay horses from England and "pure" Catalonian Jacks; Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., agent, C. H. Throp at Dixon Springs; J. W. Orchard, manufacturer and dealer in wallpaper, window shades, mirrors, pictures and frames; B. H. Stief, jeweler; Stockell & Turner, garden and field seeds; Broadway House, "five blocks from Union Depot," terms \$1 per day, meals 25 cents, lodging 25 cents, telephone 266; W. A. Lannom, clothier on the square; The Weekly American ... "best family paper in the South," \$1 a year, postage paid; Maxwell House Shoe Store, "opp. ladies entrance of Maxwell House"; Corbett Bros., horse goods of all kinds; and Woolwine High School (nonsectarian) with recommendation from Rev. J. D. Barbee, pastor of McKendree Church. The support of Nashville merchants would seem to be an indicator of the significance of this fair.

There were also some local advertisers . Page 16 heralds an "important sale" of highly bred Short Horns on August 30, 1889 at 12:30 o'clock, on grounds of Dixon Springs Live Stock Association, by W. S. and Z. T. Bradley of Rome, Tennessee. J. H. Young of Dixon Springs offers Shorthorn Bulls and Heifers at auction on grounds of Dixon Springs Live Stock Association on August 31, 1889. Page 31 has half-page ad from Beechwood Jersey Farm offering three splendid young bulls and some fine young heifers for sale by J. D. Allen.

Back pages of this catalog shows Fair dates, in addition to Dixon Springs, at Lebanon, Rome, Murfreesboro, Nashville and Alexandria. (Editor's note: Once a thriving enterprise and popular source of entertainment, the community fair has vanished from the scene. We are grateful to Evelyn E. Ross for this account of the fair at Dixon Springs.)

## DEATH RECORDS

## Sue W. Maggart

Continued from Volume 6, No. 1: ROLL #27, Vol. 55, 1914. Tennessee State Library.

# 99: Taplin Piper, born 1836 Tenn, died 4 Jul 1914 at Monoville; widower; farmer; father James Piper born Va.; mother Marinda Chambers born Tenn; informant Mrs. Mary Piper; buried Pleasant Shade.

#100: W. L. Kemp born 2 Jun 1842 Smith Co., died 18 Jul 1914 at Kempville; married; lawyer; father Asa Kemp born Smith Co.; mother Polly Williams born Smith Co.; buried Kemp Graveyard.

#101: Pris Smith age 72, died 11 Jul 1914 at Dixon Springs; housekeeping; widow; father James Jones born Smith Co.; mother Fannie Kemp born Smith Co.; informant J. A. Thomas; buried Davi Jones.

#102: Mary Jane Lynch born 5 Sept 1846 New York, died 10 Jul 1914 at Dixon Springs; married; housewife; father Sam Watson born Ireland; mother Mary Watson born Ireland; informant J. W. C. Lynch; buried Dixon Springs, Tn.

#103: Clarissa B. Allen born 11 Jul 1846 Tenn, died 22 Jul 1914 at Dixon Springs; married; housewife; father David Burford born Tenn.; mother Elizabeth Alexander born Tenn; informant Webb Allen; buried Dixon Springs.

#126: Elijah L. Hackett born Tenn, age 38, born 20 Aug 1876, died 20 Aug 1914; sheriff; father Sam Hackett born Tenn.; mother Mary Smith, born Tenn; burial Sanderson; informant Ransom Andres. Died of gunshot wound, J. J. Beasley, M.D.

#124: William E. Chaffin born 24 Mar 1874 Tenn., age 40, died 22 Aug 1914; blacksmith; father Jno Chaffin; mother not legitimate; informant R. H. Cleveland. Burial Monoville. "Gunshot wound." Dr. Beasley.

#122: Mary Belle Phillips born 20 Aug 1885, age 29, died 22 Aug 1914; housewife; father Jim Galispie, born Tenn; mother Jane Hale, born Putnam Co., Tn; burial 1 mile east of Carthage; informant Will Galispie.

#121: Andrew Allen born 15 Dec 1911, age 1 yr, 6 mo, died 3 Sept 1914, 7th Dist Sykes, Tn.; twin son of John Allen and Sarah Allen, both born Tn.; burial Union Hill; informant W. T. Jones.

#120: James H. Allen, born 15 Dec 1911, age 1 yr, 6 mo, died 10 Aug 1914, Sykes, son of John and Sarah Allen; burial Union Hill; informant W. T. Jones.

#119: Cely Francis Allen, born 9 Apr 1840, age 74, died 2 Aug 1914; Dist 17; housekeeper, born Tenn; father Joseph Agee, born N.C.; mother Mary Moore, born N.C.; burial family cemetery; informant Mrs. J. C. Agee.

# 6: David B. Uhles; no birth date, age 51, died 23 Jul 1914; married; burial Carthage, Tn.

#116: William T. Bush born 19 Jun 1846, age 68, died 25 Jul 1914, Dist 11; farmer; born Cannon Co., Tn; married; father Willis W. Bush born Tn.; mother Amanda M. Trigg born Va.; informant E. D. Gross, M.D.; burial Maggart.

#112: Alice McDuffy born 30 Oct 1861, Macon Co., Tn, age 53, died 23 Aug 1914; housewife; father D. B. Cothron born Macon Co., Tn; mother --Burrow, born Macon Co., Tn.; informant J. B. McDuffy.

#130: Mrs. Mary Mofield, age about 70, died 9 Sept 1914, Elmwood; housewife; widow; father --Romack; mother unknown; burial Rock City, Tn.

#128: William Rollins, born Oct 1833, Tenn, age 81, died 2 Oct 1914, Dist 17; farmer; father Enoch Rollins, born Va.; mother Martha Carter, born Va.; burial New Middleton; informant Brown Denney.

Newton H. Donoho, age 61, died 29 Sept 1914, born Tenn; farmer and blacksmith; Dist 5; father Billie Donoho born Tenn; mother Millie Davis born Tenn; burial family cemetery; informant Pearce Donoho.

James H. Kemp, age 67, born 21 Aug 1847, died 1914, Dist 5; married; farmer; father Jesse Kemp born Tenn; mother Betty Sutton born Tenn; burial Kemp Graveyard; informant R. L. Kemp.

John Hall, born 1890, Tenn, died 2 Sept 1914, Sykes, age 24; farmer; father William M. Hall born Tenn; mother Susan Christian born Tenn; burial J. B. Wills' house; informant W. T. Gwaltney.

Name not legible - possibly Henry Petty born 6 Nov 1841, Smith Co., died 27 Oct 1914, retired merchant; father Stephen Petty; mother Sallie Carr; buried Chestnut Mound Methodist Church Cemetery; informant Mrs. Siddle Petty.

#19: Ellen Hackett age 32, born 20 Apr 1882, Tenn, died 20 Nov 1914, Dist 5; housewife; father Rufus Beasley born Tenn; mother --; burial Beasley graveyard; informant A. S. Whitley.

- #18: Arthie B. Burton, age 32 born 28 Aug 1882, Tenn, died 10 Nov 1914, Dist 5; housewife; married; father George Green born Tenn; mother Tempe Green born Tenn; burial Kemp graveyard; informant R. L. Kemp.
- #4: Thoms Franklin Bruce born 12 Dec 1846, Lake Co., Tenn, died 7 Nov 1914, age 67; widower; farmer; father Thomas Franklin Bruce; mother --Peacock, both born Tenn; burial Brush Creek; informant Robert Bruce.
- #9: Theophilus Kennedy born 24 Jan 1856, died 27 Nov 1914, age 58, Defeated; married; farmer; father William Kennedy born Tenn; mother Elizabeth Donoho born Tenn; burial Macon Co., informant Benj. Brockett.
- #8: Bessie Aleane Robinson, born 4 Jan 1897, died 19 Nov 1914, age 17, Defeated; single; father M. L. Robinson born Tenn; mother Bertha West born Tenn; burial Robinson graveyard; informant M. L. Robinson.
- Robert Andrew Tyree, born 14 Feb 1859, New Middleton, Dist 13, died 2 Oct 1914, age 55; father James Tyree born Carthage, Tenn; mother Elizabeth Pope born N.C.; burial Smith County; informant Eliza M. McClanahan.
- # 9: Sallie Shaver born 1 Apr 1846, died 22 Nov 1914, age 68, Grant, Tenn.; widow (John T. Shaver); housewife; father Whalie Newby born N.C.; mother Belvy Cooksey born N.C.; burial Grant; informant Lou Shaver.
- #10: George Calvin Flippen, born 26 Oct 1828, Sykes, Tenn, died 1 Dec 1914, age 86; widowed; Confederate veteran; father Abner A. Flippen; mother unknown; burial New Middleton; informant J. N. Bridges.
- #13: Lavinia Kittrell Shaw, born 4 Oct 1876, Sparta, Tenn, died 5 Dec 1914, age 38; milner; father Jno G. Kittrell born Tenn; mother Lucinda Nolan born Tenn; burial Gordonsville Cemetery; informant W. H. James.
- #12: George W. Cardwell born 28 Mar 1827, Defeated Creek, died 12 Apr 1914, age 87; farmer; married; father Jno Leonard Cardwell born N.C.; mother Martha Carter, born N.C.; burial Gordonsville Cemetery; informant Mrs. W. H. Smith.
- #14: Thomas Gregory born 1 Feb 1862, Smith Co., died 19 Nov 1914, age 52; widowed; farmer, lived Dixon Springs; father Calvin Gregory born Smith Co.; mother Sina Gregory born Smith Co.; burial Gregory Graveyard; informant --.
- #6: Mary Jenkins, born unknown, age about 84, died 11 Nov 1914, Rt. 2, Carthage; widow; burial County Asylum; informant David Hodges.
- #4: Laura Thomas, age 69, died 25 Sept 1914, Donoho, Tenn; widow; born Funn,s Br; father unknown; mother Hannah Givens; burial Funn's Br; Informant R. A. Woodard.

#3: Cicero Reece born 10 Oct 1863, age 50, died 5 Sept 1914, Donoho, Tenn; single; father William H. Reece; mother Luiza Purgill; burial Donoho; informant W. C. Thompson.

#11: Jesse Craighead born 30 Mar 1847, Tenn, age 67, died 24 Dec 1914; farmer; widowed; father Robert Craighead born Tenn; mother Matilda Kennedy born Tenn; burial Dist 2.

#12: James Russell born 16 Jul 1841, Tenn, age 73, died 15 Dec 1914, Pleasant shade; widowed; father William Russell born Tenn; mother Mary Austin born Tenn; burial Russell Hill; informant Mrs. J. H. Goad.

CHARLES BURTON BIBLE RECORD  
(John Sevier Chapter, D. A. R.)

Copied March 18, 1932, from the original by Clara C. Coile, Johnson City, Tenn.

The Record:

BIRTHS

Charles Burton, son of William and Frances Burton, born Nov. 4, 1782. Elizabeth Jane Quarles, daughter of Wm. and Ann Quarles, born March 27, 1790.

Frances Ann Louesia (Penn) Burton, daughter of Charles and Jane, born May 13, 1811.

Stephen Decatur Burton, son of Charles and Jane, born Friday, Oct. 8, 1813.

MARRIAGES

Charles Burton and Eliza Jane Quarles, married Dec. 14, 1808.

Stephen D. Burton and Polly Goodbar, married July 19, 1835.

DEATHS

William Burton, Sr., father of Charles Burton, died Jan. 7, 1811. William Quarles, father of Eliza Jane Quarles, murdered on the road near White Plains April 2, 1814.

Departed this life Oct. 21, 1814, Eliza Jane Burton, after a severe illness of seventeen days.

Departed this life March 30, 1831, Frances Ann Louisa Penn Burton, after a severe illness of seventeen days, in the 20th year of her age. Frances Burton, mother of Charles Burton, died Oct. 8, 1835.

Departed this life Aug. 17, A.D. 1842, Charles Burton, father of Stephen D. Burton, after a severe illness of fifteen days.

(End of the Record.)

(This record is copied from the family Bible record of my great-

great-grandfather, Charles Burton, of White Plains, Putnam County, Tenn. The Bible, now in my possession, was printed and published in 1813 by M. Carey, No. 121 Chesnut St., Philadelphia.)

NOTES BY CLARA C. COILE

Wm. (Wm. P.) Quarles, born about 1762 in Caroline County, Va., one of the ten children of Roger (born 1720, died 1790) and Mary Goodloe (born about 1731) Quarles. He served as Ensign and Lieutenant in the First Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War (see Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army), and was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia. In 1783 he married Ann Hawes (died 1844, Putnam County, Tenn.), daughter of William and Tabitha Tompkins Hawes, and to them were born ten children, seven girls and three boys. Sometime around 1800 William moved his family to Bedford County, Va., and thence in 1809 to White Plains, Putnam (then White) County, Tenn., where he was murdered in 1814, according to the above Bible record. His will is recorded in the Clerk's office (pages 22 and 23 in the Will and Inventory Book) of White County, Tenn. In 1931 a government marker was placed at the grave of Wm. Quarles in the family cemetery just off the old Walton Road, three miles east of Cookeville, Tenn.

BIBLE RECORDS  
(Old Glory Chapter, Franklin.)

Bible of Joseph L. Parkes, late of Franklin, Tennessee, now owned by his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Crockett, of Franklin, Tennessee.

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**DISTRICT 2 SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE TAX LIST, 1860**


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	Land	Slaves	Poll
Beasley, Jordan	208		1
Barnett, Jas. F.	30		1
Butler, Wade H.			1
Butler, Jerome			1
Cardwell, L. J.	100		1
Cornwell, F. M.			1
Craighead, Merlin			1
Craighead, John			1
Craighead, Wm. J.			1
Cardwell, J. M.	125		1
Craighead, Syrus	60		1
Craighead, Obediah	100		1
Cardwell, Wm. T.			1
Caardwell, Wm. D.			1
Cardwell, George			1
Cardwell, B. S.	150	4	
Cardwell, L. H.	400	5	
Clay, Paul	417	4	1
Cornwell, E. W.	97	1	
Cornwell, E. W. Gdn.			
Cornwell, Larkin			1
Craighead, Peter	70		
Davis, Thos. W.			1
Dillehay, Alex. R.	165		
Dillehay, T. R.	140		
Davis, J. L.	30		1
Duke, Micajah	300	14	
Davis, H. J.	50		1
Dyer, Wm.	91		
Dyer, Dixon			1
Dean, Willis	300		1
Dean, Willis, Gdn.			
Franklin, J. & H.	300	7	2
Graves, Octavius	100		
Givens, Chesley			1
Gregory, Obediah	72		1
Griffin, J. M.			1
Givens, Andrew			1
Halliburton, Leroy			1
Hance, D. W. & E. S.	343	1	1
Hackett, Wm. T.	230		1
Holliman, S. H.			1
Hogg, L. D.	233	4	1



Hogg, V. O.			1
Holliday, R. H.			1
Hughes, N. R.		1	
Huett, A. J.			1
Huett, Wm.			1
Holliday, Allen	40		
Hines, T. J.			1
Holliday, W. T.			1
Harris, Wm.	400	6	
Knight, Montague	50		
Kent, Alfred			1
Kemp, Henry			1
Knight, E. R., Jr.	76		1
King, Wellington			1
Kittrell, Wm. Gdn.			
Kittrell, Wm.		1	1
Kirby, W. & S. C.	96		
Kirby, W. W.			1
Kirby, S. C.			1
Kittrell, Edwin	404	2	1
King, Samuel	213		
Kirby, Wm., Sr.	160		
Kemp, Wm.	90		
Kemp, John			1
Lemons, W. G.	180		
Lankford, S. J.			1
Lankford, Sidney	115		
Lankford, Henry	114		1
Lamb, David			1
Law, Wm.	100		
Law, Hugh L.			1
McClelland, Israel	271	2	
Marmon, Joseph	60		1
Marmon, Thomas	96		1
Martin, John	45		1
McClelland, D. L.			1
Marmon, Richard	150		
McCormick, Tilman			1
McCormick, Elijah	25		1
Marmon, Oliver	40		1
Meadows, Joseph	180		
McNiely, T. W.	115		1
March, John			
Martin, Thos, W.	16		1
Martin, Francis	44		

Martin, Jesse			1
McClelland, Isreal, Gdn.			
McCormick, L.			1
McClelland, J. T.	75		1
McClelland, Wm. S.	98		1
McCormick, Henry	160		
Monday, Jemima	172		
McClelland, S. P.			1
Monday, Larkin	115 Pd. by John S. Cornwell		
McClelland, S. Adm			
McClelland, S. Gdn		4	
McClelland, S.	1450	19	
Martin, O.	30		
Mathews, John M.			1
Odum, Joseph	1		1
Powell, George	150		
Powell, Edmond			1
Petty, John	60		1
Petty, Wm.			1
Powell, E. S.	50		1
Robertson, Wm. S.	67		1
Robertson, S. D.	80		1
Rash, Wm.	50		1
Robertson, Jesse	70		1
Robertson, John M.	80		1
Reece, Williamson	115	4	
Reece, Josiah	373	2	
Robertson, Charley			1
Robertson, Burrell	65		
Robertson, Spearman		4	1
Riley, J. N. & Wm.	2		
Riley, J. N.			1
Richardson, John	224	3	
Richardson, R. S.			1
Russell, Samuel	80		
Roberts, W. H.	100		
Reece, James T.	Pd by C. West		1
Shoulders, Joseph			1
Smith, J. R.			1
Sampson, B. F.	100		
Snoddy, Joshua	125		1
Smith, Obediah	100		1

Searcy, W. G.	25		
Shoemake, M. W.			1
Smith & Mathews	8		
Smith, Hensley			1
Thomas, Nancy	213	1	
Terry, Nathaniel	344	4	
West, Ridley R.	165		1
Webb, Stephen M.	105		1
Woodard, Jordan			1
West, Robert	225	3	
West, A. O.	75		1
West, Berry	135		
Woodard, Joseph	150		1
West, James	2		
Webb, Isaac	373	9	
Webb, John E.	105	1	
West, J. D.	60		1
Williams, Sarah	40		
West, D. A.	325		1
West, Wm.	33		
West, C. W.	75		
West, C. W., Admr.	100		
Williams, Anderson	125		
Young, M. D.			1
Young, John M.			1
Young, L. D.			
Young, David & Annie	268	4	

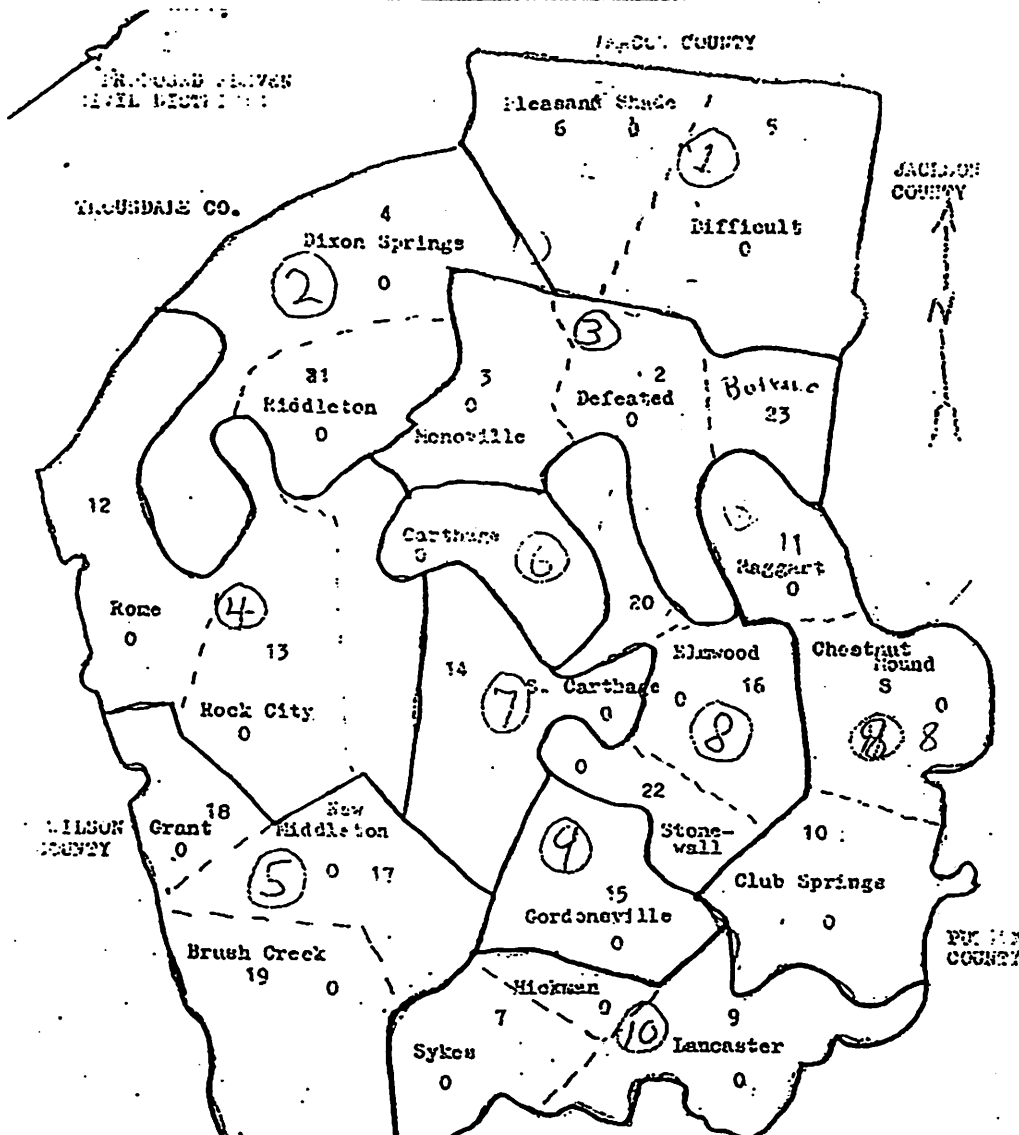
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Angel, M. C.	100		
Beasley, Margaret	200	3	
Bennett, George			1
Baker, James	99		1
Beasley, Irvin			1
Beasley, Sarah	33	1	
Beasley, Calvin	100		
Bishop, Mary			
Bishop, James	300		1
Beasley, H. L.	80	3	1
Beal, George W.	50		1
Chambers, John	243	2	
Chambers, John, Gdn			
Cox, Matthew			1

Chaffin, John			1
Cothran, Wm.			1
Chambers, James	178	2	1
Calhoun, Hardy	144	4	
Carter, Wm. B.			1
Davis, S. B.			1
Davis, Mary B.	58		
Davis, Mary B, Gdn	42		
Dyer, Andrew			1
Dickens, J. W.			1
Dickens, James F.			1
Dickens, Jo. C.	151		
Dickens, Jo. C, Gdn			
Erps, James	99		1
Gregory, James D.	186		
Gregory Wm. J.	150		1
Glasgo, James			1
Gregory, Ed. B.			1
Gregory, Robt.			1
Gregory, Pites	165		
Gregory, Elizabeth	228	2	
Gregory, Stephen	59		1
C.			
Gregory, Ambers			1
D.			
Gregory, H. N.	180		1
Gregory, Bethel J.	170		1
Hackett, Peter, Jr.	94	3	1
Hackett, Elijah	39		1
Hyms, Thomas	200		
Hyms, Charles	65 C.F. Haynie		
Hart, Thomas			1
Hackett, Harry M.	100		1
Hackett, Thos. S.	100		1
Haynie, Ed. B.	325	3	
Hailey, Wm. S.	170	2	1
Haynie, Clarka		7	
Haynie, James	400	8	1
Haynie, Martin			1
Hall, Ed. T.			1
Key, Thomas	42		1
Key, George M.			1
Key, Logan D.	184 Dead		
Key, A. D.			1
Key, James M.			1

Kemp, Althea J.			
Kemp, Althea, J., Gdn			
Knight, Daniel	175		1
Kemp, Logan			1
Lemon, D. C.	6		1
Mathews, Claiborn	50		
Mathews, Elizabeth	60		
Mainard, Gibson			1
Maxey, Jackson, J.			1
Maxey, Wm. D.			1
Maxey, James P.			1
Mitchell, Henry			1
McKinnis, Daniel			1
Mathews, Mathew	68		1
McKinnis, Delaney	138		
Nixon, Charles H.			1
Nixon, Saml. D.			1
Nunley, A. W.	305		1
Nixon, Wm.	219	2	
Oldham, Jas. T.			1
Oldham, George W.	200.	4	
Phillips, Leighton	20		
Petty, John T.			1
Payne, John	330	8	
Payne, H. W.			1
Piper, Wm.	146	2	
Piper, Thomas	76		
Piper, James	311	2	
Phelps, James	100		
Royster, Polly	125	3	
Royster, Elijah J.			1
Royster, A. W.			
Reed, Thomas			1
Royster, Charles			1
Reed, Noel	74		
Smith, Wm. A.	65		1
Smith, Wm. B.	55		1
Smith, Abner	95		
Smith, John R.			1
Smith, Charlotta	250		
Sadler, Herbert	122		
Shoulders, James	116		
Shoulders, Ensly	59		1
Shoulders, Ira	59		1

Shoulders, Lincoln			1
Sullivan, Andrew			1
Taylor, Thomas C.	193		1
Taylor, James W.	253	1	1
Taylor, A. L.			1
Taylor, A. L., Adm.			1
Taylor, Lida			
Terry, William			1



**OLD CIVIL DISTRICTS** indicated by dotted line. **New civil districts** outlined in heavy lines with circle around number.

Contributed by Sue W. Maggart

## QUERIES

LaRUE/LAREW/LeRUEL/LAROWE: Interested in sharing information with anyone researching these surnames.

SARA A. FIREHAMMER , 17108 Mayfair Court, Granger, IN 46530.

POWELL: Would like to share research with descendants of JESSE POWELL, died Smith Co., TN 1821, and ELIZABETH (LANCASTER) POWELL.  
Sara A. Firehammer , 17108 Mayfair Court, Granger, IN 46530.

GREEN FAMILY CEMETERY: Does anyone know the exact location of a GREEN FAMILY CEMETERY supposed to be in Pleasant Shade, TN area? A. MRS. PORTER was buried there a couple years ago. Was told this cemetery could be in Jackson Co. Need location.

L. W. KEMP, JR. , 500 Cheyenne Blvd. L-300, Madison, TN 37115.  
Telephone: (615) 868-5723.

HOGG TOWN, TN: Back in the 1800's, HOGG TOWN, TN was so named after some families named HOGG who located and lived there. Does anyone know where the HOGG GENERAL STORE was located? Their family home? Cemetery? Anything on these families?

L. W. KEMP, Jr. , 500 Cheyenne Blvd. L-300, Madison, TN 37115.  
Telephone: (615) 868-5723.

DIFFICULT BAPTIST CHURCH: Have been told that before the present DIFFICULT BAPTIST CHURCH was erected in 1882, the church building or the school was located across the road in a wooded area. Does anyone know anything about this?. Do know that original Church Bldg. was next to big stone bldg. in Difficult before located at present site.

L. W. KEMP, JR. , 500 Cheyenne Blvd. L-300, Madison, TN 37115.  
Telephone: (615) 868-5723.

DURHAM/KLOPE/NORMAN: Seeking info. on my elusive ancestors. (See pictures on back of contents page). Perhaps someone may have info. on or be tracing these same people. Parents of SUSAN KLOPE & JOHN CLOPE (twins) are ADAM & ELIZABETH KLOPE; buried S. of Marion. Land has been strip mined; cannot find even a road. Would appreciate any info. or assistance.

EVA SKELLEY , Rt. 3, Box 314, Johnson Road, Marion, IL 62959.

BOOKER/ROBINSON: SAMUEL BOOKER mar. AMANDA ELLEN ROBINSON, 1867, Smith Co., TN. Dau. of ALLEN ROBINSON and his 2nd wife, MARTHA STANFORD. Children were JOHN ALLEN, MARTHA, ALICE mar. LANDIS SADLER, MOELLIE mar. FRANK REEVES, MARY ELIZA & SAMMIE C. Working on most ROBINSON families of Smith Co, TN.

MERLE STEVENS , 1707 Third, Brownwood, TX 76801.

STINSON/ROBINSON/ARMISTEAD/WINFREY: ALEXANDER W. STINSON b. 1778, VA; died 14 Nov 1864, probably Smith Co. The ARMISTEAD/GIBBS CEMETERY on Pea Ridge, was this originally the STINSON CEMETERY? His wife, MARY ROBINSON, dau. of SAMUEL ROBINSON, b. 1789, VA; died 13 Nov 1833. Several children went to Texas. Two daus. remained in Smith Co. NANCY JANE mar. JOHN H. ARMISTEAD; LOCKEY mar. AUGUSTUS WINFREY: ROBERT McBRIDE published "YOUNG, ARMISTEAD, GIBBS AND RELATED FAMILIES" in 1961. He included the STINSON Bible records. Does this Bible still exist? Will appreciate "cousins" helping with this family. MERLE STEVENS, 1707 Third, Brownwood, TX 76801.

HUGHES/ROBINSON: SIMON HUGHES wrote his will, 1820, Smith Co., TN naming a dau. NANCY M. ROBINSON. Was she wife of SAMUEL BROWN ROBINSON? This family moved to IL. Any info. appreciated. Merle Stevens, 1707 Third, Brownwood, TX 76801.

DAY: GEORGE TRENTON DAY b. 10 Dec 1822 VA; died 20 July 1886 Macon Co., TN. Mar. 26 Sep 1850 Smith Co, TN BEHETHELIN (BETTY) FRANCIS BURTON b. 2 Nov 1827 VA; died 8 Feb 1901 Macon Co., TN. Children: SARAH ELIZABETH b. 1851 TN; ROBERT H. b. 1853 Miss.; GEORGE PENN b. 1856 Miss.; JAMES MONROE b. 1859 TN; LUVINA CAROLINE FRANCIS b. 1862 TN; WILLIE b. 1866 TN. I am searching for parents of my great great grandfather GEORGE T. DAY and his siblings. Any help will be greatly appreciated. PATSY DAY-WARE, 835 Sable Creek Lane, Greenwood, IN 46142.

WILLIAM BURTON: Searching for info. on WILLIAM BURTON b. 17--; died 7 Jan 1811 (VA?). Mar. FRANCIS. Believe three of their children were CHARLES, WILLIAM, JR. ROBERT, probably more. CHARLES & WILLIAM, JR. settled in TN ca. 1809. ROBERT b. 1794 VA; died in Smith Co., TN; his wife, SARAH b. 1803 VA; died between 1850-1856 Smith Co. Three of their children settled in Smith Co. ca. 1835. He was active member of Knob Springs Baptist Church near Rome as were three generations- son and grandson. ROBERT & SARAH'S first child BETHETHLINE (BETTY) FRANCIS b. 1827 VA; mar. GEORGE TRENTON DAY b. 1822 VA. BETTY & GEORGE DAY named one of their sons GEORGE PENN DAY. Did this William Burton marry FRANCIS PENN in Amherst Co. VA on 6 Mar 1780? Have discovered info. on FRANCIS PENN family of Amherst Co., VA. Would greatly appreciate any help I could receive from anyone working on the BURTON family and would happily share any info. I have. PATSY DAY-WARE, 835 Sable Creek Lane, Greenwood, IN 46142.

FROGGE: Need info. about JAMES FROGG/FROGGE who died after 1910. Was born between 1865-1870. Lived in Smith Co., TN in 1900. Married there in 1893 to Cora Ellis: Who were his parents? When and where did he die? Did he have children? Will appreciate any info. on him or his family. NELL WILLIAMS, Box 115, Rule, TX 79547.



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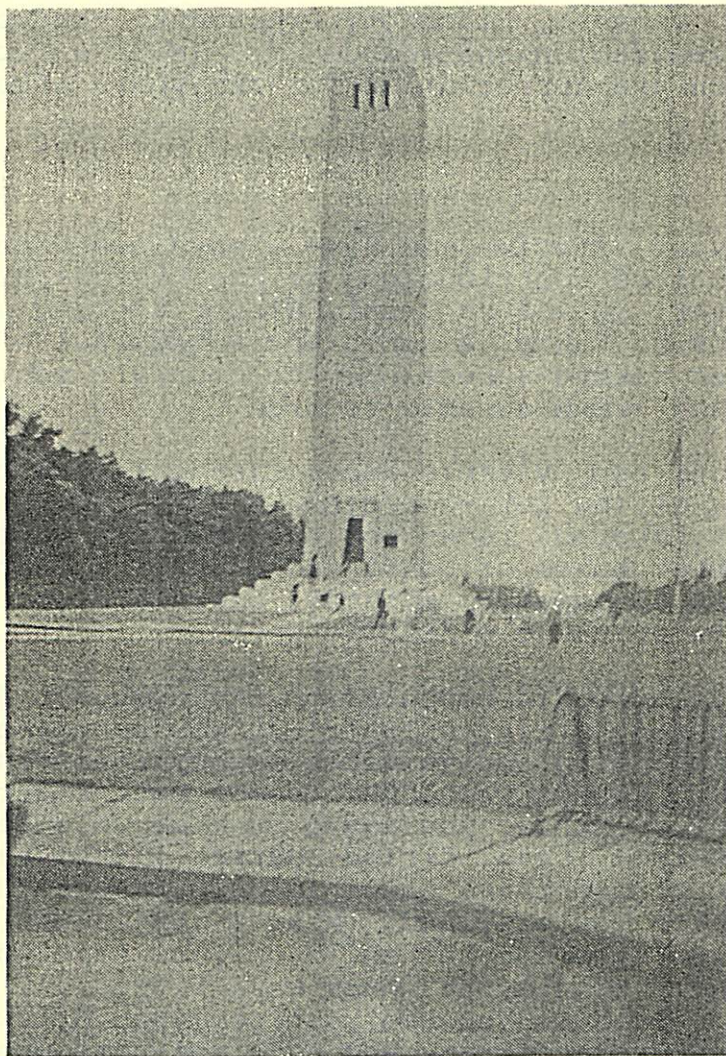
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At the September 15 meeting of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society, Mr. Ervin Smith, who recently retired as County Historian, was honored by the Society. Mr. James L. Fletcher, President, read the following commendation and awarded Mr. Smith a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for his years of service.

MR. SMITH:

During your lifetime you have always been interested in and made countless contributions to the history of Smith County; however, it was as County Historian that you made, with little or no funds, a noble and successful effort to preserving yet making accessible the county's most significant and irreplaceable records.

Among your many visible accomplishments are the building of shelving for record books, marriage and other vital records, storage racks for the chancery court loose papers and other boxes of court and county records, acquisition of a computer, printer, microfilm equipment and rebinding some of the old fragile books.

With your splendid cooperation and support, Smith County, Tennessee Marriages 1881-1920 was published. One of your most outstanding and valuable accomplishments was the "Chancery Court Papers Project". Under your expert leadership and guidance, you and a band of volunteers sorted (sometimes dusted), read, titled, dated, listed names in each case and placed these cases in acid free folders then into boxes which you provided. What a joy it was to see the twinkle in your eyes and the smile on your face whenever a box was filled. Finally 58 boxes were filled, all of which were indexed. Because you had such good rapport with and respect of the State Library and Archives personnel, you were able to get all of these microfilmed. A monumental project successfully completed.

Throughout your twenty some years as County Historian you established and maintained a good rapport with the County Commission, County Executive, County Officials, librarians and the public. You not only did your work exceedingly well but also brought honor to our Society for your many historical and genealogical endeavors. Therefore, it is our pleasure and privilege to honor you for your leadership, expertise and dedicated service in the organization, protection and preservation of Smith County's records - our precious heritage. You have made "footprints in the sands of time."

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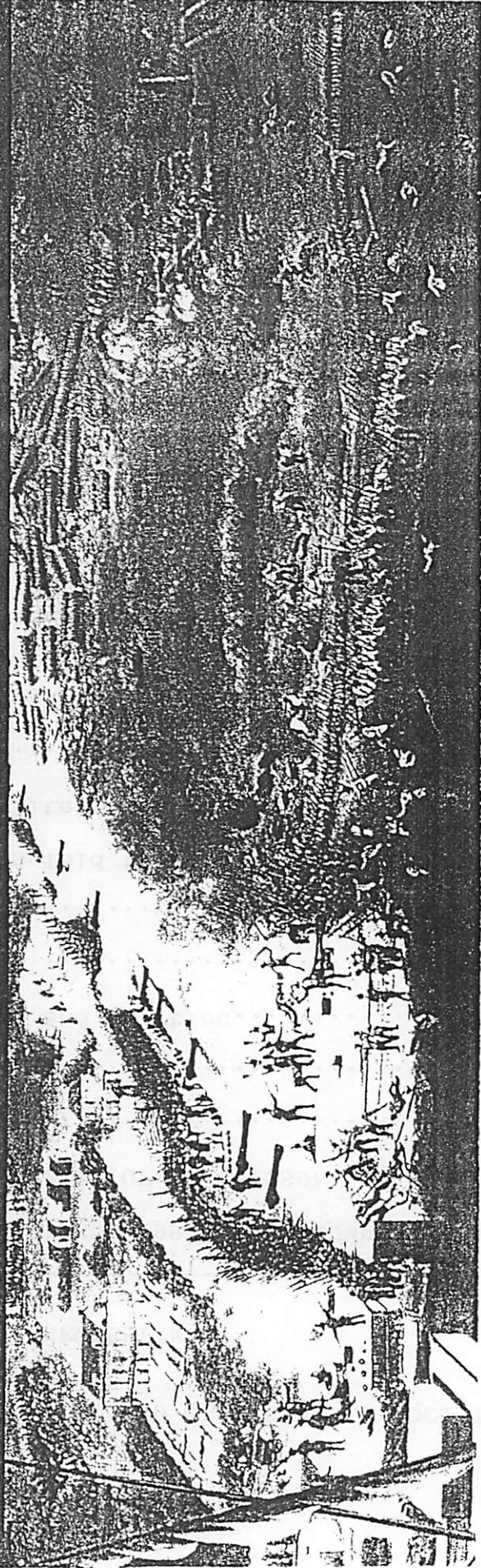
The Chalmette Monument, 100 feet tall and made of Georgia marble, was completed in 1908 and is a unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve which includes the Battle of New Orleans battlefield and national cemetery.



# Chalmette

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Battle of New Orleans, from the painting made in 1815 by Hyacinthe de Laclotte, an engineer in Jackson's army. New Orleans Museum of Art, gift of Col. and Mrs. Edgar Garbisch

## THE WAR OF 1812

Sue W. Maggart

The War of 1812 - the Second War for Independence? Hostilities of the Revolutionary War ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, but Great Britain continued to regard the young nation as an upstart colony that could be retaken at any time. She persisted in pursuing policies that gave cause for dissatisfaction of the Americans in a number of areas. However, sectionalism and economic factors within the nation itself cannot be overlooked as contributing causes to the ensuing hostilities. Although the Treaty of Ghent that was to end the war had been negotiated before the Battle of New Orleans, had Andrew Jackson and his untrained, ragtag army and backwoods militia surrendered the city to the enemy, what a different turn might the course of United States history have taken.

In its infancy the American nation was bound by commercial ties to Europe, and particularly to England. Great quantities of manufactured articles had to be imported, and the United States, as a producer of raw materials, continued to be heavily dependent upon outside markets. As the struggle in Europe between France and England intensified, the plight of American shipping became a sorry one, indeed. In a series of dramatic decrees beginning in 1806, Napoleon forbade every kind of trade between Great Britain and the other nations of the world. The British reply to Napoleon's decree was the "orders in Council" which established a blockade of all the ports of France and her allies or of any country at war with His Majesty. This put American ship captains in a quandary. They were subject to seizure by the British if they had not stopped first in England; they were subject to seizure by the French if they had. Consequently, the only trade with Europe left open to American ships was with Russia, Sweden and Turkey. "The Devil himself," stated one Congressman, "could not tell which government, England or France, is the most wicked."

Americans were incited, too, by the British practice of impressment of sailors from American ships for service in the Royal Navy. This practice occurred with such frequency that the United States government issued certificates to native-born sailors, testifying to their American citizenship. British searching parties paid scant respect to these documents, claiming they were often purchased by British subjects. The supreme outrage occurred in June 1807, when a British man-of-war, the *Leopard*, attacked an American frigate, the *Chesapeake*, and took off four members of her crew, only one of whom was an Englishman. Three Americans were killed during the fray and eighteen wounded. Judge John Overton, in a patriotic address in Nashville, declared the attack "an act of war." President Jefferson retaliated by asking Congress to pass an embargo Act which was intended to stop all trade between the United States and foreign countries. The embargo actually hurt all American interests but especially the maritime cities as ships lay idle and seamen were unemployed. There was one positive result as an increase in domestic

manufactures reduced demands on foreign trade. In Kentucky and Tennessee the embargo policy was enthusiastically supported because it gave the region an opportunity to develop a self-sufficiency economy. Overall, however, American fortunes were at a low ebb. The sentiments of many were expressed in a paper circulated by Tennessee representative John Rhea which concluded that "if peace cannot be preserved without a sacrifice of the honor, rights and independence of the United States, ten million free people will never bend the knee of servility to any foreign power." Many felt that the country was being humiliated by France and England and that the only way honor could be defended was by going to war against both.

Another serious American complaint was that the English wooed the Indians along the Canadian border and persuaded them to believe that American possession of the territory west of the Appalachians was only temporary and that the redcoats would soon be back in control. In 1810 famed Indian leader, Tecumseh, issued an ultimatum to William Henry Harrison, governor of the Indiana territory, that the Indians would tolerate no further encroachment on their lands. The next year Harrison marched against the Indians at their village of Prophet's Town. The ensuing battle known as Tippecanoe was hailed as a great victory for the whites, but Harrison complained bitterly that the Indians were well supplied with guns and powder obtained from the British in Canada. Egged on, supposedly, by the British, Indian depredations along the northwestern frontier continued with ever-increasing frequency. In retrospect, the Indians can hardly be faulted for refusing to relinquish their lands, but the British assistance was totally self-serving as they wanted to control the fur trade of the northwest.

On the southern frontier a similar situation existed with the Creek Indians. Tecumseh, with British support, attempted to bring the Southern Indians into an alliance to resist encroachments of the Americans into the Floridas. Indecisive successes of Ferdinand L. Claiborne and General John Floyd failed to suppress the Indian uprising. It was left for Tennessee forces under Major General Andrew Jackson to conquer the Creeks. In March 1814, with nearly 3,000 newly mustered troops, Jackson broke the power of the Creek Nation at the battle of Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River. Had it not been for this accomplishment, the British would have been able to land at any point along the Gulf Coast and, reinforced by their native allies, descend on and capture New Orleans.

The Twelfth Congress, which met in 1811, was led by a group of young men who counseled war. Designated the "War Hawks" by John Randolph of Virginia they included from Kentucky, Henry Clay; from South Carolina, John C. Calhoun; from Tennessee Felix Grundy and John Sevier. Clay, who was elected Speaker of the House and his compatriots, represented the "new West." This second generation of statesmen had survived childhood's spent in the shadow of the Revolution. No longer Englishmen, they were cut off from the cultural heritage of England. Clay had seen his father's grave violated by British dragoons. Felix Grundy had watched the Indians scalping and murdering his relatives. Andrew Jackson bore the saber scars he had incurred as a boy when he defied a British officer. Consumed by hatred of the British, the War Hawks understood little of the international implications of the war. They saw only the

humiliations suffered by their country. Felix Grundy, in an eloquent response to critics of his war policy said: "I prefer war to submission."

The emotional sentiments of the War Hawks were quite eloquently echoed and endorsed by patriots in Smith County. In a letter published in the *Carthage Gazette* on March 14, 1812, Tilman Dixon of Dixon Springs advises General James Winchester that a company to be denominated the Smith County Revolutionary Volunteers has been formed. The purpose of the company is to defend the property of the younger men who may be off fighting battles for "our beloved country." The document is signed by more than forty veterans of the Revolutionary War who, although "too fatigued by the years" to do battle, express pride in tendering their feeble services for the second time on the "alter of Liberty." Dixon writes that the undersigned have seen with deep concern our national rights violated and outraged by the great belligerents of Europe. One proud and unprincipled nation (Great Britain) has continued to multiply our grievances and add insult to injury. It would be desired, Dixon continues, to see the country safely delivered from her present difficulties so the wearied heads of the old veterans might be "laid on the pillow of rest, and our gray hairs go down to the grave in peace." However, concluded Captain Dixon, if these desirable ends are not met with success, any efforts to accomplish them will be supported "at the hazard of our lives, our property and our sacred honor."

Although the War Hawks were patriots, they were also ardent expansionists. They hoped to see the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi, Canada and the Floridas under the same flag. It seemed clear to them that, in order to defeat England, Canada would have to be conquered. "I am not for stopping at Quebec," said Clay, "but I would take the whole continent." This conquest would not only provide more land for the pioneers in the westward movement but also would end Canada's use as a base from which the Indians could be armed for raids against the Americans. Tennesseans also had a special interest in expansion as attested to by an article in the *Nashville Clarion* of August 18, 1812: "It would be highly desirable to take West Florida and drive the Indians across the Mississippi." Tennessee interest in Florida was also stimulated by the desire for additional commercial outlets to the Gulf. In reality, a fair assessment of the supreme interest of the War Hawks was not so much a war to avenge wrong-doing on the high seas as a war to insure a settlement of the Indian problem and the conquest of Canada and Florida.

New Englanders opposed war as reflected by the sectional vote in the presidential election of 1812 which favored De Witt Clinton, the peace candidate, over James Madison. The New Englanders were against the war, in part because they feared that their port cities would be attacked by the British fleet. They also resented the growing strength of the westerners - "foresters," they called them - who were year after year adding new states to their coalition. In part, too, they considered war against England to be madness because it would disrupt their overseas trade. Despite the losses suffered, the international trade continued to be vigorous and profitable for the eastern seaboard.

Pressures mounted, and Madison, unable to resist them, in June 1812, asked Congress to declare war on England. On June 18 Congress obliged, and hostilities formally began.

Tennessee's three congressmen and two senators voted unanimously in favor of war, reflecting, no doubt, the true feelings of their constituents. From the standpoint of military preparedness the United States was little justified in assuming the burdens of foreign conflict. The regular army consisted of not more than seven thousand men, all of whom were needed for garrison duty. For the most part the administration had to rely upon state militia to do the fighting, and the army was woefully lacking in capable military leaders as well. The Revolutionary officers were, as Winfield Scott said, "decayed gentlemen, though undaunted in spirit," evidenced as we have seen, by such old Smith County veterans as Dixon, William Walton, Grant Allen, John Brevard to name a few of the Smith County Revolutionary Volunteers. The country was not united as the Federalists never reconciled themselves to the decision of Congress to declare war. New England bankers tried to prevent the sale of government bonds, and Congress would not impose taxes to finance the war.

At the beginning of hostilities the United States had the advantage and the initiative in the land fighting. Tied down by the war with France, England had only 5000 men in Canada. In July General William Hull marched boldly northward from Detroit to invade Upper Canada. He took Sandwich, but within a few days he was in retreat to Detroit and surrendered the city on August 13 to General Isaac Brock who had been joined by Tecumseh and his Indian warriors. Brock then went to the Niagara River where at Queenston he defeated the Americans under General Stephen Van Rensselaer. In the meantime General Dearborn was timidly preparing to march against Montreal, but the attempt came to nothing when his militia refused to cross the border out of the country. In the fall of 1813, General William Henry Harrison succeeded in recovering Detroit, but an invasion of Canada seemed now to be out of the question.

The spring of 1814 brought the downfall of Napoleon's empire, and the British were free to turn the full strength of their army and navy against the United States. When a powerful British fleet appeared in Chesapeake Bay, the capitol city of Washington was virtually without defense. Forty miles below the city, British veterans landed and marched on for hours as peacefully as if on their way to a picnic. The little army of clerks, mechanics and regulars was quickly overpowered by the British who marched triumphantly into Washington, August 24, 1814. President Madison had ridden out to Maryland to join the army in an anticipated victory celebration. Instead, he was barely able to escape capture.

As evening fell the British tramped into Washington and swiftly began the work of destruction. At the Capitol soldiers first burned the velvet hangings, carpets and books and then set the building ablaze. Before setting fire to the White House, officers consumed a dinner that had been prepared for President and Mrs. Madison. Bravely, Dolley Madison, in the face of booming cannon in the distance, remained at the White House piling wagons high with curtains, silver, books and cabinet papers. To her must go the credit for saving the priceless Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington as, just before fleeing the city, she gave the order to break the great frame and remove the valuable canvas.

Shortly afterwards the same raiders attacked Baltimore where they met with greater resistance. The harbor was well defended by Fort McHenry and the people of the city and state had enlisted about fourteen thousand men to resist the invaders. This was the battle that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the stirring song that was to become the National Anthem. One can imagine the exultation experienced by Key as he stood on the British ship where he was held prisoner and watched "the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

At the beginning of the war on the high seas American captains and crews were holding their own in the face of overwhelming odds. The U. S. Navy numbered some sixteen ships of war and a number of smaller craft, an insignificant force to oppose the one thousand or more ships of the British Navy. On August 19, 1812, off the coast of Nova Scotia, in one of the most brilliant American victories of the war, Captain Isaac Hull of the *Constitution* outmaneuvered and outfought a British frigate, the *Guerriere*. In December, this time off the coast of Brazil, the *Constitution* destroyed the frigate, *Java*, earning for its valor the nickname "Old Ironsides." The following year in an important naval engagement on Lake Erie, Oliver Hazard Perry sent his superior a hastily scrawled note that has become immortal: "We have met the enemy and they are ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop." However, American success on the seas was not to last. By the spring of 1813 the British had established a tight blockade of the American coast, and from that time forward American ships of war scarcely dared to leave port.

The final phase of the war was fought in the Southwest where, again, the British and the Indians conspired as allies. After the rout of the Creeks at Horseshoe Bend, Andrew Jackson was offered a commission in the regular army as Major General and was placed in command of all operations in the Southwest. Upon his shoulders fell the task of warding off the final British attack at New Orleans. Jackson expected the British to land at Mobile and advance westward to New Orleans. Upon learning of British plans to disembark directly on the Louisiana coast opposite the city, Jackson had to move fast. Quickly, he transformed New Orleans into an armed camp, vigorously recruiting arms and men from the streets of the city. One offer of help came from a strange quarter, indeed. The smuggler and pirate, Jean Lafitte who had refused an offer of a captain's commission by the British, brought to Jackson's camp his intricate knowledge of the bayous of the river country and a polygot mixture of men. Upon the arrival of a Kentucky division of militia with only 700 guns for over 2,000 men, "I don't believe it," Jackson exclaimed in horror, "I have never seen a Kentuckian without a gun and a pack of cards and a bottle of whiskey in my life."

Knowing his men would be outnumbered by the enemy, Jackson rapidly began strengthening his defenses which consisted of three earthen parapets, one behind the other, each stretching from the Mississippi River to an impassable cypress swamp, faced with bales of cotton covered with layers of mud. The ramparts were set behind the Rodriguez canal which was twenty-five feet wide and four or five feet deep, forming the boundary between the Chalmette and Macarty plantations. The canal was a dry ditch until Jackson

had the levee pierced and flooded it with water. Behind the earthenworks Jackson placed a total of 5,172 men - pirates, Tennessee backwoodsmen in brown homespun hunting shirts, a battalion of free Negroes, Creoles in colorful uniforms, Indian fighters. Most of Jackson's soldiers had handled a rifle as soon as they were big enough to hold one; they were conquerors of the wilderness, self-confident and self-reliant. The British commanders had the mistaken attitude that men who conquered Napoleon would not be repulsed by a "low log breastwork manned by a backwoods rabble."

Just after dawn of January 8, 1815, a rocket soared upwards, signaling the start of the British attack on the plain of Chalmette. As the breeze opened ragged patches in the fog, there was revealed an entire field of red tunics, crossbarred in white, a great army advancing briskly in cheering columns 60 men wide. The force was led by thirty-seven year old Major General Sir Edward Pakenham (Pay'ken em), an Irishman and brother-in-law to the Duke of Wellington. When the British got within 20 yards of his defenses, Jackson gave the order to fire. His men were lined up four deep, one behind the other, and as soon as the man in front fired, he moved back to reload and another stepped forward to take his place. The men in the red coats began falling, one eye-witness reported, like blades of grass beneath a scythe. The field, once shining with frost, was now dirty red. General Pakenham was slain along with 2,036 British killed and wounded. The American casualties were 21. The Battle of New Orleans lasted less than 2 hours, but that bloody morning made Andrew Jackson an authentic American hero.

Almost from the beginning of the war there had been negotiations of one kind or another for peace. In early summer of 1814 an American commission which included John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay and Albert Gallatin, arrived in Ghent, Belgium to mediate for peace terms. Even as these delegates were negotiating Britain sent Pakenham's expedition, one of the largest of the war, to gain control of New Orleans and the Mississippi River. Never dreaming that Pakenham would be repelled by the "rabble" at New Orleans, Britain stalled the deliberations awaiting word of a victory and the establishment of a civil government. British officers on the ship that transported Pakenham to America later stated that there were on board, besides the military personnel, "a complete civil government staff." It was reported that Pakenham brought in his dispatch case a commission as governor of Louisiana and the promise of an earldom. He also brought a proclamation which was to be published upon the occupation of New Orleans, declaring the sovereignty of England in behalf of Spain "over all the territory fraudulently conveyed by Bonaparte to the United States." Thus, England's plans of conquest were thwarted by Jackson's riot of the British army. It was an irony of fate that Pakenham failed to deliver Louisiana to the Crown; instead, his body was delivered to his ship in a hogshead of rum.

Finally, on Christmas Eve, 1814, a treaty was signed at Ghent, the British, no doubt, believing the defeat of the Americans at New Orleans a *fait accompli* and that any treaty signed would not be implemented. As the news of the stunning victory at New Orleans and the signing of the peace treaty spread across the land, torch lights flared, crowds

surged shouting into the streets, bunting rippled across American ships, and "A Peace! A Peace!" was the triumphant cry of the confident young nation.

From a political point of view the War of 1812 was not a "Second War for Independence" for independence had already been won by the American Revolution. According to John Adams, the treaty did little more than restore prewar conditions - "a truce rather than a peace." It did, however, win economic independence from England and the realization of the need for greater national unity.

To be continued: *Smith Countians in the War of 1812.*

Maj. Gen. Sir Edward Pakenham, commander of the British army at Chalmette, was sitting for this portrait when he was summoned to command the Louisiana expedition. He was killed at New Orleans and the painting was never finished.

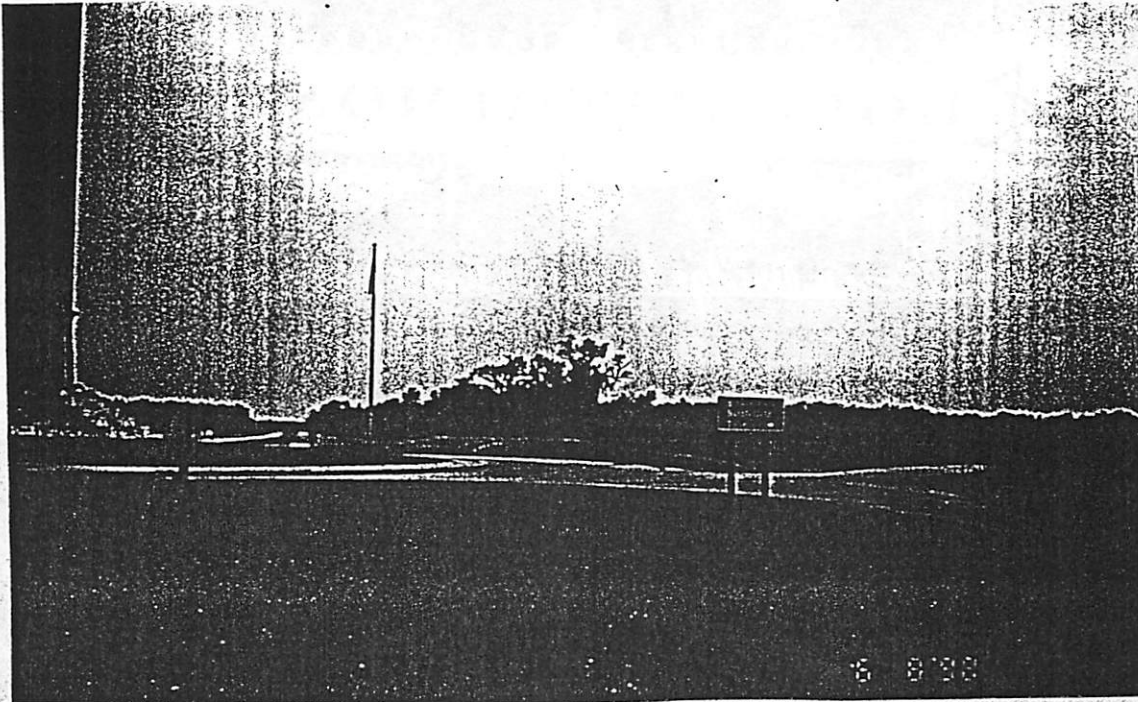


National Portrait Gallery, London



Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, commanding U.S. forces at Chalmette, vowed to drive the British, whom he called "the common enemy of mankind," from American soil. His victory at New Orleans launched him on the road to the White House.

National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC

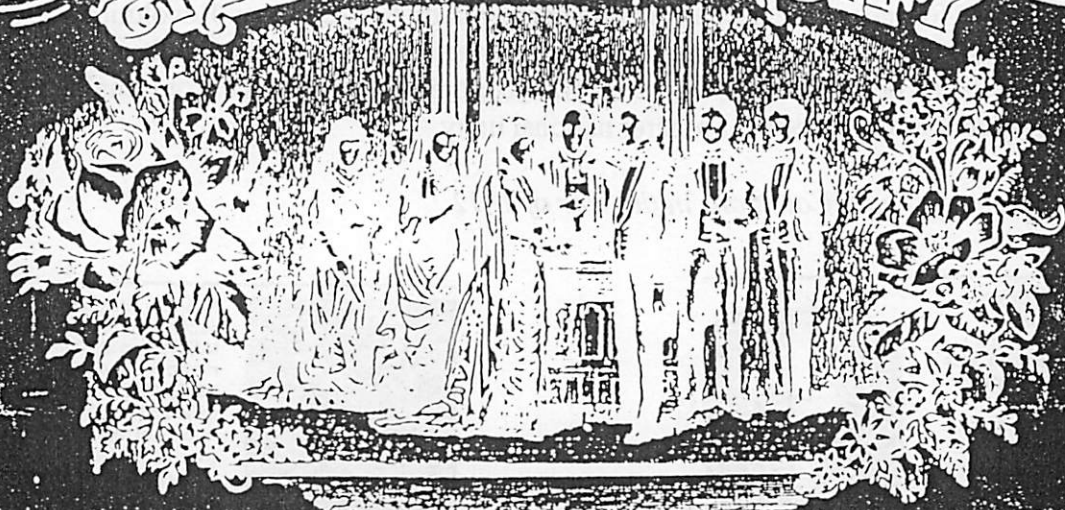


Chalmette Field, site of Battle of New Orleans  
8 January 1815



WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER

# THIS IS TO CERTIFY



That Joseph Leonard Cardwell  
and Mary Caroline Timberlake  
WERE UNITED BY ME IN

## HOLY MATRIMONY

At Near Stone Bridge Sullivan Co on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
Nov. In the year of our Lord 1857

In Presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND  
SHALL CLEAVE UNTO HIS WIFE AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH.  
E. II.

# FAMILY RECORD

Name.	Place of Birth.
Joseph L. Cardwell	Horseshoe Bend, Tenn.
L. H. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
O. H. Cardwell	Pocahontas Springs, Tenn.
H. W. Cardwell	Pocahontas Springs, Tenn.
William F. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Luisa F. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Leonard M. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
E. L. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Martha M. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Haggie Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Julia L. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Twin Boys	Defeated Creek, Tenn.
L. M. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Mary F. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
L. M. Cardwell	Snow Creek, Tenn.
Mary Virginia Thackston	Elmwood, Tenn.
E. M. Thackston	Defeated Creek, Tenn.
Joseph Lee Thackston	Defeated Creek, Tenn.
Henry Delake Thackston	Defeated Creek, Tenn.
Lucy Thackston	L. M. Cardwell
Carlton	L. M. Cardwell

# FAMILY RECORD

Date of Birth.	Date of Marriage.	Date of Death.
Sept. 30/1885	Nov. 6/1887	Nov. 1903
Aug. 4/1885	Nov. 16/1887	April 1924
Dec. 6/1889	June 1889	Sept. 14 - 1933
Jan. 18/1861	_____	July 27/1879
Apr. 17/1868	Jan. 30/1896	_____
Jan. 17/1865	Sept. 4/1886	Dec. 6-1931
Apr. 23/1867	June 1891	Dec. 1934
May 29/1872	_____	Sept. 11/1873
Sept. 30/1877	Jan. 13/1891	_____
July 26/1876	_____	Sept. 19/1877
Oct. 2/1878	Oct. 25/1898	_____
Sept. 30/1858	_____	Sept. 30/1858
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Jan. 9 1894	_____	Nov. 10 1901
Oct. 11 1902	_____	_____
Nov. 28 1905	_____	_____
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Oct. 1, 1922	Oct. 1, 1924	_____
April 30, 1900	March 21, 1926	_____
Sept. 28, 1904	Sept. 22, 1927	_____
Sept. 25, 1904	Sept. 19, 1929	_____
Sept. 12, 1907	Aug. 21, 1934	_____

## GORDONSVILLE IN THE TWENTIES AND THIRTIES

*Although Daddy had an office in Uptown, about a block from our house in part of what had formerly been a group of stores, he had no office attendant until the 1940s and spent very little time in the office. Ninety per cent of his practice consisted in making "calls," i.e., going to homes, mostly farm houses, to see sick people. His normal day began at daylight or before with calls on those patients most urgently ill. The nearest hospital was in Nashville, fifty miles away. When people had to go there the trip was usually made by train.*

*Daddy often ate breakfast at patient's houses, but sometimes he got home to eat with us. I think he was seldom home for lunch; instead he picked up sardines and crackers at a country store or had a bountiful noonday "dinner" at a farm house. Unlike most people around us we had our main meal at night. Though it was called "supper" that word had lost its older meaning of a light repast, and in my childhood was made up of meat, vegetables, hot bread, pickles and relishes and dessert. My favorite supper was made up of ground beef patties (not called hamburger then), mashed potatoes with gravy and chocolate pie. I don't remember eating green vegetables much but my mother knew a lot about nutrition and she always urged me to eat fruit. Apples were available most of the year but fresh fruit was a rarity except at Christmas when most people had oranges. I remember my Daddy saying that older patients died in the early spring because food supplies were more limited in the winter, but I notice that this pattern still seems to persist in this day of unlimited variety in the grocery stores.*

*At one time, during the early twenties, I believe, there was a family living in Gordonsville two doors down the street from us, named James. I think the father was Walter James. Before I was old enough to remember, disaster struck the household and its four members all died within two or three years. Especially tragic was the loss of the only child, Frances, a young lady of about eighteen. When all the James family was gone a related couple, the Johnsons, moved into the house. They had no children and never mixed much with the townspeople. I can't imagine what Ernest did, if anything, to make a living. We saw him on his way to the grocery store (she never went) two or three times a week, but that was all except when he worked in his garden at the back. I was accustomed to wandering freely through the yards of our neighbors, especially the Bridges' yard next door and in the Johnson's yard next to them. Somehow, when I was about five or six, they began to give me little gifts, gifts which never seemed very*

*valuable to me, usually vegetables from their garden or trinkets which had belonged to Frances James. I'm surprised now that Mother let me spend time with them for they were really peculiar, even for Gordonsville which had its share of eccentrics.*

*In their attic there were trunks and trunks full of outmoded clothes which I can now recognize as having come from the turn of the century or a little earlier. The clothes were gorgeous and the Johnsons let me play "dress-up" with them and even take them home. I particularly remember two hand made lace dresses, one black and one white, with long leg-of-mutton sleeves, high necks and full, long skirts. These were eighteen or twenty inches too long for me and the handsewn strips of lace tore as I walked around in them. I now realize that the Johnsons' attachment to me was a pitiful attempt to enlarge their narrow lives.*

*Later, about the time I went to Ward-Belmont (1939) and after I had stopped going to see the Johnsons much, Clara began to go out into her back yard and call out to the neighbors that Ernest was killing her, beating her to death, I think. The first few times she did it the neighbors responded but found nothing to substantiate the tale which Ernest denied. Eventually they stopped going and Clara's outcries became an accepted, if odd, manifestation of her frustrated life.*

*In the summer it was not unusual for itinerant preachers to hold "brush arbor" meetings out in the countryside near the towns. The arbor was built by sinking ten or twelve poles for a frame, adding lighter poles across the top and piling on brush or tree branches to protect the people from rain. During these meetings there was much singing and praying and sinners were called upon to come down front and be prayed over so that they might be saved. The success of the meeting was determined by the number of sinners who came forward. One night at such a meeting some of the well-meaning "Sisters" prevailed upon a young girl (who was "not too bright" and who had been "taken advantage of" by some of the men of the community) to go down front and confess herself a sinner. I will call her Pearl. Pearl went down front, was properly prayed over and repented and was saved. Everyone rejoiced.*

*The next night when the preacher called for sinners to come down Pearl marched proudly down the aisle. It was a difficult moment, but the preacher was up to it. He put his arm around Pearl and said, "Sister, you*

*don't need to come down front again. You were saved last night." With downcast eyes and hanging head Pearl replied, "Yessuh, I know I was, but I sinned on the way home."*

*There were many stories told among my parents' friends of events which had happened in Gordonsville earlier, before I was born. One concerned a young man who was the only town citizen to be sent to France in World War I. It seems that the town was anxious to honor him properly upon his return. He was to come in on the train at Carthage Junction and the community organized to give him an appropriate welcome. When the day came almost everyone in town went to the station to meet the hero and hear first hand about his adventures "across the water." He arrived in due course and was doubtless overwhelmed with the turn-out. After the initial excitement died down he was asked to make a speech. According to my mother's account (she was not there) he stood first on one foot and then on the other and stammered for a few minutes before he finally delivered his pithy summary of his life as a hero. "I been a fur piece .....but I ain't seen nothin' " I am not sure but I think this was the same person who, when I had reached the second or third grade, built an elevator for his chickens and invited the children coming home from school to come in and watch how it worked.*

*During my childhood there were two general stores which served most of our everyday needs, Miss Mat Gwaltney's in Uptown and Miss Het James' in Lower town. Miss Mat's small store was sandwiched in between her son's barber shop and the post office. All I really remember about it was how pleasant she was and the way I could buy cookies (two for a penny) out of the bin instead of packaged as they are today. Miss Het's store was larger and was located at the edge of the school grounds so it was a logical stopping place for after school treats. I think it carried a larger variety of things than Miss Mat's as I clearly recall a spool chest full of thread and other sewing supplies as well as items we would find in a hardware store today. Miss Het, too, was a good-natured lady, very kind to children.*

*While I was in "grammar school" her husband died and a year or so later she married again. About that time I heard a joke told which I thought fitted Miss Het's situation so I hurried to her store to tell her. It went this way: A woman's husband died and on his tombstone his wife had this inscription, "The light of my life has gone out." Not too long*

*afterwards she found another mate and so, after thinking it over, she added to the tombstone inscription, "But I've struck another match." I thought this was a wonderful story and Miss Het laughed heartily, but my mother was horrified when she found what I had done. This kind of joke was certainly typical of the ones I heard growing up.*

*During the twenties and thirties most of our recreation depended on the creativity of a few individuals. Mother was one of the most creative individuals in town. She organized expeditions of many kinds. In the Fall we went to Chesnut Mound (this was before the chesnut blight) to pick chestnuts; in the Summer we went swimming in the river or wading in Mulherrin Creek; on very hot Sundays we spent the day at a cave near Lancaster. The summer activities were nearly always accompanied by picnics. She was also good at arranging treasure hunts for both children and young adults. I remember one occasion on which the clues led everybody to a cornfield just outside town on the road to Carthage. One of the prizes was found in a cornstalk! Another time we had an Amateur Hour, copied after the popular radio show hosted by Major Bowes. All the local children participated by singing, dancing, reciting, etc. I remember the excitement but I don't remember who won.*

*In Autumn one of my favorite entertainments was going to the place where they were making molasses. I recall it as very cold weather and the location near Carthage Junction on the creek made it damp as well. There would be a mule hitched to a pole and walking round and round to provide the energy for getting the sap out of the sugar cane. Nearby there would be a fire under a large pan with several sections in it. In each section there was a batch of molasses in some stage of development. It smelled wonderful! The children, and even some of the adults, would be given a short stick of cane which could be dipped into the molasses which was thick and nearly finished. After a few minutes to allow for cooling you could suck on the molasses stick as if it were candy. And if you ate it all, there was more. I especially remember the contrast between the cold night air, the steamy sweat of the mule and the thick, hot odor of boiling molasses.*

*When I was nine and got my horse my most frequent pleasure and entertainment consisted of riding. After we had had Dan long enough for my parents to be sure he was reliable, I was allowed to ride anywhere I wanted to go provided that my mother knew where I was going. She*

checked up on me by calling the houses along the route I had chosen. Traffic and "passing" was so light on the country roads at that time that virtually no one passed without the knowledge of the housewife. I sometimes rode to the Seay's farm beyond Grant, but my favorite ride was past Uncle Lem's blacksmith shop and on out the road to the Sam Hogan farm. The Hogans were the grandparents of my friend, Mary Davis, who sometimes rode with me. They lived near the river and north of town perhaps three or four miles. I don't know how I could get there now for the road was cut in two by the building of Interstate 40. I'm sorry to say that I have completely lost track of all the members of the Hogan and Davis families whom I knew so well in the 1930s.

The most exciting time of the year was Christmas. If we were lucky we would get to Nashville for a day of shopping. In the twenties and thirties we went on the train which stopped at Carthage Junction about 4:30 in the morning and was called the "fo day train." For a long time I thought this meant four day train and referred to the fact that the trip seemed to take a long time, but, of course, it really meant only that the train arrived at Carthage Junction before daylight. We reached the Tennessee Central terminal in Nashville (at the foot of Broadway) about six-thirty and ate breakfast at the station or nearby. Then we walked up to Church Street where all the shopping was and where business began to get underway at eight or eight-thirty. All of the children's presents were bought on Fifth Avenue with its range of "ten cent stores" and its awe-inspiring arcade where a "peanut man" directed you into the hot nuts store. My big present was for Mama. What could I get for twenty-five cents that she would like? I still have a pair of china ladies in 18th century dress which so delighted me when I discovered them at Woolworth's or Kress's. They then contained cheap "bath salts" which Mama pretended to use, but she really liked the ladies and kept them all her life.

If we could afford it we went to Candyland (corner of Church and 7th Ave.) in the middle of the morning for chocolate sodas or ice cream with marshmallow sauce. Mother often took one or two of my cousins or a lady friend with a daughter my age, and for us this confection in its shining chrome symbolized all the glamour with which the wonderful Christmas season was invested. The streets were lined with decorated windows too, shabby by today's standards but nothing could have been grander for us, not even if the tinsel had been real silver and the painted stars real gold. There is little wonder like that in the world today, at least



*for me and I doubt that my own children ever got such pleasure from such trifles. Perhaps it is only possible in a child from a simple background.*

*After lunch at Shacklett's cafeteria or Kleeman's we had to begin making our way back to the train station, frantically counting our packages and going over the lists to be sure no one was forgotten. On the ride home I tried to stay awake to see all the interesting pictures that flashed by the big train windows. It was no use; the long day took its toll and I usually waked up when Daddy lifted me to carry me off the train.*

*Most years there was a Christmas pageant at the Gordonsville Methodist Church. It was always the same. The best reader ( a teacher or my uncle Jesse who was perennial superintendent of the Sunday school) read the Christmas story from Luke; the events of the story were acted out by members of the congregation; the shepherds wore the most colorful bathrobes to be found; the manger scene consisted of a swaddled doll in a straw filled box or manger; the most angelic looking young lady was a self-conscious Mary kneeling with an equally self-conscious Joseph, while all the small children of the small Sunday School stood ranged across the back as the choir of angels, wearing gauze robes and wings. The wise men presented the greatest problem. There wasn't much finery in a village of 800 during the Depression and even costume jewelry was not common, but usually someone's attic trunks yielded the faded glory of Edwardian, or even ante-bellum clothes, and turbans could be made from anything. The wise men strode down the aisle in splendid style, or so we thought. The pageants were so much a part of my childhood Christmases that it came as a distinct shock to me many years later to discover that they represented an unbroken tradition from the early Middle Ages in Europe.*

*After the pageant there was the community Christmas tree. In a village congregation everyone drew names and the matter of whose name one drew was of the greatest significance. What a disappointment for a little girl to draw the name of one of the deacons or a pimply-faced adolescent boy! What a joy to get that of a much admired older girl! On the night of the pageant the big question was not whose name you had drawn but who had drawn yours. Since none knew, it sometimes happened that, from lack of money or from disinterest, there were not enough presents under the tree. For this reason my mother and others brought extra small gifts just in case. The gifts were often disappointing: candy bars from the grocery store or home made cookies, but even these were*

*real treats for some people in those hard times. And there was the excitement to enjoy, besides. I remember the cold church (warm only around the pot bellied stove where we soon got too hot) and the odor of cedar emanating from the enormous tree decorated with tinsel and popcorn strings and sometimes a few hastily applied "icicles" of foil. If the church had enough money there were also apples tied on the tree which were given to the children at the end of the program.*

*My own family always spent Christmas Eve night and the next morning with the Seay family at Seayland Farm. On Christmas Eve the tension began to mount early in the afternoon. Everyone got excited about Christmas and for one reason or another thought they needed the doctor. All the local hypochondriacs came down with "heart attack"; colds and flue seemed more common then; Daddy's office was full and the phone rang constantly. Mother and I worried: would we be able to go to "Sister's?" Could Daddy leave on time? If I was sick, as I often was, would it be dangerous for me to change houses? We had never missed a Christmas. How could we bear missing one? It was the highlight of the year.*

*When Daddy finished the last patient we piled into the already loaded Chevrolet (or Ford) carrying hot bricks to keep our feet warm. There were no car heaters in the twenties and early thirties. We headed west making sure that there was an extra tire and tools in case of a "flat." I was beside myself with joy. For the last half of the eleven miles Daddy pretended and I actually strained my eyes in competition to see who could catch the first glimpse of the lights of Seayland Farm. "I see Sister's first!" was the ritual cry. Now was the real Christmas! Now there would be a big dinner with a big family around a big table! And the tree! The twins would have been decorating all afternoon. I know now that the ornaments were worn and faded and shabby, but the huge cedar touched the ceiling, and to me it was very near to heaven. When we turned into the long circular driveway the lights were shining on the porch and onto the road. (They had a generator long before rural electricity came in in the thirties.) After the first flurry of greetings and kisses and the oohs and aahs over the tree, we turned to the enormous fire in the fireplace. In memory those logs seem to have been five or six feet long and they burned all evening and were still there to build up in the morning. Around the fireplace were the aunts and uncles, usually three or four, there for Christmas. Sister came out of the kitchen wiping her hands on a dishtowel*

*and bringing the delicious odors of Christmas cooking with her. Boxes were unloaded, presents were placed or hidden under the tree, everyone talked at once and Ann sat down at the out-of-tune organ and began to play "Silent Night" while voices, loud or soft, harmonious or discordant, began to join in. It was loud and warm, inside and outside ourselves, and the real Christmas had come at last.*

*I don't remember much about Christmas dinner except that the table was the longest one I ever sat at in a private home. Our bountiful dinner always included turkey and dressing, country ham, oysters, rolls, peach pickle and coconut cake, along with dozens of other dishes like boiled custard.*

*After dinner we adjourned to other parts of the house, the children happily whispering secrets and tantalizing each other with hints about gifts. The adults usually gathered around the fire and there was a black woman, a tenant farmer's wife, in the kitchen. We kept running out onto the porch to see if there were any signs of snow. Finally it was time to climb into bed with a lot more giggling and whispering until the house finally got quiet and we could no longer resist sleep. Sometimes I slept in the middle bedroom which had a fire, and I have never forgotten the wonder of going to sleep in a dark room with the glow of a dying fire and the strange shadows cast by its flickering light.*

*It was usually the youngest child who waked up first on Christmas morning, though I also remember being awakened by the sound of someone shaking out the ashes in the furnace so as to build up the fire and warm the house. After getting up, everyone's greeting to each person they met was "Christmas Gift!" We weren't allowed in the living room until everyone was ready to go in, but of course we sneaked looks in if we could. Often there were large gifts or toys left unwrapped and placed under the tree. We children were terribly impatient of the older people who had to go to the kitchen for coffee before they were ready to go in to "the tree." One or two of the younger ones scrambled under the sticky branches of the cedar to pull out gifts and Daddy always called out the names. There were several gifts for each person though none were expensive. The presents were always exciting but the one I remember best was a thumping box I got one morning that contained a tiny wobbly goat kid! Uncle Dan was supposed to be the donor though I suspect Mother's hand in the enterprise. I was already known in the family as an animal*

*lover. It was a bitter disappointment that I couldn't take him home but had to leave him with his mother when we drove back to Gordonsville.*

*Actually, I don't think I ever saw him again and the episode, so joyfully begun, left me with a feeling for the insensitivity and deceptiveness of adults toward children. No doubt they thought I would forget all about it, but what I remembered was that he was not really mine, as they had said.*

*After the tree there were more hymns, the Christmas story read from the Bible and then a big breakfast with ham and sausage and hot biscuits. For in between meals there were nuts (still in the shell), and big sacks of apples and oranges you cut a hole in and stuck a peppermint stick into, through which you could suck the juice. My grandchildren do this now, but it was only a Christmas treat then. Mother liked a boxed candy called Whitman's Sampler and always brought a big box of that along. Two or three pounds were consumed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*

*I always had mixed feelings about going home on Christmas afternoon. I wanted to play with my cousins and examine their prizes, but I also wanted to get my own prizes off to myself in the house where I was the only child. But I always regretted that Christmas was over.*

*Our habit of riding with Daddy on his calls in the late afternoon or evening came about partly because there was so little in the way of entertainment or novelty and partly because Mother, because of her health, was not allowed to be very active. Also, Daddy loved company and he and I always sang as we rode along the unpaved roads leaving a great cloud of dust behind us. I know we sang popular songs from the nineteenth century: "Maggie" (a song I have in recent years been surprised to learn is still popular in Ireland) and songs from my parents' youth like "In the Gloaming!" and "Love's Old Sweet Song." Our favorite song for years was called either "All Around the Water Tank" or "Waiting for a Train." It was about a tramp riding the rails and almost certainly dates from the Depression as there were lots of tramps, sometimes simply vagrants, sometimes men honestly in search of work, passing through our quiet little corner of the country.*

*When I think of riding with Daddy at night I always think of the odor of honeysuckle in the warm night air, and when, in my mind's eye, I see the houses, they are always lit by lamplight and I can remember knowing when Daddy was coming out of the house because you could*

*follow his movements as someone carrying a lamp escorted him to the front door. One of my mother's stories was about such an occasion when she and I waited and waited and waited in the car noticing that Daddy's flashlight seemed to be moving about in the dark house slowly from one room to another. Confronted with this strange phenomenon when he finally came out, he confessed that he had become fascinated with the nineteenth century newspapers that had been used to paper the house and he had gone from one room to the next reading them.*

*Country courtesy required that when Mother and I were along, we must be invited into the home, regardless of the severity of the illness, and offered something to eat. Mother usually refused politely, but if she knew the people well and felt that we would not be imposing, she sometimes accepted. Thus our travels had a distinctly social side. Sometimes we would stop on the way home to visit friends who lived away from town such as the Sullivans whose farm was near Carthage Junction.*

*In retrospect it seems to me that much of our time in the summers of my childhood was spent in this way. And it was so quiet then. No airplanes or helicopters overhead, no interstates, no roaring trucks or ambulance sirens, no police cars. Just an occasional car or wagon on the roads, a lot of bee buzzing and gnat humming in the summer and the remote whistle of a train two or three times a day. It seems so peaceful and natural as I look back across more than fifty years of time and change.*

*There were only four or five girls within a year or two of my age in Gordonsville and one or two more who lived in the country but came into Gordonsville to school. I most frequently played with Mary Davis, the Sullivan girls (Carolyn and Anna Love), and Frances Lee Gwaltney. All but Anna Love were in my room at school. Mary Davis lived on a farm toward Hickman about a mile and a half from town. We almost fought each other over the question of who would get the next obsolete pattern book from the dry goods store because this was the source of our paper dolls and we liked them much better than the store bought variety. We cut out pictures of girls, women, men and children wearing garments suitable for different occasions and organized these into characters with names and then into families. The teen agers were our idols and the stories we acted out with these dolls showed an early awareness of the importance of male-female relationships. We furnished houses for these dolls with whatever came to hand and Mother was wonderful at constructing*

*cardboard tables and chairs and sofas for the needs of the dolls' lifestyles. We even got old wallpaper sample books and papered the walls of the dollhouses (made of cardboard boxes) and made bedspreads out of antimacassars. We were quite inventive and I'm sure the activity was a great stimulus to our imaginations. I don't remember having much in the way of "store-bought" toys, but I never felt a lack of anything to play with.*

*From the time I learned to read Mother was quick to see that I was supplied with books and by the time I was ten or twelve I was reading the popular novels that were passed around among Mother's friends. Somehow Mary Davis and I got wind of the fact that **THE GOOD EARTH**, recently published, contained scenes that shocked our elders so we went to work reading it secretly. I remember the horrifying thrill of two events in it: the chief female character, abandoned by her husband, I think, encountered a strange man in some dark place, perhaps a temple, and "felt his hot hand upon her." This was heady stuff and when she later had a baby (!) we naturally assumed that babies were caused by the laying on of hands. Mother let me read **GONE WITH THE WIND** during the first year it came out, even though her friends disapproved*

*Four or five times a summer, and sometimes on Friday after school, I rode Dan the eleven miles to Seayland Farm. On these long rides I was more likely to meet walkers or wagons than cars. Thinking about those rides today I am most struck by the opportunity they provided for serious thought and I regard it as one of the great fortunes of my life that I grew up with both intellectual stimulation (through reading) and the chance to ponder ideas that I encountered. No one today seems to have the time to think about anything but what they must do next.*

*I think of myself as unusually blessed in my childhood with the things that really matter : family love and security, access to the world of nature, a peaceful village life, time to grow up without too much pressure too early. My life in Gordonsville served me well when, in 1939, I had to go away to school because the high school lost its accreditation. I did not know then that I would never really live in Gordonsville again and of course I spent all my summers and holidays there until my parents moved to Carthage in 1945. Even though I go there rarely nowadays, in some important way it is, and always will be, my home.*

*(This is an excerpt from a personal record of family background and experiences written by Thayer Wilson Beach )*

## SMITH COUNTY LIONS ?

Robert Young Clay

My father, Robert Bell "Bobby" Clay, who died in 1957, was a cabinetmaker in Dixon Springs. His shop was a gathering place for village residents, many of whom were grand storytellers with long and good memories. They provided a rich commentary on the social, political and religious life and history of the area and as a child I delighted in listening to them. Among the stories I heard but did not quite believe, was a tale of two lions that had been seen wandering loose about the countryside on Dixon's Creek. No one knew where they came from or where they went. In my own mind, I dismissed the story as a good example of the product of lively imaginations or of my own faulty memory of what I had heard them tell. To my amazement and delight I recently found the following:

## "LIONS AT LARGE IN DIXON SPRINGS SECTION

Dixon Springs, Tenn., June 5, - From the testimony of reliable citizens, it seems certain that two full grown lions are already in this section. The lions were seen by several persons on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on Dry Fork Creek, about six miles from here, and a party scoured the hills in that section yesterday, but without locating them. Yesterday afternoon John Bob Gregory, who lives about two miles from this place was taking out his mules preparatory to quitting work for the day, when two lions trotted by him through the field at a distance of about forty yards and entered the woods nearby. Gregory is positive that they were lions that he saw. People on Dry Fork who have seen them say that one of the lions had a small chain attached to one foot. A wagon circus that had two lions passed through here about ten days ago, but people are at a loss to account for their presence. People in the hill section are alarmed, and there was much drawing of bars and closing of windows last night when the news went out." - Nashville Tennessean (Carthage Courier ,10 June 1915, p. 1, column 5).

## "PLEASANT SHADE

Great excitement prevails among the people of the Mace's Hill community over the appearance of two lions. These animals were seen by John B. Gregory just before sunset, Friday. He has seen many lions and would doubtless know them wherever he might see them. The tracks made by the beasts were examined and found to be three feet apart. What is believed to be a lion has been seen on Dry Fork for several weeks. No systematic search has yet been made for the beasts." (Carthage Courier ,10 June 1915, p. 4, columns 5, 6).

"LIONS STILL AT LARGE NEAR DIXON SPRINGS

The lions which have been causing much excitement in the Dixon Springs vicinity for the past several days are still at large in spite of the large armies of citizens who have made several attempts to capture them.

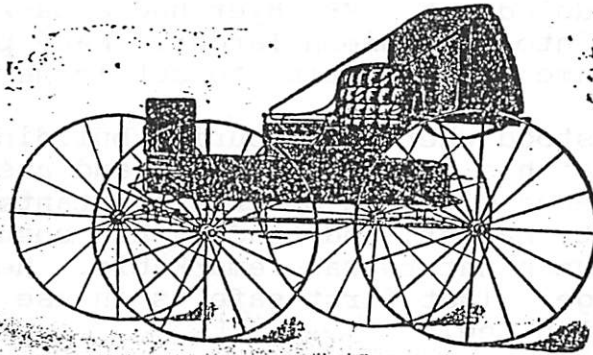
Reliable parties have given various reports as to having seen the beasts and many signs of their presence have been discovered. The community has become very much excited over the presence of the man-eaters and parties headed by some of the section's most prominent business men have gone to the woods armed with all sorts of artillery in search of the intruders." (Carthage Courier , 17 June 1915, p. 1, column 2).

And there the newspaper accounts stop. The storytellers I so fondly remember are now gone, and I cannot apologize to them for having doubted their tales but where DID their lions come from and where DID they go?

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WHEN CARTHAGE WAS YOUNG  
AS TOLD TO ME

Annie Lee Myer Turner

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While this story does not come down to the dates of Gov. Benton McMillin, I cannot refrain from saying that he was one of the most beloved citizens who ever lived in Carthage. His life can be found in any Tennessee history.

The Read family came to us through Tom Read, Sr., in 1869. Mr. Read came from Hartsville, which was then part of Sumner County. He fought in the Southern army four years with Breckenridge, was wounded at Shiloh, captured and carried to a camp in Ohio. He was first a printer in the "Clarion" office of Frank Duffy, then was elected Circuit Clerk in '82. His grocery business stands a success throughout all the years. He was the father of the late Ben Read, who might be termed the most outstanding business success of any Carthaginian, but, as you know, he made his money and reached his prominence in the business world after he left Carthage.

Joseph Myer came as a young man from Kentucky. He had arrived from Alsace-Lorraine when he was nineteen years old. The passage across the Atlantic was stormy and took three months to make; the passengers brought their own food in bags and because of the delayed arrival the store of provisions became scarce, all food was confiscated and doled out. Mr. Myer had a sack of potatoes left and these went into the common larder. Many people died of disease. Mr. Myer came South in time to settle here.

His general store stood where the Courier building is located. Some of the stories of his business ability and anecdotes of his trading days are legends with the older inhabitants. He was a natural-born merchant, banker, and trader, his unsurpassed ability of judging human nature was remarkable. He organized the first bank in Carthage. That first safe is in use today. Mr. Myer married Miss Helen Lee.

One of the interesting facts in connection with the organization of the Baptist Church is that prior to its organization there had never been a Baptist Church in town; the nearest thing to it seems to have been that very early in the century the Baptist Church at Hogan's Creek held services in Carthage during a portion of the time while their church was being erected. The hardy pioneer of that day loved the country towns. Our town dates back three quarters of a century before the Baptist Church was organized on July 16, 1881. To the zeal and activity of one man perhaps this organization was due - and that man did not live here - the Rev. A. D. Phillips had been a missionary in foreign fields, having served in Africa for a number of years.

In conjunction with Dr. J. W. Bowen, he acted as the Presbytery to conduct the first ceremonies. The names of eighteen appear as the first membership of which W. D. Gold, long an honored citizen of this place, was made secretary and first clerk of the new church. An unusual thing about this eighteen going into the newly organized church is the circumstances that only seven were citizens of Carthage. Mr. Charlie Fisher, Mrs. Amelia Fisher, H. M. Hale, T. J. Fisher, Jane Fisher and Clarence Garrett. The pastor of the church was the Rev. E. B. Haynie, one of the most consecrated and well-known ministers of his time. He died a member of this church in 1885 in a few hundred yards of the place where he was born and reared. Mrs. Amelia Fisher's interest in the infant church never ceased during the many succeeding years of her life. Mrs. Jane Fisher is well remembered for her fine Christian spirit and her influence for good. She was the mother of Mrs. Melissa Oliver.

One singular incident took place here a few months after the church began its work, that give it a great impetus in its onward course. During the month of January, 1882, a revival meeting took place apparently almost by accident. The Rev. J. J. Porter stopped over in Carthage and was forced to stay because of the great flood in the river. He was completely waterbound, and like the philosopher he was and being anxious to use his time to the best of his ability, he decided to have a revival meeting. As a result there was a large number of conversions and additions to the young church as well as the Methodist Church. Many of the most promising men and women in the community were included in the number, these afterwards were conscientious Christian workers throughout their lives - to mention a few names: Mrs. Helen Myer, W. V. Lee, Nannie Allison, Melissa Oliver, Col. A. E. Garrett, H. B. Oliver and W. B. Pettie. It attracted attention that in this small new church its membership embraced seven lawyers (which was almost the entire bar).

Mr. Ligon, from whom this history of the church came, was admitted by a letter when he came here as a young man. For some two years after the church was functioning, the attendance at the Union Sunday School held at the Methodist Church was kept up as formerly. Mr. H. M. Hale was the first Baptist Sunday School superintendent, this office he held until just before his death. The old frame building in which the church first worshipped cost \$1500 was burned, and as its worthy successor there is an adequate brick structure.

This is recent history but it is a distinction for our town so I give it. At one time we had at the same time the Chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee (Cordell Hull) the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee (Nelson Fisher) and the Chairman of the County Democratic Committee (L. B. Flippen).

The white man who has lived longest continuously in Carthage is Milton Swope, the woman, Mrs. W. E. Myer, the oldest native negro citizen is Johnnie McClarin. Uncle "Plunk" McKinley is dead but he is remembered as a quaint looking man, a perfect Howard Weeden model with his round black face with snow-white wooly sideburns and hair. He might have had a Carthaginian medal, for at the risk of his own life he rescued from the river a white boy. This boy grew up to be a citizen who did a great deal to help Carthage. There were Doc Allen and Pink Goodall, two faithful men of the negro race.

The small brick office of Dr. Don McDonald has recently been destroyed. It should have been preserved, for there remains almost none of our original homes. Who of you remember Dr. Don and his little song,

"When I was little I sat by the fire-er  
And tied my shoes with bits of wire-er"?

All who live here or who have come to visit us agree that the surrounding hills and rivers and valleys about our town form a view that is unsurpassed in any part of the Rockies, or the large scale view of the Alps; or for small scenes of picturesque beauty our views are perfectly lovely. The town has always been garden-conscious, while there were in our young days no garden clubs, there were true garden lovers who had the skill and magic touch of growing and planning gardens. There were, as now, different types of gardens - the natural gardens, the formal garden, the stately borders, the kitchen and herb garden.

One lover of trees had a hill-top yard in which was at least one of every native tree of this section. In this large beauty-spot were hundreds of flowering shrubs and the rarest of bulbs. From a first imported bulb of lily auratum has grown through the years hundreds of bulbs, some of which are in nearly every garden in Carthage today.

Down in the valley, bordered by the river, with the irregular lines of hills with their cedar greens and their magnificent forest trees lay these gardens planted early in the history of our people. Miss Martha McKey, a typical smalltown spinster, had her cutting garden which opened from the back door, below the street level, with high fences and side ground walls. This cutting garden gave the idea of a court. In this space she had innumerable little pots of every kind and description filled with cuttings of all kinds of flowers and shrubs. These rooted plants were for sale. She specialized on rooting box-bushes and many of the boxes growing here today doubtless came from Miss Martha's plants.

Mrs. Betsy Luster's two-story front porch was covered with a heavenly wisteria. Her garden walks were lined by glistening mussel-shells.

Mrs. Garrett's long front walk had flower borders on each side, something like those are at the present time. She had large boxes too. The garden of the Overtons was probably the very first planned garden, the farm coming to the Overtons through the Tillman Dixon family. It was what we call an old fashioned garden with brick walks bordered by huge lilac and syringa and box. The bricks for these walks were burned on the place. The garden had thousands of bulbs of narcissi and jonquils, and hundreds of peonies. In a charming natural spot was a rockery. It was filled with ferns, moss and wild flowers. Across the yard fence was a fine apple orchard. Living in the home surrounded by this garden lived Mac Dixon and his sister, Mrs. Overton. When the home was sold, he just lived on with the house.

He was a striking figure, tall and with long white hair which lay in curls on his shoulders. He was famed as a deer hunter. In the winter he sat in the corner by the large fireplace and with his long fire-stick his job was to keep the back-log burning evenly.

In the midst of the business section of town was a small frame home. This had a latticed front porch which was literally covered by climbing roses and honeysuckles, on this shady fragrant porch were hung cages of canaries and red-birds. This garden had annuals and perennials which followed each other so that always there was a profusion of bloom. The formal garden of "Carthage Heights" is described thus: "The brick walks in the garden and adjacent to the house were bordered with English box and all the beloved old bulbs, perennials and shrubs flowered in profusion. Rows of Scotch roses and swaths of Scotch blue-bells attested to a certain nostalgia for the Mother Country."

I shall close my story with a quotation from one of our proud citizens:

" my opinion, Carthage is one of the most remarkable towns in all the country. Considering its population, I believe it has produced more remarkable men and has more glorious history than any small town in Tennessee."

From Judge J. M. Gardenhire.

THE END

Editor's note: Turbulent, swift, winding and often muddy, the Cumberland River played a major role in shaping the lives of many, such as Cordell Hull who steered his father, William Hull's log rafts from Celina to Nashville. He would ride back on the Benton McMillin, the largest packet on the river. A river packet, the Ed Myer, was named for the father of the author of "When Carthage Was Young". Packets like the Ed Myer plied the Cumberland River, making it, at that time, one of the most active waterways in the South.

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7th Tennessee Infantry  
C. S. A.

February 10, 1832 - August 23, 1925

Some time after that and before brother came back, a fellow came to me and asked me to file him a bill for divorce against his wife. He had, as I thought then, a very slim case, and I did not have the remotest idea how I ought to draw the bill, but I thought that it would never do in the world to admit that I could not do it, so I concluded that I'd draw it anyhow. I knew that if it wasn't right, when Sam came home he could amend it. I took the fellow down to the Clerk and Master's office and had him swear to it, and after he had sworn to it I put it in my pocket. I didn't want anybody to see it until Sam got home. The night brother got home I took it and went down to see him at his boarding house. I pulled it out and handed it to him, and asked him if it would do. He said, "You haven't charged much, but if you can prove that much, I reckon you can pull through." I told him that what I wanted to know was whether the damn thing had form enough about it to make it stick out. He said, "the form is alright."

I formed a partnership with my Brother. He was to give me one-third we made. When I left Lebanon, and went to Carthage to live my father asked me about how much I owed. I told him about two or three hundred dollars I supposed. He said, "I have just got \$360.00" and gave me that and told me to go to town and pay what I owed. I went to town and soon got rid of \$300.00, concluded to keep the other \$60.00 and gave my notes, for \$300.00 I made enough money the first year I was there to pay all that I owed.

I think it was in the fall of 1853 that there was a camp meeting over in Rutherford County, and Bill Doak and I concluded to go over to it. At that date and time all the young men wore their hair long, and used to grease it with bear's grease. Bill Doak and I concluded to go to the camp meeting, and going over there we stopped at a store at Beard's Mill and bought a little bottle of sweet oil and a cheap bottle of cologne to perfume it with. We put the oil on our heads and then tried the cologne, and we made a mess of it. The cologne was cheap stuff and evaporated as soon as we put it on. We were smelling like sweet oil. When we got down below Maj. Bell's just beyond his house, there was a big cave spring. We went down in that spring and undertook to wash off that oil. We never succeeded but we somewhat bettered it so we went on the camp ground. That night we went over to old man Randolph's and stayed all night, and there we scrubbed it out with soap. I think likely we got some bear's grease from his boys and greased our heads.

I continued to practice law in partnership with my brother until some time in 1859 when he was elected circuit judge.

During that time that we were partners there was a fellow named Joe Picket, who owned some twenty odd likely negroes. They were covered up with deeds of trust, all of them except one little negro named DeWit that was born after the deed of trust was made. Picket went on to N. Y. on one occasion, and when he came back he brought an immense stock of goods, and started a store at Carthage, at Alexandria, at Rome and LaFayette. About a year after that he went on to N. Y. and came back with a large stock of goods, nobody there knew how he got his first stock.

Sometime after he had brought on the second stock, wholesale merchants in N. Y. and Baltimore and Philadelphia sent us a large bill of claims against Picket. We sued him and levied on his stores, and sold that out, but it didn't pay his debts by a large amount, then I proposed to Sam that I believed that he had been using what he sold his stock for to pay for those deeds of trust on his negroes. I proposed to Sam that we file a bill and attach his negroes. He thought he knew more about it than I did, and said he was satisfied that Picket did not pay his debts. I told him that I was going to write to his creditors, and propose to them to file a bill and attach the negroes. I wrote the letter, and he added to all the letter I wrote that he thought I was mistaken about it, that nothing would come of it. The fellows that I wrote to told me to file the bill, except one firm and he told me he had lost as much money by Picket as he wanted to and he wouldn't go into it.

Brother Sam told me if I wanted to file a bill I could do it, and he would give me any assistance he could. I might have any fee I could get out of it. I drafted the bill and submitted it to him. I charged in the bill that he had paid the deed of trust, and called on all of his fellows who had debts in his deeds of trust to answer and state how much Picket owed them, and only one of them answered, and claimed that he had not been paid off, Old Major Burford, Picket never answered. I took a decree to sell the negroes to pay Burford the balance to my clients.

Picket requested that I take the negroes to Nashville to sell them down there, he said he had some friends who would buy the negroes. One of them was a brother-in-law, so I took the trustee, Joe Bowman, and went to Nashville, took all the negroes to Nashville, had 22 of them. When we got down there I put them in a negro house kept by a fellow by the name of Hawkins. I told Hawkins to make me a price on all the negroes, what he thought they ought to bring. I told brother Leonard about it. He had a friend there, a negro trader named Bill Boyd, so I got Bill to go around and price the negroes too. He priced them a great deal higher than Hawkins had. I told Picket then that if any of his friends or kin wanted a negro they could take them at the price that Bill Boyd had put on them. There was one negro named Mary Vance that his brother-in-law old Smith Bryan proposed to pay the price Hawkins had put on her, \$600.00. Bill had valued her at \$1000.00 I refused to let him have her and I sold that negro for \$1100.00.

Old Joe Bowman the trustee had sold several of the most valuable negroes to Dr. Bradley, another negro trader, at Hawkins' price. I refused to let him have them. I then sold a whole lot more negroes for more than Boyd had priced them. I sold them all except two. I sold twenty. I started back home with two, and sold one at Gallatin for \$1500.00. After I had sold all the negroes and had taken out my fee, I sent various parties their money. To all the parties that I sent money to, two of them sent me back \$50.00 each. My fee in that case amounted to \$2250.00, the biggest fee I ever got.

After the war one of the firms who sent us claims against Picket, and who had refused to join the others in filing the bill to sell the negroes, saying they had already lost enough to Picket, wrote to me saying that they had learned from the other creditors that they had gotten nearly all of their money, and wanted to know why they had gotten nothing for them. Fortunately among my papers that had been saved by my sister-in-law was their letter declining to have anything to do with filing the bill. I copied that letter and sent them a copy of it, they referred to their letter book and found the letter they had sent me, and wrote to me apologized for writing the letter they did.

When I refused to let Bradley have the negroes Bowman had sold him, Bowman got mad, and wrote me a note and told me I might take the negroes and go to hell, he was going home, and he left me there with the negroes, which I proceeded to sell as before stated.

In the canvas brother Sam made for circuit judge against a fellow by the name of Bill Botts, Bill issued him a secret circular. It was to be used only in part of the counties in the circuit. A friend got hold of one of them and gave it to Brother Sam. He issued a circular exposing him. There upon Botts issued another circular and denied that it was to be used only in certain counties. He had that circular printed up at Cookeville, and sent a fellow by the name of Dave Rolley down through Smith County to distribute them. I heard of it and started down to the hotel where I understood Rolly was with his circular. On the way down there I met Jim Williams, a fellow who lived in our town. He said, "I knew that circular was a damn lie," meaning Sam Fite's circular. When he said that I struck him and we went to fighting. He had a brother named Tilman Williams. He ran up and struck me in the back with the hammer end of a hatchet. While I was hitting Jim Williams in the face, he ran back and fell over a stage tongue. I got on him and choked him and got out my knife, intending to cut his throat, but I had knocked my thumb out of place and couldn't open my knife, so I did not get him. We were parted when Tilman Williams struck me in the back. There was a fellow there, a tailor by name of Means, he ran up to Williams, and told him if he struck me that way again he would kill him.

When the fight commenced Charlie Fergerson was with me, and he ran off. After the fight was over I went up to Dr. Hallum's office, and let him see where Williams had struck me with the hatchet. While he was examining me Fergerson came in and Dr. Hallum asked him where he was when that fight came off. He said his Father always told him when a fight got up to get away and not see it so he wouldn't be a witness. Dr. Hallum was thoroughly disgusted, and told him he was a damn cowardly scoundrel, and never to put his foot in his office again and to get and he went.

Next morning Mr. Arm Moore came to me and gave me a pistol and a dirk, (long straight bladed dagger) and said, he thought Williams was liable to attack me again, and he wanted me to be ready for him.

A negro man that belonged to Brother Sam, came to my office one morning to advise me not to go down to breakfast, as I had to pass right by Williams' corner, and he had heard them talking, and he thought that if I went that way that they would jump on me, but I was a fool and mad and felt like I wanted to kill him anyway, so I started down to my breakfast. Both Jim and Tillman Williams, were standing on the pavement in front of the grocery. I walked down and walked right between them and went on to my breakfast, neither one spoke to me.

Some time after that I met Jim Williams on the street, and he said he wanted to see me. Supposing that he meant to trouble I told him I reckoned that was about as good a place as he could get. He then remarked that he wanted me to attend to some business for him. I told him that if that was what he wanted to come with me up to my office, and we would talk about it. We went up to the office and I said, "Now Jim, before we talk any further, I owe you an account, and I want to settle it." He said it did not amount to much, still I said, "Go and see what it is, then we will talk about business." He went and when he came back he said I owed him seven dollars and some cents, I had not doubted but that it was \$25.00 or \$30.00 but we settled it at that. He had the reputation of making his accounts two or three times as big as they really were.

We then proceeded to talk about his law suit. He had sued Gen. Cullom (\*1) on an account, and Cullom disputed it. He tried the law suit and got a judgment against Cullom for most of the account. From that day on Jim and I were good friends.

(\*1) Gen. Cullom was in Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Tennessee.



Jim and one of his boys during the war, it was said, were lying asleep on the side of the road up in White County and some of Joe Blackbourne's (\*2) men, came along and killed them both.

After brother Sam was elected Judge, Col. William H. Dewit, who was a lawyer living at Lafayette, Tenn. moved to Carthage, and he and I formed a partnership for the practice of law, which continued up until the day I went to the Army.

I think it was in 1857 or 8 the first time I ever saw my wife.(\*3) She and her sister Bettie were going to school at Nashville to old Dr. Elliot. Her father was a widower and lived in Nashville. She had a sister Lucy who lived with her aunt, Joe Ricket's wife. Mollie and Bettie made their home with another aunt, Mrs. Abraham King, when they were not at school. One summer when they came home to spend their vacation, I think it must have been in 1857, was the first time I ever saw her. I fell in love with her the first time I put eyes on her, and it wasn't long before I told her so. We were sweethearts up to the war, and would have been married soon if the war hadn't come on.

In 1861 soon after Lincoln was inaugurated President of the U. S. there was a great excitement through out the country. Everybody looking for war, which soon commenced. When Ft. Sumter was fired on Lincoln called for 75,000 troops. Tennessee refused to send any. Soon companies began to be formed through out the state. The Confederate Government was organized with Jeff Davis for President and he called for troops. We formed a company at Carthage and called it the Moore's Guards.(\*4) After the Company had been gotten up we held an election for officers. I was elected Captain, John Allen 1st Lt., Jack Moore, 2nd Lt., Joe Greer, 3rd Lt., James Corder, Orderly Sergeant. The election took place at a picnic up on the Caney Fork River above Carthage. As soon as it was organized it was agreed that I was to go to Nashville, and tender the Government our Company. I drove through to Nashville that night and tendered the Company.

When we were ordered to Nashville we went down on the steam boat and when we got to Nashville we were taken out to the old fair grounds and camped there. There we remained a day or two, then we were ordered up to Camp Trousdale. At Camp Trousdale our regiment was formed, my Company was Company B of the regiment. Company A was commanded by Captain Wright from Alexandria so he was the ranking Captain in the regiment.

(\*2) Famous Yankee Bushwacker

(\*3) Mary Micheau Mitchell

(\*4) Afterwards Company B, Seventh Tennessee Infantry

I was next, Robert Hatton was elected Colonel of the regiment, John F. Goodner was elected Lt. Col. and John K. Howard was elected Major, George A. Howard was appointed Adjutant of the Regiment by Col. Hatton, Julius C. Bleau was appointed Drum Major.

We remained at that camp for some time drilling, when we were moved two or three miles further on and there drilled up to the time we started for Virginia. Nothing special happened while we were there, except drilling every day. Several other regiments were brought there in camp. The first thing that happened of any consequence was a fellow whose name I do not now remember and I forget too what regiment he belonged, deserted and crossed over into Kentucky and was captured over there and brought back and was court martialed. The sentence of the court martial was that he was to have his head shaved, and be drummed out of the Army. The whole Army there, composed of three or four Regiments, was marched out to back field, and put in one long line, the ranks opened and he was marched down that line, the boys playing the rogues march. While I had the greatest contempt for him, I don't think I ever felt sorrier for a poor devil in my life.

I had a lieutenant named Joe Greer. He never tried to learn anything about drilling, and absolutely did not know anything. To have some fun out of him one evening when we were out drilling, Lt. Jack Moore didn't turn up that evening, I told Lt. Allen, that I was going to turn over the Company to Greer to march back to camp. I instructed the Orderly Sergeant, who led the Company, not to pay any attention to any order that came unless he gave the proper order. I started the Company right away from the camp, and told Lt. Greer to take charge, and bring the Company back into camp. He gave the command to march, but did not know how to make them turn around by any military order. He then marched them a little piece and told them to halt. He stood a while trying to see what he was going to do, then could not get them to turn around. He would order them to march again and then halt, going right away from home. Allen laid down on the ground and would roll over and like to have killed himself laughing. He said to me, "You've lost that Company, that damn fool will carry them clean into the Yankee Army." I never knew how he got it, whether the orderly suggested it, or whether he happened to think what the command was. He never learned a single thing about drilling and when the Company was reorganized in '62, he was not selected and left us. There was one thing he could do. If there was any whiskey in miles he could find it. One evening when we were out in the mountains of West Virginia, Col. Hatton said to me, "Here's where Joe can't find any whiskey." Whereupon Joe was asked if he could find some "butter". About night Joe showed up with two cans of wildcat whiskey. Col. Hatton said he believed Joe could find it where it wasn't, just as well as where it was.

To be continued in subsequent issues

OBITUARY OF DR. SAMUEL HORN (The Stockton  
"Journal", Stockton, MO, October 31, 1889)

Dr. Horn was born in Georgia, near Augusta, in 1811. His father died when he was only three; with his Mother, sister and stepfather, Henry McMullen, he moved to Smith County, Tennessee while quite young. He grew to manhood on a farm; in 1829 he began teaching school, continuing for four years in Mount Holley Academy. At the same time he pursued his medical studies, using his Father's books, which his Mother had preserved. He also studied under Doctors Ben R. Owen and John Daugherty. In 1833 he entered medical college at Louisville, Kentucky from which he graduated in 1834. He began practicing in Lancaster, and in May 1835 married Miss Margaret Tyree, who was born in Smith County, Tennessee in 1822. Ten children were born to this union, of which the following seven reached maturity.

Mary - died in 1863, age 25, wife of William Cawthorne; William J.; Francis H.; Samuel W., Junior - died 1870, age 22; Martha L. J. - wife of Joseph Ledbetter; Alexander Mc.; and Meranda C. - wife of William C. Preston.

In 1843 Doctor Horn left Tennessee and in February 1845 landed in Cedar County, Missouri. He located on a farm where Captain Hackleman now resides in West Washington Township, where he began practice, there being only three other doctors in the county. He practiced until June 1882 and amassed considerable wealth. He has since lived in retirement.

Previous to the late War he was a Whig. He voted for Henry Clay in 1832, but was thereafter "an unflinching Democrat". During the war he was a Union supporter. In 1850 he took the first census of Cedar County. He had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for over 44 years. He was one of the original stockholders and founders of the Stockton Exchange Bank in 1881.

His wife died in 1885, and from that time until his death he lived with his youngest son. Known as "Grandpa Horn" by his neighbors, he had given each of his children \$2,200, and yet leaves a large estate for distribution.

An account of his funeral gave the following information: The funeral was held from the family residence on North Street Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock. The Reverend D. M. Cotton of the Christian Church conducted services. Dr. Horn was laid to rest in the city cemetery by the Masonic lodge. Past Master Charles Younger conducted the service according to Masonic ritual. Many Masons from other lodges were present. "The funeral procession was the largest ever formed in Stockton, and as a mark of respect for the deceased all business houses in the town were closed during the funeral and burial services."

Contributed by Charles A. Francis

## QUERIES

PARIS: Need info. about JAMES PARIS, JR., b. 1770-1777 in VA; d. before 1850 in Smith Co., TN. Mar. JUDITH GAULDEN/GAULDING b. in VA; d. after 1860 in Smith Co., TN. Family lived near Boston Springs on Pigg Branch Road in Smith Co., TN. Any help will be appreciated.

ERMA BASS , Box 500, Carthage, TN 37030.

FERRELL: Have located THEODORICK FERRELL & wife MAHALA ARENDELL FERRELL in 1860 Sumner Co., TN census. Unable to locate probate for either. Need proof of death of each/reference for locating probate. Need proof MATILDA FERRELL MANN, b. ca. 1810, Franklin Co., NC was dau. of THEODORICK FERRELL & MAHALA ARENDELL FERRELL. MATILDA mar. ROBERT W. MANN in Smith Co., TN ca. 1835. Need proof of MATILDA'S death. Would like address of MRS. LILA FERRELL NIXON, who wrote FERRELL FAMILY article for History of Smith County, Tennessee .

JEANNE BRANOM , 1310 Aldridge Street, Commerce, TX 75428.

MANN: Need proof of parents of ROBERT W. MANN b. ca. 1814, probably Smith Co., TN mar. MATILDA FERRELL (?) ca. 1835, Smith Co., TN. Need proof of marriage & death.

JEANNE BRANOM , 1310 Aldridge Street, Commerce, TX 75428.

BUTLER: MARTHA HUBBARD BUTLER & son JAMES THEREDA BUTLER migrated to Smith Co., TN from Elbert Co., GA after 1830. Need proof of death of MARTHA, probably between 1850-1860.

JEANNE BRANOM , 1310 Aldridge Street, Commerce, TX 75428.

KYLE: Would appreciate any info. on KYLE family originally from VA & later Smith Co., TN. BARTLETT (BARKLEY) KYLE mar. JANET LEE 1802 Botetourt Co., VA. Dau. ELIZABETH (BETSY) mar. DR. JOHN WATERS, lived at Tuckers' Crossroads. Did BARTLETT & JANE have sons named ROBERT, JAMES & GEORGE? BARTLETT KYLE lived in Dist. 17 on 1860 census, Smith Co., TN.

MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

COATES: In 1803 WILLIAM (WILSON) COATES was appointed to lay off road at Smith and Wilson Co. line. Was his wife named NANCY? Did they have dau. named NANCY who mar. JOSHUA PRUITT? COATES family were members of Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on Hickman Creek. Believe these people may be my grandparents but have not confirmed it. Does anyone know of a BRADFORD cemetery in the New Middleton area? Where is it located?

MRS. ETHYLENE COLLINS , Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

VANTREESE/GATES: In Smith Co., TN I am researching surnames VANTREESE & GATES. VALENTINE VANTREESE & SARAH GATES were my wife's ggg grandparents. Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families.

CHARLES ROY COMBRINK , 5617 Wharton Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76133-2810-17. Telephone: (817) 292-5419, crcom@aol.com

KING: JAMES A. KING b. ca. 1809 VA; d. after 1850 Platte Co., MO. Mar. ca. 1835 Smith Co., TN MARGARET ELIZABETH PATE b. ca. 1810 TN; d. after 1850 Platte Co., MO. Children: THEOPHILUS, b. ca. 1837 TN; EMELINE, b. ca. 1839 TN; MONROE, b. ca. 1841 TN; FLORENTINE, b. ca. 1843 TN; FRANCES, b. ca. 1845 TN; MALVINA, b. ca. 1849, TN. I am searching for parents of my great grandfather JAMES A. KING and his siblings. The KING family may have originated in Bedford Co., VA as did the PATE family. Any info. would be greatly appreciated.

JEAN VEACH HELMS , 4 Tinkers Lane, Carrollton, VA 23314-3307.

GIVENS: Searching for info. on children of HENRY GIVENS & HARRIET ELIZABETH (GORDON) GIVENS (dau. WILLIAM & ELIZABETH GORDON, granddaughter JOHN & ALICE GORDON). Children are MARY JANE GIVENS b. 6 July 1857 & HENRY S. GIVENS b. 1858-59. HARRIET ELIZABETH GIVENS d. before 1870. 1 March 1869 S. WARD of Smith Co., TN became guardian of MARY JANE & HENRY S. GIVENS. In 1870 both children are living with their father HENRY GIVENS at Gordonsville, Dist. #15, Smith Co., TN. 2 June 1873 Mr. D. F. STALLINGS became guardian of MARY JANE GIVENS; name listed as MARY JANE STALLINGS. 2 June 1873 S. WARD became guardian of HENRY S. GIVENS; court order does not list father but lists deceased mother ELIZABETH GIVENS.

ROY INGERSOLL , 137 San Benito Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.  
Telephone: (408) 724-1454.

CONGER/CONGO/PIGG: Seeking anyone with ties to JOHN CONGER b. 7 June 1798 Rowan Co., NC; d. 1843 Smith Co., TN. His will signed 14 Apr 1842 naming him JOHN CONGO listed children: JOSHUA, ELISHA, JOHN P., LEMUEL, MARY JANE, WILLIAM D., MILES W., ISAAC R., & JOSIAH. JOSIAH C. CONGER is my g-g-grandfather. Did JOSIAH mar. GINCY (JONCA) W. PIGG in Smith Co., TN? JOHN CONGER allegedly fought in War of 1812 at age 14, d. in Smith Co., TN in 1843.

MARY ESTES LOVETT , 3629 Moultrie Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117.  
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PIGG: Seeking anyone with ties to GINCY (JONCA) W. PIGG, b. before 1818 in Smith Co., TN. Father was JOHN PIGG b. ca. 1791 in VA. Mar. JOHN CONGER (CONGO) before 28 Nov 1840, possibly in Smith Co., TN.

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CONGER/ROUNSEVAL: Seek anyone with ties to JOSHUA CONGER b. 9 June 1768 in Rowan Co., NC; d. 28 Aug 1829, possibly in Smith Co., TN & LUCINDA ROUNSEVAL b. 15 Mar 1775, possibly in Smith Co., TN; d. 1856 in DeKalb Co., TN. JOSHUA & LUCINDA were possibly mar. in Smith Co., TN before 1795.

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PATY/WHITLEY/PARKER/TURNER/GIBBS/BOZE: Interested in sharing information on any of these surnames.

CHARLES M. PATY, JR. , 2013 Midwood Place, Charlotte, NC 28205-3648. Telephone: (704) 333-4032.

GILLIHAN/WOOD: Searching for info. on my grandparents who came to Arkansas. WILLIAM GILLIHAN d. in Smith Co., TN in 1830. Wife FRANCES d. in Polk Co., MO in 1843. Son CLEMENT GILLIHAN b. in SC mar. NANCY SHORES 1823 in TN; d. 1860 Smith Co., TN. NANCY came to Arkansas with her children. My grandfather was WILLIAM RILEY, SR. b. 1828 in TN; mar. SARAH WOOD. ANNIE WOOD was dau. of WILLIAM WOOD from TN b. ca. 1825; d. in Arkansas 1877. Any info. will be appreciated.

WILMA JUNE GILLIHAN RAMSEY , 1194 CR 46, Henderson, AR 72544-9117.

BROWN: Researching ROBERT M. D. BROWN b. in TN ca. 1817 & second wife REBECCA BELK BROWN b. ca. 1820 TN. Need date of death and place of burial for both.

BETTY COOPER TARBET , 428 Bob Street, Hurst, TX 76053.

COOPER/GIBBS: RICHARD C. COOPER 8/16/1881 to 2/9/36. Would like to know burial place in Carthage area. Would also like info. on JAMES F. COOPER b. 1826 possibly NC, mother probably REBECCA 1797 NC. JAMES mar. RACHEL GIBBS; they had 6 children: RICHARD, FRANCES, AMANDA, JOE FED, TIM & BARBARA. Would like to know date of death and where JAMES & RACHEL are buried.

BETTY COOPER TARBET , 428 Bob Street, Hurst. TX 76053.

LYON: Looking for parents of ELIZABETH S. LYON who mar. JOSHUA P. KENT 7 Aug 1850; d. 27 Apr 1878. In 1850 census she was living with MARTHA M. FLOWERS b. ca. 1807 ( widow of WILLIAM who d. 1844) and ELIZABETH GILLUM, b. ca. 1774 NC. Who are MARTHA FLOWERS & ELIZABETH GILLUM? How are they related to ELIZABETH S. LYON?

Understand WILLIAM FLOWERS made no mention of a LYONS in his will. Other LYON'S in Smith/Jackson Co. areas in early to mid 1800's are JOHN, J. S. & JAMES S. (JAMES S. & J. S. may be the same person.)

CARMELITA WALKER , 5342 Houston Drive, Lakeland, FL 33809. Telephone: (941) 858-7047. E-Mail WLWMEGAWAT.aol. com

ROBERTS: MARTHA KING LOCKE ROBERTS b. 30 Apr 1836 TN; mar. MILTON DOC YOUNG b. 19 Sep 1832. Her name appeared in a Bible record just as seen above. I know nothing else about her. Although MILTON'S family left good paper trails ,I know very little about him. His upline is DANIEL, MILTON & WILLIAM. The YOUNG family moved to Smith County from Pittsylvania Co., VA in 1803. Anyone researching these families?

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OVERSTREET: Interested in info. on OVERSTREET family. NANCY OVERSTREET b. 1836 TN mar. JURDEN WOODARD 24 Dec 1852. I believe NANCY'S parents are EMILY CARDWELL & THOMAS OVERSTREET. Who is THOMAS' father? WILLIAM OVERSTREET found in that area. How is he connected to THOMAS? Would like info. on EMILY'S parents, JOHN G. CARDWELL & SALLY H. \_\_\_\_? . JOHN G. CARDWELL d. 1843; SALLY d. 1860.

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THOMPSON: CHARLES THOMPSON - wife: MARGARET. He was b. 1808 NC; came to Smith Co., TN 1820's. Was living with brother SWAN THOMPSON (b. 1804) -1830 Smith Co. census. Another brother named VINCENT b. 1815 came to Smith Co. 1830's. All 3 families appear in 1840 & 1850 census records of Smith Co. Where did CHARLES live in Smith Co.? Are there descendants of CHARLES in the county today? Children were ROBERT b. 1833; ELIZABETH b. 1834; MARGARET b. 1837; SUSAN b. 1840; MARTHA b. 1845; & WILLIAM b. 1848. I am the gg granddaughter of SWAN THOMPSON. Will share information.

OMA T. WEBSTER , 349 Granville Hwy., Elmwood, TN 38560.

ALLEN: Would like to contact descendants of COL. ROBERT ALLEN (1778-1844) who lived at Greenwood, a mile and a half up river from Carthage Court House. Would especially like a picture of Greenwood. Any information appreciated.

MRS. KATHLEEN WOODROW , 3100 S. W. 41st St., Oklahoma City, OK 73119.

KEMP/PANKEY: Interested in finding any info. about who parents of JOHN WILSON KEMP were & where they came from to Smith Co., TN, birthplace & dates. JOHN WILSON KEMP b. ca. 1812 at Difficult, Smith Co., TN mar. JUDITH PANKEY; d. there 1867; bur. in John Law Cemetery. Issue: SALLY A. b. 1834; d. 1902; WILLIAM H. b. 1836; d. Difficult; LUCY b. 1837; d. Difficult; EMILY F. b. 1838; d. 1888; JOHN MARLIN b. 1840; d. 1923; JAMES LEIGHTON b. 1842; d. 1913; NEWTON JEFFERSON b. 1842; d. 1919. All born at Difficult, TN.

DORIS P. ZIEHR , 537 Hearthstone Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027.

PHILLIPS: Does anyone know the names of parents of DAVID PHILLIPS b. 1821; d. 1900, born on the PHILLIPS' homeplace? This place at one time had a landing on the Cumberland river called "Phillips' Landing". The PHILLIPS place may have originally touched or been a part of the Brooks tract in Brooks Bend on the Smith/Jackson Co. line. PHILLIPS brothers may have been LEIGHTON & PEYTON. Any information would be appreciated.

DORIS P. ZIEHR , 537 Hearthstone Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027.

BRADFORD: Who was JOSEPH BRADFORD'S wife? Maybe CLAIRE (CLARY) \_\_\_\_? . JOSEPH was son of BOOKER T. BRADFORD & FRANCES MANN. Came to Smith Co., TN from Granville Co., NC by 1825. JOSEPH'S sister NANCY mar. THOMAS TUGGLE.

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**W. E. MYER HOME - 1918**

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For the benefit of new members and as a reminder to all members, you may send an unlimited number of queries for publication, but please try to keep them to about 50 words. Type or write plainly and legibly; they need to be received on or before the deadline each quarter. Those received after the deadline will be published in the next issue. For publication in the Spring 1998 issue, they need to be received on or before 6 Feb 1998.

Please send articles, Bible, military, and other official records, letters and diaries for publication. Be sure to keep a copy for originals cannot be returned. Remember to be cautious of documentation. Materials are dated upon receipt and published in that order. We are seeking any good stories you may have or find to share. Please refer to the brochure enclosed for information and ideas. DO RESPOND!

It is time to renew membership; dues remain at \$12.50 per year. For your convenience, a renewal form is enclosed; however, if you have already renewed for 1998, please disregard this form. Regularly scheduled meetings resume on third Monday night, 19 Jan, 1998, 7:00 P. M., Smith County Public Library.

HERE IT IS! WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTING: The book, Smith County, Tennessee History, is being reprinted and will be available about 30 Mar 1998. A brochure with order form is enclosed. Profits from the sale of this book will be used for the new archives.

We are excited about the prospects for the establishment of the county archives. It is with pleasure and pride that we announce that our own Sue W. Maggart was recently recommended by County Executive, C. E. Hackett, and approved by the County Commission to fill the office of County Historian. Under her capable and enthusiastic leadership, the archives project will be successful and an additional asset to the county's rich heritage. Everyone who knows Sue is confident that the county's official documents, papers, records, etc. will be in the hands of a master historian, that they will continue to be well organized, preserved, maintained and available for use by researchers. No doubt but that under the guidance and expertise of Mrs. Maggart, the new archives will be a successful endeavor. The County's history could not be in better hands. Thanks, Sue, for accepting this important responsibility for Smith County.

East Tennessee Historical Society is searching for photos, paintings and other images of FIRST FAMILIES of TENNESSEE ancestors for use in a FFT book, now being compiled. For guidelines and more information, read the enclosed informational page which also gives mailing address.

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FRONT COVER

Built about 1918, the W. E. Myer home located on Main Street was a yellow and white frame house which burned shortly after this picture was made. The home was destroyed except for the library which had a fire wall. The brick home rebuilt on the site 1920-25 is now the home of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Bass and site of the Bass Funeral Home. Standing outside enjoying the sunshine and picture making were Servant, Wilse, William Henry Myer, his wife, Miriam Atkinson of New York, Virginia (Flippen) Myer, her husband, William E. Myer and daughter, Annie Lee Myer Turner, author of the recently published article, "When Carthage Was Young".

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Snow Creek Lodge No. 346, chartered 8 Oct 1867, erected its own meeting hall, which was also used by the Snow Creek Order of the Eastern Star ladies. The building was a unique two-story frame structure located in the village of Elmwood near the present home of Mrs. Everett Lee Fields. The building held a certain mystical intrigue for the children of the community who were told many different stories about the building. After the demise of membership, the hall was rented or stood vacant for several years. Finally, having fallen into a state of disrepair, it was demolished.

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 1997 MEETING  
OF THE SMITH COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

**Tennessee Archaeology Awareness Week: Some Smith  
County Connections**

Samuel D. Smith  
Tennessee Division of Archaeology

Presently (September 13-21, 1997), we are in the midst of Tennessee's second annual Archaeology Awareness Week, organized and sponsored by the Tennessee Division of Archaeology and Middle Tennessee State University. The purpose of this week long series of events is to increase public awareness of what we learn by studying the archaeological remains of those who lived before us, including Tennessee's prehistoric inhabitants and our historic period ancestors of the 18th through the early 20th centuries.

Today, archaeological research is carried out in Tennessee by staff members of a number of agencies and institutions. The primary state agency is the Tennessee Division of Archaeology in the Department of Environment and Conservation. Its activities are coordinated by a director who carries the title "State Archaeologist." There are also archaeologists employed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation and federal agency archaeologists who work in Tennessee for the Corps of Engineers, the United States Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Archaeologists and academic programs of archaeological study now exist at the University of Tennessee, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Memphis. While modern archaeology projects require supervision by professional archaeologists, assistance and sometimes major contributions are still being made by dedicated amateurs, most of them affiliated with one of several Tennessee archaeological societies. A major change that has occurred in Tennessee in recent years is that a number of archaeologists work for private contracting firms. Funding for this work comes from the mandates of federal environmental laws pertaining to construction and development projects and from state laws concerning the disturbance or removal of human burials.

American Archaeology has long been concerned with prehistoric Native American sites and artifacts, but a more recent development is a separate field called Historical Archaeology, which studies the material remains of activities that



have occurred since the beginning of European exploration and settlement. Both prehistoric and historic period archaeological research are now routinely carried out in Tennessee. My position is "Historical Archaeologist" for the Tennessee Division of Archaeology. I work primarily with sites dating from the late 1700s to the early 1900s, but the Division also employs archaeologists who specialize in interpreting the remains of Tennessee's more than 10,000 years of prehistoric Native American occupation.

Such was not always the case. This level of archaeological activity in Tennessee is a relatively new phenomenon, with its immediate roots in the environmental movements of the 1960s, but an actual development that has occurred largely within the past twenty years. The earliest roots of what may be termed modern, scientific archaeology date from the early part of this century, and during that period Smith County had a connection to the development of Tennessee archaeology that is very interesting. The person responsible for this connection was the late William Edward Myer, concerning whom the following notes pertain.

#### **Notes concerning William Edward Myer:**

William Edward Myer was born October 5, 1862, in Barren County, Kentucky, the first child of Joseph and Helen Myer. Joseph, who had immigrated to the United States from France in 1851, operated a store in Kentucky. When William was about 6, the family moved to Carthage, Tennessee, where his father continued the mercantile trade. William attended public schools in Carthage and at the age of 16 enrolled at Vanderbilt University, where he graduated in 1882. Some contemporary newspaper accounts refer to him as Dr. Myer, but actually his highest degree was a Bachelor of Science. He also received no formal, university training in archaeology.

Following college, William returned to Carthage, where he married Virginia Flippen (in 1885) and joined his father's mercantile business, which became known as Joe Myer & Son. After his father's death, William continued this business until about 1911, when he sold it to devote more time to other interests, including a large farm he owned near Carthage. At various times he was head of a wholesale grocery establishment in Carthage known as the Myer-Fisher Company, organized the Cumberland River Navigation company, served as president of the Cumberland River Improvement Association, served as president of the Tennessee Good Roads Association, and was active in the formation of companies to build bridges across the Cumberland at Carthage and across the Caney Fork on the road from Carthage to Elmwood. During World War I he held the rather prestigious post of Fuel Administrator for the state of Tennessee.

Myer's interest in prehistory apparently began while he was a student at Vanderbilt. American archaeology was still in its infancy at this time, and there was no formal archaeology program at Vanderbilt. Myer, nevertheless, found some archaeological research activities to participate in during his summer vacations. After returning to Carthage, and while conducting his numerous business affairs, he began an independent study of prehistoric Indian sites and artifacts in Middle Tennessee. As early as 1894 he wrote an article for a reputable archaeological journal, concerning some excavations he conducted on a large late-prehistoric site at Castalian Springs in Sumner County. The World War I position of Fuel Administrator placed him in contact with people all over the state, and this provided many new avenues for learning about the remains of Tennessee's first inhabitants.

Eventually this interest came to dominate all others. In 1919, in recognition of his high degree of self training, Myer was employed as a "Special Archaeologist" with the Smithsonian Institution, assigned to work under Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology. Myer and his wife soon moved to Washington, and for the next four years, until his death, he had an office at the Smithsonian. During this tenure he made several trips back to Tennessee to conduct field research. His 1920 investigations at what he called the Fewkes and Gordon Town sites near Nashville resulted in one of his best known, and for its time most professional, publications, entitled "Two Prehistoric Villages in Middle Tennessee" (published by the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1928 and later reprinted). In 1923 he again explored a number of Tennessee sites, including a large site complex west of Nashville in Cheatham County known as Mound Bottom (which is today a state-owned Archaeological Area).

At the time of his death, he was working on two major studies. One of these, "Indian Trails of the Southeast," was put into its final form by the eminent scholar Dr. John R. Swanton and published by the Bureau of American Ethnology. The other, which would have been Myer's largest publication, entitled "Stone Age Man in the Middle South," was never published, but copies of the manuscript have been much used by more recent Tennessee archaeologists.

On December 2, 1923, William Myer died of a heart attack at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 61 years of age. Three days later his remains were returned by train to Carthage, where he was buried with Masonic Rites in the old Carthage Cemetery. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Myer, his son Henry Myer of New York, his daughter Mrs. Hubert Turner of Carthage, a brother Herman Myer of New York, and a sister Mrs. Josie Reynolds of Carthage.

Following his death Myer was honored with written tributes from a number of organizations, including The Tennessee Masons, The Froelac Literary Club, The Engineering Association of Nashville, The Tennessee Academy of Science, The Tennessee Ornithological Society, The Tennessee Historical Society, The American Anthropological Association, and The Bureau of American Ethnology. One of the most compelling comments regarding his value to American archaeology was provided by the head of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, who wrote:

I regard Mr. Myer as one of our most enthusiastic archaeologists and a most valuable member of my staff. He was more familiar with the problems of the Middle West than any other archaeologist I happen to know. In the death of Mr. Myer, it is the belief of all his associates that science has lost a most enthusiastic and able worker ... .

Though digging and collecting of prehistoric artifacts had been carried out in Tennessee since the early 1800s, William Edward Myer's interest in prehistory came at a time when American archaeology was just beginning to develop as a scientific endeavor. For those few years that he worked for the Bureau of American Ethnology he could be described as Tennessee's first professional archaeologist. In spite of a lack of the appropriate academic credentials, he was clearly in the mainstream of the emergence of modern archaeology and a direct predecessor of the better known founders of Tennessee archaeology who came in with the federal programs of the 1930s and later.

A connection that is very personal to me relates to a series of events in the 1960s and early 1970s. At that time there was an archaeological interest group in the Nashville area whose members were concerned with finding some way to preserve for interpretation the large village and mound complex known as Mound Bottom - the same site that William Myer had made known by his investigations there in the 1920s. A direct outgrowth of the 1960s' interest in preserving this site was the creation in 1971 of a Division of Archaeology in the Tennessee Department of Conservation (now Environment and Conservation) and the acquisition of Mound Bottom as one of the first designated state-owned Archaeological Areas. The existence of the Tennessee Division of Archaeology made it possible for me, a former Carthage resident, to return to my home state in 1974 and, in a general sense, to continue Smith County's connection to Tennessee archaeological research started a century ago by William Myer.

Though I suspect Mr. Myer would be surprised to learn of the kind of archaeology that I do - investigating Tennessee's historic period archaeological

sites, some of which are younger than he would be today - I can only assume that if he were still alive he would be capable of fully understanding why we now also wish to understand the archaeological remains of this part of our more recent past.

- **Sources:** Information used in preparing this discussion came from letters and newspaper clippings in a scrapbook concerning William Edward Myer (given to the writer by Ervin Smith, Carthage, Tennessee); from tributes and obituaries that were published in a number of places (one of the best is "William Edward Myer" by John H. DeWitt, Tennessee Historical Magazine, 1925, Vol. VIII, No. 4, pp. 224-230); and from the prefaces to two of Myer's works that were published after his death ("Two Prehistoric Villages in Middle Tennessee," 41st Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1928, [Reprinted 1972 by Southeastern Indian Antiquities Survey, Inc., Nashville] and "Indian Trails of the Southeast," 42nd Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1925, [Reprinted 1971 by Blue and Gray Press, Nashville]). Other of Myer's publications concerning Tennessee archaeology are: "An Old Shawnee Town in Tennessee," The Archaeologist, 1894, Vol. II, No. 1, pp. 6-13; "Explorations and Field-work of the Smithsonian Institution in 1920," Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 72, No. 6; "Explorations and Field-work of the Smithsonian Institution in 1923," Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 76, No. 10; and "Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Tennessee," 1922 (September Issue), Art and Archaeology. For a general history of the Joseph Myer family see "Myer Family," by Mrs. Edward Myer Turner, The History of Smith County Tennessee, 1987, pp. 625-626 (Curtis Media Corporation and Smith County Homecoming '86 Heritage Committee).

**Postscript:** Following the presentation, some questions were asked concerning William Edward Myer's artifact collection. Before he became affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. Myer made a large personal collection of Tennessee prehistoric artifacts. He built a home on Main Street in Carthage that had a fire-proof room where this collection was kept (photographs of the homes of W. E. Myer and his father Joseph appear in The History of Smith County Tennessee, 1987, pp. 143 and 144). This house was destroyed by fire not long after 1918, around the time the Myer's moved to Washington, D.C., but the artifacts survived (the "library" or "artifact room" was incorporated into the next house built on the same site in the 1920s - what is today Bass Funeral Home). The majority of Myer's collection was donated to the Smithsonian, where it remains today. A published discussion of it is "Mr. W. E. Myer's Archaeological Collection," by Warren K. Moorehead, 1924, Science, Vol. 60 (1546), pp. 159-160.

## THE WAR OF 1812

*SMITH COUNTAINS GO TO THE WAR*

Sue W. Maggart

*Continued from Volume 9, No. 4, Fall 1997.*

On June 18, 1812, Congress formerly declared war against Great Britain. Appropriately, the news reached Tennessee just in time for the Fourth of July celebrations. In Nashville, amid jubilant demonstrations, a parade was held and "several rounds fired" to get the war underway. Business houses closed for the day, toasts were drunk and mass meetings where fervent patriotism incited the cheering crowds went on into the night.

Unfortunately, no Smith County publication is extant that records the events of the summer of 1812, but, in view of the enthusiasm for the war as expressed in the letter written on March 14, 1812 by Tilmon Dixon and his fellow Revolutionary veterans to General Winchester, one can be reasonably sure that July 4, 1812, in Smith County burst forth in spontaneous celebration. The Smith County Patriotic Society, organized in 1808 with Leonard Fite as president, no doubt contributed to the exuberance of the occasion.

Reflecting the patriotic spirit of the state and county, General Andrew Jackson offered President Madison twenty-five hundred volunteers when only fifteen hundred had been requested, earning for Tennessee the nick-name of the **VOLUNTEER STATE**. Legislation passed on September 25, 1813, authorized the banks to lend a sum not to exceed \$300,000 for arms and equipment for the soldiers. Both young and old came forward to enlist. The first volunteers were for three months, but later the militia and the drafted regiments were for six months.

The troops began rigorous preparations for the ensuing strife. Captain William Martin, in a letter to General Winchester, states that he is having a militia muster at Dixon Springs once each month, never "without a barbeque and treat given to the company." On March 22, 1812 General Winchester who lived at Cragfont in Sumner County reviewed Captain Dixon's "Revolutionary soldiers." He was impressed by their serious demeanor and purposeful conduct throughout the parade and review. Looking into the "weathered faces...somewhat bleached by time," he recognized that by 1812 the old soldiers should properly serve as home guards but appreciating their spirit that inspired the younger men to go to the defense of their country. In addition to the old veterans making up his company, Dixon appointed "five active youths" of about 15 years of age for riding expresses, warning the company for duty and carrying messages- George Winchester Martin, Roger Dixon Flippen, Major Anderson Beasley, Martin Burrus and Isaac Goodale.

A call to arms for additional troops issued by the Adjutant General on September 12, 1814, was headed by these two lines:

May every citizen be a good soldier  
and every soldier a good citizen.

Most Smith Countains who answered such calls to arms were citizen soldiers who were members of the militia. Lengths of service varied and records were poorly kept by the militia captains, making the compiling of a complete roster of men who served in the war an insurmountable task. The ensuing rosters have been gleaned from various sources, but much research remains to be done in order to establish a complete documentation of the Smith Countains in the War of 1812.

Colonel James Tubb made up a company from around the area of Alexandria which encompassed southern Smith County and parts of now Dekalb County. Colonel Tubb was born March 18, 1788 and lived on Smith's Fork east of Alexandria. He was a large slave holder, owning hundreds of acres of land, and was a prominent figure in the county. Tubb was commissioned captain of militia in June 1811 by Governor Willie Blount, became major in 1815 and a colonel in February 1829. Tubb's Second Tennessee Regiment was stationed at Pensacola when the Battle of New Orleans was fought. Because of lack of funds, Tubb was forced to defray the cost of transporting baggage for his men on the march south. After the war he filed a claim for shipping four hundred pounds of baggage from Fayetteville, Tennessee to Fort Montgomery, thence to Pensacola and back via Montgomery to Fayetteville - six hundred and thirteen miles at eight cents per mile. Some of those known to have marched with Tubb are as follows: Benjamin Garrison, Mose Spencer, Benjamin Prichard, Jacob Hearn (became a loved Methodist itinerant preacher), George Thomason, Lewis Washburn, (s/o Benjamin Washburn, died 1872, buried on his farm near Brush Creek), Silas Cooper, John Leach, George G. Gray, William G. Tucker, William Allison, Lewis Pendleton, Hugh Reed, John G. Shy, S. J. Reasonover, Peter Webster, John Cox, Stephen A. Farmer, Joseph Allison, Henry McDonald. (TSL&A, Micro film #1151, Stokes & Tubb Papers, 1811-1888). John Looney, Adam Dale and Edward Robinson also raised companies in the vicinity of Smith that later fell into Dekalb County. Unfortunately, no records of those men making up the companies have survived.

Colonel Robert Allen, prominent citizen of old Carthage, fought under Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. Colonel Allen, born 1778 in Pa., died in 1844, at his home, Greenwood, a few miles up the Cumberland River from Carthage. His body later was removed to Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, Tennessee.

The author is indebted to Robert Y. Clay, archivist with the Virginia State Library, for the Captain Anthony F. Metcalf Roster which follows. Pension application records for 1812 soldiers graciously submitted by Mr. Clay have been published in previous Quarterlies with more to follow in ensuing issues. (Vol. 8, No.4, p. 153; Vol. 9, No. 1, pp. 10-19). Thank you, Bob!

Muster roll of a Company of Mounted Gunmen under the Command of Capt. Anthony H. Metcalf in the 2nd regt. T[enn.] M[ounted] V[olunteer] Gunmen in the service of the United States Commanded by Colo. Thomas Williamson from the 28th September 1814 when mustered into service to the 28th March 1815

Names	rank	Dates of appointment or enlistment	To what time engaged or enlisted	Names Present	remarks
1 Anthony H Metcalf	Capt.	28th Sept. 1814	28 March 1815	A. H. Metcalf	
1 Cyrus W. Brevard	1st Lieut	"	"	Cyrus W. Brevard	
1 Amos Roalk	2nd "	"	"	Amos Roalk	
1 Robert Pursley	3rd "	"	"	Robert Pursley	
1 John Goodall	Cornet	"	"	John Goodall	
1 Archelaus Alleway	Sergeant	"	"	Archelaus Alleway	
2 Sirious Young	"	"	"	Sirious Young	
3 James Carr	"	"	"	James Carr	
4 Ashley Alvis	"	"	"	Ashley Alvis	
5 Thomas A. Thompson	"	"	"	Thomas A. Thompson	
1 William Hainie	Corporal	"	"	William Hainie	
2 John Roper	"	"	"	John Roper	
3 Levi Austin	"	"	"	Levi Austin	
4 William Seals	"	"	"	William Seals	
5 Henry Kerby	"	"	"	Henry Kerby	
6 William Talbott	"	"	"	William Talbott	
1 Jesse Marshall	Trumpeter	"	"	Jesse Marshall	
1 Alvis Abraham	Private	"	"	Abramam Alvis	
2 Anderson, John	"	"	"	John Anderson	
3 Allen Robert	"	"	"	Robert Allen	
4 Brockett, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Brockett	
5 Bowz, Hardy	"	"	"	Hardy Bowz	
6 Burnett, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Burnett	
7 Bradley, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Bradley	
8 Britton, Harvey	"	"	"	Harvey Britton	
9 Boyer, John	"	"	"	John Boyer	
10 Bonds, Allen	"	"	"	Allen Bonds	
11 Bratton, Robert	"	"	"	Robert Bratton	
12 Beasley, Major A.	"	"	"	Major A. Beasley	
13 Culwell, William	"	"	"	William Culwell	
14 Campbell, John	"	"	"	John Campbell	
15 Campbell, Alexander	"	"	"	Alexander Campbell	
16 Carr, William	"	"	"	William Carr	
17 Cravan, William P.	"	"	"	Wm. P. Craven	

18	Duff, William	"	"	"	William Duff
19	Day, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Day
20	Donoho, Coleman	"	"	"	Coleman Donoho
21	Dare, Hubbard	"	"	"	Hubbard Dare
22	Foscue, Benjamin	"	"	"	Benjamin Foscue
23	Foscue, Lewis	"	"	"	Lewis Foscue
24	Featherston, Edward	"	"	"	Edward Featherston
25	Ferguson, Alexander	"	"	"	Alexander Ferguson
26	Grisham, Lambuth D.	"	"	"	L. D. Grisham
27	Gammon, Levi	"	"	"	Levi Gammon
28	Gaile, John	"	"	"	John Gaile
29	Grinad, William	"	"	"	William Grinad
30	Gunnison, Hugh D.	"	"	"	H. D. Gunnisson
31	Gifford, Gideon	"	"	"	Gideon Gifford
32	Godson, Benjamin	"	"	"	Benjamin Godson
33	Gray, Alexander	"	"	"	Alexander Gray
34	Herod, Peter	"	"	"	Peter Herod
35	Hammack, Martin	"	"	"	Martin Hammack
36	Hammack, Brice	"	"	"	Brice Hammack
37	Heshion, John	"	"	"	John Heshion
38	Holland, Willis	"	"	"	Willis Holland
39	Hail, Jeremiah	"	"	"	Jeremiah Hail
40	Jenkins, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Jenkins
41	Johns, Elias	"	"	"	Elias Johns
42	Keas, Henry	"	"	"	Henry Keas
43	King, William	"	"	"	William King
44	Kinniga, Miller	"	"	"	Miller Kinniga
45	Lane, Daniel M.	"	"	"	Daniel M. Lane
46	Liggon, Blackman	"	"	"	Blackman Liggon
47	Langford, Arthur	"	"	"	Arthur Langford
48	Martin, Patrick	"	"	"	Patrick Martin
49	McMurrey, John	"	"	"	John McMurrey
50	Moseley, Daniel R.	"	"	"	Danl Moseley
51	Murphey, James	"	"	"	James Murphey
52	Meadows, John	"	"	"	John Meadows
53	Meadows, Ambrose	"	"	"	Ambrose Meadows
54	Miller, William S.	"	"	"	Wm. S. Miller
55	Montgomery, Stephen	"	"	"	Stephen Montgomery
56	Martin, G. W.	"	"	"	G. W. Martin
57	Owens, Robert	"	"	"	Robert Owens
58	Parker, Joseph	"	"	"	Joseph Parker
59	Parker, Wommack	"	"	"	Wommack Parker
60	Parker, Richard	"	"	"	Richard Parker
61	Parkhurst, Elijah	"	"	"	Elijah Parkhurst
62	Patterson, Hugh	"	"	"	Hugh Patterson
63	Parker, Berry	"	"	"	Berry Parker
64	Rose, Joseph	"	"	"	Joseph Rose
65	Rodes, Abner	"	"	"	Abner Rodes
66	Rodes, Henry	"	"	"	Henty Rodes
67	Robinson, Charles D.	"	"	"	Charles D. Robinson
68	Simson, Thomas	"	"	"	Thomas Simpson
69	Shelton, James	"	"	"	James Shelton
70	Stafford, Samuel	"	"	"	Samuel Stafford
71	Sanders, Jordan	"	"	"	Jordan Sanders
72	Stephenson, William	"	"	"	Wm Stephenson
73	Setton, Emy	"	"	"	Emy Setton



74	Taylor, James	"	"	"	James Taylor
75	Towns, Edmond	"	"	"	Edmond Towns
76	Thomas, Henry	"	"	"	Henry Thomas
77	Thomison, William	"	"	"	Wm Thomison
78	Taylor, George	"	"	"	George Taylor
79	Venters, Asa	"	"	"	Asa Venters
80	Vincent, William	"	"	"	Wm Vincent
81	White, James	"	"	"	James White
82	Williams, Anderson	"	"	"	Anderson Williams
83	Wilkinson, Daniel	"	"	"	Daniel Wilkinson
84	Watson, Samuel	"	"	"	Samuel Watson
85	Woods, John S.	"	"	"	John S. Woods
86	Wakefield, Henry	"	"	"	Henry Wakefield
87	White, Samuel	"	"	"	Samuel White

Muster Roll of  
 Capt. Anthony H. Metcalf's  
 Company 2nd Regiment  
 T. M. V. Gunman

I Certify on honor that this Muster roll  
 inhibits a true Statement of Capt. Anthony  
 H. Metcalf's Company of M.V. Gunmen in  
 Colo. Thomas Williamson's regt. T.M.V.  
 Gunmen as mustered and inspected by me  
 on the 3d day of October 1814 at Fayetteville

Robert Hays A. ? Com

.....  
 Muster and Pay Rolls, 2nd Regiment Tennessee Mounted Gunmen, Col.  
 Thos. Williamson, 1814-1815. Record Group 94, National Archives  
 and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

NOTE: This record group contains several other muster rolls  
 of Capt. Metcalf's Company. The document does not state where  
 the men enlisted but those men who survived to be pensioned state  
 that they enlisted at Dixon's Spring [Dixon Springs], Smith Co., TN.

The following names were gleaned from those Smith Countians receiving pensions for military service in the year 1840 as enumerated in *A Census of Pensioners*. Based upon their ages, they were probably veterans of the War of 1812.

Denny, William, age 47, Tn Mtd Inf., Col. Robert Dyer, Capt. Bethel Allen, Vol. Gunmen.

Gregory, Tarpley, Pvt., Col. James Raulston, Capt. Elijah Haynie, Inf.

Hayse, Robin, age 46 years.

Smith, Josiah, b. 1797, Davidson Co., TN. d. 1882, buried New Middleton, Marr.

Barthena Cloud, b Va., 10 children, ordained a Methodist minister in 1823, Pvt., Col. R. H. Dyer, Capt. Bethel Allen, Vol. Mtd. Gunmen, SC# 16033; WC# 33322.

In commemoration of the Bicentennial in 1976, a monument was erected on the courthouse lawn in Carthage honoring those Smith Countians who died while defending their country. Research was done by a special committee who submitted the names that are memorialized on the monument for those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Seminole and War of 1812: Jeremiah Hall, Blackman Logan, Barry Parker, William Caldwell, Anderson Williams, Thomas Gibson, William Norman, Callert Estes, Peter Turney, Jeremiah Foutch, James E. Kourdbuck, John E. Calloway, David Chapman, Jonathan R. Campbell, Joseph R. Jenkins, James Morris, Lemmuel Parker, Samuel Paschal, Henry Turney, William Wilson, William Allison, Henry McKinney, John Coe, William Forrester, Gabriel Gregory. No effort has been made to verify the accuracy of this list.

The ultimate tribute to these patriots of the War of 1812 came about on January 8, 1892 (the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans) in the city of New York when Flora Adams Darling pounded the gavel on the first meeting of the *Daughters of the War of 1812*. The Society was founded by descendants of the old soldiers to honor their memory. Members must furnish proof of lineal descent from an ancestor who gave service in one of the early Indian Wars, or Insurrections, or of the Creek Indian War of 1813-1814, or of the War of 1812-1815 which culminated in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815. Smith and neighboring counties is represented by the *Upper Cumberland Chapter, Daughters of the War of 1812*, one of eleven chapters in the State of Tennessee.



On March 15, 1996, the date of Andrew Jackson's birth, the Tulip Grove Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of 1812 dedicated a tulip tree at the home of Andrew Jackson, Jr., Tulip Grove Mansion. Pictured are Tennessee Society State officers and Chapter members.

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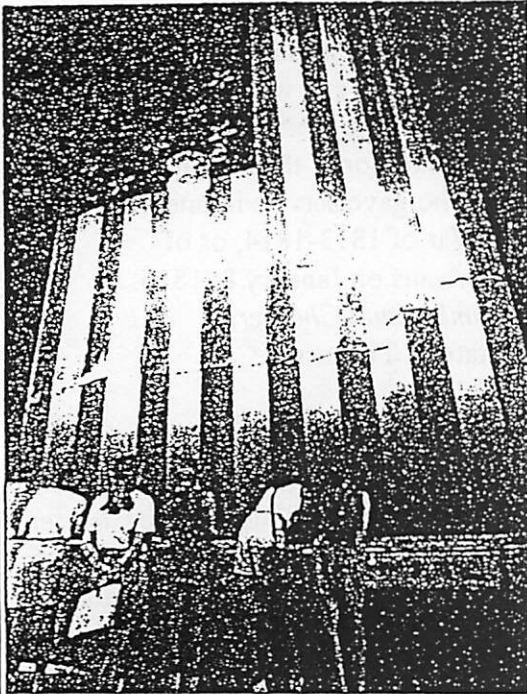
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Visitors to the Smithsonian Museum of American History look at the American flag that Francis Scott Key saw flying by "the dawn's early light."

## 183-year-old U.S. flag needs restoring to survive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time and pollution are doing what the British could not: They're slowly destroying the huge red, white and blue flag that inspired The Star Spangled Banner back in 1814.

Preserving the banner, which hangs in the Museum of American History on the Mall, could cost up to \$15 million. And experts, anxious to make the right moves as they restore the flag, haven't even decided yet how to proceed.

"I think it's our duty to make it available to people for as long as we can," said associate museum director Ron Becker, in charge of saving the flag.

Visitors now see the flag as they enter the museum's main door. It hangs from the ceiling, stretching 40 feet down a wall — the size of a four-story building.

The banner had to be big for composer Francis Scott Key to spot it from the deck of a small storm-tossed sloop, rolling in the Patuxent

River nine miles away, in the dawn's early light of Sept. 14, 1814. Key got real help from "bombs bursting in air" — a new invention of the time.

The flag still flew from its staff after an all-night British naval bombardment of Baltimore's Fort M'Henry during the War of 1812, signifying Americans still held the fort.

Now, unless the flag is taken down and subjected to extended high-tech preservation, it may crumble.

The flag's natural fibers have been inevitably damaged by air pollution and decay, said Suzanne Thomassen-Kraus, the museum's authority on textiles. The 15 stripes and blue field are wool, and the stars — two feet across, point to point — are cotton. Sewn with lined thread, the flag had cost \$405.90 by the time Baltimore widow Mary Young Pickersgill and her 13-year-old daughter Caroline finished it a month before the attack. ■

# Family Record.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Jesse Nichols Ford, was married  
to Belle Victoria Jane Richardson  
July 18th 1870

Jesse Nichols Ford, was married  
to Mary Catharine Richardson  
Dec. 22nd 1880

Jesse Nichols Ford was  
married to Bettie Vaughan  
Horn  
June 24 1881



# Family Record.

## BIRTHS.

Jesse N. Ford was born  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1845

Belle V. Ford was born  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1850

Meta Luella Ford was born  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1871

Alma Vaden Ford was born  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1873

Yachary Daniel Ford was born  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1875

Hugh Columbus Ford was born  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 1878

The Ford Family Bible records were contributed by P. N. Norris of Dallas, TX. They were shared with him by a grandson of Jesse Nichols Ford and Betty Horn Ford, Ovid Neal, Jr, whose mother, Elizabeth, was Jesse and Bettie's daughter. This family resided in the Snow Creek community near Elmwood. Their home was situated on a hill (Ferrell Hollow Road) across Highway 70 from the New Salem Baptist Church. Several members of the family are buried at this site.

## Descendants of John B. Denney

Compiled and Edited by Matthew Van Hook

The following is a genealogical outline of the Denney and related families of Smith County. Duplication of names will be apparent. This is because of the intermarriage of cousins. The outline numbers refer to the generation. It is hoped that this outline will help others. Also, if there are any corrections to be made please send them to the Society.

1 DENNEY, John B<sup>1</sup>      b: Bef 1775 in Granville Co., NC      d: May 1847 in Smith Co., TN  
 +UNKNOWN, Cary      b: in NC d: 1850  
 ...2 DENNEY, Benjamin      b: 1790-1810 in NC      d: October 1844 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+ROLLINS, Evaline<sup>2</sup>      b: 1810 in VA      d: 1895 in Smith Co., TN      Father: James Rollins  
 .....3 DENNEY, Eliza      b: 1833  
 .....+HUBBARD, Unknown  
 .....3 DENNEY, Caroline<sup>3</sup>      b: July 12, 1835 in TN      d: February 25, 1939 in Kentucky  
 .....+ALLISON, Joseph      b: 1833 in TN

<sup>1</sup>Birth dates from ed@hazelwood.k12.mo.us: LDS Ancestral File (TM) ver 4.17 4K76-CQ. Many below him also. Smith County TN History #f-261 Denny Family, states that John B. Denny from Granville Co., NC came to TN prior to 1820 Census. (His father is listed in the 1800 Census, which we believe to be Benjamin). The later children may actually be GRANDchildren. Cary would have been too old. More information must be given before deciding which ones. There is much debate among Denney genealogists as to John's true parentage. From Hugh Denny (hugh.denny@gtri.gatech.edu) by E-mail: There is an intriguing excerpt from the Partridge Store in what is now Hanover County, Virginia in 1736-38 showing transactions by Benjamin. Another interesting excerpt from the "List of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748-1783," shows tithes in 1750 credited to John Denny, Sr., John Denny, Jr., and Zachariah Denny. In what was then Orange County, NC in 1763, Zachariah is shown buying land from John Harris. In 1802 Zachariah deeded land to John Denny.

<sup>2</sup>From Ancestral File (TM) ver 4.17 LDS (1KZH-0M6). Evaline Harris (must have remarried) Nov. 12, 1893/probate Aug 1895; Heirs: Wyatt B. Denney; Mary Rollins, sisters Eliza A. Hubbard; Sallie Harrison; Carolina Allison, Pleasant Harrison, wife of Sallie. See Smith Co., Deed Book T, pg. 404. Also: Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter (vol. 4; #2, pg. 87): "Evaline (1810-1896) was a daughter of James Rollins (1770-1856) who settled in what later became known as the Denney Branch area of New Middleton. Evaline married ca. 1834 Benjamin Denney who owned several hundred acres of land on Denney Branch, Hickman's Creek and also owned what is now known as the Litchford farm. Denny died ca. 1846, and Evaline married 10 Mar 1849, Dawson B. Harris who agreed to relinquish all rights to claim any interest in Evaline's property. (Deed Book T, p. 404). Before 1860, their marriage had gone sour, and Evaline began to sell her land in the Litchford farm area. A portion was sold to Dr. Hunt [Thomas S.; bought it 14 Aug 1866], two small tracts to her son, James W. Denney and 31.5 acres to Joshua Paschall."

<sup>3</sup>From Smith County Historical and Genealogical Quarterly (vol. 5; #2 pg. 76) Death Records, 1914 abstracted from microfilm, Tennessee State Archives. James Allison born 29 Nov 1855 TN; died 4 Apr 1914 at New Middleton; married; farmer; father Louis Allison born TN; mother Caroline Denny born TN; buried New Middleton; informant Louis Allison

- ..... 4 ALLISON, James W. b: November 29, 1855 d: April 04, 1914 in New Middleton  
 .....+GREEN, Nancy b: 1856  
 .....5 ALLISON, Eliza b: 1878  
 .....5 ALLISON, Sam b: June 21, 1881  
 .....+UNKNOWN, Vicy L. b: June 10, 1882  
 .....5 ALLISON, Wyatt b: 1886  
 .....+UNKNOWN, Carrie b: 1883  
 .....5 ALLISON, Nancy Green b: July 21, 1887  
 .....5 ALLISON, Fannie b: 1890  
 .....5 ALLISON, Pearl b: 1894  
 .....5 ALLISON, James Louis b: January 06, 1897  
 .....5 ALLISON, Living b: Private  
 ..... 4 ALLISON, Louis b: April 08, 1858 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+WEBB, Fannie b: April 18, 1856 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....5 ALLISON, Sarah E. b: 1879 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 4 ALLISON, Wyatt Benjamin b: January 04, 1861 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....3 DENNEY, James W.<sup>4</sup> b: January 11, 1837 in Smith Co., TN d: July 22, 1923 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+WALKER, Martha Jane b: 1850 in Smith Co., TN d: 1887-1930 in Smith Co., or Wilson Co., TN  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Florence Minervia b: 1873  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, John Monroe b: 1875  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Jennie Ann b: 1877  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Lee Allen b: 1879  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, B. M. b: 1884  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Lee Anderson<sup>5</sup> b: 1872-1885 in Smith Co., or Wilson Co., TN d: 1917-1972 in TN  
 .....5 DENNEY, Dorris Anderson b: February 23, 1916 in TN  
 .....+BAKER, Alta Marie b: January 20, 1916 in TN Fa: Walter Baker Mo: Ada Elizabeth Denton  
 .....6 DENNEY, Dorris Edward b: June 08, 1938  
 .....6 DENNEY, Walter b: May 14, 1940  
 .....6 [2] DENNEY, Glenda b: March 20, 1942 in TN  
 .....+ [1] WINFREE, Joe b: 1939 in Smith County, TN Fa: C.S. Winfree Mo: Francis  
 Louise Granstaff  
 .....7 [3] WINFREE, Sheila b: in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+ [4] VADEN, David  
 .....8 [5] VADEN, Taylor Nicole b: 1994  
 .....7 [6] WINFREE, Joe Kevin  
 .....+ [7] ROHS, Tina Maria  
 .....6 DENNEY, Helen b: October 29, 1943  
 .....6 DENNEY, Cornell b: December 25, 1948  
 .....3 DENNEY, Mary Jane b: July 21, 1839 d: April 12, 1902  
 .....+ROLLINS, Enoch, Jr. b: July 21, 1835 d: April 09, 1912 Father: Enoch Rollins, Sr. Mo: Martha  
 ..... 4 ROLLINS, Ida Bird b: June 18, 1860  
 .....+GANN, John b: 1856  
 ..... 4 ROLLINS, Jefferson David b: December 23, 1861 in Beasleys Bend, Smith Co., TN  
 .....+LITCHFORD, Josephine b: 1864 in Beasleys Bend, Smith Co., TN  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Monroe T. b: December 13, 1886  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Ernest b: December 28, 1888

<sup>4</sup>Partly from Marie (Baker) Denney's Family Bible of Lebanon, TN. Also in Smith Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter (vol. iv, #2 p. 87) mentions land deeds mention that her son was James W. Denney.

<sup>5</sup>Unconfirmed whether Lee Anderson is the same as Lee Allen. There is a Lee Denney in the Social Security Death Index born in 1885 who died in Tennessee.

.....5 ROLLINS, James b: October 06, 1890  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Elijah b: December 20, 1892  
 .....+BEASLEY, Minnie b: 1890-1908  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Sadie Agnes b: August 03, 1894  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Dee Johnson b: March 11, 1896  
 .....+HODGES, Julia b: 1894  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Rhoda b: November 01, 1900  
 .....+BURROUGH, Clyde b: 1896  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Allen Hall b: July 29, 1907  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Sibling  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Sibling  
 .....4 ROLLINS, VA b: October 05, 1863  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Elizah b: February 22, 1865  
 .....+COOKSEY, Betty b: 1861  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Mary b: 1883 d: 1935  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Mattie b: 1885  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Ora Lee b: December 13, 1892  
 .....5 ROLLINS, William Wink b: June 14, 1894  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Raymond b: October 12, 1899  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Arther b: September 22, 1904  
 .....6 [9] ROLLINS, Ray  
 .....+[8] WINFREE, Jean b: March 21, 1943  
 .....7 ROLLINS, Joye LeAnne b: June 26, 1964 in TN  
 .....+[11] BARRETT, Terry Dayton  
 .....8 [12] BARRETT, Tobey Dayton b: September 15, 1983  
 .....\*2nd Husband of Joye LeAnne Rollins:  
 .....+[13] HUDSON, Randal  
 .....8 [14] HUDSON, Chase Randal b: September 24, 1990  
 .....8 [15] HUDSON, Hunter Winfree b: January 12, 1993  
 .....7 [16] ROLLINS, Eric Todd b: February 25, 1974  
 .....5 ROLLINS, Jefferson b: 1913  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Bennie b: September 13, 1867  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Betty b: December 20, 1868  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Josephine b: December 12, 1869  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Mary M. b: May 09, 1870  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Carrie Bell b: October 17, 1873  
 .....4 ROLLINS, Eugene b: December 20, 1875  
 .....3 DENNEY, Sarah H.<sup>6</sup> b: August 28, 1842 in TN d: July 15, 1908 in New Middleton, TN  
 .....+HARRISON, Pleasant Gold b: 1830 in NC d: March 28, 1906 in New Middleton, TN  
 .....4 HARRISON, Lafayette b: 1860 in NC  
 .....4 HARRISON, Evaline b: 1862 in NC  
 .....4 HARRISON, Ira.B. b: April 21, 1865 in NC d: June 23, 1911 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....4 HARRISON, Ann Elizabeth b: 1870 in NC  
 .....4 HARRISON, Napoleon Bonaparte b: September 18, 1874 in NC  
 .....4 HARRISON, Alice Agnes b: April 16, 1876 in NC d: November 16, 1949 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+DENNEY, James Thomas b: July 03, 1866 in Smith Co., TN d: January 12, 1926 in Smith Co.  
 .....5 DENNEY, James Earl b: November 24, 1910  
 .....5 DENNEY, Howard b: June 20, 1913  
 .....5 DENNEY, Napoleon Bonaparte b: July 01, 1916

<sup>6</sup>Buried in Denney Cemetery, New Middleton, Smith County (on R.D. Holbrook Farm),  
 from Smith County Tn Cemetery Book, page 11. Her husband is buried there as well as many of  
 her siblings.



..... 4 HARRISON, John b: November 20, 1883 in NC d: June 26, 1907 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Agnes b: 1843-1844  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Wyatt Benjamin b: January 02, 1845 in Smith Co., TN d: October 18, 1913 in Smith Co.  
 ..... +UNKNOWN, Agnes b: March 10, 1845 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Enoch b: 1868 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... +UNKNOWN, Nannie b: March 25, 1864 in New Middleton, TN d: March 16, 1908  
 ..... 5 DENNEY, Mary b: March 17, 1892 in New Middleton, TN d: May 1908  
 ..... 5 DENNEY, A. Clinton b: April 18, 1894 in New Middleton, TN d: August 08, 1916  
 ..... 5 DENNEY, Annie b: 1898 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Monroe b: 1873 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... +UNKNOWN, Alice  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Justus b: 1875 in New Middleton, TN  
 ..... 2 DENNEY, Wiley<sup>7</sup> b: 1794 in NC d: Abt April 1869 in Smith County, TN  
 ..... +ENOCH, Clara<sup>8</sup> b: 1801 in NC d: May 04, 1887 in Smith County, TN Father: John Enoch?  
 ..... 3 [18] DENNEY, Benjamin b: 1818 in Smith County, TN  
 ..... +[17] DENNEY, Mary b: 1825 in Smith Co., TN Fa: Charles Denney Mo: Martha Patricia Everett  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Elizabeth b: December 1823 in Smith County, TN d: Abt 1900 in TN  
 ..... +TUGGLE, James, Sr. b: August 25, 1819 in TN d: 1901-1907  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, Sarah b: 1843 in TN  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, Nancy b: 1844 in TN  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, Martha Frances b: December 27, 1846 in TN d: 1910-1919 in Lajunta, Colorado (or Ca.?)  
 ..... +JENKINS, John B. b: May 01, 1844 in TN  
 ..... 5 JENKINS, James William Barnes b: October 06, 1866 in Wilson Co., TN  
 ..... +PERKINS, Lucy Lee b: April 28, 1872 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 5 JENKINS, George Brown b: 1867 in Lajunta, Colorado  
 ..... 5 JENKINS, John M. b: 1868 in Illinois  
 ..... 5 JENKINS, George b: 1873 in Illinois  
 ..... 5 JENKINS, Melvin b: 1875 in Illinois  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, John b: June 19, 1848 in TN  
 ..... +JENKINS, Elizabeth  
 ..... 5 TUGGLE, Hattie b: 1871  
 ..... 5 TUGGLE, James b: 1872  
 ..... 5 TUGGLE, Martha b: 1874  
 ..... 5 TUGGLE, Charlie b: 1879  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, William b: 1849 in TN  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, Harriet b: 1851 in TN  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, George b: 1855

<sup>7</sup>1830 Census for Smith Co., TN shows a Wiley Denny, age 30 to 40, with 1 son under 5 years old; 1 son between 5 and 10; 1 son between 10 and 15; 2 daughters under 5; 1 daughter between 5 and 10; Wife between 30 and 40. Will probated in April, 1869; children listed in his will.

<sup>8</sup>According to the 1830 Census of Smith County, TN there is a John Enoch who was 50 or 60 years old. In 1830 he had 2 girls and 2 boys. His wife was a similar age. Any connection? There was also a Simeon Enoch who was 30-40 years old. Pedigree #1492 Vol. 2 of the World Family Tree (WFT) (Broderbund (R)) says she was killed by a vicious ram. Obituaries From Carthage Newspapers (Smith County History, page 100) "DENNEY, widow of Willey age 86 died when she got down in a field that had a dangerous sheep in it. Was found in a dying condition near New Middleton, Smith County Record 5 May 1887." Anna Nettles (anna.nettles@worldnet.att.net) says her name was Clara Brown. Brown may be middle name.

- ..... 4 TUGGLE, Harris b: March 09, 1859 in Grant, Wilson Co., TN  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, James, Jr. b: June 1861  
 ..... 4 TUGGLE, Henry b: 1864 in TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Mathias b: 1824 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+UNKNOWN, Sara JoAnn  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Mattie b: 1824 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+BAIRD, George K. b: 1820-1850  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Candiss b: 1827 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+BRAY, John b: 1827 in TN  
 ..... 4 BRAY, Jonathan b: 1855 in TN  
 ..... 4 BRAY, Thomas b: 1859 in TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Amney b: 1832 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+HOUSE, Ammon  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Mary b: 1834 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+BAKER, Benjamin D. b: 1835 in TN  
 ..... 4 BAKER, Sammy b: 1869  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Athalinda F. b: 1836 in TN  
 .....+AGEE, William Fletcher b: October 24, 1836 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Martha Millard b: 1860 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Dosery b: 1862 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Napoleon Bonaparte b: December 23, 1864 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+KENT, Louella b: 1868  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Napoleon Bonaparte Agee:  
 .....+AGEE, Greenie b: 1868  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Serrepta G. b: 1868  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Berry Levi b: January 24, 1869  
 ..... 4 AGEE, Margaret Isabelle b: 1868-1870 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Clara Narcissia b: February 15, 1836 in Denney Branch, TN  
 .....+MANNING, Frank b: February 04, 1842 in Pleasant House, TN d: March 20, 1914  
 ..... 4 MANNING, Burr Harris b: July 20, 1868  
 ..... 3 [20] DENNEY, Franklin b: 1837 in Smith County, TN d: 1881-1929 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+[19] DENNEY, Sarah D. b: 1842-1843 in Smith Co., TN d: 1881-1929 in Smith Co., TN Fa:  
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 ..... 4 [22] DENNEY, Mary Frances<sup>9</sup> b: January 23, 1864 in Smith County, TN d: January 05, 1953 in  
 Wilson County, TN  
 .....+[23] WINFREE, Granberry Pinkney b: June 25, 1857 in Smith County, TN d: November 16,  
 1937 in Smith County, TN Fa: Allen Carey Winfree, Sr. Mo: Rhoda Jane Everett  
 ..... 5 [24] WINFREE, Henry Frank b: September 29, 1883 in TN d: April 22, 1898 in TN  
 ..... 5 WINFREE, Maude b: 1887 in TN d: September 02, 1972 in TN  
 .....+[26] BAKER, William b: 1888-1905  
 ..... 6 [27] BAKER, Scobey b: 1920-1935  
 ..... 6 [28] BAKER, Spurgeon b: 1920-1935  
 ..... 6 [29] BAKER, Campbell b: 1920-1935  
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 ..... 6 [31] BAKER, Lillian b: 1920-1935  
 ..... 6 [32] BAKER, Ruby Gladys b: 1920-1935  
 ..... \*2nd Husband of Maude Winfree:  
 .....+[33] BEATY, Unknown  
 ..... \*3rd Husband of Maude Winfree:  
 .....+[34] HATCHER, Alfred

<sup>9</sup>She and her husband buried in New Middleton Cemetery.

- .....5 [35] WINFREE, Laura Belle b: January 13, 1888 d: January 19, 1966 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[36] MARKS, Bedford b: September 13, 1886 d: March 21, 1968  
 .....6 [37] MARKS, Edward b: August 07, 1907 d: September 21, 1907  
 .....6 [38] MARKS, Lorena b: November 29, 1909  
 .....+[39] CAPLENOR, Louis b: January 12, 1906 d: May 26, 1996  
 .....7 [40] CAPLENOR, Katherine b: November 23, 1928  
 .....+[41] HEROD, John Allen  
 .....5 [42] WINFREE, Thomas Allen b: June 12, 1890 d: November 18, 1974 in Lebanon, TN  
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 Robert Eli Granstaff Mo: Ella Green Eaton  
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 .....7 [46] BRYAN, Tommy b: January 07, 1935  
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 .....5 [52] WINFREY, Joe Bridges b: December 28, 1900 d: January 20, 1975 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[53] CHILTON, VA b: 1900-1910 d: November 18, 1975 in TN  
 .....5 [54] WINFREE, C.S. b: July 25, 1904 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+[55] GRANSTAFF, Francis Louise b: December 09, 1911 in Beckwith, TN d: June 17, 1995  
 in Lebanon, TN Father: Robert Eli Granstaff Mo: Ella Green Eaton  
 .....6 [56] WINFREE, Jim L. b: 1933  
 .....+[57] HARPER, Rose b: 1935  
 .....7 [58] WINFREE, Clure  
 .....7 [59] WINFREE, Todd  
 .....6 [60] WINFREE, Frances Jeraldine b: June 22, 1937 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[61] MACON, David Lawrence b: September 17, 1932 in Davidson Co., TN  
 .....7 [62] MACON, Teresa Ann b: August 17, 1957 in Lebanon, TN  
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 .....6 [1] WINFREE, Joe b: 1939 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+[2] DENNEY, Glenda b: March 20, 1942 in TN Father: Dorris Anderson Denney  
 Mo: Alta Marie Baker  
 .....7 [3] WINFREE, Sheila b: in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[4] VADEN, David  
 .....8 [5] VADEN, Taylor Nicole b: 1994  
 .....7 [6] WINFREE, Joe Kevin  
 .....+[7] ROHS, Tina Maria  
 .....6 [8] WINFREE, Jean b: March 21, 1943  
 .....+[69] GANN, Jim  
 .....\*1st Husband of Jean Winfree:  
 .....+[9] ROLLINS, Ray Father: Arther Rollins  
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 .....8 [75] VAN HOOK, Jonathan Curtis b: August 01, 1993 in Abilene, TX  
 .....8 [76] VAN HOOK, Victoria Hope b: September 13, 1995 in Abilene, TX  
 .....7 [77] VAN HOOK, Autumn Lee b: February 18, 1970 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[78] DELGADO, Armando Nelson, Jr. b: May 18, 1969 in Austin, TX  
 .....8 [79] DELGADO, Joshua Peyton b: December 17, 1995 in Brownwood, TX  
 .....7 [80] VAN HOOK, Marshal Grant b: September 23, 1978 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....6 [81] WINFREE, Jan b: July 11, 1950 in Lebanon, TN  
 .....+[82] HALL, Jerry b: in Lebanon, TN  
 .....7 [83] HALL, Julie  
 .....7 [84] HALL, Jeremy  
 .....4 [85] DENNEY, Wiley b: 1867  
 .....4 [86] DENNEY, Elizabeth b: 1869  
 .....4 [87] DENNEY, Martha b: 1874  
 .....4 [88] DENNEY, Amanda b: 1877  
 .....4 [89] DENNEY, Authur b: 1879  
 .....3 DENNEY, Wiley Brown<sup>10</sup> b: September 19, 1839 in TN d: February 17, 1922 in Dowell Knob, Brush  
 Creek, TN  
 .....+WAGGONER, Elizabeth b: August 26, 1846 d: September 09, 1898  
 .....4 DENNEY, Mary Eita b: 1861-1887  
 .....4 DENNEY, Darthula b: 1862 in Smith Co., TN d: August 02, 1907 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....4 DENNEY, Amanda b: 1869 in Smith Co., TN d: 1947 in TN  
 .....+KENT, L. B. b: 1863 in Smith Co., TN d: 1949 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....4 DENNEY, Jonathan b: 1873  
 .....4 DENNEY, Leathie A. b: 1875  
 .....4 DENNEY, Margie b: October 23, 1878 in TN d: July 10, 1963 in TN  
 .....+GORE, Allen b: May 20, 1869 d: March 03, 1956 in TN  
 .....5 GORE, Albert, Sr.  
 .....+UNKNOWN, Pauline  
 .....6 GORE, Albert, Jr.  
 .....+AITCHESON, Mary Elizabeth "Tipper"  
 .....7 GORE, Kareenna  
 .....7 GORE, Kristen  
 .....7 GORE, Sarah  
 .....7 GORE, Albert III  
 .....5 GORE, Elsie  
 .....4 DENNEY, Linnie b: January 15, 1881  
 .....4 DENNEY, Laura G. b: November 15, 1885  
 .....3 DENNEY, Amanda b: 1840  
 .....3 DENNEY, Samue<sup>11</sup> b: 1845 d: 1907

<sup>10</sup>Fought for the North in the Civil War according to tradition. Decendant, Al Gore, vice-president. Contrary to the above claim: Confederate Soldiers Living in Smith County, Jan. 15, 1915 listed in Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society (vol. 8 #3) p. 120, "Brown Denney in Seventeenth District."

<sup>11</sup>Belonged to Company G, 4th Tennessee Mounted Infantry in the Civil War. His brother Wiley Brown fought in the North according to tradition. His will: the Grand Army to assist and

.....+UNKNOWN, Louisa  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Zach b: 1865-1875  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Lamah b: 1865-1875  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Amanda b: 1865-1875  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Minnie b: 1865-1875  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Carrie Hudson b: 1865-1875  
 ...2 DENNEY, Zachariah<sup>12</sup> b: January 19, 1794 d: 1850  
 .....+STALLIONS, Catherine<sup>13</sup> b: 1790-1800 d: Abt 1850  
 .....3 DENNEY, John b: 1829  
 .....3 DENNEY, Elizabeth b: 1830-1834  
 .....3 DENNEY, Lucy b: 1836-1838  
 .....+WOODSON, Bailey  
 .....3 DENNEY, Catherine b: 1836-1838  
 ...2 DENNEY, William Gabriel<sup>14</sup> b: 1795 in NC d: 1852 in Smith Co., TN  
 .....+WARD, Charlotte<sup>15</sup> b: 1804 in Smith Co., TN d: 1870 in prob. TN  
 .....3 DENNEY, Harriet b: 1820  
 .....+UNDERWOOD, Unknown  
 .....3 DENNEY, Mary Ann b: 1820 d: 1882  
 .....+STONE, Stephen b: January 14, 1811 d: 1867  
 ..... 4 STONE, Martha  
 ..... 4 STONE, Harriett  
 ..... 4 STONE, Caroline  
 ..... 4 STONE, William Nicholas  
 ..... 4 STONE, Mary Elizabeth  
 ..... 4 STONE, Tabitha Frances  
 ..... 4 STONE, Cherrie  
 ..... 4 STONE, Drucilla  
 ..... 4 STONE, James Albert  
 ..... 4 STONE, Susan  
 ..... 4 STONE, Stephen Henry  
 ..... 4 STONE, Marshal Lee  
 .....3 DENNEY, William C. b: 1823 in NC or Smith Co., TN  
 .....+BRADLEY, Drucilla G. b: 1820-1825  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, William Bradley b: 1852-1865  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Marshall b: 1852-1865  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Walter R. b: 1852-1865

attend funeral. Son Zach inherits 70 acres "Manning Place." Rest to his daughters.

<sup>12</sup>Census of 1830 for Smith Co., TN shows one Zachariah Denney, age 30 to 40; 2 boys under 5 years old; 2 boys between 5-10; 1 boy between 10-15; wife 30-40; Mentioned in John B.'s will.

<sup>13</sup>The Bible from Timothy Denney, son of this family line, lists Catharine as Catherine Stallions (Stallings).

<sup>14</sup>Not confirmed that William is the son of John B. Another researcher had him under Micajah Denney. Trousdale County, TN History, 1991, p. 248; 1860 Trousdale, TN Census.

<sup>15</sup>See queries, Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol 8 #2, p. 83, Mrs. Edgar Waller, Lebanon, TN.

..... 4 DENNEY, Mollie b: 1852-1865  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Edward b: 1852-1865  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Lewis b: 1852-1865  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Carroll W. b: March 28, 1825 in TN d: July 14, 1895  
 ..... +WILSON, N. Josephine b: August 15, 1833 in TN d: 1874-1928  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Mary H. b: July 04, 1856  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Samuel M. b: October 01, 1857  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Lillie Belle b: February 1859  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Mattie A. b: 1864  
 ..... +BEARD, Unknown  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, John A. b: September 1868  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Carroll b: 1871  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Callis b: Aft 1872  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, W. Hughlette b: November 1872  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Charlotte Frances b: 1833  
 ..... +UNDERWOOD, Burton  
 ..... 4 UNDERWOOD, Bertie  
 ..... 4 UNDERWOOD, Jonathan  
 ..... 4 UNDERWOOD, Charlotte Barton  
 ..... 4 UNDERWOOD, Emma Bradley  
 ..... 2 DENNEY, Charles<sup>16</sup> b: 1796-1815 in Smith County, TN d: 1845-1880  
 ..... +EVERETT, Martha Patricia<sup>17</sup> b: 1790-1805 in prob. Smith Co./DeKalb Co., TN d: 1845-1880  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Jonathan b: 1822-1830 in TN  
 ..... +UNKNOWN, Agnes T.  
 ..... 3 [17] DENNEY, Mary b: 1825 in Smith Co., TN  
 ..... +[18] DENNEY, Benjamin b: 1818 in Smith County, TN Father: Wiley Denney Mo: Clara Enoch  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Margaret b: 1826-1827 in TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Martha b: 1830 in TN  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, David D. b: 1830-1831 in TN  
 ..... +UNKNOWN  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, Harrison b: 1850-1860  
 ..... 5 DENNEY, Ocsar b: July 1860 d: March 15, 1937 in Wilson Co., TN  
 ..... +CONGER, Mary Elizabeth b: 1860-1870 in TN?  
 ..... 4 DENNEY, James Newton b: 1850-1860  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Emily b: 1832 in TN  
 ..... +HARRIS, Dawson B.  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Harden b: 1836 in TN  
 ..... +TAYLOR, Mary  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Harden Denney:  
 ..... +UNKNOWN, Tempsey  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Delilah Frances b: 1836-1838 in TN  
 ..... +NICKSON, James  
 ..... 3 DENNEY, Julia E. b: 1840 in TN  
 ..... +MALONE, Thomas  
 ..... 3 [19] DENNEY, Sarah D. b: 1842-1843 in Smith Co., TN d: 1881-1929 in Smith Co., TN  
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<sup>16</sup>1830 Census for Smith Co., TN lists Charles Denny (how it was spelled) twice, but notes it. He is between 20 and 30 with 1 son under 5; 2 daughters under 5. Wife is also between 20 and 30.

<sup>17</sup>Everett is probably Scottish. WFT notes in one pedgree says that Everett family came to Maryland in 1750 from Scotland or Wales.

Wiley Denney Mo: Clara Enoch  
 ..... 4 [21] DENNEY, Cloud b: 1862  
 ..... 4 [22] DENNEY, Mary Frances b: January 23, 1864 in Smith County, TN d: January 05, 1953 in  
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 .....+[7] ROHS, Tina Maria  
 .....6 [68] WINFREE, Jean b: March 21, 1943  
 .....+[69] GANN, Jim  
 .....\*1st Husband of Jean Winfree:  
 .....+[9] ROLLINS, Ray Father: Arther Rollins  
 .....7 [70] ROLLINS, Joye LeAnne b: June 26, 1964 in TN  
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 .....8 [14] HUDSON, Chase Randal b: September 24, 1990  
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 .....2 DENNEY, Elizabeth b: 1809 in NC d: 1870 in Smith County, TN  
 .....+WINFREE, James Madison<sup>18</sup> b: July 24, 1809 in VA d: 1878 in Smith County, TN Fa: David  
 Nicholas Winfree Mo: Achsah Tuck  
 .....3 WINFREE, Parthenia b: 1828  
 .....3 WINFREE, Gabriel b: 1835  
 .....3 WINFREE, John b: 1838  
 .....3 WINFREE, Martha b: 1841  
 .....3 WINFREE, Mary Elizabeth G. b: 1844  
 .....3 WINFREE, James D. b: 1846  
 .....3 WINFREE, Elijah b: 1849

<sup>18</sup>There is a James Winfrey listed in the 1830 Census. He is between 20 and 30 and his wife also; this does fit. It shows he had only 2 daughters under 5 at 1830 which means one girl is missing from the list. 1850 Census of Smith county says he was born in Virginia; and 42 years old. In 1860 Census of Smith County also.



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### THE BUSINESS PORTION OF CARTHAGE IN ASHES

#### COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE SAVED

**The fire flamed downtown one and a half blocks, including six business places and the telephone office-  
Loss estimated at \$28,000-  
insurance very light.**

(Editors Note: The foregoing headlines of the *Smith County Record* proclaimed the disastrous fire that raged along Carthage's Main Street on July 18, 1884. Following is the vivid account of the catastrophic inferno as profusely detailed by an unknown reporter.)

At about 10 o'clock on Monday night the alarm of fire was heard to resound through the streets of our peaceful town for the first time in a great while. John B. Styles of Lebanon, in company with Miss Belle McClarin and Miss Kittie Pickering, were walking down Main Street, and when opposite the grocery store of W. W. Ford they discovered the flames within. They raised the alarm, which was conveyed through the streets with almost telephonic rapidity, arousing the citizens, many of whom had just retired, and summoning them to the fearful scene.

W. W. Ford, John Turner, Clarence Garrett, and Charles McDonald had about 15 minutes before left the store. As they came out W. W. Ford returned to see that all was right, and having satisfied himself, had gone home and retired, to be aroused to find his property in the grasp of the devouring flames.

Ford's store was situated in that block of old tinder-box buildings almost directly opposite the Court-house, with only about four feet between it and the large two-story, double store-house belonging to A. A. Allison of Nashville. The flames spread with fearful rapidity, and ere the people of the town could reach the scene, the flames from that long row of buildings seemed to lick the sky and convert night into day.

Capt. M. Barnett and wife were sound asleep in bed, and the door was burst open to arouse them to a knowledge of their danger. They sprang from the bed and hurried out doors, without an opportunity to save his shoemaker's tools. A few things were taken out of the store of N. B. Williams. The flames were spreading so rapidly that it was believed impossible to save any building in that block, and the plan was formed to make the fight at Church Street where it crosses Main Street, between Myer's dry-goods house and T. P. Bridges' drug store. (Ed. Note: Church St. now 3rd Ave. Myer's store was located on

corner where Kim's Frame Shop, former Courier Bldg., stands. Bridges' store was on the opposite corner where the Wilkerson Bldg., formerly Read Bros. Drug Store, is located.)

The whole town was laid under requisition for blankets, bed-spreads, carpets, and everything that would absorb water, and the work of blanketing Bridges' drug store began with a will. The roof was spread with everything that could be procured, and sown with salt, and water profusely poured upon it. When the fire reached the fine, large brick residence of Joseph Myer, fortunately its progress became very slow, from the fact that there was little wood or combustible material comparatively about it, and there was little or no wind.

The Hon. Benton McMillin, who had that evening returned home, was on the ground commanding the battle against the flames, and fighting as he fought for his constituents on the floor of Congress. He suggested that it would be easier to prevent Myer's store from igniting from his residence, notwithstanding their close proximity, than to save the rest of the town if that tall building was allowed to burn. Immediately the ground of battle was changed to that point, and with ladders some ascended the roof and took their station on top, some in the upper story where they could fight the flames through a window, and some on the first floor, where a door afforded a good opportunity to check the fire. For two or three hours the fight was gallantly kept up, the store-house being kept continually wet with water, and protected by wet blankets, and the flames were kept down to such an extent as to prevent its catching. The brick wall of Myer's residence was a great bulwark against the flames, the fire being principally inside.

As the grand struggle against the devouring element was going on, some of the ladies of the town lent a helping hand with telling effect. Mrs. Mollie Armstrong and Miss Mattie McClarin carried water like men. Mrs. Dr. King stood at the cistern, and kept a bountiful supply of the needed liquid drawn. Many others, whose names we are unable to give in connection with the assist and service performed, proved "helpmeets" indeed in the hour of distress. At the lower end of town the ladies turned out en masse and helped combat the fire-fiend as did the mothers, wives and sisters aid in the conflict with the Indians in the pioneer days of our country.

The postmistress, Mrs. Callie Merony, with characteristic faithfulness, seeing the valuables of the post-office endangered; removed them all and put them in the stage-coach, telling the driver to hitch up his horses and drive them beyond the reach of danger, and then returned to remove her own property. Two or three times did the McKee and Allison residences catch on fire, but with the aid of the women were controlled, preventing another holocaust on that side of the street.

As soon as the alarm of the fire was raised, Dr. R. M. King proceeded at once to his livery stable to save his horses. They were all safely led out before the fire reached that building. His vehicles were also saved.

So intense was the heat that the soldering on the tin-roof and ornamental zinc work on the court-house was melted, and several of the pieces dropped loose. The cracking and falling of these pieces and the smoking of the tar on the roof, together with the glare of the flames against the large windows, caused the cry to be raised that the court-house was on fire. Immediately the officers rallied all the help they could, and rushed to their offices to save their records. Large quantities of these were removed entirely out of the yard and heaped up, when an ascent was made by one of the clerks to the top of the building, and it was ascertained that it was not on fire, when the further removal of the records was abandoned. While the fire was raging a keg of powder in one of the stores exploded with the report of a cannon, and precipitated a shower of glass to the ground from the court-house windows. The damage to that building is considerable.

The larger number of those fighting the fire were striving to prevent the spread up the street, so that those at the lower end of town were compelled to work manfully to stop its progress in that direction. James Jones, Day & Allan's accommodating stage driver, stood upon the roof of the frame office in the corner of Mrs. McDonald's yard, soaking it with water to prevent its burning, until his breast was almost blistered by the heat, but so nobly did he maintain the contest that he kept the fire at bay. The old frame building opposite the McKee residence was the last building destroyed in that direction, while Joseph Myer's store-house is the first one to be found standing on the right hand side as you go up Main Street. (Ed. Note: The McKee residence was situated just south of the present day Post Office)

T. B. Read removed a considerable quantity of goods from his family grocery, and placed them on the opposite side of the street, but so intense was the heat that they caught on fire and were destroyed. The telephone company had the instruments for the new line in Read's store, and they, too, were destroyed. The following estimate of the losses is as nearly correct as can now be ascertained:

Joseph Myer, residence and furniture, \$6,500; insurance, \$2,300; damage to stock of goods \$500, covered by insurance; also another house, \$900, no insurance.

T. P. Bridges, store-house occupied by N. B. Williams, and furniture stored in upper story, \$1,400, no insurance.

N. B. Williams, stock of goods, \$2,000, no insurance.

R. C. Sanders, old store house, \$200, no insurance.

Capt. M. Barnett, furniture, etc., \$300, no insurance.

Allison & Merriman, large business house, \$1,500, no insurance.

W. W. Ford, stock of family groceries, \$800, no insurance.

T. B. Read & Son, stock of family groceries, \$3,000, no insurance.

Telephone Company, lot of instruments stored in telephone office, \$500, to be replaced by the Bell Telephone Company.

Miss Belle McClarin, building rented for barber-shop and tenement house, \$650, no insurance.

Estate of Mack Allen (col.), deceased, cabin, \$50, no insurance.

Dr. R. M. King and Mrs. Mary Sanders, livery stable and provender, \$1,300, no insurance.

Mrs. J. B. Luster and children, tenement house, \$300, no insurance.

W. G. F. Underwood, furniture and clothing, \$100, no insurance.

Court-house, damage to exterior and fencing, \$300 to \$500, fully covered by insurance.

H. B. Oliver, fancy dry goods in Read's store, \$500, no insurance.

Some of the firemen worked so hard that they were completely overcome with exhaustion. T. B. Read, Jr. was carried off in a swoon. Thomas McClarin (col), brought on an attack of the same kind, produced, probably by heat from the flames.

The colored women of the town did yeoman service in the assault upon the flames, responding readily to the calls on them to carry water. The town spring, fortunately, was at a stage to bear the heavy draft that was made on it without exhaustion, though the cisterns of the town also furnished large supplies.

Prof. James Bryan, formerly principal of the New Middleton Academy, was in town, and did some very effective work in subduing the flames.

In an interview with Joseph Myer, he said that he had no idea whether he would rebuild his residence or not, but of one thing he seemed certain, that if he did rebuilt, it would not be at the same place.

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## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

Term, 1860. Box 57, No. 2937. ROBERT OLDHAM VS THOMAS D. GREGORY etal . Robert Oldham filed suit against Thomas D. Gregory and William Gregory to prevent Thomas D. Gregory from disposing of property without satisfying a debt owed Oldham. Gregory requested that suit be dismissed and that he be allowed to retain his property. James C. Parker had purchased a small mule; John Gregory purchased a jennett; Curtis Gregory purchased a black horse levied upon and sold by Joshua W. Smith who had a judgement against Thomas D. Gregory. In good faith Curtis Gregory said he then swapped the black horse for a more valuable grey horse which he sold to Hardin Brockette; land had been sold to Barnett Cornwell; also a dispute over ownership of a wagon in the possession of Thomas D. Gregory became a part of this suit. Joseph Nickson (Nixon) then brought suit over 1 clabank (?) stallion, 1 bay horse in possession of William Russell; 1 bay horse, 1 jennett and 1 jack sucking colt in Gregory's possession; other jack and horse that Parker traded for mule from Gregory and Jackson Corley. Defendants denied any fraudulent collusion or effort to defraud. Progression of the suit was interrupted by the War Between the States; meantime Thomas D. Gregory had removed to the State of Illinois. Henry B. Haynie, Admn. of J. D. Gregory obtained an order in December 1866 to resume suit against Polly Ann Parker, Sarah F. Parker and William Parker, widow and heirs of defendant James Parker, deceased. Witnesses included: Alfred Davis, Charles Long, W. H. Gregory, Isa Wilmore, Brice M. Draper, L. Ballow, James M. Russell, B. P. Lipscomb, Calvin Beasley, James Hiatt, Peter Herrod, H. S. Patterson and J. H. Smith. Court ruled in favor of Thomas D. Gregory and others with Oldham required to pay court costs.

Term, 1840. Box 59, No. 3058. JAMES W. SMITH VS EXUM WHITLEY & GROGAN HARPER . Smith of Jackson Co., TN was Exec. of John Owen; Exum Whitley of Smith Co., TN was Admn. estate of Matthew Harper. Grogan Harper, son of Matthew and Grogan's brother-in-law, John P. Williams were to pay a debt to Exec. Smith. Smith sought an injunction to restrain Harper from transferring or selling personal property and requested withholding Grogan's share of his father's estate to satisfy the debt. Grogan and Williams had removed to the State of Mississippi. Benjamin R. Owens was named as heir of John Owen. Exum Whitley died and was replaced by William B. Whitley. Grogan's share of his father's estate was sufficient to satisfy the judgement against him. Listed as heirs of Matthew were the widow, Sarah, children: Henry, Logan, Grogan, Alfred, Elizabeth Gordon, Matilda Gordon, James, Mahulda Williams, Minerva Coffee, William, Sarah Hodges and the youngest child, Matthew.

Term 1837. Box 54, No. 2748. EASON HOWELL & WILLIE SCOTT VS BENNETT WILKERSON. Suit was filed to recover notes given to Francis Duffy ca. 44 years old of Hartsville, TN by E. (Edward) F. Pittman, (then 19 yrs. & 2/3 months old) agent of the firm of Pittman & Wilkerson, Nashville, TN from whom the merchandising firm of Howell & Scott, Carthage, TN had purchased merchandise. An agreement was made that Duffy would hold the notes until Howell & Scott paid the debt. Howell had executed deeds (written by Alexander Fergusson ca. age 52) to Pittman & Wilkerson for 275 acres of land but did not receive the notes. Pittman had died and Wilkerson was the surviving partner. Depositions were given by: James Holland ca. 23; Thomas Patterson ca. 25; Willie Howell ca. 21; Patrick Duffy ca. 27/28; William Holland ca. 42; James M. Donoho ca. 32. Bill of complaint was dismissed 15 Feb 1843.

Term, 1868. Box 59, No. 3011. SUSANNAH R. NORTH & next best friend, PLEASANT M. NORTH VS E. M. NORTH etal. Susannah R. North stated in her bill of complaint that her husband, E. M. North, was sober, industrious, kind but insolvent; therefore, she requested that her interest in the estates of her father, mother and brother not pass into his control but into her hands free from debts/contracts. She was married to E. M. North 29 Dec 1857 by whom she had children, Victoria C. nine years old and Czoa (?) 13 months. James W. White was Exec. of the estate of John. M. White & Admn. of estate of Susanah White. Heirs: Susannah R. North (daughter), B. W. White, John B. White, William T. White, Jasper White, Newton White, G. L. White, George White, ? Borum, wife, Lizzie (White), James Bradley, wife, Elizabeth (White), Jarrett Tucker & his 5 children: Almaninda Tucker married Alexander Williams, Green H. Tucker, Susanah Tucker, Priscilla Tucker & John M. W. (?), 4 last were minors, guardian, Foster Tucker. B. M. White lived in Giles Co., TN; James W., Newton, W. T. & all children of Jarrett Tucker (except Almaninda) and guardian, Foster Tucker lived in Wilson Co., TN. Borum & wife, Lizzie, Jasper, Alexander Williams & wife, Almaninda lived in IL. James Bradley & wife, Elizabeth lived in KY. All others lived in Smith Co., TN. John W. White died in Wilson Co., TN ca. 1853; Susanah White died intestate in Wilson Co., TN ca. 1865. Mrs. Tucker died after her father but before her mother. Brother, D. C. (?) White died after his father but before his mother, leaving no will, widow, nor issue. Thomas Bridges, age 55, gave a deposition on 15 Feb 1873 that a certain tract of land part in Smith Co., TN and part in Wilson Co., TN would be a good investment for Mrs. North. Court decreed that Susannah North's part of the estates of her father, mother and brother (excluding costs) be awarded to her for her natural life for her and her children's use and benefit-free from debts, contracts, control and liability of her husband. At her death, remainder, if any, would be equally divided between all of her present and future issue.

(Editor's note: Susannah and Susanah are spelled as they were in the case.)

## QUERIES

EWING: Seeking information on spouse or children of JAMES EWING. Lived in Smith Co. near Lancaster from 1802 until his death in 1810. Children by unknown first wife: JOHN, JAMES, RUTHA (mar. HENRY SELLARS), EDY, REUBEN B., WILLIAM P. Married (2) LADOVSEY? (DILLARD)? Children by second marriage: ALFRED (mar. DIANNA FIELDS), MELINDA ANN (mar. ROBERT JONES), SARAH (SALLY) (mar. 1. OWEN DILLARD, 2. ORRIN DILLARD), NANCY (d. ca. 1815 Smith Co. Any help will be appreciated.

ELLIS ALLEN , 7103 Vogel Rd., Houston, TX 77088-7313.

DEBOW: My Great Great Grandfather, SAMUEL CARUTHERS DEBOW (Debow), first mar. MARY ALZIRA CANON in Rutherford Co. on 26 Oct 1836. She gave birth to their first child, SOLOMON L. DEBOW on 29 Sep 1837. On 18 Mar 1841 he mar. MARY JANE DANIEL in Sumner Co. Shortly thereafter he moved to Obion Co. where he lived until his death. Searching for parents and siblings of SAMUEL CARUTHERS DEBOW. Suspect he was child of SOLOMON DEBOW & ELIZABETH CARUTHERS of Smith Co., but unable to prove it. Any info. will be appreciated.

OLIVE CARR CRENSHAW , 312 Old Hickory Blvd., Jackson, TN 38305.  
Telephone: (901) 668-1068.

DILLEHAY, De la HAYE: Searching for family info. prior to EDMUND DILLEHAY'S arrival in Smith Co. in 1827. Will share info. on ancestors back to ARTHUR De La HAY'S arrival to America from the Channel Islands in 1637. Please contact me at my e-mail address: jdilleha@online.com or snail mail.

GERALD W. DILLEHAY , 945 N. Pasadena St. #101, Mesa, Arizona 85201-4315.

POWELL: Will exchange info. about family of JESSE & ELIZABETH (LANCASTER) POWELL. Children: DIX (?), CHRIS CHANEY, JESSE, DEMPSEY WILLIAM, RHODA, JOHN S. & SALLY C. Parents: BARNABAS & VINEY (CHANCEY ?) POWELL. Assoc. surnames: ROBINSON, McNIEL.  
SARA FIREHAMMER , 17108 MAYFAIR COURT, GRANGER, IN 46530-7488.

TENNESSEE RIVER FERRIES: TONY HOLMES, a member of the East Tennessee Historical Society, is writing a book about 1,500 or so early Tennessee River ferries. In the past few years he has documented the state's few remaining ferries and dozens of early Indian ferries. In addition to help in locating former crossings, he welcomes copies of old newspapers' clippings, copies of photographs, and information about ferry owners and operators.  
TONY HOLMES , 1025 Stagecoach Lane, Friendsville, TN 37737.  
Telephone: (423) 995-2880.

BISHOP: Wishing to correspond and share info. with people interested in the BISHOP family of Smith Co., TN.  
GLADYS ANN SEE , 408 South Washington, Kinmundy, IL 62854-2150.

BRADLEY: Am trying to find parents, siblings of BENJAMIN BRADLEY, b. March 22, 1806 in VA; d. August 6, 1839, Brush Creek, Smith Co., TN. Was mar. October 28, 1823 to FRANCES LANCASTER, b. March 20, 1804 VA; d. April 28, 1893, Brush Creek. Believe his parents were WILLIAM BRADLEY & ELIZABETH FLOWERS of Buckingham County, VA. Was this the same ELIZABETH listed on the 1820 Census of Smith Co. as a widow 45 + with 5 boys (10-26) and 1 girl (1-10) and 7 slaves? (#96) Was WILLIAM BRADLEY who d. 1815 with will probated 1820 her husband? Any assistance will be appreciated.

OLETA BRADLEY MORRIS , Route 2, Box 55A, Anna, Texas 75409.

CORNWELL: Seeking name of husband of ELIZABETH CORNWELL. Her husband, Unknown CORNWELL, d. probably between 1834 and 1840. ELIZABETH CORNWELL (maiden name unknown, b. ca. 1796 in NC) appears as head of household on the 1840 and 1850 Censuses Smith Co., TN. Children of ELIZABETH include at least the following: WILLIAM P. CORNWELL, JAMES C. CORNWELL (d. ca. 1853), JINSY (?) A. CORNWELL, ARTEMESIA W. CORNWELL, LEWIS R. CORNWELL (wife, SALLY), LEWELLA CORNWELL (mar. ALLEN MARTIN), and perhaps JOHN T. CORNWELL (wife, MARTHA) and MARY MIRANDA CORNWELL (mar. TILMAN McCORMACK). Any help identifying CORNWELL husband of this ELIZABETH will be greatly appreciated.

BETTY RAVENHOLT , 3156 E. Laurelhurst Drive NE, Seattle, WA 98105; e-mail ravenholt@aol.com

SEARCY: WILLIAM SEARCY was found on 1850 Census mar. to MARY ANN REECE. However, a marriage bond was found in Wake Co., NC for a marriage to BARBARA D. REASE in 1813. There was also a WILLIAM SEARCY in Wilson Co., TN near the same age; therefore, caution must be used when collecting info. on WILLIAM. A WILLIAM SEARCY fought in Blackhawk War & War of 1812. In War of 1812 WILLIAM SEARCY'S war records have been found in TN & NC. 1850 Census lists our WILLIAM'S birthplace as NC ca. 1783. Anyone have info. to share?

CARMELITA WALKER , 5342 Houston Drive, Lakeland, FL 33809.  
Telephone: (941) 858-7047. e-mail WLWMEGAWAT.aol.com

KNIGHT: Need info. on THOMAS L. KNIGHT b. ca. 1790 NC. Listed on 1850 Census Macon Co., TN with 3rd wife, JANE. Lived in Smith Co., TN with 2nd wife, SARAH DILLEHAY. Who was his first wife? Were they parents of DANIEL KNIGHT b. ca. 1812 & JERUSHA KNIGHT b. 18 Apr 1813?

MRS. HOWARD MORRISON , 1038 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-1904. Telephone: (816) 637-3414.

PHILLIPS: Would like to exchange data on family of JAMES PHILLIPS b. ca. 1788 NC; d. Smith Co., TN 1867. JAMES mar. as 2nd wife CHRISTY WEST in 1845. I am descended from dau., MATILDA, b. ca. 1814.

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Do check any information or do any research you can and respond to Tony Holmes' request (Queries, p. 31) for information on TENNESSEE RIVER FERRIES. The old ferries are practically nonexistent and will soon fade into oblivion if not recorded.

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## A. J. SHARENBERGER, JR.

With the passing of A. J. Sharenberger, Jr., on January 31, 1998, the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society lost a valued and loyal member. "Gus," as he was affectionately known to his family and friends, served as society president in 1984 and as treasurer for the past several years until ill health forced his resignation at the end of 1997.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Sharenberger was the son of the late Mary Murphy and Augustine Joseph Sharenberger, Sr. On June 28, 1942, he was married to the former Louise Massey of Smith County. Gus and Louise are the parents of three children: Mary Sharenberger Riggins, Gail Sharenberger Wojciechowski and A. J. Sharenberger, III; they have three grandchildren, David William and Joseph C. Riggins II and Lt. Michael Wojciechowski.

Gus was a graduate of Peabody Demonstration School of Nashville and attended the University of Tennessee where he studied engineering. He retired from the research division of Union Carbide Company, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, in August of 1977. He was a communicant of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church where Catholic Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 3, 1998. Committal services were in Calvary Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

Although a vigilant guardian of Society finances, Gus was the first to advocate expending funds for worthwhile acquisitions for the Smith County Library or to facilitate the task of those working on this publication. Thanks to his insistence, the arduous ritual of tramping "around the dining table" assembling the *Quarterly* was eliminated by the purchase of an efficient new copier and collator. He took great pride in the *Quarterly* and was always there in support of the editor and "publisher."

Gus loved to go "antiquing" with friends and had a wide variety of interests. His turn as program chairman was eagerly anticipated when he delighted society members with an exhibition of one or the other of his treasured collections. He had a special interest in old cameras and a great collection of family heirlooms and artifacts which he generously shared at meetings. As long as health permitted, Gus made his daily rounds about town, visiting and enjoying a cup of coffee with friends, usually ending his morning sojourn with a visit to the library. Witty and quite knowledgeable on many subjects, he was eager to engage in a stimulating conversation or even a friendly argument.

Gus, you will be missed, but we are thankful for having known you and thankful for your many contributions to the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society. Most of all, thank you for being a friend.



THE VIRGINIA ORIGINS  
OF A SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE,  
MCCORMACK FAMILY

Betty Butler Ravenholt

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Thanks to Ms. Anna Dearing of Kentucky (descendant of Heywood McCormack) for generously sharing her collection of transcripts and summaries of Smith County, Tennessee, land transactions and court decrees and to three distant McCormack "cousins" who answered queries I posted on the Internet with very helpful information: Ms. Linda Cunningham of Virginia and Ms. Misty Porterfield of West Virginia (descendants of John W. McCormack), and Ms. Eleanor Bassett of Missouri (descendant of Judith McCormack Hutts).

Special thanks go to Carrie McCormack Butler, my late grandmother, who many years ago sat with me on hot summer evenings in the porch swing and told me stories of "the old folks" and to my aunt Thelma Butler McLin whose previous family information gathering got me started on all this.

Virginia Roots

William McCormack married Judith Wright on January 3, 1791, in Bedford County, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Bedford County is in the southwestern part of the state of Virginia, east of the city of Roanoke and west of Lynchburg. What is now the Blue Ridge Parkway as well as the Appalachian Trail run through the northwestern part of the county. These modern day thoroughfares must parallel to some degree the old trails west to Tennessee; a number of families seem to have come to Smith County and other parts of the Cumberland region by way of this section of Virginia.

Judith Wright was a daughter of Joseph Wright, whose will was signed the 21st day of February, 1815, in Bedford County. In his will, Joseph bequeaths "unto my daughter Judith McCormack; wife of William McCormack, one negro girl named Tabb.... I also give her one seal skin trunk." Further, he gives and bequeaths "to my three oldest sons, Thomas, John and Joseph Wright, and to my five

daughters, Mary Greer, Agnes Mayse, Judith McCormack, Patsy Mayse, and Barsheba Simmons, and to the heirs of my daughter Nancy Meadow, dec'd, one hundred and fifty acres of land in Franklin County whereon my son Joseph Wright now lives, also one hundred and thirty acres adjoining the same, called Ball's place to be equally divided between them." A son "Rite" and another son Matthew Wright, who is named an executor of the will, are also mentioned.<sup>2</sup> Judith's mother is not mentioned in her husband's will; she must, then, have died before him.

It is possible that William McCormack, husband of Judith Wright, was the son of William McCormack who died in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1775. His will, signed on the 31st July, 1775, mentions his wife "Agness" and his children John, David, William, Lucy, Jesse, and Nancy.<sup>3</sup> Since he makes no specific bequests to any of his children and since he names his wife along with William Adams as his sole executors, it may be that his children were quite young (at least under legal age) at the time of his death. [William McCormack, husband of Judith, is reported in the 1810 census of Franklin County, Virginia, as aged 45 and up.<sup>4</sup> He would have been born, if this census report is correct, by 1765.]

William, husband of Agness, began his will by writing, "...I William McCormack late of Buckingham now of Bedford County"; and the Virginia Tithables for Buckingham County, Virginia, for the years 1773 and 1774 show the following McCormack adult males: Hugh, Sheerwood, Thomas, David son of Thomas, and John.<sup>5</sup> [These names correspond, at least in part, with the children of a William McCormick, perhaps born in 1701, husband of Rebecca, whose will is said to have been recorded in Louisa County, Virginia, in 1753. Children named in the will are reported as sons David, William, Thomas, John, Micajah, and Charles and daughters Mary, Nancy, Sarah, and Elizabeth. Births of David, 1724-25, and Mary, 1727, to William McCormick and wife are said to have been recorded in New Kent County, Virginia. The information within these brackets came to me as a copy of a single, untitled page from what may have been a privately published family or county history. I have not yet confirmed the accuracy of this information.]

Marriage records of Bedford County at the end of the eighteenth century/beginning of the nineteenth show the following McCormacks<sup>6</sup>:

January 3, 1791. William and Judith Wright, daughter of Joseph. Micajah McCormack surety.

May 18, 1791. Dennis and Mary Meador, daughter of Jeremiah.

August 1, 1795. Thomas and Nancy Durrett. Anderson McCormack surety.

May 29, 1798. Micajah and Sarah Barker.

September 27, 1804. James and Elizabeth Carner.

May 17, 1808. John son of William and Frankey Carner.  
Abraham Showalter surety.

May 24, 1808. Jesse and Betsey Wheeler.

January 28, 1814. Richard and Unicea Barton.

While William, John, and Jesse are mentioned in the will of William McCormack (husband of Agness) as names of sons, the 17 years' difference between the marriage of William (husband of Judith) and the marriages of John and Jesse, makes the relationship of these three listed above unclear.

In any event, William McCormack and his wife Judith may have moved not too long after their marriage to Franklin County, Virginia, because on April 6, 1795, Armstrong Hale executed a deed to William McCormack for 220 acres in Franklin County, Virginia, "on the head of Maple Branch...on the south side of Early Road near the fork of said Road...."<sup>7</sup> Perhaps the couple was initially drawn to Franklin County by the presence of her brother, Joseph Wright, who lived on land there owned by his father.<sup>8</sup> With the death of Judith's father in 1815, William and Judith inherited a share of additional lands in the county. Franklin County, Virginia, lies southwest of Bedford County. In fact, a line drawn from Buckingham County through Bedford to Franklin County indicates steady southwesterly progress toward western North Carolina and East Tennessee.

William McCormack (aged 45 and up) is listed in the 1810 census of Franklin County as head of a household which contained two males under 10, 1 male 16 to 26, one female under 10, one female 10 to 16, one female 16 to 26, one female 26 to 45, and one female 45 and up.<sup>9</sup> Other households listed in the 1810 census of Franklin County within reasonable proximity of William McCormack include the following: Michael Hutts, William Hutts, Ezeakel(?) Dowdy, Linard Hutts, Anderson McCormack (aged 16 to 26 with two females under 10 and one female 16 to 26), Jesse Meadow, Thomas Wright, Joseph Wright, Henry Woodcock, John Woodcock, Joseph Wright Sr., Wright Wright, William Wright, Hiram Wright, John Wright, George Wright, Enoch Wright, and John Wright Sr.<sup>10</sup> These family names figure prominently in the lives of William and Judith McCormack and later some of their children.

William and Judith McCormack probably had at least the following children: Abraham, Wright, Frances, William, Nancy, Judith, Mary(Polly), and John. They may also have been the parents of Anderson McCormack.

The names of most of these probable children -- with the exception

of Wright and Abraham or Anderson -- can be found in Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1, page 485,<sup>11</sup> as defendants along with their mother Judith in a suit brought by Judith's brother Matthew Wright. Matthew Wright is listed as plaintiff in his capacity as one of the executors of the estate of Joseph Wright. Defendants in this suit are Judith McCormack, John McCormack, Andrew [Anderson or Abraham?] McCormack, Nancy McCormack, Polly [Mary] McCormack, Abraham Showalters and Frances his wife, Michael Hutts and Judith his wife, and John S. Burwell, administrator of William McCormack deceased. It may be assumed from the inclusion in the list of defendants of the name of John S. Burwell, the administrator of William McCormack's estate, that the other defendants are the heirs of William McCormack and are therefore his wife and children.

(A later court action recorded in Bedford County Court Order Book 2, page 12, May 4, 1842,<sup>12</sup> may shed further light on the reason for this litigation. John S. Burwell, sheriff of Franklin County, Virginia, and Gustavus Wingfield and James F. Johnson, administrators, are mentioned in connection with an order to sell lands situated in Franklin County belonging to William McCormack for payment of a debt "owed by the decedent." It may be, then, that William McCormack had borrowed money or purchased land from his father-in-law or his father-in-law's estate.)

The name of Wright McCormack, probably another son of William and Judith McCormack, can be found later as part of another family litigation in Smith County, Tennessee.<sup>13</sup> Abraham McCormack was a part of this same litigation and is also named in a Smith County deed book when he sells land, bounded by land of Judith McCormack, to Mary (McCormack) Woodcock.<sup>14</sup> Anderson McCormack's name has not yet been found in any Smith County, Tennessee, records.

Many of the children of William and Judith McCormack married in Franklin County, Virginia. Abraham McCormack married Judith W. Palmore, September 1825<sup>15</sup>; Wright married Charlotte Payne, May 18, 1819<sup>16</sup>; and Judith married Michael Hutts, August 25, 1817<sup>17</sup> - all in Franklin County. A John W. McCormack married Susannah Dowdy, November 19, 1823 in Franklin County<sup>18</sup>, but whether he or the John McCormack husband of Frankey Carner (see above) is the son of William and Judith is not clear.

A Frances McCormack married Abraham Showalter, January 12, 1802 in Franklin County<sup>19</sup>; and this marriage agrees with the court action cited above which lists Abraham Showalters and his wife Frances as defendants along with Judith McCormack. If this marriage date is correct and has not been transposed by compilers [1802 or 1820?], it would appear that Frances as daughter of William and Judith would have been much too young to have married in 1802 since William and Judith did not themselves marry until 1791. A marriage between a Frances McCormack and Anthony Pate, August 30, 1828, in

Franklin County<sup>20</sup> is more consistent with the marriage dates of the other McCormack siblings. The identity of Frances McCormack married to Abraham Showalter/Showalters requires, therefore, further research.

The 1820 census for Franklin County, Virginia, shows William still living, aged 45 years and up. His household in that year included two males 16 to 26, two females 16 to 26, and one female 45 and up. The family owned four slaves.<sup>21</sup> Other nearby McCormacks are Anderson, aged 26 to 45; Dennis, aged 45 and up; Jeremiah [probably the son of Dennis]<sup>22</sup>, aged 16 to 26; and Wright, aged 26 to 45.<sup>23</sup>

Since an administrator, John S. Burwell sheriff of Franklin County, was named for the estate of William McCormack<sup>24</sup>, it is assumed that William died in Franklin County, Virginia, without a will. Perhaps, then, he had died suddenly, since there was certainly a tradition of will making during previous generations of his family.

#### On to Tennessee

The court actions cited above clearly indicate that William McCormack, husband of Judith, died prior to 1842<sup>25</sup>. It is likely, however, that he died prior to the 1830s because signs of the removal of Judith and at least some of her children from Franklin County, Virginia, to Smith County, Tennessee, appear by 1830.

Family tradition has it that William, son of William and Judith, drove wagons or led parties "west" to Tennessee and beyond.<sup>26</sup> Often-repeated family stories also tell of Mary McCormack, daughter of William and Judith, coming "down the river" or sometimes "in a wagon" from "ole Virginny" to Smith County with her child or children.<sup>27</sup> Perhaps William came first to Tennessee as part of a group of migrating settlers and then returned to Virginia to bring his family west to lands in Smith County.

A William "McOrmac" is listed with five slaves in the 1820 census for Smith County, Tennessee<sup>28</sup>; but it is not likely that this is William, son of William and Judith. The William "McCormick" listed in the 1830 census of Smith County is, however, likely William son of Judith. He is listed as head of a household containing one male under 5 years of age [Tilman, son of Mary?], one male 10-15, one male 20-30 [William?], two females 15-20 [William's wife and Nancy?], one female 20-30 [Mary?], and one female 40-50 [Judith?].<sup>29</sup>

The McCormacks seem to have settled on and around Buffalo Creek. In September 1839, William McCormack and John N. Rhodes of Smith County, Tennessee, deeded 68 1/2 acres to "Judy McCormack."<sup>30</sup> A deed dated January 1, 1840, indicates that Judith McCormack purchased land from Samuel McClellin on Buffalo Creek.<sup>31</sup> Nancy McCormack was one of the two witnesses to this deed. Also on

January 1, 1840, a deed was recorded in which William McCormack transferred 5 acres "on Buffalo Creek" to Andrew McClellan.<sup>32</sup> Deed Book 1, page 170, (November 6, 1848) records a transaction in which Abraham McCormack "of Indiana" sells to Mary Woodcock [Mary McCormack]<sup>33</sup> of Smith County, Tennessee, 68 1/2 acres on Buffalo Creek bounded by land of Judith McCormack.<sup>34</sup>

On the 29th of April, 1846, "a decree was rendered in the Circuit Court of Smith County in favor of Mary Woodcock [Mary McCormack], Abraham McCormack, Norris Rodes[Rhodes] and wife [Nancy McCormack], Michael Hutts & wife [Judith McCormack, daughter of William and Judith], Right [Wright] McCormack against William McCormack, Alfred Cauld & William Craighead for three hundred and seven dollars 0/100 after which decree applies & motion upon & from said Court on 15 January 1847 which on the same day came to the hand of John Bailey, Sheriff of Smith County, and was there livered in all the right title & interest of said William McCormack in and to a tract of land lying in Smith County on the waters of Buffalo Creek containing one hundred & fifty one acres more or less...."<sup>35</sup>

When it came to land and to settling estates among themselves, the McCormacks appear to have been a rather litigious group. Law suits over land and debts to each other occurred through several generations.<sup>36</sup>

#### Later Years

No record has yet been found which indicates the date and place of death of Judith McCormack, wife of William McCormack. A "Judea" McCormack listed as head of a household in the 1840 census of Smith County is too young (30-40 years of age) to be the mother of William, Mary, Nancy, Abraham, Judith, Wright, John, and Frances.<sup>37</sup> It is likely that Judith died during the 1840s since she does not appear as a principal in any McCormack land transactions after that time.

While it seems clear that William, Mary, and Nancy accompanied their mother Judith McCormack to Smith County from Virginia<sup>38</sup>, William appears to have moved on from Smith County during the 1840s.<sup>39</sup> Perhaps his several sales of land in the early 1840s indicate his preparation to move. Family tradition says that he went "west to St. Louis."<sup>40</sup> In any event, he wrote a letter during the Civil War to his sister Mary in which he said that he had three sons and good crops.<sup>41</sup>

Abraham McCormack settled in Indiana. He is described in a land transaction recorded in Smith County in 1848 as Abraham McCormack "of Indiana"<sup>42</sup>; and in the 1850 census of Henry County, Indiana, "Abram" McCormack (52 years of age, born in Virginia) is reported as head of a household in Harrison Township. He is living with his wife "Judy" [Judith Palmore] (aged 42, born in Virginia) and ten

children. Interestingly, four of these children are named Mary, Nancy, William, and "Tilghman."<sup>43</sup> (Tilman was also the name of Abraham's sister Mary McCormack's son). In 1850, Abraham and his family lived within ten households of the John McCormack who married Frankey Carner in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1808.<sup>44</sup> Perhaps these two McCormack families moved together from Virginia to Indiana, since both families were living in Harrison township at the time of the 1840 census as well.<sup>45</sup>

John W. McCormack (who also may be the John son of William and Judith) remained in Virginia and settled in Monroe County which became a part of West Virginia when that state was formed in 1863.<sup>46</sup> His wife Susannah Dowdy McCormack died at Lindside, Monroe County, West Virginia, in 1886.<sup>47</sup>

Michael Hutts and his wife Judith McCormack, daughter of William and Judith McCormack, also settled in Indiana.<sup>48</sup> In 1850, Michael and "Judah" his wife - each reported in the census as 54 years of age and born in Virginia - were living in Jackson Township, Fountain County, Indiana.<sup>49</sup> Nearby lived two sons: Mark O. Hutts (29 years old) and Giles W. Hutts (22 years old). Both these sons were born in Virginia.<sup>50</sup>

Nancy McCormack probably married Norris Rhodes<sup>51</sup> -- perhaps the John N. Rhodes who with William McCormack deeded land to Judith McCormack in 1839.<sup>52</sup> One may assume that she married between 1840 and 1846 since she signed her name Nancy McCormack in 1840<sup>53</sup> and is probably the woman referred to as the wife of Norris "Rodes" in 1846.<sup>54</sup> What became of this couple after 1850 is not yet known.

Mary McCormack, daughter of William and Judith McCormack, is the ancestor of most of the descendants of William and Judith McCormack in Smith County. She came to Smith County with her young son Tilman McCormack, born May 23, 1825, in Virginia.<sup>55</sup> Her only other known child, a daughter Jane McCormack, was born in Tennessee in about 1832.<sup>56</sup> There is no record yet found that Mary McCormack ever married although she used the name Mary Woodcock for some years.<sup>57</sup> For twenty years before the time of her death (January 21, 1882, in Smith County), however, she was again called Mary McCormack.<sup>58</sup>

Jane McCormack, daughter of Mary, was the mother of William Wade and Heywood McCormack.<sup>59</sup> William Wade McCormack (born about 1856) married S.C. Monday in Smith County on October 4, 1877.<sup>60</sup> He was later a principal figure in an intra-family lawsuit apparently over the estate of his grandmother Mary McCormack.<sup>61</sup> Heywood McCormack (born June 1864) married Jennie Witt in Smith County on September 19, 1885.<sup>62</sup> He and his family later moved to Kentucky.<sup>63</sup>

Tilman McCormack, son of Mary, married Mary Marinda Cornwell in Smith County on September 28, 1848.<sup>64</sup> This couple were the parents

of the following thirteen children<sup>65</sup>:

Marshall G. (November 12, 1849)  
 James Howard (March 15, 1851)  
 Mary Judith (June 2, 1852)  
 Nancy Elisbeth (November 13, 1853)  
 Rebecca C. (June 8, 1855)  
 Alfred Charlie (December 5, 1856)  
 Amecia A. (February 9, 1859)  
 Telitha A. (September 17, 1860)  
 George S. (February 19, 1862)  
 John Henry (June 7, 1864)  
 Rufus C. (March 1, 1866)  
 Robert Lee (March 31, 1870)  
 Annie S. (April 11, 1872)

Tilman McCormack died December 15, 1895, in DeFeated, Smith County, Tennessee.<sup>66</sup>

Sufficient evidence appears now to be available to link these Smith County McCormacks with their more immediate Wright and McCormack family ancestors in Bedford and Franklin Counties, Virginia. In time, it should be possible for this family to claim its connections in Virginia - perhaps through Buckingham, Louisa, and New Kent Counties --at least to the beginning of the eighteenth century. Considerable research remains to be done, however, to confirm the early eighteenth century generations of this McCormack family.



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## ENDNOTES

- <sup>1</sup> Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, W.W. Hinshaw, page 954, "Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia"
- <sup>2</sup> Our Kin by M.D.Ackerly and L.E.J. Parker, pages 636-637, "Will of Joseph Wright"
- <sup>3</sup> Bedford County, Virginia, Will Book 1, page 239, will of William McCormack, recorded October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1775
- <sup>4</sup> 1810 census for Franklin County, Virginia, page 342
- <sup>5</sup> Virginia Tithables from Burned Record Counties compiled by Robert F. and Isobel B. Woodson, page 73
- <sup>6</sup> Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, W.W. Hinshaw, page 954, "Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia"
- <sup>7</sup> Abstract of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia, Vol.2, Deed Book 3 (1793-1799) by S.M. Beck as reported by Linda Cunningham
- <sup>8</sup> Our Kin by M.D. Ackerly and L.E.J. Parker, pages 636-637, "Will of Joseph Wright"
- <sup>9</sup> 1810 census for Franklin County, Virginia, page 342
- <sup>10</sup> 1810 census for Franklin County, Virginia, pages 340-343
- <sup>11</sup> Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia, by Robert N. Grant as reported by Linda Cunningham
- <sup>12</sup> Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia, by Robert N. Grant as reported by Linda Cunningham
- <sup>13</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Circuit Court Decree, 29 November 1849
- <sup>14</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 170
- <sup>15</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>16</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>17</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>18</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>19</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>20</sup> Marriage Records: Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, Broderbund CD#4
- <sup>21</sup> 1820 census for Franklin County, Virginia, page 111
- <sup>22</sup> Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, W.W. Hinshaw, page 954, "Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia" [Dennis McCormack married Mary Meador, daughter of Jeremiah, for whom a son of Dennis and Mary was likely named.]
- <sup>23</sup> 1820 census for Franklin County, Virginia, pages 111 and 112

<sup>24</sup> Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1, page 485, as referenced in Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia, by Robert N. Grant, reported by Linda Cunningham

<sup>25</sup> William McCormack is referred to as "the deceased" or "decedent" in Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1, page 485 and Bedford County, Virginia, Court Order Book 2, page 12 (4 May 1842), as referenced in Untangling Some of the Wrights of Bedford County, Virginia, by Robert N. Grant, reported by Linda Cunningham

<sup>26</sup> Carrie McCormack Butler to Betty Butler Ravenholt

<sup>27</sup> Carrie McCormack Butler to Betty Butler Ravenholt; Thelma Butler McLin to Betty Butler Ravenholt

<sup>28</sup> 1820 census for Smith County, Tennessee

<sup>29</sup> 1830 census for Smith County, Tennessee, pages 52 and 53

<sup>30</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book P, page 231

<sup>31</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 169

<sup>32</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book P, page 263

<sup>33</sup> Mary McCormack, daughter of William and Judith McCormack is known as Mary Woodcock in deeds and census records in the 1840s and 1850s. In the census documents of 1850, she is listed as head of household. By the census of 1870, she is again known as Mary "McCormac"; and 1882 death records list her as Mary McCormack.

<sup>34</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 170

<sup>35</sup> Referenced in Smith County Circuit Court Decree, 29 November 1849

<sup>36</sup> See reference to W.W. McCormack below.

<sup>37</sup> 1840 census for Smith County, Tennessee, page 236

<sup>38</sup> William and Nancy McCormack both signed as witnesses to the 1 January 1840 transaction in which Judith McCormack bought land on Buffalo Creek in Smith County from Samuel McClellin. Sale recorded November 1848, Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 169. The name of Mary Woodcock/Mary McCormack is found in many Smith County records as referenced throughout this paper.

<sup>39</sup> No William McCormack (or variant spelling of McCormack) in the relevant age range and born in Virginia appears in the 1840 or 1850 censuses of Smith County.

<sup>40</sup> Carrie McCormack Butler to Betty Butler Ravenholt.

"History of the McCormacks" a letter written by Lucy Dee Evetts, daughter of Robert Lee McCormack

<sup>41</sup> Carrie McCormack Butler to Betty Butler Ravenholt. As a child, Betty Butler Ravenholt saw but did not read these old letters.

"History of the McCormacks" a letter written by Lucy Dee Evetts, daughter of Robert Lee McCormack

<sup>42</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 170

<sup>43</sup> 1850 census for Henry County, Indiana, pages 353 and 354

<sup>44</sup> 1850 census for Henry County, Indiana, page 352

<sup>45</sup> 1840 census for Henry County, Indiana, pages 107 and 106

<sup>46</sup> 1870 census for Monroe County, West Virginia, page 1/41, John

McCormack, mill hand, aged 68, born in Virginia, living with his wife "Susan," aged 64, born in Virginia

<sup>47</sup> Reported by Linda Cunningham and Misty Porterfield

<sup>48</sup> Reported by Eleanor Bassett

<sup>49</sup> 1850 census for Fountain County, Indiana, page 11

<sup>50</sup> 1850 census for Fountain County, Indiana, pages 7 and 11

<sup>51</sup> Reference to "Norris Rodes and wife" in Smith County Circuit Court Decree of 29 November 1849 in which apparent siblings of Mary (McCormack) Woodcock join her in suit against their brother William McCormack et al.

<sup>52</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book P, page 231

<sup>53</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book 1, page 169

<sup>54</sup> Smith County Circuit Court Decree of 29 November 1849

<sup>55</sup> Widow's Indigent Pension #853, filed by Mary M. [Cornwell]

McCormack 16 March 1906, in Smith County, Tennessee.

1880 census for Smith County, Tennessee, District 2, household #137, records T.H. McCormack, aged 55, born in Virginia.

McCormack Family Bible, as reported by Thelma Butler McLin

<sup>56</sup> "History of the McCormacks" a letter written by Lucy Dee Evetts, daughter of Robert Lee McCormack.

1870 census for Smith County, Tennessee, page 21, records Mary "McCormac" household (103/105) which included Jane E., aged 38, born in Tennessee

<sup>57</sup> Mary McCormack, daughter of William and Judith McCormack is known as Mary Woodcock in deeds and census records in the 1840s and 1850s. In the census documents of Smith County for 1850, page 509, Mary Woodcock is listed as head of a household.

<sup>58</sup> 1860 census for Smith County, Tennessee, page 279.

1870 census for Smith County, Tennessee, page 21.

Smith County, Tennessee, Death Records, 1881-1882, Mary

McCormack, #19, died January 21, 1882, ...aged 77 years, ...born in Virginia

<sup>59</sup> 1870 census for Smith County, Tennessee, page 21, records Mary McCormac household (103/105) including Jane E., aged 38, born Tennessee; Wade, aged 14, born Tennessee; and Heywood, aged 7, born Tennessee

<sup>60</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Marriage Book, 1857-1881, page 210

<sup>61</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Minute Books, 1878-1895, page 517

<sup>62</sup> 1900 census for Warren County, Kentucky, ED105, S6

<sup>63</sup> Reported by Anna Dearing.

Confirmed in 1900 census for Warren County, Kentucky, ED105, S6

<sup>64</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Marriage Book, 1848, page 18

<sup>65</sup> McCormack Family Bible as reported by Thelma Butler McLin

<sup>66</sup> Widow's Indigent Pension #853, filed by Mary M. [Cornwell]

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Left: Tilman McCormack, son of Mary McCormack, with his wife, Mary Cornwell McCormack.

Below: John Henry McCormack, son of Tilman and Mary Cornwell McCormack, with his wife, Chalista Cherry McCormack. Carrie McCormack Butler is the baby in her mother's arms.



## SMITH COUNTY DEATH RECORDS - 1915

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Sintha Reece, d. 8 Jan 1915; housekeeper; widow; burial Jackson Co.; informant, Floyd Woodard.

Houston T. Bush, b. 8 Feb 1914, d. 4 Jan 1915, age 11 mo.; father Vite Bush, mother Maud Smith; burial Elmwood.

Jasper Bass, b. 1853, Tn, d. 20 Jan 1915; age 60; carpenter, Bluff Creek; widower; burial Bluff Creek; informant, J. H. Parker.

Eliza Jane Dennis, b. 29 Dec 1898, Tn., d. 28 Jan 1915; age 16; father Harris Davis, mother Jane Baker; burial Wilkerson.

Twins, b. 23 Jan 1915, d. 23 Jan 1915; males; father Jordan Gann, mother Ollie Gibbs; burial Bluff Creek; informant Jordan Gann.

Eustes Allen, b. 13 Feb 1895, d. 22 Jan 1915; age 11; father Robert M. Allen, mother Lucy Eaton; burial Alexandria, Tn; informant, J. M. Jennings.

Josie Millet, b. 31 Dec 1884, Tn, d. 12 Jan 1915; age 30; father J. N. Harold, mother Alice Ligon; burial Bluff Creek; informant, Jacob G. Millet.

Bessie Yeaman, b 27 Mar 1876, Tn, d 31 Dec 1914; age 38; father J. M. Biguor?, b Tn, mother Rivers, b Tn; burial Hickman; informant, L. D. Yeaman.

Millie Shepherd, b Tn, d 7 Jan 1915; age 21; housekeeper; mother Catherine Shepherd, b Tn; burial Jack Brooks Cem.; informant T. L. Shepherd.

Alice Julie Armistead, b 18 Jul 1875, d 31 Jan 1915; telephone operator, Defeated; father Jessie Armistead, b. Tn, mother Louisa Cornwell, b. Tn; burial Kempville; informant F. M. Armistead.

Sadie Boulton, b. 17 Sep 1913, Smith Co., d. 23 Jan 1915; age 1; 14th District; father L. C. Boulton, b. Tn, mother Fanny Gibbs, b Tn; burial Gibbs Graveyard; informant Jim Boulton.

Mary Petty Lynch, b 19 Aug 1868, Smith Co., d 14 Jan 1915; age 46; housewife, 14th District; father Thomas Petty, b Smith Co., mother Leitha Lynch, b Smith Co.; burial 15th District; informant A. J. Petty.

Dora Dillehay, b 3 Jun 1876, Tn, d 25 Feb 1915; age 38; housewife, Monoville; father Nelson Gregory, b Tn, mother Martha Gregory, b Tn; burial Monoville; informant Wade Dillehay.

Nancy Nixon, b 24 Jan 1864, Tn, d 27 Feb 1915; age 51; housewife, Gordonsville; father Robert Cochran, b Tn, mother Fany Heflin, b Tn; burial Heflin Graveyard; informant T. J. Lancaster.

William Wright Massey, b 8 Feb 1835, Tn, d 21 Feb 1915; age 80; farmer, Elmwood; father William Massey, b Tn; burial Elmwood; informant W. H. Massey.

Sadie King Boulton, b 11 Jun 1852, Elmwood, d 19 Feb 1915; age 62; housekeeper, Carthage; father Henderson Petty, b N.C., mother Nancie Grissom, b Chestnut Mound; burial 14th District; informant S. K. Petty.

Mary E. James Baird, b 1 Nov 1850, Tn, d 22 Feb 1915; age 64; housewife, 17th District; father Bethel James, b Tn, mother Martha Ann Paris, b Tn; burial Family Burial Ground; informant Mrs. John Bruce.

Charles Manning, b 23 Mar 1879, Tn, d 25 Feb 1915; age 36; farmer, 18th District; father Isaac Manning, b Tn, mother Mary Webb, b Tn; burial New Middleton.

Joseph N. Henry, b 17 Mar 1849, Putnam Co., TN, d 16 Feb 1915; age 65; farmer, Riddleton; father Elisha Henry, b Tn, mother Whittaker, b Tn; burial Riddleton; Informant Mrs. Jasper Henry.

Martha Ann Hesson, b 8 Oct 1867, TN, d 17 Feb 1915; age 47; housewife, Pleasant Shade; father Elisha B. Sloan, b Tn, mother Elizabeth Goad, b Tn; burial Chas. Sloan; informant Clayton Hesson.

Bessie Virginia Day, b 14 Feb 1892, TN, d 7 Feb 1915; age 22; telephone operator, Carthage; father Thomas Day, b Hartsville, mother Ina McKee, b Carthage; burial Carthage; informant Jennie McKee.

David Gill, b 1 Feb 1915, d 28 Feb 1915; age 28 da; father Elma Gill, b Tn, mother McClanahan, b Tn; burial Grant.

Woodrow Hamilton Kemp, b 28 Aug 1911, d 20 Feb 1915; age 2; father Willie S. Kemp, b Tn, mother Zora T. Craghead, b Tn; burial 5th District; informant Willie Kemp.

Joe N. Kerby, b 20 Oct 1873, Buffalo Creek, d 28 Feb 1915; age 41; salesman, Donoho; father S. C. Kerby, mother Martha Wallace; burial Buffalo Creek; informant D. O. McCormick.

Edna Ann Crook, b 12 Aug 1873, d 5 Feb 1915; age 41; housewife, Brush Creek; father John Atwood, b Brush Creek, mother Amanda Barry, b Wilson Co.; burial Courtney Cemetery; informant Bob Atwood.

Enoch Carter Craig, b 6 May 1849, d 4 Feb 1915; age 65; farmer, District 16; burial Carthage; informant Mrs. E. C. Craig.

Mrs. Charlotte Petros, b Feb 1837, d 3 Feb 1915; age 78; District 20; burial Elmwood, Rt. 1.

Charles Cordell Andrews, b 1 Apr 1906, d 1 Feb 1915; age 8; father John Andrews, b Tn, mother Sallie Robinson; burial Defeated; informant A. J. Powell.

Robert James Nixon, b 8 Nov 1915, d 2 Mar 1915; age 4 mo.; father Finis Nixon, b Tn, mother Eve Willoughby, b Tn; burial near home.

Alice Craghead, b 15 Mar 1854, Tn, d 17 Mar 1915; age 61; farmer, Carthage; father Silas Craghead, b Tn, mother R. Kennedy, b Tn; burial Monoville; informant L. B. Williams.

Tennessee Goad, b 7 Oct 1851, Tn, d 27 Mar 1915; age 63; housewife, District 5; father Peter Hackett, b Va, mother Mary Taylor, b Tn; burial Cornwell Graveyard; informant B. H. Kemp.

James Bush, age 73; burial Chestnut Mound.

Electa Bush, b Smith Co., d 22 Mar 1915; housekeeper, Elmwood; father Prior Grisham, b Smith Co., mother Lydia Russell, b Smith Co.; burial Elmwood; informant Mary Apple.

Amanda Overstreet, b 1839, d 20 Mar 1915; age 76; Elmwood.

Amanda Jared, b Putnam co., Tn, d 30 Mar 1915; age 84; Chestnut Mound; father Isaac Huddleston, b Putnam Co., mother Jane Allison, b Tn; burial Putnam Co.; informant Lizzie Jared.

Robert Manning, b 20 Aug 1877, Tn, d 5 Mar 1915; farmer 17th District; father Isaac Manning, b Tn, mother Mary Webb, b Tn; informant Isaac Manning.

Sarah H. Jointer Swindle, b Aug 1832, d 12 Mar 1915; age 83; housewife, 14th District; widow; burial Carthage Cemetery; informant John Swindle.

Sallie Williamson, b 18 Jan 1861, Tn, d 23 Mar 1915; age 59; housewife, Defeated; father John Robinson, b Tn, mother Martin, b Tn; burial Defeated; informant F. L. Robinson.

J. J. Lister, age 54, b Texas; burial New Macadonia; informant W. S. Bellar.

Mrs. Nannie C. Allen, b 28 Jul 1843, Smith Co., d 11 Apr 1915; age 71; housewife, Dixon Springs; father William S. Alexander, b Smith Co., mother Susan Black, b Smith Co.; burial Dixon Springs; informant S. Bridgewater.

J. W. Lamb, b 3 Apr 1847, Tn, d 5 Apr 1915; age 68; farmer, Lebanon, Rt. 1, Dist. 12; father Jonathan Lamb, b Tn, mother Bettie Norris, b Tn; burial at his home; informant J. C. Lamb

Mrs. Ova Allen Bridges, b 5 Oct 1885, Smith Co., d 26 Apr 1915; age 29; housewife, Brush Creek; father W. P. Allen, b Tn, mother Jannie Beard, b Tn; burial Smith Co.

Gala Ford, b 5 Oct 1899, Tn, d 16 Apr 1915; Brush Creek, District 19; father Joseph Williams, b Tn, mother Sarah Pemberton, b Tn; burial Prosperity; informant Annie Young.

Martha Gibbs, age 65; housewife, Elmwood; father Frank Farmer, b Tn; burial Elmwood; informant Anna Ford.

Mary Jane Denny, d 3 Apr 1915, age 49; father William C. Wade, b Tn, mother Celia Grisham, b Tn; burial Elmwood.

James Marvin Agnew, b 23 May 1842, Rosco Coshocton Co., OH, d 20 Apr 1915; age 72; miller, Gordonsville; father Joah Agnew, b N. Y., mother Sarah Marvin, b Va; burial Gordonsville; informant Sadie M. Agnew.

Goldie Tribble, b 24 Apr 1895, New Middleton, d 24 Apr 1915; age 20; housewife, New Middleton; father Lee Rollins, b New Middleton, mother Lillie Stewart, b Nashville, Tn; burial Family Burial Ground; informant J. N. Bridges.

Grundy Meecham, b Smith Co., d 17 Apr 1915; age 88; wood chopper, District 14; burial County Asylum; informant David Hodges.



Emma Baker, d 26 Apr 1915; age 62; 14th district; burial County Asylum; informant David Hodges.

Newton H. Glover, b 1839, Smith Co., d 4 Apr 1915; age 76; farmer Chestnut Mound; father Lee Glover, b Smith Co., mother Sally Meachuim, b Smith Co.; burial Chestnut Mound; informant Siddie Petty.

Lillard Guy Gentry, b 22 Nov 1914, d 28 Apr 1915; age 1; father James Gentry, b Tn, mother Lettie B. Haynes, b Tn; burial Elmwood; informant E. D. Gross.

George Washington Warmer, b 15 Jul 1855, Ky, d 16 May 1915; Railroad Engineer, Carthage; father James Warmer, b Ky, mother Rebecca Parker, b Ky; burial Carthage; informant Mrs. H. B. Brightwell.

Hariett Nixon, b 18 Apr 1841, Difficult, d 1 May 1915; age 74; housewife, Carthage; father Cartwright, b Tn, mother Henretti Dean, b Tn; burial Turkey Creek; informant John Nixon.

Tennisee F. Kemp, b 4 Mar 1861, Clay Co., Tn, d 4 May 1915; housewife, District 5; father William Green, b Smith Co., mother Bettie Russell, b Smith Co.; burial Greene Graveyard; informant Willard Kemp.

Rosie Harris, b 4 May 1914, d 6 May 1914; Lancaster; father Mark Harris, mother Zadir Bennett; informant Wayne Bennett.

Peter Petross, d 31 May 1915; about 56; hobo, County Asylum; burial Asylum; informant David Hodges.

Eva Coffee, b 1891, Tn, d 28 May 1915; housewife, Gordonsville; father Francis Manners, b Tn,; mother Mollie Jones, b Tn; burial Gordonsville Cemetery.

David Ballard, b Tn, d 15 May 1915; age 54; farm hand, Gordonsville; father Jas. Ballard, b Tn, mother Polly Jones, b Tn; burial Smith Co.; informant Mrs. Polly Hall.

Ebb M. McDonald, b 8 Aug 1840, Tn, d 24 May 1915; age 74; farmer, Gordonsville; father William McDonald, Tn ; accidental head injury.

Kattler R. Richards, b 7 Dec 1856, Tn, d 3 May 1915; housewife, Gordonsville; father James H. Smith, b Tn, mother Harriett J. Tucker, b Tn; burial New Middleton; informant D. T. Smith.

## BETTY LETTERS

The state of the economy, crop and weather conditions, family health and happenings as well as just plain neighborhood gossip are often related in old letters. The correspondence of William R. Betty and his wife, Margaret Cornick Betty of Smith County with her brother, Horatio Cornick, of Princess Anne County, Virginia, is no exception.

William Randolph Betty, 1805-1890, lived in the Gordonsville\Lancaster area. The letters reveal that Margaret died in 1844; William R. married a second time, Mary Holland, 1808-1878. William and his two wives are buried in a family plot adjacent to the Nazarene Church Cemetery about 3/4 miles east of Gordonsville.

The Betty letters are on file in the Virginia State Library, Archives Division, #25293 and were graciously shared for publication in the Society *Quarterly* by Diane Davis Agee, a Betty descendant. The letters are unedited. (Space did not permit the publication of six additional letters contained in the file).

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West Tennessee, June the 23 1830

My Dear Brother

I once more take up my pen to write you a few lines after a long silence. We received your friendly letter and was glad to hear from you all and that you was married. I am in hopes you will live a happy life together and bare each others burdens through this troublesome world. I never hurd of the Death of Brother Thomas until I got your last letter, I should like to know how he left the world, that is if he was willing to die. It grieves me to think I could not be there to mingle my tears with the rest of you over my pore Deceased Brother and his little Orphans, but when you receive this you Receive a part of my tears. I feel satisfied that the little ones will be taken good care of by my Brother. I feel sorry for you to have such a trouble but you must bare it all with patience and do the best you can. You will reap your Reward in a comeing day if Faithful. I must drop the painful subject and give you a short account of our domestick affairs in the first place Mr Betty has a very nice crop of cotton and corn, and in nice order, he only tends half the farm, about seven acres in cotton and the rest in corn and oats. He hired Eliza out he is to get thirty Dollars for her, they all work out but Louiser in a busy time. We hired no person this year. Mr. Betty is trying to make every prepiration to pay for his land. He has sold sixty Dollars worth of corn and has forty or fifty Barrels more to spare if he can get paid for it. you must now receive a little nonsense as it may be told your old Sow has ten beautiful shoats and we have three nice young Calves and the best of all a tollerably

Hardy Family to eat the milk. We have three stands of Bees and eight or ten sheep and I think we can now begin to live if we have good luck, as this will be handed you by Mr. Cowder I shant be so lengthy as I should of been. Tell sister Fanny I should be glad to get a letter from her. I must now come to a close begging that you would Receive my love and good wishes for your self your other self, and a part to shear to the Rest of my Dear Relatives and give my love to all inquiring Friends; tell William James and Lemmuel not to forget that they have an aunt and sister in the west; I would be glad for them to write me. Our little Margaret makes but slow progress in Learning. She is not fond of her books but I keep her to it as much as possible though trouble she is very much mortified because I did not let her write. I told her she must pay good attention for about three weeks to her tables and writing and then her letter would get there time enough for Mr. Crowder to bring her present. Your little Namesake must not be forgot he grows finely and begins to ? a little for us. So saying I bid you farewell my Dear Brother.

Margaret Betty

My Dear Uncle, I have begged leave to Aunt to let me write a few lines in her letter to let you know that I have not forgot how to wright and I intend to send you a letter in about three weeks, by that time I think I shall know my tables perfectly and claim my present.

Margaret Tyree

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Mt. Richardson, Jackson County, Tennessee, June 30, 1835

Mr. Horatio Cornick, Dear Sir, I recd your letter dated 29 Feby 1835 and I am very sorry to hear of your distress in loosing your wife and children. Myself and family is well at this time and William Betty and family was well the last time I heard from them. You wrot to me concerning the Land bought, did it belong to William Tirey heirs; my understanding about it is that it was sold after you left this county and William Betty bought it. This is my understanding about it, at this time Mr. Alfred Mannerson lives in Lancaster that served with me for 20 years and the first time I see him he can tell me all about the land and I will let you know all about it. I am still living at the same plaise that I did when you was in our country and have opened a Tennessee Road from the foot of the Cumberland Mountain to the Cumberland river and have made a good Deal of Mony since I sed you, but I have had some Bad Luck by going Peoples Security and having the Mony to pay for them. Pleas writ to me as soon as you can and let me know how you are at this time. Produse is bringing very fine prices at this time of every Description.

Yours with respect

James McKindley (McKinley?)

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Smith County, Tennessee January 13th 1836

Mr. Horatio Cornick,

It has been so long since I have had a letter from you that I am at a loss what to wright but I can only say our family is well at this time we enjoyed better health last fall than we have for the last three years. We have been subject to the ague and fever, for the last three or four years we had the colerry among us last fall very bad. We expect to move to Waren County next fall. I have bought land in two miles of McMinnville on the main road from McMinnville to Sparta on Collins River. I heard some person say some time ago that James McKinly had recd a letter from you and you wished to know what had become of the land. I was in Banks office yesterday and saw the decree the sale has been closed sometime and the right entirely divested in you; there are some two hundred and odd Dollars coming to you for which I feel under every obligation to pay you when called for; I expect to sell the land before I can pay for the land that I bought in Warren County. I sold it to Thomas Lankester for nine hundred dollars; but when he drew the bond for a ? it was for \$? which I refused to sign and so that broke up the trade; as the right is divested in you I will have to look to you for a deed, for which I feel a delicacy in asking before I have paid for the land; life is uncertain and we live a long ways apart. I will be glad if you will make me a deed and send it on to me as soon as possible as I am laboring under a great disadvantage in the sale of the land. I went yesterday to the Registers office and examined the old deed boundaries which stated it lay on both sides of Smiths Fork, and beginning on a Maple above the first branch below the mouth of Smiths fork runing thence up Cany fork River with its meandering 169 poles to a white walnut and mulberry; thence west 190 poles to an ash; thence south 73 poles to an oak and ironwood; thence west 160 poles to a dogwood; North to the beginning 85 poles; making 230 acres, it being for more or less; McClain wrote to you some two or three years ago about the disposition of your business and I also wrote to you the same. We have but two little Boys, Horatio and Wm Frances McClenahan the youngest going on four years old. When you wright to us please tell me what has become of your old mare and Colt; Also you can wright the deed and go before the proper Court and eknowledge it have it certified send it on to me I can have it registered in this County; we would be glad to see you in this country.

William R. Betty

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Smith County Tenn december 22nd 1836

Mr. Horatio Cornick

Sir I have written to you so often without getting an answer I deem'd all most useless to make the attempt but my nessities drive me to it; I have nothing important from this Country to wright; our family is well at present we had a letter from your niece a few days ago for which we were glad to hear that you were all well; I have wrote to you concerning title of that Land you sold me three or four times and has never received a letter from you yet; it is a matter I feel a delicacy in requesting as am owing you some yet; but I am in hopes there will be no difficulties about that matter I have sold the Land to old Thomas Lancaster and bound myself to make him a deed the 29th of this month; and of course I shall fail, being disappointed in my expectations. I went in debt to the amount that Lancaster was to pay me for the land, for which I shall be put to a great inconvenience as Mr. Lancaster will not like to pay the money before I can make him a deed; the first letter I sent you on the subject I gave you the beginning and distances as soon as you get this letter I want you to wright me immediately, whether you will or will not make me a deed for which I shall feel under Ten thousand obligations.

Wm. R. Betty

Mr Dear Brother,

As Mr. Betty did not fill up his Letter I thought I would write a few lines. Say to my niece I received her Letter which gave me grate satisfaction and will answer it in a few weeks but say to her I wish she would write me often for it is a grate satisfaction to me to get Leters from you all. I am told in my Letters that you have married a gain and have got a fine wife and that she is a professor of Religion and now my Brother - I am in hopes you will get Religion your self for what is all this worth in a dying hour and we all have to go sooner or later - I wish you would come out and bring your wife to see me, give my best love to her and all my friends and alot the same your self, from your sister,

Margaret Betty

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Smith County Tennessee August 2nd 1838

Mr. Horatio Cornick, Sir our family is well at present hoping these few lines may find you enjoying the same. We have an other fine son we call James Keeling. He is about five months old. We yet Have ?? our family has increased to twenty. Times in this county are hard at present. I shall be some what hard run to fall to make payment for my land which is eleven hundred dollars; besides my neighborhood debt. I have on hand about forty four mules, a part of which I intend selling this fall if possible; mules are dear here at present. Crops one month a go was fine generally; but have been seriously ingured by the dry weather and a storm that came with a fine rain yesterday. I have about fifty acres in corn; there is a fine promise for most; but I think that country is in a state of improvement on the subject of farming, is advancing slowly also on the subject of trade there is several

mackadamised roads compleated in this state; there is a road from Nashville to Liberty under contract; there is a charter from Lebanon to Trousdale Ferry the road will not be made, I think ol Thom Lancaster, yet lives in town, owns the biggest part of it, he is seling goods and whiskey he is sick and farming largely; ol Tom Brooks is nothing more than a vagabond he has left Lancaster and gone among the Taylers on Indian Creek. Alexander has never come back it is reported that he is dead his wife lives on Wolf Creek gets along tolerable well.

My Dear Brother, I must say a few things in Mr. Bettys Letter in the first place I say why dont you come out to see us. I dont know anything that would give me more satisfaction and I know you would be pleased to see me so comportly situated for I have never been so well satisfied since I have been in this country. I want to live and die just where I am. We have a fine Neighborhood. Dr. Marten has sold out and gone to the Arkensaw, and Judge Caruthers that married Mr. Allens daughter bought it and carrys on farming. Esqr McClane still lives at the old place and is doing very well, has raised a very Respectable Family his Oldest son John has settled in the Mesura and James in the Mississippi and Alexander in the Arkensaw, he is a Lawyer, and Jane his only daughter just grown up very handsome and has a good many beaus and Lesjy is teaching school in sight of us at this time. He intends being a Doctor has been studing some, old Mr. Decker moved to the Mesura was not pleased, moved back and died the same fall, Brother Bransford moved to Nashville and died last fall, he bought a farm three miles below town, where his Family now lives. My Brother I want you to write me a long letter and tell me all about our relations where they are and what they are doing. I heard from Brother Lemuels son John several times by persons that went from the Neighborhood and saw him say he is doing well. My Brother I have only three children, my Baby has the prettys black eyes and fare skin and I think very handsome but you must come and see; as I am in a hurry I will let Horatio write a line or two who is standing by my side. I hope these lines will find you all well and if I never see any of you again recollect the one thing knedful prepare to meet in a better world from your affectionate Sister Margaret Betty.

Dear Uncle, I write you a line or two by the Request of my mother, who Says I was named after you. I wish I could see you. I am going to School. I can read and write a little and am going to Study geography. In a few days Papy is gong to buy me one ??I will write you how I come on. I am your Nephew, Horatio C. Betty, 1838.

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Tennessee Smith County december 17th 1838

Mr. Horatio Cornick

Sir I wright you a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present and have been all this fall, there has been more illness in this Country this fall than has been for twenty years past. There has been a great many deaths, old man League and many

others; an old man Carlisle and Harrison Gorden. Times are very hard in this county, money is all in the hands of the shavers; I sold twenty seven of my mules which enabled me to pay for my land, the last of twenty one hundred dollars; I have 26 mules on hand yet; if I can ever get out of debt, and get a little money ahead, I could make the mule raising profitable; but buying them on a credit, generally at a high price, makes it not so profitable, tho I have not made one dollar other wise; I intend after this to buy a less number and large ones, and raise them well, and hitch them to a waggon and carry them to mississippi; I am in hopes I shall soon be able to pay you your money. I feel under ten thousand obligations for the long indulgence you have given me. I have seen sights since you were here last as the old saying is; I am getting gray which I alledge to an uneasiness of mind; crops are short, corn one dollar and half per barrel, we have a hard winter so far; Its ben frozen ever since the first of november with the exception of a few days; Your old friend James Crowder came up last somer and got him a wife. She was a Penn, a relation of the Kyles, a very fine girl indeed; Henry McDonald is living in Carthage and practising law and likely to do well, but as vain as ever. Mrs. Allexander has lately mared to Demsey Powell and has moved to murry County; we have know late news from Allexander, your sister received a letter from your niece whch informed us of the death of Andrew Cornick. Tell her that aunt intends answering her letter shortly. We should like to have a letter from you. When you wright direct your letters to Carthage. As your sister intends wrighting shortly I will come to close

Wm. R. Betty

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April the 4th 1844

Mr. H. Cornick, my dear friend I have delayed sometime to wright to you, as the task is one of the most painful that I ever was called on to perform that is the death of your dear sister and my dear companion and friend. She died february the 29th 1844 after a four days illness of the bilious Colick; she suffered the most excrucating pain; not one moment of ease from the time she was taken until she died; we called in a doctor immediatly and also the second but all to no purpose; she died praising that God that redeemed her. She spoke of nothing on this earth but her dear little boys for which she seamed very much concerned, she requested me to take care of them and to bring them up religious. She died surrounded by all her neighbors, and more lamenting I never saw. I dont think she had an enemy in the world, her death is generally lamented far and near. I wish to be remembered to all the relatives; as I am not in a condition to wright I will come to close by promising to wright again shortly. I ever remain your most sincere friend. Gordonsville, April 5th 1844

Wm. R. Betty

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Smith County Tenn february 15 1845

Mr. Cornick, Sir, I received your letter dated december the 22nd. We was glad to hear of the health of your family, our ? present I made my trip to georgia but did not do as well as I expected. Property very low in deed. After returning home and paying out all the money that was presing me at present I procured a check with blance two hundred dollars at 12 percent. I am very sorry that I could not send you all the money that I am owing you. I have ben sinking money for the last few years and it seems all most impossible to extricate myself from debt; but I dont owe enough to hurt me bad; you requested me to say something about Mr. Horn and family, he left this country better than twelve months ago for massippi, I have not heard from him since; he is doing well no doubt. This country a few years ago seemed to be advancing in improvement rapidly, but times are so low they have fell back to the old standard again. Old Thomas Lancaster yet lives and is what we call rich, he owns all the valuable land in that country, no person lives in lancaster but himself and boys. Robert and Jack are dead, died with consumption; the old lady is ded also; the old man wants to mary a young girl; Thom Lancaster and Jessie broke all to smush and gone to arkensaw; when you receive this please wright me and in a way of a receipt for the amount you recd.

Yours respectfully, Wm. R. Betty

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May the 15th 1845, Mr. H. Cornick, Dear Sir I wrote you some time hence and in closed a check of two hundred dollars. As I have never heard from you I am somewhat uneasy. I wish you to wright to me immediately on the subiect. Our family well at present; we have a fine spring, everything looks well. I received a letter from Horn, he lives in arkansas near the western boundary. I also saw Capolingo who lives close to Horn. He says Horn's practicing medicine and doing well. John Trousdale lost his wife a few days since with consumption. He is brok al to pices, 6 years ago he was thought to be worth ten thousand dollars. His father left him everything he had. I am again Mared, I found it impossible for me to keep house in the condition I was left. I mared a widow Martin, the wife of a brother of doctor Martins and the daughter of old doctor Holland's near Lebanon; she is thirty six years old, has one son fifteen years old, he will in a few days go to live with his uncle, doctor Holland in Nashville. When you wright please let me know what has become of William Cornick the doctor and Thomas Cornick, what has become of Lemuel Tyre, whare he lives. Yors respectfully, Wm. R. Betty

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Oct. 22nd, 1855, Cedar Grove, Smith County, Tenn

Dear Uncle, My father requested me to write you a few lines to inform you of William Gordon's death. He removed from Mississippi to this county in '53 and has since died. I



understand he owes you something and you may probably get it now or at least some of it as he has five or six likely negroes. David Hodges is winding up his estate and if you want your dues you had better present your claim soon. We would like to have you come out here but if you cant Andrew McClain a young lawyer son of Wm. McClain, would be a suitable man to attend to this business for you. My father's family is well. I married a Miss Lawrence the very picture of health and beauty in her seventeenth year, nine years younger than myself. Brother William is still with my father yet. James is living with me at the Store. If you can't come out here we would like to have a letter from you soon. My wife joins me in sending our best respects to you and family and says would like to see you all very much.

Yours truly

Horatio Cornick Betty

P.S. My address is Carthage

The livestock firm of Betty, Thomas & Vaden has been recently established at Gordonsville. This firm has done a larger business during the past few months than any other in the county, having shipped some fifteen or twenty cars of stock to southern markets. They have now in their barn some thirty head of mules and one exceptionally fine saddle horse. They paid \$300 for the horse, one of the finest saddlers in the county. They are in the market - they will buy or sell.

*Carthage Courier, Feb. 19, 1914*

**Horses Wanted!**

We want to buy your horses. We want good horses. We will buy horses not so good. We want some old time saddle horses. We will pay you what your horse is worth. If you are in the market call or telephone us. We want a chance to buy your stock.

**Betty, Thomas & Vaden,**  
 BOTH TELEPHONES  
 GORDONSVILLE TENNESSEE

## SMITH COUNTY CEMETERIES

As indicated by the enclosed brochure in this issue of the Quarterly, Smith County, Tennessee cemetery records have been reprinted. Due to the prohibitive cost of editing and/or additions no corrections were made to the reprints. Those cemeteries that were discovered after publication of the books are listed as follows:

### ROLLINS CEMETERY

Located east side of Hwy 53 (Brush Creek Road) 1/4 mile off interstate on hill behind green barn

Cheatham Rollins June 27, 1888 - Oct 20, 1918  
 J. H. Rollins Nov 26, 1875 - Sept 9, 1900 }  
 Ammon Rollins Oct 9, 1887 - Mar 17, 1906 }  
 Agnes Rollins Mar 16, 1858 - -- }

### DOWELL CEMETERY

Located on "Dowell Mountain" off Hwy 53 near intersection of Dry Fork Road.  
 Willard Dew Woodard Feb 22, 1916 - Jul 12, 19--  
 Grover Denney 25 Jan 1895 - 15 Feb 1909  
 Virgie Lee Denney 22 Aug 1902 - 13 Oct 1918  
 Elizabeth Waggoner, W/O Brown Denney 26 Aug 1846 - 9 Sep 1898  
 Brown Denney 19 Sep 1839 - 17 Feb 1922  
 Martha Ann Denney 25 Jun 1865 - 17 Feb 1922

### KELLEY CEMETERY

Located on south side Smith Fork Creek near Lancaster on Ralph Williams farm.  
 Lassie J. Williams, D/O W. T. & Mandy Williams (no dates)  
 Sarah Kelley d. Aug 26, 1910  
 J. J. Kelley Oct 2, 1855 - no death date }  
 Lucy Jane Kelley Jun 10, 1862 - Jan 10, 1916 }

### BENNETT CEMETERY

Hwy 70 east of Chestnut Mound between Church of God and Pentacostal Church, 200 yards off road on left traveling east.  
 Bobbie Bennett 1895 - 1932 Bat. A 317th Field Art.  
 Virgie R. Dillard Sept 5, 1897 - Apr 1997  
 Three unmarked graves, Woods Family

## LAMB - NORRIS CEMETERY

Located between Hiwassee Road and Sparmine Road at the head of White Branch on the J. E. Mitchell farm.

John B. Norris Oct 11, 1811 - Apr 23, 1883, 71 yrs, 6 mos, 12 d

Margaret B. Norris Apr 22, 1822 - Aug 11, 1849 27 yrs, 3 mo, 9 d

Walter T. Norris Apr 21, 1874 - Apr 9, 1875, son of A. D. & S.M. Norris

An infant son & daughter of A. D. & S.M. Norris

John W. Lamb Apr 3, 1847 - Apr 5, 1915

Mary J. Lamb Aug 28, 1857 - Jan 30, 1920

Nannie B. Lamb Jan 12, 1845 - Jan 8, 18--

Ten or twelve graves marked with field stones

## SOME OLD FOLKS

An article entitled "Some Old Folks 70 and Above/80 and Over" was published in the Smith County Record, March 15/March 28, 1888. Most of those listed have no record of a death date, but, considering their ages, a reasonable assumption would be that most died within a few years of this record.

<i>T. J. B. Farrell, 74</i>	<i>Ed Harrison, 70</i>	<i>Mrs. David</i>	<i>Old Mrs. Apple, 80</i>
<i>Martha Vaden, 74</i>	<i>J. C. Sanders, 76</i>	<i>Bradford, 92</i>	<i>A. W. Allen, 72</i>
<i>Lydia High, 74</i>	<i>James Womack, 80</i>	<i>J. R. Smith, 84</i>	<i>R. W. Knight, 77</i>
<i>Catherine Lee, 72</i>	<i>C. C. White, 80</i>	<i>Martha Rollins, 80</i>	<i>Mrs. R. W. Knight,</i>
<i>Wash Meachum, 74</i>	<i>B. S. Cardwell, 80</i>	<i>Mrs. James Barrett,</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Jeff Cardwell, 78</i>	<i>Lawrence Tarver,</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>O. P. Apple, 75</i>
<i>J. P. Ligon, 74</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Tolliver Turner, 89</i>	<i>Warren Nichols, 73</i>
<i>Alfred Betty, 78</i>	<i>Martha Apple, 88</i>	<i>Thos. Kitchens, 80</i>	<i>Ms Nan Miller, 77</i>
<i>Sallie Beasley, 78</i>	<i>Polly Draper, 81</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Eliz. Duffey, 78</i>
<i>David Fry, 75</i>	<i>Joanna Beasley, 83</i>	<i>McClanahan, 85</i>	<i>Sallie Nixon, 74</i>
<i>Wm. Agee, 76</i>	<i>Jordan Kilzer, 82</i>	<i>M/O H. B. Bales,</i>	<i>Amanda Read, 75</i>
<i>Mrs. Jere Hubbard,</i>	<i>Marmaduke Mason,</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>R. J. Brimm, Sr., 72</i>
<i>75</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Thos. D. Price, 80</i>	<i>John B. Nichols, 74</i>
<i>Judge Whitley, 78</i>	<i>Abell Smith, 84</i>	<i>Samuel Fitzpatrick,</i>	<i>Old Mr. Ingram, 74</i>
<i>Lemmuel Barrett,</i>	<i>Benj. Lipscomb, 85</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>Dilly Gregory, 94</i>
<i>75</i>	<i>Jacob Waggoner,</i>	<i>Robert Bowman, 93</i>	<i>Judith Davis, 81</i>
<i>M/O Wyatt Denney,</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>Wesley Carlisle, 82</i>	<i>Jack Ricks, 85</i>
<i>76</i>	<i>Horace Oliver, 87</i>	<i>J. P. McDonald, 87</i>	<i>Thos. Miller, 72</i>
<i>Wm. Price, 74</i>	<i>Sam Oakley, 87</i>	<i>John Chambers, 86</i>	<i>Dr. J. S. Bradley,</i>
<i>Richard Price, 73</i>	<i>Wm. Betty, 80</i>	<i>Mrs. Marinda</i>	<i>84</i>
<i>R. H. Cate, 74</i>	<i>Mitchel Perry, 82</i>	<i>Piper, 83</i>	<i>T. T. Stovell, 71</i>
		<i>D. P. Hodges, 82</i>	<i>C. C. Ford, 74</i>

SMITH COUNTY HISTORY  
Some Account of the People of Smith from  
The First Organization of the County

Dr. J. W. Bowen

Chapter XX.

In regard to the first settlement on Hogan's Creek and the origin of its name, the following letter gives such a succinct but clear account, that no apology is needed for inserting it here. It is taken from the *Carthage Mirror* to which it was communicated at the request of this writer, and is entitled, "Hogan's Creek, Its Early Settlement." Arthur S. Hogan, James Hodges, Thomas Hale, Ward Wooten, A. Moore, W. Lane and others, immigrated from North Carolina to this section, then called Cumberland, in 1796. They stopped and raised a crop on White's Creek in Davidson County, near Nashville. After harvesting their crop the entire party started out in search of a large tract of land which had been granted to Col. Sam Hogan for military services in the Revolutionary War by the State of North Carolina, and which he upon his death had given to his nephews, Arthur S. Hogan being one of them. The party followed the windings of the Cumberland River, and after several days travel reached the mouth of a little creek on the opposite bank from where Carthage was afterward located, and where they found the lands they were seeking. The stream was called Hogan's Creek in honor of Col. Hogan whose large military grant included its entire extent from its source to its mouth.

Arthur S. Hogan and James Hodges settled on the north bank of this creek near its mouth, while the remainder of the party located around at other points. These pioneers to what was a wild unbroken wilderness, had to endure all the hardships of a new country. They had to pack all their corn on horseback from White's Creek, a distance of sixty miles, and then in order to have bread, grind it on a hand mill or pestle it in a wooden mortar. In the meantime while their scanty supply of bread thus obtained was being consumed they made small clearings for corn patches which furnished roasting ears upon which they lived, till the corn became hard enough to make hominy and meal.

In the fall they learned that John Stump of Nashville had, during the summer, erected a mill on Smith Fork Creek, near the place afterwards called Lancaster, a distance of some twelve or fifteen miles from them. There was no road nor even a pathway, between these settlers and this mill, but instead an unbroken forest of timber, and a continuous dense cane thicket. But bread was a necessity and they must have it. They therefore formed a party to open a bridle way to the mill, and upon an appointed day commenced the work. The first day put them across Mulherrin Creek to about where Gordonsville now is, about half way to the mill. At this point they killed a bear which furnished them meat for supper and breakfast. Next morning they hung their bear up in a sapling till they should return, which they did the second evening after, and camped at the same place, having now bread

as well as bear meat. The next morning after breakfast they cut and divided the bear, and each made his way safe home. For salt they had to go a distance of nearly one hundred miles to a military station in Kentucky, and pay five dollars per bushel for it and then pack it home on horseback. I had this information from my father, Richard Hodges, and my uncle, Thomas Hale. D. P. Hodges.

Mr. Hogan settled on the large tract of land mentioned in the letter above, having married a daughter of Col. William Walton. Like all the large military grants, when the Hogan tract came to be surveyed according to the calls of the original location, it was larger than those calls and proved to have about fourteen thousand acres within its boundaries. It not only included Hogan's Creek with all its tributaries, but took in a large portion of Mulherrin. Its east boundary line running south from its beginning to the north of Caney Fork, crossed that stream near its mouth and recrossed it after running west several miles above. This body of land is hilly, but none is richer. It was sold by its owners to immigrants in small parcels of from one to two and three hundred acres, not often in larger tracts than this. It is now thickly populated, and in a fair state of improvement. Like all the lands in the county they are especially adapted to stock. There is not a hill in it that could not in five years, with proper management, be made beautiful and profitable by being sowed in blue grass, orchard grass and kindred perennial grasses. Among early purchasers of these lands, settlers upon them were Thomas Crutchfield and George Baker. The lands purchased by the first name are still in possession of his descendants; a son having the same name still occupies the paternal homestead. Three sons of Baker still live in the county. Earlier than these was Exum Whitley who came about 1805. He was in the employment of Hogan as overseer for several years. He bought two hundred acres of land from him on Mulherrin Creek at two dollars per acre. He settled on it and lived there for the remainder of his life. He was the father of the late Hon. W. B. Whitley and of several other sons and daughters. Mrs. Serena Mason is the only survivor of his children.

Among the very earliest settlers on Hogan's Creek the longest survivors were perhaps Thomas Hale and Richard Hodges. Within the easy recollection of many of the older people now living is the memory of the familiar presence of these two men at Carthage on all public days. They lived to be old men and left the rich legacy of having lives of piety, honesty and good citizenship. One son survives Mr. Hodges, D. P. Hodges, who lives at or near his parental home. So far as this writer knows no child survives Mr. Hale, but both have grand children and great grand children among the respectable residents of the county. It is a tradition and the writer supposes it to be true, that Richard Hodges and his wife whose maiden name was Risen, were the first couple ever married in Carthage. Among others who were early settlers on the Hogan lands and waters of Hogan's Creek, in addition to those already mentioned were Reeveses, Olivers, Wilkersons, Allens, Williamses, Glasses, Dawsons, Heelys, Ballengers, Douglasses, Stallings, Tyrees, Wagoners, Robertsons. If all these were not pioneers of that section, or descendants of pioneers, they and their ancestors were the immediate successors to the

first settlers. No doubt there were others equally worthy of mention, but this writer has failed to obtain their names.

Although Indian hostilities, to the frequent attacks of which the pioneer settlers in the Cumberland Valley had been exposed, had almost entirely ceased before the settlement in the territory that became Smith began, yet there are traditions of a few instances of their manifestations. One of these was the case of John Barclay who settled on the north side of Cumberland River below Carthage opposite an island that is still called by his name. (Called Bartlett's Bar). There he built his cabin and secured a patch for corn, in which, accompanied by his little son, he was gathering roasting ears one Sunday morning, when he was fired on by Indians from ambush. The son was killed and he was wounded, but made his escape and lived to raise a large family. Col. John Anderson of Nashville is said to be his grandson. The Indians took the scalp of the little boy. About the same date one of a family of Congers who settled on the Caney Fork a short distance below the mouth of Smith Fork, was killed by Indians. Also not far from the same time, one of the Lancasters near the locality just mentioned, being alone was shot and scalped by Indians. He was found next day by his brethren and brought in. In time, but after long confinement, he recovered. All these three incidences occurred near the close of the last century, perhaps about 1797 or 1798.

There is a statement by Ramsey, in his *Annals of Tennessee*, to the effect that James Randal, Robertson Grimes and John Grimes, while trapping on the Caney Fork were killed by Indians, on the first of December 1793. Where on the Caney Fork did this event occur? Tradition from the earliest times, locates the killing of three men by Indians near the mouth of Bluff Creek, four miles south of Carthage, and by its meandering eight miles from the mouth of Caney Fork. Fifty-eight years ago the first time the writer passed that point, it was shown by a stranger to him, but at that time a citizen of the county, beside the road which ran close along the edge of the river bluff, what seemed to be signs of three graves, which he said were understood to be the graves of three men killed by the Indians in a fight there. This stranger and himself had fallen in company with each other a short while before reaching that point, and separated soon after passing it. The writer has no possible recollection that they have ever met since. Is this the point where the men mentioned by the historian were killed? Were the graves the writer saw there more than half a century ago, theirs?

In mentioning names of early settlers in the region of Hogan's Creek, and on the Hogan lands, it should have been added that William Lane, mentioned by Mr. Hodges, was a school teacher, and in that occupation succeeded a man named Pison who was perhaps the first teacher in that section. He had three sons, David, William and Henry. They emigrated to Texas long years ago.

## **THE WILSONS - ROME-ROCK CITY**

*In the Rome-Rock City community there is a family cemetery officially known as the Roe Cemetery. Its name came from the fact that its earliest occupant was John Roe, Sr., a soldier in the American Revolution, who died in 1847 in his ninety-eighth year, reportedly of a spider or wasp sting. The Roe family lived in the same area very near to the Cumberland river, having moved there early in the nineteenth century. John Roe's son, John, Jr. (also buried there) had seven children who survived to adulthood. One of them, Harriet Roe, married Willis Wilson and her sister married his brother, Josh Wilson. These brothers came from a family which had immigrated from North Carolina.*

*Harriet and Willis Wilson had several children, but only two, John Burr Wilson and Nancy Jane Wilson (who married George Williams) lived to adulthood. Two little girls died in childhood in two separate fires, one while her father was burning off a field of grass and the other in a house fire at the home of her uncle Josh Wilson.*

*On October 31, 1876 John Burr Wilson married Elenora Kelly of Granville and they spent virtually all of their married life on the farm which she named "Cheery Heights," located on Plunkett's Creek near the mineral well. John Burr Wilson was a farmer and stock trader. According to his wife's diary he also butchered animals and sold the meat locally. The family was active in the old Mt. Olivet church and in the community. A daily record of their lives at Cheery Heights still exists in Elenora Wilson's diaries which were kept from 1871 until her death in 1909. There are, however, a few of the annual volumes which are missing.*

*Eight children were born to this family, two dying in childhood. All of these spent much of their adult lives in Smith County or nearby in Wilson County:*

*Kelly Johnson Wilson was born in 1877. He married Lorena Ford of Elmwood, a school teacher, and they had four children, two of whom died in infancy. The two surviving sons were John Ford Wilson of*

*Chattanooga (now deceased) and Kelly J. Wilson, who became a Methodist minister and now lives in Durham, NC. Kelly, Sr. and his wife, Lorena lived in Carthage where he had an insurance business. He died in 1949.*

*Fred Taylor Wilson was born in 1881, graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University and became a lawyer after he married Irene Davis of Nashville and moved to Houston, TX. After some years in Texas he was divorced and returned to Tennessee where he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Dan Seay, at Seayland Farm near the Wilson County-Smith County line. Fred Wilson had one son, Talbot, who became an architect and was one of the designers of the Houston Astrodome. He is now deceased also. Fred Wilson, also buried in Roe Cemetery, published a number of books (PEN PICTURES OF THE PRESIDENTS, THESE THREE ALONE and other popular historical books) and made his living in later life as a lecturer.*

*Jesse Edmond Wilson was born in 1883. He married Ivie Minton of Mayfield, KY and lived from 1910 until 1939 in Gordonsville where he first operated a livery stable and later became a pharmacist. In 1939 he moved to Donelson where he established a well known business and was active in the Methodist church and Masonic Lodge until his death in 1969. He had two children, Eleanora Kelly Wilson (married Charles I. Davis) and John Edmond Wilson (married Betty Phillips of Charlotte, TN). Both of these children spent many years of their lives in Smith County and both died in November, 1995.*

*Wilsye Armistead Wilson, the first daughter of Elenora Kelly and John Burr Wilson, was born in 1886. She was attending Ward Seminary in Nashville when her mother, who had long had tuberculosis, became unable to attend to the family household and Wilsye came home. She lived at Cheery Heights farm until her marriage a few years later to Daniel E. Seay, a prosperous farmer from near Grant. Mr. Seay and Wilsye Wilson Seay had five children who survived to adulthood. Dan Seay, Jr. was a lawyer and later a judge in Wilson County. Twin girls, Elenora Kelly and Ann Knight, are still living (Ann in Coral Gables, Fla. and Elenora in Chattanooga. Frances lives in Chattanooga and Nancy, the youngest in Dallas Texas.*

*Thayer Smith Wilson was born in 1893. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Medical School, becoming a doctor*



*in 1920. He married Louise Johnston of Rome, GA the following year and moved to Gordonsville where his father and brother Jesse were living. He practiced medicine in Smith County for 52 years with an office first at Gordonsville and after 1945 at Carthage. He had one child, Mary Thayer Wilson (now Beach) who lives in Clarksville. Dr. Wilson died in 1974 and is buried in Roe Cemetery.*

*Frances Ophelia Wilson was born in 1897. She never married and for many years lived with her sister's family at Seayland Farm near Grant. Eventually she moved to Nashville where she worked for many years as a legal secretary. She died in 1989.*

*It is a sad circumstance that not one of the descendants of John Burr Wilson and Elenora Kelly Wilson lives in Smith County today.*

*Thayer Wilson Beach*

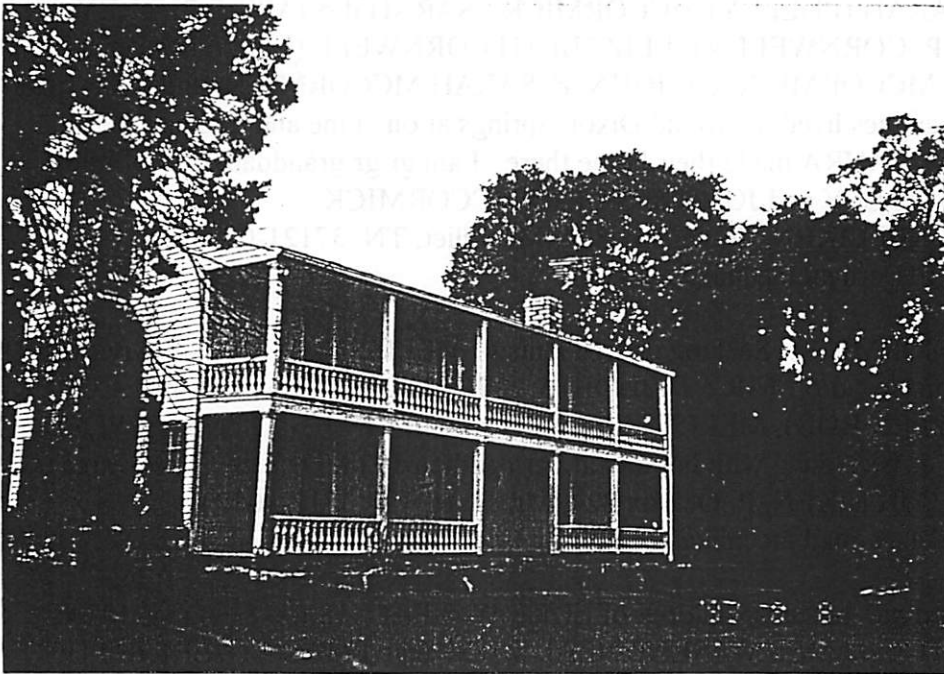


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CHEERY HEIGHTS

### QUERIES

REEVES: Need any info on ROBERT HATTON REEVES, his parents and/or sibs. He was born 11/63 Dekalb Co., died 1941, mar. ELIZA COTHRON.

DIANA TOMBAUGH, 1300 Sherwood Dr, Concord, CA 94521.

GREGORY: Need info on GION "GUY" GREGORY. Conflicting info on he and possible brother, JOHN GREGORY. Both supposed to be sons of AMBROSE GREGORY, 1792 -1827.

DIANA TOMBAUGH, 1300 Sherwood Dr., Concord, CA 94521.

BROCKETT: A few copies of *The Descendants of William E. Brockett, Sr., 1748-1821*, for sale, \$115.00 per 2 vol. set, includes P & H, 1200 pages plus 100 pages pictures and stories. There will only be updates, no reprints.

VIOLET E. POLAND, 14222 Antelope Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-5614.

e-mail w8fwf@trepnet.net.

CORNWELL/MCCORMICK/PULLEY: MARY M. (POLLY) CORNWELL b 1827, believed to be d/o ELIZABETH CORNWELL, mar TILMAN H. MCCORMICK, s/o MARY P. MCCORMICK. Their dau MARY JUDITH mar JOHN E. MCCORMICK s/o JOHN & SARAH (PULLEY) MCCORMICK. SARAH d/o JAMES PULLEY of NC. WILLIAM P. CORNWELL s/o ELIZABETH CORNWELL (bro. to MARY M.) mar LAURA D. MCCORMICK, d/o JOHN & SARAH MCCORMICK, and older sister to JOHN E. Families lived in/around Dixon Springs at one time and it is believed that WILLIAM & LAURA made their home there. I am gr gr granddaughter of both TILMAN & POLLY and JOHN & SARAH MCCORMICK.

MELBA M. MILLIKEN, P. O. Box 824, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121-0824.

615-758-7914. e-mail mccmil@aol.com.

WEST/MCCORMICK: Seeking descendants of MELISSIA A. MCCORMICK, b 1898 Smith/Macon Co., d/o MARY J. (JUDE) & JOHN E. MCCORMICK, mar ROBERT M. WEST (PEPPER BOB); MELISSIA had a borther, JOHN E. (JOHNNY) WEST, b 1900-02. MARY J. was living with her dau at her death in 1938, Defeated Creek area.

MELBA M. MILLIKEN, P. O. Box 824, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121-0824

615-758-7914. e-mail mccmil@aol.com.

NEAL: Need parents/sibs, children of LUKE W. NEAL (1808-1839) mar 1828 SUSANNAH ?; JAMES WESLEY NEAL b 1830 mar 1849 KATHERINE PUGH.

M. JANE WHITE PRICE, P. O. Box 106, Webb City, MO 64870-0106.

WHITE/NEAL/PUGH/HATHAWAY/ADAMSON/MATHENY/HOPKINS/GILLEN-TINE/STITES: Seek any info on the foregoing families of the Smith/Dekalb/White Co. areas.

M. JANE WHITE PRICE, P. O. Box 106, Webb City, MO 64870-0106.

MINTON: SIMON MINTON b 1765 VA; d 1840 Smith Co., TN, mar SARAH POLLY ROACH b ?, d?, where? WILLIAM GREEN HUGH MINTON b 1825, where? d 1883, mar ELIZABETH E. HARPER (1819-1861). WILLIAM G. H. MINTON, s/o SIMON MINTON, had sibs MARY A., JOHN b 1793, JOSEPH b 1796, THOMAS HENRY b 1795-1805 mar DELIA WINFREY, MAHALIA MINTON b 1834? JOHN WILLIAM MINTON, s/o WILLIAM G. H. MINTON b 1856 in Smith Co. across from Sampson's Mineral Well on Hwy 70. Moved to Graves Co., Ky, when? Sibs of JOHN WILLIAM, ELIZA JANE b 1850, EMILY J. (or EMILY HEIGH) b 1857, JAMES THOMAS b 1852, JOSEPH H. b 1859. Seeking info on this family, esp. parents of SIMON & POLLY MINTON.

DAVID LOYD MINTON, 1421 W. Dogwood, Lovington, NM 88260.  
e-mail: woldoni@friendly.carlsbadnm.com.

FARMER/MOSS: Seeking graves of LITTLEBERRY FARMER and wife, MARY LIGON FARMER and STEPHEN FARMER, d Smith Co. 1815. Where is grave of JAMES W. MOSS b 1816 d 16 Jan 1865, Smith Co., killed by Union soldiers while standing in his front yard, mar MARY BEARD (BAIRD) d 1885, Smith Co. Who were her parents?

JOHN G. FARMER, 10059 Lake Highlands Pl, Dallas, TX 75218-2285

SEWELL/WILMOTH/CAPSHAW: 1850 Dekalb Co. Census. DANIEL SEWELL b 1792 NC, widower with family of 10 and JOSIAH WILMOTH - who is WILMOTH? A step-son? Did PHALBRY CAPSHAW marry a WILMOTH and then marry DANIEL SEWELL? Who are parents of DANIEL, of PHALBRY? Welcome correspondence.  
JORENE WASHER PARSLEY, 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd, Smithville, TN 37166

JOHNSON/WARFORD/BARTLEY: 1850 Dekalb Co., TN Census, JANE JOHNSON b 1800 KY, sons JOHN, DAVID, ISAAC b in TN. Did she have other children? Was her husband JOHN? Was she d/o JOHN WARFORD and MARY BARTLEY of Rowan Co., NC? Will gladly exchange information.

JORENE WASHER PARSELY, 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd, Smithville, TN 37166.

MCCORMICK: Would love to correspond with someone on the PHEBE MCCORMICK line, b 1790, NC.

JORENE WASHERE PARSLEY, 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd, Smithville, TN 37166.

YEARGIN: 1860 Dekalb Co., TN Census, DOBSON YEARGIN 57, b NC; EMILY 52, b TN. Who were their parents?

JORENE WASHER PARSELY, 1605 Old Blue Springs Rd, Smithville, TN 37166.

CARR (KERR): Seeking parents of HENRY M. CARR (KERR), 1785-1841, mar 1809 NAOMI JARED. HENRY lived in Putnam County, Rock Springs/Buffalo Valley area. MIRIAM GWALTNEY, 210 Brandywine Dr. Old Hickory, TN 37138.

SHOEMAKE/HUBBARD: One of my Smith County ancestors was JUDAH HUBBARD SHOEMAKE who inherited property in Smith Co. along with her sister and brother. The following is from a deed abstract book: "PATRICK HUBBARD and JUDAS HUBBARD, now JUDAS SHOEMAKE and her husband, MICHAEL SHOEMAKE, FRANCES HUBBARD, now FRANCES DILLARD and her husband, JOSEPH DILLARD, to JOHN MAGGART, a tract of land on the Cumberland River. 8 Oct 1838." Who was the father of PATRICK, JUDAH and FRANCES HUBBARD? ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

SHOEMAKE: My great grandmother was SARAH BELL SHOEMAKE. Some of the Smith Co. TN families in her line were HUBBARD, MCKINNEY, SULLIVAN. I would like to exchange info on any of these families.

ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

GLOVER/BROOKS: SAMUEL NARD ROBINSON mar DICIE? before 1814, prob in Sm Co., TN DICIE is on the census as having been born in VA. I have been told that her maiden name is either GLOVER or BROOKS. Does any one have any info on DICIE? ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

MCKINNIS: Researching GEORGE A. MCKINNIS, b 1846; DAVID MCKINNIS, b 1815; ALEXANDER & DELANA MCKINNIS, d 1839/1840 - 1860, respectively. HAZYL ANDRUS, 8239 N Farm 181 Rd, Springfield, MO 65803.

MASSEY/ANDERSON: Would like information on SIMS MASSEY b 1780-90 place unknown, was in Smith Co. by 1810. He had land on the east side of the Caney Fork River. SIMS MASSEY m c1810 SARAH ANDERSON also of Smith Co. Any help on either family appreciated.

ROBERT G. MASSEY, 909 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.  
HFGV7A@Prodigy.com

CONGER/YOUNG: Need clarifying information about the marriage of JOSIAH C. "JOE" CONGER to ARABELLA N. "BELLE" YOUNG. Married in Smith County, TN. Were they married on 28 September 1865 or 21 September 1864?

MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391.  
E-Mail: OnRdAgain@aol.com

PIGG: Need information about the birth date of GINCY W. PIGG, b before 1818 in Smith County, TN, the daughter of JOHN and MARY "POLLY" PIGG.  
MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391.  
E-Mail: OnRdAgain@aol.com

CONGER/PIGG: Need information about marriage of GINCY W. PIGG, born before 1818 in Smith Co. TN to JOHN CONGER, b 9 June 1798 in Rowan Co., NC, d 1843 in Smith Co., TN. Children: JOSHUA, ISABELLE, ELISHA, JOHN P., LUCINDU, NATHANIEL, LEMUEL, MARY JANE, WILLIAM D., MILES D., ISAAC R., JOSIAH C. MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391. E-Mail: OnRdAgain@aol.com

PIGG: Need maiden name and parents of MARY "POLLY" born about 1802, wife of JOHN PIGG, born about 1791 in Virginia.  
MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391.  
E-Mail: OnRdAgain@aol.com

PIGG: Need information about marriage of JOHN PIGG born about 1791 in Virginia to MARY "POLLY" \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1802. Children: JOHN, GEORGE, LISETTE, ELIZABETH, JEAN, FRANCES, JULIA, GINCEY W., "JONCA," and PELINA.  
MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391.

PIGG: Need information about JOHN PIGG who married MARY "POLLY" \_\_\_\_\_. As of 18 September 1809, JOHN PIGG owned land on Smith's Fork of Caney Fork, beginning at an ash on the west side of the fork on WILLIAM LANCASTER'S west boundary line.  
MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391.  
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CARVER/DYCUS: JOHN CARVER was b ca 1778, Caswell Co., NC, d ca 1853 Smith Co., marr MARGARET (POLLY) DYCUS, B CA 1778, NC, d Smith Co., TN. JOHN a son of THOMAS and CLARA??? CARVER. Their children were: CORNELIUS, b 1795, NC, d 1867, Macon Co., TN, marr NAOMI RAY, b 1796, d 1848; PATSY, b 1797, NC, marr ALEXANDER WAKEFIELD; EDWARD "NED" b 1798, marr BETSEY WOOD; WINNIE NEOMA, b 18 Nov 1799, Rutherford Co., NC, d 13 Jun 1888, Macon Co., TN, marr WILLIAM EDWARD DYCUS, b 1799, NC, d 1870, Macon Co., TN; SAMUEL, 1802, NC, d 1844, Wilson Co., TN, marr ELIZABETH WOOD b Monroe Co., KY; JOHN, JR., b 1803, NC, d ??, marr MARTHA J. CORNWELL, b 1846, Virginia, d ??; WILLIAM CARROLL b 1813, Wilson Co., TN, d 1885, Macon Co., TN, marr ELANDER WOOD; ELIASH (HICKORY NUT) b 1816, d 1914 in household of ELI HENRY CARVER, marr LONEE?? MCKINNIS. Note: BETSEY, ELIZABETH and ELLEANDER WOOD were sisters, daughters of CURTIS WOOD.  
L. W. KEMP, JR., 500 Cheyenne Blvd., L-300, Madison, TB 37115 (868-5723)

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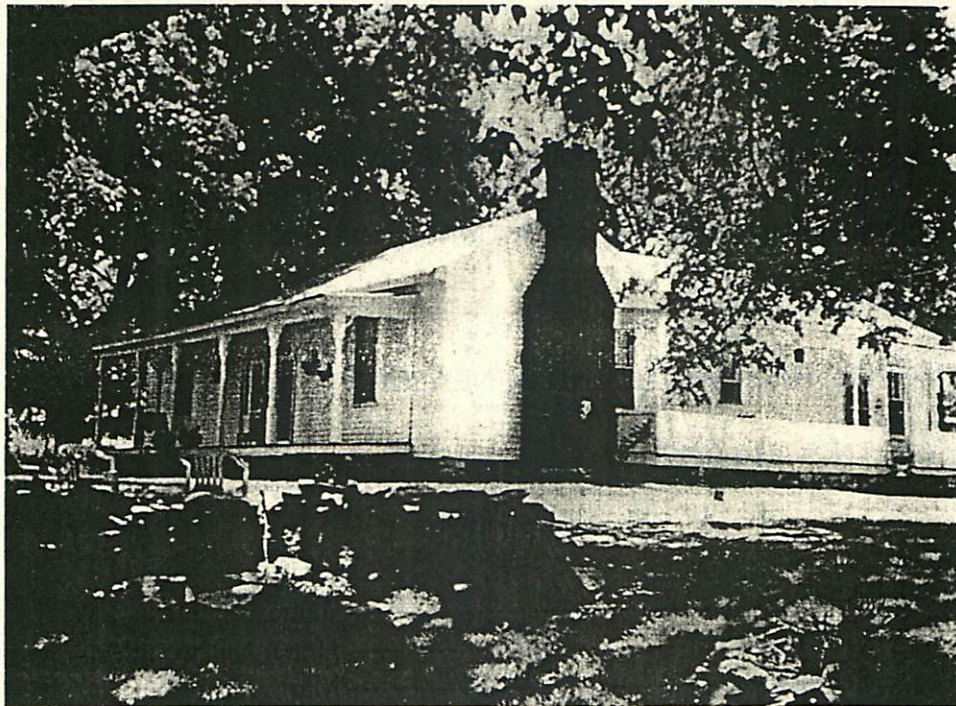
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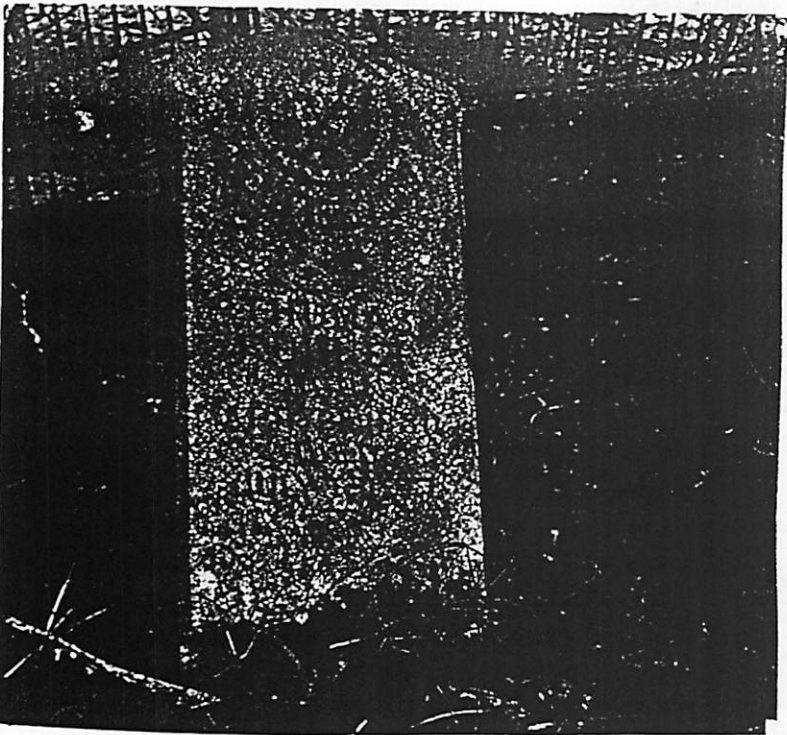
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FRONT COVER

The house of Thomas Fuller, located on Pigeon Roost Road, Brush Creek, Tennessee. The house was probably built sometime after Thomas' return home from the Civil War. The cemetery where Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth Gill Fuller, are buried, is on a little knoll to the east of the house.



HEADSTONE FOR THOMAS FULLER  
Family Burial Plot Near House



Taken Dec 30 1890  
uncle Tom Fuller  
taken Dec 30 1890  
Mrs. James Fuller  
Brush Creek  
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Uncle Tom Fuller  
was born 1831 ?  
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PHOTOGRAPH OF THOMAS FULLER  
AND  
INSCRIPTION ON THE BACK OF PICTURE

**DIARY OF THOMAS FULLER**

**COMPANY E, 2ND TENNESSEE CAVALRY  
NOVEMBER 27, 1861 - JUNE 30 1865**

Thomas Fuller was born 21 April 1830, died 1 July 1917, the son of Isham and Mary Fuller. Thomas Fuller was married to Elizabeth Gill. Thomas and Elizabeth had no children, but they reared a nephew, Henry Thomas Fuller, son of Henry and Martha Brown Fuller, who was left an orphan at the premature death of his parents. The Fuller family lived in Fuller Hollow in the Pigeon Roost area of southern Smith County.

Thomas Fuller taught school at Mount Holly School in Smith County, Tennessee. He joined the 2nd Tennessee Cavalry on November 30, 1861, and was assigned to Company E encamped near Gallatin, Tennessee. His service was in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, until his capture on September 9, 1863. From that date the diary deals with prison life at Alton, Illinois and Fort Delaware, near Philadelphia. He was sent to Fort Delaware in April 1864 via Terre Haute, Pittsburg, and Philadelphia. The time from June 10, 1864, to August 10, 1864, Thomas Fuller spent in the prison hospital with chills and fever.

There is a skip from October 25, 1864, to April 1, 1865. In October the author was still in prison at Fort Delaware. In April he was in Tupelo, Mississippi, spending some time at the residence of Burrell Jackson. When the war ended he made his way back to Smith County, arriving there on June 16, 1865. His father had died on June 9 of that year, after a long illness. The last entry in the diary is dated June 30, 1865. The diary is unedited.

*References: Microfilm Roll No. 121; Smith County, Tennessee Cemeteries South of the Cumberland River, p. 45; Smith County Gdn. Bond Book 2, 1891-1933, p. 36.*

On the 27th day of November 1861, I closed my school at Mt. Holly School House, Smith County, Tennessee, to join the army of the Confederate States, and proceeded to make preparations for the service. On the 29th I and B. H. Moore and John C. Moore started for the Camp at Epperson Spring in Macon Cty. Tenn. B. H. was at home on furlough and I made arrangements to accompany him back, we got as far as two miles past Hartsville the first day and put up early in the evening at the house of one Mrs. Lester it having rained considerably through the day. We got a little wet and cool before stopping.

30th November, 1861, We were on the road early and reached camp near the middle of the day and found the Soldiers in high spirits, was introduced to Lt. Col. J. D. Bennett and Maj. Baxter Smith, and was mustered into the Service, the two last named men had been elected commanders of the new Battalion that was organizing at that place. I had my name enrolled on Capt. A. B. Cates company roll, spent the evening in viewing around. The springs are a noted watering place, a number of rooms for the accommodation of boarders, they resemble some Camp Ground more than anything else that I can think of. There is a variety of water, white sulphur, black sulphur. The Battn. had orders to move to Gallatin about 20 miles from Epperson, for convenience, being a rail road near. Could have articles brought near without the expense of hauling so far. The springs are about 3 miles from the Kentucky line, about 16 miles north west from Hartsville, 20 miles north east from Gallatin. I spent the night for the first time with soldiers.

I got a furlough for eight days and started home, myself and J. C. Moore. Traveled all day did not get home by a few miles, went home on the 2nd and proceeded to make more extensive preparations for the camp Service, fixing up some unsettled business, and having clothing prepared. I procured a double barrel shot gun during the week to carry with me, and on Saturday the 7th I left for camps again, staid at Lebanon that night at Davisons Hotel, went to the camps on Sunday, found that they were near the Race Track; as few tents had been drawn, the soldiers were occupying stables which had been built by Hon. Baylie Peyton, E. O. Elliot and others, to keep their stock in time of races. They were large and neatly finished off. The one Cates Company was occupying was owned by E. O. Elliott. I here began taking my first lessons of a soldiers life, learned that the Battn had been more fully organized, had six companies, and officers, a portion of them I will give. J. D. Bennett, Lt. Col. Baxter Smith, Maj. E. O. Elliott, Adj. J. D. Chanoworth, Drill Master. The companies having lettered as they were mustered in, Co. A, commanded by Capt. Boucie, Co. B by Capt. C. L. Bennett, Co. C by Capt E. Tyree, Co. D by Capt M. Griffin, Co. R by Capt. A. B. Cates, Co. F by J. T. Odom, J. B. Luster, acting Q. Master. Company drills were kept up for several days, and then batt. drills were the order in the afternoon. Our horses were in fine plight, we having drawn new cavalry saddles and bridles, and having plenty of good corn and oats, fodder and hay in a woodland lot of twenty five acres or more We had quite an interesting time a soldiering; new recruits coming and joining different companies and some of the larger ones transferred men to companies that were not quite filled out. We continued here, the name of the camps was Sandy Barnes, until towards Christmas, had orders on one or two occasions to cook rations with a view of taking a march. Co.'s A and C went up on Cumberland River to guard some commissaries, returned a short time before the other Co.'s started to Scottsville, Ky. which took place on the 25th day of Dec. We got as far as the Rock House the first day, some pitched tents, others lay on the ground and other places as they found to suit them. On the 26th we got to Scotsville, Allen County, Ky. A hasty shower of rain fell after night and turned cold. On the 27th Co.'s A and C came up bringing



several wagons loaded with Qtr. Masters and Commissaries stores. Tents were issued to those that had not yet drawn. The weather was remarkably cold. I was on Camp guard and got very cold. Before day orders were issued to cook rations and leave the place. Co. A and C were to go to Franklin, Ky., the others to return to Gallatin. At Scotsville we found some very fine people, strongly Southern, but some neighborhoods the scouts reported to be Union, and would run on the approach of a southern Soldier. On the 28th we started, got within ten or twelve miles of Gallatin, camped for the night.

29th, we went to our old encampment, pitched our tents a few hundred yards from our former place. Each company had two rows of tents, and streets between them, the thick set of blue grass made our streets look quite beautiful.

30th, several members of Co. E got permission to visit our friends at home. I did not get home that day, the next day the 31st, I arrived at home and spent three days with my friends. It seemed like a very short stay before we had to return to the command.

January 3rd, 1862, I took leave of home and home folks to battle against a foe which threatened to invade our soil, and make us subject to their laws and customs, and arrived at camps after dark. Before reaching camp I met a Courier who stated that seven hundred of the Enemys Cavalry was coming through that portion of country and that we had to meet them and he was going to warn some of the officers in Town of their approach. The Courier seemed excited very much. On getting into camps I learned that it was a false alarm, but that quite a number of the young soldiers offered their services. Several days were spent in fitting wagons out for transportation. The train between Gallatin and Bowling Green had got behind by several days in taking articles to our army at the latter place, and our commanding officers were authorized to get up some for the service. Several wagons and teams were furnished by farmers living in Smith, Wilson and other counties.

The Battalion took a trip to Lafayette, Macon County, with a view of taking some steps to detect a lawless band of fellows in the adjacent country. Got to Hartsville the first evening, It being very rainy, the citizens came out and invited us into their homes to protect us from the weather. The next day when within four or five miles from Lafayette, a scout took a right hand road that led toward the Red springs, the wagons and the principal portion of the Batt. proceeded on, had a considerable hill to pull up before getting to town, camped on the south side of town, used water out of a beautiful spring, had a considerable time in scouting around in the county and some adjoining counties in Ky, arrested several persons charged with breaking the Jailhouse door open sometime previous to this, and taking some guns out, that had been deposited there by the civil authorities. Some of the guns were found, and, a bond was given by some of the leaders of the clan for the forthcoming of the remainder. During our stay at Lafayette I took my first scout and the third man I saw arrested was very deeply into the mischief, and his wife and children wept bitterly when he was in the act of leaving them. We stayed at Lafayette a

few days and left for Camp Barnes. I stayed in the town of Hartsville on my return and had the pleasure of being with some nice young ladies in town. Capt. Cates was left near there sick from exposure to the weather, which had been wet and cold. He came into camp after a few days rest and took charge of his company.

Company C had returned from Franklin, but did not go on the scout, of which was mentioned above. Nothing of much note took place for several days, we had company drills when the weather would admit and occasionally Batt. Drills on the field. On one occasion when arms were discharged for the purpose of getting our horses trained to the report of our doubled barreled shot guns, one man got thrown off his horse and badly hurt. Time passed away pleasantly in camp till the news of the defeat of our army at Fishing Creek and the death of the Gallant Zollicoffer. This seemed to have considerable effect on our Batt. for many had brothers and friends there. About the 24th of January a scout was made up composed mostly of men from Co. E, in all about forty men, and went in the direction of Lafayette. It was near 12 o' clock at night when we arrived there. Lt. High was in command. He marched us to a school house where we had left some forage when the Batt. went back to Camp Barnes the first time we went up there. We went into the schoolhouse and raised a light. The town police or watch found us out, and came to where we were. Rested there the remainder of the night and the next day took a scout towards Scotsville, Ky. and returned to Lafayette at night. I accompanied J. D. Fultes to his brother-in-law's (E. Carter's) got a good nights rest and good breakfast in the morning. That being Sunday, the scout went in the direction of Tompkinsville, Ky. about twenty odd miles, got within four miles of the place, fed and rested at one Mr. Reeves residence. About sundown we started back, divided out and put up at private residences along the road. The next day a portion met in town and went out to the top of the ridge, some five or six miles from town. A portion of the Batt. had come up to scout in the adjoining county. We did not remain long there, went down on the waters of Goose Creek, divided out our numbers, and stayed with citizens. Myself and others put up with Parson Talley. The next morning we marched in the direction of the camps, arrived there in the evening, the Batt. coming in after a few days. About this time Gen. Hardee sent Lt. Wilson from the Virginia forces to inspect our arms, horses, clothing, etc. The Lt. drilled us some little, took charge of a squad of men to escort the remains of Lt. Baylie Peyton to its last resting place. Young Peyton fell at Fishing Creek while fighting the invaders of his country and was brought to Gallatin for internment.

Soon after this the subject of moving our camp to another point came. Some men were sent out to select, returned and reported that on the residence of Jonathan Y. Patterson there was a good location for Cavalry, he living about seven miles from Camp Barnes on the Scotsville road. A kind of still scout with seven or eight men was in the crowd. A heavy rain falling prevented us moving and the scout was detained also by high waters. About the 7th of February the command went to Patterson's, pitched our tents in a beautiful grove of timber in a woodland lot. Plenty of wood and water at our hands,

horse food in abundance. The soldiers took extra pains in improving a place to stay here. Everything seemed to present a pleasing appearance to revive the spirits of the troops up considerably.

On Sunday February 9, we were resting around camps, some gone to town to preaching. We heard about this time of the fall of Fort Henry on the Tennessee River, and the capture of some of our troops. About midnight Capt. Cates came to our tents, waking us up and ordered that our horses should be saddled and preparations made of leaving there. Feeling quite unwell but was determined to go as far as we could. We went toward Gallatin, there Hotel and remained there until next evening and then returned to Camp Patterson by order of Lt. Col Bennett. The Batt. having been posted along on the Rail Road between Bowling Green and Nashville. Our forces began falling back about that was the duty of the Batt. to guard the road to prevent any obstructions being thrown on the road. Co. E was posted one Co. between it and Nashville. On the way back to Bowling Green, I remained at Camp Patterson until February 13 when I went down with the remainder of the company and some other of the Batt. that was unfit for duty. We were near the Gallatin and Nashville Rail Road near the residence of Esq. Alexander. On Saturday I went down near where Co. E. was on guard, put up at ? and spent the night.

On Saturday February 15, I went down near where Co. E was on guard, put up at Mrs. and spent the night. Sunday 16, lay about camps all day. At night we were ordered to strike tents and go to Nashville and get across the Cumberland River, as the news of the fight at Fort Donelson had been received and the Fort had surrendered its forces . the fight commenced on the 12th and continued till the 16th, when the contest ended. Gen. Pillow and Gen. Floyd escaped. Gen . S. B. Buckner remained with his men, declaring his intention to share the same fate. A considerable number of men got away and escaped being prisoners of war for several months. We got to Nashville in company with the rest of the 7th Batt. of Tenn. Cav. numbering 554 men. On Sunday night about 12 o'clock the roads and streets were crowded thick with wagons, cavalry and artillery. We proceeded to the South Side of town where some sit by fires, others got into houses, to prevent being wet by the falling rain, which fell in abundance, our wagons not having come up in time for to get out our tents.

Feb. 17, 1862, we went out about two miles from town on the Murfreesboro Turnpike, camped on a hill that was thickly set with cedars.

Feb. 18, 1862, marched towards Murfreesboro, camped near Lavern and stayed there two nights and a day, was detained by heavy rains.

Feb. 20, 1862, reached Murfreesboro and camped near a large spring one mile from town, troops in large numbers seemed to be camped around and I saw quite a number of my old acquaintances in arms, while here. Some of the boys, having got tired of soldiering, left their commands and went home and did not return.

Feb. 25, 1862, late in the evening we were ordered out to a bridge about four or five miles from town, the object was to ferry over the Infantry (the bridge having been washed) across a stream.

Feb. 26, 1862, went down to the bridge this morning and found that a number of wagons had been lashed together and planks laid on them for the Infantry to walk across on. We remained here till the 28th, during the time we had some public speeches made by Hon. Robt. A. Bennett and Winchester, both of Sumner County, Tenn. and Gen. Claiborne of Arkansas. Our Batt. was first reported to be under Gen. C. and attended a review down on the Turnpike toward town. Gens. Hardee and Breckinridge and others being present.

Feb. 28, 1862, the Batt. took up the line of march in the direction of Shelbyville, traveling on the Turnpike Road, making very good progress, south and camped within four miles of the town.

Feb. 29, 1862, we passed through town, traveled thirteen miles on the road toward Fayetteville.

March 1, 1862, did not travel today. The citizens hawled wood up for us to burn and forage for our horses. It began to rain this evening and continued through the night. About 7 o'clock in the night ten men were ordered from the Batt. to go back a few miles to guard a Stillhouse. The writer was the one from Co. E, being very well fortified against the rain, we preceded up the road, passed by the stillhouse, it being so dark we did not see it, turned back and went to a private house. Some held horses while others went in and searched for the ardent (?) I was told that none could be found. We went back to camp and were released. We did not march until the 4th day of the month. We struck tents and went through Fayetteville, crossed the Elk River, camped on the ground that once was the camping ground of Gen. Jackson.

March 5, 1862, traveled eleven miles. Rumors are that we are in Gen. Hindman's Brigade, Gen. Hardee's Division.

March 6, 1862, it began snowing this morning and continued pretty much all day. The grounds was too wet for it to stay long. Today we had bad roads to travel over. Wagons made but slow progress. They mired up quite often. We crossed a creek after dark, it being near the encampment. We stayed near a Sulphur spring. I stood guard at the commissary wagon and took a bad cold from that night's exposure.

March 7, 1862, it was a clear and cool morning. We started early and took up and before night was within two miles of Athens, Ala., Limestone County.

March 8, 1862, passed through a beautiful town, saw some pretty young ladies that came out to take a view of us. They were strong in the Southern cause. This evening some of our boys that had been at home and some that had gone back from Murfreesboro came up bringing letters and we got near the river and camped.

March 9, 1862, we started on our march near the middle of the day. The railroad was the only road we had to travel on. It had been planked for the cavalry and wagons to travel on, so was the bridge prepared for us to cross on, the wagons being left behind. One man from each mess was left with them. The Batt crossed over the river in single file and open order. We got over and went through Decatur and out about one mile and camped. Night came and no wagons, nor tents, nor food for men nor horse. After night we got forage for our horses, the men engaged in perching corn. Late in the night it began to rain. We covered up with our blankets the best we could, quite a number of men got very wet.

March 10, 1862, no wagons yet, there is the hungriest set of boys that I have seen since I have been in the Service. Late in the evening the wagons came up and we cooked something to eat, and stayed our appetites.

March 11, 1862, the Batt. with several other commands started on the march to the west, through Lawrence County, Alabama, had mud and water to any amount to pull through, marched eleven miles over some pretty country.

March 12, 1862, we continued traveling to day passed through the Town of Courtland, a pretty little place on the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road, and went out about three miles and camped.

March 13, 1862, raining this morning. We are camped in a low flat place. We did not travel today. Some men, two or three of our company are sick and have gone to private residences in Town. We remained at this place till the 16th during the time several little incidents took place. One morning several of our Co. was a little too late for roll call and was crossed and put on extra duty. I was gone after water and was numbered with the other absentees, and got to take a ride in a wagon after a load of corn for being absent. Another case of a different nature happened. David Reeves horse was tied near another one which was playing around and David's horse run against a snag or got on a stump that was a little high and sharp and let a portion of his entrails out. The horse was shot and killed.

March 16, 1862, we left the muddiest of camping grounds, went out one and a half miles into a beautiful grove and camped. A lot of the infantry have been sent on the train toward Corinth, Miss. No troops are along now but cavalry and wagon trains.

March 17, 1862, we traveled today. Camped about two and one half miles from South Florence.

March 18, 1862, we drew some ammunition this morning. I was unwell and gave my shot gun to a man to carry. He had no gun of his own. We passed through Tuscumbia, a pleasant little town of the M & C. R. Road. Today we saw peach trees in full bloom. We stopped on the night of the 18th and stayed over until 20th.

March 21, 1862, we went about eleven miles, camped about three and one half miles from Big Bear Creek. We camped near Burnsville, a station on the r. road in the State of Mississippi, Tishamingo County. This is the place the enemy's cavalry tried to reach when they landed at the mouth of Yellow Creek, but when in about three miles from the Station they had to turn back on account of high water, the bridge being washed away. They did not wish to risk their chance at swimming. We traveled over some poor hilly country. I was in the advance guard under Lt. Montgomery.

March 22, 1862, the batt. left Burnsville for Corinth, distance 15 miles. We passed through Farmington, an old worn out looking place, were ordered to halt for further orders. We remained here about an hour and then proceeded to camp about 4 miles from Corinth. Sixty men were sent to Corinth after corn for the Batt. It was said to be sacks, but when the men got there it was in the ear. They came back without any corn. The roads were so bad and it being dark when they returned that the wagons did not go. Our horses have nothing to eat tonight.

March 23, 1862, cool and cloudy, snowing some little this morning. We drew corn twice during the day which was quite a relief to our hungry horses. Preaching tonight by Capt. Boude.

March 24, 1862, we received information this morning that a man was going to Tennessee. A goodly number of the boys are engaged in writing letters to their friends. After getting through we went to trimming the bushes and sweeping in front of our tents, thinking we would have a few days rest. About 11 A.M. an order was received to strike tents and saddle our horses and move to another point. A detail of one man from each mess in the Batt to load wagons. The command went to Corinth, stopped in the edge of town and waited for further orders. In the mean time we went to the Depot and got a supply of bread and crackers. After remaining a few hours at our position, we marched out a northern direction and took up 5 or 6 miles from Corinth in McNairy County, Tenn. Our wagons have not come up. We have no tents to sleep in tonight. Some of our boys are consoling themselves as they lie by the fires we have built, that they are once more on Tenn. soil. I will say something about Corinth. It is located a portion of it in a swampy place not much regularity about the streets, houses scattered over a good big portion of land. This place is at the Junction of the Memphis & Charleston & Mobile & Ohio Rail roads, the trains come in from four different directions. It is nearly a constant thing to

hear the whistle of the locomotive. I have no idea what number of inhabitants it contained before the war. It seems though like business went on that is common at a R. Road station. The surrounding country is poor. Our troops are fortifying, expecting to defend the place should the enemy attempt to approach.

March 25, 1862, this morning about 4 o'clock the bugle sounded for us to rise. A detail of about 17 men was made from each company in the Batt. to take a scout. Commanded by Maj. Smith., Capt. Griffin & others. We went up a northern course and arrived at a little old village called Monterey. Here we were divided and sent out on three directions. I was with the squad that was on the middle road that lead down the hill from the village, was drawn up in battle lines which were in the bushes, while others went in advance to ascertain where the enemy were. After remaining here for a time, a (messenger) came and announced that the Federals were in the village of Monterey. Capt. Griffin wheeled the squad and started us back to attack them, double quick for near three fourths of a mile up the hill and found out that some few of our Southern soldiers had on blue clothes and had come into the place. We scouted around and got back to our camps about 2 P.M., some little fatigued from loss of sleep and riding and not having had a regular breakfast. Wagons had come up with the tents and when we got in ??

March 26, 1862, on last night after retiring to rest our Sergeant Maj. J. W. Menefee came around and informed Capt. Cates that his command must be ready to start on a scout this morning at 6 o'clock. We were ready at the appointed hour and with Co's D and F under Lt. Col. Bennett After riding around a few hours we returned, not having made any discoveries of the enemy. We had not been in camps long until we were ordered out on a foraging expedition. There were about five thousand troops sent over North towards the enemy's camps. After forage a wealthy old farmer eight miles from our camps had a fine lot of corn. It was evident that the Yankees would take it very soon if we did not go over first. There were Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery along. We reached the place after night, and a detail was made to go back and bring up some wagons. I was one of that number, found some wagons at a bridge, one or two had turned over off the bridge and had got so badly broken that they had to be left. We could see the light from the Yankee camps fires (near the bridge was a high place). The soldiers lay on the ground with their arms near them. About 50 odd wagons were loaded and out on the road by an hour by sun on the 27th. We got back to our camps about 12 M. Most of the corn was sent to town. We took rest the remainder of the day.

March 28, 1862, we received orders this morning to march. After getting breakfast we loaded our wagons and started out on the road towards Purdy, the County seat of McNairy County. No other command being with us to day, we made very good speed, traveled through some very poor country and scrubby timber. Several houses on the road has been vacated, the men doubtless have gone to war. Two guns went accidentally today, one shot a man in the leg and his horse, the other done no damage. We camped

near the town of Purdy in a grove of timber. Very bad water to drink. Several Reg's camped around this place.

March 29, 1862, this day has been spent by soldiers of this Batt. in getting up forage and trading in town and having horses shod. Pickets were sent out this evening, commanded by Lt. Bowen. The town is a tolerably handsome place for this country, goods tolerably cheap compared with what we have met up with previous to this time.

March 30, 1862, today being Sunday nothing of much importance transpired. Preaching to night in Capt. Bennett's Co. by Capt. Boude.

March 31, 1862, getting up forage and scouting has taken up the soldiers time today.

April 1, 1862, on last night several scouts were sent out in squads of 30 or less, about one o'clock this morning for all the available men in the Batt. They were aroused up and started out. A skirmish is reported to have taken place during the night in which the Confederates were successful in capturing some Federals, also a Federal guide was taken, it is said that lives in the portion of country held by the Federal troops near the Tenn. river. It is ordered that we give up some of our wagons and have less camp equipage and curtail our stock of clothing and bed clothing as the warm season is fast approaching. It is thought prudent to have a smaller number of baggage wagons and property to move, as it is quite troublesome to pack up so much when the hour arrives to strike tents and march.

April 2, 1862, pickets report that the enemy have advanced a mile or so nearer than they have been. This evening we got orders to strike tents, except two to a company and load them up together with all of the cooking utensils except enough to cook a little in and take the sick and those unable for duty and proceed to Bethel four miles west of Purdy on the R. Road. I being one unfit for duty in company with others reached Bethel after night and took a little sleep before day.

April 3, 1862, feeling this morning like something nourishing to eat would help me. I rode across the R. Road about a quarter of a mile and took breakfast at Dr. Leer's residence and found some refreshing dishes of food on the table and a beautiful young lady being present was an excellent feast. Bethel is a station on the Mobile & Ohio R. Road. A small creek running south parallel with the road, a noble spring running up through a gum, a sufficient quantity of water for several thousand men. We heard today that the enemy were falling back towards Tenn. River east of this place. The few soldiers of our Co. have put up a couple of tents for our benefit,

April 4, 1862, Co.'s C & E came to Bethel this morning. Very soon orders came in to send all camp equipage that could be spared and all the sick soldiers unfit for duty, to Corinth on the train. My health having improved so much that I took upon myself the



labors and duties of a soldier. Our forage master J. J. Lawrence had plenty of forage for our horses, also our O.S.B.H. Moore drew a lot of excellent and well dried bacon and other commissaries in abundance. A portion of it being cooked up we had an excellent supper for camp fare. Troops have been going off during the evening in the direction of Purdy. An engagement is expected soon. Men were sent to guard some bridges on the R. Road bridges this morning. Co. C being ordered to Henderson station off the road above here.

April 5, 1862, I with some others went out to relieve the men at the bridges. Five of us stayed together. We fared finely for 24 hours having sent out and bought some pies and milk which went off well.

April 6, 1862, heavy cannonading was heard this morning in an eastern direction from us. They are fighting was evident to all this portion of country. Later this evening we hear that a battle has been fought and a glorious victory won. The Southern troops over the enemy, with considerable loss on both sides. Our soldiers took a number of cannon and prisoners, among the killed on our side is Albert Sidney Johnson (Johnston?), Major General of the Western army. Capt Bates of the 2nd Tenn. Regiment and others and that Gen. Gladden is wounded. Our forces took a number of clothes found in the Yankee tents, captured trunks filled with various articles, wagons and teams and horses.

April 7, 1862, later this evening we hear that the fight has been raging again to day, that the Yankees have been reinforced by Gen. Buell with forty thousand men and our forces are falling back on Corinth. The Yankees were commanded by Grant & Buell and others. That ours were commanded by Gen's. Johnson, Beauregard, Hardee, Cheatham, Galdden and that the enemy were driven back to their gunboats and that the latter was all that saved them from a total rout on the 6th.

April 8, 1862, orders were received today for Co. E to go to Corinth to move on tomorrow. This evening news came in that the Yankees were advancing on Bethel. It got to some excitement among what few soldiers there were here. They saddled up horses and loaded guns in a hurry, but the alarm proved false and that the enemy was not near. We kept our horses saddled all night and our arms near us, ready for any emergency.

April 9, 1862, preparations were made this morning for a march. It rained heavily last night, some of our men on guard at the bridges are detained by high water. They got into camps near the middle of the day. We left for Corinth about 12 o'clock with about forty men. Lts. Eastes and Bowen were too sick to travel on horseback. They rode in a wagon. We traveled 12 or 14 miles having to take a kind of circuitous route to shun the creeks. We put up in the evening at an old schoolhouse, some slept in the old house as tents were scarce.

April 10, 1862, took up the line of march this morning ,and, next having gone far beyond, we came to a creek that had overflowed and spread out over the bottoms. Lt. High and one or two more being in advance, went in and got into swimming water very soon. Some got across above, some went still higher along with the wagons, and traveled till near 12 noon. Hearing of high water ahead, we camped near a church and lay over till morning.

April 11, 1862, the Co. was out on the road early this morning and had not gone far before the wagons and some of the mules mired down in the mud. We were detained some time but finally got them out, and went on to Corinth. It was late in the evening when we found the Batt. camped in a very muddy place, some of the sick from Co. E was there quite bad off. Our Co. scattered around at different places to sleep, having left our Capt. and two Lts. behind sick, also one private, Thos. Dickerson one half mile east of Bethel very low.

April 12, 1862, We pitched a few tents today (some lost theirs in conveying from Bethel on the train) and moved the sick of our Co. to an old house that was not occupied. I, together with two or three others, visited the 24th Tenn. Reg. and found them complaining very much from the fatigue of the march and two days hard fighting and had not recovered. The wounded had been taken to the hospitals

April 13, 1862, This morning I wrote a letter to send home by Wm. Rollins. He brought a wagon and two mules for the benefit of Co. E.

April 14, 1862, Had no duties to perform to day, we are not getting much forage for our horses, not half rations.

April 15, 1862, Nothing of importance occurred to day. Soldiers arriving and departing from Corinth almost regularly.

April 16, 1862, I learned from a Mobile paper to day that the enemy have possession of Huntsville, Ala. and other places in the Northern portion of the State. This evening near sundown we had to mourn the loss of a brother soldier, Robert A. Hodges, died. He had been in bad health several weeks. The deceased was a native of Smith County, Tenn., a member of Co. E, 7th Batt. Cavalry.

April 17, 1862, Preparations were made this morning for to bury the dead. All things were about ready. When the grave was done, the water began to rise in it. Before the coffin was let down, it was on as high place as we could find.

To Be Continued.

**CHURCH BOOK FOR MULBERRY GROVE MEETING HOUSE  
AT PENDARVIS ON TURKEY CREEK  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1844-1858**

(The Turkey Creek Community lies about three miles north of Carthage. No evidence remains of the location of the Mulberry Grove Meeting House which was of the Methodist denomination. Copies of the following records may be found in the Smith County Public Library).

**1844**

**MEMBERS**

Jacob J. Roberts  
Amy Roberts  
Marten L. Lamons  
Wm. Pendarvis  
Margaret Pendarvis  
Jemina Porter  
Mary Moses  
Elizabeth Moses  
Nancy Glover  
Martha C. Pendarvis, Gone to Heaven  
Jos. C. Dickens  
Rachel Dickens  
Agnes Lamons  
Jackson Lamons  
Mary M. Lamons  
Sarah Lamons  
Bedford Herren

Margaret Herren  
Mary Glover  
Ramsey Vance  
Letsey Vance  
Jane Belk, Gone to Heaven  
Thomas Overstreet  
Mary Overstreet  
Martha Moses  
Benj. F. Vance  
James E. Glover  
John Roberts  
Darthula Overstreet  
Mary Calhoun  
Joseph Moses  
Jane M. Moses  
Thomas Climer  
Sarah Climer

## MEMBERS

1845

J. C. Dickens  
 Rachel Dickens  
 Jaminia Porter  
 Wm. Pendarvis  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Agnes Lamons  
 Amy Roberts  
 Bed. L. Herrin  
 Margaret M. Herrin  
 Elizabeth Moses  
 Nancy Glover  
 Polly Glover  
 M. L. Lamons  
 O. J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons

Thos. Overstreet  
 Mary Overstreet  
 Martha Moses  
 Jane Moses  
 Mary Mariah Lamons  
 Mary Calhoun  
 Darthula Overstreet  
 Joseph Moses  
 Ramsey Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 James E. Glover  
 John Roberts  
 Benj. F. Vance  
 James Overstreet

## MEMBERS

1846

Joseph C. Dickens  
 Rachel Dickens  
 Jaminia Porter  
 William Pendarvis  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Agnes Lamons  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Amy Roberts  
 Mary Calhoun  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Orrin J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Ramsey Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 Elizabeth Moses  
 Thomas Overstreet

Mary Overstreet  
 Martha Moses  
 Mary Moriah Lamons  
 Jane Moses  
 James E. Glover  
 Benj. F. Vance  
 John Roberts  
 Darthula Overstreet  
 Joseph Moses  
 Thomas Climer  
 Sarah Climer  
 Bedford L. Herrin  
 Margaret Mariah Herrin  
 James Overstreet  
 Martha Roberts  
 Enoch G. Cartwright  
 Mary Cartwright

## MEMBERS

1847

Joseph C. Dickens, Class Leader  
Rachel Dickens  
Jaminia Porter  
William Pendarvis  
Margaret Pendarvis  
Agnes Lamons  
Polly Glover  
Nancy Glover  
Amy Roberts  
Mary Calhoun  
Martin L. Lamons  
Oran J. Lamons  
Sarah Lamons  
Ramsey Vance  
Letsey Vance  
Elizabeth Moses  
Thomas Overstreet  
Mary Overstreet  
Martha Moses  
Mary Moriah Lamons  
Jane Moses  
James E. Glover  
Benjamin F. Vance  
John Roberts  
Martha Roberts

Joseph Moses  
Darthula Overstreet  
Bedford L. Herrin  
Margaret M. Herrin  
Thomas Climer  
Sarah Climer  
James Overstreet  
Enoch G. Cartwright  
Mary Cartwright  
Jacob J. Roberts  
Wesley Carlisle  
Hannah H. Carlisle  
Mary Rowley  
James Straiter  
Daniel Rawley  
Louvina Rowley  
Nancy Sloan  
Pleasant Rowley  
Francis Kemp  
Edward B. Haynie  
Minervia Climer  
Malvina R. Glover  
Hulda Perry  
Joanna Vance  
Warren Perry  
Louisa Dickens

## MEMBERS

1848

Joseph C. Dickens, Class Leader  
 Rachel Dickens  
 Jaminia Porter  
 Wm. Pendarvis  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Agnes Lamons  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Amy Roberts  
 Mary Calhoun  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Orran J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Rainey Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 Elizabeth Moses, Removed to Carthage  
 Thomas Overstreet " "  
 Mary Overstreet " "  
 Martha Moses  
 Mary M. Lamons  
 Pleasant Rawley  
 Americus Kemp  
 Minrvia Climer  
 Malvinia Glover

Jane Moses  
 James E. Glover  
 Benjamin F. Vance, Removed by Letter  
 John Roberts  
 Martha Roberts  
 Darthula Overstreet, Rem'd to Carthage  
 Joseph Moses  
 Bedford L. Herring  
 Margaret M. Herring  
 Thomas Climer  
 Sarah Climer  
 Jane Overstreet, Rem'd to Carthage  
 Jacob J. Roberts  
 Wesley Carlisle, Removed by letter  
 Hannah R. Carlisle, Removed by Letter  
 Mary Rawley, May 15, Dead  
 James Straiter, Dead  
 Daniel Rawley  
 Louvinia Rawley  
 Nancy Glover  
 Hulda Perry  
 Joanna Vance  
 Warren Perry  
 Louisa Dickens

## MEMBERS

1849

Joseph C. Dickens, Class Leader  
 Rachel Dickens  
 Porter  
 Wm. Pendarvis  
 James Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Jacob J. Roberts  
 Amy Roberts  
 Mary Calhoun  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Orran J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Ransom Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 Mary Mariah Lamons  
 James E. Glover  
 Louvina J. Glover  
 Thomas Climer  
 Sarah Climer  
 Minerva Climer

Louisina Dickens  
 Daniel Rawley  
 Pleasant Rawley  
 Malvina R. Glover  
 Bedford Haddock  
 Martha Haddock, Dead  
 Joseph W. Dickens, Died  
 Martha P. Cardwell, Removed  
 Mary Vance "  
 Margaret J. Roberts "  
 Lucinda J. Dickens "  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis "  
 Thos. J. Haddock "  
 Pleasant Rawley  
 Americus Kemp  
 Hulda Perry  
 Louisa Dickens  
 John Roberts  
 Martha Roberts  
 Bedford Herren  
 Margaret Mariah Herren

## MEMBERS

1850

Joseph C. Dickens  
 Rachel Dickens  
 Jemina Porter  
 Wm. Pendarvis  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Jacob J. Roberts  
 Amy Roberts  
 Mary Calhoun  
 Martha L. Lamons  
 Orran J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Ramsey Vance  
 Letsey Vance  
 Mary Mariah Lamons  
 James E. Glover  
 Louvinia Glover

Margaret M. Herring  
 John Roberts  
 Martha Roberts  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis  
 Louisa Pendarvis  
 Malvina R. Glover  
 Adaline Glover  
 Pleasant Rawley  
 Bedford Haddock  
 Martha Haddock  
 Joseph W. Dickens  
 Lucinda Dickens  
 Mary Vance  
 Margaret J. Roberts  
 Thomas J. Haddock  
 Mary Haddock  
 Eliza Haddock  
 John W. Glover

## MEMBERS

1851

Joseph C. Dickens, Removed  
 Rachel Dickens       "  
 Jaminia Porter,       "  
 William Pendarvis, Dead  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Mary Calhoun, Removed  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Orran J. Lamons  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Ramsey Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 Mary Moriah Lamons  
 James E. Glover  
 Louivinia Glover  
 John Roberts

Martha Roberts  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis  
 Louisa Pendarvis  
 Malvinia R. Glover, Removed  
 Adaline Glover  
 Pleasant Rawley, Dropped  
 Bedford Haddock, Removed  
 Martha Haddock  
 Joseph W. Dickens, Removed  
 Lucinda Dickens       "  
 Mary Vance  
 Thomas J. Haddock, Removed  
 Mary Haddock  
 Eliza Haddock  
 Bedford Herring  
 Margaret M. Herring

## MEMBERS

1855

Orran J. Lamons, Class Leader  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Martha L. Lamons  
 Ramsey Vance  
 Letsy Vance  
 Mary M. Lamons  
 James E. Glover  
 Louvinia Glover  
 Margaret M. Herring

John Roberts  
 Marthy Roberts  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis  
 Louisa Pendarvis  
 Adline Bennett, (Glover marked out)  
 Martha Haddock, Alias Lamons  
 Mary Vance Lock  
 Thomas J. Haddock  
 Mary Haddock  
 Eliza Haddock  
 Jane M. Vance, joined Baptist  
 Timothy H. Glover  
 Richard Roberts



## MEMBERS

1856

O. J. Lamons, Class Leader  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Mary M. Lamons  
 James E. Glover  
 Louvinia Glover  
 Margaret M. Herring

John Roberts  
 Martha Roberts  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis  
 Louisa Pendarvis  
 Adaline Bennett  
 Martha Lamons  
 Thomas Haddock, transferred  
 Eliza Haddock                   "  
 Mary Haddock, removed by letter  
 Timothy H. Glover  
 Jane W. Glover

## MEMBERS

1858

O. J. Lamons, C. L.  
 Sarah Lamons  
 Margaret Pendarvis  
 Polly Glover  
 Nancy Glover  
 Martin L. Lamons  
 Mary M. Dillard  
 James E. Glover  
 Luvenia Glover

Margaret Herring  
 Martha Roberts  
 Joseph A. Pendarvis  
 Lousia Pendarvis  
 Adaline Bennett  
 Martha Lamons  
 Timothy H. Glover

## SMITH COUNTY QUARTERELY COURT MINUTES

Smith County was created on 1 June 1799. The Justices met at the dwelling house of Tilman Dixon on 16 December 1799 for the purpose of organization. From this date the court records are extant; the first few years have been abstracted by Louise Sharenberger and Sue W. Maggart. In this and subsequent issues of the *Quarterly*, the abstracts will be published.

## Minutes Smith County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1799-1800

The first volume in the sequence of Smith County Quarterly Court Minutes is labeled Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1799-1800. The records in this book relate to criminal cases as opposed to civil affairs that came before the court at its regular sessions. Only the first fifty-four pages of this book were used. The remainder of the volume is blank. The numbers in parenthesis refer to the original pages in each respective book.

(1) December 1799, The first case documented continued through September 1800 term of court and is summarized as follows: Court meeting at the home of Tilman Dixon. George Gordon, Gentleman, brings suit of "trespass, assault and battery" against Messer. John Robbins, Edward Franklin, Sr., Thomas Franklin, John Franklin, George Franklin and Esom Franklin, Sr. The court issued a "capeas ad repondenum" to the sheriff to take the bodies of the defendants and bring them before the Justices on the 3rd Monday in March 1800. At the March term John L. Martin, Esquire, made the return - "not found."

July 1800, The sheriff was ordered to attach the estate of defendants and report to the next session on the 3rd Monday in September at the house of Michael Murphy. At this term Benjamin Totten, Deputy Sheriff, made return that as of 12 August no property for defendants was found. John Franklin came into court and assumed the costs.

(9) March 1800, Meeting at the dwelling house of Tilman Dixon, the Grand Jury preferred the following bill of indictment: Jeremiah Taylor did assault Daniel Mungle on 3 December 1799. The defendant by his attn., John C. Hamilton, pled not guilty. The court found said Taylor guilty and assessed his fine at 12 1/2 cents.

(11) June 1800, Indictment by Grand Jury against George Smith Horner, who on the 2nd Friday of March 1800, at the house of William Liverston with force and arms did assault John McDonald, farmer. John Douglas, Foreman.

(32) Sheriff ordered to take the body of George Strother and have him before the Justices at court to be held at house of Michael Murphy on 3rd Monday in September to answer Edward Bradley's charge of trespass and assault.

(34) Sheriff ordered to take bodies of Anthony Samuels and William Launderz and bring before September court to answer John L. Martin's charge of trespass and assault.

(35) Sheriff ordered to take bodies of John Cross and Horatio Eddy to answer William Hamilton in a plea of trespass. Plaintiff came into court. Case dismissed.

(36) Sheriff ordered to take the "bodies" of Nathaniel Ridley and Sampson Williams.

(37) September 1800, Michael Murphy in right of his wife and William Marchbanks, admr. of William Young, decd., promised to pay within 9 months the sum of \$66.75 unto Elizabeth Young and William Marchbanks.

(38) Complaint of James Jones that Thomas Roberts, who is indebted to him, has removed or is about to remove from the county.

(39) Robert Price, Constable reports to the court.

(40) Benjamin Ford reports that Francis Gowen, who is indebted to him, has removed or is about to remove from the county.

(41) George Smythe, attn. for defendant Gowen requests that suit be quashed.

(42) Grand Jury finds a "True Bill" against Anthony Samuel, Planter, for assault upon John L. Martin, Gentleman.

(43) Sheriff commanded to take the body of Jacob Trossville (alias Trossdale) yeoman, to answer charges of assault against James Blackburn at the house of John Morgen.

(44) December 1800, Sheriff ordered to take the body of James Cook to answer charges of Buckner Russell.

(47) Sheriff ordered to take the body of Harvey Donoho to answer Patrick Donoho in a plea of trespass.

(50) George Gordon brought suit against William Robbins.

(51) Sheriff ordered to attach estate of William Robbins.

(53) Sheriff reports no property found in county for William Robbins.

(1) 16 Dec 1799, Justices of the Peace met at the dwelling house of Tilman Dixon for the purpose of organization. Present were: Garrett Fitzgerald, William Alexander, James Gwin, Tilman Dixon, Thomas Harmon, James Hibbitts and Peter Turney. Oaths were administered by Moses Fisk - then adm. to said Fisk by Garrett Fitzgerald. By unanimous vote, Garrett Fitzgerald was chosen chairman, Moses Fisk, William Walton (oath was admin. to him by chairman. Amos Lacy was appt constable protempore. Adj. to meet Tuesday ensuing at ten o'clock.

17 Dec 1799, Met and appt. Sampson Williams, clerk; John Martin, sheriff; Charles F. Mobias, coroner. Williams made a ten thousand dollar bond with Tilman Dixon and Garrett Fitzgerald, securities after which he took oath of office. Wm. Marchbanks appt. attn. for Eliz. Young, proven by oath of John Young, N. P. Letter of attn. James Bradley to James Saunders acknowledged.

(2) James Gwin appt. trustee, made bond with Peter Turney, Richard Brittain and Elisha Oglesby, securities. Charles F. Mobias made bond with Wm. Saunders and Henry McKinney, securities; John Martin took oath and made bond with Wm. Martin, Sampson Williams and Grant Allen securities and took oath of office. Appt. Benjamin Sewell States Attorney; appt. Daniel Burford, Register with Wm. Saunders and William Martin his securities, he took the oath. Elected Amos Lacy, Silas Jernigan, Robert Cotton, James Strain, James Wright, Wm. Livingston and Henry Huddleston, constables. Basil Shaw Was elected Ranger; took oath of office. Adjourned to meet eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

18 Dec 1799, Court met, following members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Wm. Alexander, Wm. Walton, James Gwin, Tilman Dixon, Moses Fisk, James Hibbitts, Thomas Harman and Peter Turney. James Shaw, constable, made bond and took oath of office with James Gwin, security.

(3) Tilman Dixon motion approved that all Tavern keepers be allowed to sell spirituous liquors to wit: good whiskey and brandy 12 1/2 half pint; for breakfast, dinner and supper .25. Corn and oats by gal. 12 1/2; lodging 6 1/4. Dixon was permitted a license to keep tavern.

(3) Edmond Jennings was permitted a ferry near mouth of Jennings Creek with following rates: man and horse .18 1/3; single man and single horse .09; wagon and team \$1.25; cattle 6 1/4 per lead; hogs and sheep 6 1/4; pack horses same as man and horse. Henry McKinney was appt. overseer of road from Fort Blount to head of Flin's Creek from south of Cumberland River, all hands living on Flin's Creek water and within 3 miles of said road on south side of river to work said road.

(3) Wm. Saunders appt. overseer of road from Peyton's Creek to Bledsoesborough, thence to John Shelton's with his hands, those of James Brady and Grant Allen and all

other hands living above Bledsoesborough between this road and river and below Peyton's Creek to work said road.

(3/4) Appointment of venue (sic): John Thes, John Bass, Daniel Mungle, Andrew Greer, John Bravard, James Bradley, James Ballow, Anthony Samuel, William Lacy, Wm. Kelton, Willeroy Pate, Pleasant Kearby, Grant Allen, William Martin, Leonard Ballow, James Roberts, William Saunders, Wm. Boyd, Thomas Bowman, Thomas Jamison, John Barclay, Henry Tooley, Nathaniel Ridley, Wm. Haney, John Crosswhite, James Draper

(4) Samuel Caruthers was appt. overseer of road from Mungle's gap up middle fork of Goose Creek to first fork above Trough Spring.

(4) Elisha Oglesby was appt. overseer of road from first fork of Goose Creek above the Trough Spring to Song Creek down same to last crossing; James Gwin and James Hibbitts provide overseers list of polls to work on said road.

(4) Wm. Galbreath appt. overseer of road from Cap Turney's to Mungles Gap, Tilman Dixon and Peter Turney furnish list of hands to work on this road.

(4) Robert Cotton appt. Constable, made bond with Wm. Alexander and Lawrence Cotton, his securities, took oath of office.

(4) Edmond Jennings Stock mark recorded.

(5) Motion by Major Dixon and Peter Turney to discontinue road from Turney to Mungles or road from Dixon Springs to said Gap. Court kept them open and appt. overseers.

(5) Frederick Debo appt. overseer of road from Dixon Springs to Mungles Gap. John Skelton appt. overseer of road leading from Turney's by Dixon Springs to Sumner County line, along old road. Major Dixon and Cap Turney appt. to divide hands and give lists proportionately to work on said road.

(5) William Walton appt. overseer of road from Peyton's Creek to Walton Ferry. All hands living below Thomas Clark's on Peyton's Creek and all on this creek within the first bend of the River above work on said road.

William Walton appt. overseer of road from mouth of Caney Fork to head of Snow Creek, his own hands together with those living above fork and below Sullivan Ferry to head of Snow Creek to work said road.

(5/6) 17 March 1800, Court met with Wm. Walton, Thomas Harmond, James Hibbitts and Peter Turney. Gave John Skelton be allowed to keep an ordinary at his own house and that David Cochran to keep an ordinary at his house, agreeable to orders of last cour Deed Wm. Saunders to David Cochran, acknowledged. Charles Hudspeth appeared,

qualified and took his seat.

Ordered that Martha Acuff and John Acuff be permitted to adm. estate of Thean Acuff, dec. made bond, took oath and returned an inventory.

Ordered to rescind previous court appt. of John Skelton overseer of road from Peter Turney's to Sumner line to Dixon's Lick Creek; Silas Jernigan be appt. overseer of said road from lick Creek to said Turney's.

Ordered grand jury impaneled - following elected and sworn: Grant Allen, foreman, Willis Haney, John Barkley, Andrew Greer, Leonard Ballow, James Bradley, James Draper, Willeroy Pate, Anthony Samuel, James Ballow, William Kelton, Daniel Mungle, John Crosswhite, Thomas Jamison, Nathaniel Ridley. Ordered that Amos Lacy be appt. to wait on Grand Jury.

(6) Ordered that Tandy Witcher be appt. constable. Henry Huddleston ordered that Henry Tooley be exempted from serving as juror at this term as well as Wm. Saunders.

(7) Ordered that a jury be appt. to view mark and lay off road agreeable to law from Dixon Springs to mouth of White Oak Creek by way of James Gwins. Appt. jurors were: Wm. Martin, James Hibitts, James Gwin, John Fisher, Robert Looney and John Bravard, report at ensuing court.

Ordered that Sampson Williams, Andrew Greer, Wilson Cage and Charles F. Mobias appt. jurors to the Superior Court.

Ordered that Garrett Fitzgerald be appt. to take lists of taxable property for Flin's Creek Militia Co.; Charles Hudgespeth for Obeds River and Roaring River Company; Wm. Walton appt. for Cap. Vance's Co.; Thomas Harmond for Capt. Pate's Co.; Peter Turney for Peyton's Creek Co.; Tilman Dixon for Captain Bradley Co.; James Hibitts for Capt. Shaw's Co., and James Gwin for Capt. Gwin's Co.

Ordered that a tax of \$1.00 be allowed each person for a wolf being caught in Smith County complying with the Act of Assembly.

Court adjourned till tomorrow morning ten o'clock.

18 March 1800, Following present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon, Charles Hudspeth and Peter Turney. Ordered that Sampson Williams be allowed to record his stock mark. Charles McClenen records his stock mark.

Mundine to Charles McClenen 92 1/2 acres, ordered to be registered, proven by oath of Jacob Bowerman.

(8) Record lease from Edmond Jinnings to Jacob Bowerman, record his stock mark. James Hibitts records his stock mark.

Deed from George Wilson to Frederick Enochs, proven by Basil Shaw.

The following stock marks are recorded: Harden Gregory, William Gregory, James Dobins, David Mitchell.

Ordered that Henry Dancer be allowed to retail spirituous liquors at his own house on the same terms as other tavern keepers are rated, to be in force until next court, no longer.

Ordered that grand jury be dismissed. Following appt. as a venue to ensuing coming court: David Theilough, Richard Britten, Stephen ? , Danl. Alexander, Blacksmith, Basil Shaw, John Murphy, Wm. Stalcup, David Cochran, Robb Bowman, Godfrey Toulter, Frederick Turner, Elais Johns, Isom Beasley, Philip Day, Wm. ? , Vincent Ridley, Patrick Donoho, Robert ? , (p.9) John Douglas, Wm. Gregory, Leonard Jones, Henry Duncan, Charles McClanan, Richard Harmon, James Cherry, Christopher Bullar, Stephen Pate, John Paterson, Goose Creek, John Rutherford, James Roberts, Edward Pate, Pleasant Kearby, Jul. Dyer, Edmond Jennings and Jacob Bowerman.

(9) Sampson Williams be appt. to Sarah Young. Rachel Clark be appt. guardian to her dau, Dorcas. Zebekiah Ingram appt. constable. Ordered that Charles McClenan be appt. overseer of road where Jacob Bowerman was overseer with same hands as worked under Bowerman.

Ordered that Abraham Britten be appt. overseer of road leading from P/Harl's ferry to intersection with road called the Kentucky road to commence at county, thence to where it intersects with said Ky. Rd and that all hands west of Richard Britten's to Co. line, down new road to said Britten's on west side of middle fork of Goose Creek to mouth thereof and down main fork to said new road.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

(9) 19 March 1800, Following present: James Gwin, Tilman Dixon, Charles Hudsepeth, Esquire.

Ordered that Blackburn be allowed an ordinary at his now dwelling house, rate as follows: for good whiskey or brandy of proof quality 18 1/4; (10) for breakfast, dinner and supper .25. For corn/oats gal. 16 1/4; for lodging each person for night 8 1/2 cents, for 2 bundles fodder 6 1/4 cents, for pasture 24 hours 12 1/2 cents.

(10) Ordered that John Jenkins be allowed to keep an ordinary at his now dwelling house to be rated as others. That Wm. Martin be appt. guardian to John Young, son of Wm. Young, dec'd., that Wm. Martin, Wm. Walton, John Bravard and Sampson Williams be appointed guardians for orphans of Wm. Young, dec. Garrett Fitzgerald recorded his stock mark.

Ordered deed of Thomas Murry to James Hibbitt to be registered.

Recognizance of James Ballow taken before James Hibbitts and Thomas Harmond on a charge exhibited against him by Polly Reynolds for Bastardy returned into court and ordered to be filed of record.

Ordered road be layed off from Flyn's Lick to the nearest settlements on Obed's River agreeable to law and that James Blackburn, James Jones, James Armistead, William Dale, Enoch Fox, Sampson Williams, Moses Fisk be appt. as a jury to view, mark and lay off said road.

Ordered that a road be layed off agreeable to law from Ft. Blount road near the crossing of Salt Lick Creek to the northern boundary of this state near head of Salt Lick Fork of Barren River. That Thomas Draper, James Draper, Jacob Bowerman, Jacob

Jenkins, Pleasant Kearby, Wm. Pate, Henry Huddleston and Sampson Williams be appt. as jury to view, mark and lay off said road.

(11) Ordered laying off road from Northern boundary of the State, near Mr. Irons on Obed River to intersect road leading from Stockton's Valley to Wm. Blackburns at most convenient place, that John Sprowls, William Dale, Edward Irons and John Dale appt. jury to lay off said road and report to ensuing court.

That Henry McKinney, Garrett Fitzgerald, Sampson Williams, James Blackburn, Unrah Anderson, James Jones, Thomas Jones, Edmond Jennings and Benjamin Blackburn appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Fort Blount to Wm. Blackburn's, agreeable to law.

Ordered that Wm. Walton, John Crosswhite, William Shaw, James Payne and John Campbell appt. to mark and layoff road from mouth of Caney Fork to the Indian boundary, agreeable to law.

Ordered that Wm. Martin, Grant Allen, John Bravard be appt. com. to settle with County Trustee.

Ordered that David Venters be allowed to build a public mill on Goose creek near head of big spring which is between forks of the creek, he complying with the law.

Ordered that Anthony Pate be appt. overseer of road from Fort Blount to Salt Lick Creek; all hands living below crossing of said creek between road and river and creek work said road.

(12) Ordered that Moses Ashbrooks be appt. overseer of road from crossing of Salt Lick Creek to top of ridge between said creek and Defeated Creek and all hands that worked under Mr. Kearby work under said overseer.

Ordered that Charles Mundine's stock mark be recorded.

Court adjourned until court in course.

(12) Monday 16 June 1800, Dixon Springs

Members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Wm. Walton, Tilman Dixon and Charles Hudesbeth.

Grand Jury elected and sworn: John Douglas, foreman, Godfrey Fowler, Patrick Donoho, James Roberts, Robert Bowerman, John Paterson, Philip Day, Jacob Bowerman, Richard Harmond, James Cherry, David Cochran, Leonard Jones, Stephen Pate, Edmond Jennings, Isham Beasley.

Lemuel Henry be admitted as prac. attn. he having taken the necessary authorizations and oath of office.

Ordered that Silas Jernigan appt. constable to attend grand jury.

Deed 100 acres Thomas Harney to Esam Graves, proven by oath of Jacob Bowerman, witness, ordered to be recorded.

(13) Ordered that Thomas Draper, Pleasant Kirby and Wm. Pate appt. as patrollers for Captain Pate's Co.

Ordered that Richard Banks be permitted to keep a ferry at his own landing below mouth of Dixon's Creek, rated agreeable to all ferries in county.

Ordered that stock mark be recorded for Wm. Marchbanks.



Person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Date of Birth  
p.b. Place of Birth  
m. Date of Marriage  
d. Date of Death  
p.d. Place of Death

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4 Gregory Moore  
(Father of No. 2)  
b. 15 Dec 1807  
p.b.  
m.  
d. 6 Jun 1881  
p.d.

2 Geo. Clark Moore  
(Father of No. 1)  
b. 8 Nov 1832  
p.b.  
m.  
d. 10 Apr 1910  
p.d.

5 Anna Anna Clark  
(Mother of No. 2)  
b. 17 Oct 1811  
p.b.  
d. 10 Jul 1865  
p.d.

Borden Moore

6 Josiah R. Smith  
(Father of No. 3)  
b. 14 Jan 1792  
p.b.  
m. 24 Oct 1826  
d. 2 May 1882  
(War of 1812)  
p.d.

3 Louisa R. Smith  
(Mother of No. 1)  
b. 8 Mar 1837  
p.b.  
d. 23 Sept 1908  
p.d.

7 Barthana Cloud  
(Mother of No. 3)  
b. 6 May 1804  
p.b.  
d. 25 Mar 1889  
p.d.

Annie Lee Goodall  
(Spouse of No. 1)

8 John Moore  
(Father of No. 4)

b.  
p.b.  
m.  
d.  
p.d.

9 Sara Pruett  
(Mother of No. 4)

b.  
p.b.  
d.  
p.d.

10 George Clark  
(Father of No. 5)

b. 20 Mar 1773 (Va)  
p.b.  
m.  
d.  
p.d.

11 Jane Armstrong  
(Mother of No. 5)

b. 28 May 1785  
p.h.  
d.  
p.d.

12 William Smith  
(Father of No. 6)

b. 7 Mar 1771  
p.b.  
m.  
d. 2 Jul 1833  
p.d.

13 Polly Heaton  
(Mother of No. 6)

b. 25 Feb 1778  
p.b.  
d. 2 Sept 1851  
p.d.

14 B. F. C. Cloud  
(Father of No. 7)

b. 1802  
p.b.  
m.  
d. 1844  
p.d.

15 Mary Chadwell  
(Mother of No. 7)

b.  
p.b.  
d.  
p.d.

16 Thos. Moore (No)  
(Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
m.  
d.

17 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

18 Joshua Pruett  
(Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
m.  
d.

19 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

20 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
m.  
d.

21 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

22 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
m.  
d.

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

24 Thos. Smith  
(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b. 20 Jan 1746  
m.  
d. 13 Oct 1821

25 Elizabeth  
(Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

26 St. Amos Eaton  
(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b. abt. 1740  
m.  
d.

27 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
d.

28 Joseph Cloud  
(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.  
m.  
d.

29 Nancy Moore  
(Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Graduated  
d. 1st Son of Va. Spotted

30 Capt. D. Chadwell  
(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b. 1733-1833  
m.  
d.

31 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

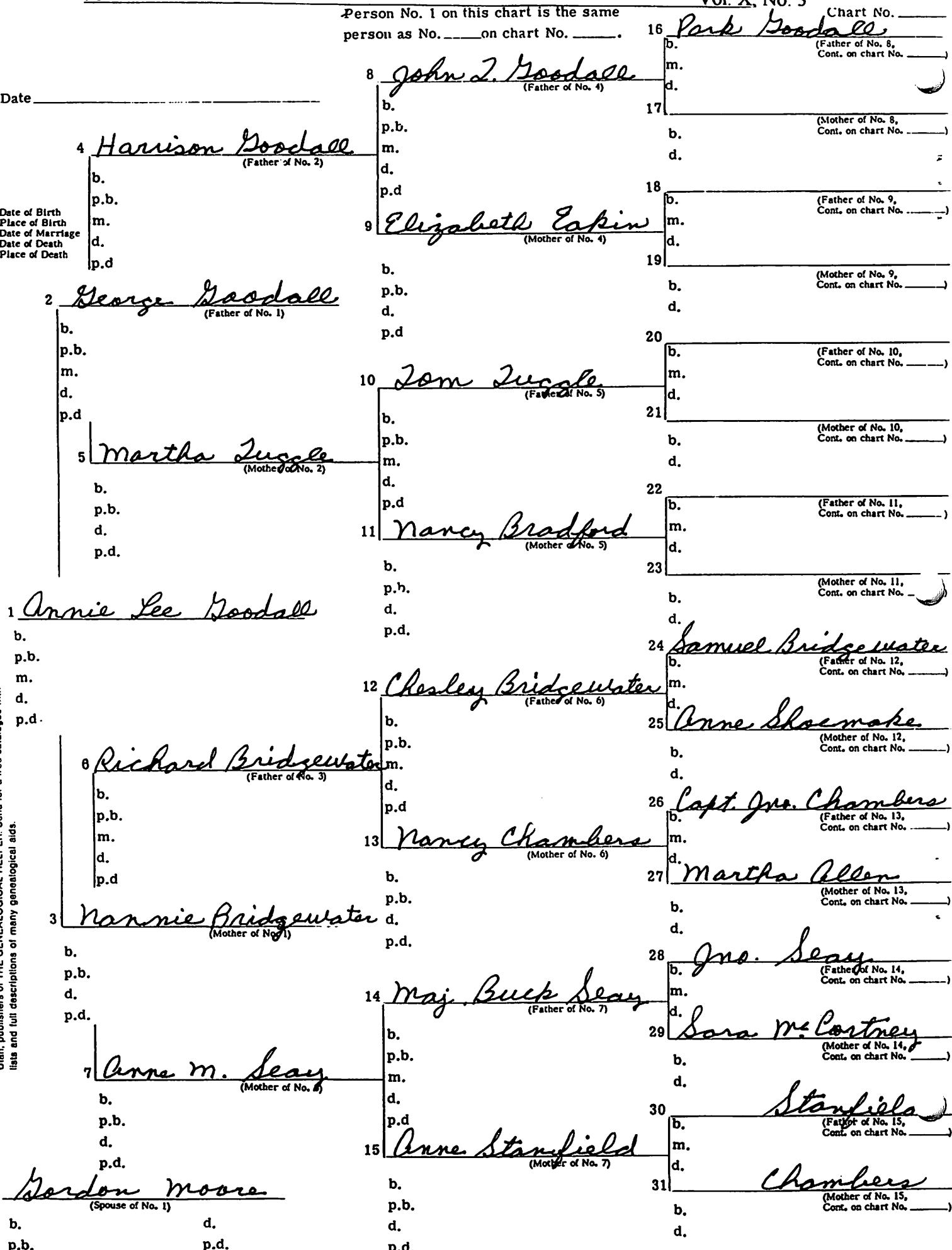
Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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m. Date of Marriage  
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## CHADWELLS

Capt. David Chadwell was born in England, 1733, landed on Virginia coast in Augusta County and married Elizabeth Turner. During the Revolution, lived in Henry County, later located in Lee County where he built a fort to protect himself and family from the Indians, now called Chadwell Station. Owned nearly all of Powell Valley, had 100 slaves. Died in Tazewell, Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1833. His children were:

JOHN, 1768 = Mary Adams; SUSAN = Benjamin Posey (Brother of Geo. Posey, only man who ever owned slaves in Indiana; BARTHENA = Cattrell & Skelton; MARY (POLLY) = Middleton & B.F.C. Smith; WILLIAM = Katherine Love; NANCY = James Brittain; DAVID, JR. = Nancy Love; Alexander = Lucy Bailey.

References: May 4, 1799 - Militia Dr, Warrant to Capt David Chadwell for pay, rations, etc. of his company of militia from Henry Co., Va., on duty in Montgomery per payroll - 330117, Auditors Account 1779 on p. 101, State Library, Richmond, Va.; *Virginia Magazine of History & Biography, Vol 9*, p. 18, 8th Annual Report. *Eakenrode's List of Virginia Soldiers*, Data in file case (DAR Library) "The said David Chadwell, Captain of the Militia of Henry Co, Va and patriot, material and oath of allegiance."

MARY CHADWELL MIDDLETON CLOUD, born 30 August 1777 in Henry Co., Va., died 2 October 1856 in Claiborne Co., East Tennessee, buried in Lee County, Va; married in Lee Co., Va. 1801; a son, BFC Cloud, Jr. was born 8 November 1802 in Hawkins Co., Tennessee (from Shultz Family Bible).

## SMITH

JOSEPH SMITH in 1734 joined in the Edwin Markham, Thos. Graves and Johnathan Clark, entered 3277A Rivanna. He devised it to his sons, John, Larkin, Philip and Thomas. From 1746-1765 sold shares to Mr. Jefferson (Nashville Library).

THOMAS SMITH (20 Jan 1746 - 13 August 1821) AND ELIZABETH ? (10 August 1749 - 26 October 1821), buried Smith Co., Tennessee. Their children were: JUDITH, 1769; WILLIAM, 1771; ROBERT, 1772 - 1812, 1815; LEWIS, 1775; ELIZABETH, 1778; SALLY, 1781; POLLY, 1783, DIED; JESSIE, 1785; JOHN, 1790.

WILLIAM SMITH was born in Cumberland County, Va. His family moved to Stokes City, N.C. during his childhood, and from there to where Nashville now stands. Here he married during the period between 1790-1797 to Polly Heaton, and afterwards moved to what is now Smith County. One son, JOSIAH RAMSEY SMITH, was born 14 Jan 1792 who later married BARTHENA CLOUD, born 6 May 1804 at Tazewell, Va.

JOSIAH R. SMITH & BARTHENA CLOUD'S children: EMILY ADELAIDE = WADE PASCHAL; B. F. C. = ? GORDON, MARGARET WILSON; PRUDENCE ZERELDA = HENRY MOORE; JOSEPHINE OPHELIA = ZACHARY GIBSON; MARTHA = BROWN GILL; LOUISANA ANTOINETTE = GEO. MOORE; MARY ELIZABETH; ANGELINE.

War Department, the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1920.

Josiah Smith served as private, Capt. Bethel Allen's Co., 1st (Dyer's) Regt. Tenn. Volunteer Gunman. Commencement of service: September 28, 1814; Expiration of service: May 4, 1815. A discharge certificate dated April 27, 1815, shows his name as J.R. Smith. P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General. (Grandma Smith had a pension after his death).

### MOORE

GREGORY MOORE, lived in 17th District, Smith County, Tennessee, married ARRA ANNA CLARK and had eight children: GEORGE C. MOORE = LOUISIANA SMITH; BUCK MOORE = OPHELIA JOHNSON, MARY MARKS; JOHN MOORE = ELLEN GOODALL; TOM MOORE = LOTTIE GULLICK, BETTY BRADFORD; BETSEY MOORE = JACOB TUGGLE; SARA MOORE = WILSON NEAL; POLLY MOORE = JIM HALE; MARTHA MOORE = THOMAS EASTES.

GEORGE MOORE & LOUISIANA SMITH, married 24 October 1866, 4 children: BARTIE MOORE; MARY MOORE = JACK BRADFORD; KATE MOORE; GORDON MOORE = ANNIE LEE GOODALL, five children: NANCY MOORE = VAN NEW TURNER; ROBERT MOORE = ELLA JUNE TURNER; TED MOORE = ROBERTA GANN; MARY KATHERINE MOORE = SEABORN HOLT; JAMES MOORE = SHIRLEY WALKER.

Record from War Department: George C. Moore, Co. H (Murry's), Tenn Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 22, 1861, at Nashville, age 28 years.

This company became Co. C (Smith's) Tenn Cavalry. Elected 1st Lt., May 16, 1862 and promoted to Captain August 1, 1863.

His name appears as signature to an Oath of Allegiance to the U. S. and shows that he surrendered May 3, 1865, at Charlotte, N. C. and subscribed to the Oath May 19, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.

His description is recorded as follows: complexion dark, hair dark, eyes grey, height 6 ft, 2 in, place of residence Smith County.

Submitted by Pelham N. Norris

## SMITH COUNTY DEATH RECORDS - 1915

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Mrs. Elizabeth Tuggle, b 30 Aug 1839, Smith Co., d 7 May 1915; age 75; house wife, near Grant; father Gregory Moore, b Tn, mother Ira Ann Moore, b Tn; burial Family Graveyard; informant Jim Cheek.

Mrs. Altic Turner, b 30 Dec 1823, d 14 May 1915; age 91; housewife, near Commerce; father Radford Ellis, b N.C., mother Glocen?; burial Brush Creek.

Thomas B. Kemp, b 10 Jun 1915, infant; father Carsie Kemp, mother Willie McCall; burial Kempville.

James Neely Bridges, b 12 Aug 1836, Tn, d 12 Jun 1915; age 78; physician, New Middleton; father John Bridges, b Tn, mother Amanda Calhoun, b, Tn; burial Nashville, Tn; informant H. C. Bridges.

Prudie Rodgers, b 18 May 1843, d 22 Jun 1915; age 72; housewife, Brush Creek; father Alug Smartt, b Tn, mother Malinda Agee, b Tn; burial Smith Co.; informant Turner Rodgers.

Josie Allen, b 25 Mar 1865, d 14 Jun 1915; age 50; day laborer, Alexandria; father Hearri Gentry; burial Dry Branch.

Nancy Jane Allen, b 2 Nov 1845, d 16 Jun 1915; age 69; housewife, Brush Creek; father Joshua Prewitt, b Va, mother Nancy Kitchen, b Va; burial Brush Creek; informant Louis Allen.

William Henry Carver, b 25 Mar 1914, d 13 Jun 1915; age 1; father Henry Carver, b Tn, mother Clara Stott, b Tn;

Elisha Raymond Chambers, b 6 Jun 1914, d 17 Jun 1915; age 1; Riddleton; father Elisha Chambers, b Tn, mother Ora Ferguson, b Tn.

Katie Smith, b 10 Jun 1847, Tn, d 18 Jun 1915; age 68; housewife, Stonewall; burial Stonewall.

Janie Kenerdy, d 11 Jul 1915; age 52; widow; Housewife, District 2; father Berry Woodward, b Tn, mother Isebella Clark, b Tn; burial Russell Burying Ground; informant, Jim Woodward.

Mary Donoho, b Tn, d 21 Jul 1915; housewife, District 2; burial Willette.

Tilman McCormick, d 21 Jul 1915; age 25; farmer, District 2; father Howard McCormick, mother Jenie Hayne, b Tn; burial Defeated; informant, H. C. McCormick.

Lizzie Hainey Head, b 1879, d 28 Jul 1915; age 36; housework, Dixon Springs; father Lewis Hainey, b Tn; burial Jane Seays.

Joe W. Deadman, b Nov 1889, Tn, d 22 Jul 1915; single; farmer, Sykes; father Wm. H. Deadman, b Tn, mother Mary Gwaltney, b Tn; burial Union Hill.

Mrs. Susanner Hare, b 14 Apr 1842, Jackson Co., Tn, d 22 Jul 1915; age 73; widow; father Gillye Rogers, b Jackson Co., mother Delilia Basham, b Jackson Co.; burial Elmwood, Tn; informant Wm. Rogers.

Isham Beasley, b 21 Jul 1852, Tn, d 25 Jul 1915; age 63, widower; farmer, Elmwood; father Alvis Beasley, b Tn, mother Mary Beasley, b Tn; burial Elmwood; informant Stites Brown.

Jas Walter Bradley, b 30 Apr 1895, Tn, d 6 Jul 1915; age 20; single, farmer, New Middleton; father Thos. Bradley, b Tn, mother Aggie Agee, b Tn; burial New Middleton; informant Thos. Agee.

Lizzie Aliene Gill, b 5 Apr 1889, Tn, d 9 Jul 1915; age 26; housewife, District 17; father W. H. Carpenter, b Ky, mother Elizabeth Jeffries, b Tn; burial Family Cemetery; informant W. H. Carpenter.

Mary Jane Barbee, b 22 May 1835, Tn, d 21 Jul 1915; age 80; widow, housekeeper, near Grant; father Bridley Corley, b Tn, mother Matilda Sory, b Va; burial Family Cemetery; informant M. F. Hankins.

Sam Gower, b 24 Sep 1902, Tn, d 14 Jul 1915; age 12, Riddleton; father Mason Gower, b Tn, mother Maudie Claridy, b Tn; burial Furgurson Burial Place.

Susie A. Brim, b 11 Apr 1870, Smith Co., d 6 Jul 1915; age 45, housewife, Riddleton; father Elisha Morris, b Cannon Co., Tn, mother Martha Smith, b Smith Co.; burial Dixon Springs; informant J. H. Brim.

William H. Snoddy, b 6 Nov 1891, Elmwood, d 6 Aug 1915; farmer, carpenter, Carthage, Rt. 1; father James B. Snoddy, b Elmwood, mother Nannie Hisaw, b Birdstown, Tn; burial Monoville.

Adaline Gibbs, b 29 Sep 1914, d 24 Aug 1915; age 1; father William Melvin Gibbs, b Tn, mother Verda Loman, b Tn; burial 14th Dist., Gibbs Graveyard; informant Jessie Reed.

Jimmie Cornelia Smith, b 2 Mar 1902, Tn, d 14 Aug 1915; age 13, Stonewall; father Jas. H. Smith, b Tn, mother Carry Brimm, b Tn; burial Gordonsville Cemetery; informant J. H. Smith.

Burnice D. Haynes, b 22 Jul 1891, d 11 Aug 1915; farmer, Gordonsville; age 24, single; father Jim Haynes, b Tn, mother Ann Preston, b Tn; burial Gordonsville; informant Jim Haynes.

Thomas B. Yeaman, b 3 Jul 1915, d 29 Aug 1915; 5th District; father Thomas Yeaman, b Tn, mother Mary S. Goad, b Tn; burial Goad Graveyard.

Betty Ann Glover, b 15 Oct 1871, d 28 Aug 1915; age 34; housekeeping, Chestnut Mound; father Albert Dillard, b Tn, mother Frances Bush, b Tn; burial Chestnut Mound; informant Janie Dillard.

Mrs.Eliza Herring, d 27 Aug 1915; age 53,widow; housekeeping, District 11; father Joshua Dillard, Sr., b Tn; burial Elmwood.

Harvey Wilkerson, d 13 Aug 1915; age 67; farmer, New Middleton; father Monroe Wilkerson, b Tn, mother Martha Waggoner, b Tn; burial Wilkerson Burying Ground. ✓

Dutch Rollins, b 22 Oct 1893, Tn, d 28 Aug 1915; age 21, single; farmer, District 17; father Taylor Rollins, b Tn, mother Mary Allison, b Tn; burial Family Cemetery; informant Mrs.Mary Allison.

Raymond Atwood, b 12 Apr 1914, d 12 Aug 1915; age 1, Grant; father Sion Atwood, b Tn, mother Linnie Stallings, b Tn; burial Smith County.

William H. Snoddy, b 30 Sep 1890, Tn, d 8 Aug 1915; age 25, single; farmer, Monoville; father James B. Snoddy, b Tn, mother N. L. Snoddy, b Birdstown, Tn; burial Monoville.

Willard Maning, d 24 Aug 1915; age 27; Grant; father Jim Barkell, b Tn; burial Smith County.

Lula Odell Moss, b 26 Dec 1889, Bell Co., Tx, d 17 Sep 1915; age 25; housewife, District 20; father John Nixon, b Tn, mother Laura Williams, b Tn; burial near Carthage; informant G. C. Moss.

Lim W. Whitley, b 2 Mar 1836, Tn, d 20 Sep 1915; age 72; farmer, District 15; father Dave Whitley, b Va, mother Fannie Wilkerson, b Va; burial Smith Co.

Crockett Frelon Smith, b 21 Sep 1915, d 21 Sep 1915; Stonewall; father Crockett F. Smith, b Tn, mother Eva Betty Perkins, b Tn; burial Gordonsville.

Sadie Myrtle Day, b 25 Oct 1893, Tn, d 18 Sep 1915; age 21, single; telephone operator, Carthage; father Edgar Day, b Sumner Co., mother Ina McKey, b Carthage; burial Carthage.

Minnie Bass, b 31 Aug 1913, d 20 Sep 1915; age 2, Carthage; father George Bass, b Silver Point, mother Martha Judd, b Monterey; burial near Monoville.

Margaret Harris, d 18 Sep 1915, b Tn; age 54, single; County Asylum; had only one leg; burial County Graveyard.

Verda Loman Gibbs, b Aug 1890, Maggart, d 22 Sep 1915; age 25; housekeeper, District 14; father Loman, mother Margaret Grissum; burial Gibbs Graveyard.

Amanda Jones, d 30 Sep 1915; age 74, single; District 14; burial County Graveyard

Benjamin Traweek, b 10 Sep 1837, Tn, d 19 Sep 1915; age 78; farmer, District 10, Stonewall; father Robert Traweek, b Tn, mother Mary -, b Tn; burial New Macedonia.

George Samuel Silcox, b 25 Aug 1915, d 2 Sep 1915; age 8 mo., Carthage, Rt. 1; father Benton Silcox, b Celina, Tn, mother Maggie Pope, b Monoville; burial Monoville.

Henry Williams, b about 1845, d 4 Oct 1915; age 70; farmer, Donoho; no physician in attendance; burial Buffalo.

Alice Stubblefield, b Tn, d 13 Oct 1915; age 38; housewife, District 5; father Alex Coward, b Tn, mother Jane Morgan, b Tn; burial Jenkins Graveyard.

William Daniel Agee, b 12 Mar 1827, Smith Co., d 21 Oct 1915; age 88, wife dead; minister, farmer, District 7; father Ephriam Agee, mother Elizabeth Paris; burial Homeplace; informant W. P. Agee.

Dreadford Lee woodard, b 17 Oct 1908, d 22 Oct 1915; age 7, 1st District; father Walter Woodard, b Tn, mother Evie Hackett, b Tn; burial Monoville.

Peter M. Turner, b 14 Nov 1842, Tn, d 29 Nov 1915; age 73, Brush Creek; father Toliver Turner, b Va, mother Elizabeth Grindstaff, b NC; burial Brush Creek.

Susan J. Evins, b 14 Oct 1842, Smith Co., d 20 Nov 1915; age 75, District 14, widow; housekeeper; father John Amonet, mother Matidly Deadman, b Smith Co.; burial J. H. Tyree's, 14th District.



Harriett Smith, d 14 Nov 1915; age 56, housekeeper; burial Monoville; informant Delthie Smith.

Susan Elizabeth Jones, b 1 May 1845, Tn, d 14 Nov 1915; age 70; farmer's wife, Dixon Springs; father J. W. Hughes, b New Middleton, mother Virginia Freeland, b Smith County; burial Dixon Springs.

L. B. Dickens, b 8 Feb 1845, Tn, d 10 Nov 1915; age 70; minister, Elmwood; father B. Dickens, b Tn, mother Dexonia Gentry, b Tn; burial Elmwood; informant Eliheyu Dickens.

Dorothy Hellmantellar, b 10 Oct 1828, Tn, d 3 Nov 1915; age 87, single; Sykes; burial New Middleton; informant Will Hellmantellar.

Paul Hogan Clay, b 30 Apr 1895, Tn, d 8 Dec 1915; age 20; machinist, Dixon Springs; father William Young Clay, b Tn, mother Annie Kittrell, b Tn; burial Dixon Springs; informant Robert B. Clay.

Mary Lucinda Montfort, b 15 Mar 1843, St Louis, Mo., d 1 Dec 1915; age 72; housewife, Dixon Springs; father James Murphy, b Abington, Va, mother Virginia Rivington, b Island of Martinque; burial New Liberty, Ky; informant Mrs. Edith M. Ford.

John J. Ballard, d 30 Dec 1915; age 54; farmer, 20th District; gun shot wound; father W. Y. Ballard, b Tn, mother - Moss, b Tn; burial Elmwood, Rt. 1; informant B. J. High.

Jno. C. Blair, b 24 Jan 1833, d 18 Dec 1915; age 82, Chestnut Mound; father Charles Blair, b Smith Co., mother - Campbell, b Smith Co., burial Elmwood; informant Hugh Farmer.

Lems Watts, b 1881, d 22 Dec 1915; farmer, Chestnut Mound; father Jno Watts, b Tn, mother Elizabeth Young, b Tn; burial Chestnut Mound.

Thomas Alvis, b Mar 1856, Mo., d 20 Dec 1915; age 59; farmer, 14th District; burial Brush Creek; informant Mattie Skelton.

Mollie Jenkins Fry, b 23 Aug 1877, Wilson Co., Tn, d 26 Dec 1915; age 38; housekeeper, 17th District; father W. J. Jenkins, b Wilson Co., mother Ivy A. Stroud, b Tn; burial Smith County.

Jesse Clark, b 25 Nov 1862, d 28 Dec 1915; age 53; farmer, New Middleton; father Thomas Anderson Clark, b Va, mother Lia Spencer, b SC; burial Family Cemetery; informant Jim Clark.

Harry C. Chaffin, b 14 Nov 1846, Tn, d 10 Dec 1915; age 69; farmer, Monoville; father Martin Chaffin, mother Janie Clark, b Ala.; burial Monoville; informant James Chaffin.

Martha Jane Lamons, b 3 Sep 1839 Jackson Co., Tn, d 29 Dec 1915; age 76, widow; housekeeper, Carthage; father Alfred F. Stone, b Cherry Ck., White Co., Montecello, mother Sallie Patton, b Wayne Co., Ky; burial Carthage; informant R. K. Lamons.

Andrew Clarence Bryant, b 27 Apr 1915, Tn, d 16 Dec 1915; age 7 mo.; father Joe Bryant, b Jackson Co., Tn, mother Jennie Lee Ellis, b Smith Co. burial Horseshoe Bend.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION  
JOHN (WIDOW JANE) ARMSTRONG - NORTH CAROLINA  
(Files: W 8229; B.L. Wt. 19543-16-55, National Archives, Washington, D.C.)**

29 November 1825: John Armstrong (signed), aged 72, files petition from Smith County, West Tennessee. Had served nine months (March to December 1777) as private in the N. C. Company of Captain High, commanded by Colonel Lytle. Discharged in S.C. in 1777. Was in Missouri in 1818 when the pension law was passed and remained there two more years; very sickly, did not know of the law. Returned to Tennessee. Sent in papers more than four years ago. No family residing with him except his wife Rebecca, who is in poor health.

16 June 1854: Jane Armstrong (X), widow of John, files petition from Fayette County, Ky. Formerly Jane Patrick. They had been married in Montgomery Co., Ky. "sometime in the month of August 1827 by Thomas Boon." Husband drew pension three times. "About the year 1836," John started from his home in Clark Co., Ky., for Nashville, Tenn. on business, and she never saw him again, believes he died in Tennessee "some time in the year 1847."

(n.d.): Oath of Jane. Her husband was "fond of traveling and rambling about." When he left at age 83, he told her to meet him in "Frankfort or Louisville," but he never showed up. She went on to Illinois in search of him, never found him, and returned home.

8 September 1854: Testimony of Michael Emery, Katharine Armstrong, and Wm. M. Emery. They were with John when died at Michael's house, 15 February 1841 (1847?)

(Various dates) Testimonies of Allen Armstrong, son of John by his third wife, Jane (the applicant). He has not seen John since about 1829, but received a note from "some one of his relations near Nashville, the name not now recollected" about 1847, saying that his father had died at the house of one Mike Emery. Father was about 100 when he died. Other children of John included Polly Wyatt. John had nine in all, living in Tennessee and Missouri. When his father left Jane, he had every intention of meeting her, but after he got to Tennessee he decided that "being old he supposed he had not much use for a wife" and never came back.

Submitted by Merle Stevens

## QUERIES

**DAY:** Seeking information on the parents/siblings of my gr-gr-gr-grandfather, JOHN D. DAY, b. ca 1800 in NC, he married MARGARET CAULEY, b ca 1798. They had the following children: HENRY D., ANN C., MARY B., WILLIAM M., MARGARET J., ELLEN F., SUSAN M. I believe John may have had a brother, Henry, but have no proof. Any help with this family will be greatly appreciated.

RAY UNDERWOOD, 14605 Paynes Creek Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080; e-mail [underwood@jps.net](mailto:underwood@jps.net)

**KERLEY:** Seeking information on the parents/siblings of my gr-gr-grandmother, MARTHA WASHINGTON KERLEY, b 12 Nov 1820 in TN. She married HENRY D. DAY, b 14 Dec 1822 in TN. They resided in Smith County in 1850, moved to AR in 1859 & Union County, IL in 1861. They had the following children: AMANDA EMILY, WILLIAM S., JONATHAN W., MARY C., GEORGE W., ALICE M., EDMUND E., HENRY B., DORTHULA, & LOUISA E. Martha's grandfather may have been JAMES KERLEY, residing in Smith County on the 1830 Census. Any help with this family will be greatly appreciated.

RAY UNDERWOOD, 14605 Paynes Creek Road, Red bluff, CA 96080; e-mail [underwood@jps.net](mailto:underwood@jps.net)

**JOHNSON/ELLIS:** Seeking information of RHODA JOHNSON who was married to JOHN WILLIS ELLIS, son of BENJAMIN & SARAH COPELAND ELLIS. Would like to know her parents and if she died in Tennessee early 1830's. Any information would be appreciated.

PHYLLIS BONTZ, 17676 Pike 459, Curryville, MO 63339; 575-594-2179.

**BROCKETT:** A few copies of *The Descendants of William E. Brockett, Sr., 1748-1821*, for sale, \$115.00 per 2 vol. set, includes P & H, 1200 pages plus 100 pages pictures and stories. There will only be up dates, no reprints.

VIOLET E. POLAND, 14222 Antelope Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-5614. e-mail [w8fwf@treknet.net](mailto:w8fwf@treknet.net).

**BARNETT:** Request information on the BARNETT'S of Smith County, TN who lived in Brush Creek area. This line came from Greenville, SC through DAVID BARNETT born 1755 in Ludenburg Co., Va. DAVID and AGNES had the following children: THOMAS, WILLIAM, LEMUEL, DAVID, JR., JOHN, PRISCILLA, NARCISSA, JAMES, MARGARET, MARY, AGNES. I would appreciate any information.

PAT DEEKEN, 1397 Wolf Ridge Drive, Collierville, TN 38017.

BEASLEY, BLAIR, BUNDRANT/BONDURANT, CRANE/CRAIN, FORD, HARVICK, MELTON, PAYNE, SPURLOCK, RUCKER in Tennessee. JOHN BEASLEY, born in Georgia 13 November 1833, married in Franklin County, TN to LOUCINDA P. CRANE (CRAIN), b 27 Nov 1813 in KY. Oldest son JOSEPH NEWTON BEASLEY, was born in Beasley Bend, TN 13 Nov 1833. In 1843 the family lived in Bedford Co. Other children born in TN were NANCY A, MARTHA C., MARY SERENE, JULIA FRANCES, WILLIAM JASPER. By 1850 the family was living in Stoddard County, MO, and about 1859 moved to Texas. Need any information on John or Loucinda's families. FRANCES BARKLEY WILLESS, 1011 Karen Avenue, Austin, TX 78757.

SHOEMAKE/HUBBARD: One of my Smith County ancestors was JUDAH HUBBARD SHOEMAKE who inherited property in Smith Co. along with her sister and brother. The following is from a deed abstract book: "PATRICK HUBBARD and JUDAS HUBBARD, now JUDAS SHOEMAKE and her husband, MICHAEL SHOEMAKE, FRANCES HUBBARD, now FRANCES DILLARD and her husband, JOSEPH DILLARD, to JOHN MAGGART, a tract of land on the Cumberland River. 8 Oct 1838." Who was the father of PATRICK, JUDAH and FRANCES HUBBARD? ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

SHOEMAKE: My great grandmother was SARAH BELL SHOEMAKE. Some of the Smith Co. TN families in her line were HUBBARD, MCKINNEY, SULLIVAN. I would like to exchange info on any of these families. ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

GLOVER/BROOKS: SAMUEL NARD ROBINSON mar DICIE? before 1814, prob in Sm Co., TN DICIE is on the census as having been born in VA. I have been told that her maiden name is either GLOVER or BROOKS. Does any one have any info on DICIE? ANN GABBERT, 408 Stotts, El Paso, TX 79932. e-mail AGabbert@AOL.com.

MCKINNIS: Researching GEORGE A. MCKINNIS, b 1846; DAVID MCKINNIS, b 1815; ALEXANDER & DELANA MCKINNIS, d 1839/1840 - 1860, respectively. HAZYL ANDRUS, 8239 N Farm 181 Rd, Springfield, MO 65803.

MASSEY/ANDERSON: Would like information on SIMS MASSEY b 1780-90 place unknown, was in Smith Co. by 1810. He had land on the east side of the Caney Fork River. SIMS MASSEY m c1810 SARAH ANDERSON also of Smith Co. Any help on either family appreciated. ROBERT G. MASSEY, 909 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. HFGV7A@Prodigy.com

CONGER/YOUNG: Need clarifying information about the marriage of JOSIAH C. "JOE" CONGER to ARABELLA N. "BELLE" YOUNG. Married in Smith County, TN. Were they married on 28 September 1865 or 21 September 1864? MARY LOVETT, 3629 Moultrie Ave., San Diego, CA 92117-5619. 619-270-7391. E-Mail: OnRdAgain@aol.com

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In 1997 another Gordonsville landmark was lost to fire when the unique Gwaltney/Dalton/Haynes house was gutted by flames of undetermined origin. The ruins have since been leveled and removed. The stalwart rock fence and unusual rounded entrance posts are all that remain to mark the site of the once elegant Victorian home.

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## GORDONSVILLE, TENNESSEE

(The following glowing account of the progressive little village of Gordonsville was published in the *Carthage Courier*, February 19, 1914, p. 2. Within a few months a disastrous fire swept through the business district of the town. Undaunted, the people began immediately rebuilding from the ashes of destruction)

Taking into consideration everything that goes to make a town attractive and lead inducements to all classes of people, Gordonsville ranks among the foremost of Smith County.

Gordonsville has been a town for some eighty years and takes its name from one Mr. Gordon who once lived on the site where the Prewitt house now stands. (Ed. Note: Located just east of Bass Funeral Home on Main Street). It is situated in the southern part of the county on the Tennessee Central railroad, and the aggressiveness of her citizenship is noticeable and very deserving of recognition. The county at large can well be proud of Gordonsville.

In 1909 Gordonsville was incorporated, and, according to the 1910 census, has within her corporate limits two hundred and forty five citizens who are especially noted for their firm stand in favoring forward steps that incline to the betterment of her people and vigorously opposing steps that appear to them to be unwise.

As evidence of the above, we wish to call your attention to her magnificent school building, her various churches, her numerous business enterprises and some of her most prominent citizens.

In this town the citizens boast of having one of the best and largest schools in the county. The building which was erected a little over a year ago at the cost of \$14,000 is a large and commodious, steam-heated, two story brick, and has as its instructors Messers. Clarence Allen, E. L. Liggett, Misses Sadie Agnew, Lula Ford, with Miss Alice Fletcher in charge of the music department, composing a faculty whose reputation for the proper training and instructions of those entrusted to their care is unquestioned.

There are three churches - Methodist, Cumberland Presbyterian and Presbyterian U. S. A. - in Gordonsville, the membership totaling something like two hundred, which argues well for any town of its size.

The Gordonsville Bank was established in 1889 and had a deposit at the January 6, 1914, statement \$30,215.01 - this being the largest deposit of either of the nine banks of the county. The officers of the bank are: H.C. Gwaltney, president; H. P. Dowell, vice-president; William Gwaltney, cashier; J. F. Gwaltney, assistant cashier. The Gordonsville Hotel of which building the bank is a part, has recently changed hands and is now under

the capable and efficient management of Madames J. E. Gold and Juda Kitchen. The hotel offers a desirable place for both transient and local trade.

The livestock firm of Betty, Thomas and Vaden has been recently established at Gordonsville. This firm has done a larger business during the past few months than any other in the county, having shipped some fifteen or twenty cars to northern markets besides a considerable local trade. They have now in their barn some thirty head of mules and one exceptionally fine saddle horse. They paid \$300 for the horse, and Mr. Thomas says he is one of the finest saddlers in the county. They are in the market - they will buy or sell. In fact, they have created an extensive livestock market in Gordonsville and have been of much benefit to the entire county.

Mr. F. E. Jeffreys, who was for sometime a member of the firm of Wyatt and Jeffrey's, is now owner and manager of a mercantile business and is sharing a liberal patronage. The Gordonsville Mill - one of the best established in the section of the country - is practically owned and managed by F. A. and W. C. Smith and is noted for its output of the fine flours, meal, bran, etc. It is located especially convenient to the railroad, and quick and satisfactory service is Mr. Smith's motto. The general merchandise and clothing store of Walter James is of long standing and sustains the reputation of good values and reasonable prices. J. E. Wilson, for the past few years, has been one of the town's most energetic and accommodating business men. In addition to owning and operating a drug and hardware store, Mr. Wilson manages a livery stable which affords reasonably good transportation through the county. Mrs. J. W. Smith carries a small line of stable and fancy groceries, and for this reason, they are always clean and fresh. Wyatt and Gwaltney are now well known among the business men. They are general merchants, and, in connection with their store, handle the famous Robinson-McGill buggies and undertaking.

W. B. Whitley is noted for handling fine stock, a number of entries having taken blue ribbons at the state fair. He also handles the Duroc Jersey hogs. Traveling out of Gordonsville are four resident drummers - R. M. McDonald, who is also the mayor of the city, J. H. Timberlake, A. Lee, and W. A. Hall - and they are clever hustlers, too. Her four Physicians - Drs. Campbell, Robins, Whitley and King - stand at the head of their professions in the Upper Cumberland territory. J. S. James, Earl Harper, S. Y. Hogin, J. G. Gold, W. A. Davis, J. M. Vantrease, E. M. McDoanld, M. Avant, H. P. Dowell, E. M. Whitley, C. H. Oliver, are among the leading farmers of the community, and space alone forbids mention of many others of prominence of which the town can boast.

Gordonsville is the only town in the county affording electric lights; it has concrete pavements running the entire length of the town and other modern improvements.

*Carthage Courier*, October 1, 1914

### GORDONSVILLE VISITED BY A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

The general merchandise store of Wyatt and Gwaltney and the drug and hardware store of Gwaltney and Wilson in the little city of Gordonsville were destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

The fire was discovered by J. T. Butts about 3:30 in the buggy department of Wyatt and Gwaltney's store. Mr. Butts immediately gave the alarm but the flames quickly destroyed the building occupied by Wyatt and Gwaltney and spread rapidly to the store of Gwaltney and Wilson which is only a few feet away and which was destroyed in spite of the heroic efforts made to extinguish the flames. It was only through good luck and hard work by the citizens who responded promptly to the alarm that a number of others nearby were saved.

The loss to the firm of Wyatt and Gwaltney is about \$7000 with \$4,500 insurance. The loss of Gwaltney and Wilson is between \$4,000 and \$5000 with \$2000 insurance both of whom were insured by H. B. Highers of Carthage. The building occupied by Wyatt and Gwaltney was owned by R. M. McDoanld and the building occupied by Gwaltney and Wilson was owned by John Gold.

*Carthage Courier*, October 8, 1914

Gwaltney and Wilson, one of the heavy losers in the recent fire have opened their new stock of goods in the old post office building until their new building is complete.

*Carthage Courier*, December 17, 1914

### TWO NEW STORE BUILDINGS COMPLETED AT GORDONSVILLE

J. T. Butts and Gwaltney and Wilson have recently completed two handsome new store buildings in the thriving little city of Gordonsville.

The building erected by Mr. Butts is located on Main Street near the office of Dr. Campbell. Mr. Butts, who is one of the county's most wide-awake business men, opened his brand new stock of general merchandise last week. It is his intention to conduct a one-price strictly cash store. It is safe to predict that he will enjoy a liberal patronage. Mr. Butts is favorably known to the buying public of the county, he having spent several years of his life in the merchandise business in different sections of the county. For a time he conducted a store in South Carthage, moving from there to Gordonsville where he conducted a business until two or three years ago at which time he sold out to Wyatt and Gwaltney who conducted the business until it was destroyed by fire a few months ago.



The building erected by Gwaltney and Wilson with its furnishings is one of the handsomest in the county. For the past several years this firm which is composed of two very popular young business men, Fred Gwaltney and Jesse Wilson, with Mr. Wilson in charge, has built up an extensive trade in the drugs, hardware and furniture lines. Since the building formerly occupied was destroyed by fire last fall, they have been temporarily located in the post office building. Now that they are in their new house, these hustling young men will add enough to their already new and well selected stock to make it one of the most complete and up-to-date hardware and furniture stores in the county. This building is also located on Main Street opposite the store of Walter James.

*Carthage Courier*, January 26, 1928

### STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE TUESDAY AFTERNOON

A severe windstorm visited this section last Tuesday afternoon and did much damage. The wind blew fiercely in every section, moving houses from their foundations, blowing off roofs, blowing down barns and tearing off automobile tops. Perhaps the hardest hit section was Chestnut Mound. It is said there has been much damage done by the gale all along the ridge on which Chestnut Mound is situated.

The Presbyterian church at Gordonsville was moved from its foundation and the tops of chimneys of many houses were blown off. The Gordonsville section was hit hard by the storm. Sheriff Sam Vanderpool and town Marshall D. M. Moore of Carthage were returning from Gordonsville to Carthage when the wind tore the top from Sheriff Vanderpool's car. Barns are reported to have been blown down in the Elmwood, Monoville and Defeated communities.

At Carthage the storm struck hard and furious. The gale reached its worst about two o'clock, during which time the funeral services of Rev. W. N. Ford were in progress at the Methodist church. The large audience was composed, however, and the services continued without interruption. The power lines of the Tennessee Electric Power Company were readily put out of commission and it was after midnight before the electric light service was restored.

The gale blew one of the large school buses which was sitting in front of the Carthage high school building over, but as it was unoccupied, no one was hurt. The well or pump house of the school property was also blown over as were the stables of the high school grounds.

One of the large windows in the rear of the court house at Carthage was torn out by the wind and a number of the seats in the court room turned over.

The funeral tent of T. D. Sanderson, which was over the newly made grave of Bro. Ford, was blown all the way across the cemetery lot. What came near being a serious accident was when the wind blew the monument sitting at the head of the graves of Rev. and Mrs. Ford over and came very near pinning one of the men in charge of digging the new grave. The stone fell on the lowering device of Undertaker Sanderson, rendering it useless for this occasion.

A large portion of the roofing on the McClellan store building, located on Main Street, was blown off, and the store building of S. S. Pettross at Enoch was about one half unroofed. A chimney to the residence of C. C. Davis was blown down.

The wind, which came from a southwesterly direction, continued to blow at a swift gale until 7 or 8 o'clock in the night and the wonder is there was not more damage than has been reported. It was one of the most severe windstorms that has visited this section for many years.



GORDONSVILLE ACADEMY STUDENTS, CA 1908

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church pictured in the background of the snapshot was blown away by the windstorm in 1928.

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7TH TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
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In the latter part of June we were ordered to Virginia. We left camp Trousdale (Camp Trousdale was in Trousdale county where the Regiment mobilized) and went to Knoxville but I don't think we stayed all night in Nashville. We spent most of the day in the old academy yard, and took the train for Virginia. When we got to Chattanooga we stayed all night, and next day we went to Knoxville. When out about a mile or two from Knoxville we went into camp. We were there several days in that camp and while there the Battle of Bull Run was fought. We left Knoxville and went to Bristol and there stayed a day or two. From there we went to Lynchburg and went into camp and we stayed at Lynchburg several days. When we were at Lynchburg we got orders to move on to Charlottesville, but we could not get transportation for the whole regiment, so they left my company and Captain Douglas' company. I was ordered by Colonel Goodner to take a squad of men and go over into Lynchburg and hunt up all the stragglers. There were some left there from each Company. I found them in all sorts of places. I got up a squad and marched them over into camp and put them in the guard house, then I would go back and get another squad. Among the fellows that I picked up, there was a fellow by the name of Charles Simpson who belonged to Oakley's Company. He had along a fellow with him he said was his cousin and who wanted to join us. I looked at him and I was satisfied he wasn't a fellow. He was a woman dressed up in boys' clothes. I told him we didn't need any of that sort of recruits. I told her she'd better go and put on her own proper clothing and stay at home, we didn't want no women killed out here.

After we had got them all, they furnished us this transportation and we went on and got up with the Regiment at Charlottesville. After remaining there a day or two, we were put on the train for Staunton. We were very much disappointed in the direction they were sending us. We had hoped to go on to Manassas, and join the Army up there. Soon after leaving there the railroad crossed a mountain, a very steep grade. When we were nearly on the top of the mountain, somebody uncoupled the hind car, and it went whizzing back down the mountain. We expected every minute to see it jump the track and carry the whole load of fellows but it didn't leave the track. It was the most indignant lot of soldiers you ever saw. If we had found out who did it, the balance of the soldiers would have broken his neck.

We got over to Staunton and stayed there for some time. There was the first place I ever saw Gen. Lee. We camped on the side of the hill and remained there for some days.

One evening it happened that a fellow by the name of Tom Lonsburrow got him a little sickly cat and a mangy pup, got a barrel with one end out and put his cat and pup in it. The boys made him a platform. One day while we were there I went over into town, on Sunday, and as I came on back, I saw a great crowd collected on the side of the hill, a good many citizens and part of the soldiers. Tom was having a show. He would take up his little cat, and would say, "Now ladies and gentlemen, I will next show you one of the most wonderful animals that the wilds of Africa ever produced." He'd pull the kitten's mouth and say, "Now look at these enormous tusks, he has been known to eat as many as three grown negroes in one morning. I thank you ladies and gentlemen not to smoke here, he can smell it, and nothing makes him so ferocious as the smelling of tobacco smoke. If he ever gets ferocious, I cannot control him." He had a long rigamarole that he would say over, then he'd put the kitten back in the barrel and then raise out his mangy pup, and he would say, "Ladies and gentlemen, I next exhibit to you an animal that you have all read of, but have never seen before. This animal was gotten in Borneo, and is known over there as the hiramscutis. Under ordinary conditions he is mild and gentle, but if aroused he is the most dangerous animal in the world. Keep perfectly quiet ladies and gentlemen, while this animal is on exhibition. He would show his animals three or four different times daily, always calling them by some different name.

While we were there I had in my company, Ike Dawson and Bill James. They were always quarreling. Sometimes they'd get nearly ready to fight and somebody would interfere. I issued an order one night to Mr. Corder, the Orderly Sergeant, and told him I wanted that quarreling stopped, and to notify the gentlemen that the next time they got to quarreling, they had to fight, but not to let them use any weapons. The next morning about roll call I heard them commence quarreling. Corder's by-word was, "By the life." He said, "By the life, you fellows have got to quit quarreling and go to fighting, or stop quarreling," so they went to fighting. I was lying there in my tent and heard it. John Allen was lying there with me and he said, "Ain't you going to stop that fighting?" I said, "No, I ordered them to fight, I am tired of that quarreling." One of them grabbed a camp kettle and Corder took it away from him and said, "You have to fight with your fists." They had enough of that, and walked off, and that was the end of that quarreling.

Well, we left Staunton in box cars, and went to Millsboro, remained there a day and night, and the next day, we started for Warm Springs. In going to Warm Springs we waded a creek, and just before getting to Warm Springs, we crossed the Warm Springs mountain, Warm Springs being at the foot of the mountain on the other side. Warm Springs was a great summer resort, and at the spring they had a large house built over the pool, which the warm water ran through. The pool of water must have been about 40 or 50 feet square, and 4 or 5 feet deep. On the side of the pool were little dressing rooms. We all went down there and went in. It felt so good that some of the fellows stayed so long that when they got out they were so weak they could hardly walk. From there we went to Huntersville, and then up to Big Springs where we remained for some weeks.

While we were at Big Springs I was put in charge of a large party of men, and wagons and teams, and ordered to prepare the road. Back there towards Huntersville, the road was in a desperate condition, couldn't haul anything over it. I was two or three days in completing the job. The day I finished the job down there I had been up to a house close by and saw a fishing pole there. I borrowed the fishing pole and some of the boys caught me some grasshoppers and I fished in the Elk River, and got a fine string of mountain trout which I carried back to camp with me.

During the time that we were at Big Springs, I borrowed Col. John Goodner's horse, and went down the road a mile or two, left the main road and turned up the side of the mountain to a house and got some butter. About the time I was ready to leave there, a fourteen or fifteen year old girl, who had been out on the other side of the house, came in and said, "Yonder are some Yankees up the hill coming this way." I mounted my horse and lit out.

When we were in camp at Big Springs we had fine beef as anybody and plenty of it, but we had no lard to cook it with, and none to cook our bread with. There was a cavalry company camped about one-half mile beyond us, just at the mouth of a deep hollow. I noticed some big fine hogs about this cavalry camp, so one morning, soon after it was light, between daylight and sun up, Sol Tolliver and Tom Bostic, and another fellow and myself, concluded we'd go up and get one of those hogs, and kill him. We went up there and found one big fellow, and drove him up a deep hollow. The mountain was so steep on either side, I don't think the sun could have shone down in that hollow. We got the hog, knocked him in the head with a rock and then struck him. When we got him he squealed. Well, we were afraid that the cavalry company would hear him and tell on us so we drug him over to a little Island, and covered him over with weeds. That night I took Bill Sealey, (A constant and devoted negro man who was with Col. Fite until his capture at Gettysburg) my body servant, and these other gentlemen that were with me in the morning, and we went up where we left the hog, and skinned him. I took a middlin and a ham, the other boys took such parts as they wanted, and we went back to camp. The hog had a great bushy tail and I got that off and took that with me. When we got back to camp I rendered up my whole middlin into lard.

Captain Douglas' quarters were right close to mine. I took my hog tail and slipped it into Lt. Jim Hutchinson's boot. We were very much annoyed about snakes up there. The next morning when Jim Hutchinson got up to put on his boots and felt that hog tail in them, he thought sure it was a snake, and he went hopping around there and kept hollering to Douglas that there was a snake in his boot. Douglas pulled off his boot and shook the tail out. Jimmie Dick said, "I'll bet that was that god darned Fite that put that thing in there."

While we were there in that camp, the first man in our whole command that was killed, was killed there. George Manny had in his regiment a Dutch company commanded by Captain George Harsh. He had his company out drilling them, and they were going through practicing arms, loading and firing, but they did not load any. One of the fellows evidently got a bullet in a gun some way, and going through the manual of arms, one of them fired his gun and killed a young fellow by the name of Bruce.

We remained there at this camp several days, and then moved about a mile or two. A few days after we got over to that camp, the Federal Army was encamped five or six miles further down the creek that where we were. Captain George Harsh, with his Dutch Company was sent down there on picket about three miles from where we were. He had with him two or three cavalrymen. One day while he was down there, one of their cavalrymen came back in a great hurry. He said that the Yankees had attacked Harsh's Company. Old Gen. Anderson, who commanded our Brigade, ordered me to take 100 men out of the regiment and go to Harsh's relief. We were not five minutes in getting ready. I got ready and we started out double quick. The road was mussy, and I had not gone far until my shoes came off my feet. I pulled them off and threw them away and went on bare footed. I met Harsh and his command, he was very much excited, and said that he was attacked by about a thousand. I proposed to him that he turn his command around, and that we go back and see, but he said, "No, he wasn't going back down there." So I went on down with my 100 men to the place where George and the Yankees had that battle. I found two or three hats that some of the Yankees had left. About a hundred yards below there lived some people. I went down there and there was nobody there but women. They said there was a company of Yankees that had come marching by there, and when they saw Harsh and his company both crowds fired and both crowds turned and run. While I was talking to the women, Col. Hatton came down and I told him what I had learned. He asked me if I was willing to take my company and go further down the road. I told him I was subject to his orders, then he said "Go." I deployed some skirmishers and we marched on down the valley about a half mile and saw no Yankees. We came on back to where Harsh had his picket standing, and remained there until far in the evening, when we were relieved by Captain Alexander and his cavalry company and went back to camp.

A day or two after this, we went on what is called the Cheat Mountains expedition. We didn't go on any road, but we filed over a path through the mountains. Before starting out we cooked up two or three days rations, which consisted of bread and beef. We were 2 days in reaching Cheat Mountain, and we spent the night laying on the side of the mountain as we had not tents. Gen. Anderson sent to me and asked me to let him have my rations saying that his man had not come up with his yet, and that he would pay me back as soon as his man came, so I let him have the rations, but his man never did come up.

There was a command to come from some other point and attack the Yankee fortifications in the rear, and we were to attack them in the front. The high waters

prevented the other command from getting there so we did not make the attack. While we were lying there on the road a Major in the Federal Army came riding along and we captured him. He turned out to be an old schoolmate of Maj. John K. Howard. We then moved back a few miles and stopped and sent a detail to our wagons to cook up some provisions and bring them back to us. In the meantime there was a sick woman in the house close to where we camped, and sent out there for a doctor. Brother Jim (Dr. Jim Fite of Lebanon, Regimental Surgeon) went out to see her. I was awful hungry, hadn't had a mouthful in 24 hours. I thought that was a good chance to get something to eat, so I went out to the house and asked the woman to sell a chicken. She first declined, said she didn't have any to sell, but Brother Jim told her that I was his brother, and asked her to let me have the chicken. She went out and got an old hen and I took it back to where we were stopping, cleaned it, and stuck it on the end of a ram rod, and held it over the fire, until I thought it was done. I then tried to eat it but it was old and tough. I think it must have been an old setting hen. Soon after that somebody discovered a pretty fat steer close to where we were and we killed him. A fellow would skin a piece and get him out a chunk, and soon that steer was gone. I expect some of him was gone out before he was good dead.

Joe Greer went in charge of a squad in my Company to a wagon after provisions. Joe got drunk and didn't get back until after everybody else had. He had victuals that nobody would eat but starving men like we were. The next day we moved down to where the wagons were camped. We were two or three miles from the Yankees for they were camped at a place called Sugar Tree Knob. While we were there I was sent with my company to a gap in the mountains to watch the Yankees. We were ordered to keep hidden and keep perfectly quiet, and not let the Yankees know we were there. While we were out there Capt. Alexander, with his cavalry company was sent there. They took position on our left, and they were roaming around there and didn't try to keep concealed. We could see the Yankees away off as we were up on the side of a steep hill. While we were there Gen. Loring, who commanded our division, came out there. He saw Alexander's men running around there, wherever they wanted to, and sent for Alexander and gave him a good cussing.

It was raining all the time we were up there. Loring asked me if I had any spirits. I told him I had a little in a canteen and handed it to him. He took a drink when he went back to where the Army was encamped. The next day, we saw the Federal Army forming in the line of battle as if they were going to come up and attack us so I had Alexander to send a courier back to Gen. Loring to notify him. Loring ordered Hatton's regiment, and perhaps some others, I don't remember how many. Loring came on back and passed Hatton's regiment and when he got to where I was, he said Hatton had the damnedest regiment he'd ever seen, said when he passed them they were standing all along the road eating blackberries.

The Yankees didn't make any attack. Soon after that we started back. We had to travel a path and one end of the command would be going up one side of the mountain and the rest going down the other side. It was raining and I was about half sick. I passed the word down the line for Dr. Fite to come up. He came up and asked me what was the matter. I said, "Give me a drink, I think that would strengthen me." I was sitting on a stump, he pulled off a canteen full of whiskey and gave it to me, and told me to give Dave Blythe a drink of it. Well, we went a little further and stopped for the night. Where we stopped there was an old cabin, most of the roof was gone. A good many of us went on in the old cabin, and built up a fire as it was still raining. There was an old dry beef hide hanging on a pole in the cabin. John Howard and I took it down, and lay down on it to go to sleep. We were tired and hungry, and I was soon fast asleep. I woke up sometime during the night and discovered Howard feeling over me to get a drink out of my canteen, but I didn't say anything to him, let him finish and I went off to sleep again.

The next day we stopped on the march, after marching some distance the whole command stopped. I did not know what was stopping them. I found they had reached a creek and it was up very high. Gen. Loring was standing there with his horse, and I said to him, "General, if you will let me I will call my company down here and cross." With an oath he said, "Go and do it." I went back and got the company and came on to the creek. I never stopped, just marched right across, the water was both swift and muddy. Loring then ordered the balance forward, and the whole command forded the creek. When I crossed the creek I marched my company out to the side of the road. Loring asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was waiting here for the balance of the regiment. He said, "You needn't wait, just go ahead," and we went on.

We reached our camp sometime that day, the same one we left when we started to Cheat Mountain. A day or two after that there was an order issued that all the sick should be sent back to Warm Springs. Among the sick in my company was Frank Rieves. They said he had typhoid fever. He didn't look like he'd live two hours. I went to Col. Hatton and told him that Frank couldn't live more than a day or two, and I wanted to stay there and bury him. He went to see Gen. Loring, and Loring told him he'd have to go, so Frank and the others were put in wagons 4, 5, or 6 and started for Warm Springs. That evening I knew he couldn't get far that day, the roads was so bad. I thought sure Frank was dead, so I borrowed a horse, and caught up with the wagons. When I got there instead of Frank being dead, he was evidently better. I gave him some spirits and went on back. Frank died only a year or two ago. **TO BE CONTINUED.**

*CARTHAGE COURIER*, September 1928: JOSEPH SULLIVAN, Confederate veteran, died on September 30, 1928, age 87 years. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Bransford Wade, granddaughter, Mrs. Watt Armistead, grandson, Beaman Wade. He was a brother of Albert Sullivan. Burial was in the family cemetery at Chestnut Mound, Smith County, Tennessee.



PETITION TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR CARROLL

State of Tennessee)

Smith County ) We the underwritten Petitioners humbly showeth to your Excelincy that there is a vacancy for a Justice of the peice in Capt. George Belotes Militia Company to fill the vacancy ocasioned by the Resignation of Daniel Alexander, Esqr., and we further showeth to your Excelincy that Mr. John Haas who lives in the same part of sd. company where said Alexander Resigned was Appointed at the last session of the Legislature to fill said vaceny. Though we understand through a mistake of the Clerk of the Sinnett or some other person, that said Haas was miss named and the name came out William Haas Instead of John Haas, and we do know that there is no William Haas in said company or we believe not in the county. As such we your Petitioners Humbly Prayeth that your Honor will Appoint said John Haas to fill said vaceny and make his official acts legal until we can have an opportunity of having the appointment confirmed by the next Legislature. We your Petitioners Humbly Prayeth.

COPIES OF ORIGINAL SIGNATURES FROM THE PETITION.

Petition to  
his Excellency  
Governor Carroll

Daniel Alexander  
Augustin Robinson  
William O'Leary  
Thomas J. Terry

Benjamin McParris  
Lewis Washburn  
Jas Stewart  
Brice D Collins

Robert Williams

Yacob Heermann

Thomas Simpson

Salaman Seal

James B. Seal

Daniel D. Hunt

Leonard Clark

~~Edgar Hamilton~~  
Edgar Hamilton

James Garrison

James Cantor

Josiah Baird

Reuben Baird

Thos J. Tyne

Wm. Adams

Wm. Hosking

Thos. Barnum

James Reed

James Powell

Nathaniel Terry

James Godwin

Jos. Collins

Stewart J. J. J.

## WEBSTER - JOHNSON POWER OF ATTORNEY

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay

"Know all men by these presents that I Polly Webster (who was Polly Johnson) now of Smith County and State of Tennessee have named and constituted, and by these presents do name, ordain and appoint and make Peter Webster (my husband) my true and faithful Attorney for me and in my name to make and convey to my father James Johnson all my right title and interest, in and to a certain tract of land, lying and being in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia, and on Smacks Creek, it being the land given to my mother Jane Johnson by my Grandfather Thomas Webster dec.d giving and granting unto my said Attorney my full power and authority to use and exercise all such acts, things, and devices, in law as shall be necessary for conveying to my said father James Johnson a good and lawful right and title in and to the said tract of land which may in any ways belong to me in right of myself or mother Jane Johnson dec.d ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do or cause to be done therein by virtue of these presents In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1811 -

her  
Polly X Webster (seal)  
mark

Smith County State of Tennessee to wit:

We the undersigned being Justices of the Peace for the said County did wait on Polly Webster (wife of Peter Webster) and she did before us acknowledge the above to be her act and deed and subscribed to the same and was willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of Amelia and Commonwealth of Virginia Given under our hands the day and year above written

Rich<sup>d</sup> Bailey J P (seal)  
John Gordon J P (seal)

State of Tennessee Smith County

I Joseph W. Allen Clerk for Smith County Court aforesaid do hereby certify that Richard Bailey & John Gordon Esquires whose names appears to the within acknowledgement of Polly Webster is and was at the time of signing the same acting Justices of the Peace duely sworn & commissioned & as such faith and credit ought to be given

(SEAL) In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of Office at Carthage this 30th day of July in the Year of our Lord 1811

Joseph W. Allen Clk.

State of Tennessee Smith County

I William Moore Presiding Justice of Smith County Court do hereby certify that the above attestation of Joseph W. Allen clerk of the said Court is in due form of Law. Given under my hand this 30th day of July 1811

Wm Moore (L.S.)

Virginia.  
Amelia County Court 24th October 1811

This power of attorney from Polly Webster to Peter Webster with the several certificates thereto annexed was exhibited into court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

J. T. Leigh CAC

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Amelia Co., VA. Deed Book 23, 1808 - 1814. pp. 418-419.

(Ed. Note: Recorded in Smith County, Tennessee, Will Book I, 1803 - 1825, INVENTORY, Peter Webster, including cash received for tour to the Indian country under the command of Major Gen. Jackson. Mary Webster, Admr. November 1814.

Smith County, Tennessee, Will Book 2, 1823 - 1834. *On inside cover someone has written "Guardian Settlement Book." The book consists mostly of guardian settlements rather than wills.*

PETER WEBSTER, dec'd. November 1823. Heirs Edwin, Augustus, Peter Webster. John P. Williams, Gdn. Recorded January 1824.

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#### WILLIAM DICKSON - REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay

State of Tennessee)  
Smith County ) This day being the 20th day of August 1832 William Dickson, a resident of the county and State aforesaid about ninety-Seven years old, personally appeared before me Samuel W. McMurry, a Justice of the Peace in & for the county & State aforesaid; and Said Dickson being first duly Sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he is about ninety Seven years old; that he was born in Carroline county Virginia; that he went from Virginia to Orange County North Carrolina and was drafted for the term of six months tour; that the troops rendavoused at a Spring near Hillsboro N. Carolina; that he was attached to Captain James Moore & Gen. L. Butler; Was at Gates defeat. That he received a written discharge but it has been lost or mislaid for many years; that he Knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his Service in the revolutionary.

He entered the Service in the Spring of the year, but cannot at this time recollect the year, and returned in the fall; that he marched from Hillsboro, by the Haw fields, by the Catawber river & that his memory is very treacherous, and Can recollect but very imperfectly past transactions, particularly those of so many Past years; that he has been blind for upwards of Sixteen years and of course has had but little intercourse with Society, and no opportunity of Seeing or Conversing with my old brother Soldiers. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the Present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Saml. W. McMurry  
Justice of the Peace

his  
William X Dickson  
mark

Wm. C. Bransford, a Clergiman; residing in the County of Smith and John Gammon, Sr., a resident of said county, hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with William Dickson who has subscribed & Sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be ninety-seven years old; that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

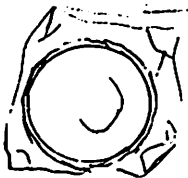
Wm. C. Bransford  
John Gammon, Sr.

And I the Said Samuel W. McMurry Justice of the Peace as aforesaid do hereby certify that after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that I believe that the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier, and served as he States; and that he is blind and so infirm as to be unable to attend court. And I further certify that it appears to me that Wm. C. Bransford who has Signed the Preceeding Certificate, is a Clergiman, resident in Smith County and that John Gammon, Senr. is a resident of the Same county, and is a credible person, and that their Statements is entitled to credit.

Saml McMurry, Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee)

Smith County ) I, Jonathan Pickett Clerk of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby Certify that Samuel W. McMurry before whom the foregoing proceeding was had in the matter of the application of William Dickson for a Pension, now is and was at the time Said Proceedings was had, one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county, duly commissioned and qualified according to Law.



(Illegible seal)

In testimony Whereof I have here unto Set My hand and affixed the Seal of said Court and office in Carthage this 4th day of September 1832 and 57th year of our Independence.

J. Pickett Clk

He was placed on the Pension Roll of West Tennessee, Smith County, at \$20.00 per annum to commence 4 March 1831.

His file contains no further information concerning his service but does contain a letter of inquiry from Mr. Samuel S. Harris, Detroit, MI, dated 6 May 1891.

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.  
Revolutionary War Pension Applications, S 3288.

Signatures from the application:

*James Barnes*      *John Harrison Jr*  
*Lucas the father*  
*Wm C. Harrison*

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JAMES BARNES - REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

State of Tennessee)  
Smith County to wit)

County Court for said County  
May session 1823

On this the sixth day of May 1823 personally appeared in Open court, being a Court of record for said county (proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law, having Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and Keeping a record of the proceedings) James Barnes aged Sixty six years, resident in said county of Smith Who being first and duly sworn, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, in the Virginia line of the Continental Army in Captain Drury Ragsdales Company of the first Virginia Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison and that he served in said Corpse until the end of the Revolutionary War (the) term for which he enlisted, and was then discharged by the said Captain in the City of Richmond six or seven Months after Cornwallis was taken. That he was at two general engagements, to Wit, the battle of Monmouth and Gate's defeat. That by some accident his dis Charge has been lost or destroyed. That his Original declaration was made on the 11th day of April 1820 but has never been finally acted upon. Said declarant states that the only property he has, his necessary Clothing & bedding excepted, is eight acres of land of very inferior quality, and ten head of Hogs. That his occupation is farming, but he is too aged and infirm to support himself thereby. That no person of his Family resides with him but his wife. That she is



## JOHN HARVEY - REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

John Harvey, in order to obtain pension benefits under the Act of 7 June 1832, appeared in open court before John White, Judge of the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, Alabama. He declared that he was age 73, a resident of Lawrence County and that he entered the service of the United States "as a Volunteer in Rowan County North Carolina under Capt. Jacob Eckles in the Year [17]76 on the last of June or first of July." He then "marched under Gen[era]l Rutherford in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians [and that] In this expedition while marching in the advance guard we were fired upon by the Indians & William Alexander one of the spies was wounded in the ancles." He said that he stated "this circumstance because I have been informed that he has since drew a pension in Tennessee from the war department in consequence of s[ai]d wound." "When we returned from the [Indian] nation [we] were dismissed [1 October 1776] without any written discharge." In 1788, he was drafted in the Surry County, North Carolina Militia for a five month tour under Captain Bostick. Under General Rutherford, they marched from Salisbury, NC and joined General Gates near Burgess Mills, twelve miles from Camden, SC, about 12 August 1780. The next day he was detached with other soldiers, the number is illegible in his appliction, to reenforce General Sumpter of South Carolina. After a two day march they joined General Sumpter at "I think materce [Mattossee ?] River." General Gates was defeated by Tarlton the next day. "On friday 18th he overtook and defeated us near a place called Rockymount - where I was taken prisoner - While the British were marching the prisoners to Camden I made my escape from them and returned home to Surry County N. Carolina."

"In the spring of 1781 or 2 there was a call for every able man to furnish one for 12 months - I substituted for one of this class - Wm Gowlby was hired to take my place. who was accordingly mustered into service at Surry C[our]t House N. Carolina - I was then Called on no more."

He stated that he was born 2 December 1758, Orange Co., NC but had no written proof of same. He lived in Rowan Co., NC when he first enlisted, then in Surry Co., NC and in 1788 "I then removed to the State of Tennessee Davidson 6 years [and then] to Smith County - and lived there until 182\_ [1821 ?] I then moved to this Lawrence County, Alabama, where I now live."

William Hughes of Lawrence Co., AL deposed that he had known John Harvey "since before the first term of service mentioned in the declaration," which he believed to be true, 22 April 1832.

His file contains more information relative to his pension claim but nothing else with evident connection with Smith Co.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.  
Revolutionary War Pension Applications, Harvey, John. S 16851.



### THE ROBERT G. (BOB) SIMPSON FAMILY

Robert G. (Bob) Simpson was born June 29, 1865, in Smith County, Tennessee, third of thirteen children of Thomas (Tump) Simpson and Eliza Kitching. His grandparents were Thomas Simpson, 1805-1862, and Atlanta Ellison, 1809-1868, both buried in Simpson Cemetery on Potter Road near Brush Creek. Great grandparents were James and Mary Lancaster Simpson. Bob's mother was daughter of Thomas and Mary Davis Kitching, buried Kitching Cemetery near Brush Creek, Tennessee. The Kitching great grandparents were James and Mourning Kitching from Southampton County, Virginia. Their place of burial is unknown.

Robert G. (Bob) Simpson was the third of thirteen children. Others are:

Lucy, married Jim Marler

J. E. (Bud) married Jennie R. Bobo

Ida married Robert Lee Bryan

Hattie married Alonzo Carter

Molly married Sam Paschal

Notie married John Cooksey

Ophella married Edgar Lee Bradshaw

Feddie married Ed Bethel

Frank married 1-Lizzie Costello, 2 Lucy Neal Grandstaff

Dewitt married Edna Montgomery

Kate married Virgil Badgett

Alice married Tollie Tomlinson

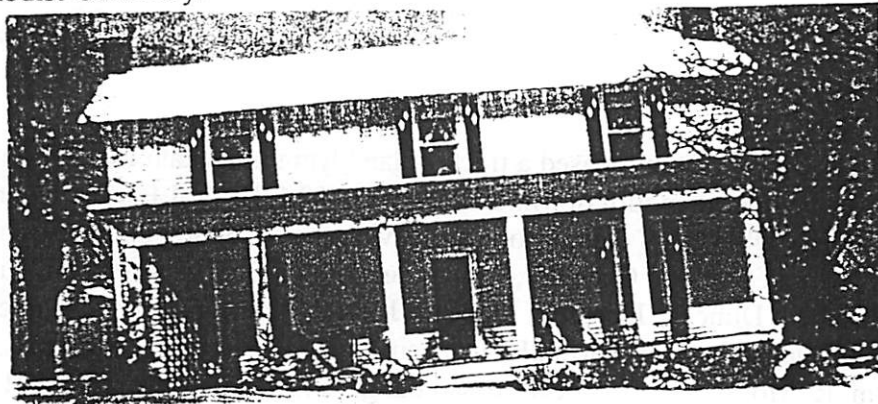
On August 1, 1895, Robert G. married Eliza Jane Shipp. Eliza was daughter of John A. Shipp and Julia A. Caplinger; grandparents were Meakin and Eliza Foulks (Massey) Shipp and Samuel and Rebecca Caplinger.

The couple lived in the Dixon Springs area and had one daughter, Bonnie Clara, born Sept. 18, 1896. They moved across the river on Highway 70 near Rome. Two other daughters were born - Nell Eliza, July 23, 1899, and Julia Louise, born Feb. 29, 1904. In 1914 they built a new house where they lived out their lives. He died March 31, 1946, and she died at the home of her daughter, Bonnie, Jan. 9, 1949, both buried in Suite Cemetery on corner of homeplace.

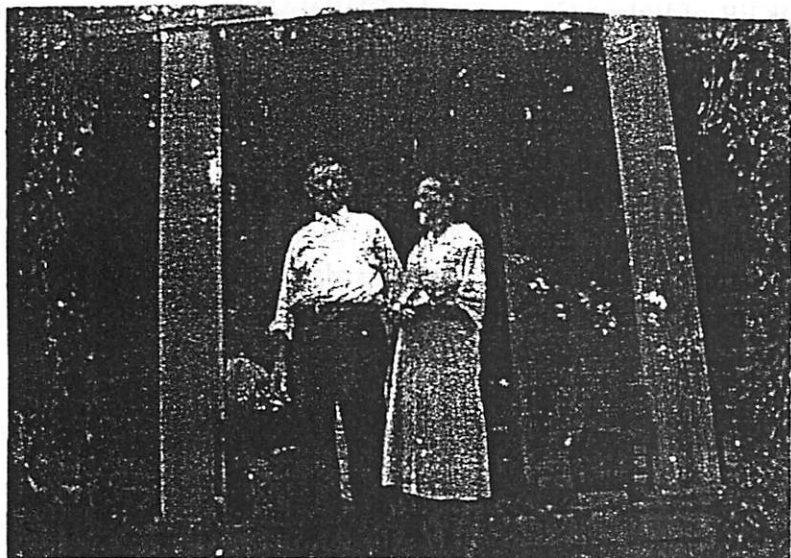
The barn on cover of Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 4, Fall 1989, was built in 1935 on the homeplace.

Bonnie Clara Simpson was a school teacher, taught at White Sulphur Springs Academy in Rome, Tn before moving to Cross Plains School in 1918. She married John A. Covington Feb. 23, 1920, died Sept 10, 1988. Nell, second daughter, moved to St. Louis, Mo. as a milliner, married Joseph M. Webb, Oct 19, 1929. They moved to Poplar Bluff,

Mo. She died in Lebanon, Tn. in 1974. Louise, the youngest daughter, was LPN in Lebanon, Tn., never married, died July 25, 1982. All three sisters are buried in Cross Plains Methodist Cemetery.



Home of Robert G. & Eliza Simpson,  
Hgy. 70 near Rome



Robert G. & Eliza Shipp Simpson at home.



Daughters of Bob & Eliza Simpson  
L to R: Bonnie Clara Covington  
Nell Webb, Louise Simpson

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

Jane C. Turner

WM. H. ALLEN

BOX 14, #728, 1840

VS

SUSANNAH DUNCAN

In 1839 JOHN DUNCAN purchased a track of land lying in Dekalb County on the Caney Fork River below the mouth of Mine Creek with WM. H. ALLEN his security. In October 1859 JOHN DUNCAN died, insolvent, leaving the following heirs: Susannah, his widow; Nancy, wife of Lyebern Chandler; Catharine, wife of George Gregston; Richard M. Duncan; Elizabeth Duncan, Joseph E. Duncan; Jesse A. Duncan; John L. Duncan; Winney Duncan; Luetty Duncan; Sarrah H. Duncan; Carry R. Duncan; Martha A., John, Sarrah and Wm. R. Moore, children of deceased daughter, Mary Moore. The last ten named, beginning with Jesse A., are minors. The court decreed that the land be sold at auction, Wm. H. Allen being the highest bidder.

BANK OF TENNESSEE

BOX 1, NO. 14, 1845

VS

E. A. WRIGHT

Bill of complaint against WILLIAM P. HUGHES, JOHN W. HUGHES, HENRY C. JONES, NATHAN WARD, AVIEN WARD, ELIHAH A. WRIGHT of Smith County; LITTLE B. HUGHES, SARAH ALLEN of Dekalb County.

JOHN HOOKER AND POLLY HOOKER of Wilson County, and GEDIDIAH HUGHES of Missouri. Littleberry Hughes, Sr. died in 1835, leaving nine children: William P.; Little B.; John W.; Gedidiah; Susan Hughes; Sarah, wife of William H. Allen; Lucy, wife of Nathan Ward; Elizabeth, wife of Avien Ward; Polly, wife of John Hooker; widow, Polly Hughes. Susan Hughes, shortly after her father's death, married Henry C. Jones.

Since the death of their father, Lucy Ward has died, leaving four children: Mary Jane, William W., Martha and Holy Ward; Elizabeth Ward has died, leaving five children, Eliza T., Lucy L., Elizabeth A., Frances and Sarah N. Ward; Susan Jones has also died, leaving no heirs. Wm. H. Allen has also died, leaving Sarah a femme sole. Division of slaves and property of Littleberry Hughes, Sr.

HENRY W. SADLER, ET AL

BOX 12, NO. 593, 1866

VS

ROBERT W. KNIGHT, ET AL

This case concerns a land dispute between the parties. Exhibit C is the will of William K. Sadler, probated in Putnam Co. in 1866.

William K. Sadler of the County of Jackson, State of Tenn., to my wife the following Negroes: Milly, Jenney and Hodge, plus stock and kitchen furniture.

To my son, Washington, the following Negroes: Fanny, Jinsey, and Hodge at the death of my wife.

To my son, James, the following Negroes: Baker and George.

To my son, Henry W., the following Negroes: Simon, Burrell and Dolly, children of Patsey, and Milly at the death of my wife.

To my daughter, Elizabeth K. Graham, the following Negroes: Frank, Ben, Delia, Eliza, James, Lina and Alshea.

To my granddaughter, Francis (sic) K. Thompson, one feather bed and furniture.

To my granddaughter, Martha Jane McKinley, one Negro girl, Sally.

To my son-in-law, Matthew C. McKinley, two dollars in cash.

Son, John K. Sadler to be executor. William K. Sadler (His Mark)

Witnesses: John Hughes, D. G. Shepherd.

21 March 1853

7 May 1857, CODICIL to foregoing will: Negro girl, Sal, given to granddaughter, Martha Jane McKinley (now Martha Jane McClarin) wife of James McClarin, is to be under control of Martha Jane separate from her husband. About 27 June 1838, I conveyed to my son, Henry W. Sadler, 450 acres of land where I now live (Jackson Co. Deed Bk. E, pp. 313, 314). I make this statement so there shall be no misunderstanding about the disposition of said land. The negro Syntha bequeathed to son, John K., is to go to my beloved wife, Martha Sadler. I have given John K. money in lieu of the Negro. William K. Sadler (His Mark) 7 May 1857. Wit: H. Denton, L. H. Davis.

29 March 1861, CODICIL to will: In addition to what I have given my wife, all the cash on hand and notes at my death shall be hers.

Signed in our presence: J. C. Apple, G. W. Apple.

GEO. W. PAGE

VS

JNO PAGE FILED 22 AUGUST 1853

The children of John Page, a Methodist minister, filed a bill charging their father, who has become old and senile, with "being a lunitick idiot or person of unsound mind. Maj. Wm. W. Seay was appt, gdn by the court. The following is an abstract of John Page's answer to the charges: He says he was born 22 Nov 1766 and states that he has eleven children born of his marriage to Celia Douglas, daughter of Elmore Douglas, whom he married about 1802. She died in 1844. Their children were John Sewell, Thomas Wilkerson, Elmore Douglas, Geo. Washington, Norvel Ashberry, Louisa Leadbetter, Elizabeth B. Norvell, wife of Nathan Norvell, Mary C. Dillard, Martha Brown Stratton, wife of Richard Stratton, Wm. M., Nancy B. Watson, wife of Thomas S. Watson. He began preaching the Gospel in 1792 as an itinerant Methodist minister and continued until 1845 when his physical strength gave way, but he considers his mental strength capable of tending to his affairs. He admits marrying in his 87th year to Louisa Owen who was 33 years of age but denies that she is attempting to control his estate.

23 Aug 1853, Signed, John Page, before Jno Bridges, J. P.

WRIGHT, HORACE M., Citizen of the State of Missouri 1879

VS WRIGHT, S. H. Citizen of the State of Tennessee

Paschal Wright departed this life intestate in Smith Co. in 1867, leaving the following as his heirs: the children of William Wright, dec'd, son of Paschal; Martha Jane Wright, daughter of David Wright, dec'd., son of Paschal; S. H. Wright; Caroline Walker, now Caroline Powell, daughter of Paschal, who first intermarried with William Walker and had issue Minerva Jane and Mary Octavia Walker, and after the death of Walker, Caroline married A. J. Powell; Jane Powell, a daughter of Paschal who married A. J. Powell and had issue Andrew and Thomas Powell, and after Jane's death Powell married Caroline; John A. Wright; Frances A. Wright; Horace M. Wright, making 8 shares in the estate. Paschal owned 270 acres in Dist. 7. S. H. Wright was appt. adm. at May term of court, 1867. Horace M. Wright was born on 12 Oct 1853. After his father's death he lived with his sister and brother-in-law, A. J. Powell. His mother died in 1862. In 1871 he and Powell moved to Missouri. Leonard Fry was uncle of Horace M. Wright.

10 July 1879, deposition of Patrick Lancaster, aged 48 years. Lancaster taught school which was partly a free and partly subscription. The school was in the 20th dist. and called Bairds. Some of the patrons of the school were Paschal Wright, S. H. Wright, Charles Pigg, James Thomas, S. F. Patterson, John Hall, "old man" Averitt, Saml. Lancaster, brother of Patrick. P. Lancaster is br-in-law to S. H. Wright whose second wife was a sister to his wife. Students sent to the school by some of the patrons included: S. H. Wright sent Billy Deadman and Billy Wright; Charles Pigg sent Dink and John Pigg, Ober Pigg, Mary Pen?; James Thomas sent Billy and Henny Thomas; John Hall sent Lytt Hall and two girls; S. F. Patterson sent William, Cassie, Ellen; Averitt sent Pleas, John and Sarah.

Signed, P. M. Lancaster

KING, IRA W.

BOX 19, NO. 985, 1873

VS

MALONE, DAVID

Eliza Malone, Samuel H. Malone, of Dekalb Co.; Monroe J. Malone; James Neely and Mary Lee Fisher, heirs of Elizabeth Fisher, dec'd., d. 30 Aug 1868, wife of Enoch Fisher; Pallas Hardcastle, husband of Mary Hardcastle, dec'd., d. 12 Apr 1872, had son, Wm. David Hardcastle of Jackson Co., all heirs of Yancy Malone who died ca 1865, a resident of Putnam Co. In 1870 King was appt. gdn. of defendants, all minors except Samuel J. and David Malone. Yancy Malone was killed during the Civil War. King states he rec'd. from Jack Malone, admr. of Wm. Malone, dec'd. the father of Yancy Malone, \$214 on Sept. 1, 1871. Josiah W. Inge, grandfather of the Malone children, was appt. admr. of the Yancy Malone estate. King appealed to the Tenn. Supreme Court a \$729 judgment against him in June 1881.

**THE CORNWELL FAMILIES  
301 YEARS OF AMERICAN CORNWELLS  
1697 - 1998**

By Melba McCormick Milliken

THIS LINEAGE OF THE CORNWELL FAMILY HAS TO START WITH MAHALA COLE CORNWELL AS IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND TALKED OF FOR GENERATIONS:

In or about the year 1707 a ten year old girl (making her birth year 1697) Mahala Cole and her eight year old brother, John Cole, were kidnapped in England. It is believed that they came from wealthy parents. They were taken to America, first in Maryland and later to Virginia; both worked as servants for eight years. Mahala married Coleman Cornwell, and they became the parents of a son, Coleman Cornwell, Jr. There has not been anything written of Coleman Cornwell, Sr., nor their son, Coleman, Jr., just that he married and became the father of two sons, Francis, born about 1740, and Collet. Mahala lived to be 115 years old, passing away sometime in 1812.

The following pages are of each generation as this lineage goes, with the names, dates of birth and death, marriages and members of each family.

Husband's Full Name: <b>COLEMAN CORNWELL</b>						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth						
Christen.						
Marriage			ca 1715			
Death						VA
Burial						
Cause:						
Cemetery:						
Father's Full Name			Mother's Maiden Name			
Other wives: Remarks:						
Military						
Wife's Full Maiden Name: <b>MAHALA COLE</b>						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			ca 1697			Ireland
Christen.						
Death			1812			
Burial						
Cause:						
Cemetery:						
Father's Full Name			Mother's Maiden Name			
Other husbands: Remarks:						

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CHILDREN

	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
1	M <b>COLEMAN CORNWELL Jr.</b>	Birth	ca	
		Death	1716??	VA
		Marriage		To:
2		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:



Husband's Full Name: **FRANCIS CORNWELL**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	CA	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			1735	87		PITTSYLVANIA CO.	VA.
Christen.							
Marriage							
Death							Cause:
Burial							Cemetery:

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives: 2, **MARY (POLLY) DEAN** *Macon Co. Va.* Military

Wife's Full Maiden Name: **Mary (? Hanes)**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth						
Christen.						
Death						Cause:
Burial						Cemetery:

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	JOHN L	Birth	08-08-1769	VA.
		Death	1813	
		Marriage	04-08-1791	To: MARY GARLAND <i>Richmond Va</i>
M	Samuel C	Birth	16-Mar-1772	<i>Pitts Co Va</i>
		Death	May-1837	
		Marriage	24-Dec-1811	To: RHOEY A. MOORE
F	ANNA	Birth	01-Oct-1775	
		Death		
		Marriage		To: AUGUSTINE S. THORN
F	ELIZABETH	Birth	1781	
		Death	01-Oct-1860	
		Marriage	02-Dec-1805	To: DAVID COLE <i>Pitts Co Va</i>
F	Dolly	Birth	21-Sep-1782	
		Death	Before 1830	
		Marriage		To: JOAN FRIPPIN
F	MILLY	Birth	26 May 1789	
		Death	11 Oct 1847	
		Marriage		To: CHAS. CORNWELL
M	FOOSHE	Birth	27-Feb-1785	
		Death	1827	
		Marriage	10 May 1807	To: ELIZ. CHEATAM <i>Pitts Co Va.</i>
M	THOMPSON	Birth	04 Jun 1788	
		Death		
		Marriage	16 Mar 1812	To: Jane YEAMAN <i>Pitts Co Va.</i>
M	SEWAS C.	Birth	18-Mar-1792	
		Death	01-Apr-1865	
		Marriage	10-Feb-1813	To: SHIELDS, JANE <i>Smi Co Va</i>
M	Willis	Birth	21-Mar-1827	
		Death	after 1880	
		Marriage	1-Dec-1846	To: Mary Eugena <i>Smi Co Va.</i> McCarver

2. name T... P... dia.



Husband's Full Name: **JOHN L. CORNWELL**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	08	Aug.	1769			Va
Christen.						
Marriage	04	Aug.	1791	Richmond		Va.
Death			1813	Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: **Francis Cornwell**      Mother's Maiden Name: **Mary Hanes (?)**

Other wives: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Military

Wife's Full Maiden Name: **MARY GARLAND**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			1769			
Christen.						
Death			1832	Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: **William Garland**      Mother's Maiden Name: **ANNE GARLAND**

Other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks: #2 **Samuel Anderson**

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SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	William Garland	Birth	28 May 1792	
		Death		
		Marriage	4-Apr 1816	To: Elizabeth Yeaman <sup>49</sup> John Yeaman
F	Artemesia Griffith	Birth	30-Apr 1794	
		Death	15-Sept 1823	
		Marriage		To: Joshua Taylor P.M. W.M. C.E. U.
F	Ann Cordelia	Birth	20-Apr-1796	
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
M	John Burrell	Birth	12 Oct. 1798	
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
F	Louisa Valentien	Birth	30 Apr. 1800	
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:

Husband's Full Name: **WILLIAM Garland Cornwell**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	28	April	1792			
Christen.						
Marriage	04	April	1816			
Death	Bet. 1835-1840 Sm Co.			Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:	Sm Co, Tenn.	

Father's Full Name: **John W. Cornwell**      Mother's Maiden Name: **Mary Garland**

Other wives: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Military

Wife's Full Maiden Name: **Elizabeth Yeaman**

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			1794			D.C.
Christen.						
Death	Bet. 1850-1853			Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:	Sm. Co, Tenn.	

Father's Full Name: **John Yeaman**      Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDREN

X	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	John T.	Birth	1817	
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Martha
F	Hewella F.	Birth	1818	
		Death	ca 1852	Sm Co, Tenn.
		Marriage		To: Allen Martin 9/1812
M	Lewis R.	Birth	1821	
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Sarah (Sally)
M	James C.	Birth	1824	
		Death	1853	Sm Co, T
		Marriage		To:
F	Mary Miranda Polly Tn Sm Ten on To	Birth	1827	
		Death	1918	
		Marriage	1850	To: Tilman Hirma McCormac
M	William R.	Birth	1829	
		Death		
		Marriage	31/Dec/1850	To: Laura Diana McCormick by E.W. Cornwell
F	Jincy A.	Birth	1831	
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
F	Artemisia W.	Birth	1834	
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
9		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
10		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:

## QUERIES

ALMAN, ALLMAN/ALLMON and BOCKMAN: Looking for info on these two surnames. Especially interested in TEMPA ALMAN and her husband (unknown) who lived neighbors to CHRISTOPHER BOCKMAN family. JAMES T. ALMAN m. ANN BOCKMAN, 1855. They had son, THOMAS and dau, ELIZABETH. This family moved to Mo in 1859.

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ROBINSON: Need information on the family of CHURCH N. ROBINSON, b. ca. 1856, m. 1878, LUCY TENNESSEE CARDWELL. Issue: 1. EDGAR ROBINSON, b. ca. 1879; 2. THOMAS JEFFERSON ROBINSON, b. ca. 1884; d. ca. 1976; 3. LUCY A. ROBINSON, b. ca. 1884; 4. JOSEPH D. ROBINSON, b. ca. 1886; 5. HUGHFORD H. ROBINSON, b. ca. 1894 and 6. JANE C. ROBINSON, b. 14 April 1896. Would like to correspond with descendants.

ROBERT Y. CLAY, 3704 Ellwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23221.

HA(I)LEY/REECE: Need information on the family of DAVID OWEN HALEY, b. 21 Oct. 1850, d. 23 May 1925, m. CHARITY HIX REECE, b. 26 Oct 1855, d. 8 Jan 1937. Both buried in Gordonsville Cem. Issue: 1. W. J. HALEY, b. ca 1877; 2. MILES HALEY, b. ca. 1879; 3. JOHN C. HALEY, b. ca. 1889; 4. GEORGE WESLEY HALEY, b. 1890, d. 1966; 5. DELLA OVIE HALEY, b. 1892, d. 1952, m. J. H. MCCORMACK; 6. ROBERT EUGENE HALEY, b. 1894, d. 1972; 7. JOE HALEY and 8. CALLIE HALEY, m. HARV(I)E T. HOLLEMAN. Would like to correspond with descendants.

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JOHNSON/ELLIS: Looking for info on RHODA JOHNSON who was married to JOHN WILLIS ELLIS, son of BENJAMIN and SARAH COPELAND ELLIS. Would like to know her parents and if she died in Tennessee early 1830's.

PHYLLIS BONTZ, 17676 Pike 459, Curryville, MO 63339. (573-594-2179)

ETHRIDGE: Father, JOHN ETHRIDGE had 7 children. The youngest son, PETER, was born March 1st, 1822, in Smith Co., Tenn. Two of the other children's names were: JAMES and JOHN. The father and children moved to Illinois in 1830. Any information appreciated. Also would like to find out name of and what happened to the mother.

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BRASWELL/BRAZIL (all spellings)/PARIS, BAIRD, STEPHENS: Seeking information on the preceding surnames in Smith County.

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FULLER: Wish any info on wife of JESSE FULLER, (1780 - NC -- CA 1853, Smith Co., TN)

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GREGORY: Need surname of ELIZABETH, wife of GODFREY GREGORY, (1807 Va --ca 1848). GODFREY came to Smith Co, TN with his mother, ELIZABETH (HAILEY) GREGORY, widow of URIAH of VA. GODFREY married ELIZABETH who, family lore says, was a GWALTNEY.

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DRAPER/PATE: Seeking info on PHILIP DRAPER, b. 1771 in South Carolina. He moved to Smith County, TN ca 1799 and became a constable in 1811. In 1809 his daughter, RUVENNA, was born. Need the name of RUVENNA's mother. Records indicate her name was SARA DRAPER. Also trying to find the parents of PEARLEMON PATE who was born in Smith County in 1811. The PATES came from Va, primarily Bedford and Franklin counties. PEARLEMON PATE and RUVENNA DRAPER were married in Tennessee.

BETTY A MUSIELAK, 232 Meadowood Dr., Salem, S.C. 29676.

CARMAN, GAMMON, STAFFORD, BEASLEY, HAYNIE: Seeking information of children of ELIJAH CARMAN and RACHEL STANSBURY. All born in Caswell County, NC but moved to Smith County around 1815. They were MARY CARMAN, b 1800, m. JOHN STAFFORD, both died after 1850; ROSHEA CARMAN, b abt 1801, m. JOHN B. "JACK" GAMMON, moved to Macon Co., after 1850; FRANCES CARMAN b. abt. 1803. m. ELIHU (ELI) GAMMON, and CALEB CARMAN, b. Mar 2, 1810, d. 1 Sep 1853, m. ELIZABETH (possibly HARRIS), b. 25 Dec 1818, d. 16 Aug 1875.

CALEB and ELIZABETH are buried in the Carman Cemetery in the Shady Grove community. They had an older brother, THOMAS CARMAN, who was married to ANN HAYNIE, a daughter of CLARKEY BEASLEY and ELIJAH HAYNIE, but this family moved to Kentucky in 1850. Will be happy to exchange info on any of these families.

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Another year has come and gone; we hope it was a good one for you and yours. The big count-down begins for the year 2000, but 1999 is significant for another special reason. On June 1 Smith County will celebrate its Bicentennial, having been established in 1799. You will be apprised of special events as plans are announced.

A few copies of the Smith County Video (\$19.95 + \$3.00 postage) are available; some copies of the *Smith County History* (\$100 + \$3.00 postage) are still on hand; The *History of the Carthage United Methodist Church* (\$25.00 + \$3.00 postage) has been received from the publisher and is now available. Any of the above may be ordered through the Society.

Annual dues of \$12.50 are now payable. If you have already paid for 1999, please disregard the enclosed notice. Officers for the coming year were elected in November and are listed below.

All members are urged to attend meetings when possible. The Society meets on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of December, July and August, at the Public Library at 7:00 p.m. during the months of November - April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. If you are planning a research visit to Smith County in the coming year, library hours are: 8:00 - 4:30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9:00 - 12:00 on Saturday; closed on Wednesday.

Members are requested to continue to send in articles, Bible records, Military records and Queries for publication. Many members report success with their query submissions so don't fail to submit yours. There is no limit to the number one may submit. They will be published in the order received.

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FRONT COVER

Smith County was created on June 1, 1799. The logo on the cover was adopted by the Bicentennial Committee in commemoration of this historical event and will be featured on the Quarterly cover throughout the Bicentennial year.

**GRAY'S GLYCERINE TONIC COMP.**  
 FORMULA DR. JOHN P. GRAY.

**A. Retrospect**

It is a fact well known to physicians that there are extremely few people who are in as good physical condition in the Spring as they were the previous Autumn. One of the principal causes of this is that this period is the work-season of the devotees of labor or social enjoyment, and that the repeated demands upon one's energy are not properly varied with sufficient relaxation and periods of physical recreation.

*Very cordial & Clear See next leaf.*

*1 July, Dec. 21 1905*  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1906.

*William Armstrong was here  
 this morning assigned a band  
 F. S. B. Armstrong came later  
 but assigned it  
 I went to church to St. Paul's  
 I got some poorly today called  
 Dr. High & he gave me treatment  
 Warren came to see today a while  
 Praise God he kept us above all sin  
 this day. Keep us this night good  
 till tomorrow we ask in Jesus name  
 Amen*

**GRAY'S GLYCERINE TONIC COMP.**  
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Continued *Clear & very good*

As a consequence of these conditions, the advent of Spring witnesses countless cases of what is variously termed debility, nervous exhaustion, neurasthenia or a "run down" condition of the system.

See next leaf.

*Jesus, Dec 23 1905*  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1906  
*I slept in a great deal last  
 night & all night I  
 am not, I believe the morning  
 Sallie & her aunt Fannie Young  
 was here on a visit this afternoon  
 I have been poorly a while  
 High went to the store again today  
 to get his things  
 We praise God he kept us this  
 day above all sin & glory  
 We ask the All God to keep us  
 this night from all harm and  
 restore us to perfect health we ask  
 it in Jesus name Amen*

THE JOURNAL  
OF DR. JAMES AMERICUS DURHAM

Dr. James Americus Durham was born February 9, 1841, and died at his home near Stonewall, Smith County, Tennessee, on July 3, 1910, at the age of sixty-nine years. (Smith County Mortality Records, 1908-1910). Dr. Durham was married to Frances E. Perkins, daughter of Henry Jefferson and Araminta Cheek Boulton Perkins who died on June 19, 1915, and is buried in the Perkins Cemetery at Stonewall. No marker has been located for Dr. Durham, so it is not known if he is buried in the same plot as his wife. Dr. Durham and Frances were parents of thirteen children, some who had died prior to 1900. Those known children are Felix F., James T., Warren H., Robert Lee, Lemuel M., W. Herman, Bettie, Wilburn and Benton.

The extant entries of a journal kept by Dr. Durham on blank prescription pads begin on December 20, 1909. The final entry is on April 6, 1910, when he writes, "I am...not able to write." The 1870 census lists Dr. Durham as a minister so he may have been both doctor and preacher. Certainly, his journal entries reflect the sentiments of a deeply religious man. In every entry he praises the Lord for bringing him through the night and invokes Him to keep him through the day and above sin.

The journal is typed just as Dr. Durham wrote it. Copies of the original handwritten document may be seen in the Smith County Library.

Mon. Dec. the 20th 1909. We received a letter from Benton today. Hugh went to the store & got us a lot of \_\_\_ings things. Got me some medicine & then he went to H. T. Perkins & got us a lot of fresh bones. Fanny Young was here to see us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sins. Oh God keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. Heal us of our affliction Oh God.

Very cold & clear. Tues Dec the 21th 1909. Lillian Armistead was here this morning & assigned a deed & S. B. Armistead came later on & assigned it. I sent Hugh to store after med. I got very poorly today. Called Dr. High & he gave me treatment. Warren came to see & stayed a while. Praise God he kept us above all sin this day. Keep us this night from all harm we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Very cold & cloudy. Wed Dec 22nd 1909. I was better today & set up. Hugh went to store this morning & got us some thing. W. R. Perkins visited us this afternoon & spent 2 or 3 hours. Lillian Armistead was here a short while. We praise God He kept us this day above all sin & restored our health. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Clear & very cold. Thur Dec 23rd 1909. I suffered a great deal last night most all night. I am resting better this morning. Sallie Durham & Fannie Young was here on a visit this afternoon. I have been poorly all day. Hugh went to the store again today & got oil, vinegar & tea. We praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Glory, we ask three Oh God to keep us this night from harm and restore us to perfect health. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & cold. Rained all afternoon. Fri Dec the 24th 1909. I am improved some. Son Robert came to see me today. He took dinner with us & then returned home. Hugh went to store again today. John Denney & W. L. Young was here to see me a while. I sat up all day today. We praise God He kept us this day above all sin & harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

It turned cold and began to snow. It rained all night last night. Sat Dec the 25th 1909. We praise God He kept us to see another Christmas Day & kept us through another night safe from all harm. Oh God keep us through this day above all sin. Fred Armistead come to see us. W. L. Young come and brought us a lot of vittuals & staid a while. We praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Glory, Glory we ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm & give us health. Warren wrote son Benton a letter for us today.

Clear & cold at 4 PM. Sun Dec the 26th 1909. Praise God He kept us the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all sin. Son Adrian come to see us today & took dinner & spent several hours. He brought us a lot of cake & C. Cleo spent the day at W. L. Young. J. K. Ferrell called on Cleo tonight. Praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Glory Hallalaugha Oh God keep us this night from all harm & restore our health. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Clear & cold, then partly cloudy, moderating. Mon Dec the 27th 1909. We praise God He kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin and restore us to perfect health. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen. Janie Young, Johnie Armistead & her mother, Etta Armistead all was here today & Etta took dinner. Ed Gwaltney & wife W. A. Ashley and daug, Julia all visited us & brought me lot of eatable from Masonic Lodge. Praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Oh God keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. W. D. Boulton was here tonight.

Fair to cloudy began to snow at 4 PM. Tues Dec 28th 1909. Praise God He kept us the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all sin. Lester Durham a grandson come. Robert L. Scruggs come to see us & spent 2 or 3 hrs. Evie Young spent the afternoon here. Fred Armistead called a short while. Sallie D. come & spent an hour or 2. We praise God He kept us the past night from all & above all sin. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Had about 1 inch snow fall last night. It was extreme cold this morning.

Wed Dec 29th 1909. Praise God He kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day above all sin & restore us to perfect health. Amen. I wrote Adrian a card today. L. J. Young come to see me today. Amy Durham come to see us and spent the day. We praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Glory, Oh God keep us this night from all harm while we sleep. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Extreme cold & cloudy this morning. Thur. Dec the 30th 1909. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm & restored our health. Keep us this day above all sin and make us fine & Holy. Sons, Robert & Warren come to see us today took dinner & spent several hours. Lester went home today. Sam Armistead come & spent several hours. J. S. Denney & wife spt. afternoon. Praise God He kept us this day above all sin. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. Mailed P. O. Card to Adrian today.

Cold & Cloudy. Cloudy & warm at 5 o'clock. P.M. Fri. Dec the 31st 1909. We praise God he has kept us the past night from all harm We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin. Amen. Recd. a letter from Son Benton today. I feel that I am mending some. Son Warren stoped to see us a short while this afternoon. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & to see the close of the year 1909. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Warm cloudy. Wind south. Sat Jan the 1st 1910. We praise God he has brought us through another night and another year to see this blessed day. Oh God keep us this day and this year above all sin & make us pure & Holy. Amy Durham was here & got a bucket of milk. Hugh went to the store. Fannie Young called a short time today. I am improving slowly. Cleo come home today at 10 o'clock a.m. Warren Durham and family come to see us and spent the day.

Cloudy and warm. Sun Jan the 2nd 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all Sin. Warren & family went home this ?. Son Robert & wife come to see us & spent a part of the day & went home. I am better today. Praise God he kept us this day above all Sin & healed us. We ask the to keep us this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Warm & cloudy. Began to drizel rain at 2 o'clock. p.m. Mon Jan the 3rd 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all Sin & restore us to perfect health. We ask in Jesus name, Amen. Lester D. come to our house today. Elverta Denney was here twice today. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin & he restored us to perfect health. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & cool. Tues Jan the 4th 1910. We praise God he kept us the last night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us in perfect helth. Hugh went home & carried my horse with him. Sent Lester to the Store & got crackers, salmon & tobacco. L. H. Young hauled me a load of corn I had bought of Smith Bros. Praise God he has kept us this day this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Warm & rained all day. Wed Jan the 5th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & to restore us to perfect helth. We ask it in Jesus name. W. L. Young was here a short while. I rested very bad last night. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Cold & sleeting all day. Thur Jan the 6 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all Sin & restore us to perfect helth. S. B. Armistead stoped in here a few minutes this afternoon. Cleo went to W. L. Young's & spent the afternoon. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus Name, Amen.

Clear & cold Heavy frost. Lester went home today. Sun Jan the 9th 1910. (He skips two days here). Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm & to see another Christian Sunday. Oh God keep us this day above all sin & give us perfect helth. Amen. Alma Armistead, John Denney, C. T. Perkins & L. J. Young & Joseph & Letha Lynch all visited us today. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Clear & cold. Mon Jan the 10th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day Oh God above all Sin & restore us to perfect helth. Son Warren come to see us and took diner with us. Sent Hugh to store & got coffee & domestic. Robt. & wife come to see us this evening & spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & restored us to helth. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Clear & cold. Moderated today. Tues Jan the 11th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above sin & give us perfect helth we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. Robert & wife returned home this morning. Amy D. come & got milk. F. T. & W. R. Perkins come to see us & spent 4 or 5 hours with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & has restored us to helth. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Fair & cold. Moderated today. Wed Jan the 12th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin. Daisey Dillard was here today. Robert L. Scruggs was here today to see Cleo. Hugh went to the store and got oil & meds. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin & gave us helth.

Cloudy & warm. Thur Jan the 13th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above sin and give us helth. Joe Ballard come here and I wrote a deed for land for him. .50 L. M. Durham & C. W. Duke come to see us today. We praise God that he kept us this day above all Sin. Oh God keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Cloudy & turning cold. Frid Jan the 14th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us above all sin. Lem & Wince left for home today at 12 a.m. Ed Gwaltney was here this afternoon to see me & spent 3 or 4 hours. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. Hugh went to store today. Sugar.

Cloudy & cold. Sat Jan the 15th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all sin & give us good health. Fannie Young was here this morning. Hugh went to the store this evening. I am improving slowly day by day. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Sun Jan the 16 1910. Praise God he kept the past night. Keep us this day above sin. Cleo Armistead & Jno. K. Ferrell was married today at home. C. W. Smith & wife, S. B. Armistead & wife, Warren & wife, Kate Scruggs, Ina Perkins, R. L. Perkins, R. L. D. & B. Armistead was all here today. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Mon Jan the 17th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all Sin. John Denney come to see us this morning & spent 2 or 3 hours. He come back again in the afternoon and got milk & brought me some eggs to eat. L. J. Young come & brought me a chicken. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us helth. Oh God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Was clear at 4 a.m. Began to rain at 4 a.m. & ceased at 12. Tues Jan the 18th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin. Son Warren come & got milk and stayed an hour or two. Fannie Young come this evening 2 or 3 hours. Alma Armistead come & spent 3 or 4 hours. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Heavy frost. Wed Jan the 19th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all Sin & give us good health. J. K. Ferrell & wife come & got cow & mare today & carried them to Elmwood, Tn. B. Armistead was here tonight a while. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us helth. Keep us this night Oh God from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.



Warm & cloudy. Thur Jan the 20th 1910. Praise God he kept us through the last night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all sin and give us helth. I am improving every day, thank God. Fannie Young was here this evening. Son Robt. come this evening and spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Cold and snowing this morning. Snowed all day. Frid Jan the 21st 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all Sin & give us helth. Robt. went to Elmwood Rooler Mill to get us some flour. He got 5# of flour, cost \$1.52 1/2. He eat diner & then went home. Jno. Denney come & spent 2 or 3 hours. Lester went to the store. Praise God he kept us this day above all Sin. Keep us this night from all harm we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & cold. Fair & warmer at 12 a.m. Sat Jan the 22nd 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day Oh God above all sin and give us good health. B. Armistead was here & brought two shoats at 6% per #100. Son Warren was here & took diner with us. Later went to the store and got coffee. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us helth. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Raining this morning & rained until 2 p.m. Sun Jan the 23rd 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm & permitted us to live to see another Christian Sunday. Oh God keep us this day above all sin and give us good helth. Amen. I was feeble today. Rec'd. letter from B. yesterday. No one come to see us today. We praise God he kept us this day above sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Heavy frost & fog. Mon Jan the 24th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin. Luster went to Warren's to get him to mend his shoes, got 1 mended. Cleo Ferrell come to get a load of corn & chicken & turkey. Oh God keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin.

Heavy frost & cloudy. Tues Jan the 25th 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all Sin & give us helth. Lester went to store & got 20# of salt. Warren come & killed hogs for us today. Fannie Young come to see us this evening. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us helth. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & warmer, then clear. Wed Jan the 26th 1910. Praise God he kept us the night from all harm. Keep us this day above Sin & give us helth. W. L. Young was here a short time. Lester went to J. H. Smith & borrowed a meat chopper this morning. Amy came & she carried chopper home. R. L. D. come & spent the night with us. Jannie Young spent

the afternoon here. B. Armistead & Jno. Denney & son Elston come & stayed until bed time with us. Praise God he kept us today above all Sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Wrote Betty Law a letter today. Clear & Frosty. Thur Jan the 27th 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm & gave us helth. We ask the Oh God to give us helth and keep us above all sin. Robt. returned home this morning. Adrian & wife come to see us today.. Jno Denney & wife, Evie Young & Peral Gwaltney all come to see us this afternoon. Praise God he kept this day above all sin & gave us good health. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & cold. Frid Jan the 28th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & give us good helth. Adrian & wife & child returned home today at 1 p.m. Docie Smith and W. T. Perkins come to our house today at 10 a.m. and held a prayer & song service with us. Mailed a letter to Bettie Law. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us good helth again. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Clear & frosty, then cloudy. Sat Jan the 29th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin & give us good helth. Hugh come & brought our horse home. Fannie Young come to see us this morning. Sons, Felix & Herman come to see us today, got here at 1 p.m. spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin. Oh God keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen. W. T. Monday stop to see me & paid me \$1.50 Med. Act.

Fair & cool & cloudy & cool, 4 p.m. Sun Jan the 30th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin. We thank the Oh God that thou has kept us, to see another Christian Sunday & gave us helth. Sons Felix & Herman returned home today at 1 p.m. We praise God he has give us good helth & kept us by his power this day above all sin. Keep us this night by thy power from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Frost & then cloudy & cold. Mon Jan the 31st 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin & give us health. Mailed a letter to B. Durham today. Lester went to Store and got coffee. J. S. Denney was here a short time today. We praise God he has restored us to perfect helth and kept us this day above all sin and harm. Oh God keep us through this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Clear & heavy frost. Tues Feb 1st 1910. Praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all sin & give us good helth. Sarah Johns, Fanney Young & Mary Ferrell & Sally Durham all come to see us today. Lester went to

store. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us good helth. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & began to rain at 4 p.m. Cold & frosty & then cloudy. Wed Feb the 2nd 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & give us good helth. Son Warren was here today a short while. The Holyness People held their weekly Cottage Prayer Meeting here at our house. We had a glorious meeting. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us good health. Oh God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Feb the 2nd 1910. The Holiness People held a Prayer Meeting today at our house. There was present Docie Smith, W. T. Perkins, Kizia Harris, Carrie Smith, Mary Ferrell, Julia Bose, Pearl Gwaltney, Gertie Scruggs, Leitha Lynch, Fannie E. Durham, Virginia Nichols, C. W. Smith & Jas. A. Durham. Also there was present with us Martha Bose, Fannie Young, Vergia Wright, Alma, Fred Armistead and Maggie Sue Nichols. We had a glorious time. Our cow dropped a bull calfe today, Feb the 2nd 1910. Raining at 6 a.m. Cold at 4 p.m.

Thur Feb the 3rd 1910. We praise God he kept us from all harm the past night. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & give us helth. Son Robt. and wife come to see us and spent the night with us. Amy D. & Pearl Dension was here today. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us good helth. Oh God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Clear, cold & frosty. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Oh God keep us this day above all Sin. Robt. & wife went home this morning. Stella Boston come to see us today. Estell Armistead was here today. Amy D. brought my horse home this evening. We praise God he kept us this day above sin & gave us good health. Amen. Oh God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Heavy frost this morning. Cooper Booker was here to see me this Sat Feb the 5th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & give us helth. H. H. Hubbard was here today & took diner with us. Lester went to the store & got oil & sugar. Edna & Wallie McDonald was here this evening. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Very cold & frosty. Sun Feb the 6th 1910. Praise God he kept us through the past night & through another week to see another Christian Sunday. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all sin & give us good helth. S. B. Armistead & Fannie Young spent the afternoon with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. We ask the Oh God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

TO BE CONTINUED.

## SMITH COUNTY HISTORY

Some Account of the People of Smith from  
The First Organization of the County

Dr. J. W. Bowen

## CHAPTER XX I

Hickman Creek, rising in the hills West of Alexandria, near which it enters the present south boundary of Smith County, empties into the Caney Fork near the village of Gordonsville. It drains a valley equal in fertility and improvement in an agricultural point of view to any in the county. It was called by the first settlers on it, Beaver Creek, but at an early date, took the name it has, from Col. Thomas Hickman, a citizen of Davidson County, who was a surveyor and land locator. Its largest tributary is a little stream known as Brush Creek, which enters the main stream seven or eight miles, by its meanderings, above its mouth, coming from the West. It is along the valley of this little creek from its head that the N. & K. R. (Nashville and Knoxville Railroad), enters Smith County, and then, following the valley of the principal stream to near its mouth crosses it, and turns to the East. A noted place in the early days among the first settlers on Brush Creek was Brush Creek meeting-house. The church was organized there the 29th day of May, 1802, by Elder John Hightower, and Alexander Divan. The following are the names of the first members: Males, James Kitchens, William Coats, Thomas Jordan, Sampson Bethel, John Campbell, Joshua Conger, Francis Jordan, Cantrell Bethel, Thomas Allen and Nathaniel Fairer; Females, Morning Kitchen, Nancy Coats, Mary Bethel, Betsey Campbell, Elizabeth Hodges, and Agnes Fairer. Another place of popular resort on Hickman Creek, a half and three quarters of a century ago, was the Alexandria camp-meeting ground a short distance below the village of that name. The meeting there was annual instead of monthly, and to them, people came from all the adjacent counties.

Another was Hickman Creek meeting-house, the present location of Hickman Mills, and the Post Office village of Hickman, whose beginnings date back to about 1803 or 1804. There was a meeting-house at which religious services were held for a number of years near where Hugh's mill was built. It stood on the flat place on the opposite side of the creek from the mill. It has been gone for more than fifty years. The writer knows of but one person who remembers it as a place of religious worship. That person is Mr. James Thomas who lives, in his 81st year, near Hickman. During the first decade of the present out-going century quite a tide of immigration poured into the valley of Hickman Creek. Several were there before. Besides nearly all those mentioned as the first members of the Brush Creek Church, Thomas Smith at the mouth of Hickman Creek, the place now known as the Nolen place. Higher up the creek, Joseph and John Duncan, and still higher a man named Rhodes, another named Weeks and perhaps others came, before the commencement of the present century. Josiah Baird came about 1801, and James Upton

not far from the same date. He was an Irishman, was in the battle of New Orleans the 8th day of January 1815, an orderly sergeant, in his 65th year. His wife's name was Nancy Holmes. He and Baird both have descendants on the creek yet. So has Stewart Doss who was also an early settler. Among the very first settlers on the upper reaches of Hickman Creek was Patrick Moore, a native of Ireland. His wife's name whom he married either in Virginia or South Carolina, was Elizabeth Mullins. They settled first on the head waters of the creek West of Alexandria. Afterwards he purchased a tract of land some three miles below where the village now is, moved on it, opened a farm, and resided on it til his death which occurred in 1836.

Lower down on the creek from where Patrick Moore lived, besides those already mentioned, there came and settled about the same time he did, or a few years after, David Wallace, Bartley Kyle, Robert Williams, Thomas Durham Henry Moores, followed soon by the Askews, Bosticks, Cheeks, Reasonover, Joneses, Roberts, Grays, Sykeses, Gwaltneys, Jameses, Calicoats, Buckner, McClains, Newbells, Wrights, Halls, Pattersons, Allison, Davises, Riggs, Mosses. Numerous descendants of most of these still remain, constituting a large proportion of the present inhabitants of the valley of Hickman Creek below the mouth of Brush Creek. It is not intended to be understood that the above list includes the names of all the persons who settled in the region mentioned as far back as seventy years ago. There were others no doubt whose names the writer has failed to obtain.

For a full and exhaustive account of the early settlers on Brush Creek, and on Hickman above its mouth, I am indebted to a letter from my friend, Hon. J. M. Washburn, now and for many years a citizen of Logan County, Ill. Lewis Washburn, his father was one of the best known among the early settlers of this region. Lewis was the son of Benjamin B. Washburn. His mother's maiden name was Dorcas Hall. His father died while he was an infant, and his mother while he was yet a small boy moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, stopping first near Kingsport in the Eastern end of the state, and migrating a few years afterwards to Smith County. Here on a little farm near the mouth of Brush Creek, after she had become a widow the second time without additional offspring, the mother and son resided, making their joint labors and careful management a moderate but comfortable living. He obtained only the limited education which the schools of that early period afforded. In the mathematics of that day, comprising nothing higher than arithmetic, he became an expert. In 1814 he enlisted in the military service of the United States in Gen. Coffee's brigade, and under the command of General Jackson went through the Creek campaign to Pensacola, from thence to New Orleans where he was in the battles of the 23rd of December 1814, and the 8th of January 1815, which closed the second war of American Independence. Two years afterward he married Nancy the second daughter of Patrick Moore, and in a short time settled on a tract of land of 102 acres which in the meantime he had purchased, and which is situated about half way between Brush Creek and Hickman Creek. In the filial language of a surviving son, in the letter alluded to above and now before me, he says: "Here they lived together for more than fifty years. Here

they raised and educated a very large family of children. There in their humble rural home, they lived a life of retirement with no desire to migrate or change their location. And here in the last hours of the dying year 1872 the old man died after a brief but painful illness, aged 76 years, 5 months and 22 days. His remains rest in the grave yard on the old homestead of Patrick Moore. His lot cast not among the great, his name borne upon no page of proud heralding, his sole heritage a clear, strong head, a good and kindly heart, and crowning all with the birth place of the free, for the last forty years of his life he was an humble, faithful, and pious Christian." His companion survived him less than two years. She passed through the portals we call death to join her husband in the higher life in May 1874, wanting less than twelve months of having reached the age of four score years. Her son, in the letter already twice referred to, paid the following affectionate tribute to her memory: "She was in many respects a remarkable woman. She was not physically strong, weighted between 95 and 100 pounds, but she was exceedingly lithe, active and energetic. She possessed a strong and active mind and an indomitable will, with which she maintained control of her children. Although illiterate, for she never attended school but a few days, and only learned to spell and read imperfectly, she was enthusiastic in the cause of education, and especially for the education of her own, and her neighbors children. In order to clothe her numerous off spring, and send them to school, (she was the mother of 13 children), she labored from early morn till late bedtime. The hum of her spinning wheel was often heard long after all others of the family had gone to rest. She was charitable to the neighboring poor, whose wants she often supplied, and relieved their distresses as far as she could." It remains to be added that in addition to being a kindly sensible woman and an intelligent one for her day and generation, she was a devoted practical Christian, being for many years and to the day of her death, a member of the Baptist church. Of the 13 children born to Lewis Washburn and his wife, one died in infancy, twelve grew to manhood and womanhood. Six of these have since passed to the beyond. Six only remain, four sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Hon. J. M. Washburn, has already been stated, has been more than thirty years a highly respectable citizen of the State of Illinois where he has held and continues to hold, positions of honor and emolument. The other three live in their native state. Rev. John Washburn has attained eminence as a teacher.

Among the pioneer neighbors of Mr. Washburn were the Garrison brothers and sister, a large family, and the Boons. John who married Chloe Garrison was drowned in Hickman Creek a short distance below Sulpher Spring. James Garrison settled on the East side of the creek on the Sulpher Springs tract, and lived there to be quite an old man. He was the nearest neighbor to Thomas Burnett. Samuel Hall came about 1800 and settled on the hill East of Burnetts where he lived more than fifty years and raised a large family. John Deadman was an early settler and near neighbor of Mr. Hall. So was Samuel Casey who built a mill on the creek below, which was long known as one of the old landmarks. Allen Harvel lived on Caney Branch, half a mile above its mouth. Willses, Simpsons, and Helmantallers were early settlers in the same neighborhood. So were Mr. Hoyden and Thorton Christie. Going higher up Brush Creek, and on a small stream called Hoyden's

Branch, lived Tittsworth a furniture maker, and Ferguson, a blacksmith. In the same section not far apart, lived four brothers - Dowell. They were sons of Nehemiah Dowel, one of the earliest settlers on the upper waters of Mulherrin Creek. The oldest of these, Elisha Dowel, moved many years ago to the State of Missouri. Willis married a daughter of Stewart Doss, one of the best known as he was one of the earliest settlers of that region. His brother, Franklin Robert Dowel, married a daughter of Major James Goodner. The Goodners were among the very earliest settlers in Smith County, North of the Cumberland River. Willis and Robert Dowel both died of small pox in 1850, which loathsome disease was epidemic that year on Brush Creek and adjacent regions. Its origin remains a mystery to the present time. The belief of its victims and their friends was that it was brought there and disseminated in some unaccountable way by a quack German doctor. So well satisfied was the public mind of the truth of the charge that he was forced to leave the community. Near Willis Dowel's farm in the long ago lived Jeremiah Willford, who had a little corn mill on Brush Creek. One of his daughters married Matthew Worley, who moved to Kentucky. Samuel Lancaster lived at the same place subsequently. Farther up the creek and on the same side an early pioneer named Whitlock lived. He had a number of sons. Some of them emigrated long years ago to the Northwest, others perhaps to other parts of the state. One or two, either sons or grandsons, are still citizens of this county. The Turners and Davises, consisting of several families each at the first, are still represented by numerous descendants in the population of that part of the county. Thomas Terry was a very early pioneer. So was Benjamin Watts (Coats) whose wife practiced midwifery for forty years and was at the birth of forty children in three families; thirteen at Benjamin M. Davis's, thirteen at Lewis Washburn's and fourteen at Abel Hunt's. Edwin Atwood was a very early pioneer, and his descendants in the third generation are still in the community. Besides there were Lankford, Whites, Scudders, Tuggles, Thomsons, and Medford (who was said to be a giant in size and strength) Lawrences, Kitchens, Belchers, Dyergerents, Trails, Hoskins, Moores, Biles, Tyrees, and Porters. A few of these last names have descendants remaining in the county. The prospect of the large majority has followed the tide of emigration to other lands or gone to the unseen world.

One of the best known, most enterprising and progressive long time residents on Hickman Creek was Samuel Fulton Patterson. He was not one of the first settlers, but came while many of the pioneers were still living, and after a residence of more than half a century, having attained to the age of more than four score years, he departed this life having the esteem and confidence of a large circle of neighbors and friends. He was an energetic, prosperous farmer, a man of strong convictions, always on the right side of all moral questions, and ever had the courage of his convictions. Through his influence, and largely by his contributions, a meeting house was built near his residence about 1857. It is occupied by the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Two of his daughters reside upon the parental homestead. Two of his sons, the oldest and the youngest, are on the Pacific coast; the remaining son lives at Alexandria and the other daughter at Gordonsville.

Another highly esteemed and well-known resident of this region has passed away while this writing is in progress. John Rollin James was a man of modest and retiring manners, but no man in the circle of acquaintance was more confided in or dying left a purer reputation. He filled the office of Justice of the Peace for more than two decades, was Chairman of the county court for a number of consecutive terms, and for one term, was a member of the low branch of Legislature. Four sons and two daughters, all citizens of Smith County, survive, their mother having died years ago.

In 1868 the Hickman Creek Flouring Mills were erected. Their erection was due to the energy and enterprise of B. A. James, now and for a number of years a successful merchant at Gordonsville. He was their originator, bought the machinery, gave the enterprise his personal attention until by his management it was a complete success. These mills having been changed from burr to roller machinery, are now owned by a corporate company, and are, as they have been from their origin, an improvement of great value and convenience to the community in which they are located. Quite a prosperous village has grown around them.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Lynchburg, Va., *The Lynchburg Press*, Sat. 13 May 1809. p. 4, col. 2.

(Ed. Note: The significance of this small item whose writer forecasts doom to any nation who attempts to become wealthy with the mining of minerals is the proof it offers in support of Dr. John W. Bowen's assertion that the first newspaper in Carthage was published in 1807. According to Dr. Bowen, a man named James Lyon purchased the *Knoxville Gazette* and moved it to Carthage in 1807, changing the name to the *Carthage Gazette*.)

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A paper printed at Carthage, Tennessee, asserts that a large bed of ore had been discovered in Overton County in that state, and not more than 5 miles from Carthage, which appears *rich with silver*--it adds that several dollars had been made there--if without the authority of the United States, of which there is every presumption, the coinage is contrary to law. Such a discovery would scarcely be considered as "*valuable*." *Gold & silver Mines* have hitherto promoted in a very inconsiderable degree the real prosperity of any nations who owned them. They have generally produced an opposite effect. The Abbe Raynal, we believe, who justly remarks, that during the ancient ages the silver mines of Spain, then the richest known to the civilized world, occasioned the Spaniards to fall a prey to the Carthaginians--the Carthaginians soon after fell a prey to the Romans--and that in modern times, the rich mines of Peru have reduced the natives under the Yoke of Spain--and contributed to reduce Spain to the lowest political degeneracy. If such be the effects of these discoveries may these splendid pests forever remain concealed within the caverns of the United States!!

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay



FAMILY GROUP

No. VI-a

Cornwell  
McCormack

Husband's Full Name: TELMAN HERMA McCORMACK

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	23	May	1825			Va.
Christen.						
Marriage	28	Sept.	1848		Sm. Co.	Tn.
Death	15	Dec.	1895			Sm. Co. Tn.
Burial						Sm. Co. Tn.

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Pauline McCormack

Other wives: \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks: Military

Wife's Full Maiden Name: MARY MIRANDA CORNWELL

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	28	Feb.	1827			Tenn.
Christen.						
Death	29	July	1918			Sm. Co. Tn.
Burial						Sm. Co. Tn.

Father's Full Name: WILLIAM CORNWELL Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth Yeaman

Other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)  
CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	1 Marshall G	Birth	12-NDV-1849	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Jane Franklin
M	2 James Howard	Birth	15 Mar. 1851	
		Death	27 Apr. 1937	
		Marriage		To: Virginia Haynie
F	3 Mary Judith Jude	Birth	1853	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death	1938	Mac. Co. Tn.
		Marriage	1875	To: John E. McCormack Sm. Co. Tn.
F	4 Nancy Elizabeth	Birth	13 NOV 1853	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Ben Butler Sm. Co. Tn.
F	5 Rebecca C	Birth	8 June 1855	Smith Co. Tn.
		Death	16 Apr. 1887	
		Marriage		To: Not Married
M	6 Alfred Charlie	Birth	5 Dec 1856	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death	3 Dec. 1913	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: Cathrine Combs Sm. Co. Tn.
F	7 Mecie A.	Birth	9 Feb 1857	
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Miles Langford Sm. Co. Tn.
F	8 Telitha A	Birth	17-Sept 1860	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Bill Langford
M	9 George S.	Birth	19 Feb. 1862	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death	9 Jan. 1938	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: Emily Lemmons Sm. Co. Tn.
M	10 John Henry	Birth	7 Jun 1864	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death	12 June 1858	Sm. Co. Tn.

Husband's Full Name: *Wilmon H. McCormack*

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	<i>23</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>1825</i>			<i>Ind.</i>
Christen.						
Marriage	<i>28</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>1848</i>		<i>Ind.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>
Death	<i>15</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>1895</i>			
Burial						<i>Ind. Co. 5</i>

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: *Mary Pauline McCormack*

Other wives: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: *Military*

Wife's Full Maiden Name: *Mary Miranda McCormack*

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	<i>28</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1827</i>			<i>Ind.</i>
Christen.						
Death	<i>29</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>1918</i>			
Burial						

Father's Full Name: *William Cornwell* Mother's Maiden Name: *Elizabeth Yeaman*

Other husbands: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)  
CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	Rufus C	Birth	<i>01 Mar 1866</i>	<i>Ind. Co. Ind</i>
		Death		<i>Moved to Waco Tex</i>
		Marriage		<i>To: Sallie Farrier</i>
M	Robert B. Lee	Birth	<i>31 Mar 1870</i>	<i>Ind. Co. Ind</i>
		Death		<i>Ind. Co. Ind</i>
		Marriage		<i>To: Ind. Co. Ind</i>
F	Annie S.	Birth	<i>11 Apr 1872</i>	<i>Ind. Co. Ind</i>
		Death		<i>Ind. Co. Ind</i>
		Marriage		<i>To: Winston High Ind. Co. Ind</i>
	4	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	5	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	6	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	7	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	8	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	9	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>
	10	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		<i>To:</i>

FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Full Name James Howard McCormack

This Information Obtained From: \_\_\_\_\_

	Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Age, etc.
1. U.S. Census Records	Birth	17	Mar.	1851		Smith Co.	Tn.	
2. Marriage Rec.	Chr'nal							
3. D. of - Pelly Wagner	Mar.							
4.	Death	27	Apr.	1931		Smith Co.	Tn.	
	Burial							
	Places of Residence							
	Occupation <u>Farmer</u>							Military Rec.
	Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							<u>NONE</u>

His Father Tilman H. McCormack Mother's Maiden Name Mary M. Cornwell (Cornwell)

Wife's Full Maiden Name Virginia Haynie

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Age, etc.
Birth	-	-	1853		Smith Co.	Tn.	
Chr'nal							
Death	11		1933		Smith Co.	Tn.	
Burial							

Compiler	Places of Residence
Address	Occupation if other than Housewife
City, State	Church Affiliation
Date	Her Father <u>Chas. F. Haynie</u> Mother's Maiden Name <u>Emily Philip</u>

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Age, etc.
1	<u>Charlie</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<u>Laura</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<u>Mary</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
* 4	<u>Hallie</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<u>Lela</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	<u>Tilman</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	<u>Henry</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	<u>Tom</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					Smith Co.	Tn.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9		Birth							

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FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Full Name George Washington Brown

This Information Obtained From: U.S. Census Records Husband's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ City, Town or Place \_\_\_\_\_ County or Province, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ State or Country \_\_\_\_\_ Add. Info. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Daughter Polly Wagner Birth 16 Mar. 1870 Chr'nd \_\_\_\_\_
  2. U.S. Census Records Mar. 02 Jan 1897 Sm. Co. In.
  3. Marriage Records Death Mar 1968 \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Family Knowledge Burial Mt. Olive Cent, Dav. Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make separate sheet for each mar. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father William Brown Mother's Maiden Name Melina Coome

Wife's Full Maiden Name Hallie McCormack Cornwall

wife's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ City, Town or Place \_\_\_\_\_ County or Province, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ State or Country \_\_\_\_\_ Add. Info. \_\_\_\_\_

Birth 25 Jul. 1880 Sm. Co. In.  
 Chr'nd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death 14 Sept. 1958  
 Burial Mt. Olive Cent Dav. Co. In.

Compiler \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation if other than Housewife \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make separate sheet for each mar. \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father James Howard McCormack Mother's Maiden Name Virginia Haynie

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on
1	<u>Bob Richard</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>11</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>1897</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Died young</u>			
		Burial							
2	<u>Tim Thomas</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>30</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>1900</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Died young</u>			
		Burial							
3	<u>Clarence Shelvie</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>15</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>1905</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death	<u>02</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>1979</u>				
		Burial							
4	<u>Willie Howard</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>30</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>1905</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Living</u>			
		Burial							
5	<u>Mattie Tabith</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>17</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1908</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Living</u>			
		Burial							
6	<u>Annie Belle</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>06</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>1911</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Living</u>			
		Burial							
7	<u>Robt. E. wee</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>28</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>1915</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Living</u>			
		Burial							
8	<u>Willie Adell</u> (Polly) Full Name of Spouse	Birth	<u>15</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1917</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							
		Death				<u>Living</u>			
		Burial							
9	<u>Glyn David</u>	Birth	<u>02</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>1921</u>		<u>Sm. Co.</u>	<u>In.</u>	
		Mar.							

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FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Full Name Donald Earl Wagner

This Information Obtained From: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons	Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Age
1. <u>Lillie Adell Wagner</u>	Birth	1	09	June	1916	Adams Co.	Wisc.	
2. _____	Chr'nd							
3. _____	Mar.	20	Nov.	1948		Simson Co.	Ky.	
4. _____	Death	14	Jul	1987		Davidson Co.	Tenn.	
	Burial							
Places of Residence								
Occupation								
Church Affiliation								
Military Rec. <u>U.S. Army</u>								
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.								
His Father <u>John Y. Wagner</u> Mother's Maiden Name <u>Hattie Hodge (Polk)</u>								
Wife's Full Maiden Name <u>Lillie Adell Brown</u>								
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City, State _____ Other residences, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. <u>None</u>								
Date <u>1998</u> Her Father <u>George W. Brown</u> Mother's Maiden Name <u>Hallie McCormick</u>								

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Age
1	<u>Donald Eugene</u> Full Name of Spouse <u>d</u>	Birth	08	Jan	1955		-Anna	Ill.	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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GEORGE & HALLIE MCCORMICK BROWN



HOWARD & VIRGINIA HAYNIE MCCORMICK

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DIARY OF THOMAS FULLER  
Company E, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry  
November 27, 1861 - Jun 30 1865

CONTINUED FROM VOLUME X, NO. 3. (The diary is unedited)

April 18, 1862. Orders came to day to go out on picket duty. About one hundred & twenty eight men were detailed from the Batt. and started in the direction of Monterey, Tenn. It began to rain a short time after we started, the roads were so bad that we did not reach the place of our destination that night. We camped in the edge of an old field, it rained some during the night, and got the creaks up tolerably high.

April 19, 1862. This morning we arose & after taking a bite to eat, we proceeded on to Monterey, some troops being here. Gen. Breckinridge Brigade is stationed at this point. We looked around and found a suitable place to pitch our tents, but by the time we got them up we were very wet. Having eaten a little it came our time to go out on duty; Capt. Griffin & Lt. High took their little squads & went out & took the positions near each other, about four miles from Monterey, rain still falling. Lt. High stopped at a private residence (Mr. Ray's) in Hardin Co. Tenn. We got supper at the old gents house, sent out a picket, they stood two hours & I and two others went out and brought them in. A large creek was between us and the enemy. The creek was supposed to be swimming. We kept a watch up all night.

April 20, 1862. We got forage for our horses and breakfast, corn at one cent a ear, fodder at 5 cts. a bundle and fifty cts. for a meal victuals. There was a wounded Mexican volunteer at this place and some nice young ladies. The boys declared that they had fallen in love with the girls and had rather stay out here than go to Monterey. However we were relieved in a short time and went to camps. We left two boys there to cook up some eatables while we were out. They had plenty prepared. Some of the boys went into an old shop house and built a fire to dry their clothes and blankets, when all of a sudden the old house fell to the ground. The boys got out unhurt except W. T. Squires. He was hurt on the back and one foot. There were two horses under the wreck very much frightened. The old timbers were thrown off and they came out unhurt. Quite a lucky escape for both man and horses.

April 21, 1862. Was detailed to go on picket again to day under Lt. George Love of Co. A. We stood near a creek in that portion of Hardin Cty. known as Lick Creek. An old gent near where we were said he had not known any of the Federals to come across the creek to make a stand. The night passed off except a little cool.

April 22, 1862. We got breakfast at the old man's table this morning which was very nourishing. After listening to the Yankee drums a while, and the Steamboats puff off steam, we returned to camps at Monterey. Later this evening our pickets or sentinels on the Hamburg road were fired on by the enemy and driven in. The reserve started out and met them and fired a few shots. The enemy fell back, reinforcements were sent out but the enemy did not make his appearance that evening. They are supposed to be making a start for Corinth. They are up on the river about Hamburg above Pittsburg where they first landed.

April 23, 1862. It was announced this morning that the squad at Monterey from the 7th Batt. Tenn Cav would return to Corinth. The two wagons that were out with us were loaded with some tents that were at Monterey, said to have been taken from the enemy at Shiloh, and some of the boys in the Co.'s of the Batt. had lost theirs, and supplied themselves. Some wounded and sick soldiers went down in the wagons. Towards the middle of the day we were ordered to mount our horses and form a line, which we done accordingly. Capt. Griffin led us off and we arrived at the village of Corinth in the evening. At our old encampment I found G. C. Moore an old friend and schoolmate and Teacher there, he being a soldier in Capt. Sanders Cav. Comp. from Smith Cty. Tenn. Lt. Flippen of the same Co. there also.

April 24, 1862. Nothing of much note occurred to day.

April 25, 1862. It began raining this morning early and continued to rain pretty much all day. It turned a little cool toward the evening. The Messrs. High, brothers B. A. High Lt. in Co. E, three brothers all in different Regiments, the two brothers have been with us for a day or two.

April 26, 1862. A nice clear morning and cool enough to be pleasant, every thing out in the forest looks gay and fresh. Capt. Cates came to his company this morning after an absence of about two weeks, having been detained by sickness. He spent a few hours with us and returned to the Country.

April 27, 1862. I visited the 16th Tenn. Reg. to day and found two of my old schoolmates from Warren Cty, Tenn (both belonging to Col. Savage's Reg.) Messrs. Black and Marchbanks. The latter is a Lt. in Capt Coffee's Company. He informed me that he was in the West Point Military School when the war broke out when he and other southern Students left for their native South. The Lt. related to me something of the Campaign in North Western Virginia in the summer of 1861. Since then he has been with his Reg. on the coast of South Carolina till within a few days ago he came to Corinth with his Reg.

April 28, 1862. Nothing of importance occurred in the forenoon worthy of note until the Sergt. Maj. J. W. Menefee informed us that twenty nine men must go out on picket duty from Co. E. There were some sickness and some absences from camps. Twenty three was all that was detailed. Four days were the time specified for us to stay out. Preparations were made to march, no tents were taken, cooking vessels and provisions were all that was started with the wagons. Maj. B. Smith marched his squad of about one hundred and twenty five men on the roads towards Monterey, Tenn. When some four miles from Corinth the sun set clear, not a cloud could be seen, when a messenger approached the head of the column and stated that the wagon had run off the bridge just behind and the wagon was broken. The squad was counter marched back and we had to camp. We cooked a snack and retired to rest. Before we all had got to sleep the rain began to fall and continued through the night. We sent two men back to camp after another wagon. Morning came and found our blankets well saturated with water. Previous to stopping we met some soldiers who stated that our men had met the enemy near Monterey and the latter had captured some of our men.

April 29, 1862. A detail of one from a company was made to accompany our wagon along. We mounted our horses and started and had not gone very far towards Monterey when we received information that our forces had fallen back on the night before. We continued on our course and went to the Brigade where the firing of our pickets were heard. The infantry was soon in line, the Cavalry pickets run in very muddy, some had no hats on, their horses being very muddy. Also this kind of proceedings were new to us of Co. E. Our commander Lt. High had gone to Gen. Anderson's Head Quarters, the boys were asking for Lt. High. He came up soon and ordered us into line. Maj. Smith led us back the way we had come up, went down to the edge of an old field, counter marched, and went back over the little hill. Major Smith brought us out into two little squads and sent us in different directions to prevent the enemy from flanking us. About this time the artillery began to play on the enemy and compelled them to retrace their steps.

May 1, 1862. The sun arose this morning in a clear sky, the little birds were warbling their sweet music, the trees exhibit their green foliage, the blossoms and flowers sent forth their sweet fragrance, the whole scenery around looked gay and everything spoke in the most beautiful language of Him who created all things. I cannot keep from my memories the manner in which I have spent May days in former years, sporting around in childish laughter, or in the fields plowing and cultivating the soil, or in the pleasant school home of solving problems in mathematics or in giving instruction to the Juvenile, "Teaching the young Idea how to Shoot." Far be it from any of these pleasantries now, I am in arms against the enemies of my beloved country, some four miles from Corinth, to the North.

The next entry is May 5, 1862.



May 5, 1862. Having undertaken to record some little incidents that transpire every day I now begin in a new book to pencil a few little things that come under my observation. Not that I expect to be an author or historian in this war for second Independence, but more to keep a kind of memorandum; of improving myself; and of keeping up what appears to me a good habit, and one that in all probability will be a pleasure to me in after life, should I live to get through this campaign and return to my native land to enjoy once more the sweets of home and friends and acquaintances. It was raining considerably this morning, it having rained through the night - held up near 10 o'clock when me and J. F. Rutlege and W. W. White went to a Blacksmith shop some four miles from Town, passed over some bad road and got there and Rutlege went to work. I went to the old gent's house (Mr. Smith) and got some dinner consisting of corn bread and loaf bread, bacon, peas, mustard greens, milk, butter, molasses for which fifty cents were paid. Having had 3 shoes put on my horse, I came into camp - reached this place about sundown.

May 6, 1862. Nothing of interest from our army to near the town of Corinth. The papers say that Huntsville, Alabama has been retaken by the Confederates. Dr. D. V. Seay of Wilson Cty. Tenn. visited our camps to day - stating that he left home about one month ago, was Eighteen days on the road came over the mountains of Ala. Health very good in his section of the country - Preaching to night in Capt. Bennett's Com. by Capt. Henry of Tennessee Volunteers. Text "Worship God," produced some very solid arguments, not so flowery as some that I have heard speak but his words seemed to flow from the heart.

May 7, 1862. Another death occurred to day at the Hospital 24th Tenn. Reg. Volunteers, J. H. Trousdale of Comp. E. Seventh Batt Tenn Cav departed this life. The deceased was quite young, his parents reside in Smith Cty. Tenn near what is called the Trousdale Ferry on the Caney Fork River. We learn that one of our pickets was killed to day by the enemy while on his post.

May 8, 1862. Our camps were visited to day by Mess. Price, Gann, two Johnsons, all from Smith Cty., Tenn. The last three are soldiers in Capt. Sanders Cav Comp Vol. Some cannonading has been heard this evening. I hear nothing of the enemy's movements that is worthy of a place here - about sundown a detail was made on the Batt for about forty men to act as an escort for Gen. Trapier. I was one of the number from Comp. E. We mounted our horses and proceeded to his quarters and went out to the breastworks on the Monterey road. We remained there a few minutes and came back to his quarters and then to camps. During the time some two or three cannon were fired. I supposed they were for a signal. After we got into camps and orders came for a portion of every comp. to go back and were sent immediately about one o'clock. The rest of the detail were sent out to the breastwork, I being in that squad. After getting there we were permitted to lie down and sleep.

May 9, 1862. Daylight came and the old General broke off before all of his escort got on their horses - some were left behind but overtook him at his headquarters. We returned to camp, took breakfast and then had orders to go back to escort the Gen. It was a good opportunity for us to take a (illegible) of him. He is a man in age about fifty, I suppose, rather spare made, sits erect on his horse, his hair is very white- wears it short, keen looking eyes - rides a nice black horse; such is the outline description of Gen. Trapier - quite a number of troops were marched out on the road towards Farmington. When near there we heard firing of guns. On getting nearer I came to the conclusion that fighting had begun in earnest. Gen. T. ordered his men to form ready to advance. The first firing was as I supposed on the right of the line - Learned before the regular advance was made that Gen. Breckinridge was on the right. Gen Vandorn was in our rear, a general advance was made through very thick scrubby woods for about a quarter of a mile when they came to a large field- I could see and hear the sound of cannon and small arms - had a very fair crew of our men. Those that could see on the right was near the timber. They marched towards the left. Those on the rear was brought up in battle array (previous to this time some bullets had fallen near me which was not very pleasant) and marched slowly across the field. Those in front firing at intervals when approaching nearer it was ascertained that the enemy had fled; we traveled across the field for about one thousand yards and then halted there. I learned that one Brigade (Gen. Green's) was about one mile in advance in pursuit of the foe. This relieved me very much on hearing that there was forces between me and the Federals - as it was the first regular fight I had ever witnessed since entering the service. An outline description of the Battlefield would not be out of place here - at one time when we were halted near a cross fence I saw blood on the ground. It first occurred to me that it was the blood of some human being but then it looked like it was not fresh. On looking around here was a place where fire had been made of rails - and a hog skin, tail and all, and the head and shoulders of another hog close by. When advancing farther I could see a dead horse occasionally - next was a dead man apparently of about forty years of age, rather bulky. lying with his head down the hill. Was a federal soldier. I could but say, Ah! poor fellow; upon advancing a little further the like of knapsacks I had never seen on the ground before. I saw in several different places the same thing. Some few guns were picked up by our men. One man told me about all of one comp. got them a gun. The soldiers of some divisions were pillaging and picking up clothing which was against orders, some getting coats and pants. I frequently saw books scattered along - a detail was made after we had started off the field to load the articles in wagons and bring them away. I was on the detail that went back and found that some in their haste or want of thought were burning them, some were in ruins. I assisted in loading one wagon but kept nothing. We soon afterward left for Corinth - the infantry did not appear much fatigued as they returned. I learned that the forces engaged were from different states viz. Louisiana, Miss., Missouri and the thing was managed nicely on our side - the numbers engaged I did not learn from either side - the enemy were supposed to be trying to work their way across to the Mobil and Ohio rail road but met with a considerable defeat in their attempt.

May 10, 1862. While making preparations for taking my horse to water today about noon I learned that one of our soldiers, A. V. Merritt of Dekalb Cty. Tenn. who had been left behind sick was coming to our camps. I proceeded down the road a short distance and saw him sitting down by the side of a tree. He looked very bad having been sick ever since about the first of March; after watering my horse I went with him up to camps. He stated that he had been at a private house near Farmington, that the Federal troops had been in that area ever since Saturday before he left on Friday. He was up stairs, and fortunately for him none of them came up there. On the night of the 8th of May, Gen. Buell the celebrated Federal Commander occupied the lower room together with four others. The Federals had taken the man of the house prisoner. After the morning they all left. When Friend Merritt made his way towards Corinth, he brought with him a Yankee overcoat as they are termed, there being plenty over the road he traveled, as they were that day driven back by the Confederates. Later this evening I hear it rumored in camps that the enemys pickets occupy the battle field near Farmington, the truth of it I do not know.

May 11, 1862. This morning some nine o'clock, I was detailed from the list of couriers from Camp E to go to Maj. Gen. Trapier's headquarters. One additional one was to go over. Soon after getting there four of them was sent out while myself and another are remaining here awaiting for orders. We waited for a considerable time and got nothing to do after which I learned that more couriers came than was necessary. Then the two remaining ones were dismissed and permitted to return to Camps.

May 12, 1862. Nothing definite with regard to the enemy's movements. Rumor says that a Yankee was caught to day about our breastworks with his bootleg full of rat tail spikes. Had spiked one cannon and was proceeding to spike others. Soldiers have been firing off their guns every day and to day I hear that a horse has been killed. Such proceedings brought an order from Col. Bennett forbidding any person firing off his arms without permission from the Gen. The Col first received his order from the officer Commanding. Col. Bennett proposed to assist me some or give me items occasionally for my diary. Speaks in high terms of the idea of keeping one during the service.

May 13, 1862. The weather continues clear with warm days and cool nights, not much prospect for rain - though a light shower would do good to settle the dust and revive up the streams of water as it is getting to be an object in and around the town of Corinth. Some wells have guards placed around them, others take in their well buckets. Consequently, a person cannot get water at every well where he applies. This morning Capt. A. B. Cates came in to camps. He took the measles after getting over one spell of sickness and had to retire to the country. Stated that he came off very well, they went quite light with him. Later in the evening I. R. Moores and one Mr. Johnson of Smith Cty. Tenn. came to our camps. They brought a prisoner who had been delivered over to them. He stated that he belonged to a Louisiana Reg. The above named gentlemen belong to

Capt. Sanders camp stationed at the Bear Creek bridge. Preaching last night at Lt. Patterson's tent by the Rev. or Capt. Henry. Text - "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Found in the Epistle to the "Hebrews."

May 14, 1862. I hear this morning that the pickets were fighting occasionally on yesterday. A detail was made this morning for 8 men from a company. They are out somewhere on duty. Couriers were sent over to Gen. Trapier's headquarters. This morning I went over and was released immediately after reporting myself. Returned to camps and spent the day reading the life of Jonathan Swift or Dean Swift and then I launched out on Gulliver's Travels (by Swift), which is tolerably amusing.

May 15, 1862. Went over to act as courier this morning. Reported to Gen. Tapier and was instructed to go to Gen Gardner's headquarters. Two of us went and found work to do immediately. I took a dispatch to the 1st Louisiana Reg. 26 Ala., 22nd Ala, 19th Ala. this is said to be the first Brig. Maj. Gen. Withers Division. I listened to some excellent music this morning from the bands near me while at Gen. Gardner's quarters. While sitting there I took a look at Gen G. He is near a middle age, sandy hair, long whiskers and heavy mustache, some near six feet in height. Would weigh as I suppose about one hundred and seventy pounds. I hear that the Confederates in advance captured one hundred and fifty beeves today. that were said to have been brought from Missouri. Also that a Federal prisoner stated when captured said he was where he had wanted to be for a long time. Rumor says that over a hundred Federal prisoners were released yesterday on parole of honor.

May 16, 1862. Returned to camps last night about 8 o'clock with instructions from one Lt. Bradford (who I learned was from La.) to be back this morning by sunrise. It was after sunrise when I left Camp and on riding two miles found that the Hon. Gent had not got up. After sitting around awhile he arose and went to the clerk's office and fixed up a document which I carried around the Brigade and to the Artillery. Afterwards I went to the 19th Ala. with a dispatch for there. I came to camps having been released by two men from the Batt. In the afternoon this evening a man by the name of Renfrow in Comp. A died - was taken very suddenly with qyinsy (?). The enemy are reported in the Southern newspaper to be advancing in three columns - heavy forces are said to be coming on toward Corinth. It is said that Pope has fully thirty thousand to the east on the Farmington road. Buell is advancing on the center with probably as many more while Grant is supposed to be in command of the column approaching on our left.

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## ISHAM FULLER - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay

( Ed. Note: Isham Fuller is the father of Thomas Fuller, author of the diary published in the foregoing article).

On 23 October 1850, Isham Fuller, age 70 of Smith Co., TN declared before John W. Paty, Justice of the Peace, that he served as a Private in Captain Moses Thompson's Company, 3rd Regiment Tennessee Drafted Militia in the "War with Creek Indians." He enlisted at Fayetteville, TN 28 January 1814 for three months and was in actual service three months and eighteen days. He was honorably discharged at Fayetteville, TN 10 May 1814. James Langford swore to his identity and William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court, certified that John W. Paty was an acting Justice of the Peace for Smith County. He filed his original discharge with this application for bounty land.

He received a land warrant for 40 acres which he had "legally disposed of" by 20 April 1855, when he applied for additional bounty land under the Act of Congress of 3 March 1855. James M. Washburn and Joseph Bradford, residents of Smith County, acknowledged this application, which was also made before John W. Paty, J. P. and certified by William V. R. Hallum, Clerk.

He died "at his residence in Smith Co," 9 June 1865 and on 1 September 1871 his widow, Mary Fuller, applied for a pension. She stated that she was married to "Ishom Fuller" 31 (?) February 1811, by "William Moores Esqr at Tuggle X Roads: Smith county Tene" and that her maiden name had been Mary Tuggle. She stated her husband's military service as above, listed her residence as "near New Middleton" and signed by mark before B. F. C. Smith, Clerk of Smith County Court.

B. F. C. Smith, Clerk, certified on 23 September 1872, that he had "made diligent search in my office for the record of the marriage of Isham Fuller & Mary Tuggle & that said record cannot be found. I further certify that the greater part of the records of marriages for the years between 1800 & 1820 have been destroyed or stolen during the late war."

On 16 September 1872, Joshua Pruet (Prewett) and James Gill swore before B. F. C. Smith, Clerk, that "They were present & witnessed the marriage of said Isham Fuller to Mary Tuggle...performed...by one Wm Moore a then acting Justice of the Peace for said County (now dead as affiants are informed & believes)"...On 8 March 1873, Pruet and Gill again made depositions before B. F. C. Smith, Clerk. Joshua Pruet stated that "I am or will be Seventy eight years old the 16th day of August next," that he was present at the marriage of Isham Fuller and Mary Tuggle and that he "assisted in burrying him." James Gill stated that he was "sixty-eight years old," that he witnessed the marriage as previously

stated and that "Isham Fuller is dead and I have administered upon & partially settled up his estate..." William Moore attested to the credibility of Joshua Pruitt and J. S. Ward, Postmaster at New Middleton, TN, certified that William Moore and Joshua Pruitt were "respectable & credible" witnesses.

She was placed on the pension rolls 29 May 1873, at the rate of \$8.00 per month, from 14 February 1871.

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension Application. Fuller, Isham. WO 6710 and WC 5269.

Signatures from the original application:

*Isham Fuller*  
(1855)

*Joshua Pruitt*  
(1872)

*Isham Fuller*  
(1850)

*J. S. Ward*  
(1873)

*James M. Washburn*  
*Joseph Bradford*

*J. S. Ward*

*B. J. Lambert*

*James Gill*

*John W. Party*

U.S. Census, 1850, Smith Co., TN, Southern District, p. 754. Number 1028-1028.

Isham Fuller	70, male, Laborer, Real estate: \$1000,	born NC
Mary "	64, female	born NC
Henry "	25, male, Laborer	born TN
Francis "	27, female	born TN
Mary "	23, female	born TN
Thomas "	20, male	born TN

U.S. Census, 1860, Smith Co., TN, Post office: New Middleton, p. 405a. Number 465-467.

Isham Fuller	80, male, Farmer, RE: \$2500. PE: 2000.	born NC
Polly "	74, female, housewife	born NC
Faney "	37, female	born TN
Thomas "	23, Laborer	born TN
Polly "	32, female	born TN
Henry J. Anderson	18, male, Laborer	born IL
Lusey "	22, female	born IL

**Tales My Parents Told Me**  
**Legends of the Huddleston, Davis and Sanderson Families**  
 By Joe Davis Huddleston

This is a compilation of stories told to me by various members of my family over the course of the years which are only peripherally supported by genealogical research. I cannot vouch for their accuracy, but like most family legends, they add color and human interest to the dry business of genealogy.

To place all this in context: I am the only child of Johny Carl Huddleston (1908-84) and Ada Appleby Davis (1915-living Sep 1995). Johny Carl, known as J. C., was the son of Ezra Stokes Huddleston (1871-1949) and Mary Elizabeth Sanderson (1884-1968). All three rest in the Sanderson Graveyard outside Pleasant Shade, along with many other members of both families. Ada Appleby was the daughter of Joseph Calvin Davis (1873-1964) and Mattiemma Appleby (1886-1959). Mattiemma was from Marshall County. They are interred in the Carthage Cemetery. I was born in Carthage in 1937, but never lived there except for short periods until I was three years old.

### Huddleston Tales

The Huddlestons came from England to Virginia in 1720, where they lived until 1816. Prior to that date, Peyton Huddleston (1768-?) had married above his station, to Nancy Harris, of one of Virginia's First Families. Nancy bore him a daughter, but was killed not long thereafter in a fall from a horse. The Harris family, because of their wealth and social status, felt that they could better care for the little girl (which was probably true) so they took her from Peyton to raise. Peyton remarried, on 29 November 1808, to Martha Claybrook. As time went on, Peyton became upset with the Harrises "spoiling" of his daughter. Sometime after the end of the war of 1812, in which he served as a private in the 3rd Virginia Militia Regiment, Peyton kidnapped his daughter from the Harrises and headed west with her, Martha, and their newborn son. When they had outrun the searchers sent out by the Harris family, they settled in Smith County sometime in 1816.

Peyton and Martha had another son, Robert A. Huddleston, (1818-99), who in turn had a son, Wade Hampton Huddleston (1847-1929), my great-grandfather. I know nothing of Robert, but Wade Hampton had a reputation as the worst trader in the county. The tale was told of him going horse trading one day, leading a horse by its bridle. He returned at the end of the day very proud of the fine bridle he had traded for, but with no horse to put it on.

### Sanderson Tales

The family legend, as I have heard it, brings the Sandersons into Smith County in 1796, when Jesse Sanderson came with his family from Jones County, North Carolina. This is supported by the 1790 census, which shows a Jesse Sanderson in the Newbern

District of Jones County with 2 white males under 16, 1 over 16, 2 white females, and 2 slaves.

The story is that Jesse owned only one pair of boots, and that the rest of the males in the family had to wear Indian moccasins. During a particularly harsh winter, while on a hunting trip with one of his sons, Jesse insisted the son wear the boots while he wore moccasins. As a result of the exposure, Jesse caught pneumonia and died in early 1799. Supposedly, his was the first grave in the Sanderson Cemetery. My father said he could remember, as a child, seeing the gravestone. It was a simple slab of limestone such as is scattered all over the hillside, with a name and date scratched into it.

From Jesse was descended Edward Sanderson (1783-1865). He was a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, and fought under Andrew Jackson against the Indians in the Creek Wars. His Regiment, the 1st West Tennessee Volunteers, was with Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans, although there is no family tradition that Edward was in the battle. He was frequently on detached service. Apparently he was trusted with independent, although minor, commands.

During the Civil War, the Sandersons were northern sympathizers.

From Edward through Thomas (1810-87) and Thomas McMillan (1856-1920) we come to Mary Elizabeth Sanderson. My Grandmother was a good-hearted, simple hill farmer's wife, tall and lanky, the kind that gave you the impression of being all knees, elbows and snuff twig. Thomas McMillan was a very progressive man, and insisted that his daughters, as well as his sons, go to high school. My grandmother never graduated. When she married Ezra Stokes Huddleston in 1904, Thomas M. gave them the 165 acre farm that sits to the northwest of the cemetery. My fondest childhood memories are of roaming those hills with my cousins, a gun and my collie dog.

### Davis Tales

I do not know when my Davis line came to Smith County. Joseph Davis was originally from "East Tennessee," possibly from Greene County. I have not been able to trace this line. He had a drinking problem, and died young, before 1850. He was returning after a "night out" when he apparently fell from his horse down a bank into the Caney Fork River and drowned. He was an expert swimmer, and there was some question of whether he had been a victim of foul play, but there was no evidence to support that. His widow remarried a man named Fowler. Joseph's son, Calvin Nevins (1840-1906) comes down through family legend as having quite a Civil War career.

C. N. Davis entered the Confederate Army in Nashville, and served throughout the war in the 8th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment, most of the time in Company H. His scanty military records do not contradict the family legend.



C. N. appears to have been wounded twice. As best as I can reconstruct, the first time was at the battle of Perryville, Ky. The wound restricted him to a crawl, and he was left on the battlefield when the Confederate Army retreated southward with the Union forces in pursuit. He shortly fell into the company of "bush-whackers," a term that meant outlaws and deserters who frequently scavenged the battlefields. He credited them with saving his life, for they fed him, gave him water and some rudimentary first aid. He was with them for several days before they moved on, and became terrified of them. They did not hesitate to shoot each other dead over some trivial quarrel around the campfire at night.

By this time he had regained some mobility, but was in no shape to travel. He found a farmhouse occupied by a woman and two children who, as luck would have it, were Confederate sympathizers. The woman's husband was in the Confederate Army. Since the area was occupied by Union Forces, Davis lived in the woods on a hillside overlooking the farm. When it was safe, the woman would hang a certain tablecloth on the clothesline, and Davis would know he could come down for a resupply of food and a change of clothes. This situation continued for a matter of weeks, until his wound was healed enough for him to infiltrate his way back south to Confederate territory.

Later, C. N. Davis was with his regiment at the battle of Murfreesboro, or Stone's River, when it made the famous charge on the "Round Forest." In the few moments of that charge, the 8th Tennessee lost 306 men out of the 425 engaged. Sometime during the course of that battle, Davis suffered a massive wound to the left thigh. After the battle the Confederates retreated, and he was captured by the Union. For six months he was treated and moved about in Union Army hospitals before he was exchanged. After a furlough, he rejoined his regiment, even though he walked with a crutch, and served out the rest of the war.

Davis never completely recovered from his wounds, and lived out his life with a bent leg. He found that riding horseback helped straighten the leg, so he rode even more than was required to conduct his business, and for the last years of his life, was able to walk with only a cane. He kept track of the woman in Kentucky who had helped him at Perryville. Her husband never returned from the war. Meanwhile, Davis became a well-to-do greengrocer in Nashville, and every year he would send up the Cumberland a barge of foodstuffs; barrels of flour; hams; sides of bacon and the like, to the woman, and kept it up until her death.

C. N. Davis retired from his business in Nashville, and moved to Carthage, where he built the home now known as the Davis-Hull House. He tried his hand at farming, but did not do well. As indicated by his survival of hardships, C. N. was extremely robust and a powerful man. One tale was that when he became frustrated at the slow pace of work by some hired hands loading hay, he picked up a bale and threw it completely over the partially-loaded wagon. Not bad for a cripple! Although he never rose above the rank of

sergeant during the war, he became known as "Cap'n," and his son inherited the title. Joseph Calvin Davis (1873-1964), the grandfather for whom I am named, was known locally as "Cap'n Joe" throughout his lifetime.

### Conclusion

All the above is stated as family legend. With some exceptions, I have no proof of any of this, and this document has been prepared primarily with my descendants in mind. However, I appeal to any of the members of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society for clarification, additions, possible additional sources, etc. Please write or call Joe D. Huddleston, 14129 93rd Avenue SE, Yelm, WA 98597-9707, (360) 458-2361.

### BRANSFORD FAMILY

(Ed. Note: In his *History of Methodism in Tennessee, Vol. III, 1818-1840*, published in 1871, John B. McFerrin, D.D., gives a brief account of the Bransford family. His sources are not well documented, but this obscure reference which may contain, at least, clues to the family's history, may be overlooked by the researcher).

The name of Bransford is English. Only one of the family is known to have come to America. His name was John Bransford. He settled in Richmond, Va., where he died in 1781. He had two sons and three daughters. The names of the sons were James and John. James had two sons - Robert and William. The former was never married. William had one son - Owen Bransford - who was a merchant, and resided in Buckingham County, Va. The descendants of James remained in Virginia, where the few surviving of that name are now living.

John Bransford (2nd) was the great-grandfather of those of this name now residing in Tennessee. His boyhood was spent in Richmond; afterward he removed to Manakin, and subsequently to Buckingham County, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death.

In the early period of his life he was a member of the Colonial Established Church; but previous to his removal from Buckingham he joined the Methodists, and was imprisoned by Col. Archibald Cary for permitting a Methodist minister to preach in his house.

For the accommodation of the congregation he built a large room, that was used for a meeting-house until one was erected in the neighborhood, which was called Slate River Meeting-house. He was married twice: first to Sally Easter, by whom he had three sons - William, James and John. William and James were soldiers of the Revolution. William was in the company of Capt. Joseph Eggleston, after whom, it is supposed, the

Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston was named. James served in Lee's Legion, and was with that distinguished officer in most of his battles with the British in the Southern States. James moved to Georgia, where, for a brief period, he taught school. The descendants of James were distributed through Talbot County, Ga., Butler County, Ala. and in Arkansas and Texas.

John Bransford (2nd), by his second marriage, became the father of Thomas, Francis, Benjamin, Stephen, Jacob, Samuel, Abram, Robert, Elizabeth and Patsy.

Thomas removed to Barren County, Ky., in 1817, where, for half a century, his house was the welcome stopping-place for Methodist preachers, during which time he was a member of the Methodist church.

Elizabeth married the Rev. John Ayers, who was a Methodist preacher in Buckingham County, Va. Benjamin was a member of the Methodist Church.

The two sons of Thomas, of Barren County, Ky. - namely, Walter L., now of Petaluma, California, and the late Col. Thos. L. Bransford, of Nashville - were both members of the Methodist Church. Col. Bransford was for a quarter of a century a merchant of Jackson County, Tenn.; subsequently engaged in wholesale mercantile pursuits in Louisville, Ky., in Nashville and Memphis, Tenn. (See Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly, Vol. I, 1796-1861). The ancestors of his grandmother, Judith Amonett, came from France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, and settled in Virginia in the reign of William III, about 1685. Bishop Mead had the family record before him in writing the "History of the Church and Families of Virginia." Col. Bransford was a member of the Tennessee Legislature in 1839-1840; was elected Elector on the Presidential Harrison and Clay tickets in 1840 and 1844, and was subsequently nominated by the counties in the Congressional District for Governor of Tennessee. He was a member of the Methodist church for a number of years before his death, which occurred at Union Springs, Ala., February 26, 1865, in the sixty-first year of his age.

John Bransford (3rd) removed from Virginia to Smith County, Tenn. His family consisted of ten children - six sons and four daughters. William, the eldest, was a soldier of the War of 1812; served under William Henry Harrison, on the Canadian frontier, for eighteen months; participated in the battle of the Thames and capture of Proctor's army.

John Bransford (4th) served under General Jackson in the war of 1812, and in the campaign against the Creek Indians, and was in the battle of the Valley of the Coosa, November, 1813. He was the son of John of Smith County. He was a Methodist preacher - licensed by the Goose Creek Quarterly Conference, G. W. Taylor, P. E., September 23, 1826. He was ordained deacon, November 4, 1832, and elder, November 9, 1834, by Bishop Andrew. He died in Nashville, September 23, 1837, of a congestive chill, aged 44, having been in the ministry exactly eleven years on the day of his death.

Gideon Bransford, another son of John, was also a Methodist preacher; was licensed to exhort in 1832; licensed to preach as a local preacher in 1834. At the close of the second year he was recommended to the Conference and received on trial in the traveling connection at Florence. He was appointed first year to Goose Creek circuit, the following year to Cumberland Circuit, at the expiration of which he received deacon's order, and was appointed to Lebanon Circuit for 1837-38, and the year following was appointed to Goose Creek Circuit. He then moved to Jackson's Purchase, in West Tennessee, and settled in Obion County. Afterward he joined the Memphis Conference, and as a herald of the cross went about his Master's business. His preaching was attended with great success. Doubtless many sheaves will be present before his Father's throne. He was appointed to the Troy Circuit, and afterward to the Richland Circuit, after which his health failed, and he was made a supernumerary on the Richland Circuit. He died suddenly, after a few hours' illness.

Samuel Bransford, son of John, was a class leader in the Methodist church. He died in 1826. Four sisters belonged to the same Church.

Richard R. Bransford, Dixon Springs, Tenn., was a member of the M. E. Church, was a class leader, a steward for many years. He was brother of John and Wesley - Methodist preachers. Of the family of Robert Bransford, who moved from Virginia, who was half-brother of Thomas, of Barren County, Ky., Ann married John Tanner Claiborne, both of whom, and all of whose children - save perhaps one - were members of the M. E. Church.

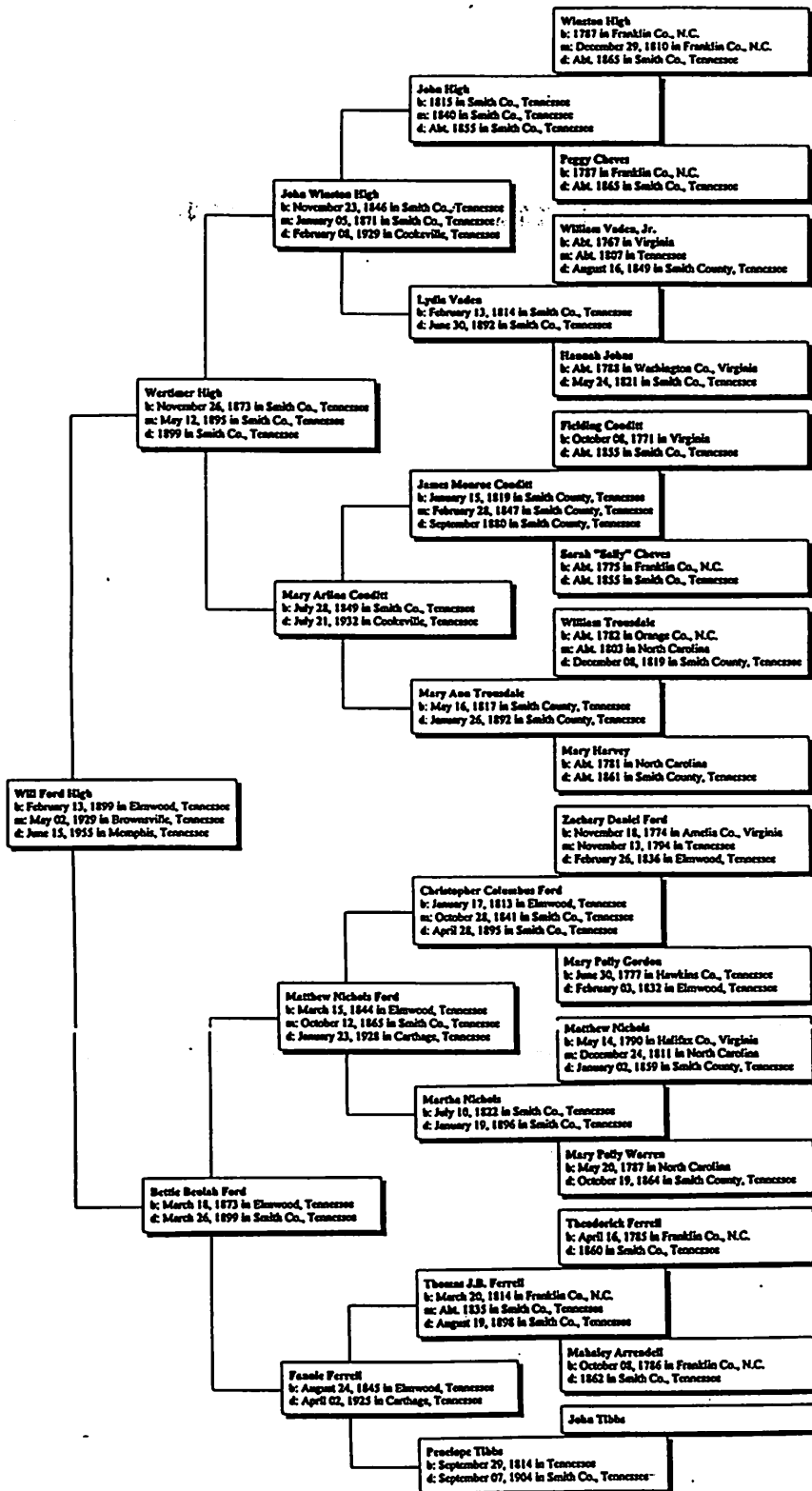
Robert C. Bransford, one of the general officers of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad (1873), son of Robert, of Alabama, is a member of the Methodist church, holding membership in McKendree charge, in Nashville.

It will be seen that the Bransford family for generations past has belonged to the Methodist Church - has suffered persecution and imprisonment for religion's sake - has been zealous in its support, and is yet active in the cause.

For the main facts of the early history of the Bransford family we are indebted to the intelligent efforts of Mrs. Ann L. Hayslip, of Circleville, Texas, who has sought to obtain and perpetuate the history of a family to which she is devoted - the history of one of the excellent Methodist families of Tennessee.

Submitted by Charles A. Ford

### Ancestors of Will Ford High



## QUERIES

ADAMS, JAMES. Seeking information about his parents and siblings. He married CLEMENTINE GREGORY in Smith County in June 1859.  
SUE BELL, 1045 Palmer Rd., RFD 2, Box 268, Camden, TN 38320. 901-584-7124.

MASON, WILEY, an early settler near Riddleton, Smith Co, TN in 1827. Researching his ancestors and descendants.

DEAN O. HILDRETH, 2407 North Main, Del Rio, TX 78840.

POWELL, JESSE & ELIZABETH LANCASTER. Seeking info on this family. Children: DIF, CHRIS, CHANEY, JESSE, DEMPSEY, WILLIAM, RHODA, JOHN S., SALLY C. Parents: BARNABAS & VINEY (CHANCEY?) POWELL. Assoc. Surnames: ROBINSON, MCNEIL.

SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

LARUE, LENEW, LARROW, LERU. Will share information with researchers on the foregoing names.

SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488.

MIDGET, HELMONTALLER, DRIVER. Seeking info on the foregoing names. DAVID MIDGET family; GEORGE LABON MIDGET married FRANCES ANN HELMONTELLER.

FRANCES A. BROWN, P. O. Box 2402, Lebanon, TN 37088.

SMITH, HAWKINS, GREEN, BELL, FARRELL, BABCOCK: Seeking information on the following: JAMES MARION SMITH, b 30 July 1836 in Flemingsbury, KY and moved to New Middleton, TN prior to 1874. He married (1) MARY ELIZABETH HAWKINS, 13 Sept 1855. He married (2) MARGARET ELIZABETH GREEN, 31 Dec 1867.

Children of JAMES MARION SMITH and MARGARET ELIZABETH GREEN:  
MARTHA ANN SMITH, b 12 Nov 1869 in Jackson Co., TN, m WILLIAM ISAAC BELL; MILDRED KATHERINE SMITH, b 24 Mar 1871, m JOHN DANIEL FARRELL; JAMES LAFAYETTE SMITH, b 24 Apr 1874 in New Middleton, TN, d 13 Feb 1933, m MARY BABCOCK, children, GEORGE BABCOCK SMITH, b 21 Jun 1895 and BENJAMIN LEROY SMITH, b 21 May 1904 in New Middleton, TN; BENJAMIN ENOCH SMITH, b 5 Jan 1876, d 3 Dec 1903, m CORA LOUISE BELL; MINNIE BELL SMITH, b 20 Aug 1879 in New Middleton, TN, m JOHN WILLIAM HEIST, ca 1898.

JOHN W. HEIST, SR., 9030 Morning Grove Cove, Cordova, TN 38018. 901-753-9167.

KITCHEN (KITCHING). Would like to hear from someone with this surname. My Grandmother, NANCY KITCHENS married JOSHUA PRUETT in 1796. Was she related to NANCY JANE KITCHENS who married BENJAMIN BRADLEY in 1854? They all lived in the Brush Creek area.

MRS. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

DAVIS, BENJAMIN, JOHN and B. R., brothers who lived in Smith Co. in the mid-1800's. They married three BRADLEY sisters, JUDAH, SUSAN and MARY (POPPY), daughters of BENJAMIN and FRANCES LANCASTER BRADLEY. Who were the DAVIS brother's parents and did they have other siblings? What did the initials B. R. stand for?

MRS. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, TX 75414.

LYNCH FAMILY. JOSEPH J. LYNCH b 1790-1810, and wife, AMANDA HOSKINS or HARVEY, b 1800 in VA, d 1838, leaving children DICY, JAMES HARVEY, b 1830 in TN, ANDREW PAYNE, b 1836 in TN, AMANDA JANE, b 1837 in TN, and maybe two other children, 1 male and 1 female.

JOHN W. ESTES was appointed Admr. and Gdn of children. He was a deacon and preacher at Hogan's Creek Baptist Church, probably where Joseph lived.

Whereabouts of DICY LYNCH and 2 other children is unknown.

ANDREW and AMANDA were on the 1850 census of Jefferson Co., IL with a JOHN LYNCH, b 1777 in NC. Relationship of JOHN is unknown, but I think he was JOSEPH J. LYNCH'S father. All the LYNCH'S are shown as LINCH on some records.

JAMES HARVEY LYNCH (my GGF) moved to Cherokee & Rush Co., TX in 1856, to Bowie Co., TX in 1861. Some of his descendants still live in Bowie Co., TX.

ANDREW PAYNE stayed in Jefferson Co., IL and died in 1865. Found all of his descendants and some stayed in IL and others moved to AR.

AMANDA JANE married JAMES MANCEE in 1854 and HAMPTON WOOLDRIDGE in 1858 and moved to Benton Co., AR. Found many of her descendants.

Other LYNCHS in Smith County in 1820, 30, and 40 who I think are connected are:

JESSE, JOHN, LAWRENCE, THOMAS, WILLIAM, DAVID, GIRALA, GEORGE, ISAAC, and MARY (living in same household as JOSEPH J.). I think JOHN and WILLIAM moved to Jefferson Co., IL in the 1830/40's.

Have info to share.

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ETHRIDGE: Father - JOHN ETHRIDGE had 7 children. The youngest son, PETER, was born 1 Mar 1822 in Smith Co., TN. Two of the other children's names were JAMES and JOHN. The father and 7 seven children moved to IL in 1830. Any information appreciated. Also would like to determine the name and what happened to the mother.

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A warm welcome to our new members and welcome back to those faithful readers who have renewed.

The most embarrassing situation to be endured by a pompous, self-acclaimed historian/genealogist is to have to admit to a mistake - so, is my ego ever deflated!! In the Winter issue, Smith County's Bicentennial date was incorrectly proclaimed as JUNE 1. The correct date is OCTOBER 26, the county being established on that date in 1799. A Bicentennial Committee was appointed by the County Court at the March meeting, so perhaps forthcoming plans for the celebration will be announced soon.

One member recently sternly berated the Society for not reprinting enough cemetery books to fulfill the demand. As the books had already been reprinted several times, it was thought that one hundred would be sufficient. Of course, if we get requests enough to justify another printing, the effort will be made. Most all of the major genealogical libraries have copies of the published Smith County records.

The only publication now for sale by the Society is the *History of Smith County*, \$100 plus \$3.00 postage. The *Historic Smith County Video* is still available @ \$19.95 plus \$3.00 postage. This video was compiled by the Smith County Tennessee Bicentennial Committee and features a scenic tour of the county's communities, historic homes, schools, churches and interesting people. The supply is limited so order soon .

Material for publication from members continues to be welcome. Many thanks to supportive archivists Bob Clay and Marilyn Bell Hughes of the Virginia and Tennessee Archives, respectively, who keep a sharp look-out for Smith County documents. Also, a special thanks to Charles Gregory for the wonderful Internet "exposure" he gives the Society and its projects (see page 74 of this publication).

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### A WHITE PICKET FENCE ON MAIN STREET

This handsome dwelling once stood on Main Street in Carthage near the down town section. Persons having lived in Carthage throughout the years will have no difficulty in identifying the house as the home of the late MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MCCLARIN, now the location of the BP Service Station, North Main Street (This Charles McClarin was the son of James McClarin and grandson of Hugh McClarin, Sr.)

The unpaved street, cobblestone walkway with stone border and white picket fence date the photograph to have been made in the early 1900's and before 1914 since Fisher Hill behind the house is bare of trees and other homes. The sprawling campus of Smith County High and Elementary Schools now dominate the hill. Some of the small border stones can still be seen along Main Street on nearby lots.

The three people sitting on the front porch maybe Mr. and Mrs. McClarin and their son, Will Maddux. Mr. McClarin served as Mayor of Carthage during the 1930's. Mrs. McClarin was well known for her lovely flower gardens

## THE MCCLARINS OF SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Sue W. Maggart

[Ed. Note: The inspiration for researching the following article came from Marylin Bell Hughes, archivist at the Tennessee State Library, who so thoughtfully sent along a copy of the letter of Hugh McClarin, Jr.]

The saga of the McClarin family of Smith County began in the town of Ballykeel, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1836, when John McClarin, a lad of eighteen years, dared to leave home and family to seek his fortune in the United States of America. A few years later, in 1840, Charles McClarin, then 20 years of age, followed his brother to the land of opportunity.

Hugh McClarin, who, in 1842 was in his late forties with a large family to support, set sail to join his sons in America, settling first in Pennsylvania. Ireland was so devastated by the Great Famine which was caused by four years' failure of the potato crop that the majority of the population faced either starvation or migration. Whether this was the motivation for Hugh's immigration to America or a desire to join his sons, or both, is a matter of speculation. At any rate, by 1850 Hugh, Sr., John and Charles are enumerated on the Smith County Census, living in separate households in or near the Town of Carthage. No definite proof has been found that establishes Hugh as the father of John and Charles, but, given their respective ages, it may be presumed that either this relationship or that of uncle/nephew existed. Consequently, based on census, court and cemetery records, the children and birth dates of Hugh and Mary McClarin probably were: John 1818; Charles 1820; Martha 1822; Elizabeth; James 1829; Hugh, Jr. 1830; Isabelle 1834; Mary Jane 1836. Eliza Jane 1843, and Robert 1847, are also associated with the family and appear to be grandchildren of Hugh, Sr. {See reference in the letter of Hugh, Jr.}

## 1850 Census, Smith County, Tennessee

15. MC CLARIN, Hugh 57 Ireland; Mary 54, James 21, Isabella 16, Mary Jane 14,  
(Entire family born in Ireland.)
21. MC CLARIN, John 32 Ireland; Julia A.G. 28; Hugh M. Jr. 20 Ireland.
24. MC CLARIN, Charles 30 Ireland; Nancy 30, Wm.F. 4, James A. 2.

John may be characterized as the adventurous son of the family, for not only was he the first to leave Ireland but also the first to migrate down through the Valley of Virginia into Smith County. On Friday, August 19, 1842, he appeared in open court [*Smith County Circuit Court, Minute Book 2, 1842-1845, p. 85*] and filed the following declaration:

To the Honorable Abraham Caruthers, Judge of the Circuit Court at Carthage, John McClarin respectfully showeth that he is a native of the Town of Bally Keel, Tyrone County in Ireland and was allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain. Your petitioner, as he is informed and believes, is about the age of 25 years, that he migrated from Ireland to the United States in the year of our Lord 1836 and has resided in the United States about 6 years and in the State of Tennessee for 4 years and is now desirous of becoming a citizen of the United States conformably to the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided. Your petitioner prays this honorable court that he may be admitted to the rights provided of citizen ship upon his complying with the requisite Act of the aforesaid and your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

[Signed] John McClarin

State of Tennessee  
Smith County

This day John McClarin, petitioner in the foregoing declaration personally appeared in open court and made oath as follows: I, John McClarin, do solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United States of America and to renounce allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever and particularly I renounce all allegiance and fidelity to the Crown of Great Britain and Ireland, so help me God.

[Signed] John McClarin

Presented and subscribed before me in open court this 19th day of August 1842, which said declaration is ordered to be filed and hereto entered of record.

[Signed] Abraham Caruthers

A few years later on Wednesday, January 1, 1845, Charles McClarin appeared before Judge Abraham Caruthers in the same court [*Circuit Court Minute Book 2, 1842-1845, p. 523*] and made a similar declaration requesting citizenship. Charles states that he, too, is from Bally Keel, Tyrone County, Ireland, is 24 years of age, immigrated from Ireland in 1840 and has resided in the United States about 6 years, coming to the State of Tennessee about four years ago [1841]. Hugh McClarin, Sr., did not apply for naturalization in Smith County but probably came along with or shortly after John and Charles' arrival.

The McClarins became prominent citizens and landowners in the town and county. John and Charles operated a firm, JOHN MCCLARIN AND BROTHER, in which they "speculated" on tobacco, buying up crops from local farmers and shipping it to down-river



ports. John acquired extensive land holdings and owned several slaves. He also had business interests in Nashville. John McClarin died prior to 1880, and his brother, James, was appointed Admr. of the estate. John was married to Julia A. G., maiden name unknown. If he had children, their names are not known.

Charles McClarin married Nancy Bradley, born 1820, the daughter of John Bradley. Charles died at the age of 31 - May 1852, Native of Ireland - as recorded by his marker in the Old Carthage or City Cemetery [established by the Methodist Church]. In 1859 David C. Bradley of Henry County, Tennessee, appointed Henry B. Haynie as his attorney to represent him as guardian of William H. McClarin, son of Charles McClarin. In 1869 William McClarin of Henry County sold a lot in Carthage. Nancy Bradley McClarin and Annar, age 5, are living in the household of Henry Haynie in 1860.

Martha McClarin married Thomas C. Taylor and lived near the community of Monoville where Thomas practiced his trade as a blacksmith. They had children: Mary J., Thomas, Matilda and Isabelle. [1860 census] Martha and her husband are buried in the Taylor Cemetery in Taylor Hollow, 1/4 mile off Smith Branch Road. Birth and death dates as recorded on the cemetery markers are:

Thomas C. Taylor, 1 Aug 1818 - 16 Sep 1881  
Martha M. Taylor, 21 May 1822 - 19 Feb 1899

Elizabeth McClarin's birthday is not known, but she may be the next child in line as she was married on December 14, 1848, in Smith County to Alexander R. Fanville. They were residents of Wilson County, Tennessee.

James McClarin and wife, Jennie ? had children: Mary, William, Huella [born in 1862 and probably named for James' brother, Hugh, who was killed in the Civil War in that year], Mattie P., James T., Thomas, Charles. [1870 census] James and his son, William K. operated a drug store for several years, selling it to A. A. Allison in 1882. James was appointed Deputy Register of Smith County in 1883. His son, Charles, served as mayor of Carthage at one time. James and Jennie rest in the Old Carthage Cemetery:

James McClarin, 1825 - 1904      Jennie McClarin, 1836 - 1896

Hugh McClarin, Jr., was born in Ireland in 1830. On April 27, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co., G., 1st Regiment of Tennessee Infantry at Fayetteville, Tennessee. On June 27, 1862, having been promoted, Sgt. Hugh McClarin was killed in battle at Gaines Mills, Virginia. The young Irishman was thirty-one years old, five feet, eight inches tall, fair complexion, blue eyes and dark hair. Perhaps Hugh had a premonition that he would not return from the war. A few days after his enlistment on April 28, 1861, he wrote to his Father and Mother providing for disposal of his property if he did not come home. In

Smith County Will Book 8, p. 133, the following letter is filed for probate in the estate of Hugh McClarin, Jr., deceased:

Fayetteville, Tennessee, April 28th /61

Dear Father and Mother,

Inclosed you find a receipt for all my claims in this county. John Fulton, Esq., is a good lawyer and very responsible man. He does not charge me anything for winding up my business. I suppose that you all have heard before this time that I have enlisted in the Army, our Regiment of one thousand men leave here on tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for Virginia. I started and got as far as Nashville to see you all and tell you good-bye, but when I got there I changed my notion and thought it best not to see you all as it would only tend to harrow up my feelings and yours. I sent you some money by Elick to be credited on my note. I hope that what you have collected and what I send will pay my note nearly off. I want you to enter the credits on the back of my note as you collect it. I want all of my Effects to go to the support of Father and Mother and Belle, and if there should be anything left at your Deaths then all to be left to Belle as long as she remains single, and if she marrys then I want it to be equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sisters, Bob and Eliza Jane to get their Mother's portion. In case I do not get back alive, but I hope to live and get back to enjoy it. I left a photograph for Belle in Nashville at Hughes gallery. I told John to send it or bring it home himself to Carthage if I don't get back. I want it finished by an artist at my expense, as I did not have time to have it finished. It is now only in a rough form. I will send all my clothing that I can pack in my trunk by Express to John in Nashville and he will bring it home. Say to Belle that she must not let the moths destroy any of the clothes I send, some of them dirty as I did not have time to have them washed. Jim owes me about one hundred fifty dollars for those goods I sent him. I sent him \$220.88 worth of goods. Make him pay it or give his note. I want you to try and get some of your lawyers to try and collect that money from Dick Anderson in Smithville. The debt is about \$40 principal and interest and I understand that he has collected it. Try and wind up my business as soon as you can. I will close as I do not feel like writing. I ask one request of you all, and that is to Pray for me often, hoping to live to see you all onst more, I remain as ever your affectionate son,

[Signed] Hugh McClarin, Jr.

P.S. I will try and write every chance I have to you all. I send some clothes that I bought and not have time to have them washed take care of them for me.

This poignant letter exemplifies to this day the tragic loss to family and country of the young men who lost their lives during the Civil War.

Isabelle McClarin was born in 1832. She never married, making her home with her niece, Eliza Pickering after the death of her parents, and later with her brother, James. Apparently, Isabelle was mentally competent as she carried on her affairs without benefit of a guardian. However, both her brother, Hugh, and her father, with the concurrence of her siblings, left their estates for her use during her lifetime as long as she did not marry. This could possibly suggest a physical handicap which prevented her being capable of providing for her own upkeep. Or, perhaps, it was simply the fact that she was a *femme sole* which caused the family to offer her care and protection. "Belle" died on April 3, 1902, and is buried beside her parents in the Old Carthage Cemetery.

Mary Jane McClarin was born in 1836. On December 14, 1853, in Smith County, she married Hampton W. Morley. Tragically, less than a year later on August 19, 1854, Mary Jane died. She lies by the side of her parents and sister, Isabelle, in the Old Carthage Cemetery.

Two other children, Eliza Jane, born 1843, and Robert, born 1847, both in Pennsylvania, are obviously grandchildren of Hugh McClarin, Sr. Hugh, Jr. mentions them in his letter and specifies that they "shall receive their mother's share."

Nothing further is known of Robert, but Eliza Jane married William B. Pickering in Smith County on July 4, 1865. Pickering was a Union soldier stationed in Carthage during the war. He fell in love with both Eliza and the town and spent the remainder of his life here, becoming a prominent and productive citizen of the community. He was very instrumental in the building in 1889 of the Carthage Methodist Church on Main Street, one of the most beautiful in the area. Eliza was a faithful member for over 30 years. The marriage of their daughter, Catherine, to John B. Stiles on February 25, 1892, was the first to be conducted in the new sanctuary. The Carthage paper of February 2, 1888, gives an account of the funeral of Eliza Pickering "whose remains were interred in the cemetery in the rear of the Methodist church." [this refers to the old church which was at that time located on 3rd Ave.] The obituary further reports that the funeral service was conducted at the home of the deceased in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives. Eliza's marker reads: Eliza J. Pickering, 22 Apr 1843 - 28 Jan 1888, Wife of W. B. Pickering. Mr. Pickering died on May 21, 1919, and is also interred in the same cemetery.

And thus, in the Old City Cemetery of Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, enveloped within a scenic view of the surrounding green hills, reminiscent of beautiful Eire, ends the saga of the McClarins of County Tyrone. Mary McClarin died on February 28, 1864, and was buried alongside her children in the quaint old burial ground. Her husband, Hugh McClarin, Sr., died on November 24, 1872, and rests by her side. Their markers proudly proclaim, lest it be forgotten by posterity - NATIVES OF TYRONE COUNTY, IRELAND.

EPILOGUE

The final settlement of the estate of Hugh McClarin, Sr., John A. Fite, Admr., is located in Smith County Admr. Receipt Book 1875-1877, pp. 353, 354.

The living heirs of Hugh McClarin, Sr., and wife, Mary Jane, relinquish their rights to funds in the hands of the Admr. It is agreed between the undersigned, distributees of the said Hugh McClarin, Sr., deceased as follows to wit: Belle McClarin shall have use and control of the estates of Hugh McClarin, Jr. and Hugh McClarin, Sr. coming to us during her natural life, and after marriage, if she should marry, and if she never married, then at her death, the entire estate is to be equally distributed between those entitled, the distributees of Hugh McClarin, Sr.

[Signed] Belle McClarin

Martha [X] Taylor  
Thos. C. [X] Taylor

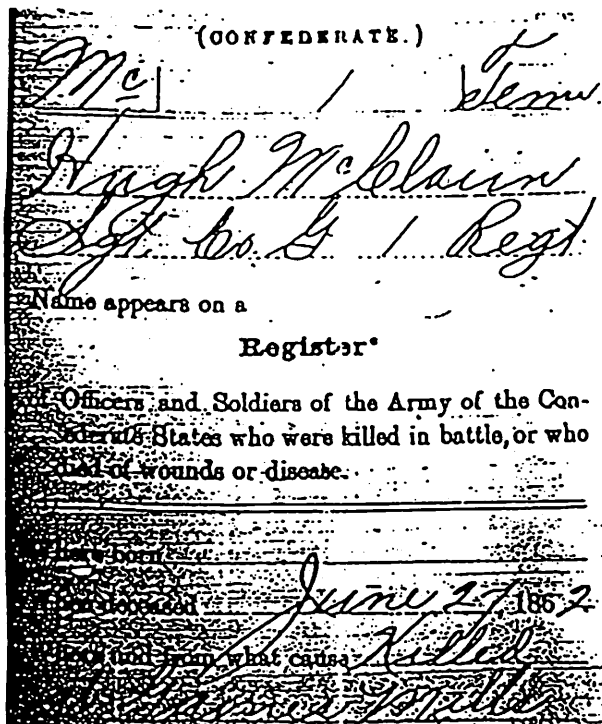
[Signed] Eliza J. Pickering  
W. B. Pickering  
James McClarin  
A. R. Fanville  
Elizabeth Fanville

Dated 15 May 1876

January 20, 1877

Belle McClarin received \$1661.54 from J. A. Fite, Admr.

[Signed] Belle McClarin



## FRANCIS COLEY, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

[Ed. Note: The following Revolutionary Pension applications were contributed by Robert Y. Clay, archivist at the Virginia State Archives. The papers are unedited].

"Declaration of Francis Coley in order to obtane the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1833."

On this 28th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Exum Whitley, Solomon Debow and John Chambers, Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Smith in the State of Tennessee the Same being a Court of record. Francis Coley aged 77 years according to the family Register a resident of the said County of Smith who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtane the benefit of the Act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as well as he remembers from old age and the consequent loss of Memory the 18th of September 1776 that he volunteered as a Minute Man in the Militia raised in Charles City County in the State of Virginia at the time aforesaid and was attached to the Company commanded by Captaine Richard Taylor the Company rendezvoused at Charles City Court House and from there marched to a place Called Sandy Point on James river, Va. {just above old James Town} where Baricks were built - and where the Corps to which Declarant belonged together with other Troops Were stationed - the Militia forces at this Point Were under the Comand of Major Edler [Edloe] Perhaps the Commander in Chief of the Division was Genl Nelson Who resided at Little York - but of this he Cannot speak With Certainty. the object of Troops being Stationed at this Point Was to Cut off the Supplies of Provisions which might be attempted to be furnished the Brittish enemy and to prevent the passage of vessells of any kind of Craft up and down the river While Stationed there they brought in a Vessel loaded With flour this ship of flour was recaptured by two Brittish - ships that sailed in and after Considerable resistance and a smart action between his Corps on land at the Fortress - and the Brittish on board their ships. Declarant Volunteered in this Service for twelve months he was however only detained 8 Months & 15 days in constant & active Service and Was discharged by Major Edler [Edloe] and returned home to Charles City County. Declarant Was againe Called into Service by being drafted in the Militia raised in Charles City County in 1778 and Was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Peter Royster - and his company rendezvoused at Charles City Courthouse and Marched from there to Williamsburg in Va. the then Seat of Government of Virginia - there his Corps joined Other Militia forces and Some Regular Troops that were Stationed there for the Purpose of guarding the public records, Defending the Town and the Person of the Governor and were held in readiness to do any other service they Might be called on to Perform. Declarant Was engaged in this Service for three Months and Was discharged and returned home to Charles City County. In the year 1779 Declarant emigrated to the County of

Halifax the State of North Carolina in the Month of October 1779 he volunteered under Captaine Thomas Scurlock for six Months in the Militia raised in that County his company rendezvoused at Halifax Court House and there joined the Troops raised for the southern Expedition and was placed under the command of Generals Ashe & Eaton. Colos. Etherton and Clinch. Major Alston the army Marched through North and South Carolina into the State of Georgia Crossed the Savannah river and fought the battle of Brier Creek. then re crossed the same river at the Mouth of Brier Creek Marched to Purisburg where the Troops under the command of Genl Lincoln were Stationed, there his Corps remained until he was discharged having in this tour of duty served Six Months. After Declarant was discharged he again returned to Virginia and settled in Brunswick County and entered upon the business of an overseer for one Owen Myrick of that County. while living in Brunswick County, Declarant again volunteered under Captaine William Harrison for Six Months Rendezvoused at Gees bridge and marched from there to a Place called the High Rock ford on Haw River in North Carolina Where his corps joined the Maine Army under the command of Genl Green and was attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col Munford - while in this service Declarant was engaged in the battle of Guilford in N. Carolina and after battle the Troops rallied at a place called the Iron Works from where they marched to Ramsys Mills on deep river and were Stationed there until discharged Declarant entered upon this tour of duty as well as he remembers in February 1781 - he Served Six Months and was discharged and returned to Brunswick County Va. about the middle of August 1781 as well as declarant remembered - he was drafted in the Militia raised by Captaine Jones his corps was Stationed at a place called Swan Point on James river - and were engaged in Defending - the supplies of Provisions that Were sent across the river for the American army that was then engaged in preparing for the siege of York Declarant was engaged in this service for two Months and was discharged - having served in all the different tours therein Mentioned 2 Years - 1 Month and 15 days his discharges he has long since lost or Mislaid he has no documentary evidence of his services. Neither does he Know of any living Witness by whom he can prove his services - and must rest his application for a Pension on traditionary evidence and his own Statement Declarants character for veracity he believes can be supported by all who Know his amongst others, by John Chambers \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Andrew Payne George Sutton Esq & Declarant was born in the State of Virginia Charles City Cty. on the 14th of September 1757. according to family tradition from Va. he moved to North Carolina - thence to Smith County Tennessee where he has resided ever since. he hereby relenquishes every Claim to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declared that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State in the United States.

his  
Francis X Coley  
mark

Sworn to in open Court 28th Nov. 1833  
J. Pickett, Clk

N. B. The original Declaration would have been returned but it was so badly written and so unskilfully drawn that no Sense could be made of it and amounted to no declaration & calculated only to embarrass and perplex the Department.

R. M. Burton

Certificate to be payable at Nashville.

On November 1833, Daniel Smith a Clergyman residing in Smith County and Benjamin Piper, a Justice of the Peace there, certified that they were near neighbors of Francis Coley, that they had known him for many years, that they believed him to be 76 years of age and that they and other neighbors believed him to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Solomon Debow, John Chambers and ExumWhitley certified for the Court of Smith County that Daniel Smith and Benjamin Piper were credible declarants and on 28 November 1833, J. Pickett, Clerk, certified the entire claim. At the bottom of his certification is: "The time ascertained viz twenty months is agreed to & is accepted. Jno. H. Ea?\_, 30 Decr 1833.

His original papers were returned by the Pension Office with the comment: "The applicants declaration should be drawn up by a competent person according to the within form and the accompanying notes and if he can produce the testimony of witnesses who had a personal knowledge of the applicants service he should do so" and in another hand "The applicant could not have been in actual service During a longer period than six months. His tour under Captain Harrison was for three months instead of six. He entered on the tour in Feb. 1781 and the battle of Guilford took place on the 15th of the following month. The militia was retained but a short time after that battle. 20 months will be allowed in this case. Dec 30 '33

He was entered on the pension roll of West Tennessee at the rate of \$66.66 per annum to commence 4 March 1834. On the jacket of his pension papers is a notation "Died Sept. 19, 1840..."

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National Archives and Records Administration. National Archives Microfilm Publications, Microcopy No. 804. Revolutionary War Pension and Land Bounty Files. Roll 609. File of Francis Coley, NC and VA, S3197.

Copies of signatures from the application file:

*Daniel Smith*      *Benjamin Piper*

## MICAJAH SIMS - REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

"To the Honb-le J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

The declaration of Micajah Sims showeth that on the last day of February in the year 1776 he enlisted as a soldier in Pittsylvania County in Virginia in the company commanded by Thomas Hutchinson in the sixth regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Buckner in the Virginia line of the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war for the term of two years. that he served the United States during said term against the enemy continually during said term. that he received A discharge in Writing from Gen. I Weedon exactly two years after his enlistment that his discharge has been lost that he immediately returned home & served no more in the regular army. his discharge at the Valley Forge. he was in a battle against the British at Coots [Cooches] Bridge at the battle of Brandywine in the Battle of Germantown & at the siege of Fort Miffin and never was wounded. that he is seventy years of age and is infirm and unable to get his living by his labor. that he is [in] very reduced circumstances that all his property has been sold at public sale to pay his debts. that he depends entirely upon his children for his support. that he never has received any pension and releases all claim to any except that prescribed by the act of congress of 1818 which he now claims. he lives, in Smith County State of Tennessee near Carthage

Micajah Sims

State of Tennessee to wit:

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the circuit court for the State of Tennessee Micajah Sims the above named declarant and made oath that the facts set forth in the above declaration are true to the best of his knowledge Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of March 1819

Micajah Sims

State of Tennessee to wit:

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the circuit court for the State of Tennessee Jonathan Faire and made oath that he enlisted as a soldier about the beginning of March 1776 in the Virginia Line of the Army of the United States for the term of two years in the company commanded by Cap.t Thomas Hutchins in the sixth regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Buckner that when the company rendezvoused the above named Micajah Sims was a soldier in said company & he supposes he was enlisted for two years for that was the term the whole company enlisted for. this deponent was a sarjant in said company and the above named Sims served as a soldier during the whole term of his enlistment, faithfully and at the end of his term he obtained a discharge in writing from Gen. I Weedon at Valley Forge and the deponent then



saw his discharge and read it. that said Sims then left the army and this deponent continued in the army and never knew any thing more of said Sims until about five years ago he saw him in Smith County Tennessee he has known him well as a neighbor not more than four miles off since. that he verily believes he is so infirm as to be unable to get his living his labor. and that he has no property but is supported by his children and is in reduced circumstances and Stands in need of the aid of his country for his support. Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 22d day of March 1819

Jonathan Faire

Thos. s Stuart

State of Tennessee to Wit:

This day personally appeared before me the subscribed Col. William Moore and made oath that he has been acquainted With the within named Micajah Sims & Jonathan Faire about seven years that they are both reputed to be men of truth & believed to have been soldiers in the revolutionary war that they are both poor & need the aid of their country for their support as is generally believed, that Sims is a very old man & has no property that this deponent knows of. sworn to and subscribed before me this 23d day of March 1819  
Thos. s Stuart a Judge of the circuit court

Wm. Moore

State of Tennessee to Wit:

I, Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the circuit courts of the State of Tennessee do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the within named Micajah Sims served the United States as a regular soldier continually for nine months & more during the revolutionary war in manner as set forth in the above declaration. & that said Micajah Sims is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for his support. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and directed the clerk of the circuit court of Smith County, in which court I now preside as Judge to affix hereto the Seal of the said Court at Carthage this 23d day of March 1819

Thos. s Stuart

John W. Overton, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Smith County., TN certified that Thomas Stuart was Judge of the Circuit Court then presiding, 24 March 1819.

Micajah Sims was placed on the pension roll of the West Tennessee agency at the rate of \$8.00 per month, to commence 10 August 1818.

On August 14, 1820, at the age 73, he again stated before the Smith County Court that "he entered the service in 1776, in the 6th Virginia Regiment, and served two years [and] was discharged at the Valley Forge." This declaration was sworn to before James Hibbits, presiding Justice of the Smith County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and Jonathan Pickett, Clerk, certified the claim.

On March 18 1837, Elizabeth Sims, widow of Micajah Sims, in order to obtain benefits under the pension act of 4 July 1836, declared that she was 80 years old and resident of Smith County. She described her husband's service as above and stated that they were

married "the \_\_\_ day of June 1776. She does not recollect the day of the Month as She has lost her Memory in a great degree..." Her husband died 20 January 1824 and she had not remarried. She signed by mark and her declaration was made before Exum Whitley, Justice of the Peace.

On 19 March 1837, John Lawson, age 77, a pensioner of the United States, stated before Isaac Bradley, Justice of the Peace, "that he became acquainted with Micajah Sims shortly after the revolution and his fathers family generally in Halifax County Virginia... [and] with his wife Elizabeth Sims at the Same Time. That from the age of their children at that time [of] his acquaintance with the family - the frequent Conversations [he] had with him and the Statements he heard them make at that time he has no hesitation in declaring that they were legally Married as she... has stated... That they were married before the last Period of her husband,s Service and had two children as She has Stated. He had personally known them for the last forty Six years..." John J. Bennett, Clerk of Smith County Court certified that Exum "Whity" and Isaac "Brady" were Justices of the Peace for Smith Co.

On 20 April 1837, William J. Bomar, age about 62 years, declared before John Tubb, Justice of the Peace, "that he knows of his own knowledge about the Service of Micajah Sims in the War of the Revolution...that he was as well as he recolects about Seven Years of age at the time Said Micajah Sims Returned from little York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis in Virginia he recolects very well his Soldiers dress and was present When he and his wife Elizabeth Sims and her Children on his return Met and greeted each other..."

On 10 June 1837, Judith Washer, aged 72 years, declared before Exum Whitley, Justice of the Peace, that she had known Elizabeth Sims "ever since their childhood and were Raised together..." She was present when Elizabeth Sims and Micajah Sims were married "by Nathaniel Hall a Baptist Preacher as well as She recolects they live at that time in Halifax County Virginia they had three or four children before the last tour of Service of the said Micajah Sims his last tour of Service was at the Seeg of little York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis." She signed by mark and John J. Bennett, Clerk of Smith County Court, certified that John Tubb and Exum Whitley were acting Justices of the Peace for the county. She was placed on the pension roll of the West Tennessee agency at \$80.00 per annum to commence 4 March 1831.

National Archives and Records Administration, Pension Application W6055.

Signatures from the application:

*Micajah Sims*

*Exum Whitley*  
*John J. Bennett*

## THADDEUS ARMISTEAD - REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

Tennessee )  
 Smith County ) Nov Term of County Court for 1832

On the 4th day of December 1832 appeared in open Court Thadeous Armistead before John Chambers, and Isaac Goodall & Exum Whitley & the Court of pleas & qr Sessions for Smith County, now sitting a resident of Smith County, Tennessee aged 77 years the 3 day of Nov 1832 who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth under oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 - That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers - About 1777 as he cannot recollect the Year he resided in Cumberland County Virginia - he was drafted in the Militia in the Company of Capt Joseph Carrington, he hired a substitute for him a man by the name of Johnson who served for him a tour of either 3 or 6 Months: Applicant cannot Say which - He was called on the Second time he hired as a substitute [a man] by the name of Caldwell who also served 3 or 6 months & was discharged. When again drafted he hired a substitute named Josiah logwood (?) who served 3 or 6 months & was discharged. Wm. \_?\_ Robt. Anderson & Dick Allen were Captains during these tours (?) of service - When again Called into service applicant went himself in person under Capt. Carrington who was afterwards promoted to Colonel. Nat Carrington was then made Capt. He was stationed to which place he at first marched at Robards old field in One mile of Petersburg where he was discharged after serving 3 or 6 months - he was never in a battle - Joseph Carrington was Col. when he was discharged - He does not now recollect whether he rec. a written discharge - If he did it is since lost.

He was born in Cumberland County Virginia on 3 day of November 1753 as appears from his fathers family Register now in his possession - He lived in said County 50 years & moved then to Smith County Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He can in pact (?) from his services by Maurice Brown a respectable Citizen of Smith County. He hearby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the Present & declaris that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Thaddeous Armistead

Sworn to in open court  
 4 Dec 1832

At the same session of Court, Maurice Brown swore that "In the time of the Revolutionary War [he] lived in the neighbourhood of Thadeus Armistead...in Virginia, Cumberland County...8 or 10 miles from said Armistead and was at his house after when it was said he had gone to the Army - While in the Army deponents father hired a substitute to serve for said Armistead..." Brown was 63 or 64 years old and had "known Armistead from his early life..."

David K. Timberlake, a clergyman residing in Smith County, TN, certified on 4 December 1832, that he was well acquainted with Armistead and that he believed him to be 77 years old and a Revolutionary War veteran.

John Chambers, Isaac Goodall and Exum Whitley certified the veracity and residence of David K. Timberlake and Maurice Brown and Jonathan Pickett, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Smith County certified the entire application 12 December 1832.

The U. S. Pension Agency responded that "The application should state the precise length of service performed by him in person. It is not sufficient to say that 'he served not more than six nor less than three months.' "

On June 12 1832, he made an amended application stating that "He was Stationed at a place called Bookers old Field in Stead of Roberds old field...He was discharged [there] near Petersburg, [Va]...He knows of No other living testimony he can [produce and] that by Reason of old age, and the consequent loss of Memory, that he cannot state precicely the length of time he served in the Army of the Revolution..." This affidavit, signed by mark, was sworn before Joel W. Hardwick 2 May 1833, and Jonathan Pickett, Clerk, certified that Hardwick was a Justice of the Peace in and for Smith County.

On 7 March 1853, John Armistead, "Son and heir at law of Thaddeus Armistead, " age 55 and a resident of Smith County, made declaration before the County Court of Smith County "to obtain the benefits of the provision Made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 for Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution." He stated "That Jonathan Pickett, clerk of Smith County court drafted his father's declaration...[and] Sent the Said Declaration and Proof...to the War Department at Washington City and that before his father was placed on the Pension roll Said Pickett departed this life since When his father never knew What was done in the Pension claim nor did the Executors or Administrators of Said Pickett inform him Anything about the Same. His Said father often Spoke about the claim but being very infirm and unable to go to Carthage Never done anything more about it until his death..." Thaddeus Armistead died 12 December 1848, leaving children and heirs, John Armistead and Thaddeus F. Armistead. He left "no widow his wife the Mother of this Declarant died about forty years Since." He gave Adam Freywiller of Carthage his power of attorney to persue the claim. William V. R. Hallum, Clerk, certified the claim.

The application was rejected.

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D C.  
Revolutionary War Pension Applications. R 244

Original signatures from the application.

*Hudson A. ...*  
(1832)

*Maurice Brown*  
(1832)

*John Amick*  
(1853)

*M. ...*  
(1833)

*D. K. Timberlake H. G.*  
(1832)

#### D. A. R. MARKERS PLACED ON JARED BROTHERS GRAVES

*Carthage Courier*, May 21, 1936

Large crowds attended the impressive services and witnessed the unveiling of the D. A. R. markers placed on the graves of William and Joseph Jared, brothers, who saw service in the Revolutionary War. The graves of these pioneers are in the Buffalo Valley community, where they settled more than a hundred years ago and reared large families. Their offspring now number many hundreds, and among these are many of the leading men and women of today.

The markers, provided by the United States Government, were placed by the Old Walton Road Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Cookeville and the unveiling was made with very fitting ceremonies conducted by the Chapter.

Among those who made addresses at the unveiling services were Judge O. K. Holladay, Judge Ernest Boyd, H. B. McGinness of Carthage. Present at the services of the grave of Joseph Jared near the "Low Gap," on Highway No. 24, were two grand children, Joe Jared of Buffalo Valley and his sister, Mrs. F. P. McGinness of Carthage. The veil was removed by two great great grandsons.

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FAMILY GROUP

No. VII

McCormick  
Surname

Husband's Full Name: John E. McCormick Jr. ('E' could be 'Elison')

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			1853		Sm. Co.	Tn.
Christen.						
Marriage			1875		Sm. Co.	Tn.
Death			1925	Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:	Macon Co.	Tn.

Father's Full Name: John McCormick Sr. Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Pulley

Other wives: none Military: none

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Jude Mary Judith McCormick

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	02	June	1852		Sm. Co.	Tn.
Christen.						
Death	08	July	1938	Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: Tilman Hirma McCormick Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Miranda Cornwell

Other husbands: Tilman Hirma McCormick

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)  
CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	Levi P.	Birth	1876	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death	1916	Macon Co. Tn.
		Marriage	To: L. M. Snoddy	Sm. Co. Tn.
F	Malissa A.	Birth	1878	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	To: Robt. M. West	Sm. Co. Tn.
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	

FAMILY GROUP No. VIII McCormack

Husband's Full Name: Levi P. McCormack

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth			1876		Smi.	Tn.
Christen.						
Marriage					Smi.	Tn.
Death						
Burial						
				Cause: <u>Typhoid Fever</u>		
				Cemetery: <u>Nels-McDonald Cent</u>	<u>Macon Co. Tn.</u>	

Father's Full Name: John E. McCormick (a)  
 Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Judith (Jude) McCormack

Other wives: None  
 Remarks: None Military ←

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Lou Mai Snoddy

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	01	Mar	1874		Smi Co.	Tn.
Christen.						
Death			1956			
Burial						
				Cause: <u>Senility</u>		
				Cemetery: <u>Woodtown (Nash. Tn.) Woodbine Dav. Co. Tn.</u>		

Father's Full Name: John Franklin Snoddy  
 Mother's Maiden Name: Mernevia Hankford Snoddy

Other husbands: none  
 Remarks: none

ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
1-son 2-F 3-M 4-5 children	F Estell	Birth		Smi Co Tn.
		Death		Mac. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: <u>Maude Patterson</u>
-son	M Willie	Birth		Smi. Co. Tn.
		Death		Ohio
		Marriage		To: <u>Sarah</u> Smi Co. Tn.
-son	F Bessie Kate	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To: <u>Ralph Brawner</u> Smi.
-sons -F } -M }	F Lucille Birdie	Birth		
		Death	July 1970	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: <u>Marvin Lewis Shates</u>
children	M Julius Cornnett	Birth	02-Mar-1919	Smi. Co. Tn.
		Death	18-Jan-1970	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage	31-Jan-1931	To: <u>Beatrice Foster</u>
?	Infant, died (before 1910)	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
	7	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
	8	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
	9	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:

FAMILY GROUP No. IX McCormick

Husband's Full Name: Julius Cornett McCormick Sr. (Tude)

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	01	Mar.	1913		Smi. Co.	Tn.
Christen.						
Marriage	31	Jan.	1931	Franklin	Simpson Co.	Ky
Death	18	Jan.	1970	Cause:		
Burial	21	Jan.	1970	Cemetery	Woodlawn (So. Nash) Dav. Co.	Tn.

Father's Full Name: Levi P. McCormick Mother's Maiden Name: Lou Mai Snoddy

Other wives: none Military: none

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Beatrice Foster

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	03	July	1911		Hickman Co.	Tn.
Christen.						
Death	02	June	1980	Cause:	Cancer	
Burial				Cemetery:	Woodlawn (So. Nash) Dav. Co.	Tn.

Father's Full Name: Samuel Amos Washington Foster (Dick) Mother's Maiden Name: Amanda, Caroline, (a) (Mandy) Lucinda, Aderline Wires

Other husbands: none

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH) CHILDREN

(Twins)

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
F	Beatrice Kathleen	Birth	Nov. 1931	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death	April 1934	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage	un/m.	To: -
F	Melba	Birth	17 Jan. 1935	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	14 Nov. 1953	To: Charles Elvis Milliken Sr.
M	Wilba (Buck)	Birth	17-Jan. 1935	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death	12-May-1959	Nash. Williamson Co. Tn.
		Marriage	1957	To: Helen Marie Thompson
M	Julius Cornett Jr. (J.C.)	Birth	03 Nov 1937	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Lola Mai Dillard
F	Dorothy Ann (Dot)	Birth	11 Aug. 1940	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death	July 1975	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage	18 Nov. 1955	To: Charles Raymond Ozment
M	Jerry Lee	Birth	22 Jan. 1942	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage		To: Doris Ann Williams
M	Paul Douglas	Birth	19 Apr 1944	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death	21 May 1994	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: Virginia Bingham
M	Horace Wade	Birth	26 Aug 1948	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Death	30. Aug 1990	Nash. Dav. Co. Tn.
		Marriage		To: Marie Smith
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage		To:
		Birth		



FAMILY GROUP

No. X

Mrs. Cormack

Milliken

Husband's Full Name: Charles Elvis Milliken Sr. (Jack)

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	17	May	1934	Toelton	Day.	Tn.
Christen.						
Marriage	14	Nov	1953	Springfield	Rob.	Tn.
Death	19	Apr.	1984	Cause: Heart		
Burial				Cemetery: Woodlawn	So. Nash.	Day. Tn.

Father's Full Name: Charles (Charlie) Damalson Milliken Mother's Maiden Name: Minnie Mai Reeder

Other wives: none Military: none

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Melba Mc Cormick

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	17	Jan	1935	Nash	Day.	Tn.
Christen.						
Death				Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: Julius (Jude) Cornett Mc Cormick Sr. Mother's Maiden Name: Beatrice Foster

Other husbands: none

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)  
CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	1 Charles Elvis (Buddy)	Birth	20 Sept 1954	Nash. Day. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	To: 3 times - see below	
M	2 Delma Ray (Jack)	Birth	31 Jan. 1957	Nash. Day. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	22 Jan. 19	To: S. Elaine Warner Day. Co. Tn.
M	3 Julius Wade (Skip)	Birth	27 July 1958	Nash. Day. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	To: 3 times see below	
F	4 Paula Diane	Birth	06 Oct. 1960	Nash. Day. Co. Tn.
		Death		
		Marriage	To: J B Ashburn <sup>Nash.</sup> Day. Co. Tn.	
	5	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
	Buddy m.a. 1. Kimberly Odom - 2 children - Divorced 2. Mary Leone Ward - 1 child - Divorced 3. Susan Hutton - 1 child - Divorced	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To: 2 children - 1 male 1 female	
	Skip m.a. 1. Sammy J. Beckham - 1 child - Divorced 2. Sandra Lee Tate - 1 daughter 3. Francis Paul - 3 sons - Divorced	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
	9	Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
	10	Birth		

FAMILY GROUP  
No. XI<sup>b</sup>

(Skip)  
Julius W. Milliken  
Surname

Husband's Full Name: Julius Wade Milliken Sr.

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	<u>27</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>Nash</u>	<u>Davidson</u>	<u>Tenn.</u>
Christen.						
Marriage			<u>1980</u>	<u>Sandra Lee House Tate</u>		<u>Tenn.</u>
Death				Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: Charles Elvis (Jack) Milliken Sr.      Mother's Maiden Name: Melba (Mc Cormick) Milliken

Other wives: 3  
Remarks: Tammy Y. Beckham, Francis Darlene Bess, Lanier      Military: None

Wife's Full Maiden Name: Sandra Lee House Tate

VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
Birth	<u>29</u>	<u>Sept.</u>				
Christen.						
Death				Cause:		
Burial				Cemetery:		

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other husbands: 1  
Remarks: Donald Tate

ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH CHILDREN

SEX	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
F	<u>Kelly Renee</u>	Birth	<u>01 Dec 1980</u>	<u>Nash Davidson Co Tenn</u>
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
		Birth		
		Death		
		Marriage	To:	
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		Death		
		Marriage	To:	

*Kelly gave birth to 2074  
Christopher Joseph (C.J.)  
at Centennial Medi Center  
Nash, Tenn  
08 March 1998 - 4:00 PM (Sunday)  
6th, 208*

FAMILY GROUP No. \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Full Name Thompson Cornwell

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on H.
Birth	04	Jun	1786		Pittsylvania	Va.	
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death			1870		Pa.		
Burial							

Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Frances Cornwell Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Full Maiden Name Jane (Tennie) Yeaman

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on W.
Birth			1795				
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler William Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address P.O. Box 804 Occupation if other than Housewife \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State Northfield, Va. Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date 1996 Her Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Chil.
M	<u>Elijah</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	29	Jan	1815				
	<u>Middleberry</u>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	<u>Ersk</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	03	Sept	1814				
	1. Lucy Rustin - 1851 2. Nancy R. Beard - 1856	Mar.			1851		Sumner Co. Va.		
		Death							Both these marriages were in Sumner Co. Va. His children were with Maria, Philia
		Burial							
M	<u>Tosiah</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	29	Jan	1820				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	<u>Barnett</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth			1822				
	1. sister (2) <u>Mahala Sutton, Martha Sutton</u>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	<u>Fushie</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth		Jul	1828				
	1. Sarah Martin Barrett	Mar.	25	Dec	1851		Sum. Co. Va. Cooke Co. Va.		
		Death							
		Burial							
F	<u>Lauranice</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth	26	Feb	1824		Smith Co. Va.		7 children
	<u>Silas C. Russell</u>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	<u>Tare</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth			1834				
	<u>Silas Austin</u>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	<u>Susan</u> Full Name of Spouse	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	<u>Thomson</u>	Birth	16	8	1838				Burned to death - No descendants
		Mar.							

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OF DR. JAMES AMERICUS DURHAM

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Cold & Frosty. Mon. Feb. the 7th 1910. Praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Oh: God keep us this day above all sin & give us good health. Rec'd a letter from Bettie Law. Mailed a letter to Author Durham. J. S. Denney was here this morning and his wife was here this evening a while. C. W. Smith come filled [sic] my pension Voucher. We praise God who kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh: God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Rained lightly this morning. Tues. Feb the 8, 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm and we ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above all sin & give us good health. Sallie Durham and Fannie Young spent the afternoon here. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin and gave us good health. Keep us Oh: God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

I have been poorly for the last 2 or 3 days. Cloudy & showering & turned cold. Wed. Feb the 9th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night, and we ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above all Sin. F. G. Perkins come to see us & spent the afternoon and took diner with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin, and gave us health. Oh: God keep us through this night from all harm, we ask it all in Jesus name. Amen. I was 69 years old today.

I was some better today. Clear & Frosty. Thur. Feb. the 10th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above all Sin & give us good health. I mailed a letter to C. W. & ? L. Duke & a card to Adrian Durham. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us health and strength. Oh: God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen. Lester went to the Store & got a can of roasting ears Corn.

Had a heavy snow fall 10 in deep. Fri Feb the 11th 1910. We praise God he kept the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above Sin & give us good health. R. L. & Warren Durham & F. G. Perkins came to see us today. Warren returned soon and Felix spent the day. Robt. spent day & night. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin & gave us health & strength. Keep us Oh: God through the coming night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Some snow still falling. Sat. Feb the 12th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh: God this day above all sin & harm. R. L. Durham went home this morning. L. J. Young come to see us today. Janie Young come & spent

several hours. F. G. Perkins come and spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin & gave us good health. Glory. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Clear & Cold. Sun Feb the 13th 1910. We praise God kept us through another night & another week to see another Sunday. Keep us Oh: God this day above all Sin & give us health. Glory. F. G. Perkins spent this day here. Sam Armistead & Warren & J. S. Denney all was here this afternoon. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin & give us health. Glory. Keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen. Hugh come to our house to stay a few days, and Lester went home to stay a few days.

This is Ground Hog day. Clear, frosty & cold. Clear all day. Mon Feb 14th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us above all sin this day & give us good health. L. J. Young visited us this evening. He brought us a fine Sweet Potato. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us good health. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this night from all harm & Sin. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Warm, snow nearly all melted. Tues. Feb the 15th 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above all sin. Our sons, Robt. & Warren & Adrian visited us today & took diner with us. Robt. & Warren returned home at 2 p.m. Adrian went to the store for us. He spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Cloudy & warm, it began to rain at 9 a.m. Feb the 16th 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above sin & harm & give us good health. Adrian returned home this morning. I mailed a letter to Bettie & to Benton. Sent B. Specks ? to him by Reg. Mail. F. G. Perkins come & spent the night. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Had a heavy rainfall last night. I rested badly last night. It began to sleet & snow at 2 p. m. Thur. Feb the 17 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this day above all sin. F. G. Perkins went home at 11 and Warren & family come & spent the night with us tonight. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & harm. We ask the Oh: God to keep us this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Cloudy to clear & cold at 6 p.m. Fri Feb the 18th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh: God this day above all sin. Son Warren & family went home. Son Robt. come today & brought a Ham of meat. J. S. Denney come & L. J.

Young & B. Armistead all come to see us. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin & harm. Keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Robt. Petty gave a magnetic ? treatment. Sat. Feb. the 19, 1910. We praise God he kept the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh: God this day above all Sin. Warren was here & gave me a Mag. treatment. Alma B. Armistead & her children was here awhile today. C. W. Duke & L. M. Durham come to see us today & spent the night. Praise God he kept us this day above sin. Keep us this night from all harm.

Sun Feb the 20th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night. Keep us this day above all sin. The following persons was here today, L. J. & W. L. Young, W. M. Meachum & wife, R. L. Durham & wife & 2 sons, L. Y. Durham, C. W. Duke. Letha Lynch & Amy Durham spent the night here. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh: God this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen. Robt. Petty was here & took diner.

Mon Feb the 21st 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night Keep us Oh: God this day above all sin. Amy D. come back & got milk. Fannie Young come & stayed a while. Warren & Sallie come & spent the night with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin & harm. Keep us this night Oh: God from all harm we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Tues Feb the 22nd 1910. We praise God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh: God this day above all Sin & give us good health. We ask in Jesus name. John Denney & wife come to see us today. Robt. Petty come & 2 Magnetic treatment. Son Adrian come & spent the night with me. We thank God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us health & strength. Oh: God keep us this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen. Jas. A. Durham

Windy. Feb the 23rd 1910. We thank God he kept us through the past night from all harm. Oh: God keep us this day above all sin. Amy Durham come & got milk John Durham was here this afternoon and got some Vinegar to make lineament. We thank God he kept us this day above all sin & gave us health. Keep us Oh: God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name, Amen. Son Robt. spent the night.

Thur Feb the 24th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night. Keep us Oh: God this day above all sin. Robt. helped Lester saw wood. Fannie Young spent the afternoon with us. We praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us Oh: God this night from all harm, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Fri Feb 25th 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day Oh God above all sin. Warren & family staid with us last night & he gave me a

magnetic treatment. Denney come and staid 2 or 3 hours with me. Robert Scruggs and Mary Farrell and Lillian Armistead come to see me. God kept us this day above all Sin.

Sat Feb 26th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from harm. God this day above all sin. Son Robert spent last night with us. Dr. B. J. High came to see me today and gave me a treatment. Sons Felix & Lem come today. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Oh God keep us this night from all harm while we sleep. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Sun Feb the 27th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night. There was quiet a lot of our friend come to see us today.

Mon Feb the 28th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm.

Tues Mar the 1st 1910. We praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us Oh God this day above all Sin & give us good health. Dr. Carrel call to see me. Alma B. Armistead & Mary Anne come to see us. R. L. Durham came . Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us this night from all harm. Amen.

Wed. Mar the 2, 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day Oh God above all Sin. My pension check come and I paid Smith Bros act in full & left \$37.22 in their hands to pay my act with Elmwood R. Mill. Robert & wife come & spent the day & R. staid all night. Son Herman come & spent the night.

Thurs Mar the 3rd 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day above all sins and give us good health. R. L. & Herman went home today. John Denney come this afternoon. We spent this night by ourselves. Praise God he kept us above all sin this day. Keep us this night from all harm we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Frid Mar the 4th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. Keep us this day above all sin. Robert Petty was here & gave me a magnetic Treatment. Sallie Durham was here. F. G. Perkins come & spent the night. We praise God he kept us this day above all Sin. Keep us Oh God this night from all harm. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

Sat Mar the 5th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night from all harm. We ask the Oh God to keep us this day above all Sin. Docie Smith & M. F. Perkins called to see us & prayed with us.

Sun Mar the 6th 1910.

Mon Mar the 7th 1910.

Tues Mar the 8th 1910

Wed Mar the 9th 1910.

Thur Mar the 10th 1910.

Frid Mar the 11th 1910

Sat Mar the 12th 1910.

Sun Mar the 13th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin. Son Robert came today & a host of our good friend came to see us today. Son Robert & F. G. Perkins spent the night with us.

Mon Mar the 14th 1910. Praise God he kept us the past night. Keep us Oh God this day above all sin. Jesse Ford & John Denney was here to see us also Mrs. Jno. Dinson, Letha Lynch & Sallie Durham. Warren & Sallie spent the night. Praise God he kept us this day above all sin. Keep us this night.

Tues April 5th 1910. I have ben sick not able to make any record to this date.

Wed Apr the 6th 1910. Son Robert sold a Buggie of mine to Charlie Russell today for \$15.00 on a credit with Thos. Russell Security.

Apr 16th. I am still very feeble not able to write.

This is the final entry in the Journal of James Americus Durham. He died on July 3, 1910.

SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CENSUS 1900, DISTRICT 22

Durham, J. A.	w	Feb 41	39 yr	Tn	NC	Tn	Farmer
Frances	w	Sep 44		Tn	Tn	Tn	Wife
Wilburn	w	Mar 85		Tn	Tn	Tn	Son
Benton M.	w	Mar 90		Tn	Tn	Tn	Son
Durham, Warren	w	Dec 68	13 yr	Tn	Tn	Tn	Farmer
Sallie	w	Jan 70		Tn	Tn	Tn	Wife
John H.	w	Dec 87		Tn	Tn	Tn	Son
Mary O.	w	Sep 92		Tn	Tn	Tn	Dau
Fanny A.	w	Jul 95		Tn	Tn	Tn	Dau



LIST OF PRISONERS CONFINED IN PRISON AT CARTHAGE, TENNESSEE  
1863 - 1864

Among the miscellaneous books stored in the Smith County Archives a merchant's account ledger dated 1836 - 1840. The first half of the book consists of an inventory and cash journal of an unnamed merchant. About the middle of the book the pages become blank, and it is at this point that a Union soldier, utilizing whatever paper was available, began to record prisoners of war held at Carthage during occupation of the town during the Civil War.

Information varies on each entry, depending upon whether the prisoner is a citizen or soldier. The date, when given, refers to the time confinement commenced.

1863

ELIJAH SKINHAN		Dec 26	Awaiting examination
MALACHIE MEADOW	McKee's Co.	"	"
SAML. HUFF	"	"	"
WILLIAM CRONCE	"	"	"
PETER HEROD	Citizen	"	Violation of oath
N. M. ROGERS	19th Tn Reg.	"	Rebel Soldier, released
F. PATRICK	8th Tn Reg.	"	"
E. W. TAYLOR	Citizen	Dec 27	Gurrilla (sic)
J. G. COWEN	"	Dec 30	Violation of oath

1864

W. GARRETT	13th Tn	Jan 1	Stealing violation released on making amt. stolen
W. SHANK	"	Jan 14	Violation orders, released
F. P. FULTY	"	"	" "
SAML. SWARINGHAM	"	"	" "
MARTIN HENSON	1st TN	Feb 3	Creating false alarm
JESSE CASE	25th TN Rebel	"	Guerrilla, Deserted
WM. C. ANDERSON	Citizen	"	" "
THOS. GILBRETH	"	"	" "
WM. MALONE	"	"	" "
DUDLY BROWN	"	"	" "
JAMES BROWN	"	"	" "

A. J. VANTREASE	Citizen	Feb. 3	Guerrilla, Deserted
WM. RODGERS	"	"	"
A. H. MONTGOMERY	"	"	"
D. SPURLOCK	"	"	"
THOS. HALE	"	"	"
MAT WHEELER	"	"	"
GEO. M. JENKINS	"	"	"
H. C. WHITE	"	"	"
J. W. WHITE	"	"	"
B. D. PRESLEY	"	"	"
J. HAGIS	"	"	"
W. BURROWS	"	"	"
T. BURNS	"	"	"
J. W. WILLIAMSON	17th TN Reg	"	Discharged
A. K. WILLIAMSON	"	"	Discharged by rebels
JOHN RALE	"	"	Deserted, took oath
C. H. UPCHURCH	5th TN Reg	"	Deserted Apr last
J. G. CAMPBELL	Citizen	"	
G. W. BROWN	8th TN Reg	"	Deserted 2 yrs ago
W. H. FOX	1st Ky Cav	"	Col Hamilton's Legion
GABRIEL JONES	28th TN	"	"
J. H. ANDERSON	"	"	"
JOHN JACKSON	4th Tn Cav	"	"
J. T. RODGERS	3rd Ky	"	Morgan's Command
H. WHEELER	25th Tn	"	Deserted 1 yr ago
THOMAS UPCHURCH	4th Tn	"	Hamilton's Bttn
WM. VANTREASE	1 Ky	"	"
W. C. WHEELER	28th Rn, Rebel	"	Guerrilla, sick, deserted
W. G. RICHARDSON	"	"	Guerrilla
J. STOUT	"	"	"
J. THOMAS	10th Ky	"	"
M. RODGERS	8th Tn	"	"
THOS. J. LEE	17th Tn	"	"
J. HARGIS	"	"	"
S. PHARIS	23rd Tn	"	"
B. HUFF	8th Tn	"	"
G. MARCUS HUFF	23rd Tn	"	"
L. P. DEATHRAGE	Dickes	"	"
J. LONG	10th Reg	"	"
L. GIBSON	4th Tn Cav	"	"
GEO. DOWELL	8th Tn	"	"
R. TERRY	"	"	"
J. S. TERRY	"	"	"

A. GIBSON	8th Tn	Feb 3	Guerrilla
E. D. GRIFFITH	"	"	"
J. GIBSON	5th Tn Cav	"	"
L. M. PISTULE	8th Tn Cav	"	Too sick to be moved
R. GIBSON	17th Inf	"	"
J. GIBSON	4th Cav	"	"
H. HUFF	25th Inf	"	"
W. H. MCCARVER	"	"	"
J. C. LATIMOR	8th Texas	"	"
A. WADE	Many's Battl.	"	"
L. S. CARTHERSON	28th Tn Rebel	"	"
HAMILTON KEETH	Citizen	Feb 5	Horse stealing
J. T. THRAPP	8th Tn	"	Guerrilla
ENOCH ATNIP	"	"	"
DAVID ELDRIGE	8th Tn Cav, Rebel	Feb 6	Guerrilla, deserted

Received of J. C. Nickols, Lieut. & Provost Marshall, the above names, prisoners, in pursuance of orders.

Carthage, Tennessee, Thur. Feb 8th 1864. E. S. Williams, Capt., Co. H, 71st Regt.

#### LIST OF PRISONERS CHARGED WITH DISSERTION

DANIEL COLLINS	JOHN NOLEN	JOHN TRIPLET
DAVID T. DIXON	OTWAY J. BOURLAND	JAMES BURNS
THOS. SWAIN		

All of whom were ordered to Nashville on the 9th Nov 1864, by order of W. B. Stokes, U. S. Forces, Carthage, Tennessee. J. S. Bonham, Capt. & Provost Marshall

#### LIST OF PRISONERS CONTINUED AT CARTHAGE, TENNESSEE, 1864

JOHN JAMES	11th Texas Cav	
SHELBY HUDGINS	"	Feb 10
WILLIAM A. MCSELLIN	5th Tn Cav	"
JOHN H. ALLEN	"	"
JESSE CAPE	38th Tn Supply	"
JESSE MOORE	1st Tn	"
BRISTON ROBERTSON	Citizen	"
BOAZ W. BUTCHER	5th Tn Cav	"

LIST OF PRISONERS CONFINED IN PRISON AT CARTHAGE, TENNESSEE  
1864

JAMES HAWKINS	Citizen	Jan 28
JAMES TATE	"	Jun 14 Released by order of W. B. Stokes, Sept 25
J. H. CANE	1st Tn Reg	Jun 29 Prisoner forwarded by order of Col. W. B. Stokes
R. H. BRYANT	"	"
ISAAC WHARTEN	Rebel Deserter	Aug 13 Sent to Gallatin Aug 19 by order of Capt. F.M. McKee
WILLIAM STEPHENS	"	" Same as above
CAINE HAYTOUR	1st Tn	Aug 20 Chgs. preferred prisoner fined by order Col Stokes, Sep 28
GEORGE KEMP	1st Tn	Aug 16
CALVIN PECOLE	"	Aug 14
BANYARD GREGORY	"	Aug 16
JAMES GREGORY	"	Aug 15
JOSEPH PARKERSON	"	"
JAMES CARNEY	5th Tn	" Escaped
J. S. PHILLIPS	"	Aug 18 Discha. sent to Gallatin
ROBERT KING	Sent to Gallatin & requested to be sent north by order of Capt. F. M. McKee, Commanding Post	
JOHN L. ROGERS	1st Tn	Aug 31
WILLIAM (not legible)		
LITTLETON C. HALL	Citizen	Sept 13 Released
WILLIAM GRAY	1st Tn	Aug 31 Chg. preferred by order Capt. Pennington, Sept 24
GEORGE W. LITTERBERRY	Citizen	Oct 10 Captured
WM. MCKINDREY OVERALL	Citizen	Oct 13 Captured, released by order of Col. A. E. Garrett, Oct 15
JOHN DAVIS	Citizen	Oct 3 Released by order Col Stokes

LIST OF PRISONERS OF WAR CONFINED IN PRISON AT CARTHAGE,  
TENNESSEE, CAPTURED NEAR SPARTA, 1864

JAMES J. REEL	8th TN	29 Aug Captured at Alexandria
J. L. REASONOVER	Elison Sq.	31 Au
G. W. SPRINGFIELD	"	" "
W. J. EATON	"	" "

B. H. DAVIS	44th TN	"
V. W. STEPHENS	4th TN Cav	7 Sep Captured at Carthage

All sent to Gallatin this 8th Sept 1864.

#### LIST OF DESERTERS - 1864

JOHN JOHNSON, Pvt		Sept 9
JAMES BOYD, Pvt		"
W. C. KERBY, Pvt	Elison's Sq	Sept 12
DANIEL DRIVER, Pvt	"	"
T. L. WINFREY	"	"
W. C. YEARGIN, Pvt	"	"
W. W. BUSH, Pvt	4th Tn	Sept 13
JOHN WOODY, Pvt	8th Tn	Sept 14
J. G. NOLES, Pvt	4th Tn	Sept 22
JAMES ENOCH, Pvt	"	Sept 23
EPHRIAM GARRISON, Pvt	1st Tn	"
H. J. BARKER, Pvt	8th Tn	"
WILLIAM DRAPER, Lt.	"	Sept 26
JAMES GANN, Prot.	4 Tn	Sept 27
THOMAS MOREFIELD, Prot	"	Sept 19
MITCHELL MCMAHON		Nov 11

All sent to Nashville to the Prov. Marshall.

#### COUNTY'S LAST FEDERAL SOLDIER DIES, AGE 91

Smith County's last surviving Federal soldier, Grandison L. Bush, died at his home in the Maggart community March 13, 1939. He was born in that community Aug. 29, 1847, making his age 91 years, 6 months, and 14 days. He was a son of Willis and Acquilla Bush, and the last surviving member of a large family. He was married four times, his last wife, Mrs. Merce Dickens Bush, surviving. He was the father of 18 children, only three of whom survive, they being Mrs. Gertie Carver of Haydensburg, Mrs. Ola Bush of Rome, and Elijah Bush of Madison. There are a number of grandchildren.

Mr. Bush, as a young man, enlisted in the Federal army and received an honorable discharge at the end of the Civil War. Mr. Bush was a member of the Methodist Church and liberal in the cause. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Qualls, assisted by Rev. J. P. McDonald. Interment was made in the family burying grounds.

*Carthage Courier*, March 16, 1939

## CHESTNUT MOUND, TENNESSEE

Contributed by James L. Fletcher

The once bustling village of Chestnut Mound, Smith County, Tennessee, was perched upon a "Mound" located at the apex of a steep hill. A trail along the ridge first used by the Indians was incorporated into a stretch of the Old Walton Road and now U. S. Highway 70. First wagons and stage coaches and later automobiles wheezed eastward along the Cumberland Plateau, which begins with the high elevation at the Mound. Until destroyed by a blight, chestnut trees, often four to six feet in diameter, abounded in the area.

In 1859 efforts were made to incorporate the town, but the movement died during the Civil War, not to be revived when peace finally came.

PRIVATE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE -  
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Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That the citizens in and about the village of Chestnut Mound, in Smith County, Tennessee, included in the following boundaries, to wit: beginning on a chestnut tree near the northwest corner of the old grave yard and including the same; thence east so as to include the spring and the residence of Robert Knight; thence south about four hundred yards to a stake; thence west to the top of the hill near M. W. Smith's, on the Lebanon pike, so as to include the late residence of J. M. Williams; thence northwestwardly to a stake at the top of the ridge near where the Carthage and Gallatin pike leaves same; thence north to the beginning; be and they are hereby incorporate and constituted a body politic, under the name and type of the town of Chestnut Mound, and invested with all general rights, privileges and powers that other municipal corporations in the State are entitled to; that they may elect a mayor and twelve aldermen, who shall pass such rules and ordinances as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the general laws of corporations; and they may also elect one justice of the peace and one constable for said town, with the rights and official powers and authorities of other officers of the kind; they shall hold said offices for the same period of time that other justices and constables in the State hold theirs, and they shall be elected by the qualified voters within the said corporation. The said corporation shall have the right to succession for ninety-nine years, and may trade, transfer and convey all kinds of property, and buy the same like individuals, and be subject to the same laws of contracts as govern private individuals.

Section 2. Be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of passage.

Signed: W.C. Whitethorne, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
 Taz W. Newman, Speaker of the Senate  
 Passed, December 3, 1859

F. M. Hearn was elected as Constable on 2 January 1860 for the corporation of Chestnut Mound. \$5,000 bond was made on behalf of F. M. Hearn by James H. Hearn, W. D. Cardwell, A. W. Rose, Joshua Davis, W. R. Tubb, E. D. Page and John L. Arendell. (Smith County Court Minutes, p. 186 and 417, 1860.

Smith County Court Minutes, p. 429

John L. Arendell J. P. filed his commission and made bond for \$2,000 to the Corporation Chestnut Mound for the position of Justice of the Peace.

### VETERANS BURIED AT CHESTNUT MOUND

For many years James L. Fletcher, USAF Retired, has placed flags on the graves of those men who fought for their country that are buried in the Chestnut Mound community. The flags are placed on the graves before Memorial Day as observed and removed on the morning after the traditional Memorial Day, May 30.

#### Chestnut Mound Methodist Church Cemetery

John L. Fletcher, WWI	Lillard E. Thompson, Sr. WWI
Lillard E. Thompson, Jr., WWII	David Thompson, WWII
James W. Frame, WWII	Charlie S. Webster, WWII
Horace D. Hill, WWI	Walter F. Brashear, WWI
Thomas W. Gunn, WWI	John E. Gunn, WWII
Douglas Apple, WWII	L. L. Petty, WWII
Roger McGowen, Korean War	Jesse C. Dillard, WWII
Arthur Fletcher, WWI	Willie C. Brindley, WWI
William (Uncle Bill) Smith, Civil War (CSA)	Newton J. Petty, CSA
J. B. Sullins, WWII	

#### Huff Cemetery, Chestnut Mound Missionary Baptist Church

J. B. Simpson WWII	Hubert (Doc) Simpson WWII
Henry Freeman Cardwell WWII	Mose Boulton, WWI
John W. Burton, US Army	Edmon F. Bevelheimer, WWII
Jesse G. Smith, WWI	Harry Gordon Petty, WWII

## CHESTNUT MOUND ACADEMY

On December 30, 1878, a Charter was granted for the establishment of Chestnut Mound Academy.  
(Smith County Deed Book 4, page 24).

Charter of Incorporation.  
By it known, that E. H. Knight, Henry Petty, Jesse H. Ford, A. H. Petty, William J. Fitzpatrick, James W. Proper, and James Haynes, and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body, juridic and corporate, by the name and style of, "Chestnut Mound Academy" to be located at Chestnut Mound Smith County Tennessee.

The Trustees or any four of whom shall constitute a quorum shall have power to hold such meetings and at such times and places as they may think proper for the transaction of business to elect from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to have power to appoint a faculty and in connection with said faculty to confer such literary degrees as may be conferred by other literary institutions of similar grade. December 30<sup>th</sup> 1878.

E. H. Knight, Henry Petty, A. H. Petty,  
J. H. Ford, W. J. Fitzpatrick, J. W. Proper, James Haynes.

A. A. Carr,  
S. S. Kern

State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me S. Allison Clerk  
Smith County } A. A. Carr & S. S. Kern both subscribing witness  
to the within Charter of Incorporation and after being duly sworn  
depose and say that they are acquainted with all the signers to said  
charter and that they all acknowledged that they signed it and  
for the purposes therein contained in their presence on the day it  
bears date witness at office this Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1879.

S. Allison Clerk of  
the County Court Smith Co. Tenn.

Received Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1879  
at 12 M.

Joe A. King Register.



## QUERIES

BAIRD, SAMUEL. Sale of his estate, 24 Nov 1815, apparently sons ANDREW and WILLIAM, admrs. JONATHAN BAIRD and REBECCA HOGG, purchasers, may have been related. SAMUEL apparently is brother of EZEKIEL BAIRD of Wilkes Co., NC where both lived along the Wataga River, sons of ANDREW BAIRD of Monmouth Co., NJ. Who were wife and children of ANDREW?

FRED BAIRD, 1029 E. 2570 N., Provo, UT 84604. [ftbaird@Juno.com](mailto:ftbaird@Juno.com); 801-375-2150.

BAIRD, ALEXANDER. Appears on 1804 tax records, Sumner Co., TN. Is he same ALEXANDER that appears in Wilson Co., TN with ZEBULON, WILLIAM, DAVID, ANDREW BAIRD and later went to Arkansas Territory?

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BAIRD, JEREMIAH (JEREMY) AND JOSIAH. Both sons of ANDREW BAIRD and HANNAH GREEN were in Smith Co., TN by 1820. Related to SAMUEL and EZEKIEL BAIRD. They had brother, ANDREW STOKES BAIRD, JR. There were STOKES in Smith Co. Why was ANDREW given the middle name of STOKES?

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CATHEY, RUTLEDGE, BAIRD. ANDREW CATHEY living with JAMES RUTLEDGE in 1850, Marion, Perry Co., AL. MATILDA RUTLEDGE of SC md SAMUEL BAIRD, (s/o ALEXANDER BAIRD & MARY GREEN) b TN 5 Sep 1830 in Marion, AL. Same ALEXANDER who lived in Sumner/Wilson/Nashville, TN?

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HACKETT, SEXTON. Seeking information of desc. of Samuel H. Hackett b 7 Mar 1850, w. MARY A. SMITH, children OLLIE F. and ELIJAH. Also ant/desc of SEXTON, THOMAS (George?) ALLEN SEXTON, w. ELLEN and children JAMES ROBERT, WM. B., MARY, JOHN, THOMAS, ALLEN, TUGG. They all resided in Smith Co., TN

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MCKINNIS. Seeking info on my MCKINNIS ancestors. It goes like this: ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, SR., ALBERT S. MCKINNIS, HUGH MCKINNIS b 1812-1816 in TN, marr SUSANNAH, b in AL. HUGH buried in Fannin Co. TX. There is a HUGH MCKINNIS bur in Sm Co but the wrong one. Any Help? ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, 1104 W. Fay Circle, Kingfisher, OK 73750

WOOD/GILLIHAN. Interested in any information on these families.

WILMA J. RAMSEY, 1194 CR 46, Henderson, AR 72544-9117

WRIGHT, DONOHO. Four WRIGHT brothers lived in Sm Co TN between 1800-45: HICKERSON WRIGHT, b VA abt 1791, m CYNTHIA DONOHO in Sm Co., 1820's, children b Sm Co., ARZILLA b 1822, SEABORN b 1824, SENACA b 1826, MARTHA b 1828, PATRICK b 1830, JAMES b 1832, HENRY b 1834.

BASIL WRIGHT, b VA or KY, m 1st NANCY \_\_\_\_, children: ELIZ. 1827, ALEXANDER 1829, MARTHA 1830, JOHN 1834, 2nd wife, SARAH J. HOWD. HUBBARD WRIGHT, b 1795, VA m 1st HANNAH \_\_\_\_, children: b Sm Co., EVALINE 1823, CALPERNICE 1826, COSSIAH 1825, JOSEPHINE 1829, LAFAYETTE & WILLIS. Dau EVALINE m JERRELL BURROW in 1843, Macon Co., TN.

WILSON WRIGHT, b 1811, TN m EVALINE HOWD, children b Sm Co: WILLIS 1834, MARY, MARTHA b 1836, ELIZABETH b 1843, ALFORD b 1844, JAMES b 1847. HICKERSON, BASIL & HUBBARD bur in Hancock Co., IL WILSON bur Apponoose Co. IA Parents of four brothers unknown.

CRISPEN WRIGHT d Sm Co. TN abt 1828, sons JAMES & EDWARD, b Sm Co, d Apponoose Co., IA.

PATRICK DONOHO, b 1770's VA, lived Caswell Co., NC m MARTHA \_\_\_\_, PATRICK d Sm Co, bur Donoho Cem. Trousdale Co., TN. Children: EMMERICK (E.C.F.W.) b 1801, Sm Co., m LOUISA WOODS, d 1863, bur Donoho Cem,; MARCUS b 1830 m PATRICIA \_\_\_\_, d TX,; HENRY, Hancock Co. IL,; CYNTHIA b abt 1800 m HICKERSON WRIGHT. CYNTHIA d Hancock Co., IL,; LETHISA (also m a WRIGHT) d after 1881; EDNA. Willing to share data.

MARGARET WESTMAN, 1904 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1542.

FISHER, THOMAS JUDSON, my great grandfather, b 2 Jun 1849, in Sm Co., TN, graduated from law school at Cumberland U., Lebanon, TN, lived on 280 A. farm in Carthage, moved to Nashville in 1919. He was m to MARTHA ALICE BURKETT, b 15 Mar 1864, Giles Co., TN, probably a second marriage. Their five children: FLASSIE b 24 Jun 1897, m L. C. DERRYBERRY; WILLIAM DEWITT, b 23 Sep 1899 - 28 Oct 1974; ELIZABETH, 9 Sep 1901 - 10 Nov 1996, m ALSUP; LISSIE MELISSIE OLIVER b 13 Oct 1903 - 7 May 1993, m WOOTEN; VIRGINIA b 11 May 1909, m BRADEN. Other step or half siblings: BURKITTE BURGESS b 1880; CHARLES WOMACK, b 1885; MARY FISHER b 1885 - 1905; FRANK BURGESS, b 1887 - 1924; J.HORACE FISHER b 2 Feb 1889; JOHN B. FISHER, b 1906 - 1907. I am interested in finding more info on THOMAS JUDSON FISHER and MARTHA and their ancestors.

DIANNA MANETZ, 1133 Northwood DR, Piedmont, MD 63957. 573-223-7234.

FRANCIS CORNWELL. Private, Revolutionary soldier, b abt. 1745, d abt 1830, VA. Need names of wife, children and descendants, war record, dates.

DIXIE WOODWARD, 1400 Stovall Rd, Scottsville, KY 42164. 502-622-4140.

GREGORY, WILLIAM "JABE." Born 1822, d 16 Jul 1889, Smith Co., TN, s/o WILLIAM (LITTLE BILL) GREGORY and DELLA DAVIS, mar. 1. MARY H. C. CELIA DAVIS b 1827 Sm Co., TN, d/o ABNER NELSON DAVIS & JUDITH OLDHAM, 2. JEANNY LAW, 3. BETTY \_\_\_\_? Children: JUDY A. 3 Aug 1845, m JAMES CAMPBELL NIXON; WILLIAM NELSON, 1848, m MARTHA GREGORY; RUTH JANE, 1852, m W. S. BRIMM; MARY MARGARET, 1 Jul 1857, m J. B. WINKLER; HENRY B. 21 Dec 1858, m LAURA WINKLER; LUCINDA, 1862, , m W. C. HOLLIDAY; EMILY S. 14 Sep 1850, m WILLIAM C. EARPS; ELIZA, 24 Sep 1869, m JOHN SMITH; BETHEL J., b 3 Aug 1873, m JINNIE SMITH; WATTER 1880, m SADIE \_\_\_\_; JOHN. Seek more information on family.  
ROY GREGORY, 441 Bell Rd, Gallatin, TN 37066.

WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER & ELIZABETH REBECCA EVANS. ELIZABETH was d/o NATHAN EVANS & granddaughter of ABNER AVANT. CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, b 1815 in Sm Co., TN was the s/o JENNY ROBINSON, d/o STEPHEN ROBINSON. Would like to know which WILLIAMS she was married to- prob abt 1813-1814. Unable to find a marriage record for CHRISTOPHER & ELIZABETH. We live on the farm that was homesteaded in Titus Co, TX in 1857 by CHRISTOPHER & ELIZABETH.

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CAGE, DILLARD, BRADLEY, GRIGGS, MUNGLE. The relatives I am searching for are: POLEMAN CAGE, JAMES CAGE, HENRY CAGE, MARY F. DILLARD, MARY BRADLEY, MARY E. MUNGEL GRIGGS, JOHN MUNGLE. HENRY CAGE died in 1900 and was buried in the Griggs family cemetery in Smith County.  
CONNIE WILLIS, 821 W. Tomick, Gunnison, CO 81230.

BEASLEY. Researching ISHAM BEASLEY, b 1760 in NC; son, ROBERT BEASLEY b 1803, Smith Co., TN; granddaughter CLARKEY BEASLEY b 1849 in Nashville, TN. BILLIE MITCHELL, 3337 N. Lake Park Ave., Hobart, IL 46342. 219-962-4484.  
E-Mail: FRBIL@email.msn.com.

BRADLEY, FLOWERS. Are WILLIAM BRADLEY and ELIZABETH FLOWERS from Buckingham and Bradley Co., VA parents of BENJAMIN BRADLEY b Mar 22, 1806, died Aug 6, 1839, m to FRANCES LANCASTER, lived at Brush Creek, TN. Is this ELIZABETH BRADLEY the same as the widow BRADLEY listed on the 1820, 1830, 1850 census of Smith Co., TN. WILLIAM BRADLEY'S will was probated in 1815. Any help will be appreciated.  
OLETA BRADLEY MORRIS, Rt. 2, Box 55A, Anna, TX 75409.

VANTREESE, GATES. I am interested in VALENTINE VANTREESE and SARAH GATES who married abt 1810 and lived in Sm Co., TN until abt 1823. I would be interested in hearing from anyone researching the GATES family.

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817-292-5419; Crcom@aol.com.

DAY. Seeking information on the parents/siblings of my gr-gr-gr-grandfather, JOHN DAY, b ca 1800 in NC. He married MARGARET CAULEY b ca 1798. They had the following children: HENRY D., ANN C., MARY B., WILLIAM M., MARGARET J., ELLEN F., & SUSAN M. I believe JOHN may have had a brother, HENRY, but have no proof. Any help with this family will be greatly appreciated.

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KERLEY. Seeking information on the parents/siblings of my gr-gr-grandmother, MARTHA WASHINGTON KERLEY, b 12 Nov 1820, in TN. She married HENRY D. DAY, b 14 Dec 1822 in TN. They resided in Smith County in 1850, moved to AR in 1859 & Union County, IL in 1861. They had the following children: AMANDA EMILY, WILLIAM S., JONATHAN W., MARY C., GEORGE W., ALICE M., EDMUND E., HENRY B., DORTHULA, LOUISA E. Martha's grandfather may have been JAMES KERLEY, residing in Smith County on the 1830 Census. Any help will be appreciated.

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#### TNGEN WEB SMITH CO. HOST

Charles Gregory sends the following information:

There are online sites for research help for Smith County and we would love to have you drop by. Over 8000 visitors have visited Smith County on the internet and you can do queries there too! This is a free service!!

TenGen Web Site; <http://www.tngenweb/smith/>

Gregory's of Smith County Site: <http://personal.bna.bellsouth.net/bna/c/h/charlesg/>

Tennessee Archives: <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/intro.htm>

Let us put your genealogy homepages online. E-mail me at: [charlesg@bellsouth.net](mailto:charlesg@bellsouth.net)

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With the death of Ervin Smith on June 10, 1999, the Society lost another of its most faithful members. Not only was Mr. Smith a charter member of the organization but also served as treasurer for several years.

A retired teacher and school administrator, Mr. Smith was appointed by the county court as Smith County Historian, a position he held for over twenty years, resigning in 1997 due to ill health. In this capacity, he efficiently catalogued and inaugurated methods to preserve Smith County's old records and fragile books. Genealogists are indebted to him for undertaking the tremendous task of sorting, filing and indexing the chancery court loose papers dating back to the 1830's. Under his guidance thousands of pages were placed in file folders and microfilmed by the State Archives, making these invaluable records accessible to historians and genealogists.

Mr. Smith, thank you for your undying devotion and outstanding contributions to the society and the county - you will be missed.

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Chairman James L. Fletcher reports that the Bicentennial Committee of Smith County continues to work on plans for a big celebration. The official "birthday" of the county falls on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, but selection of a more convenient day, Saturday, October 2, 1999, has been adopted for the gala at the courthouse. Make your plans now to attend the festivities which will include fireworks and a birthday cake.

A July event will be a display of old pictures and other memorabilia at the Community Bank. The bank will begin accepting articles on Sat., July 23. Hours on Sunday July 24, 1:00 - 4:00; Monday, banking hours. Bring your old treasures to share with others and register for a free commemorative coin to be given as a door prize.

Commemorative coins will also be offered for sale by the Committee and should be available the last of July. Numbered silver coins in case - \$32.00 each (Numbers 1 and 500 will be auctioned off at the Birthday celebration). Bronze medallions - \$5.00 each. Reserve yours now by ordering from the Society. If to be mailed, please add \$1.00 postage.

The Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society welcomes your input and membership. Dues are \$12.50 annually, payable on January 1st. Please send all communications to:

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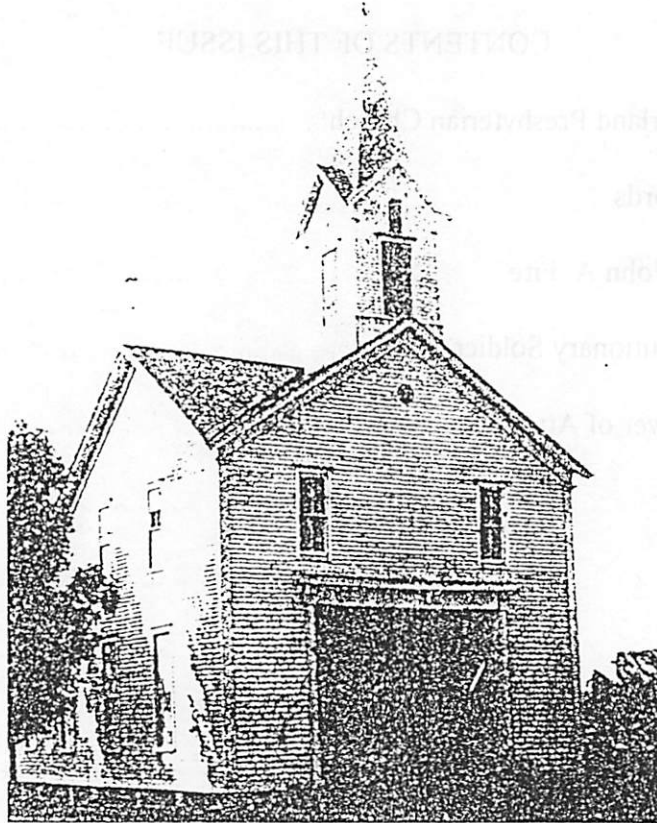
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The old "Cumberland Presbyterian Church"  
Main Street, Granville, Tennessee

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## OLD GRANVILLE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Contributed by James L. Fletcher and Ray Leftwich

The date of the establishment of the Granville Cumberland Presbyterian Church is not known. According to the following roster, members were being admitted as early as 1860 and probably before. Sometime after the Civil War a building was erected on Main Street in the then bustling river port town of Granville located on the Cumberland River. This building continued in use for some sixty-five years. A few of the older residents of the community remember attending church in the old frame structure but do not remember when it was torn down. The upper story of the building was used by the Granville Masonic Lodge. In 1924 the old building was replaced by a new brick church at the corner of Line and Rye Streets. The brick structure is still standing but the church is no longer active.

Although the Granville community and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church are located in Jackson County, they are only a short distance from the Smith County line. Many of the members listed on the Register of Communicants may be recognized as either living in or having Smith County connections. Trinity Presbyterian Church to which several of the communicants transferred their membership was located at Enigma in Smith County.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GRANVILLE, TENNESSEE  
REGISTER OF COMMUNICANTS

Peggy M. Apple  
Porter McDonald  
James D. McKinley - Dead  
Mary J. Trousdale  
Emily Hogin - Dead  
Ridley McDonald  
Darthuly Ferrell - Dead  
Darthuly C. McKinley - Dead  
Rutha McDonald - Dead  
Mildred Burton  
J. Mitchell Williamson, Elder  
Thuley Eller - Date of admission, August 5, 1860  
Jasper J. McDonald - Date of admission, August 3, 1860 - Dead  
Vina Burton  
John McDonald - Date of admission, August 1867

Martha A. Williamson  
Fannie McKinley  
Henry B. McDonald  
Hugh B. Smith - Elder - Removed to Trinity  
Ann Holleman - Dead  
Roda Cooper - Dead & died Dec 6 1891  
Thomas C. McKinley, Elder - dismissed by letter Sept 5, 1890  
Garriett D. Sadler - Date of admission Oct 3 1869  
Eliza Simpson  
Matt T. McDonald, Elder - Date of admission Oct 4 1869 - Removed to Trinity  
Lou Ellen McDonald - Date of admission Oct 7 1869 - gone to Methodist  
Z. Bell McDonald (McClellan) - Date of admission Oct 7 1869 - Received by experience -  
Gone to Methodist  
Susan Cooper Brown - Received by experience - Date of admission Oct 7 1869  
E. H. Eller - Date received Oct 5 1870 - gone to Trinity  
Tennie M. McKinley - Date of admission Oct 5 1870 - received by experience - Dismissed  
by letter Sept 5 1890  
Van B. Dillard - Date of admission Oct 6 1870 - Received by experience - Dead  
Elizabeth Dillard - Date of admission Oct 6 1870  
Clarisa Apple - Date of admission Oct 6 1870 - Received by experience  
Emma J. McKinley Ferrell - Date of admission Oct 6 1871 - Received by experience  
Margaret Holmes - Received by experience - Dead  
Sarah Burton - Date of admission Oct 7 1872 - Received by experience - Joined  
Campbellites  
Mary S. Reynolds  
Latin D. Ferrell - Date of admission Oct 5 1875 - Received by experience  
Bettie Carter (Byrne) Date of admission Oct 5 1875 - Received by experience  
Maude Holmes Page - Date of admission Oct 5 1875 - Received by experience  
William R. Watts - Date of admission Nov 7 1875 - Received by experience  
Valeria F. Sadler - Date of admission Nov 7 1875 - Received by experience - Dead  
Emma Burton - Date of admission Oct 2 1877 - Received by experience - Joined the  
Campbellites  
Mary Ferrell (:Lee) - Date of admission Oct 2 1877 - Received by experience  
Thomas L. Watts - Date of admission Oct 4 1877 - Received by experience  
Matilda Watts - Date of admission Oct 7 1878 - Received by letter  
Josie Goodpasture (Sanford) - Date of admission Oct 11 1878 - Received by experience  
James Hargis - Date of admission Oct 13 1878 - Received by transfer from Spring Fork  
Bettie Hargis - Date of admission Oct 13 1878 - Received by transfer from Spring Fork  
Jane Clark - Date of admission Oct 16 1878 - Deceased  
Mary J. Carter - Date of admission Oct 16 1878 - Received by transfer from Spring Fork  
Martha Draughn - Date of admission Oct 18 1878 - Received by experience - Dismissed  
by letter July 28, 1890  
Prior Grisham - Date of admission Oct 4 1881

Martha J. Grisham - Date of admission Oct 4 1881  
Mary F. Grisham - Dead  
Alice Carter - Date of admission Sept 27 1881 - Received by experience - Gone to Methodist  
Nebraska Apple - Date of admission Sept 27 1881 - Received by transfer from Trinity  
John S. Apple - Date of admission Sept 27 1881 - Received from the M. E. Church, South Winburn A. Goodpasture - Date of admission Oct 4 1881 - Received by experience  
W. Paton Grisham - Date of admission Oct 4 1881 - Received by experience  
Jane Grisham (Pharris) - Date of admission Oct 4 1881 - Received by experience  
John P. Burton - Date of admission Oct 14 1881 - Received by experience  
Walter A. Holmes - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience - Dead  
T. Oscar Dillard - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
Alfred A. McDonald - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
Laudin A. McDonald - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
Virgil Young Sadler - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
William D. Holleman - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
W. Frank Holleman - Date of Admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
Fannie A. Carter - Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience  
C. Gorda Lee (Deck) Date of admission Oct 14 1883 - Received by experience - Gone to Campbellites  
Wm. B. Holmes - Date of admission Oct 17 1883 - Received by experience  
Wm. A. Hargis - Date of admission Oct 17 1883 - Received by experience  
J. Matt Clark, Jr. - Date of admission Oct 17 1883 - Received by experience  
Sallie L. Smith - Date of admission Oct 17 1883 - Received by confession - Died June 29, 1889 - A good and much beloved Christian  
Hannah L. Holleman (Ferrell) - Date of admission Oct 17 1883 - Received by experience  
J. Frank Bell - Date of admission Dec 2 1883 - Received by experience - Dead  
Mary Bell - Date of admission Dec 2 1883 - Received by experience  
Mattie J. Myers - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience - Dismissed by letter  
Cleora Stanton - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience - Dead  
Neoma Stanton - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience - Dead  
Laura Manear - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience  
Tomma Mary McKinley - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience  
Lassie Dora McKinley (Ragland) - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience  
Viola Grisham (Louis) - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience - Gone to Campbellites  
M. Emma Morgan (Shirley) - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience - Dismissed by letter  
Lou Ella Bell - Date of admission Oct 15 1884 - Received by experience  
Mahala Sadler - Date of admission Oct 16 1884 - Received by experience  
Bell H. Lee (Watts) - Date of admission Oct 16 1884 - Received by experience

Cora Lee Oliver - Date of admission Oct 16 1884 - Received by experience  
Floretta Grisham - Date of admission August 20, 1883 - Received by experience  
Ada McDonald Hollerman - Date of admission August 15, 1884 - Received by experience  
Leona McDonald Sadler - Date of admission August 16, 1884 - Received by experience  
Ella McDonald - Date of admission August 16, 1884 - Received by experience at Trinity  
Mary McDonald - Date of admission August 16, 1884 - received by experience at Trinity  
Jo. M. Morgin - Date of admission Oct 4 1885 - Received by experience  
Mary Apple (Ortrie) - Date of admission Oct 4 1885 - Received by experience  
Martha A. Cellar - Date of admission Oct 6 1885 - Received by experience  
Mrs. Bettie Manear - Date of admission Oct 7 1885 - Received by experience  
Bettie N. McKinley (Beasley) - Date of admission Oct 7 1885 - Received by experience  
Martha J. McKinley (Carlock) - Date of admission Oct 7 1885 - Received by experience -  
Dismissed by letter Sept 5 1890  
Wm. M. Clark - Date of admission Oct 9 1885 - Received by experience  
Martha R. Grisham - Date of admission Oct 10 1885 - Received by experience  
James Grisham - Date of admission Oct 10 1885 - Received by experience  
Albert L. Holleman - Date of admission Oct 10 1885 - Received by experience  
Aletha Tittle - Date of admission Oct 15 1885 - Received by experience  
William T. Tittle - Date of admission Oct 15 1885 - Received by experience  
William D. Morgan - Date of admission Oct 15 1885 - Received by experience  
John N. Grisham - Date Received May 5, 1886 - Received by letter - Dismissed by letter  
Nov 7, 1897  
Darthina T. Grisham - Date of admission May 5, 1886 - Received by letter - Dismissed by  
letter Nov 7, 1897  
Miss E. T. Maberry - Date of admission Oct 5 1886 - Received by experience  
Miss L F. Maberry - Date of admission Oct 5 1886 - Received by experience - Dead  
Miss Nottie Holleman (Dixon) - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
- Dead  
Miss Lura Smith (Vantrease) - Date of admission Oct 2 1886 - Received by experience  
Miss Helen Dillard - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Miss Bebe McDonald - Date of admission 1886 - received by experience - Dead  
Miss Ila Williamson (King) - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience -  
Died Feb 25 1921  
Miss Effa Carter McDonald - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Edgar Dillard - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Miss C. A. Tittle - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Miss Janie Elrod - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Bud Simpson - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
Mrs. Lula Holmes - Date of admission Oct 14 1886 - Received by experience - Dismissed  
by letter  
Mrs. M. J. Holleman - Date of admission Oct 14 1886 - Received from the M. E. Church,  
South



Miss Martha Grisham - Date of admission Oct 14 1886 - Received from M. E. Church, South  
George A. McDonald - Date of admission Oct 7 1887 - Received by experience  
Mrs. Elizabeth Apple - Date of admission Oct 7 1887 - Received by experience  
William C. Williamson - Date of admission March 4 1888 - Received by experience  
Mrs. Martha Goolsby - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by Recommendation - Dead  
Maggie McKinley - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by experience  
Jack Simpson - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by experience  
John Hargis - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by experience  
Maggie Holleman - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by experience  
Sallie E. Tittle (Huff) - Date of admission Oct 13 1888 - Received by experience  
Henry J. Stallings - Date of admission May 5 1889 - Received by experience  
Johnnie Bush - Date of admission Oct 12 1886 - Received by experience  
J. B. Zom Tolbert - Received by experience - Dismissed by letter Sept 12 1889 - In good standing  
Robt. Blackburn - Received by experience  
N. B. Myers - Date of admission Oct 11 1889 - Received by recommendation  
Nan Myers - Date of admission Oct 11 1889 - Received by recommendation  
John Trousdale - Date of admission Oct 11 1889 - Received by experience  
Cynthia Trousdale - Date of admission Oct 11 1889 - Received by experience  
Lizzie Mitchell - Date of admission Oct 11 1889 - Received by experience  
James Harris - Date of admission Oct 12 1889 - Received by experience  
Hugh Apple - Date of admission Oct 12 1889 - Received by experience  
Betty D. Myers - Date of admission Oct 12 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Minnie C. Williamson - Date of admission Oct 13 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Altie C. Myers (Huff) - Date of admission Oct 13 1890 - Received by Baptism  
John L Dillard - Date of admission Oct 13 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Robt. M. Hargis - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
M. B. McDonald - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Wm. Tittle - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Hugh B. Smith, Jr. - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Henry S. Holleman - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
John Lee - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - Received by Baptism  
D. C. Simpson - Date of admission Oct 14 1890 - received by Baptism  
Henry Myers - Date of admission Oct 15 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Cindy Tittle - Date of admission Oct 15 1890 - Received by Baptism  
Nancy Alridge - Date of admission Oct 15 1890 - received by Baptism  
Alice M. Burton (Hargis) - Date of admission Oct 10 1893 - Received by Baptism  
Maggie Burton - Date of admission Oct 10 1893 - Received by Baptism  
Mrs. ?? Lawlis - Date of admission Oct 10 1893 - Received by Baptism - Dismissed by letter  
Bennie Lawlis - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism

William Autrie - Date of admission Oct 15 1890 - received by Baptism  
 George McKinley, Jr. - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Homer McKinley - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Hugh McKinley - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 John Simpson - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Dock Simpson - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Henry Simpson - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Henry Myers - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Vetie Apple - Date of admission Oct 10 1893 - Received by Baptism  
 - -- Apple - Date of admission Oct 10 1890 - Received by Baptism  
 Rufus Grisham - Date of admission Oct 10 1893 - Received by Baptism - Dismissed by  
 letter  
 Minnie Tittle - Date of admission Nov 5 1893 - Received by Baptism  
 May Tittle - Date of admission Nov 5 1893 - Received by Baptism  
 Ida Tittle - Date of admission Nov 5 1893 - Received by Baptism  
 Minnie Holleman - Date of admission Nov 5 1893 - Received by Baptism  
 S. T. Burton  
 Cleo Burton  
 Wash Manier  
 Arvel Manier  
 Hugh Hargis  
 Adel Myers  
 Minnie Grisham  
 Myrtle Page  
 G. R. Maddux  
 Margaret Maddux - Died Jan 27 1897  
 Clio Burton  
 S. P. Burton  
 A. W. Burton

A total of 191 members was listed on the roster.

ADDENDUM - RAY LEFTWICH, BORN 02-24-1915

PORTER MCDONALD, brother to my great grandfather Samuel King McDonald  
 DORTHULA FERRELL, great aunt  
 JASPER MCDONALD, great uncle  
 HENRY BROOKS MCDONALD, grandfather  
 MATTHEW TROUSDALE MCDONALD, great uncle  
 LOU ELLEN MCDONALD, great aunt  
 Z. BELL MCDONALD MCCLELLAN, great aunt  
 MARY WALLACE MCDONALD, grandmother  
 JOHN KING TROUSDALE, 1st cousin of my mother, HENRIETTA MCDONALD, who  
 was a member of the Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Enigma, Tennessee.

## CHANCERY COURT RECORDS

For several years chancery court abstracts have been published in the Quarterly. The loose papers supporting all the chancery cases recorded in the ledgers have been fully indexed, placed in file folders and assigned a box and number. The Tennessee State Library and Archives has microfilmed the index and all of the papers which include invaluable information in the depositions. A copy of the microfilm may also be read at the Smith County Library. If the name you are searching appears in the index, it may indicate valuable information or it could mean only that your ancestor was on a jury or served as a witness. Each case is dated which may be helpful in determining if a particular name is the one you are seeking.

BEASON, MINERVA VS  
LANCASTER, MICHAEL

FILED JAN 8, 1868  
BOX 28, NO. 1422

Bill of complaint of MINERVA BEASON, minor, who sues by her next friend, BENJAMIN B. BEASON, citizen of Kentucky against MARY ASH and MICHAEL LANCASTER of Smith County. MINERVA is the only child and heir at law of REBECCA FRANCES BEASON, deceased, died 1865, Butter Co., Ky, daughter of JOSHUA CONGER, deceased. JOSHUA CONGER died intestate in Smith County leaving heirs: REBECCA, who married first ABNER LOCK who died and later BENJAMIN B BEASON, father of your orator; JOHN J. CONGER; ISAAC J. CONGER; PAULENA CONGER who married JAMES W BURRIS; JANE who married ? PARIS. Your orator claims that her mother's share of the estate of CONGER went to her siblings as they thought REBECCA had died childless. Supplement to original Bill filed May 23, 1881, against MICHAEL LANCASTER, P. GOLD, N. L. GOLD, NANCY J. BELLAR, JOHN ASH, JAS. L. ASH, THOS. P. ASH, of Smith County; T. A. GOLD and P. G. ASH of Dekalb Co.; PETER B. VAUGHN of Kentucky; BETSY JONES and husband, BIAS JONES, E. G. DILLARD, NANCY TOMLINSON and husband, SIMEON TOMLINSON, JANE GOLD all citizens of Wilson Co, Tn; WM. DILLARD of Ill; other children of MRS. DILLARD are SNEED and ELIJAH. B. B. BEASON and MINERVA moved to Wise Co., TX. Since filing of Supplemental Bill, NANCY BELLAR has married JOHN D. HARRIS; B. B. BEASON has died - 26 Dec 1883; MINERVA BEASON has married A. W. GILL - 5 Jan 1881. She was 21 on 25 Mar 1886. P. G. ASH died intestate, leaving widow, MARTHA, and children, POLLY, ANNA and ELLEN ASH. Sept. 1886, deposition of ELISHA CONGER, age 80, states that JOSHUA CONGER was the son of his brother, JOHN CONGER, and lived in area known as Devil's Garden. MATHEW PETROSS states that he married the widow of JOSHUA CONGER. CHARLIE BELLAR was an uncle of REBECCA CONGER BEASON. MICHAEL LANCASTER died 25 Oct 1887, leaving the following heirs: MICHAEL LANCASTER, JR, JAMES TIMOTHY KELLY and wife, MARY F. KELLY, and the following minor heirs - THOMAS LANCASTER, JR.; SARAH LANCASTER; JAMES LANCASTER, LULA BELL KELLY AND VERNA KELLY.

Case contains a description of the division of the lands in Devil's Garden which were sold in a chancery sale in 1889.

PICKETT, ANDREW G. VS 1850  
 HUGHES, JOHN B. and wife, NANCY; BOX 58, NO. 2974  
 JOHN N. JORDON and wife, NANCY N., formerly NANCY N. HUGHES; LEMUEL HUGHES, all citizens of Smith County with exception of LEMUEL HUGHES of Overton Co., Tn. Case concerns judgment obtained against WILLIAM G. AND SIMON P. HUGHES by PICKETT in 1843. PICKETT claims LEMUEL HUGHES, admr. is covering up assets of the estate. Between Dec 1845 and Feb 1846 WILLIAM G. HUGHES died at the home of his father, JOHN B. HUGHES, unmarried and intestate leaving as his heirs his parents, JOHN B. & wife NANCY and siblings, EDWIN M. HUGHES who died in 1847; LEMUEL H. HUGHES and NANCY N. HUGHES who married JOHN N. JORDON in 1847. Another brother, BEVERLY was dead. WM. G. held a note on JOHN COCKRAN of the State of Miss. COCKRAN, who died in 1843, formerly resided in Smith county and was a large landowner. LUKE, HELEN, HAL, NEAL were among the Negroes owned by the Hughes family. Orator claims that LEMUEL HUGHES is about to leave for Texas and carry the Negroes with him. SIMON P. HUGHES, brother of JOHN B., went to Texas in 1843 and died there. PICKETT is the son-in-law of SIMON P. HUGHES. Depositions: THOMAS CARMAN states that he is a brother of CALEB CARMAN. SIMON HUGHES states that JOHN B. HUGHES was admr. of his father's estate and married his sister. SIMON moved to Smith County from Va in 1846. JACOB HUBBARD is father of GEORGE M., DAVID and JOHN W. HUBBARD.

PENDARVIS, JOSEPH A. VS 1860  
 PICKETT, JOSEPH G., citizen of Smith Co BOX 71, 3637  
 GEORGE C. ALLEN, EXC. OF A. W. OVERTON; JAMES OVERTON, SARAH WHITLEY, citizens of Davidson Co. On Jan 3, 1866, PENDARVIS states that he is informed that JOSEPH G. PICKETT has died within the past 6 months, leaving no widow but the following children: SIDA, JONATHAN, ALICE, HARWOOD, LUCY H. PICKETT who are all minors and reside in Davidson Co., TN. PICKETT executed a deed of trust with a Negro boy named Dewitt, aged about 3 years, as security. Bill seeks to prevent PICKETT from selling Negro.

MORRIS, THOMAS A., Admr. of JAMES GILL, decd. VS 1875  
 BARBEE, JOHN Box 79, No. 4289  
 J. A. JARRED says he signed BARBEE'S name to a note with his permission. BARBEE denies granting permission. DEPOSITION: J. A. JARRED states that he is the son-in-law of JOHN BARBEE. JOHN BARNETT BARBEE is son of defendant, JOHN BARBEE.

ARENDALE, BENJAMIN, ADMR OF 1852, BOX 71, NO. 3589  
 MRS. LIZZA GILLIAM, dec'd., ELIZABETH ARENDALE, ABRAM DAVIS and wife  
 ELIZA, REBECCA COOPER, JOHN A. LYON and wife MATILDA, MARTHA  
 FLOWERS, all of Smith County, VS  
 HARRIS GILLIAM and WILLIAM GILLIAM'S heirs whose names are unknown,  
 citizens of the State of Arkansas. August 1852, MRS. LIZZA GILLIAM died intestate in  
 Smith Co., TN. She left as her legal heirs her children: ZILLA who married ABRAM  
 DAVIS; REBECCA who married JOHN COOPER who is now dead; ELIZABETH who  
 married BENJ. ARENDALE; MATILDA who married JOHN A LYON; MARTHA who  
 married WILLIAM FLOWERS who is now dead; HARRIS GILLIAM and WILLIAM  
 GILLIAM who is now dead - seven in number. LIZZA GILLIAM owned the following  
 Negroes: Celia, age 35; Paterne 11; Primus, a boy, 8; Mary 2. RUFUS PERRY states  
 that MRS. GILLIAM has been in Smith Co. about 25 years.

TROUSDALE, MATHEW C., a citizen of Texas, VS 1860  
 BUSH, WILLIS W., Smith Co. BOX 71, NO. 3603  
 DAVIDSON DRAPER and JAMES W. DRAPER, trustees, citizens of Smith Co.,  
 EZEKIEL WEST, a citizen of either Macon Co., TN or Kentucky, and TIMOTHY  
 BUSH, a citizen of Putnam Co. WILLIAM C. TROUSDALE acts as agent for  
 MATHEW C. for claims against defendants. TIMOTHY and WILLIS W. BUSH are  
 brothers.

BILL OF DIVORCE - NANCY WOOLARD of Smith Co. VS 1877  
 M. B. WOOLARD of parts unknown BOX 28, NO 1454  
 NANCY states that she and defendant were married in April 1869 and have two living  
 children, LEROY WOOLARD, age 5 and THOMAS WOOLARD, age 3. She and her  
 husband got along well until the fall of 1876 when he commenced a course of cruel and  
 inhuman treatment. They were living in Nashville but returned to Smith Co. M. B.  
 WOOLARD kept a saloon on Broad St. while in Nashville. She owns land in her own  
 right which was sold to WM. ROLLINS.

ELLISON, ELIZABETH, of Montgomery Co., TN, VS 1841 BOX 71, NO. 3609  
 TYREE, DAVID A. and wife, PATSY TYREE; JAMES M. WILLIAMS and  
 HARRIETT, his wife. DAVID TYREE, SR. died intestate 26 Sept 1842, leaving  
 PATSY his widow and HARRIETT WILLIAMS, JAMES TYREE (a minor) and DAVID  
 TYREE his only children. JEFFERSON E. BORUM is next friend of his mother,  
 ELIZABETH ELLISON. HENRY Z. BORUM also signed bond. Complainant states  
 that she was raised in Prince Edward Co., Va, married JACOB BORUM in 1806 after  
 having 4 children: WM. T; HENRY Z; JEFFERSON E. BORUM; a 4th died as a minor.  
 Her husband deserted her, and she married CORNELUS ELLISON. Her father was  
 WILLIAM TYREE, SR. of Prince Edward Co., VA; her brother was DAVID TYREE,  
 their mother SARAH TYREE. Suit is a dispute over land and Negroes, Polly and Micloy

and her increase, Mary and Emily. Comp. believes all the Negroes were the property of her maternal grandfather BARTHOLEMY ZACHERY of Amelia Co., VA. THOMAS J. TYREE states that he and DAVID TYREE moved from Va in 1817 and that ELIZABETH ELLISON came to TN in 1820. WILLIAM TYREE, SR, drew a pension and his wife drew it after his death. She moved to KY to live with her daughter, BETSY GRAY. WM. T. BORUM states that CORNELUS ELLISON had a former wife who divorced him. WM. BATES, age 47, Greenville Dist., SC gives dept. 19 May 1842, stating he purchased slaves from WM. TYREE. SARAH DENNY states that SARAH MITCHELL was the sister of DAVID TYREE, wife of CHARLES MITCHELL of Sumner Co., Tn. DAVID A TYREE, JAMES TYREE and HARRIETT WILLIAMS are children of DAVID TYREE, SR. SAMUEL PUGH, age 51, Saulsbury, Wilson Co., TN, 20 Dec 1841, states that JACOB BORUM was absent some two or three years before ELIZABETH BORUM married CORNELUS ELLISON. ISAAC BATES was brother of WM. BATES and son-in-law of JAMES TUBBS, SR. SARAH and WILLIAM TYREE SR. separated in 1817 and determined to divide the nine slaves among their 8 children. WM. TYREE, JR. AND DAVID came to Smith Co., bringing WILLIAM with them. SARAH TYREE came later with ELIZABETH BORUM. JACOB BORUM also came to Smith Co. but soon afterwards died in Nashville. Complaints bill was dismissed by the court.

WILLIAMS, SAMPSON, EXR., VS 1818  
 GREER, SARAH, et al BOX 28, NO. 1424  
 LAND DISPUTE - Warrant #13 issued by State of NC to HUGH BEATY (1000 acres) for military service, granted by State of Tennessee, #8906, to SAMUEL ROARK, son of JAMES ROARK, assignee of the heirs of BEATY, located on East Fork of Goose Creek in Smith County (1801). DANIEL TURRENTINE of Orange Co. NC hired PETER TURNEY, since deceased, to locate warrant, later sold portions to FREDERICK UHLES. ANDREW GREER on bond for TURNEY. WILLIS MARTIN age 42, 1821, Newsom's Mills, Davidson Co., TN, states that he purchased land from UHLES IN 1810. FREDERICK UHLES migrated from VA in Nov 1804. JAMES ROARK, deceased by 1831, had heirs: AMOS; WILLIAM; SAMUEL; RUTH ROARK; WILLIAM LINVILLE and wife, JANE. In a revised bill it is stated that WILLIAM ROARK has left the country and is believed to be dead, and that he is not a son of JAMES ROARK.

PRICE, WILLIAM, M. & DYSON, MARK of Sm Co. VS 1841  
 CAMPBELL, SARAH, of Williamson Co., Ill BOX 28, NO. 1422  
 In 1838, SARAH, widow of MOURNING CAMPBELL, sold land on Cumberland River three miles below Rome to PRICE, purported to contain 100 acres. Upon survey, PRICE found it to be only 83 acres. 62 acres was granted to CAMPBELL by ST of TN, #13124, Entry 1919, 4 Jun 1834. Depositions were taken in Ill by AARON CAMPBELL, age 41; IVY CAMPBELL, age 25, 16 Jul 1842. SARAH appoints JOHN CAMPBELL to act as her attn. in TN, 26 Jan 1842. The court ruled in favor of the complainant.

CARDWELL, DRUCILLA VS  
CARDWELL, J. LENARD

31 Oct 1885  
BOX 79, NO. 4285

BILL OF DIVORCE. DRUCILLA states she was married in Dec 1882 at the age of 14 to LENARD CARDWELL. They have a daughter about 2 years old. She accuses defendant of striking her and of cruel and inhuman treatment.

CHRISTEE, REBECCA VS

1848

CHRISTEE, THORNTEN, BILL OF DIVORCE

THORNTEN files cross bill stating they never married because of a legal barrier.

HENRIETTA SMITH, wife of NASH A. SMITH, states that THORNTEN told her they married on St. Patrick's Day in Georgetown District of Columbia. NASH A. SMITH is a brother of REBECCA and SARAH WATS is her niece. REBECCA NUNN, daughter of JOHN ROGERS and wife, LUCINDA, who is also a sister of REBECCA CHRISTEE. REBECCA CHRISTEE came from VA to Sm Co about 1829 with JAMES HOLY and family. HOLY married FRANCES, another sister of REBECCA CHRISTEE.

REBECCA CHRISTEE is said to be half-sister of THORNTEN CHRISTEE'S mother. MARY JANE CARNEY states that her mother is FRANCES HOLY, a sister to REBECCA CHRISTEE and also a sister to THORNTEN CHRISTEE's mother. LUCY ANN ROGERS, REBECCA NUNN, and SARAH WATS are sisters, daughters of JOHN ROGERS and LUCINDA.

SMITH, NICHOLAS VS  
STOKES, JORDAN

1851  
BOX 58, NO. 2972

On 26 Feb 1844 SPENCER KELLY of Smith Co filed an injunction against NICHOLAS SMITH of Dekalb Co. TN relating to debts of SAMUEL CAPLINGER. Between this time and February Term 1845, KELLY died with STOKES appt. exc. KELLY had sold his property to GEORGE W. TERRY. The case was not enrolled.

BURFORD, JOHN P. et al, GILBERT W. BRITTLE and wife, MARY ANNE 1861  
BURFORD, LOUIS MANNING and wife, LOUISA JANE HALE, citizens of Smith  
County VS BOX 70, NO. 4274

HALE, MATHEW F., a minor bout 18 years of age, a citizen of Smith Co.,

?? WILLIAMS and wife, SEMANTHA R. HALE, the latter about 20 years of age, JOSEPHINE HALE, some 8 or 9 years old, and WILLIAM HALE, all citizens of KY. The latter said minors without guardians. ELIZA J. HALE died about June 1860 in the State of KY to where she had just moved from Sm Co. She was the mother of JOHN P. BURFORD, MARY A. BRITTLE, LOUISA J. MANNING, SEMANTHA R. WILLIAMS, JOSEPHINE HALE. She had three other children - GILES D. HALE, MARTHA F. HALE, JAMES C. HALE who died minors without issue. GILES was born before Aug 1842 and MARTHA D. and JAMES C. after 1842. ELIZA J. HALE was daughter of JOHN A. MOORE and married first to DANIEL BURFORD by whom she had JOHN P. BURFORD AND MARY ANN BURFORD. After BURFORD'S death

she married WILLIAM D. HALE in 1832. In August 1842 ELIZA filed suit and was granted a divorce from WM. HALE. They later remarried and had child, JOSEPHINE. JOHN FITE appt. gdn. of minors, MATHEW F., & JOSEPHINE HALE & SEMANTHA R. WILLIAMS.

GASS, JOHN D. VS 1860  
 WHITLEY, WM. B., MCGEE, JOHN BOX 55, NO. 2827  
 Dispute over contractual agreement between the two parties. JOSEPH GASS is father of JOHN D. GASS and HENRY D. GASS. JOHN MCGEE dead prior to 1868, WM. B. WHITLEY, admr. RUFUS P. GASS, age 44, gave deposition 23 Sept 1867 in Crittenden Co., KY. JESSE B ANDREWS died in 1868.

HUNT, ELIZABETH VS 1865  
 FISHER, JACOB W. BOX 55, NO. 2805  
 Complainant ELIZABETH HUNT, is widow of ABEL HUNT, dec'd. who died in Sm Co, TN 15 Jun 1864 near the age of four score. She is near three score and ten years old. DANIEL, GASUM, JOHN, ALEXANDER, DOCTOR W. D., LOUE B., STUART P. HUNT, seven sons and MARY JANE, HANNAH, MALISSI, REBECCA, four daughters are all heirs & distributes of ABEL HUNT. MARY JANE is married to JOHN B. TUBB; HANNAH is wife of NEWTON ATWOOD; REBECCA is wife of WILLIAM MURRAY; MALISSA is wife of JOHN AGEE; ELIZABETH & DANIEL are residents of Sm. Co.; TUBB & wife citizens of Dekalb Co.; ATWOOD & wife residents of Illinois; the other deft. residents of KY when last heard from. HUNT owned 68 acres in Dist. 4 on waters of Round Lick Creek. JACOB FISHER claims he purchased land from dec'd. prior to his death (Deed Bk B, pp 33-34). ABEL HUNT's will probated 21 Feb 1866 but was rejected by the court. FISHER was in the Federal army; DANIEL HUNT was on the Federal side but not a soldier. Between 1839-1842 the Mormons came to this country and HUNT joined up with them. He was expelled from the Brush Creek Baptist Church on grounds of adultery with a woman who lived on his place.

WILLIS, LUCY VS 1843  
 WILLIS, WM. S. DIVORCE BOX 28, NO. 1432  
 The two married in Dec last, having been citizens of this state for more than 15 years. WM. owned land on Dixon's Creek. LUCY was formerly married to ROBERT WILBOURN. She is suing WM. for divorce because of his drinking habits. She also believes he is trying to get her money which she heired from WILBOURN. WILLIAM'S first wife was REBECCA WILLIS; his second was SALLY WILLIS; he had a sister, ISABEL, who was afflicted with "fits." THOMAS WILBOURN was a brother of ROBERT. LUCY says she raised 3 step-children of ROBERT WILBOURN. WILLIAM MARTIN testifies that he had known LUCY since before her marriage to WILBOURN and was one of her father's executors, but doesn't state his name.



MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A FITE  
7TH TENNESSEE INFANTRY

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The whole command then started for Warm Springs in a day or two with a wagon to each company with a detail to each wagon. One of the men I detailed was Jim Horn who was in the habit of running off. I told him if he left that wagon I'd punish him. We hadn't gone far until we came up with our wagon stalled. Horn wasn't with it. He had left and gone on. I saw no more of him until we got to Warm Springs when I looked up and on the porch of a hotel there stood Horn. I called him down and made him fall in. We went a short distance up on the side of the mountain and into camp and I put him in the guard house.

While we were there the boys got whiskey and were raising sand. General Hatton ordered me to take a detail and go down into the town, and see if I could find out who was selling that whiskey. I found a fellow down there who had what he called a barrel of cider on a cart. I saw it wasn't cider from the way in which he was selling it but when I proposed buying some he refused to sell to me, and then I told the boys that were with me to draw some of it. It had lots of whiskey in it so I got an axe and knocked the end out of the barrel, and poured the whole thing out and ordered him to leave there, and told him if I caught him there again I was going to arrest him. I went back up to camp that evening and that night some of the fellows came to me and told me that he had seen Charles Simpson with a keg of whiskey, had it on his shoulders. a five gallon keg. I arrested him and took him around to Hatton's headquarters with his keg of whiskey. Hatton abused him fearfully and threatened him with all sorts of punishment, told me to put him in the guard house, which I did. The next day Hatton ordered me to take a detail and go down into the town and see if I could find any more whiskey. I went, and after I'd been down there some time I saw Charlie Simpson coming along with a keg of whiskey. I arrested him. He said that Col. Hatton had allowed him to take it back and give it to the fellow and get his money. That made me mad and I took my detail and went back to camp and told Hatton there was no sense in my going around arresting fellows and him turning them loose. He said he got sorry for the poor fellow and told him he might take it back and get his money back. Hatton was a fine disciplinarian and to hear him talk you would think he would punish men to the extent of the law, but when he got them caught he was so tender-hearted that he would turn them loose.

While we were there at Warm Springs we had a good many of our sick in the hospital over at Healing Springs, 4 or 5 miles from there and they wanted to send a company over there. None of the companies were willing to go. I had a fellow in my company by the

name of Ben Fergerson who was as mean as the devil. I wanted to get rid of him but couldn't get a certificate from a doctor that would justify me in discharging him. General Loring came through there and just as he was getting ready to start away, he said that he was annoyed that none of the Captains here seemed willing to take their company and go to Healing Springs, said, "Captain Fite, I wish you'd take your company and go over there, I dislike to send a company that don't want to go." I told him if he'd discharge Ben Fergerson I'd take my Company and start over. He had his horse at the door of the hotel, ready to start. He said for me to step in the office and hand him a pen and ink and paper, and he wrote the discharge for Fergerson on his saddle, so I took my company and went to Healing Springs over there where we had nice quarters for the boys. In the meantime, I had turned Horn out of the guard house and the very next day he ran off. I sent Jim Johnson and some other fellows out to hunt him. They found him and brought him in, found him in a stillhouse. I put him in a little room and locked him up.

We stopped at Healing Springs, I think about a week, when the command started back across the mountains to Millsboro. At Millsboro we took a train for Staunton. From Staunton we marched down the valley and reached Strausburg the night before Christmas. That night the boys got hold of eggs and whiskey and had a big time and the next morning they were so drunk that they had a hard time getting started. I have no idea how many of them were drunk. There were a great many so drunk that they couldn't walk. We put the drunkest ones in the wagon and hauled them along. We didn't get over six miles that day and the next day we went into Winchester, where we went into camp and stayed there several days. We then started on our trip to Bath. The first day after we left Winchester we had a storm blow down a great many of our tents. We marched on then towards Bath. When we got within a few miles of Bath we camped, and the next morning was the first time I ever saw General Stonewall Jackson. He came up to our fire and warmed. There were about 12 inches of snow on the ground. After breakfast we started for Bath. General Anderson ordered me to take my company and another one and go up the mountain to the left of Bath. The Yankees had attacked some Virginia militia up there, and I was sent up there to support them. When I got up the mountains the Yankees were gone. Late in the evening I was ordered to come down the mountain and join the regiment. We joined the command down at Bath, and marched out toward the Potomac River. We stayed most of the night right along the road. It was said that General Jackson was going to make us wade the Potomac River and get over and attack the Yankees at Hancock. The river was full of floating ice. The boys got some rails and put them together and started them a fire. I sat down straddle the rails and went to sleep and burned my boots off of me, and the next day I was barefooted. A fellow there belonging to Wright's company had bought him a pair of boots and he concluded that they cost too much money for him to wear, so he sold them to me.

We went into camp the next day out near the Potomac River. On the opposite side of the river the railroad runs under a bluff. I was sent with some men across the river to tear up the railroad. We had an old boat and fifteen or twenty of us went over. We had pulled

up some of the rails when I heard a train coming. We hurried back across the river, and just about the time we got back the train came around the bend. When it struck the rail we had loosened up, the whole train jumped the track and run down into the river. It turned out to be a train of cattle. Of course, they were drowned.

We camped there some days and then started back and came back to a place called Ungers Cross Roads and went into camp there. I sent Bill Seeley over to a house where we understood they had some whiskey, and he brought back two or three canteens full of whiskey. Williamson and Howard and myself drank some of it. It was the meanest stuff I ever tasted. We like to have died with a headache. It was said it was made out of pine top, and called pine top whiskey.

While we were camped there General Loring went to General Jackson and told him that, as we were going to Winchester, he wanted permission to go on ahead and get to Winchester. It was said that Jackson asked him where he got his information that we were going to Winchester. Loring's reply was, "I don't see where else we can go." Jackson told him to go back to his command, and he'd soon find out where we were going. It was said that Loring got very mad and threatened to resign.

When we started to leave there, we turned to the right, and went to Romney. The roads were in a fearful condition, and we marched very slowly. The day we got there I was ordered with a large detail to cross the river and go to the toll gate about a mile beyond the river and establish a picket post. I was there several days and nights. Every evening about four o'clock the Yankee Cavalry would come up on the hill a good ways for a shot at us, and we would shoot at them, but nobody ever got hit. After staying there several days, I was ordered to bring my picket across the river and destroy the bridge. It was a wire suspension bridge so I tried to cut the wires to let it down but could not do it. I then put the men to carrying rails. We carried rails, until we filled up the bridge, and then set it afire. I never saw such a fire in my life. I was ordered, after I had destroyed the bridge, to come and join command. It took us all night to burn it down. Then we left and started for the camp about a mile back. When we got there, we found the command had gone on. There was fire there and straw where the boys had camped, and we lay down there and went to sleep. After taking a nap, we lit out to find the command. This was some 3 or 4 miles from Romney. When I got to Romney I was barefooted, but pretty soon a fellow at a store gave me a pair of boots and some whiskey.

We started on to catch up with the command, and got up with them a mile or two from Romney, just as they were going into camp. I had a most villainous headache. I sent for Dr. Robertson, our surgeon. He took a tumbler and stirred a whole lot of soda in some water and told me to drink it. I drank it and it relieved my head at once.

The next day we started on and passed a place called Hanging Rock where there was a great rock hanging over the road. Late that evening we went into camp. There was a stable or barn right across from where we camped. It had cut corn in the loft. I climbed up from the outside and got in among this corn to sleep. I was all cramped up and I stretched out, and it so happened that I was right over a hole in the loft and I fell through. It turned out to be full of cattle fattening. I fell among the steers and I had a hard time getting out.

We left there and went to Winchester and went into camp. Shepard and I were the only Captains in our regiment that had never had a furlough, so we concluded we'd go to Richmond. There was an order that no soldier or officer could leave the command without a furlough signed by the Major General. Loring had left us, and General Anderson had gone somewhere. General Manny had assumed command in Loring's division. Shepard and I went to Hatton and he gave us a paper which said that Captains Fite and Shepard have permission to be absent from this command for seven days. This was signed by Colonel Hatton. We took it to Manny, or rather I did, and he refused to sign it. Shepard and I concluded we'd go anyhow so we went down to town and got into a stage for Strausberg. When the stage came around in front of the hotel it stopped and a little Lieutenant with a big red sash around him and a guard, came up and stopped and called for our furloughs. I handed him my paper and he said, "there ain't no Major General approving this, and you will have to get it countersigned by a Major General." I told him he was a hell of a fellow if he couldn't tell the difference between a furlough and a leave of absence. He said, "Let me see that paper again." I handed it back to him. He said, "I beg your pardon, sir." I said, "The Army must be in a hell of a fix if it can't afford an officer of the day who couldn't tell the difference between a furlough and a leave of absence." He apologized and we went on. When we got to Strausberg we went to a hotel, and there we met a whole lot of fellows, mad and cursing, because they were not allowed to go on the train, not having a Major General's furlough. Shepard was scared and wanted to go back. I told him no, we wouldn't go back. I went to the clerk at the hotel and told him I wanted some paper and pen and ink sent up and I wanted a room. He assigned us a room and we went up into it and I wrote. The first thing I wrote was that "Captains Fite and Shepard are hereby detailed to go to Richmond and get saber bayonets for the 7th Tenn. Regiment." I signed that, "Robert Hatton - colonel commanding." then I wrote another one on the back of that, "approved, George Manny, commander division." and made Shepard sign that, and then I wrote another, "approved T. J. Jackson by J. Shelby Williams, Adj. General." We didn't either one of us know who Jackson's Adjutant General was, but Shelby Williams had just come there to be adjutant for old man Anderson. Shepard was scared all the time. We then went down and got on the train. Shepard said I'd have to do the talking, so I got in one end of the car, and he got in the other. Soon after the train started an officer, who had a guard with him, came through the train examining the furloughs and when he came to me he wanted to know who in hell was J. Shelby Williams. I said I didn't know but that he was at Jackson's headquarters and had signed that paper.

## WILLIAM TYREE, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay

[Ed. Note: See Chancery Court abstract, Elizabeth Ellison vs David A. Tyree, p. 83, this publication]

On 28 August 1832, William Tyree of Smith County, TN "aged 80 years in December next" appeared there in open court in order to obtain pension benefits under an Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

He stated that he was drafted in Prince Edward County, Va and was first under the command of Captain Jesse Owen or Owens and Lieutenant Dudley McDerman. He was marched from Prince Edward County to Hillsborough, NC where he joined the command of General Gates. At Hillsborough he was appointed a Sergeant which rank he held until he was discharged. On the march from Hillsborough he "discharged the duties of a Wagon Master, during his Continuation in the service." He belonged to the Army of General Gates at the time of the defeat at the Battle of Camden but he was not in the action, being absent "upon the duties of his office of Wagon Master or forwarder of Supplies for the army." From Camden he returned with the Army to Hillsborough and was marched from there to Guilford Court House, NC where he was "regularly" discharged. Colonels Stubblefield and Faulkner "he thinks" commanded the Regiment to which he belonged and General Stevens commanded the Brigade. "He thinks he entered the Service in April or May 1780 and served during that tour the term of Six Months." "He knows he was honorably discharged, but it has been many years Since he Saw his discharge" and he knows of no person in Tennessee who could prove his service but he enclosed documentary evidence of that service.

He stated that he was born in Powhatan County, VA in 1752, that he had no record of his age but "it will be found by consulting the record of the Church of England in Powhatan County, VA. He further stated that he was a resident of Prince Edward County, VA when called into service and that he continued to live there until 1817 when he moved to Smith County, TN. He signed by mark.

William Flowers and John Harper, Clergymen residing in Smith County stated before Don C. Dixon, J. P. that they were well acquainted with William Tyree, that they believed him to be about 80 years of age and that he "is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides" to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Witnesses to the claim were Solomon Debow, William C. Garrison and John Chambers, Chairman of Smith County Court, who stated the declaration had been approved by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Smith County and the claim was certified 4 September 1832.

William Tyree was placed on the pension rolls of West Tennessee at the rate of \$30.00 per annum from 4 March 1831 and the Certificate of Pension was issued 20 April 1833.

On 19 January 1837, Sarah Tyre, a resident of Smith County, aged 81 years, appeared before Exum Whitley, J. P. in order to obtain pension benefits under the Act of Congress passed 4 July 1836, and stated that she was the widow of William Tyree, a Revolutionary War pensioner. She made reference to his pension papers for proof of service and further

The fellow looked at it, and he finally said, "There's too much of this in the same hand writing." I said "Maybe you think it's a forgery." He said, "It does look damn suspicious." I said, "You better arrest us then." He said, "You needn't talk so damn smart." I didn't talk much more, except told him if he had us stopped old Jackson would ring his neck. He said he wasn't afraid of that. We got down to Manassas Junction. Shepard wanted to turn back. I told him, "No." While we were there waiting for the train to leave for Richmond I saw two ladies standing there. One of them had a basket. I walked up to one of them and said, "Madam, you are a friend I know to an old soldier." She said, "Yes, I'd be glad to do anything I could for one." I knew if I could get in the ladies coach I wouldn't likely be interfered with or turned back. The conductor came along and showed these ladies which coach to get in. It was the hindmost coach. I asked her to let me carry her basket in, and she handed it to me, and walked on into the train. I followed right behind her. There was a soldier standing there with a gun and stopped me. He says, "You can't get in there." I said, "What right have you to part a man and his wife?" He said, "Was that your wife?" I said, "Certainly, it was." He said, "Go on in then." Shepard had his woman's basket, and he never said a word to Shepard. If he had said a word to Shepard he'd have caught him, but we had no further trouble from that on to Richmond.

We stayed there several days and were there on the 22nd of February, the day that Jefferson Davis made his inaugural address. We learned, by some means, that our Regiment had left Winchester, and we didn't know where it had gotten to. General Loring was there stopping at the Spotsville Hotel. I supposed he would know where the Regiment was and I went down to see him. He said, "Yes, your regiment was to reach Fredericksburg Saturday."

Shepard and I went down and got on the train and went to Fredericksburg. When we got there we couldn't hear anything of our regiment. I went to the quarter master and te commissary both, and they said they had not heard of our Regiment. I knew if the regiment was to be there, they'd know it, so we went back to Richmond and the next day took the train for Winchester.

When we got to Gordonsville, we saw Andrew Martin. He was on his way to Richmond, and had a paper almost precisely in the language that Shepard and I had forged. He told us the regiment was still at Winchester so we went on and when we got to Winchester, we heard of all sorts of places as to where our Regiment was. One fellow told us he was provp martial, said it was about six miles out from Winchester, said that they expected an attack from the Yankees and didn't want the Yankees to know where the Regiment was. Shepard and I got very anxious to find where the Regiment was. I told him we'd go up to Jackson's headquarters and could find out. Shepard said, "Old Jackson will put us in the guard house if we do." I told him I thought not.

We knew if the Regiment got into a fight and we were not there, we'd be disgraced, so we went up to Jackson's headquarters, walked in and walked up to a young man at a

writing desk and told him that Shepard and I had been off on a short furlough and that we were anxious to join our Regiment, but didn't know where to find it. Jackson was standing back there and he spoke up and said, "Your regiment will be at Manassas Junction tonight, I've just had a courier from over there." I hadn't noticed Jackson being there before, so Shepard and I took a stage for Strausberg, a train from Strausberg, and just before we got into Manassas Junction we saw the Regiment. We didn't take long to join it, and I swore then I'd never leave it again without the proper papers.

We went from there to Fredericksberg and then down the Potomac to Evansport, where we remained for some time. We went into camp at Fredericksberg.

There was an order issued there that any soldier or officer should not pay more than a certain fee for fish, the fisherman had been robbing the boys. A fellow came along with some fish, and he had some of the finest I ever saw, some shad. I bought them and gave more for them than I was allowed. General Anderson found it out, and he put me under arrest, but he didn't keep me under arrest but a few minutes, when I explained to him how it was. He said, "If you will take a drink with me, I will let you off this time, but don't you do it anymore." I promised.

After staying at Fredericksberg about a week, we started on to march to Yorktown. It was hot and dry weather. After going some distance we came to a creek or river, and the bridge was down. We cut down some trees on both sides and let them lap over, and made us a sort of a bridge to cross over, but our road wagons couldn't cross. We went on, and about the second day we hadn't had anything to eat. We were marching along the road and stopped to rest by the side of a corn field. The corn was just about in good roasting ear, and there must have been 10 acres in the patch. We got orders to get over in the field and get corn and eat it, and I have no idea there was an ear of corn left there in ten minutes. I got two ears and ate them.

The road was sandy and hot, and we were starved to death for water. Finally we came to the little town of Kent, and there was a well there right on the side of the road, and a trough that we watered our horses in. The trough had been pumped full of water so the fellows would rush up to the trough, stick their heads down into the water and drink and be holding a canteen in the water while they were drinking.

We reached Macgruders Army one evening and went into camp. While we were there, I was sent with my company on picket duty down in a slough that connected with the river. The Yankees were on one side of it, some distance however from the water. It seemed to be a swampy place on the other side. While we were sitting there on the bank every few minutes an old porpoise would come to the top, then dive down. I had never seen a porpoise before and I was sure it was a Yankee. I took one of the boys guns and told him I was going to kill him. The old thing would come up 50 or 75 yards from me and he'd go down so quick I couldn't shoot him. Colonel Taylor from Kentucky

had been there before I was picketing. He came down to where I was and saw me sitting there and asked me what I was doing. I told him there was a damn Yankee out there in that water, had on a diving suit, and I was going to try to kill him. "Oh," he said, "You must be mistaken." I said, "No, watch and you'll see directly." About that time old Mr. Porpoise came up and dived down. Taylor was sitting pretty close to me and he just rolled over on the ground and said, "You are the damndest fool I ever saw, that's no Yankee, that's an old porpoise."

We were to leave the next day. The next day after we got back into camp, I was detailed with a large party of men and wagons and axes to repair the road going back towards Richmond. I found by leaving the road and cutting a new road I could get a better road than the old road. I completed the road as far as I had been ordered to go. General McGruder came by where I was at work on the road, with his staff and complimented me on my job and said I ought to be an engineer instead of in the line.

That day while I was off working on the road our regiment reorganized, electing officers. I knew nothing of it until I got back that night. One of the first ones of my Company that I met was Jim Horn. He told me that he'd found out that day that the American people wasn't capable of self-government. I asked him what he meant. He said the Company had been reorganized and that he had offered his services to my company for one of the Corporal's places, and that they refused him.

The next day the army started on a retreat for Richmond. I think it was the second day. It had been raining and the worst roads I ever saw. We marched all day in the rain and about night word was passed back down the line that we could either come on to camp, or stay wherever we were. I was tired and worn out, and Mitchell Anderson, brother to Miss Amanda Anderson, proposed we just lay down there, and spend the night. He had a blanket and we lay down on the ground and pulled the blanket over us and slept there until morning. It rained pretty much all night. Next morning we went on to camp about a mile from Williamsburg. I got to camp and got something to eat.

General Anderson sent for me and ordered me to go to Richmond and get up all the men who were able for duty. (they had been there in a hospital) and bring them to the command. I got a horse from the quartermaster's department and started. I rode all day until about dark. I stopped at a fellow's house and asked him to let me stay all night. He said he was perfectly willing for me to stay but my accommodations would be mighty poor, his house was full of soldiers then. I put up my horse and got some little something to feed him on. I think I got some supper. I lay down on the floor with the balance of the fellows and went to sleep. Next morning I started on my journey to Richmond. Along during the day some time I heard some little fighting.

TO BE CONTINUED.



declared that they were married in 1773 or 1774 "as well as she can recolect" by the "Church Parson" in Buckingham County, VA and that "She had three children born when her husband William Tyre entered the Service." She knew of no living person who could prove their marriage.

Her husband, William Tyre died 30 September 1833, and she had remained a widow ever since. Because of "old Age and bodily infirmity" she was unable to attend the court. She signed by mark.

Her declaration was certified by Exum Whitley, J. P.

On 20 January 1837, Obadiah Paris appeared before Nelson Thornton, J. P. for Smith County and stated he had "been acquainted with Sarah Tyre and her husband William Tyree for 54 years past" and that "they had been married and had several children when he first knew her."

Nelson Thornton, J. P. certified that he was well acquainted with Obadiah Paris and that he was "a man of veracity and truth." 20 January 1837, and on 21 January 1837, John J. Burnett, Clerk of Smith County court certified the affidavits. The pension bureau requested more proof and on 29 March 1837, A. Fergusson wrote to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, DC:

Carthage, Tennessee  
29th March 1837

Dear Sir:

I adress you at the request of Some of our citizens Who are decendants of Revolutionary Pensioners and Soldiers, upon the Subject of bounty lands. There are Some in this country that never received lands for Services rendered in the War of the Revolution, although it is believed they are entitled to the Same especially Regular soldiers Who Served out their time. I would take it as a great favor extended to myself and others if you would send us a Statement of the proof Necessary in the different kind of Services that entitles the applicant to land bounties and the course to be taken to establish their claims.

This subject or business has been much neglected in this part of the country. Several have applied through their immediate Representatives in Congress but I presume they many times were engaged so as to preclude their effeacting any thing. I had made Some enquiries Some years ago with respect to land bounties and through the kindness of the Honorable Felix Grundy, a correspondence took place between Myself and Mr. St. Claire Clerk of the House of Representatives and others. The information then received was Such as to discourage all attempts at establishing any claim as to one hundred acres of Script or land warrant could not be sold for more than \$25.00. That was in 1830 but there has been several laws passed Since then as I understand and different regulations. There has been a great increase in the price of land Since, Which makes it worth while attending to I understand also that instead of land they receive Scrip or Commutation in Money as the lands laid off are hard to be found. Any information upon this Subject will be thankfully received, also if you are not the proper person to address upon application of land claims Please enform me who is.

The letter directed to our clerk from you requiring more proof in the application of Sarah Tyree for a Pension has been received and will be attended to in due time Although I fear should you require the record of the Marriage or proof of such record it would be impossible to furnish one in fifty of all the old ladies and revolutionary Pensioners were Married (especially those whom you designate as entitled to the provision of the law) in the eastern States when this country was a Wilderness and perhaps but few of Such records are preserved. I See by your letter they must be married before the last Period of their husbands Service expired.

With great Respect I am dear Sir  
A. Fergusson

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions Washington City

PS Since writing the foregoing letter I have been enabled to procure two letters from Sarah Tyree at the time he was in Service Which you will find enclosed I have no doubt of their being genuine they Speak for themselves and I am in hopes they will show Satisfactory that they were Married previous to the last term of his Services. I will see however what other proof can be obtained.

Respectfully, A. Fergusson

NB the proof and letters were before the court and are enclosed with all the proceedings had.

Respectfully, A. Fergusson

On 3 April 1837, before Leroy H. Cage, Exum Whitley, Patrick Fergusson, Edward Bradley, Isaac Goodall and A. A. Brevard, Commissioners of the County Court, appeared William Patterson who states he had known William and Sarah Tyree and had been a close neighbour for fifteen years. He believed them to be legally married "in fact Such question was never made" and he believes "them to have been Married before the last Period of the Said William Tyree's ...term of Service. The record of the age of their first Children bears the Mark of age and also to be the genuine Writing of William Tyree the first born was Flanders Tyree on the 19th March 1775 and so, follows them in Success [ion] Six or Seven Children he has no doubt of the record's being genuine also he has Seen Two letters Written During the time...of service which he believes to be genuine."

William P. Hughes declared on the same date that he also had known William and Sarah Tryee for fifteen years and agreed with the deposition of William Patterson.

Their depositions were certified by John J. Burnett, Clerk of Smith County court, 5 April 1837, at Carthage, TN.

Sarah Tyree was placed on the Pension Roll of West Tennessee at \$30.00 per annum from 30 September 1833 and the Certificate of Pension was issued 1 May 1837.

Enclosed as proof were five letters, a memorandum and William Tryee's original discharge - apparently found after his original application. The first letter is illegible but for the signature "Estes" and "By order of Gen Stevens." The other enclosures are as follows:

(first enclosure)

[addressed on verso] "Instructions for Sargeant"

Sir. You will proceed on the Crosscreek ford, lose no time, deliver Mr. Mattell his letter who will load your Waggon With Salt. Take in Eighteen Bushels in each Waggon and a Small Bar[rel] Sugar ?? 1/2 doz Winsor chairs a Negro Woman & a Side Saddle, you will apply to Mr. Mattell for these Articles and he will inform you where they are and how you'll get them dont fail getting them if you dont bring quite so much Salt

I make no doubt but ever attention in your power will be paid to those Instructions, and you will call on them to furnish you with Provisions and forage which is able and ?? Spare it, take care to give Receipts for Every thing you get as the people may get paid and that no depredations be committed on the people any person under any Pretence whatever.

J. Estes A. C. P.

By order of ?? Gen. Stevens

(second enclosure)

"from Hillsborough to Crousford on Haw River, 18 miles; to Chatham Court House, 8 Miles; to Ramseys mills, 12 miles; to Hinton's, 8; to dobbins', 15; to Little River, 12; to Crosfork 12

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77"

(third enclosure)

[addressed on verso] "Wm Tyree Sergt"

Hillsborough July 21st 1780

Sir You will please to proceed on the road to Pittsylvania and make application to the Commissioners [of the Public Service Law] for to Lode your two Wagons with Corn I have Sent on Mr. Holloday with five Waggons who acts as Waggon Master for them and these two I hope you will Over Take them as he has Gen. Stevens' instructions how to proceed if you Should not see him you will Show this to the Commissioners who will give you Every Assistance in their power.

I am you Ob Svt, J. Estes ACP

To. Wm Tyree Sargen't"

(fourth enclosure)

"Mrs. Sally Tyree in Virginia - Prince Edward C. favor of Mr. Richards  
Dear Wife. Hillsborough. July 10, 1780. having an Oppertunity of Writing To You I Should be Wanting in Duty, Should I Omit it: Tho I have nothing Alarming or Entertaining to Transmit unto you, at present this leaves us all in a tolerable State of health at present - hoping that God in his Devine protection has been as Merciful to you & the Children. I Expect We Shall march Down towards Cross Creak as Soon As We get arms - for it is genrally Reported there is a great Number of them There. I have no more to Add - but Remains Dear Wife Your Loveing Husband

William Tyree"

(fifth enclosure)

"William Tyry at head Quarters Captain ??, Company South Carolina.  
Prince Edward County, Virginia July ye 29 1780

Dearest loving Husband I do take this opertunity to Write to you to let you know that I and my Little Children are all in good Health at Present - thanks be to almighty God for all His meritts that he bestowes upon us Hope in that these fewe lines may find you in the

same. Your absence is very disagreeable to me and I Should be very glad if it were the will of Providence that We should have the Pleasure of meeting again the time Seems very long and tedious to me but I Know that the Lord is all sufficient to preserve both you and me in our Absence as Well as if we were to gether and I do hope and trust that he Will continue his Goodness to Us Until We meet again. Sarah Chalender has gone and left me but I am not Left alone but i do not think that all the company in the World can Satisfy me untill I do see you again. I received three Letters from you Which afforded me abundance of Satisfaction When I understood that you Was Wagoner Pray fail not to Write to me at Every oportunity and to let me Know whether you do continue to be Wagoner and What time you do expect to be back in ?? more at present but I Remain Your Loving and affectionate wife until death

Sarah Tyry"

(sixth enclosure)

"William Tyree One of the Virginia Militia haveing Serv'd his Tower of Duty in Gen Steapens's Brigade is hereby Discharg'd by Me the 8th November 80 Math Morris"

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National Archives and Records Administration. National Archives Microfilm Publication, Microcopy No. 804. Revolutionary War Pension and Land Bounty Files. Roll 2433. File of William Tryee or Tyry (Sarah). Virginia. W6331.

Note. William Tryee says he was born in 1752 in Powhatan Co., VA. Powhatan was created in 1777 from Cumberland Co.,VA. No Anglican Church register has survived for the area.

*William Tyree*  
(1780)

*Sarah Tyry*  
(1780)

*Abner Garrison*  
(1837)

*Mrs D. Hughes*  
(1837)

*Don C. Dixon*  
(1832)

*Mrs J. H. H. H. H. H.*  
(1832)

*James Whitley*  
(1837)

*Madiah Paris*  
(1837)

*John Elmer*  
(1832)

## TYREE TO BALLOW - POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas T. Tyree for myself and as guardian for Abner C. Tyree do hereby nominate constitute and appoint William T. Ballow of Cumberland County and State of Virginia my Attorney in fact for me and in my name to demand and receive from the administrators of Peter T. Philips or any other person or persons having possession of the distributive Shares which have descended to me and my ward Abner C. Tyree from David Tyree, dec'd. late of Cumberland County and State of aforesaid. Also to demand and receive for me and in my name from John W. Nash and Henry L. Hopkins Commissioners etc or any other person or persons having possession of the distributive Shares which have descended to me and my ward Abner C. Tyree from James Hutcherson, dec'd. late of Powhatan County and State aforesaid and all necessary receipts bonds and acquittances for me and in my name to execute for and about the same and I do hereby ratify and confirm all the lawful actings and doings of my Said attorney in the Premises as fully as if I was present and doing the Same myself. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 14th day of October 1837.

T. T. Tyree for Self  
and gd fsd for Abner C. Tyree

State of Tennessee Smith County

Personally appeared before me John J. Burnett clerk of Smith County Court Thomas T. Tyree whose name is subscribed to the within Power of Attorney with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the same to William T. Ballow bearing date the 14th day of October 1837 for the purposes therein contained.

In testimony whereof I have hereto Set my hand and affixed the Seal of office in Carthage the 14th day of October 1837 & 62nd Year of our Independence.

John J. Burnett of Smith County Court

State of Tennessee Smith County

I Leroy H. Cage Chairman of Smith County Court certify that John J. Burnett whose name appears to the above certificate, is clerk of our said court & that his certificate is in due form of Law and that full faith and credit are due to all his acts as such. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1837.

Leroy H. Cage Chr of Smith County Court (L.S.)

Virginia To Wit

At a Court held for Powhatan County at the Court House thereof on Monday the 1st day of January 1838. The foregoing Power of Attorney which has been duly acknowledged by Tho. T. Tyree for himself and as guardian for Abner C. Tyree a party to the same to be his act and deed in the State of Tennessee and certified was this day Presented in Court and with the certificates thereon indorsed ordered to be recorded.

Teste R. F. Graves DC

Cumberland County Clerks office February 19th 1838. The foregoing Power of Attorney with a certificate from the County Court of Powhatan was Presented in the Clerks office and with the certificate thereon endorsed admitted to record according to Law.

Teste Miller Woodson CC

Now Know ye that I David Tyree of Smith County and State of Tennessee have made constituted and appointed William T. Ballow of the State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name to sign & seal and execute and deliver such deeds conveyances bargains and Sales for the Absolute Sale and disposal. Thare of all or any part thare in contained as my said attorney shall think fit and expedient hereby ratifying and confirming and allowing and for receiving all Sums of money and receipting in my name as fully as I my Self Could do Ware I personally present my self. In witness whare of I have set my hand and fixed my Seal in the presence of: Sept 8th 1835, David Tyree State of Tennessee Smith County

This day personally appeared David Tyree whose Signature appears to the above certificate before Don C. Dixon and Henry B. McDonald two of the acting Justices of the peace for Said County acknowledged the execution of the above letter of attorney to be his act and deed for the purposes therein specified. Witness Our hands and Seals this 8th day of September 1835.

Don C. Dixon, Justice of Peace (L.S.)  
Henry B. McDonald, Justice of Peace (L.S.)

State of Tennessee Smith County

I Jonathan Pickett clerk for the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby certify that Danl (sic) C. Dixon and Henry B. McDonald before whom the within power of attorney was acknowledged now are and were at the time of the acknowledgment of said Power of attorney two of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid duly Commissioned and qualified according to Law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Carthage this 8th day of September 1835 and 60th year of Our Independence.

J. Pickett, Clerk

State of Tennessee Smith County

I Henry McDonald Chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby certify that Jonathan Pickett whose name appears to the above certificate as Clerk of our said Court, tha- his said Certificate is in due form of Law and that full faith and credit is due to all his attestations as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of September 1835 -

Henry B. McDonald Chairman  
of Smith County Court

Cumberland County Court Clerks office February 19th 1838

The foregoing power of attorney which has been duly acknowledged by David Tyree party thereto to be his act and deed in the State of Tennessee and certified was this day presented in the Clerk's office and with the certificates thereon endorsed admitted to record according to Law.

Teste Miller Woodson CC

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Cumberland Co., VA. Deed Book 23, 1837- 1839. pp. 212-215.

*THE NASHVILLE BANNER*  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1885

Contributed by Marylin Bell Hughes

CARTHAGE

Death by Accident - Arrested - Sensational Elopement -  
Hall - Roads - etc.

Correspondence of the Banner.

Carthage, December 21. Wade Donoho, one of the best citizens of the upper portion of Smith county, met with a most untimely and sudden death a few days since. He and another man were cutting down a tree for firewood when a rotten limb broke and fell thirty feet, hitting him on the head and killing him instantly.

There has been intense excitement around Gibbs' X Road, twenty-four miles north of here, in regard to the attempted robbery of an old widow lady, reported to be hoarding a great deal of money. The parties suspected were some young men belonging to the best families in the community. Last Thursday night two masked men rushed into the room of Mrs. Kirby and demanded her money. She coolly informed them that she had no money, and further that her son was coming and they had better leave, and they became frightened at this and left. Last Saturday Hess Witt of Gibb's X Road, and James Kirby, of Bellwood were arrested on suspicion. Hess Witt was bound over to the circuit court and was placed in jail at Lafayette. Kirby was turned loose.

Temperance Hall, near this place, has been the scene of a very sensational elopement. Mr. John Close, a young farmer of that place, had been keeping company with Miss Sallie West, a near neighbor for the last five years. But although John stood well he was looked upon with disfavor by the old folks, who are old-fashioned Baptists, and they finally prohibited his visiting their daughter. For some time they met in secret, until finally a young man from Murfreesboro came upon this scene. The old folks favored his suit and finally the young lady agreed to marry her city beau. The wedding-day was to have been last Thursday. The cakes were baked and the guests invited, but our John was also at work. Meeting his lady love the Tuesday night before, he persuaded her to marry him, the choice of her heart, and before the sun had risen the next morning he obtained a license and was married by a neighboring squire. The city beau came only to find his promised wife flown and the wedding baked meats coldly furnished forth the funeral feast.

Our railroad delegation returned yesterday from your city, and we are highly pleased with their report of their reception by Nashville merchants. We mean business about this road, and Nashville ought to remember we help those who help us. While coal is selling at eighteen cents in your city, we are buying it here at twelve cents, and it is superior coal, too. Our streets have been a scene of continual bustle over the wagons from town and country hauling in the winter supply of coal, which has just arrived from up the river.

Smith County is having a model poorhouse built, which will soon be completed. It is heated by hot air and has all the latest sanitary improvements. It is pronounced by experts to be a model house of the kind.

Rev. J. R. Goodpasture has just closed a series of interesting sermons. Much good was done. Several were converted.

W. B. Lee and family, Granville, have returned from Texas. He says Tennessee water beats the world. Thus one by one they return from Eldorado.

### *CARTHAGE COURIER*

March 21, 1946

[Ed. Note: The following is an issue that needs to be addressed as badly today as fifty-three years ago. The City does keep the cemetery mowed, but now, as then, much work remains to be done in caring for and restoring the unique and interesting old stones. Come on, Smith County Historical & Genealogical members, let us rally to the cause!!]

Relatives of the dead who lie buried in the old City Cemetery here are being asked to donate for upkeep of the graveyard.

Just off the southwest corner of the Square and hard by the Negro Methodist church, the cemetery has not been a ward of the town since the establishment a few years ago of Ridgewood cemetery. Maintenance of the graves and the grounds is therefore purely by donation.

A group of public-spirited citizens, headed by Mrs. W. H. Turner, have sought to clean up the grounds, refill sunken graves, erect fallen stones, and straighten leaning stones. This work is now in progress through donations already received, but Mrs. Turner said more will be needed if the cemetery is to be put in good condition.

A visit to the cemetery is convincing proof that such work needs to be done, although much already has been accomplished. Some work was done last year but not until the summer. An earlier start was made this year to keep weeds and grass from getting too much start.

Names on the headstones are like a roster of the early residents and founders of Carthage - Fite, Fisher, Dewitt, McClarin, Myer, Moores, Gardenhire, McDonald, McMillin and many others. Donations are actuated by pride and sentiment in these old and good names.

Mrs. Turner said she is willing to do the work of planning, supervising and cleaning of the cemetery if relatives of those buried there wish it. The town made a donation for the work last year, but no funds are available for the purpose now. Mrs. Turner said donations should be mailed to her immediately, and hereafter on the first of the year so arrangements can be made to maintain the graves throughout the year.



OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

On the blank back pages of an old store ledger dating from March 10, 1837, an unknown Federal officer began recording Oaths of Allegiance as administered by the occupying Union forces stationed in Carthage. The entries begin on October 6, 1863, and continue through the months of November and December of the same year. Persons residing in the counties of Putnam, Jackson and Dekalb as well as Smith are among those listed.

*Falmouth Ky Foster Ky*  
*Falmouth Ky*  
*General Marshall C. C.*  
*Carthage S. W. Va.*  
*Guard & Sentinel*  
*Allen, Missouri, Federal Spikes*  
*George W. McKill*  
*George W. McKill*  
*Commanding Division*  
*Carthage Tenn*  
*May 26 1863*  
*Hogg*  
*Hogg*  
*Hogg*

Record of Oaths Administrated  
Commencing Dec 1903

- 1 Ira Richards Bond \$5,000.00  
Bondsmen W. J. Searcy & James Jones  
all of Putnam County Tenn
- 2 J. D. Price Bond \$5,000  
Bondsmen L. L. Sanders and  
R. J. Flippin all of  
Smith County Tenn  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1903
- Oct 19 1903
- 3 Charles Williams Bond \$5,000  
Surety Wm A Williams &  
J. B. Asker De Kalb County
- 4 James Nixon Bond \$5,000  
Sureties J. B. Asker &  
A. Jackson all of De Kalb Co.
- 5 Braxton Malone Bond \$5,000  
Sureties J. B. Asker & A. Jackson  
all of De Kalb County
- 6 Isaac Seydair Bond \$5,000  
Sureties J. B. Asker & A. Jackson  
of De Kalb County Tenn
- 7 John Lissner Bond \$5,000  
Sureties L. L. Sanders & G. L. Sanders  
Smith County

- 8 Meredith Lewis Bond 5,000  
Obridge Mygatt  
Gen W Mygatt  
Bondsmen  
Alfred Mygatt &  
Lusher Glass  
all of Putnam Co.
- 9 Cornelius Fisher <sup>Putnam Co</sup> Bond \$5,000  
Sureties J. K. Williams & L. L. Sanders  
of Smith County Tenn
- 10 John L. Kuddleston Putnam County Tenn  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jesse Pickett & Johnathan Denny  
Putnam County Tenn
- 11 George Whithead Putnam County  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jesse Pickett & Daniel Brown  
Putnam Co State of Tenn
- 12 William Haynes Putnam County  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jesse Pickett & Johnathan Denny  
of Putnam County Tenn
- 13 Daniel Brown Putnam County  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jesse Pickett & Johnathan Denny  
of Putnam Co Tenn
- 14 Jesse Pickett Smith County  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Johnathan Denny & Daniel Brown  
Putnam Co Tenn
- 15 Johnathan Denny Smith County  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jesse Pickett & Daniel Brown  
Putnam Co Tenn

- 16. Timothy Denny Putnam County  
Squire Jonathan Denny & Jesse Putnam  
Smith County Surety.
- 17. S. R. Johnson Bond \$5,000  
Squire L. B. Chubb & L. H. Leonard  
all of Smith County Surety
- 18. Saml. K. Gagan Putnam Co  
Bondsmen William Whitefield &  
Josiah Whitefield  
amt Bond 5000
- 19. Josiah Whitefield Smith Co  
Bondsmen William Whitefield &  
Wm. Hughes Putnam Co  
amt. Bond 5000
- 20. Wm. Whitefield Putnam Co  
Bondsmen  
Saml. Gagan & Whitefield  
amt 5000
- 21. American Surety Putnam Co  
Bondsmen  
Joshua Whitefield  
Saml. R. Gagan  
amt Bond 20,000
- 22. Robt. Burton Putnam Co  
Bondsmen  
Wm. Whitefield & Gagan  
amt Bond 25,000
- 23. William H. Reynolds Putnam Co  
Bondsmen  
Layton Stanton Putnam Co  
amt of Bond \$500
- 24. Homer Denny Smith Co  
Bondsmen  
Wiley Denny & Franklin Denny  
amt of Bond \$1000

- 25. W. H. H. Reynolds Smith Co  
a Member of the Law Company  
Bondsmen  
J. G. Reynolds \$1000
- 26. George Baker Smith Co  
Bondsmen  
J. W. Smith Smith Co \$1000
- 27. Jas. M. Smith White Co  
Rebel Soldier  
No Bond required
- 28. B. S. Bailey Smith Co  
a Rebel Soldier  
Bondsmen  
Anson Jeffries & Henderson Petty  
all of Smith Co  
amt of Bond \$300
- 29. P. B. J. Smith Smith Co  
Bondsmen  
S. M. Folsom & D. Steffen  
amt of Bond \$500
- 30. Natl. Bowen Smith Co  
Bondsmen  
W. H. Allen  
amt of Bond \$100
- 31. Wilson C. Putnam Co Bond \$500  
Bondsmen  
John Allegier Smith Co Surety  
Reb. Salas (Coast)
- 32. John S. New Gray Rebel Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Bondsmen  
Horace Ellison & Albert Healy  
all of Smith County Surety
- 33. John Allegier etc of Smith Co  
County Surety

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

34 Joseph H. Brown Bond \$3000  
Squires Rbt Bowman and  
Thos H. Williams  
all of Smith County Tenn

35 James Brooks Smith Co, Tenn  
Bond \$3000  
Squires L. Sanders & J. H. Hunt  
Smith Co Tenn

36 William H. Flippin Rebel Solon  
of Smith County Tenn  
Bond \$1000  
Squires Geo S. Williams & Hugh H. Keale  
of Smith County Tenn

37 George S. Williams Rebel Solon  
Bond \$1000  
Squires Hugh H. Keale and  
William H. Flippin  
all of Smith County Tenn

38 Hugh H. Keale Rebel Solon  
of Smith Co Tenn  
Bond 1000  
Squires William H. Flippin and  
George S. Williams  
of Smith County Tenn

39 Robert Lyons Rebel Solon  
Bond \$1000  
Squires S. A. Pope & J. H. Keaper  
all of Smith County Tenn

40 William H. Green Rebel Solon  
Bond \$1000  
Squires A. J. Smith & J. P. Taylor  
all of Smith County Tenn

41 John B. Ulkus Rebel Solon  
Bond \$1000  
Squires B. B. Ulkus and  
Samuel S. Burton all  
of Smith Co Tenn

42 John M. Shirley Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Squires J. M. Goolby and  
White Myers all of  
Jackson County Tenn

43 William J. Cleaman Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Squires John C. Cooper and  
White Myers all of Jackson  
County Tenn

43 J. M. Goolby Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Squires White Myers and  
John M. Shirley all of  
Jackson County Tenn

44 Robert M. Goolby Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Squires Francis M. Goolby  
& White Myers all of  
Jackson County Tenn

45 John C. Cooper Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Squires ~~William J. Cleaman~~ Shirley  
and John M. Shirley and  
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Smith County Tenn

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- 46 White Myers Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties James McBlairin and  
Francis M. Gasky all of  
Smith County Tenn
  - 47 William B. Holmes Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties David S. Sheppard and  
John Kelly all of  
Jackson County Tenn
  - 48 David S. Sheppard Citizen  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James McBlairin and  
John Kelly all of  
Jackson County Tenn
  - 49 Geo McMillan Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm B. Holmes &  
Mathew McKimly all  
of Smith Co Tenn
  - 50 John Kelly Citizen  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Wm B. Holmes  
and D. S. Sheppard, all  
of Jackson Co Tenn
  - 51 John Hughes Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James McBlairin  
& M. C. McKimly all of  
Jackson County Tenn
  - 52 J. M. Blair Citizen  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties John Hughes and  
M. C. McKimly all of  
Jackson County Tenn

- 53 M. B. Burston Rebel Soldier  
Bond \$500  
Sureties John Hughes and  
J. W. Beck all of Jackson  
County Tenn
- 54 J. B. McCarry Lieut. Rebel  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Robert McCarry &  
Jim Griffin all of  
Smith County Tenn
- 55 Philip Bradford Citizen  
Bond \$1000  
Surety Gregory Moon all  
of Smith County Tenn
- 56 Milton Bayne Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Hester Kee and  
William Mason all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 57 Washington Payne Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties J. M. Young and  
Quint Beach all of  
Smith County Tenn
- 58 Daniel Dean Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Washington Payne  
& J. M. Young all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 59 John Scarlett Rebel Soldier  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Sanyl McCarry  
& John Gerard of  
Putnam Co Tenn

- 60 David Shoules Soldier  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Geo S Shoules  
& H. McCombs etc  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 61 Jonathan Bellar Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Walker Phillips &  
John Gloom all of Smith  
County Tenn
- 62 James A Mc Luffey Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John A Harris &  
Walker Phillips all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 63 Walker Phillips Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Jonathan Bellar &  
James A Mc Luffey etc  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 64 John A Harris Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Walker Phillips &  
Jonathan Bellar all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 65 Morris B Armistead Soldier  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Shadrach Armistead  
& John M Barrett all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 66 John W Gloom Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Daniel Ritenberry  
& Robert Johnston etc  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 67 Daniel Ritenberry Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Robert Johnston  
& John W Gloom etc  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 68 Robert Johnston Soldier  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Daniel Ritenberry  
& John W Gloom all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 69 David Nichols Citizen  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties William Ritenberry  
& J. B. Farmer all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 70 Martin Miller Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Shadrach Miller  
& Daniel Taylor all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 71 Shadrach Miller Citizen  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Martin Miller  
& Shadrach Shoules etc  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 72 Larkina Ferrill Citizen  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties William Robinson  
& Henry Blount etc  
of Smith Co Tenn

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- 72. John William Keane      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Bayley P. Apple  
& Henry Apple, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 71. John M. Keane      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Bayley P. Apple &  
Henry Apple, all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.
- 75. Nancy Apple      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Bayley P. Apple &  
John M. Keane, all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.
- 76. Henry Apple      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Bayley P. Apple  
& John M. Keane, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 77. Bayley P. Apple      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Nancy Apple &  
Henry Apple, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 78. Chesley Ray      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Andrew Keane  
& Nancy Apple, all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.
- 79. Andrew Keane      Salary  
Bond      \$3000  
Sureties Chesley Ray &  
John M. Keane, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.

- 80. James Leisler      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
= Sureties Am. Mason  
& Jackson, all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.
- 81. George Bush      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
Sureties Jas. Adams  
& John Taylor, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 82. Levi G. Smith      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
Sureties Jas. Adams  
& Mills or Oldham, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 83. James F. Oldham      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
Sureties Mills or Oldham  
& Levi G. Smith, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 84. Mills or Oldham      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
Sureties Jas. Adams &  
Levi G. Smith, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.
- 85. James Baird      Cit  
Bond      \$5000  
Sureties George Leisler  
& Thos. Smith, all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.

## QUERIES

FISHER, THOMAS JUDSON, my great grandfather, b 2 Jun 1849, in Sm Co., TN, graduated from law school at Cumberland U., Lebanon, TN, lived on 280 A. farm in Carthage, moved to Nashville in 1919. He was m to MARTHA ALICE BURKETT, b 15 Mar 1864, Giles Co., TN, probably a second marriage. Their five children: FLASSIE b 24 Jun 1897, m L. C. DERRYBERRY; WILLIAM DEWITT, b 23 Sep 1899 - 28 Oct 1974; ELIZABETH, 9 Sep 1901 -10 Nov 1996, m ALSUP; LISSIE MELISSIE OLIVER b13 Oct 1903 - 7 May 1993, m WOOTEN; VIRGINIA b11 May 1909, m BRADEN. Other step or half siblings: BURKITTE BURGESS b 1880; CHARLES WOMACK, b 1885; MARY FISHER b 1885 - 1905; FRANK BURGESS, b 1887 - 1924; J.HORACE FISHER b 2 Feb 1889; JOHN B. FISHER, b 1906 - 1907. I am interested in finding more info on THOMAS JUDSON FISHER and MARTHA and their ancestors.

DIANNA MANETZ, 1133 Northwood DR, Piedmont, MD 63957. 573-223-7234.

FRANCIS CORNWELL. Private, Revolutionary soldier, b abt. 1745, d abt 1830, VA. Need names of wife, children and descendants, war record, dates.

DIXIE WOODWARD, 1400 Stovall Rd, Scottsville, KY 42164. 502-622-4140.

BRADLEY, FLOWERS. Are WILLIAM BRADLEY and ELIZABETH FLOWERS from Buckingham and Bradley Co., VA parents of BENJAMIN BRADLEY b Mar 22, 1806, died Aug 6, 1839, m to FRANCES LANCASTER, lived at Brush Creek, TN. Is this ELIZABETH BRADLEY the same as the widow BRADLEY listed on the 1820, 1830, 1850 census of Smith Co., TN. WILLIAM BRADLEY'S will was probated in 1815. Any help will be appreciated.

OLETA BRADLEY MORRIS, Rt. 2, Box 55A, Anna, TX 75409.

VANTREESE, GATES. I am interested in VALENTINE VANTREESE and SARAH GATES who married abt 1810 and lived in Sm Co., TN until abt 1823. I would be interested in hearing from anyone researching the GATES family.

CHARLES ROY COMBRINK, 5617 Wharton Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76133-2810-07 817-292-5419; Crcm@aol.com.

MCKINNIS. Seeking info on my MCKINNIS ancestors. It goes like this: ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, SR., ALBERT S. MCKINNIS, HUGH MCKINNIS b 1812-1816 in TN, marr SUSANNAH, b in AL. HUGH buried in Fannin Co. TX. There is a HUGH MCKINNIS bur in Sm Co but the wrong one. Any Help? ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, 1104 W. Fay Circle, Kingfisher, OK 73750

WOOD/GILLIHAN. Interested in any information on these families.

WILMA J. RAMSEY, 1194 CR 46, Henderson, AR 72544-9117

BEASLEY. Researching ISHAM BEASLEY, b 1760 in NC; son, ROBERT BEASLEY b 1803, Smith Co., TN; granddaughter CLARKEY BEASLEY b 1849 in Nashville, TN. BILLIE MITCHELL, 3337 N. Lake Park Ave., Hobart, IL 46342. 219-962-4484. E-Mail: FRBIL@email.msn.com.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMITH COUNTY

On October 26, 1799, in response to a petition submitted by inhabitants of the area., the Tennessee State Legislature approved a charter creating the County of Smith. In commemoration of this Bicentennial year, special events have been scheduled throughout the year.

In July a collection of old pictures and other memorabilia of the county's history was on display at the Community bank. Commemorative silver and bronze coins featuring the unique old court house and county seal have been sold and are still available. The Smith County Historical & Genealogical Society sponsored a campaign to recognize those residents who have maintained and/or restored dwellings and other buildings dating back to the pre-WW II era. The September meeting of the Society was held at Dixona, home of Major Tilman Dixon, in the very room in which the first county court convened on December 16, 1799. This historic home is beautifully maintained by Mr. Mrs. Billy M. Young and is one of Smith County's oldest land marks.

During the first week of October scenic cruises on the historic Cumberland River, the county's first "highway" to the outside world, were offered to residents and school children.

Interesting historical events from the archives of the *Carthage Courier* have been weekly features of the paper for the past year, serving as reminders of the county's past.

On October 2, 1999, the celebration was climaxed with a gala birthday party on the court house lawn. Also, on this date, a "time capsule," containing artifacts of the present culture of the county, will be buried, to be opened in fifty years. A reenactment of the first county court meeting was presented by Smith County High School drama students and a gigantic cake with candles representing each of the communities of the county was served. After the cake cutting ceremony, a brilliant display of fire works at Crump Paris Park ended the festivities.

The Smith County Historical & Genealogical Society welcomes your comments and membership. Dues are \$12.50 annually, payable on January 1st. Meetings are held monthly at the Smith County Library on the 3rd Monday evening, with the exception of July and August. Please address all communications to:

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Amos Lacey, Silas Jernigan, James W. Wright took oath of office and made bond as constables.

P. (3) Tilman Dixon motion approved that all tavern keepers be allowed to sell spirituous liquors to wit: good whiskey and brandy 12 1/2 cents half pint; for breakfast, dinner and supper 25 cents; corn and oats by gal. 12 1/2 cents; two bundles fodder two pence; pasturage 24 hours 12 1/2 p.; lodging 6 1/4 cents; Dixon was permitted a license to keep tavern.

Edmond Jinnings was permitted a ferry near mouth of Jennings Creek with following rates: man and horse 18 1/3 cents; single man and single horse 9 cents; wagon and team \$1.25; cattle 6 1/4 cents per head; hogs and sheep 6 1/4 cents; pack horses same as mare and horse.

Henry McKinney was appt. overseer of road from Fort Blount to head of Flin's Creek from South of Cumberland River. All hands living on Flin's Creek water and within 3 miles of said road on south side of river work said road. Wm. Saunders appt. overseer of road from Peyton's Creek to Bledsoesborough, thence to John Shelton's with his hands, those of James Bradly and Grant Allen and all other hands living above Bledsoesborough between this road and river and below Peyton's Creek work said road.

P. (4) Appt. of venue [sic] John Thes, John Bass, Daniel Mungle, Andrew Greer, John Bravard, James Bradley, James Ballow, Anthony Samuel, William Lacy, Wm. Kelton, Willeroy Pate, Pleasant Kearby, Grant Allen, William Martin, Leonard Ballow, James Roberts, William Saunders, Wm. Boyd, Thomas Bowman, Thomas Jamison, John Barclay, Henry Tooley, Nathaniel Ridley, Wm. Haney, John Crosswhite, James Draper. Samuel Caruthers was appt. overseer of road from Mungle's gap up middle fork of Goose Creek to first fork above Trough Spring.

Elisha Oglesby was appt. overseer of road from first fork of Goose Creek above the Trough Spring to Long Creek down same to east crossing; James Gwin and James Hibbets provide overseers list of polls to work on said road. Wm. Gilbreath appt. overseer of road from Cap Turney's to Mungles gap. Tilman Dixon and Peter Turney furnish list of hands to work on this road.

Robert Cotton appt. constable, made bond with Wm. Alexander and Lawrence Cotton, his securities, took oath of office.

Edmond Jennings stock mark recorded.

P. (5) Motion by Major Dixon and Peter Turney to discontinue road from Turney to Mungles or road from Dixon Springs to said Gap. Court kept them open and appt. overseers.

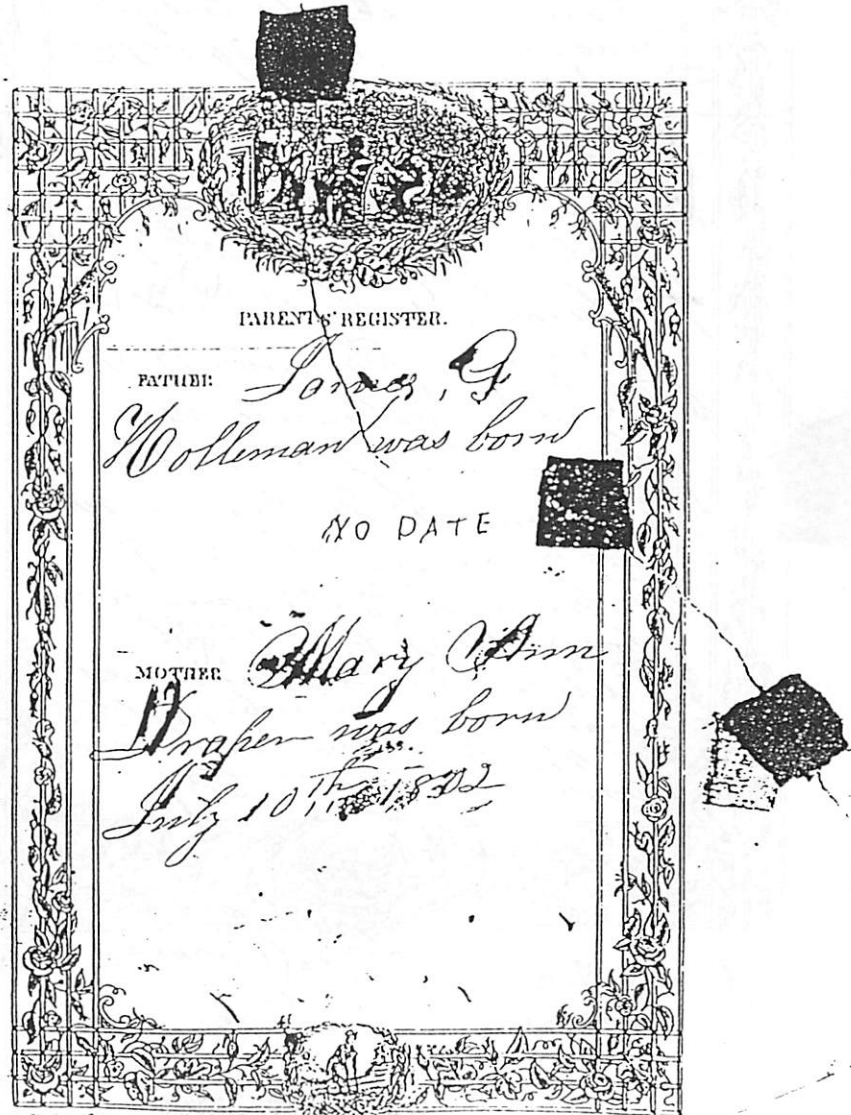
Frederick Debo appt. overseer of road from Dixon Springs to Mungles Gap, John Skelton appt. overseer of road leading from Turney's by Dixon Springs to Sumner line, along old road; Major Dixon and Cap Turney appt to divide hands and give lists proportionately to work on said road. Wm Walton appt. overseer of road from Peyton's Creek to Walton Ferry. All hands living below Thomas Clark's on Peyton's Creek and all on this creek within the first bend of the river above work on said road. Wm. Walton appt. overseer of road from mouth of Caney Fork to head of Snow Creek, his own hands and those living below Sullivan's Ferry to work said road. **TO BE CONTINUED.**

HOLLIMAN BIBLE RECORDS

Submitted by Merle Stevens

These records were shared with me by Ronald W. Robinson, P. O. Box 52571, Tulsa, OK 74152. Ron descends from Alfred N. Robinson (son of Joseph A. of Horseshoe Bend) and Sarah E. Holleman (dau of James G. of Bible.) The Bible was said to belong to Richard T. Holleman and was, in 1983, in the hand of Willie Ray Holleman. Willie was born in 1889 and at this time is in a nursing home in Ark. I have no title pages.

James G. Holleman and wife, Mary Ann Draper, moved from Smith County after the 1840 census and to Ark. by 1850. They had 13 children and most likely all but perhaps the last one or two were born in Smith County. Child #4. Sarah Elizabeth Holleman, married 1st Alfred N. Robinson in Smith County before they moved to Ark. He was born 25 Oct 1820 and died 2 Oct 1851. Sarah E. married 2nd Wm. G. Gillispie who died in 1857 and then she married Dr. T. J. Sanford who died in a Civil War prison camp in 1862. I am not researching the Holleman part of this family, and it is possible that some of the named children in the Bible may have remained in Tennessee. I hope that some of these items in the Bible will be helpful to others.



Sara E Hallman born 12-28 1824



BIRTHS.

1st. Mahasia D Holloman  
was born May 26<sup>th</sup> 1820

2<sup>nd</sup> William W Holloman  
was born Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1821

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard J Holloman  
was born March 30<sup>th</sup> 1823

4<sup>th</sup> Sarah E Holloman <sup>dec 1-1908</sup>  
was born Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1824

5<sup>th</sup> Ira S Holloman was  
born Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1826

6<sup>th</sup> James W Holloman was  
born Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1829

7<sup>th</sup> Amos M Holloman was  
born Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1830

8<sup>th</sup> Clara B Holloman was  
born August 19<sup>th</sup> 1832

9<sup>th</sup> Mark P Holloman was  
born Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

Sara E Hallman born Dec 1-1908

I have Richard J Holloman  
in time on Ten Top.

16<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Holleman  
 was born Oct-19<sup>th</sup> 1836  
 11<sup>th</sup> Eliza Holleman was  
 born Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1838  
 12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Holleman was  
 born March 1842  
 18<sup>th</sup> James G Holleman was  
 born July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1844

Mrs. Father Robinson  
 30-70-2000  
 California Ca.  
 Sister of Mary Holleman  
 (A. Holleman)

A. L. Holleman died June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
 Sarah E. Sanford died March  
 the 1 1908  
 Johnie Eliza Beaver died Feb 23 - 1931  
 Ed Willak, Ed, Horn died March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1946  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1946

These Dates By  
 Alfred Robinson 10-7-1964

Alfred Leander Robinson was Born  
Aug 21, 1875.

Artie Clara (Gunnell) Robinson was born  
June 17<sup>th</sup> - 1882

All person named below were born in  
Clinton Clyde Robinson was born  
February 14, 1901.

Virgil Haskell Robinson was born May 25, 1903

Gladys Jewel Robinson was born October 18, 1907

Lynnina Veril Robinson was born March 26, 1907

Pearl Juanita Robinson was born October 20, 1912

Opal Cecil Robinson was born Feb. 21, 1914

Alfred Lee Robinson was born June 20, 1916

A. Robinson was born Dec. 24, 1918

Marrages

Alfred Lee Robinson was married Nov 11 1903.

Clinton Robinson was married Nov. 1922

Virgil Haskell Robinson was married 17<sup>th</sup> of April 1925

Gladys Jewel Robinson (Eppes) was married Jan 1, 1929

Deaths

Alfred Russell Robinson died June 1<sup>st</sup> 1925.

Alfred Lee Robinson " " " "

Artie Clara (Gunnell) Robinson " " " "

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## SILVER LAKE SCHOOL/TRINITY CHURCH

Sue W. Maggart-Petty

On May 19, 1871, at the Silver Lake School House at a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, the project of erecting a new school house with church privileges was discussed. Silver Lake school was located on what is now Webster Road on the west bank of Indian Creek a few hundred yards south of Enigma and about one-half mile north of the Smith/Putnam County line. In those days Enigma was a thriving farming community and even boasted a post office which was established on December 26, 1882, with John A. Shepherd serving as postmaster. In 1897 Napoleon B. Brown was appointed to the position and served until 1902 when Bettie M. Shepherd became post mistress. She served until May 18, 1905, when the office was discontinued and the mail sent to Chestnut Mound.

In a unanimous decision by the Board of Trustees, the new structure was to be erected and was to be called Trinity. The Cumberland Presbyterians, the Methodist E. C. South, and the Baptist Missionary Church were to share the building. Today not a scrap of the old building is to be found, and its location is remembered by only a few of those who grew up in the community. Fortunately, the minutes of the Board of Trustees are extant, beginning on May 19, 1871, and continuing sporadically until 1906. No church roll is included, but there is a subscription list which leaves a record, at least, of those who had an interest in the school and church building. The ledger in which these minutes were recorded is located in the Smith County Archives.

## SCHOOL HOUSE AND CHURCH BOOK OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Silver Lake School house, Indian Creek, May the 19th day 1871

Agreeably to previous notice the friends of the project of erecting a School house with Church privileges to the Methodist E. C. South, the Cumberland Presbyterian and the Missionary Baptist Churches on this lot of ground.  
Those present were: William Robinson, T. C. Williamson, A. J. Clark, G. W. Apple, L. D. Apple, Andrew McDonald and J. C. Apple.

On motion J. C. Apple was called to the chair and L. D. Apple was appointed Secretary of the Meeting. When the following proceedings were had to wit.

It appearing that there is several vacancies in the board of trustees to this house, whereupon A. J. Clark one of the remaining trustees (if concurred in by T. B. Thompson), and with the advice of the Meeting elected the following named persons to fill the

Vacancy in Said board, to wit. J. C. Apple, William Robinson, L. D. Apple, Andrew McDonald and G. W. Apple.

On motion J. C. Apple was appointed president of the board of trustees and L. D. Apple secretary.

After determining on an undertaking of building a new building for the purposes indicated, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to Submit a plan for Said building. Make a contract for the same or let it out to the lowest bidder, etc. Whereupon William Robinson, A. J. Clark and L. D. Apple was appointed Said Committee.

The above named committee Submitted a plan of said house at once which was adopted. See exhibit (A.)

On motion this Meeting adjourned to meet this day week Friday the 26th of May 1871.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

#### May the 26th 1871

The trustees of Silver Lake Schoolhouse met according to previous appointment. Members of the board present were J. C. Apple, William Robinson, A. J. Clark, Andrew McDonald, and L. D. Apple. G. B. Thompson (only) absent. His consent however having been obtained to the present board as constituted.

When the following proceedings were had.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted to wit.

Resolved that with the aid of a Subscription list, made for the purpose of erecting a School house with Church privileges "therein expressed." On a lot of ground conveyed by H. W. Sadler and upon which stands a Small Schoolhouse on Indian Creek known as "Silver Lake" School house. We agree to build a frame building 30 by 52 feet to be fitted up in good style with the aid of Said Subscription and such other aid as can be procured to Said undertaking. And if we shall fail to get a sum Subscribed Sufficient for said building, we will pay respectively the excess over the present and prospective subscription to the same; if any shall be lacking.

On motion it was ordered that Saturday the 10th day of June 1871, at 2 O. clock P. M. be designated to let out said building to the lowest bidder after giving notice etc.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday the 10th of June 1871 at 10 clock A.M.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

#### Saturday June 10th 1871

Silver Lake Schoolhouse.. the trustees of Said house convened (a full board) to wit: A. J. Clark, G. B. Thompson, William Robinson, L. D. Apple, G. W. Apple, A. McDonald and J. C. Apple.

This being the day designated to let out said building The board considering the circumstances unfavorable to let out the proposed building at this time and set Friday the 16th Inst. to consider the matter further.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Friday June the 16th 1871

The board of trustees met agreeably to appointment. Members present top wit, J. C. Apple, G. W. Apple, A. J. Clark and L. D. Apple, when the following proceedings were had.

Resolved, that under the circumstances of the failure in letting out the building to the lowest bidder and the disadvantages connected with said proposition we consider it best and authorize the building committee to contract for the building and only ask that they use their best judgment and discretion in said matter looking to the general interests of the enterprise and all the surroundings.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Friday June the 23rd 1871

The trustees of Silver Lake School house convened at the place on this the 23rd June 1871. Those present were J. C. Apple, William Robinson, A. J. Clark, L. D. Apple and G. W. Apple when the following proceedings were had:

On motion it is unanimously ordered by the board that the order heretofore made to let out the purposed building be rescinded and that said building be conducted by private contract according to the plan agreed upon and that L. D. Apple be employed at the rate of one dollar and 25 cents per day (he to board himself) to contract for the building materials and for mechanics, Solicit Subscriptions, make collections and when not otherwise engaged to labor on the house, provide for getting all the materials on the ground, direct the business of the whole undertaking under the direction of the board of trustees. When no special orders to use the proper discretion. Call the board together to keep down conflicts. And generally to perform all necessary labor and attention - looking to the general interest of said undertaking- having regard to the strictest economy and harmony -he to keep a strict account of his own and all other amounts, collections etc.

On motion it is ordered that not over two dollars per week be paid for the board of Mechanics and Laborers on said building. When L. D. Apple agreed to board all at said rates.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.



Friday December 22nd 1871

The Trustees of the new school and church house on Indian Creek convened at said house on Friday the 22nd of December 1871. Members present, J. C. Apple, A. J. Clark, A. McDonald, G. V. Thompson, L. D. Apple when the following proceedings were had.

When on motion "Trinity" was adopted as the name of said house.

It appearing that there was a vacancy in the board of trustees occasioned by death of Dr. Wm. Robinson. When on Motion Z. T. Brown was elected to fill said vacancy.

G. W. Apple one of said trustees came in and tendered his resignation as trustee which was accepted.

When it was agreed to increase the board of trustees to nine. When L. B. Clark, John Apple and H. B. C. Vaden were elected to fill the vacancy and supply the board to its maximum of nine.

It is hereby ordered when to embrace the time from the Saturday before until the next Saturday the regular Sundays for the respective denominations is agreed upon for their use of the house. What they have the exclusive privilege to the use of the same for the time being, except when other churches of said denominations have an appointment in the house business for the transaction of general church business. The regular appointment to yield preference to the Meeting for general church business. (Note: This paragraph was not too legible nor very clear!)

The Meeting of the board adjourned to Tuesday evening the 26 instant @ 6 O'clock P.M.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Tuesday the 26th of December 1871

The trustees of Trinity School and Church house convened at said house agreeably to appointment on Tuesday evening the 26th of December 1871. Those present were J. C. Apple, A. McDonald, H. B. C. Vaden, Z. T. Brown, John Apple, L. B. Clark and L. D. Apple. After prayer by the Rev. John M. Lanston the following proceedings were had:

On motion M. M. Crowell was appointed to collect the arrears on the subscriptions lists and Solicit further Subscriptions and to be allowed 4 percent compensation upon the amount.

Upon motion J. C. Apple was appointed Treasurer of the board of trustees.

Ordered that each member of the board of trustees select his successor, to take his place in case of death, removal or otherwise subject to the approval of the board with the right of each trustee to change his selection subject to the same conditions. The new members coming into this board under the regulations to appoint his successor at once subject to the same conditions as entitled to the same right and privileges. This subject to be deferred until a full board or to give the trustees time to select this successor.

On motion Z. T. Brown, A. McDonald and L. D. Apple was appointed to dispose of the surplus lumber and materials remaining on hand to the best advantage. The committee to use their best discretion as to whether they swap the surplus lumber or sell the same.

The second Sunday of the month and Saturday before and to last until the next Friday if desired is designated as the time for the use of the house by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At present the board decides not to fix the time for the Methodist and Baptist churches until further advisement with their preachers.

Adjourned to meet again on Friday week at 9 o'clock A M.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Friday, January 5th 1872

The board of trustees of "Trinity" School and church house convened this day Friday the 5th of January, 1872. Members present. J. C. Apple, A. J. Clark, John Apple, Z. T. Brown, L. B. Clark, L. D. Apple. And without undertaking to transact any other business than set Wednesday evening the 17th instant for the board to meet adjourned.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Trinity Wednesday evening January 17th 1872

The board convened and without transacting any business further than to set Wednesday evening the 24th January instant to convene again adjourned.

L. D. Apple, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Trinity January the 24th 1872

The trustees of Trinity School and Church house convened on Wednesday evening the 24th of January 1872 agreeably to previous appointment. Trustees present were J. C. Apple, A. J. Clark, A. McDonald, L. D. Apple, L. B. Clark, John Apple and Z. T. Brown. When the following proceedings were had.

L. D. Apple tendered his resignation as Secretary which was accepted.

When upon motion Z. T. Brown was duly elected Secretary of the board.

Mr. J. D. Ewell asked for the privilege of the house to teach a school for a session of 5 months which subject was deferred until next Wednesday evening so that he can in that time see the prospect of the patronage etc. before final action upon the subject.

The following resolution was introduced and was unanimously adopted to wit:

Resolved that an order heretofore made to appoint successors to each of the present board of trustees, etc. be rescinded. And that in lieu of said order that the board of trustees as now constituted shall be perpetuated. That is to say in the supplying of vacancies in said board of trustees the Methodist E. C. South shall have four members, the Cumberland Presbyterians four members and the Missionary Baptist one member. And that this resolution shall not be changed nor modified unless a full representation of the denominations named as constituting said board are present and agreeing.

Ordered that the first Sunday in each month is designated by us the time for the use of the house by the Methodist E. C. South, and the 3rd Sunday in each month be designated

as the day for the use of the house by the Missionary Baptists, with the same night to each accorded to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Ordered that the house shall not be occupied on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month by any denominations unless by permission of the board of trustees.

Z. T. Brown, Sec

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Trinity, January 31st 1872

There not being a quorum of trustees present it was ordered by the president that a call of the board be made to meet on Wednesday evening the 7th Feby instant.

Z. T. Brown, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Trinity Feby the 7th 1872

The board of trustees convened according to previous arrangement. Members present J. C. Apple, A. J. Clark, L. B. Clark, L. D. Apple, A. McDonald, John Apple and Z. T. Brown. When the following proceedings were had.

Ordered that J. D. Ewell have the use of the house to teach a school commencing on the 3rd Monday in February 1872 for a session of five months. Upon agreeing to take good care of the house and to be responsible for all damage to the same by injury or defacing the same except such damage or injury as is unavoidable. He is permitted to conduct said school under such rules and regulations as he may think proper subject however to such changes or modification by the board of trustees as they may deem proper. It is further ordered that if the interest of the house and school should demand it the right to suspend the same is reserved.

On motion the board of trustees adjourned. Sinc. Dic.

Z. T. Brown, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

Trinity, August 20th 1873

According to previous arrangement the trustees convened on Wednesday evening the 20th August 1873. those present were J. C. Apple, pres, Z. T. Brown, L. D. Apple, L. B. Clark, John Apple, A. J. Clark and A. McDonald.

The object of the meeting being explained to be to ascertain the liabilities still remaining unpaid upon said building and fixtures. And after ascertaining the liabilities (Not however providing for a remainder paid by Jess Nichols etc., on a bill at Nashville and a remainder on a bill of rolls purchased of B. J. Vaden & co.) which we think perhaps is provided for in each case. And a bill to Henry Petty of \$6.20 we think M. M. Crowell has means to pay together with the balance on the subscriptions of A. H. Ditty. A claim of A. A. Duke of five dollars which is to be paid so far as it will go with the remainder on G. W. Apple's Subscription which is \$4.45. The board is not sure as to a liability to Ridley McDonald for hauling if so is not provided for. They find themselves liable to L. D. Apple for \$50.77 bal. due him and turned over to him in full payment of said claim.

The following apts. (?) to wit: Ten dollars on S. T. Clark. Twenty five dollars on W. W. Cowen. Ten dollars amount of balance on A. J. Clark, Subscription, etc. \$2.62 on John Apple. 50 cents on A. W. Boyd. \$1.00 on Wesley Carlisle. \$2.00 on G. B. Price. \$5.00 on B. V. Pursley. \$5.00 on J. F. Pursley. \$5.00 on T. J. Manear. 500 ft lumber on T. W. King. \$2.00 on Dr. J. S. Cornwell. \$1.00 on Mitchell Holliman. \$1.00 on French Warren. \$2.00 on S. W. Smallwood. \$1.50 on B. B. Washburn. \$1.00 on Wm. Gore. \$5.00 on J. G. Holliman. \$2.00 on M. J. Scarlett which last mention claims and liabilities on the several persons named its agreed to turn over to said L. D. Apple in full satisfaction for his claims against the house - he being entitled to all over.

J. C. Apple agreed to take the balance on the claims against S. T. Clark which is \$8.00. \$2.00 on J. F. Quarles and such others as not turned over to L. D. Apple of the apts. belonging to said building or that he may procure from others towards paying him the excess of \$29.37 paid out of his own funds towards meeting the claims against said building which is intended to be in full satisfaction for all the liabilities on said building with the exceptions named.

Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

#### Trinity January 5th 1875

Agreeably to previous appointments the trustees of Trinity met at "Trinity" on this day Wednesday Night the 5th of January 1876. (Heading at top of page says 1875) The meeting was called to order by the president. When the following named members of the board present to wit: J. C. Apple, Andrew McDonald, L. D. Apple, L. B. Clark, and John Apple were present. When it appears there was a quorum present the following proceedings were had.

On motion it was ordered that Z. T. Brown be relived and N. B. Brown be elected to fill the vacancy and at the same time he was elected Secretary.

One of the objects of the meeting being as was explained to consider as to the propriety of a school at this place to be open at some early period and determine upon a teacher if deemed proper. When it was determined that a school was demanded and the claims of several were presented after which W. B. Lee was duly elected teacher of the school at this place to begin at the earliest period possible if he can get a school that will justify him.

On motion the meeting adjourned, Senic Die.  
N. B. Brown, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

#### Trinity, July 1st 1881

The trustees of Trinity convened at Trinity on Friday evening July 1st 1881, J. C. Apple in the chair and N. B. Brown, Sec'y. together with A. J. Clark, Andrew McDonald and John Apple members of the Board present.

It appearing that the lot of grounds upon which Trinity School and Church House has been erected had never been laid off by survey and deeming it important, looking to the probability of forming a New School District for common Schools, and the propriety of erecting a building on said lot to be used exclusively for School purposes to have the Board of Trustees convenient to and identified in interest. Therefore, finding that L. B. Clark and L. D. Apple who belong to the Board of Trustees having removed from the neighborhood, the Board of trustees decided to relieve them without prejudice, and on motion D. L. Dow and John H. Apple were elected to take their places in the Board.

And as G. B. Thompson has been declared a lunatic by due course of law, on motion Josephus C. Cowan was duly elected to fill his place in the Board of Trustees. Adjourned to meet again on Friday 30th instant at 1 o'clock P.M.

N. B. Brown, Sec.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

### Trinity, July 30th 1881

A portion of the Trustees had met on the 15th instant but took no definite action in relation to defining the limits of the School lot until this day.

Notice having been previously given ,etc. the following were present to wit: J. C. Apple, D. C. Dow, Josephus C. Cowan, John H. Apple and N. B. Brown.

There being a quorum of the Board of Trustees present and also S. B. Lee whose interest appears to be affected by laying off said lot, to wit H. W. Sadler in his lifetime had donated two acres of land for School purposes and reserved the same in a conveyance he made to E. B. Holleman who bought from said Sadler the tract of land owned now by said Lee.

The said Sadler, having previously conveyed by deed to A. J. Clark, J. C. Apple, et als, as a Board of Trustees a lot for School purposes which deed was duly acknowledged or proven and Registered in the Registers office at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tenn. And the Board of Trustees aforesaid in the presence and by the consent of S. B. Lee, proceeded to measure and lay off said lot as follows:

Beginning at a point in a range with the center of Indian Creek, which will be the North East Corner of said School and Church lot, thence running in a Southern course with A. J. Clark's line 17 poles to a stake on the break of the hill. Thence running in a western direction on the brink of the hill passing a Beech on the side of the hill about 21 rods and 17 links and on to a small beech on the side of the hill (the same being now the South West corner of the lot). Thence running in a northern direction passing a honey locust to Indian Creek. Thence up said creek in the center of the same more or less to the beginning, containing two acres, be the same more or less and including Trinity School and Church House.

Having accomplished by mutual agreement the object of the meeting, the Board informally adjourned.

N. B. Brown, Sec'y.

J. C. Apple, Pres.

**TO BE CONTINUED.**

## WAR OF 1812 PENSION RECORDS

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

## Jourdon M. Saunders

Jourdan M. Saunders or Jordan Sanders of Fauquier Co., Va., age 55, stated on 24 September 1851, that he served as a "Private in the Company Commanded by Captain Anthony Metcalf in the 2d Regiment Tennessee Militia or Mounted Volunteer Gun Men Commanded by Lieutenant Colonels Elliott & Smith and Colonel Commandant Williamson in the War with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June, AD., 1812, that he joined Said Regiment at Dixon's Spring Tennessee on the 20th day of September AD 1814, {was} Mustered into Service at Fayetteville Tennessee in October following for the Term of Twelve Months and continued in actual Service in said War for the term of seven Months and was honorably discharged at Nashville Tennessee on the (blank) day of April AD, 1815, as will appear by the returns and Muster rolls of Said Company - That he received an honorable discharge in Writing, but left it at his residence in Tennessee 25 years Since and has not been able to obtain it, and has learned by letter from his friends that it has been lost."

His application for bounty land was witnessed by Wm. Helm, J. P. and Wm. A. Jennings, Clerk of Court of Fauquier Co., Va certified that Helm was a Justice of the Peace in and for Fauquier Co., Va, 24 September 1851.

On 6 June 1855, at age 58 and a resident of Fauquier Co., Va, he swore before John Marr, J. P., stating his service as above and that he "was in the battle of New Orleans on the Memorable 8th of January 1815." He further stated that he had received a bounty warrant under the Act of 28 September 1850 for 80 acres, which he had since disposed of and that his present application was to receive additional bounty land under the Act of 3 March 1850. William Helm and John R. Tongue, residents of Warrenton, Fauquier Co, Va swore to his signature and person and were certified by John J. Marr, J. P. William H. Jennings, Clerk of Court of Fauquier Co., Va certified that John J. Marr was a Justice of the Peace in and for Fauquier Co., Va.

On 15 April 1856, from Warrenton, Va he wrote to the Honorable Wm. Smith, Washington City: Dr. Sir Allow me to ask the favor of you to forward the enclosed paper with this letter to the pension office. I am aware that my name, by mistake appears upon the muster role [as] Jordan Sanders. My father was an officer and Served with Lafayette and Jordan in the revolution, And subsequently named two of his Sons after them. My usual Signature, as you are aware, is J. M. Saunders - General Trousdale will do me the Kindness, if in the City to prove my identity and service (7 months) As a private in Coffe's brigade which Terminated in the war in a blaze of glory below New Orleans. Yours Truly, J. N. Saunders."

On 3 June 1871, at age 74, he appeared before Wm. M. Hume, Clerk of Court of Fauquier Co., Va, and stated that he was unmarried, that he had served as stated above and that "the only place where he was stationed for any length of time was New Orleans: that he has received two land warrants of 80 acres each - one, he thinks while Polk and the other while Pearce was President." His residence was listed as "2 1/2 miles East of Warrenton." His application was attested to by John W. Finks and L. W. Caldwell and was sworn before Wm. M. Hume, Clerk of Court of Fauquier Co., Va. On the back of his application he wrote: "Having participated in the eventful Scenes, of the most eventful Campaign of the War - I will make a single remark; in respect to the answer we got from our prisoners, When asked., Why it was they allowed us to use the time, from the 23rd Dec to the 8th of January, to build our breastwork, the reply would be, that an order was blundered, for Sir John Keane, Second in Command to disembark, take post on the bank of the river, and wait the arrival of Sir Edward Peckenham, brother of the Iron duke (Who fortunately for his memory at home) fell on the 8th."

His pension of \$8.00 per month, began 14 February 1871 and was sent to the Richmond, Va pension agency.

His file contains other documents that repeat his service as claimed, a statement that he was born in the year 1796 but does not show his birthplace and letters dated 1939 inquiring about the contents of his pension file.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.  
War of 1812 Pension Applications, SC 11749.  
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His signature from his 1871 application:

*J. M. Saunders*

U.S. Census, 1860, Fauquier Co., VA. p. 95, Number 735-675.

Saunders, J. M., 63, male, farmer, \$7,440 Real Estate, \$17,107 Personal Estate, born NC.

" James, 17, male, occupation: "Apprentice on a man of War ship. At sea two years," born VA.

" Frank, 15, male, born VA.

" Sallie B., 13 female, born VA.

" Lillie, 6, female, born VA.

Wilkins, Mary, 40 female, white, housekeeper, born VA.

## MAJOR A. BEASLEY - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Major A. Beasley of Smith Co., TN, age 54, stated on 23 November 1850, that he enlisted as a Private in "the Company commanded by Captain Metcalf in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen commanded by Colonel Thos. Williamson in the War with Great Britain declared by the United States the 18th day of June 1812, that he volunteered at Dixon Springs on or about the 25th day of September A. D. 1814, for the term of Six months, And continued in actual service in said War for the term of Seven months and was honorably discharged at Nashville "in 1815," as will appear from the Muster Rolls of said company he having lost his original Certificate of discharge.: William Haynie stated that he knew the applicant personally and the claim was certified by William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court of Smith Co., TN, 23 December 1850.

On 7 April 1855, at age 59 and a resident of Smith Co., TN, he claimed his service as listed above and stated that he had received "a Land Warrant No. (blank) for 80 acres "Which he has Legally disposed of and cannot now return" and that he "made this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to Which he may be entitled under the Act approved 3rd day of March 1855." S. F. McAlister and John W. Rose, residents of Smith Co., TN swore "he was the person he represents himself to be" and the declaration and affidavit were sworn before John Gann, J. P. William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court of Smith Co., TN, certified that John Gann was a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Smith.

On 10 April 1871, at age 75, he gave W. W. Fergusson his Power of Attorney to pursue his claim and stated that his wife was Betsy C. Nixon, whom he married 10 December 1815, in Smith Co., TN. He stated that he served sixty days in the Mounted Infantry of the U. S. and that he volunteered for "Captain Metcalf's Command, Williamson (2) regiment, Coffie's Brigade...at Smith Co., Tenn. & mustered into Service at Fayetteville, Tenn, "1 October 1814, and was discharged at Nashville, TN 1 May 1815. He further stated that "after being Mustered into the service at Fayetteville, Tenn, the Command Crossed the Tennessee River at Muscle Shoals & was moved to Pensacola, Florida, & from there to the Mouth of Sandy Creek About 330 miles from Baton Rouge, La. & from there ordered to New Orleans, La. & was in the fight of Dec 23, 1814 & also at the battle of Jan'y 8th 1815." In 1871 he lived "about two miles north" of Rome, Smith Co., TN. William M. Bell and Peter Herod swore to his character and person and that "at no time during the late rebellion against the Authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government." The application was sworn to 10 April 1871 before John A. Fite, Clerk and Master of Smith Co., TN. John E. Clark, Deputy Collector, U. S. Internal Revenue for the 3rd District of Tennessee swore to the character of W. M. Bell and Peter Herod, 23 August 1871.




On 18 November 1885, J. E. Browning, Special examiner at Knoxville, TN for the Department of the Interior wrote to the Rome, TN postmaster requesting information as to "Whether pensioner Major A. Beasley (War 1812) is living or dead, and if dead, the EXACT DATE OF DEATH "


National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension Application, SC 5936.

Copies of signatures from the application file:

*M. A. Beasley*   
(1850)

*S. P. H. Hester* @  
*John W. Hester*

*Major A. Beasley*   
(1855)

*John J. Hester* 

*Major A. Beasley*  
Applicant.  
(1871)

*Wm. Bell*  
*Peter Hester*

U.S. Census, 1850, Smith Co., TN, p. 610, number 1324.

Beasley, Major A., 54, male, farmer, \$1,500 Real Estate, born NC.

" Betsy C., 53, female, b. VA.

" Mary, 30, female, born TN.

" James E., 19, male, farmer, born TN.

" Nancy E., 16, female, b. TN.

" Lucinda M., 14, female, b. TN.

" Edw'd B. H., 11 male, born TN.

Grissom, Elizabeth, 34, female, b. TN.

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U.S. Census, 1850, Slave schedule, Smith Co., TN, p. 107.

Shows Major A. Beasley with 4 male slaves, ages 14, 12, 4 and 3 months and 5 female slaves, ages 32, 23, 18, 5 and 2.

## LEVI GAMMON - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Levi Gammon of Smith Co., TN stated on 26 October 1850 before Lipscomb P. McMurry that he had served as a Private in "Capt. Anthony H. Metcalfs Company of the Second Regiment of Mounted gunmen of Tennessee Troops Commanded by Thomas Williamson in the service of the United States in the War with Great Britain." He enlisted "about the (blank) of September 1814 for term of Six Months" and was discharged "About the 3rd of April 1815 by reason of the expiration of his term of service," his discharge having been signed by John Coffee Brigadier General. He further stated that his affidavit was "to procure the benefits of an Act pass'd at the late Congress...Granting land to certain officers and Soldiers..." He signed by mark.

John McMurry and Elias Johns swore at the same date before Lipscomb P. McMurry, J. P. that they knew Levi Gammon to have served as he claimed, that he entered service "on or about" 30 September 1814 and that he was honorably discharged "On or about" 30 April 1815. Lipscomb P. McMurry attested to the truth and character of John McMurray and Elias Johns and William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of the County Court of Smith Co., TN, certified that Lipscomb P. McMurry was a Justice of the Peace in and for the county, 28 October 1850.

On 21 September 1855, Levi Gammon, age 60 and a resident of Macon, Co., TN swore before William C. Johnson, J. P. that he served as a Private in the company of "Captain Metcalf in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee volunteers...for the term of six months and continued in Actual Service in said war for the Term of Seven months and was in the Battle of New Orleans on the 8th of January 1815." He stated that he had previously made application for bounty land under the Act of 28 September for 80 acres which he has since legally disposed of and Cannot now return," and that "He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3d day of March 1855."

Hugh B. Flippen and Haley S. Young, residents of Macon Co., TN swore before Wm. C. Johnson, J. P. as witnesses to the character and person of Levi Gammon and to his having signed the affidavit and Wm. C. Johnson swore he knew Gammon. Included with the affidavit is his power of attorney to M. N. Alexander of Lafayette, TN to persue the claim.

On 22 September 1855, J. B. ( ? ), Clerk of the County Court of Macon Co., TN, certified that Wm. C. Johnson was a Justice of the Peace in and for the county.

On 29 March 1871, at age 77 and a resident of Mercer Co., KY, he applied for a pension. He stated that his wife was Lucy Parker whom he married 1 November 1815, Smith Co., TN and that he "was enrolled in Captain A. H. Metcalf's Company, 2nd Tenn. regiment, Coffee's brigade, Jackson's Division, Smith Co., TN in October 1815, and was

honorably discharged at Nashville, TN, in April 1815. He was in the Battle of New Orleans on the 8th of Jan'y 1815, left New Orleans for home on the 18th of March 1815, reached Nashville in April, 1815 and was paid off" He makes reference to his "discharge on file in [the] pension office." His application, signed by mark, was witnessed by Samuel H. Graves and Jacob Mitchell and was certified by Ben C. Allen, Clerk of Mercer County Court at Harrodsburg, KY.

On 8 August 1871, John C. McIntire and Silas P. Rainey of Mercer Co., KY, swore that Levi Gammon was a "Survivor of War of 1812" and "That at no time during the late rebellion against the Authority of the United States did he adhere to the Cause of the enemies of the Government giving them aid and Comfort" and he subscribed to the "Oath to support the constitution of the U. S." before S. C. Caldwell, Notary Public for Mercer Co., KY. The affidavit was attested to by J. L. Smedley, U. S. Commissioner at Harrodsville, Ky.

On 6 September 1871, he was pensioned at \$8.00 per month "from February 14, 1871."

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, War of 1812 Pension Applications, SC 4126.

Copies of Smith Co., TN signatures from the application file:

*Levi Gammon*  
*1812*

*John C. McIntire*  
*Elias Johnson*

*J. L. Smedley*

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Levi Gammon is not shown in the published indexes to the 1850 or 1860 U.S. Census of either Tennessee or Kentucky.

## JAMES GOODNER - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

James Goodner of Dekalb Co., TN, age 59, stated on 18 September 1851, that he served as 3rd Corporal in the "Company commanded by Captain Anthony Metcalf in the Second Regiment of Tennessee Militia commanded by Col. McCrory in the War with the Creek Indians declared by the authority [of] the United States" and that he was "a Substitute in the place of John Goodner who was drafted [and was] Mustered into Service " 4 October 1813 for three months and that he continued in actual service for three months being honorably discharged at Fort Strother "on or about" 10 January 1814. His affidavit was sworn before William H. Magness, J. P. W. J. Isbell, Clerk of Dekalb County Court certified that William H. Magness was a Justice of the Peace in and for Dekalb Co., TN.

On 11 April 1855, at age 63, he claimed the same service and stated that he was mustered into service at Fayetteville, TN and was discharged at Fort Strother, AL. James M. Baird and W. D. Bone swore to his character and person before John D. Tucker, J. P. and W. J. Isbell, Clerk of Dekalb County Court certified that John D. Tucker was a Justice of the Peace for and in Dekalb Co., TN.

On 1 April 1871, he made application for a pension under the Act of 14 February 1871. He stated before P. G. Magness, J. P. that he was then age 79 and a resident of Dekalb Co., TN. He further stated that his wife was formerly Martha Fite, whom he married "at John Fite's" on the "(blank) day of August or September, 1817." He reported his service as above and stated that "He served in the lines as Corporal, was once detached as Wagon guard from Fort Strader to Fort Deposit on the Tenn. River. His services were in what is now [within the} present limits of Alabama." His statement, made at Alexandria, TN, was witnessed by J. H. Williams and W. F. Cravins and they swore that "at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government."

On 29 August 1871, Stephen Pledger, Postmaster at Alexandria, Dekalb Co., TN, certified that "James Goodner was considered a Loyal man During the Late War and the Witness James H. Williams and W. F. Cravens were Loyal all the Time. They were both Federal Soldiers and Commissioned officers of the United States Army in the Late War."

He was pensioned 9 October 1871 at \$8.00 per month from 14 February 1871.

On 20 September 1872, he filed for a duplicate pension certificate, he having lost the original issued to him. The Pension Office wrote asking for proof that he had made an effort to locate the original, to which P. M. Radford, Clerk of the Nashville Pension Office responded under date 26 October 1872: "Respectfully returned with the information that the Pens[ione]r James Goodner is well known to this office - He is very old and infirm - his memory is nearly gone - he has put his certificate where it can not be found - diligent

search has been made by his friends but it can not be found - he himself has no recollection that he had such a paper."

In his file are inquiries concerning his record from Mrs. Berta Goodner Hawk, Hammor Apts. Cleveland, TN, dated 8 January 1938 and the War Department response to her dated 11 March 1938 and their letter to Mrs. Katherine Chadwick, 900 Missouri Ave., Mercades, TX, 27 January 1931.

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, War of 1812 Pension Application, SO 8144, SC 5938.

Copies of signatures from the application file:

*James Goodner*  
(1851)

*James M. Baird*  
*W. D. Baird*

*James Goodner*  
(1871)

*John P. Tucker*

*James Goodner*  
(1872)

*Stephen Phelps Post*  
*Meister Alexander*

U.S. Census, 1850, DeKalb Co., TN. p. 2, Number 18.

Goodner, James, 58, male, farmer, \$2,700 Real Estate, born TN.  
" Martha, 52, female, born NC.  
" Thomas C., 13, male, born TN.

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U.S. Census, 1860, DeKalb Co., TN, p. 84, Number 59.

Goodner, James, 68, male, farmer, \$8,000 Real Estate, \$8,500  
Personal Estate, born TN.  
" Martha, female, born NC.  
Monahan, William, 21, male, farmer, b. TN.

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U.S. Census, 1870, DeKalb Co., TN. p. 114, Number 87,  
P.O. Alexandria.

Goodner, James, 78, male, white, farmer, \$5,000 Real Estate,  
\$500 Personal Estate, born TN.  
Colly, Martha, 35, female, mulatto, domestic servant, born TN.  
" Lewis, 14, male, mulatto, born TN.  
" Josephine, 10, female, mulatto, born TN.

## SMITH COUNTY HISTORY

Dr. John W. Bowen

Continued from Volume XI., No. I

This writer saw Carthage for the first time in the year 1833. It was then, with the exception of two or three others, perhaps the largest and most flourishing county seats in Middle Tennessee. Its decadence commenced shortly after that time. Two principal causes contributed to this result and to its rapid and continuous decline afterwards.

The first was its discontinuance as one of the meeting places of the Supreme Court. The other was the vast reduction of the county's territory soon after. Before this reduction took place, Smith County was nearly one hundred miles long from North to South. It was reduced to less than half that distance.

At the time this writer was first in Carthage there were four hotels, all doing respectably well. Immediately upon the occurrence of the two events mentioned above, the removal of the Supreme Court and the dismemberment of the county, they were reduced to two, and even one has never done so well since.

Besides the four hotels in the town proper, John Carthon kept what was known as an inn, on the South bank of the river, where lodging and all kinds of refreshments for man and horse were furnished, including, of course, intoxication liquors.

The writer has before him a paper containing a list of most of the male inhabitants of Carthage in 1834. It was made by Joseph W. Allen, then a member of the oldest and leading mercantile firm of the town, now, and for many years, a highly respectable citizen of Nashville. Besides him, there is but one other survivor of the business men of Carthage of the date mentioned, Dr. Robert P. Allison of Lebanon, whose age is now more than eighty years.

In 1834 William Hart was Circuit Court Clerk of Smith County, and continued to be for a number of years after that date, as he had been for several years before, holding the office by appointment and reappointment, by election and reelection, more than forty years.

Jonathan Pickett was County Court Clerk for a number of years before. He died soon after, perhaps that year or early in the next. John J. Burnett, who was a Methodist preacher, and up to that time a "Steam Doctor," was appointed his successor. Soon after, the office becoming elective by the new constitution, he was elected and re-elected for a series of years.

There was no separate Chancery Court in the State until after the adoption of the new constitution, when that court was established by act of the legislature in 1835.\* John G. Park was the first clerk for Smith County. Armistead Moore was his successor and held the office until after the war. David Campbell succeeded him. He was succeeded by Col. John A. Fite, and he by W. D. Gold, and he by the present incumbent, G. W. Garrett. Park went to the Florida war in 1836 and never returned.

Obadiah Hubbard was a lawyer, and was, in connection with William Owen, under the firm name of Hubbard and Owen, a merchant. Benjamin Rucks was their clerk, and after the withdrawal of Owen became a partner and the style of the firm was changed to Hubbard & Rucks. After a few years Hubbard went to Arkansas, and Rucks went to his paternal home some ten miles below Carthage, where he died at the age of more than seventy years, never having married. Obadiah Hubbard and he were brothers-in-law.

The ancestors of the Hubbard and Rucks families were early pioneers in the county. Rev. Josiah Rucks settled on a large tract of land two miles West of the village of Rome. He owned a number of negro slaves and was a Baptist minister. Rev. John Page, one of the earliest and most distinguished Methodist preachers of the county was his near neighbor. Hon. James Rucks who married a daughter of Arthur S. Hogan was his son. He first settled in Carthage as a lawyer, but went to Mississippi soon after that state was admitted to the Union, where he attained a high position in the legal profession.

It should have been stated that Park was a merchant before he became clerk of the Chancery Court, and was a partner of James D. Smith. The firm name was Smith & Park. Smith was a son of the late James W. Smith, an early settler, and for many years a prominent citizen of Jackson County, and a brother of Samuel W. Smith who was Secretary of State from 1832 to 1835. One son survives him - Hugh Smith, who resides at the old homestead near Granville, Jackson County.

Orville Green and Martin W. Sloan were merchants under the name of Green and Sloan. The former married a daughter of Capt. Armistead Moore, of Round Lick, near Rome: the latter, Miss Lucas, a niece of Col. Robert Allen. When Green went out as he did a few years after, Samuel Crooker who was his brother-in-law became Sloan's partner. Sloan after a while went to Texas, and the Green family to Lebanon, near which place, at a great age, he died a few years ago in very reduced circumstances. Sloan died before Green. If either left descendants this writer knows nothing of them.

Harvey Hogg, who, if not a native of Smith County, came to it in his childhood days, his father being one of the early settlers on Defeated Creek, had for his clerk, Leroy Mitchell, who became his partner. The style of the firm was Hogg and Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell married the daughter of Samuel [?], who, late in life, after having been sheriff, was a merchant in Carthage. The late Mrs. Mollie Fite, so well known and so highly

esteemed while living, by a large circle of friends, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

The Allison Brothers heretofore mentioned as merchants, in the early times in the history of Carthage, were still there, but left a short while thereafter.

R. Allen & Son were, at the date to which I am referring, the leading, as they were in the person of the senior partner of the firm, the oldest merchants of the town. His history has already been given.

Besides these, Eliab Durham, Hardwick & King, and Jonathan Pickett were merchants in Carthage in the latter part of the year 1833, and most of the time for several years subsequently: George E. McNeil, Samuel H. Charles, James Rucks Toney, Henry H. Jones, John J. Hardwick, George C. Allen and Arch U. Sloan, in addition to those already mentioned as employed in the same way, were merchants' clerks. Toney married Jane, the only daughter of the late Hon. William McClain, and a few years afterwards emigrated to the state of Arkansas, where at the date of this writing he still lives: the only survivor, so far as known, of nine young men who were merchants' clerks in Carthage fifty-eight and fifty-nine years ago.

As to the lawyers of Carthage: about the date referred to Robert Allen, Jr., William B. Campbell, and David A. Crenshaw lived in town, while A. W. Overton lived on his farm on the river four miles below. Abe Caruthers lived on Snow Creek near where the village of Elmwood now is, and William McClain lived on Hickman Creek near Gordonsville.

Mr. Allen, after a few years, went South where he met an early death by the hand of an assassin because of his bold denunciation of the horrid vice of Gambling. No young man ever left a purer reputation as a monument in his native town than he did in Carthage.

William Bowen Campbell was not a native of Carthage, but it had been his home most of the time from his early boyhood, his father, with his family having settled there in 1815 when he was but eight years old. He was born on Mansker's Creek in Sumner County, from which location his father and mother, with three other children, of whom he was the oldest, came to Carthage, at the date above mentioned. His father was David Campbell, whose father was name David also, resided at the time of his death, and had done so for many years before, in Wilson County where Leeville is now. His mother was Katherine, the daughter of Capt. William Bowen whose military title came from service in the Revolutionary War, and in which capacity, he won distinction in the famous battle of King's Mountain. She was sister of John H. Bowen, heretofore mentioned as a lawyer, for many years a member of the Carthage bar, and twice elected to Congress from the district of which Smith County was a part.



One of her sisters, Tabitha by name, married Capt. Armistead Moore. They settled at an early date near where Rome is, at a place known at first as Bowen's Lick, on account of the ownership by her father of the tract of land on which the saline waters were which made it the resort of wild animals and therefore called a "Lick." It early lost its original name, and came to be known as Round Lick. Tradition assigns two reasons for the change. One is from the shape of the ground immediately around the original mineral spring. The other assigns the change to Round Lick the name of the creek of that name, which tradition says, and no doubt correctly, has its name for Roundtree, the name of a family among the earliest, perhaps the earliest, settlers near its mouth, and the Lick near which it runs. It is easily seen how Round Lick could thus be formed.

About 1845, Mrs. Moore, then an old woman approaching four score years, but with intellect unimpaired by age, had excavations made about the "Lick," and exhumed many bones of long extinct species of mammoth size. The writer remembers to have measured a tooth, one of the specimens, which, although it had lost some of its length by decay, was eight inches long and four inches in diameter. These relics had evidently been buried in prehistoric ages.

After residing a number of years in Carthage as a merchant, during which time two other children were born, Mr. Campbell bought a tract of land near Round Lick, on which he built a house and to which he moved, and where he lived for a few years and then removed to Wilson County, to a place called Rocky Hill, in the vicinity of the residence of his father heretofore mentioned. He finally located near Lebanon at the place now and for many years known as Camp Bell, at present owned and occupied by one of his grandsons, where he died. His widow survived him for a number of the annual revolutions of time, departing at last, not only ripe in years, but rich in the love of her children and children's children, and the affectionate esteem of a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

In 1833 William B. Campbell married Fannie Owen, the daughter of the then lately deceased Dr. John Owen and his widow, Mrs. Mary A. Owen who lived near Gordonsville at the place now owned by James H. Hogan. He immediately came here to live and it was his home for a number of years, his wife being the only surviving daughter of the family. Mrs. Owen and her late husband were natives of North Carolina, where, after he had completed his medical education, they were married on the 17th day of September, 1812. Her maiden name was Mary Amis Goodwin. They in a short while emigrated to Tennessee and settled at Carthage. Precisely eight months after the date of their marriage, on the 17th day of May, 1813, Dr. Owen issued his professional card at that place, and entered upon what soon became an extensive practice. In 1825 he bought the place referred to above and moved to it, where he died in September of the next year.

The year 1826 is memorable for two remarkable events in the annals of Smith County. One is the occurrence in August of that year, of the greatest rise in the Cumberland River since the beginning of settlements on its upper waters. It became an epoch in the history

of these settlements. The other was the prevalence of a most extensive and fatal epidemic. It was a fever so malignant in character and stubborn in form that it baffled the skill of all physicians of that period. It is not improbable, however, that the copious blood-letting, then the universal practice in such cases, and the heroic, drastic mercurial purging, never omitted as the writer remembers it, aggravated the disease instead of relieving it, and killed more than would have died, had they had no medical attendance at all.

A further notice of Gov. Campbell as he came to be know, is reserved for another chapter.

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\* (Ed. Note:) Dr. Bowen incorrectly states that the first Chancery Court was established in 1835. According to the first Chancery Minute Book located in the Clerk's office, Chancery Court was established in 1825 at Carthage as a District court for Smith, Sumner, Wilson and Jackson counties.

The circuit court held its first session, it is thought, in 1810, with Judge N. W. Williams presiding. The chancery court was presided over by Judge John Catron, Chief Justice of the state, 1831-1835, and then member of the United States Supreme Court. Among the prominent members of its bar were: Robert L. Caruthers, elected governor in 1863, and his brother, Abraham Caruthers, William Campbell, governor, 1851-1853, William Cullom, Samuel M. Fite, James . Moore, Jordan Stokes, John D. Goodall, Andrew McClain, A. A. Swope, E. L. Gardenhire, and Sam Turney.

Smith County furnished for the War of 1812 two companies whose captains were, respectively, Robertson and James Walton; four companies for the War with Mexico, commanded by Captains William Walton, L. P. McMurry, Don Allison, and John D. Goodall; and twelve companies to the Confederate Army.

Some pioneer ministers in addition to John Page were David P. Timberlake, David Halliburton, Jesse Moreland, and John Maffit.

Early important educational institutions were the Geneva Academy and the Female Academy.

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Bond \$5000  
Suzette Levi Smith  
& Mrs Smith all  
of Smith Co Tenn

93 Thomas M Smith Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette J. Keupler  
& John Mc Annonette etc  
of Putnam Co Tenn

87 John Mc Annonette Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette Ann Young  
& Jas. Keupler of  
Smith Co Tenn

94 Thomas Smith Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette L. G. Smith &  
James Adams all of  
Smith Co Tenn

88 John Mc Keatcher Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Suzette Dr. Brink &  
J. Keupler all  
of Smith Co Tenn

95 Galb. Leadin Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette Raney Ke.  
Raegeis & J. Keupler etc  
of Smith Co Tenn

89 Abraham P Anstine Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette J. A. Adams &  
J. S. Taylor all  
of Smith Co Tenn

96 Raney Ke Raegeis Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette Nell. Shrain &  
J. Keupler all of  
Smith Co Tenn

90 J. P. Reasoner Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Suzette Daniel B. Agan  
& John V. Walker all  
of Smith Co Tenn

97 John M. Bullard <sup>Smith Co Cit</sup>  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette E. Mc Davidson &  
Philip Rhodes of Putnam  
Co Tenn

91 Leonard Pallow Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Suzette Dixon Jones all  
of Smith Co Tenn

98 Patk. Lee Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Suzette Denny Jordan  
& Henry Keupler all of  
Smith Co Tenn

92 Samuel Young Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette John Mc Annonette  
& James Keupler all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

99 Henry Keupler Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Suzette Dixon Jones  
& Patk. Lee all of  
Smith Co Tenn

100 George R. Keelms Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Wright &  
Richard Apple all  
of Jackson Co. Tenn

101 John Wright Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties George R. Keelms  
& Richard Apple all  
of Jackson Co. Tenn

102 Richard Apple Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John Wright  
& George R. Keelms all  
of Jackson Co. Tenn

103 John M. Saffery Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties C. Proctor & J. Morrison  
& John M. Saffery all  
of Putnam Co. Tenn

104 Phillip Rhodes Putnam Co. Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties C. Proctor & J. Morrison  
Putnam Co. & John M.  
Ballance of Smith Co. Tenn

105 Robert Putnam Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George M. Apple  
& B. Thompson of  
Putnam Co. Tenn

106 C. H. Morrison Putnam Co. Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John M. Ballance of Smith  
& Phillip Rhodes of Putnam Co  
Tenn

107 Joseph C. Fletcher Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Bailey Proctor &  
John Denny all of Putnam  
Co. Tenn

108 John Denny Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Bailey Proctor &  
Joseph C. Fletcher all  
of Putnam Co. Tenn

109 John M. Saffery Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties B. G. Proctor &  
John M. Saffery all  
of Putnam Co. Tenn

110 B. G. Proctor Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Joseph C. Fletcher  
& John Denny all of  
Putnam Co. Tenn

111 James Farard Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Lepple Farard  
& Phillip Rhodes all of  
Putnam Co. Tenn

112 Charles Farard Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Farard &  
Phillip Rhodes all of  
Putnam Co. Tenn

113 James Gregory Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Major Gregory  
& Stephen Gregory all of  
Smith Co. Tenn

- 114 Stephen Le Gregory Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Major of Gregory &  
Crosby Shordens all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 115 Crosby Shordens Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Stephen Le Gregory &  
James of Gregory all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 116 Major of Gregory Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Stephen Le Gregory  
& Crosby Shordens all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 117 ~~Mrs W Manning~~ Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Alex Houston &  
Joseph Le Grissom all  
of Smith Co
- 118 Ambrose Petty Putnam Co Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Smitie Jno Le Grissom  
& Alex Houston all  
Smith Co
- 119 Joseph Le Grissom Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Ambrose Petty &  
Alex Houston all of  
Smith Co
- 120 Wm Le Moad Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Smitie William Ray  
& Joseph Le Grissom all  
of Smith Co

- 121 William Ray Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Wm Le Moad &  
Joseph Le Grissom all  
Smith Co
- 122 Riley B McDonald Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Smitie Wm Robinson &  
Jackson Le Moad all  
of Putnam Co
- 123 Isaac Armstrong Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Wm Robinson &  
John F Kelley all of  
Putnam Co
- 124 Hugh Smith Sol  
Bond \$3000  
Smitie William Bell &  
John Dillard of  
Putnam Co Tenn
- 125 Wm Ellis Jackson Co Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Hugh Smith &  
John Dillard of  
Putnam Co Tenn
- 126 ~~Alexander Houston~~ Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Smitie Wm Manning  
& Charles Armstrong all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 127 Robert A Smith Sol  
Bond \$2000  
Smitie Adam C Perkins and  
Dixon Beach all of Smith Co Tenn

129 Jacob Case Citizen  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties George W. Beaton  
of Jackson Tenn

129 John Dillard Citizen  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Jackson Capple  
and Wm. H. Young all of  
Putnam Co Tenn

130 Wm. H. Young Citizen  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Bassett Young  
and John Dillard both  
of Putnam Co Tenn

131 Bassett Young Cit.  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Wm. H. Young and  
Jackson C. Capple both of  
Putnam Co Tenn

132 Samuel V. Young Cit.  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties John Dillard  
and Bassett Young all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

133 Wm. H. Shields Sold  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Warrin Shields  
and Jesse Shields all  
of Smith Co Tenn

134 Jesse Shields Sold  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Warrin Shields  
and Wm. H. Shields all  
of Smith Co Tenn

135 William K Allen Sold  
Bond \$2,000  
Sureties Lawson Allen and  
Bryton Allen all of  
Smith Co Tenn

136 James D. Ritenberg Sold  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties W. J. Ritenberg &  
W. Hardie Ragen of Putnam  
Co Tenn

137 James Patey Smith Co Sold  
Bond \$4,000  
Sureties John D. Patey and  
Richard Helms of  
Smith Putnam Co Tenn

138 William Ragen Sold  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties James Ritenberg  
and Miles Bush all  
of Smith Co Tenn

139 James Shields Cit.  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties Len K. Shields  
and Wm. D. Wash all of  
Smith Co Tenn

140 Len K. Shields Cit.  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties James Shields  
and Wm. D. Wash all of  
Smith Co Tenn

141 William D. Wash Cit.  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties James Shields  
and Len K. Shields all  
of Smith Co Tenn

- 142 Robert H. Gregory Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jas. Shoules &  
William J. Taylor all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 143 Joseph P. Taylor Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Cooper  
and Robert H. Russell  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 144 Robert H. Russell Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Joseph P. Taylor  
Jacob C. and Edward Porter of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 145 Robert B. Lackwell Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John H. Grier of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 146 James D. Taylor Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James Stalling  
and John H. Pope all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 147 Seaborn Hart Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Molekel Perry  
and J. H. Timberlake all  
of Smith Co Tenn  
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- 148 John Mc Kinzie Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas  
~~Adams and Richard~~  
Ballou all of Smith Co

- 149 Johnson Dilleyhay Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Abel Gregory and  
Alanson N. Dickerson all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 150 Alanson N. Dickerson Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Johnson Dilleyhay  
and Jesse Smith all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 151 Abel Gregory Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Johnson Dilleyhay  
and David Dyers all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 152 David Dyer Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties William Watson  
and Allen Jones all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 153 Andrew Glasgow Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties William Watson  
and David Dyer all  
of Smith Co Tenn
- 154 William Watson Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Jas. H. Gregory and  
Allen Jones all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 155 Allen Jones Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Andrew Glasgow  
and William Watson all  
of Smith Co Tenn

156. John Beal Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Nathan Grubbs  
and David Dies all  
of Smith Co Tenn
157. Nathan Grubbs Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Beal  
and Jeff Gregory all  
of Smith Co Tenn
158. Neal M Gregory Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Abel Gregory  
and William Watson all  
of Smith Co Tenn
159. Colbert Fortes Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties S. Peter Robelt  
Russell all of Smith  
Co Tenn
160. Mrs Hollis Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties J. Hollis  
and Mrs Watson all  
of Smith Co Tenn
161. Ann E Johnson Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James Hollis  
and Mrs Watson all  
of Smith Co Tenn
162. Jesse Smith Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Johnson  
Dillingham and Hanson  
Dexter all of  
Smith Co Tenn

163. Milton D Young Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties J. H. Allen and  
L. O. Spaggiari all of  
Smith Co Tenn
164. John Stephens Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties George J. Gaff  
and Bartlett B. Welch  
all of Smith Co Tenn
165. Wm B Welch Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Morris Brown  
and Henry C Hubbard  
all of Smith Co Tenn
166. John D. Shultz Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John Stephens  
and Peter B. Ward all  
of Smith Co Tenn
168. Morris Brown Sold  
Bond \$390  
Sureties Wm B. Welch  
and Henry C. Hubbard  
all of Smith Co Tenn
169. Henry C. Hubbard Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm B. Welch  
and Morris Brown all  
of Smith Co Tenn
170. Public Auction Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Digerson Wolf  
and Nicholas Holman all  
of Jackson Co Tenn



## QUERIES

BUSH, FRANCIS ASBURY, b 1819 in TN/d 24 May 1864; wife, MATILDA W. SIMPSON; children, ANTHONY WHITNEY, WILLIAM HARVEY, MILES STANDISH, EVALINE, FRANCIS ASURY, MATTHEW TROUSDALE, MALVINA. May be bro to ALLEN BUSH.

NOLEN, ANNA CAMILLA, b 30 Nov 1865/d 3 Mar 1947, raised by JOHN & CINDY KITTRELL of Gordonsville; marr MACK MILLER SMITH, 3 Sep 1895; Mack's father was DANIEL SMITH.

SADLER, JOHN L., b 10 Feb 1877/d 1 Aug 1962, wife, LUSETTA LOMAN; bur Dickens Cem, Sm Co., TN; dau, VALLEY, marr CHARLEY GRISHAM.

SMITH, MACK MILLER, b 6 Mar 1852; marr VIRGINIA WHITE, 13 Jul 1869, b 1840; dau of HIRAM HARRIS WHITE & CAROLINE SADLER.

Children of MACK & VIRGINIA SMITH: MISSISSIPPI (SPELLINGS), MISSOURI 1871, MARY (MANNERS) 1873, ELY SMITH 1876, DANIEL WEBSTER.

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JEFFREY, JEFFERSON and MIRIAM HELEN (FERRELL).

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ALLGIER family of Smith County. The earliest information I have on the ALLGIERS is that of JOHN and PARMELIA OLIVER ALLGIER who were born in 1795 and 1809 respectively.

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WHITE/NEAL/PUGH/HATHAWAY/ADAMSON/MATHENY/HOPKINS/GILLEN-TINE/STITES: Seek any info on the foregoing families of the Smith/Dekalb/White Co. areas.

M. JANE WHITE PRICE, P. O. Box 106, Webb City, MO 64870-0106.

MINTON: SIMON MINTON b 1765 VA; d 1840 Smith Co., TN, mar SARAH POLLY ROACH b ?, d?, where? WILLIAM GREEN HUGH MINTON b 1825, where? d 1883, mar ELIZABETH E. HARPER (1819-1861). WILLIAM G. H. MINTON, s/o SIMON MINTON, had sibs MARY A., JOHN b 1793, JOSEPH b 1796, THOMAS HENRY b 1795-1805 mar DELIA WINFREY, MAHALIA MINTON b 1834? JOHN WILLIAM MINTON, s/o WILLIAM G. H. MINTON b 1856 in Smith Co. across from Sampson's Mineral Well on Hwy 70. Moved to Graves Co., Ky, when? Sibs of JOHN WILLIAM, ELIZA JANE b 1850, EMILY J. (or EMILY HEIGH) b 1857, JAMES THOMAS b 1852, JOSEPH H. b 1859. Seeking info on this family, esp. parents of SIMON & POLLY MINTON.

DAVID LOYD MINTON, 1421 W. Dogwood, Lovington, NM 88260.

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Welcome to a new year and a new century. The computer survived the Y2K and your editor received a second wind so we are off with another issue of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society publication. A 40 page plus quarterly deserves a better designation than "newsletter," so if you have any suggestions for a more appropriate name, please offer them.

The Society meets on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of December, July, and August, at the Smith County Public Library at 7:00 p. m. during the months of November-April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. If you are planning a research visit to Smith County in the coming year, library hours are: 8:00 - 4:30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Saturday; closed on Wednesday.

Membership is \$12.50 per year payable on January 1. Dues include a subscription to the quarterly publication. Memberships paid after January will receive back copies for the current year. Single issues and back copies are available at \$3.50 each.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Especially welcomed are Bible records, family histories, cemetery records and articles of historical and genealogical interest, including old letters, diaries, etc. Please include documentation; the editor nor the Society accepts responsibility for accuracy of material.

Publication of queries is free to all members. Please limit queries to 50 words or less, preferably typed with surnames in caps.

New officers were elected in November. Accolades are due James Fletcher who faithfully served as president for six years. Welcome and good luck to talented, exuberant Faith Young who assumes the gavel to lead us forth into the new century.

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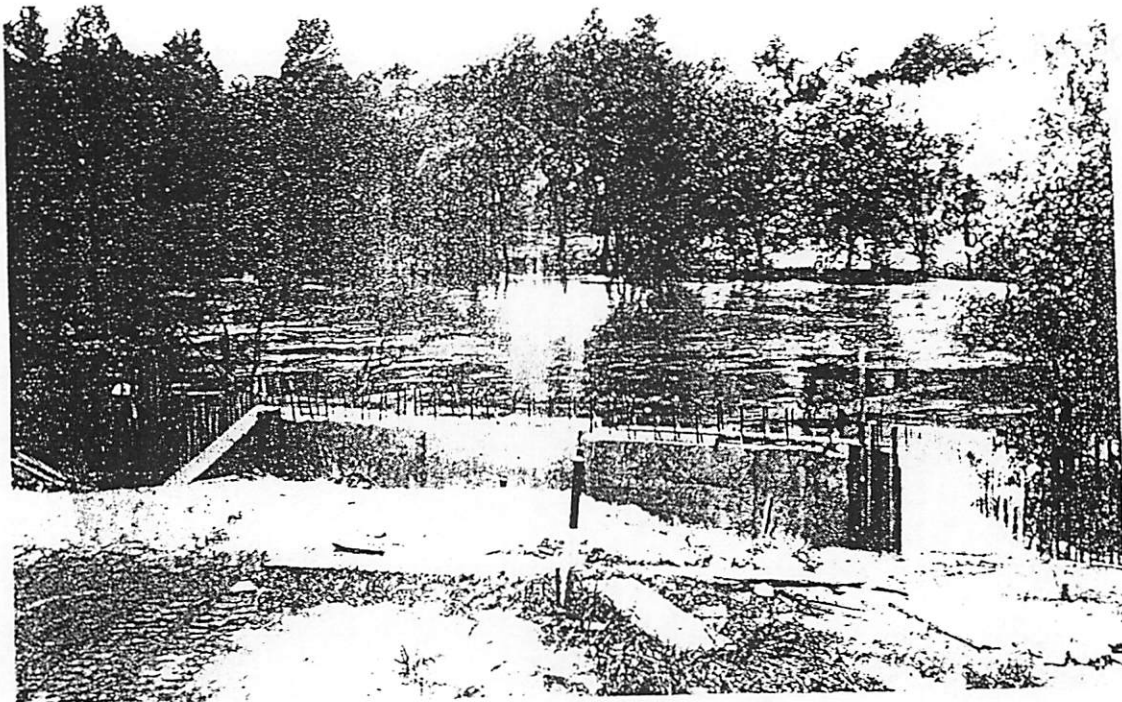


## TO REPLACE STATES MOST DANGEROUS BRIDGE WORK BEGINS ON \$430,805 STONEWALL BRIDGE AND APPROACHES

*Carthage Courier*, June 28, 1973

Construction has begun on the new Stonewall Bridge over the Caney Fork River and another over Trousdale Branch near Stonewall... Work on the Gordonsville side, including new road grading and leveling began several weeks ago. The new road on this side will extend past the Andrew J. Petty home to a point several hundred yards below the old Stonewall Bridge. Work on the Stonewall side will include a length of roadway along the general course of the existing road and cross Trousdale Branch at a point immediately below the old one-lane bridge being used today....

The new bridge will replace the fabled old Stonewall Bridge that has been dubbed by many as "Tennessee's Most Unsafe Bridge." The approaches to the old bridge have been blocked for several months and many motorists have selected to pass over the old Laycock Bridge or drive as far as South Carthage in order to reach Gordonsville. School Bus travel over the old Stonewall Bridge was stopped several years ago, with drivers taking the long route by South Carthage to reach a point less than a mile from the northeast side of the Caney Fork.



INTERESTING STORY  
OF  
THE VILLAGE OF STONEWALL

*CARTHAGE COURIER*, May 18, 1939

(Written by Mrs. Frank Perkins, member Stonewall Home Demonstration Club.)

Stonewall is located at the foot of Slate-Stone hill, on the road leading from Chestnut Mound to Gordonsville. It is a general supposition that it was named Stonewall from a great stone wall that stood here many years ago.

Some of the early settlers were Nichols, Gordons, Trousdale, Baileys, Youngs, and Perkins. The first dwelling to be built at Stonewall was erected by the Trousdale more than one hundred years ago. This house is better known as the old Perkins home. It has been said that Thomas Jefferson once spent the night here. Anyway, it was used as an inn by people who hauled their products here to be shipped.

Even as late as 1873 there were only three dwellings in the village of Stonewall and one very small store or saloon owned by Walter Phillips. Other early day merchants were Ward, Gordon, Perkins, Smith Bros. and now Orange.

The first post office was established by J. H. Perkins. The mail was for many years brought by stage from Lebanon to Cookeville. This post office was a distributing office for many years, but was finally done away with. The mail was then sent out from Elmwood for a few years. Now it comes from Carthage post office.

A section of the community near the river was once known as "Black Bottom." At this place there were four dwellings, a store, livery stable, warehouse, tobacco factory owned by J. W. Smith, tobacco prize owned by H. J. Perkins. The first road through this community was known as Trousdale Ferry pike. It was constructed in 1854 with James Corder as contractor. There was no bridge across Caney Fork river here then and the ferry was known as Trousdale Ferry. This was a toll gate road and a ferry until the construction of a bridge, this being the first bridge in the county. It was completed about April 1, 1900, and was a toll bridge until 1929.

The only means of transportation in the early days was by wagon or steamboat. All grain, cattle, hogs, tobacco and other products were brought here in wagons from the upper country and shipped from here on Caney Fork river to Nashville. This was a very slow way of transportation, taking about a week to get a shipment of goods from Nashville. The Shippers Own was the largest steamboat to operate on Caney Fork River.

The first school building was called the Old Walnut Grove School. It was an old log house with only one small window. The seats were made of hewn logs. This house was used by both Baptist and Methodist as a church until 1873 when the present school building was erected. It was used for a church, too, until about forty years ago when a Methodist church was erected on land donated by Smith Bros. The Nazarene church was built about 25 years ago on land donated by H. J. Perkins.

There were two soldiers from this community who were killed in the war between the states at the battle of Murfreesboro. They were Billy Nichols and Harvey Trousdale. The latter's home was about a mile from Stonewall and is still in the family. There were four Rebel soldiers captured here, one of whom was Tom Petty. Some of the Rebels made Scruggs' Bluff a camping place. A band of Yankees came up on the other side of the river and spied a large plum ticket which they thought was their enemy's hiding place. They shot the orchard to pieces but the soldiers escaped unharmed.

### STONEWALL BRIDGE AND ROME FERRY MADE FREE

*Carthage Courier*, January 17, 1929

By the actions of the quarterly term of the Smith County court, held first Monday in January, the bridge across the Caney Fork river at Stonewall and the ferry across the Cumberland river at Rome were made free.

Both the Stonewall bridge and the ferry have been in existence for many years, all the while being operated as toll projects. This action does away with the last forms of toll on highway passage in Smith County.

The price paid the owners for the Stonewall bridge was \$10,000 and \$3,000 was paid for the ferry. The bridge was opened to the public free of toll on Tuesday of last week. The Rome ferry was taken over by the county and made free Saturday of last week.

For some time the owners of the ferry have had Ike Napier in charge of the boat and last Tuesday Chairman G. F. M. Russell made arrangements with Mr. Napier to continue in charge of the boat until April term of the court.

So the public can now traverse the highways of Smith without being daunted with a toll gate. Two free passages are now provided across both the Cumberland and Caney Fork - the bridge at Carthage and the ferry at Rome across the Cumberland, and bridges at Elmwood and Stonewall across the Caney Fork. Another bridge is under construction at Lancaster across the Caney Fork which, when completed, will give three free bridges across that beautiful little river.

DIARY OF THOMAS FULLER  
Company E, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry  
November 27, 1861 - Jun 30, 1865

CONTINUED FROM VOLUME XI, NO. 1. (The diary is unedited)

May 17, 1862. Two Federals were taken to day - one is said to be one that was paroled on the 15th inst. on last night all of Capt. Bennett's Comp was ordered out on picket as I suppose - later a detail of four from a comp was made and sent out. A man by the name of Hall died to day the deceased was a member of Capt. Bennett's Comp. had been in bad health before leaving Tennessee - We hear various rumors concerning the armies on both sides - a great deal of it is not reliable there fore I refrain from penciling it down - later this evening a soldier came in from the pickets, wounded slightly in the right arm - the wounded is a member of Comp D.

May 18, 1862. The air is some cooler than it has been for some day past, a little cloudy, every one is wanting to see rain (or all that I hear express themselves) that will revive up the water and lay the dust, as the latter makes it very unpleasant on the road and in Town - a detail has been made on nearly all of the companies for men, to go out on duty, it seems like something is up by this move; quite a number of infantry have come and gone out also some Cavalry have gone out this morning some of Comp E went out to day and some returned reporting that the enemy were within one mile & half of our entrenchments - they are supposed to be fortifying occasionally - their axes can be heard at different times of night.

May 19, 1862. I went over as a courier this morning went to Gen Trapier and there I was ordered to proceed to Gen. Jackson's (the Third Brigade) which is out on the Purdy road. I went around the Brig about twice. The Brig. is composed of the 5th Georgia Reg. the others are Ala. Reg. - Gen J is near six feet high, Black whiskers a kind of hooked nose - seems to be about middle age - about 12 o'clock the Couriers that had been detailed for the last ten or eleven days were dismissed or released stating that other arrangements had been made having taken a whole company instead of a detail from companies - when I returned from Town found A. J. Bradford at our comps - he remained a while and I went with him to his Reg. the 24 Tenn. and saw some of my old acquaintances. Capt Cates this evening sold his horse and saddle he having resigned his commission and got a discharge from the army intending to go home in Tenn. His horse brought \$175.00 saddle 25.00, he let A. Britton of 24 Tenn. have him. I then went to the 23 Reg. Tenn. Vol. and saw them out on drill, found them to be well drilled but not a large Reg. they having lost a great many at the memorable field of Shiloh. They have reorganized of late under the conscription. We learn from the papers that the enemy made a little statement of the fight near Farmington, some of it I am knowing to be untrue - stating that their troops withdrew in good order - forgetting as I suppose the number of knapsacks they left

together with other equipage also as to the number of killed and wounded on our side - they say that it was great. More correct information says between 25 & 30 or near that embraces our losses.

May 20, 1862. There come a very refreshing shower last night laying the dust, reviving up the water and cooling the air, the day has been spent in various ways - some around camps have been grazing their horses, as we get no fodder or roughness of any kind except the shucks that come off the corn - We get more corn than we have at anytime since we came to Corinth - drawing 20 ears for the horse per diem - Our leading officers have been engaged to get clothing for the soldiers under their command having drawn some few shoes and brought them into camps - they have drawn some guns of longer range than our shot guns and some sabers they have sent out into the country for those of our soldiers that were sick and went out to recruit up - wanting all that are able for duty to come to camp.

May 21, 1862. Some sharp skirmishing took place today out on the Purdy road some of our boys retreated back to get out of range of the enemy's cannon and in their flight lost their hats and some lost their guns and all of them have been ordered into camps that belong to Col Bennett's command. There came an order to have three days rations cooked. I have been engaged some time cooking some biscuits and corn bread, one of our company who is staying in the country came in and brought some corn meal to exchange for flour.

May 22, 1862. This morning we were aroused about 2' o clock and ordered to be ready to start out, a portion of us going now and a portion awaiting till daylight. I being one that started before day -being under command of Maj. B. Smith - we proceeded in a circuitous route to the south of Farmington - however we in company with Col. Forrest Cavalry. Gen. Van Dorn marched out his gallant Missouri boys but our plan failed. We got no fight, took one or two prisoners and got orders to come to Corinth in the afternoon. We passed over some poor land being fine timber and scrubby undergrowth, with tolerable fine grass, saw two sawmills one on the Chattanooga rail road which road is not used with a considerable amount of plank around. Got back to camps after dark and learned that some fighting had taken place on the Purdy road this evening; Capt. A. Cates of Comp. E. having resigned his commission in the army got a discharge on accept of disability for service - Started home this morning his residence is in Cannon County Tennessee. He appeared to be very anxious to get home, the conclusion is that he is very homesick.

May 23, 1862. A rainy morning and continued pretty much through the day, nothing transpired of a very striking nature. I learned that an army or force of Thirty Thousand troops have been sent to the state of Tennessee to meet the Federal forces that are scattered around at different points over the country - may success attend them in their enterprise.

May 24, 1862. Some rain this morning till towards the middle of the day - no news of much importance afloat today - later in the evening some Cannons were fired on or near the Farmington road. I since learned that the enemy were attempting to shell our entrenchments, but without effect - I learned yesterday evening that Wm. Davis died recently in a hospital in (blank) Miss. The deceased was a private soldier in Capt. Dowell's Comp. 24 Reg. Tenn. Vol. Residence in Smith Co. Tenn. he was taken soon after the battle of Shiloh returned from there much fatigued - he is said to have fought bravely on the memorable occasion (peace to his ashes)

May 25, 1862. I was detailed from Comp. E. to go to town to assist in loading a wagon with some horse shoes and nails - bought two Newspapers and returned to camp and perused them - Preaching near our camps by Rev. Dr. Palmer of New Orleans. I got there too late to hear preaching got a bite to eat and saddled my horse and thought I would ride out and proceeded on the Memphis road and found the 28th Tennessee Reg., formerly Col. Murray's now commanded by Col. Brown. in this Regiment I found a number of my old school mates and associates. John P. Buford a man that was brought up in the same neighborhood with me - he has been an O. S. in the reg. now a Sutler - W. . Waterfield who was a schoolmate and classmate at Burrett College in 56 & 57. D. C. Crook a classmate at the same time and place now a major - P. X. Cunningham a schoolmate in 57 - now a Lt. Col. I enjoyed myself finely through the evening leaving a promise that I would go over again soon. A paper was going the rounds there that had the proceeds of a Convention held in Nashville about the 18 of May denouncing the course of the South and endorsing the course of the North - men engaged in it have not been taking a part in politics for a time. The names of some I will record from Wilson County, W. B. Campbell, Jordan Stokes and others from Smith Co. F. H. Gordon, John Barbee, G. W. House, Jas. Mitchell, W. Hawkins, E. Stone, J. W. Bowen - the latter had a son that died in the Southern Army on the 1st of May - about seven counties were represented in said convention.

May 26, 1862. This morning there were orders to cook three days rations to go on picket duty, ten men were detailed from Comp E. I being one we started about 8 or 9 o'clock out in the direction of Farmington or rather to the rear of the place with a little squad of about fifty men commanded by Capt. Odom of Com. F. and Lt. Mentlow of comp \_\_\_ and stopped on the old Chattanooga railroad- some other cavalry are here, while I write under a plank shanty in the afternoon, occasionally hearing the report of Cannon in the direction of Corinth.

May 27, 1862. This morning I arose, came out of the plank shanty under which I rested last night not having been on duty since being at this place and saw the sun rise in a clear sky, fed my pony got a snack to eat after awaiting an hour or two a detail was made and sent back to Van Dorn's Headquarters in the direction of Corinth, Eleven were in the Squad and having reported to Headquarters we were ordered to go in the direction of Farmington crossed the Chattanooga Railroad and found no one to report to.

Consequently we turned back to the old Railroad when meeting an officer he took six men leaving five on the R. R. near which I write at this time.

May 28, 1862. I am still near where the above was penciled yesterday sitting on a little pile of leafy brush that I laid on last night to sleep on. I got good night's rest or would have if the pesky gnats had not have bit me so hard. I and my four fellow soldiers from Comp. D. are subject to the Command of Col. Ross commanding the 6th Texas Infantry of dismounted Cavalry. The Col. is as I understand acting Brig. Gen. Temporarily and is said to be a good Indian fighter having distinguished himself before he was grown on the frontier of Texas as a scouter. He is a comparatively young man presently a fine appearance - on yesterday it seems that a considerable move was made the 7th Batt. moved near Gen. Van Dorn's headquarters. I went there this morning to get some provisions and forage, got forage but no provisions. They were loaded up to move was waiting for orders, cannonading is beginning to be heard along the lines, a general movement seems to be a taking place on the right wing of our army. No doubt very many of use will fall ere the sun goes down beyond the western hills. May God in his infinite goodness and mercy protect us and save us in the realms of eternal bliss.

May 29, 1862. On yesterday after the above was written down the writer together with his fellow soldiers followed Col Ross with his command to where he gave them their position soon after the firing on both sides began, the Shot & shell began to fall thick near where the writer of this was sitting on his horse. The Col led us away out of range of the missiles that the enemy was throwing over the bombarding or cannonading was kept up at intervals till near sunset, one man on our side was wounded in the hand by the explosion of a shell, a gun was accidentally discharged and shot two men, one Col Town was wounded in the leg one bone was fractured the other wound was only a flesh wound. I saw one of the shells thrown over by the enemy that did not explode, one of late invention, as I suppose it is about eight or Ten inches long, at one end it seemed to be square, at the other it sloped to a point with a metallic substance over it, and composed of a material that caused it to explode when this end struck anything, it was said that this one struck sideways, consequently it did not burst. The name of it is Schrapnel (pronounced Shrapnel) I staid till near the close of the day when the Gallant Col. released me giving me a passport to enable me to get to my command & also a snack to eat. I found among the Texas Volunteers that there were a number of Tennesseans among them all seemed very familiar and social. I remarked to some of our boys that I should like to go with Col Ross if his men was mounted. I learned furthermore yesterday that President Lincoln had made another call for men Fifty Thousand was the number he wants at present. I found the Batt before getting near Gen. Van Dorn's headquarters., the men are in a grove of timber off from the road distance about two hundred yards, without tents or wagons and not much of anything to eat - This morning about 8 or 9 o'clock Two hundred fifty of our men drove back a Regiment of the enemy our loss was thirteen in killed & wounded. The firing of Cannon has commenced now about 11 o'clock A.M.

May 30, 1862. After the above was written on yesterday the firing of cannon was kept up through the day, having little respites occasionally toward the evening Col. Bennett informed us that we must be ready by 9 o' clock to report to the General (Van Dorn) about that time we got ready and rode out towards the fortifications, Col. Forrest' s Cavalry being along and released the infantry that was out there Rumors had been circulated that Corinth would be evacuated. It looked a little more like it this evening. We remained out all night having sent out small pickets - this morning after remaining on the ground awhile we started towards Corinth and on getting near there, got orders to retrace our steps which we done instantly. The courier coming from Town informed us that there were but few there. We doubled quicked for a while and having been taking it moderate all day, Gen. Price & Van Dorn' s commands are on the road we are traveling a little Southeast, the large army that was at Corinth is divided as I understand, going different directions.

May 31, 1862. We started last night near the forks of the road. One leads to Jacinto the county seat of Tishomingo County, the other is said to lead to Boonville. I stood picket on the Jacinto road and thought that I never had gnats to bite me so bad in all my life, this morning the infantry got an early start, which enabled us to be off sooner. We have to bring up the rear, various rumors are afloat with respect to our wagon train, seem to have been that a portion of it has been captured by the enemy. We are not getting much to eat about this time & some rumors say that the pickets that were sent out on Monday & Thursday and those that went out last have been taken, but this morning another which says that they are on or near the railroad. One other says that some of our sick soldiers that were sent out have been captured. I know not the certainty of any of these rumors. We are traveling over some very poor country with few settlements through these parts. Rumors say now that we are gong to the Town of Chattanooga, Tenn. the place near which I write is a Schoolhouse to the left of Rienzi, a station on the railroad. It is situated on a ridge with a very nice little spring for this country down in the hollow. We moved on from the above place a short distance & took a bite at the Depot of Rienzi consisting of Bacon & loaf bread, after which we continued our march to another station on the Mobile R. R. It is said that our forces met some of the enemy that had come down and captured some sick soldiers here and burnt 20 cars & the depot building. The prisoners were rescued, and the enemy driven off, after being fired upon we passed over the ground and saw some sign of the fight, the trees were marked up by bullets one wounded horse was left, one dead, one said to have been a Yankee horse.

**TO BE CONTINUED**



MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799-1803

CONTINUED FROM VOLUME XI, NO. 4.

P. (5) 17 MARCH 1800. Court met with Wm. Walton, Thomas Harmand, James Hibbits, and Peter Turney. Gave John Shelton allowance to keep an ordinary at his own house and David Cochran may keep an ordinary at his house agreeable to orders of last court.

Deed Wm. Saunders to David Cochran, acknowledged. Charles Hudspeth appeared and qualified and took his seat.

Ordered that Martha Acuff and John Acuff, be permitted to adm. estate of Thean Acuff, Dec., made bond, took oath and returned an inventory.

Ordered to rescind previous court appt. of John Shelton, overseer of road from Peter Turney's to Sumner line - that Shelton be appt. overseer from Sumner line to Dixon's Lick Creek, Silas Jernigan be appt. overseer of said road from Lick Creek to said Turney.

Ordered grand jury impaneled - following elected and sworn: Grant Allen, foreman, Willis Haney, John Barkley, Andrew Greer, Leonard Ballow, James Bradley, James Draper, Willeroy Pate, Anthony Samuel, James Ballow, William Kelton, Daniel Mungle, John Crosswhite, Thomas Jamison and Nathaniel Ridley. Ordered that Amos Lacy be appt. to wait on Grand Jury.

P. (6) Ordered that Tandy Witcher and Henry Huddleston be appt. constables.

Ordered that Henry Tandy be exempted from serving as juror at this term, as well as Wm. Saunders.

P. (7) Ordered that a jury be appt. to view, mark and lay off road agreeable to law from Dixon Springs to mouth of white oak creek by way of James Givens. Appt. jurors were: Wm. Marlin, James Hibbits, James Gwin, John Fisher, Robert Leoney and John Bravard, to report at ensuing court.

Ordered that Sampson Williams, Andrew Greer, Wilson Cage and Charles F. Mobias be appt jurors to the Superior Court.

Ordered that Garrett Fitzgerald be appt. to take list of taxable property for Flins Creek Malitia Co.; Charles Hudgespeth for Obeds River and Roaring River Company; Wm. Walton Appt. for Capt.. Vance's Co.; Thomas Harmond for Capt Pate's Co.; Peter Turney for Peyton's Creek Co.; Tilman Dixon for Captain Bradley's Co.; James Hibbits for Capt. Shaw's Co.; and James Gwin for Capt. Gwin's Co.

Court adjourned till tomorrow morning ten o'clock.

TUE. 18 MARCH 1800. Following members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon, Charles Hudspeth and Peter Turney. Ordered that Sampson Williams and Charles McClenen be allowed to record their stock marks.

Mundine to Charles McClannen, 92 1/2 acres, ordered to Be registered, proven by oath of Jacob Bowerman.

P. (8) Record lease from Edmond Jinnings to Jacob Bowerman - records his stock mark.

James Hibbitts records his stock mark.

Deed from George Wilson to Frederick Ericks, proven by Basil Shaw.

Harden Gregory, Wm. Gregory, Wm. Boyd, James Dobbins, David Mitchell record their stock marks.

Ordered that Henry Dancer be allowed to retail spirituous liquors at his own house on the same terms as other Tavern keepers are rated, to be in force until next court, no longer.

Ordered that Grand Jury be dismissed. Following appt. as a venue to ensuing county court: David Theilough, Richard Brittin, Stephen \_\_?, Daniel Alex., (Blacksmith), Basil Shaw, John Murphy, Wm. Stalcup, David Cochran, Robb Bowman, Godfrey Toular, Terrisha Turner, Elivs Johns, Isom Beasley, Philip Day, Wm. \_\_?, Vincent Ridley, Patrick Donoho, Robert \_\_?, (P. 9) John Douglas, Wm. Gregory, Leonard Jones, Henry Dunnan, Charles McClanan, Richard Harman, James Cherry, Christopher Bullar, Stephen Pate, John Paterson, (Goose Creek), John Rutherford, James Roberts, Edward Pate, Pleasant Kearby, Jul Dyer, Edmond Jennings and Jacob Bowerman.

P. (9) Sampson Williams be appt. to Sarah Young.

Rachel Clark be appt. guardian to her daughter, Dorcas.

Zebediah Ingram appt. constable.

Ordered that Charles McClenan be appt. overseer of road where Jacob Bowerman was overseer with same hands as worked under Bowerman.

Ordered that Abraham Brittin be appt. overseer of road leading from P/Harl's Ferry to intersection with road called the Kentucky Road to commence at county line, thence to where it intersects with said Ky. Rd. and that all hands west of Richard Brittin's to Co. line, down new road to said Brittins on west side of middle fork of Goose Creek to mouth thereof and down main fork to said new road.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

WED. 19 MARCH 1800. Following present: James Givin, Tilman Dixon and Charles Hudspeth, Esquires.

Ordered that Blackburn be allowed an ordinary at his now dwelling house, rate as follows: for good whiskey or brandy of proof quality 18 1/4 cents per pint; for breakfast, dinner and supper 25 cents; for corn, oats, gal. 16 1/4 cents; for lodging each person for night 8 1/2 cents; for 2 bundles fodder 6 1/4 cents; for pasture 24 hours, 12 1/2 cents.

Ordered that John Jenkins be allowed to keep an ordinary at his now dwelling house, be rated as others. That Wm. Martin be appt. guardian to John Young, son of Wm. Young, deceased. That Wm. Martin, Wm. Walton, John Brevard and Sampson Williams be appointed guardian for orphans of Wm. Young, dec. Garrett Fitzgerald recorded his stockmark.

P. (10) Ordered deed of Thomas Murry to James Hibbitts to be registered. Recognizance of James Ballow taken before James Hibbitts and Thomas Harmond charge exhibited against him by Polly Reynolds for Bastardy returned unto court and ordered to be filed of record.

Ordered road be layed off from Flyn's Lick to the nearest settlements on Obed's River agreeable to law and that James Blackburn, James Jones, James Armistead, William Dale, Enoch Fox, Sampson Williams, Moses Fisk be appt. as a Jury to view, mark and lay off said road.

Ordered that a road be layed off agreeable to law from Ft. Blount road near the crossing of Salt Lick Creek to the northern boundary of this state near head of Salt Lick Fork of Barren River, that Thomas Draper, James Draper, Jacob Boweman, Jacob Jenkins, Pleasant Kearby, Wm. Pate, Henry Huddleston and Sampson William's be appt. as jury to view, mark and lay off said road.

Ordered laying off of road from Northern boundary of the State, near Mr. Irons on Obeds River to intersect road leading from Stockton's Valley to Wm. Blackburn at most convenient place, that John Sprowler, William Dale, Edward Irons and John Dale appt. jury to lay off said road and report to ensuing court.

That Henry McKinney, Dorrett Fitzgerald Sampson Williams, James Blackburn, Uriah Anderson, James Jones, Thomas Jones, Edmond Jennings and Benjamin Blackburn appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Fort Blount to Wm. Blackburn's agreeable to law.

P. (11) Ordered that William Walton, John Crosswhite, William Shaw, James Payne and John Campbell appt. to mark and lay off road from mouth of Caney Fork to the Indian boundary agreeable to law.

Ordered that Wm. Martin, Grant Allen, John Bravard be appt. comm. to settle with County Trustee.

Ordered that David Venters be allowed to build a public mill on Goose Creek near head of big Spring which is between forks of the Creek, he complying with the law.

Ordered that Anthony Pate be appt. overseer of road from Fort Blount to Salt Lick Creek, all hands living below crossing of said creek between road and river and creek and river work said road.

P. (12) Ordered that Moses Ashbrooks be appt. overseer of road from crossing of Salt Lick Creek to top of ridge between said creek and Defeated Creek and all hands that worked under Mr. Kearby work under said overseer.

Ordered that Charles Mundine stock mark be recorded.

Court adjourned until court in course.

DIXON SPRINGS, MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 1800

Members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Wm. Walton, Tilman Dixon and Charles Hudspeth. Grand Jury elected and sworn: John Douglass, foreman, Godfrey Fowler, Patrick Donoho, James Roberts, Robert Bowerman, John Paterson, Philip Day, Jacob Bowerman, Richard Garmond, James Cherry, David Cochran, Leonard Jones, Stephen Pate, Edmond Jennings, Isham Beasley.

Lemuel Henry be admitted as practicing attorney he having taken the necessary authorizations and oath of office.

Ordered that Silas Jernigan appt. constable to attend grand jury.

Deed 100 acres, Thomas Harney to Esam Graves, proven by oath of Jacob Bowerman, witness ordered to be recorded.

P. (13) Ordered that Thomas Draper, Pleasant Kirby and Wm. Pate appt. as patrollers for Captain Pate's Co.

Ordered that Richard Banks be permitted to keep a ferry at his own landing below mouth of Dixon's Creek, rated agreeable to all ferries in Co.

Will of Jesse Sanderson proven by oath of Arthur Hessian, a subscriber witness thereto, swore he saw John Patterson subscribe same as witness. Sworn as executors: John Sanderson and Leonard Jones.

Jury appt. to view and mark and lay road from where Russell's path crosses river, near mouth of nearest settlement on Obed's River and that Charles Hedspeth, John Overturf(?) Samuel Doneley and Sampson Williams, view same and make report at ensuing court.

Joel Dyer permitted to build mill on Payton Creek on his own land. Adjourned till 10 tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1800.

Court met according to adjournment, present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon, James Hibbitts, Charles Hudspeth and Peter Turney.

Ordered: Wm. Martin, George Strother and Robert Looney be appt. inspectors to election for filed officers.

That James Dobbons be permitted to retail spirituous liquors until next court, he hereafter be exempted from paying a poll tax for himself.

P. (14) Deed 450 acres, John Seviere and George Gordon to John McDaniel, acknowledged by Gordon, proven by oath of Nathaniel Evins as to Seviere, registered.

Deed 200 acres John Seviere and George Gordon to George Smith acknowledged by Gordon and proven by oath of John McDaniel as to Seviere, registered.

All strays brought to court be put in a stray pen to be shown by Major Dixon and kept agreeable to law.

Major Tilman Dixon stock mark recorded.

Deed Francis Cypert to Francis proven by oath of William Allen.

Letter of attorney Thomas Harris to Charles Harris proven by oath of Ephriam Davidson, ordered to be registered.

Deed 340 acres Wm. Walton to Samuel Shaw ordered to be registered.

Ordered that John Chambers, Wm. Haynie, Edmond Jennings, Richard Clark and Edward Settler be appt. to view, mark and lay off a road agreeable to law from Caney Fork road up Payton's Creek to Michael Murphey's and report to ensuing court.

Deed of gift 100 acres Henry W. Lawson to John Vines proven by oath of Daniel Burford, ordered to be registered.

P. (15) Ordered that Grant Allen, Basil Shaw, Wm. Walton and Wm. Saunders be appt. comm. to take testimony of Uriah Anderson, Charles Carter and John Rainy to establish claim of Elmore Douglass to tract on Dixon's Creek.

Deed 224 acres Sampson Williams, to George Thomerson ordered to be registered.

Deed Redmond D. Barry to Sampson Williams for 224 acres proven by oath of Michael Murphy ordered to be registered.

Benjamin Tollen took Deputy sheriff oath.

Ordered that Jonas Dancer be allowed permit to retail spirituous until next court and no longer at rate agreeable to common rates in this county.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1800.

Court met. Members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, James Gwin, Charles Hudspeth, James Hibbitts and Peter Turney.

Wm. Kelton's stock mark recorded.

Report of jury to view and lay off road from mouth of Caney Fork to Indian Boundary be reviewed and filed of record.

Venie to ensuing court appt: David Kellow, Henry King, Wm. Gregory, John Gray, David P. (16) White, John Chambers Benjamin Johns, Wm. Simpson, Jeremiah Taylor, Reuben Alexander, Edward Settles, Michael Murphy, Arthur Hessian, Josiah Payne, Philip Day, Charles Thompson, John Johnson, Charles McMurry, Joel Dyer, Christopher Bullar, John Steel, James Vance, Uriah Anderson, Lee Sullivan, Wm. Stalcup, Archibald Donoho, Francis Finley, George Thomason, Frederick Turner, Hugh Stephenson, John Campbell, John Fisher, Thomas Walker, Francis Patterson, James Gibson and Thomas Draper.

Ordered to be received and recorded report of jury to lay off road from Dixon Springs to mouth of White Oak on State Line by James Gwin; that Samuel Caurthers appt. overseer of road from Mungles Gap to ridge at head of branch of East Fork of Goose Creek, that Robert Looney be appt. overseer from thence to Maple Slasher near John Fishers; that Levi Cas be approved overseer from thence to State Line; ordered that James Gwin and James Hibbits be apt. to furnish said overseers with list of polls to work under overseer; that Turisha Turner be appt. overseer of road from Ridge between Defeated and Payton Creek to Michael Murphy's; that Christian Boston be appt. overseer from Michael Murphy's to Ridge between Payton's and Dixon's Creek; that Peter Turney be appt to furnish said overseers with list of polls to work under said overseers.

Daniel Mungles' stock mark recorded.

P. (17) Adjourned to meet at Michael Murphy's on Payton's Creek.

PAYTON'S CREEK, MONDAY SEPT. 15, 1800.

Members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon, Moses Fiske, James Hibbits, Thomas Harmond and Peter Turney.

John Chambers, foremen of Grand Jury. John Fisher, Francis Paterson, Frederick Turner, William Gregory, David Keilough, Charles McMurry, Arthur Hessian, Hugh Stephenson, Wm. Simpson, Francis Findley, Jeremiah Taylor, Joel Dyer, Edward Settles, grand jury elected and sworn. Silas Jernigan, Constable to attend them.

Allowed Michael Murphy license to keep an ordinary at his dwelling house agreeable to common rates within this county.

Ordered to be recorded bond Martin Armstrong to Josiah Payne; that Nicholas Perkins be admitted to practice law, he having produced a license.

Deed 400 acres John Matheral to Lee Sullivan proven by oath of Willie Sullivan, ordered registered. Letter of attorney, Josiah Ridditt to Thomas Howell, ordered recorded.

P. (18) Robert Price appt. Constable, his stock mark recorded.

Tilman Dixon, Henry McKinney, Peter Turney and Wm. Saunders, appt. Venire faceas to the Superior court.

John B. Johnson permitted to practice law, having produced an authentic license.

Thomas Armstrong, Vincent Ridley and Godfrey Fowler be appt. as searchers, overseers of the Patrols in Capt. Bradley's Company.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1800.

Members Present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Moses Fisk and James Hibbitts

James Gwin, James Hibbitts and Major Andrew Greer appt., commissioners to take deposition of said James Gwin, Sampson Williams and Joel Echols to establish claim of Josiah Howell to 688 acres of land on Ridge between head of Goose Creek and Barren River.

James Ballow be approved overseer for road for top of ridge between Payton's and Dixon's Creek to the ford of Dixon's Creek near his house by way of new road. All Col. Martin's hands and Cap Turney's to work under John Hargess who is appt. overseer from said forks of Dixon's Creek near Cap Ballows to top of ridge in Mungles Gap.

Ordered that stock mark of Edward Settles, Arthur Hessian and Peter Turney be recorded.

Deed for 125 acres George Gordon and John Seviere to Phileman Higgins acknowledged by Gordon and Strother attorneys for Seviere, be registered.

Wm. Saunders permitted to build saw and grist mill on Dixon's Creek about 200 yards below Blue Spring, dam not to be more than 12 feet high; water to be drawn off if requested by Maj. Dixon by 15th June each year.

Payton's Creek, WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH 1800.

Following present: Tilman Dixon, Moses Fisk, Peter Turney, James Hibbitts.

P. (19-20) James Draper appt overseer of road laid off from Salt Lick Creek to Ky. line as far as Landy Witchers and that James Simpson be overseer of road from Witcher's to said line; all hands living on Salt Lick, Defeated and Wartrace Creeks work under Draper; all hands living on Jennings Creek as low down as William Hellams and George Thomason

including them and their hands to work under said overseer also those on ridge convenient to said road.

P. (20) Amos Lacey permitted to resign as constable.

Bill of sale Anne Smith to Sampson Williams by oath of Garret Fitzgerald be recorded.

Jonas Dancer permitted to retail spirituous at customary rates within this county until next court. James Dobbins, John Steel, William Stalcup and Uriah Anderson be allowed permit to retail spirituous liquors within this county at customary rates of tavern keepers within said county until next court.

Robert Hill appt. overseer of road from northern boundary of this State to head of Mitchell Creek; all hands work under overseer; John Bowen appt. overseer from head Mitchell Creek to Captain Copelands; that hands adjacent thereto open and work on same as said overseer.

Wm. Sullivan, Sr. appt. overseer of roads from Sullivan's Ferry to fork of said road to where it meets Walton' Road. All hands living on Martins, Indian and Hurricane Creek work under said overseer on said road.

P. (21) John McDaniel, Nathaniel Ewings, John Morgan, Stephen Copeland and Simon Huddleston appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Mr. Blackburns to Robert Elliotts on northern boundary of State where road cut by Cap. Gordon intersects it.

Christian Boston and George Thompsons stock marks recorded.

Venue facias to next ensuing court: Christopher Bellar, John Fitzgerald, Henry McKinney, William Anderson, Uriah Anderson, Charles Carter, William Marchbanks, Joseph Williams, Michael Williamson, Samuel McHollister, Tobias Fitzgerald, Willeroy Pate, James Roberts, Thomas Heaton, Jacob Jenkins, Esam Graves., Pleasant Kearby, Edward Pate, Booker Pate, James and Daniel Draper, John Jenkins, William Richards, Charles McClellan, Charles Mundine, Philip Draper, Thomas Jenkins, Lee Sullivan, William Ashbrooks, James Roland, Henry Wakefield, Jacob Bowerman, James Blackburn, John Williams, Charles O'Neal, John Anderson.

Court objected to governor's appt, of John McDonald as Justice of Peace, dated 29th Aug 1800 on grounds of being unconstitutional.

Deed 640 acres Sampson Williams to Charles Hudspeth be registered. Tandy Witcher resigned as Constable.

Adjourned to meet at Fort Blount third Monday in December next.



## SILVER LAKE SCHOOL/TRINITY CHURCH

Continued from Volume XI, No. 4

Trinity, April 28th, 1882

Agreeably to previous notice, the following members of the Board of Trustees were present to wit: H. B. C. Vaden, D. L. Dow, Andrew McDonald, John Apple, N. B. Brown, J. C. Apple and John H. Apple.

The object of the call being explained, that in the event that a new sub-or school district should be formed by the Directors of the 8th District of Smith County, and if they should agree upon Trinity as the place for teaching common schools, will the Board of Trustees consent to the use of the House for courses, schools or erect another for said purpose.

After a full - free - and agreeable discussion of the subject it was unanimously agreed by said Trustees that if a new school or sub district is formed, that Trinity School and church House may be used for teaching common schools until other arrangements can be made and provided for a House for common schools, if deemed best, provided that the Directors of common schools will repair such damages to said House as may be made by the use and occupation of the same for such purpose, except such as is unavoidable by the course of nature and also aid the public in keeping up the necessary repairs to said House to prevent waste or decay.

N. B. Brown, Sec'y.

Board of Trustees as now constituted.

At this time as provided by their respective churches under a Resolution adopted by said board that is to say (the M.E.C. South and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches shall have four members each and the Missionary Baptists one) and the present state of the Board is as follows to wit:

For M. E. Church South:

J. C. Apple, N. B. Brown, John H. Apple and S. W. Robinson

For Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

John Apple, Andrew McDonald, J. C. Cowen and Jno. A. Shepperd.

For Missionary Baptists:

H. B. C. Vaden

This 3rd January 1891, J. C. Apple, Pres.

Friday June 14th 1895

The Board of Trustees to Trinity School and Church House met according to call. There being a quorum present the following proceedings were had. John H. Apple was called to the chair, L. C. Thompson having been previously appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. C. Apple. And according to previous arrangement of the Board,

his appointment was ratified by the Board. E. H. Knight was also elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. B. C. Vaden, John A. Shepherd was elected president of the Board. there being no other business before the Board, an adjournment was made, Sine die.

N. B. Brown, Sec.

J. A. Shepherd, Pres.

### November 1900

The Board of Trustees to Trinity School and Church House met according to call. Members present to wit: J. C. Cowan, L. C. Thompson, S. W. Robinson, Andrew McDonald, John C. Apple, J. H. Apple and N. B. Brown. When the following proceedings were had, W. J. Ferrell was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John A. Shepherd. L. C. Thompson was elected President of the Board. There being no other business before the board, an adjournment was made, Sine die.

N. B. Brown, Sec.

L. C. Thompson, Pres.

### Trinity October 6th 1906

The Board of Trustees met according to call by president. The following members were present to wit: Andrew McDonald, John Apple, L. C. Thompson, J. C. Cowen, N. B. Brown and S. W. Robinson. It appearing that the Holiness people desired to erect a shed etc. for the purpose of holding a camp meeting, which was granted and contract was signed by the board of trustees, said contract to become a part of the records of said property.

N. B. Brown, Secy.

L. C. Thompson, Pres.

### Trinity May 7, 1907

Trustees of Trinity School and Church property met in response to a call by the president. Those present were L. C. Thompson, N. B. Brown, J. C. Cowen, W. J. Ferrell, Andrew McDonald and John Apple, A quorum being present the board was called to order by the president, prayer offered by M. T. McDonald. The object of the meeting was explained by president. The following proceedings were had to wit: it was moved and seconded that the matter of electing a trustee was deferred until some future date. Which was carried by a majority vote.

The board adjourned with prayer. Sine die.

N. B. Brown, Secy.

L. C. Thompson, Pres.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday School was organized at Trinity on Sunday the 4th day of August 1872. John H. Apple and Jno. M. Lansden were appointed Superintendents and Z. T. Brown and J. C. Apple were appointed Secretary, A. J. Clark, Treasury.

Two Bible classes - each - male and female:

Teachers for 1st: Male - J. C. Apple and L. D. Apple

Teachers for 2nd Male - L. B. Robinson and Z. T. Brown

Teachers for 1st female - Mrs. M. E. Robinson

Teachers for 2nd female - Mrs. Anna Clark and Fanny Apple

Teachers for other studies - John Apple and L. B. Clark

To meet again at this place on Sunday the 18th August instant (1872) and make out a list of students and commence operations.

J. C. Apple, Secy.

Trinity, Sunday the 18th August 1872

Agreeably to previous appointment the following officers and teachers of the Sunday School at this place were present - John M. Lansden, Supt., L. D. Apple, L. B. Robinson, Mrs. M. E. Robinson, Catharine Clark, Anna Clark, Fanny Apple, John Apple and L. B. Clark. Opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Lansden and then proceeded to make a list of students which are as follows:

Males

John M. Lansden, Supt.

John H. Apple

J. C. Apple, Secy.

Z. T. Brown

L. D. Apple

L. B. Clark

John Apple

A. J. Clark

S. N. Robinson

N. B. Brown

Ormid Clark

G. W. Harris

J. R. Harris

J. L. Williamson

T. C. Williamson

J. B. Thompson

Lee Thompson

G. P. Apple

W. S. Apple

Wade McDonald

John McDonald

Lee Clark

Ira B. Cowan

William Crawford

Thomas Williamson

W. B. Stanton

Sydney S. Shaw

E. R. Apple

Females

Mrs. M. E. Robinson

Catharine Clark

Fanny Apple

Anna Clark

Kate Brown

Fredonia Williamson

D. S. Young

T. H. Young

Carrie S. Apple

M. E. Apple

Tinie Lansden

S. A. Lansden

Jennie Clark

Mattie Clark

Eliza Williamson

Maggie Dobbins

Mary Harris

The Bible class recited a lesson from the 2nd and 3rd Chapters of Matthew and was discoursed upon. Next Bible lesson from 4th and 5th Chapter of Matthew. School closed in usual form, peace and harmony prevailing.

Trinity Sunday School August 25 1872

Convened on Sunday the 25th August 1872.

All present except J. M. Lansden, J. H. Apple, Z. T. Brown, N. B. Brown, L. D. Apple, L. B. Clark, Lu Clark, Wade McDonald, John McDonald, Mrs. M. J. Robinson, Anna Clark, Fanny Apple, D. S. Young, T. H. Young.

The school opened informally. Lessons committed during the week and recited. The Bible class read the 4th and 5th Chapters of Matthew. Other classes recited and the school closed informally - peace and harmony prevailing.

J. C. Apple, Secy.

SUBSCRIPTION

We the undersigned will pay the sums annexed to our names for the purpose of building a school house with church privileges to the Methodist E. P. South, to the Cumberland Presbyterian and the Missionary Baptist church on the lot upon which has been built heretofore a small school house on Indian Creek known as "Silver Lake School house." The size, plan and arrangement for said house to be prescribed by the trustees of said house after a full board is provided under the advice and direction of the Subscribers. May 1871.

Subscribers Names and Amounts

J. C. Apple	\$100.00	J. C. Bockman	5.00
L. D. Apple	50.00	H. B. C. Vaden	5.00
G. W. Apple	50.00	William Elrod	2.50
A. J. Clark	25.00	A. W. Hogin	5.00
W. W. Williams	15.00	John S. Quarles	5.00
Andrew McDonald	25.00	H. L. Lee	2.50
L. B. Clark	15.00	W. W. Vaden	2.00
M. B. Clark	10.00	E. H. Knight	3.00
T. C. Williamson	50.00	J. W. Franklin	2.50
Wm. Robinson	50.00	A. W. Boyd	2.50
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W. W. Cowen	25.00	J. M. Young	2.00
Isaac G. Young	5.00	J. T. Armistead	1.00
W. F. Young	5.00	W. W. McDonald	5.00
Preston Young	5.00	H. M. Apple	5.00

## Subscriptions Cont'd

A. M. Burton	2.00	George A. Morgan	10.00
Thos. J. Maddux	3.00	Milton Stanton	1.00
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G. D. Sadler	3.00	J. T. Hix	2.50
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M. J. Scarlett	2.00	H. Denton	2.00
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G. B. Price	2.00	Jas. L. Gibson	1.00
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Mary Ferrell	1.00	C. R. Ford	1.00
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J. M. Lee	5.00	B. B. Washburn	1.50
B. F. Pursley	5.00	Wm Gore	1.00
T. J. Manear	5.00	J. T. Quarles	2.00

Amt. of \$13.15 contributed at protracted meeting at Trinity. Wesley Harvey 3.00 paid (on Brooks acct) S. S. Cardwell amt order on L. D. Apple for \$4.05. H. R. Brooks credited on his acct., \$1.10. Maddux & Amonett \$2.00 paid A. J. Clark. J. H. Fouse 2.00, J. W. High .50.

Friday June 14th 1895 (On back page of book).

The Board of Trustees met according to call, and transacted the following proceedings were had: J. H. Apple was elected chairman of the meeting, it appearing that L. C. Thompson was appointed by the conference of the M. E. Church, South the board proceed to ratify the appointment and also Dr. E. H. Knight was elected to fill the place of H. B. C. Vaden, deceased, moved and second that John A. Shepherd be elected president of the board of Trustees there being no further business before the board an adjournment was made sine die.

N. B. Brown, Sec

J. A. Shepherd, Pres

(On inside back cover of book)

We the undersigned Board of Trustees of the Trinity School house with church privileges and governed by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby grant to J. P. Young, Sr., R. B. Trawick, Sidney Bockman, R. L. Apple and L. C. Thompson, a committee of construction, the right to erect such buildings, sheds, etc. on the said grounds to be used exclusively for religious purposes of a nondenominational character and especially as a camp ground for the benefit of what is known as the Holiness people, provided that the Methodist E. Church south, the Cumberland Presbyterians and Missionary Baptist shall still have the right to keep up their congregations and Missionary Baptist shall still have the right to keep up their congregations and access to the use of said property as they have heretofore had when not in use by the Holiness People. There shall be nothing sold on said ground except religious literature, provided that a restaurant may be run for the benefit of the meeting and not for personal profit.

Should the building , sheds etc. be abandoned for the purposes herein granted, it reverts to, and becomes the property of the school ground. Oct 8, 1906.

(Signed) Thompson, Pres.  
A. McDonald  
E. H. Knight

Ferrell            John Apple  
J. C. Cowan    S. W. Robinson  
N. B. Brown, Clerk

## SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION

Submitted by Merle Stevens

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Albert Marion Agee  
 Alonzo Avan Agee  
 Andrew Jesse Agee  
 Arthur Theron Agee  
 Eddie Clarence Agee  
 Elbert Forrest Agee  
 Ernest M. Agee (b. 1889)  
 Ernest McKinley Agee (b. 1898)  
 Finis H. Agee  
 Hobert McKinley Agee  
 Horace Exum Agee  
 Herbert Lavascus Agee  
 Hubert Milton Agee  
 James Lemuel Agee  
 John Roberts Agee  
 Lattie Arion Agee  
 Lewis Franklin Agee  
 Marshall Elbert Agee  
 Miles West Agee  
 Ollie H. Agee  
 Robert Daniel Agee  
 Robert Lester Agee  
 Roy James Agee  
 Shelia Matthew Agee  
 Silas Cacy Agee  
 Sim Jones Agee  
 William Charles Agee  
 William Daniel Agee  
 William Payne Agee  
 Willie Clarence Agee  
 Willie Herman Agee  
 Joe Mashon Agnew  
 Lonnie Norman Akey

James Edward Akins  
 Robert John Alcorn  
 Wiley Richard Alcorn  
 Albert M. Alexander  
 Charlie Alexander  
 Edward Pickett Alexander  
 Eugene Alexander  
 Horace Maynard Alexander  
 James Lauderdale Alexander Jr.  
 John Clinton Alexander  
 Mayben Alexander  
 Wall Alexander  
 Walter Alexander  
 Comer Allcorn  
 Earl Haynie Allen  
 Ed Allen  
 Eli Allen  
 Frank Allen  
 George Allen  
 George Webster Allen  
 Harry Lee Allen  
 Hugh Taylor Allen  
 Jesse Allen  
 Jesse Thomas Allen  
 John Henry Allen  
 Joseph Herman Allen  
 Levi Allen  
 Louie Allan  
 Luther Stanton Allen  
 Lytle John Allan  
 Marcus Ewell Allen  
 Otis Allen  
 Richard Madison Allen

Robert Lee Allen  
 Hugh Bridges Allen  
 William Moses Allen  
 Robert Lincoln Allen  
 William Norwood Allen  
 Willie R. Allen  
 Willie Witburn Allen  
 Cicero Allison  
 Johnie Ray Allison  
 Samuel Joseph Allison  
 Charlie Aust Allman \*  
 Eddie Barber Allman  
 Levi Franklin Allman  
 Thomas Gwaltney Allman  
 Ben Alman  
 William Virgil Alsup  
 Charlie K. Alvis  
 Don Overton Alvis  
 Frank Mury Amonett  
 Jack Allen Amonette  
 Andrew B. Anderson  
 Benton Anderson  
 Christopher Collumbus Anderson \*  
 Chester Birt Anderson  
 Dave Anderson  
 Elijah Plemer Anderson  
 Emery Anderson  
 Fred Anderson  
 Henry Allen Anderson  
 Henry P. Anderson  
 Hershhal Cantwell Anderson  
 James Addison Anderson  
 Jas Benton Anderson  
 James Thomas Anderson  
 John Morris Anderson  
 Leonard Malon Anderson  
 Luster Anderson  
 Robert Less Anderson  
 Roy Windell Anderson  
 Sam Lee Anderson  
 Wade Jackson Anderson  
 William Andrew Anderson  
 William M. Anderson  
 Willie Anderson  
 Clarence Andrews \*  
 DM Mack Carsey Andrews \*  
 Grover Andrews \*  
 James Henry Andrews \*  
 Hugh Angel  
 Norman Angel  
 Robert Sidney Angel  
 William Braska Angel  
 Andy Apple \*  
 Andy Ottis Apple \*  
 Charlie Apple  
 Grover Apple  
 Hargis Apple  
 Herbert Estel Apple  
 Herman Apple  
 Herman Mack Apple  
 Hurchel Apple  
 John David Apple \*  
 L.B. Apple  
 Leslie McClyde Apple  
 Low Apple (signature Tom?)  
 Manuel Apple  
 Norman Apple  
 Oliver Powel Apple  
 Redgy Apple  
 Rufus Scot Apple  
 Wesley Harvey Apple  
 William Ellis Apple  
 Alvie Axum Armistead  
 Chas B. Armistead \*  
 Compton Edward Armistead  
 Floyd Armistead  
 Fred L. Armistead \*  
 Herman Monroe Armistead  
 Jesse Beasley Armistead \*  
 Jesse Franklin Armistead  
 Letcher Armistead  
 Thomas Edgar Armistead  
 Watt Lee Armistead \*  
 William H. Armistead \*  
 John Arnold  
 Gordonsville Ash  
 James L. Ash  
 John Ella Ash  
 John Thomas Ash  
 Roscoe Condlin? Ash  
 Guy M. Ashley  
 Homer E. Ashley  
 Joseph Fred Ashley  
 Nicholas Birdine Ashley  
 Olga D. Ashley  
 William Henry Ashley  
 William Joe Ashley  
 Charlie Horace Ashworth  
 James Edward Askew  
 William Bethel Askew  
 Billie Springs Atwood  
 Lou Atwood



Oliver Wendell Atwood	Joe Ernest Ballard "Col"
Robert Edward Atwood	Joe Henry Ballard
Sion Frances Atwood	John Marvin Ballard
Turner Franklin Atwood	Nathan Bedford Forest Ballard
Robert Cleveland Austin	Sam Jones Ballard
Samuel Virgel Austin	William Allen Ballard
Alvin Wade Autry	Axum Ballenger
John Henry Autrey	James Stanton Ballenger
Robert Lee Autrey	Jerry M. Ballenger
Charlie Ayers	Joe Ballenger
Tommy Ayers	Matthew Ballenger
Ira Bailey	Charlie Arther Ballinger
Lester Bailey	Homer Ballinger
Robert Bailey	Jake Dee Ballinger
Thad Bailey	Richard Ballinger
Walter Bailey	Robert Adron Ballinger
Dan Cress Bains	Thomas Richard Ballinger
Alfred Bart Baird	Virgil Harrison Ballinger
Charlie Herman Baird	Willie K. Ballinger
Charles R. Baird	Bud Ballow
Edward Holmes Baird	Dick Ballow
Ernest Holmes Baird	Leonard Dow Ballow
Frank Gill Baird	Samuel Casper Ballow
John Harrison Baird	John Cullom Ballow
John Hubert Baird	Hershel Clark Barbee
Neal Bridges Baird	Jessie Britton Barbee
William Edgar Baird	Joseph Barbee
Willie Baird	Owen T. Barbee
Chas Smith Baker	Walter Fleming Barnes
George Thomas Baker	Albert Barnette
Glason J. Baker	George Robert Barnette
Herman Baker	Bob Lee Barrett
James Thomas Baker	Hobart Barrett
Jim Baker	James Homer Barrett
Lem Baker	James Samuel Barrett
Pleas Solomon Baker	John Homer Barrett
Streighter K. Baker (signature Strader)	Joshua Elbert Barrett
Tilden Baker	Marlar Barrett
Walter Corly Baker	Robert William Barrett
William Howard Baker	William Albert Barrett
William McKinley Baker	David Neal Barry
William Soloman Baker	Robert Phocian Barry
Willie Bell Baker	Shirley Bartlett (signature S.C.)
Willie Francis Baker	Van Glispie Bartlett
Albert Fred Ballard	Willie Ed Floyd Barlett
Alford T. Ballard	Author Emery Baskin
Braxton Ballard	Albert Luther Bass
Clifton Ballard	George Calvin Bass
Emerson Ballard	James Lillard Bass *
Ernest Ballard	Henry Bates
James Allen Ballard	Roy Melvin Bates
James Edgar Ballard	S. Thomas Bates

Thomas Arthur Bates  
Thomas Luther Bates  
William Carter Bates  
Perry Baugh  
Authur Monroe Baughus  
James Daniel Baytes  
Lois Lee Baytes  
Willie J. Baytes  
Benjamin Harrison Beal  
Enzlie Pleamon Beal  
James Bell Beal  
Claud Bean  
John Harrison Bean  
Walter Bean  
Hubert Beard (signature Baird)  
John Foster Beard  
Ben Nichols Beasley  
Benton Beasley  
Calvin Beasley  
Claud Gray Beasley  
Ed Foust Beasley  
Frank Irvin Beasley  
Fred Beasley  
Gabriel Dinning Beasley  
George Washington Beasley  
Isham Beasley  
I.D. Beasley  
Isham Harris Beasley  
James Beasley  
James Clinton Beasley  
James Thomas Beasley  
John Davie Beasley  
John Johnson Beasley  
John William Beasley  
Kes Beasley  
Leon Hawkins Beasley  
Leslie Beasley  
Leslie Wayne Beasley  
Lum Beasley  
Major Yancy Beasley  
Marshel Ellis Beasley  
Oakley Beasley  
R.A. Beasley  
Richard Beasley  
Rufus Beasley  
Rufus Cleveland Beasley  
Sam Beasley  
Sam Hamilton Beasley  
Shelby Comer Beasley  
Sherman Beasley  
Thomas Maxey Beasley

William Deury Beasley (signature Wm Dury)  
Leslie Beaty  
Simon Beck  
Frank Baird Beckwith  
Rube Lawrence Beckwith  
Calhoun Belcher  
Robert Bell  
Bryan King Bellar  
Charlie Auther Bellar  
Henry Braden Bellar  
Hershal Bellar  
John Wayman Bellar  
Russell Clyde Bellar  
William Francis Bellar  
Bob Dewey Benett  
Balden Bennett  
Car Wayne Bennett  
Charley BENETT  
Charlie Brown Bennett  
Charley Bennett  
Clayborn Oscar Bennett \*  
Earl Bennett  
Edgar Floyd Bennett  
Frank Benett  
Henry Clay Bennett  
Herman Bennett  
Jack Bennett  
James Bennett  
James Lovel Bennett \*  
Jessie Benett  
Reece Benett  
Robert Bennett  
Robert Hugh Bennett  
William Eddie Benett  
Thomas Benett  
William George Bennett  
William Jesse Bennett  
William Tolbert Bennett  
Willie Jasper Bennett  
Alfred Elroy Betty  
Arthur Minkins Betty  
Avan Betty  
Henry Alford Betty  
Hubert Hurshel Betty  
Kerr Wayne Betty  
Luther Betty  
William H. Betty  
Robert Edgar Biby  
Will Biby  
George Washington Bilbrey

Joe Bilbrey	James Charley Bowman
John Wesley Black	James Fentrus Bowman
Charlie Floyd Blackburn	James G. Bowman
Jessie L. Blackburn	John Lemuel Bowman
Reuben Simeon Blackburn	Richard Jackson Bowman
Shelah Blackburn	Robt A. Bowman
Wilson Wesley Blackburn	Robt Polk Bowman
Albert Jones Blair	William Callie Bowman
Bifd Blair	William Sanders Bowman
Bass Blair	Willie Earling Bowman
Charlie R. Blair	Alonzo Napors Boyd
Chester L. Blair	Benjamin Franklin Boyd
Haskell Blair	Theodore E. Boyd
Shofter Blair	Clarence Fisher Boze
Sidney Francis Blair	David Bryant Boze
Walter Blair	Virgil Boze
Will Blair	Willie Lee Boze
William Alexander Blair	Fayette Hallum Bradford
Garett Blevins	Robert Earl Bradford
John Henry Bly	Sam Bradford
Dewey Edgar Bockman	Thomas Edward Bradford
Herbert Cornelius Bockman	Cicero Douglass Bradley
Rucker Bogle	D.F. Bradley
Felix Bolton	David Lenard Bradley (signature Davy)
Isaac Bolton	Ferrell Bradley
Robert Edward Bolton	Guy W. Bradley
Harey Booker *	Howell Edward Bradley
John Booker *	Thomas Hershall Bradley
Ottie Booker *	Verner Bradley
Robert L. Booker *	Walter Bradley
Arch Casper Boston	William H. Bradley
Charlie N. Boston	Yancey Bradley
Jacob Boston	James Samuel Bransford
Robert Wilson Boston	William Richard Bransford
William Burlin Boston	Clint Braswell
William Pickering Boston	John Herbert Braswell
William Sterling Boston	John Luther Braswell
John Westley Botts	Troy Martin Braswell
Andrew Jackson Boulton	Milton Omer Brawner
James Henson Boulton	Beylow Bridges
John David Boulton	Clarence Halton Bridges
Larkin C. Boulton	Jesse Cleveland Bridges
Lem Roberson Boulton	Jim Virgil Bridges
Moses Boulton	Millard Lowery Bridges
Raleigh Mack Boulton	Robert McKinley Bridges
William Bryan Boulton	Benton MicMillon Bridgewater
Columbus Marshall Bowdoin	James Marcus Bridgewater
John Enoch Bowen	John Richard Bridgewater
Alfred Henry Bowman	Reed Bridgewater
Benjamin Harris Bowman (signature H)	William Seay Bridgewater
Charlie Taylor Bowman	Joe Wheeler Brimm
George Washington Bowman	Wade Alexander Brimm

Will Herod Brimm  
 William Thomas Brimm  
 James Brinley  
 Alexander Rosco Brooks  
 Hamson Brooks  
 Henry Brooks  
 Henry Benton Brooks  
 Jodie Brooks  
 John Filmore Brooks  
 Marvin Clayton Brooks  
 Oat Brooks  
 Samuel David Brooks  
 Walter Hershall Brooks  
 Alford F. Brown  
 Baxter Val Brown  
 Charlie Brown  
 George Washington Brown  
 Henry Grady Brown  
 Henry Stites Brown  
 Henry Wesley Brown  
 John Tilmon Brown  
 John Westley Brown  
 N.B. Brown Jr.  
 Oscar Robert Brown  
 Rid Brown  
 Bonnie V. Bruce  
 Wayne Brown  
 Erston Bruce  
 Herman Bruce  
 John Henry Bruce  
 William Robert Bruce  
 Jordon Vance Brummett  
 John Bryant  
 Joseph G. Bryant  
 Orville Lee Bryant  
 Robt Lee Bryant  
 Will Bryant  
 William B. Bryant  
 Elbert Buck  
 Dave Bullard  
 Elijah Lewis Bullard  
 Marshal Bullard  
 Robt Lee Bullard  
 George Washington Bunch  
 Daniel Henry Burge  
 Matt Burgess  
 Homer Lee Burid  
 George Washing Burton  
 Callie Odel Bush  
 Elijah Marshall Bush  
 Ezra T. Bush  
 Floyed Bush (signature Floyd)

Franklin Attison Bush  
 Herman Bush  
 John Luther Bush  
 Joseph Asa Bush  
 Joshua Cloark Bush  
 Levidus Barton Bush  
 Luke Gillam Bush  
 Luther Lee Bush  
 R.D. Bush  
 Silver Oscar Bush  
 Trig Bush  
 William Henry Bush  
 Willis Henry Bush  
 Willis Peyton Bush  
 Zack Bush  
 Byrd Smith Bussell  
 Henry Haskel Bussell  
 Madison Columbia Bussell  
 Comer Lee Butler  
 James Aurey? Butler  
 John Hargie Butler  
 Tommy Dillafee Butler  
 William Hampton Butler  
 Willie Hanpin Butler  
 George Womoc? Butrum  
 Herman Macon Butts  
 Sam Butts  
 Charlie Cage "Col" \*  
 William Howard Cage  
 Nealie Thomas Campbell  
 Bill Cannon  
 Harden Cannon  
 Charlie Edgar Canter  
 Genie Mc Canter  
 George Allen Canter  
 James Worthy Canter  
 Leslie Orville Canter  
 Mitchall Perry Canter  
 Thomas Levi Canter  
 Thomas Stanford Canter  
 Jesse Cantrell  
 John Wilson Capleanor  
 Willie Robt Car (signature Willie Boy Car  
 Floyd Allen Cardwell \*  
 Joe Allen Cardwell \*  
 Leon Sullivan Cardwell \*  
 Mack Millan Cardwell \*  
 Vilt H. Cardwell \*  
 Andrew B. Carpenter  
 Charlie Benton Carpenter  
 Dave Doss Carpenter  
 Hugh Franklin Carpenter

Howard Emory Carpenter	John Lon Cheek
James Powell Carpenter	Russel Allison Cheek
Joe W. Carpenter	Shelie Cheek
Robert Lafayette Carpenter	Charles Wesley Chilcutt
Dave Frank Carr	James Hirace Chism
Thomas D. Carr	Ben Christian
Arville Lee Carter	Haskell Christian
Author Buster Carter	Melvin Otice Christin
Claib N. Carter (signature Clabe)	Robert Duncan Christian
Claude Carter	Charlie Claborn
Doctor F. Carter (signature Fred)	William H. Christian Jr.
Garrett Hobert Carter	Dave Chumney
Hershal B. Carter	Doss Chumney
Richard A. Carter	William Thomas Cirtain
William McKinney Carter	James Arthur Claiborne
Willie Carter	Marshal Claridy
Tommy Cartwright	Felix Garland Clark
Chera Fred Carver	John Edwin Clark
Hardie Winston Carver	Omer Alley Clark
Herbert Winburn Carver	Vestal B. Clark
Jasper Floyd Carver	Willie Anderson Clark
Sam Carver	Carr Lee Clay
Thaddeus Carver	James Carrington Clay
Uhless Henry Carver	Joe Clay
Wade Carver	John E. Clay
Willie Carver	Julius Ceaser Clay
Thomas Cothorn	Robert Bell Clay
Charlie Edward Cato	Wirt Lee Clay
Clarence Gainer Cato	James M. Clemons
Joe Cato	John S. Clemons
Robert Daves Cato	William Edgar Clemons
Turner Dayton Cato	Willie Isaac Clemons
William Cato	Fred Augustus Cleveland
Robert Henry Certain	Ethler Climer
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Willie Chaffin	Jimes Coats
William Savage Chaffin	Stockard Frank Coffee
Elisha Chambers	Charley Coggins
Henry Elisha Chambers	Oscar Coggins
James Alexander Chambers	Edgar Lee Collier
Leonard Lester Chambers	William Carl Comstock
Maud Lee Chambers	Charlie Hughes Conatser
Robert King Chambers	Henry Capleanor Conatser
Samuel B. Chambers	Lee Gillim Conatser
Samuel Thomas Chambers	James Hart Conditt
Walter Lee Chambers	William Haskel Cook
Will Chambers	Alpha Ewing Cooksey
William Gibbs Chambers	Ernest Cooksey
William Walter Chambers	James Claud Cooksey
William Wert Chambers	John Henry Cooksey
Willie Chambers	Julian Kirby Cooksey
Harman Oliver Cheek (signature Herman)	Jack Coons

Ed. Note: An \* beside a name is for Mr. Steven's personal reference.  
TO BE CONTINUED.

MUSTER ROLL, WAR OF 1812

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

"Muster Roll of a company of Volunteer Infantry under the command of Captain Brice Martin in the service of the United States, commanded by Colonel Edward Bradley on the 26 September 1813 when mustered into service to the 10 December 1813

Names	Rank	Dates of appointments or Enlistments	To what time engaged or enlisted	Names Present	Remarks and Alterations since the last Muster {see end of roster under number}
1 Brice Martin	Captain	26th Sept. 1813	10th Dec. 1813	Brice Martin	
1 James Bradley 1 John Carr "R" 1 Robert Barkley	1st Lt 2nd Do Ensign	" " "	" " "	James Bradley John Carr "R" Robert Barkley	[1]
1 Samuel Bains 1 William Carr  1 David Shelton 1 Hugh Brevard	1st Sergt 2 do  3.do 4.do	" " " "	" " " 23d Octr 1813	Samuel Bains William Carr "Seek Punt" David Shelton	[2] [3] [4]
1 Jesse Johnson 1 James Shelton 1 Jeffrey Setton 1 Ashley Alvis	1st Corp 2nd Do 3rd Do 4th Do	" " " "	10th Dec 1813 " " "	Jesse Johnson James Shelton Jeffrey Setton Ashley Alvis	[5] [6]
1 Aaron L. Adams 2 John Adams "R" 3 William T. Brevard 4 Cyrus W. Brevard 5 John Burford 6 David Bratton 7 John Bransford 8 Thomas Bradley 9 James Carr Junr	Private " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	Aaron L. Adams John Adams William T. Brevard Cyrus W. Brevard John Burford David Bratton John Bransford Thomas Bradley James Carr Junr	

10 Robert Corum "R"	"	"	"	Robert Corum	
11 Stephen Cooper	"	"	"	Stephen Cooper	
12 John Cooper	"	"	"	John Cooper	
13 John Campbell	"	"	"	John Campbell	
14 William Carter "R"	"	"	"	William Carter	
15 John Craigan	"	"	"	John Craigan	
16 John Carr Senr	"	"	"	John Carr Senr	
17 George Drewry	"	"	"	George Drewry	
18 George Duncan	"	"	"	George Duncan	
19 John D. Douglass	"	"	"	John D. Douglass	
20 Solomon Debow	"	"	"	Solomon Debow	
21 Martin Furlong	"	"	"	Martin Furlong	
22 Jeremiah Gammon	"	"	"	Jeremiah Gammon	
23 Benjamin Goodson	"	"	"	Benjamin Goodson	[7]
24 John Gray	"	"	"	John Gray	
25 James Green "R"	"	"	"	James Green	
26 John Griffin	"	"	"	John Griffin	
27 Jabez Gifford	"	"	"	Jabez Gifford	
28 Zachariah Goodall	"	"	"	Zachariah Goodall	
29 David C. Hibbetts	"	"	"		[8]
30 William Langford	"	"	"	William Langford	
31 Frederick Lasseter	"	"	"	Frederick Lasseter	
32 Daniel T. Lake	"	"	"	Daniel T. Lake	
[Timberlake ?]					
33 Thomas Mcfarren	"	"	"	Thomas M'farren	[9]
34 George Morris	"	"	"	George Morris	
35 George McInis	"	"	"	George McInis	
36 Thomas Martin	Private	26th Sept 1813	[?] Dec 1813		[10]
37 Daniel Madding	"	"	"		[11]
38 John Nedham	"	"	"		[12]
39 Womack Parker	"	"	"	Womack Parker	
40 Robert Pursley	"	"	"	Robert Pursley	
41 John Patterson	"	"	"	John Patterson	
42 John L. Setton	"	"	"	John L. Sitton	
43 Robert Simpson	"	"	"	Robert Simpson	
44 Philip Sitton	"	"	"	Philip Sitten	[13]
45 Thomas Sanders	"	"	"		[14]
46 Thomas Stafford	"	"	"	Thomas Stafford	
47 Robert Vanhook	"	"	"	Robert Vanhook	
48 Archa Wilkinson	"	"	"	Archa Wilkinson	
49 Dukin Ward	"	"	"	Dukin Ward	
50 Robertson Wright	"	"	"	Robertson Wright	
51 Thompson Wright	"	"	"	Thompson Wright	[15]
52 Joseph Upton	"	"	"	Joseph Upton	
53 William Turnbull	"	"	21 Oct		[16]
54 James Ragan	"	"	11th Dec	James Ragan	

I Certify upon honor, that the Muster Roll and annexed recapitulation exhibits a true statement of the company under my command for the period therein mentioned and that the remarks set opposite the names of the men are accurate and just.

Nashville 8<sup>th</sup> June 1814 B Martin Captain 1st R[egiment] T[ennessee]  
V[olunteer] I[nfantry].

I certify on honor that the Muster & Inspection Roll exhibits a true statement of Capt. Brice Martin's Company of West T[ennessee] V[olunteer] Infantry under the command of Colo Bradley as mustered

and Inspected by me on the 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1813 and discharged the 10<sup>th</sup> Decr 1813 by and of the Secretary of War

Robert Hays Ass[istan]t Insp[ec]t[or] Gen[era]l

Nashville June 8<sup>th</sup> 1814

I certify on honor that each non Commissioned officer and Private of the Company under my command traveld three hundred and fourteen miles agreeable to the best information of which I am in possession in marching to the place where they were mustered in service and in returning from the Stroshire [?] to Carthage in Smith County the place of their residence this 8th June 1814

Signer

B Martin Cap<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> RTVL"

Remarks column:

- 1 (Robert Barkley) Promoted 23 Oct. by order of Col<sup>o</sup> Bradley from Sergt.
- 2 (William Carr "Seek Punt") Promoted 23 Oct. by order of Col<sup>o</sup> Bradley from a Corporal
- 3 (David Shelton) Do Do Do
- 4 (Hugh Brevard) Do Do to Quarter Master Sergeant in [?] Bradley's Reg[imen]t.
- 5 (Jeffrey Setton) Promoted 23 Octr 1813 from a private
- 6 (Ashley Alvis) Do Do Do
- 7 (Benjamin Goodson) Sick absent last muster - Come and joined 7. Decr
- 8 (Zachariah Goodall) Furloughed - Wounded 9th Nov. at Talladega
- 9 (Thomas Mcfarren) Sick Present
- 10 (Thomas Martin) Wa[i]ter to Colo William Martin
- 11 (Daniel Madding) Furloughed - Wounded at Talladega 9 Nov
- 12 (John Nedham) Wa[i]ter to Colo Martin
- 13 (Philip Sitton) Sick Present
- 14 (Thomas Sanders) Killd 9 Nov at Talladga
- 15 (Thompson Wright) Sick Present
- 16 (William Turnbull) Discharged 21st Oct

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NOTE: The "R" after several of the names is unexplained but they are written in pencil rather than ink and they appear to be added by a later hand. The compiler used both; "Do" and " " to mean ditto.



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<b>Husband: William Green Hugh Minton</b>	
Born: December 26, 1827	in: Tennessee, (probahly Smith Co.) <i>is Rome, Wilson Co.</i>
Married: November 07, 1849	in: Carthage Tenn.
Died: October 04, 1883	in: Graves Co. KY
Other Spouses: Sarah Lavina Pace	
<b>Wife: Elizabeth E. Harper</b>	
Born: July 23, 1819	in: Tennessee
Died: April 10, 1861	in: Muhlenberg Co. KY
<b>CHILDREN</b>	
1 F	Name: Eliza Jane Minton Born: 1850 Married: October 28, 1868 Spouse: James Moore in: Tennessee in: Her Father's House, Muhlenberg Co. KY in: Muhlenberg Co. Kentucky
2 M	Name: James Thomas Minton Born: 1852 in: Tennessee in: Tennessee (He died before the 1860 census were taken)
3 M	Name: John William Minton Born: December 16, 1856 Married: October 15, 1876 Died: February 24, 1934 Spouses: Elizabeth Anne Blalock, Minnie Wright in: Smith County Between Lebanon & Carthage Tenn. in: Dublin Kentucky in: Mayfield Kentucky
4 F	Name: Emily J. Minton Born: 1857 in: Muhlenberg Co. Kentucky
5 M	Name: Joseph F. Minton Born: January 10, 1859 Died: March 02, 1884 in: Muhlenberg Co. Kentucky in: Graves Co. Kentucky

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends:

Our indispensable editor Sue suggested I might add a word to the editorial page this issue. I'm happy to oblige to tell you a little of our activities and plans for the year.

In response to various off-hand remarks such as, "We need new young members!" (and our loss of several valued older ones) it seemed right, at the beginning of the year, to initiate a series of events to attract new members - young and older!

Our member appreciation supper drew almost 40 members and guests in February and the next month an "Old Place Owners" award program at historic Fisher home (annex to Methodist Church in Carthage) proved a real draw with 60 or more there.

Other programs and activities are in the works to draw on these successes. For instance, we may be seeking suitable housing for a county museum (and meeting place), recording remembrances of older citizens, printing a brochure of the organization or preparing a booklet of "old places." And more...

We plan to erect a commemorative marker at Carthage's recently restored 150- year old cemetery (at Braden Church, courthouse square) and among my personal dreams - nominating the main streets of Gordonsville and Carthage to the National Register of Historic Districts!

As we grow we can provide a more important sharing venue for history-minded people and exert still greater influence in the county in "protecting the irreplaceable."

Let us know what you think. Thanks.

*Faith*

The Society meets on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of December, July, and August, at the Smith County Public Library at 7:00 p.m. during the months of November-April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. Dues are \$12.50 annually with the year beginning in January.

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## Centennial and Dedication

Of The  
New Middleton Baptist Church

Sunday April 30, 1939

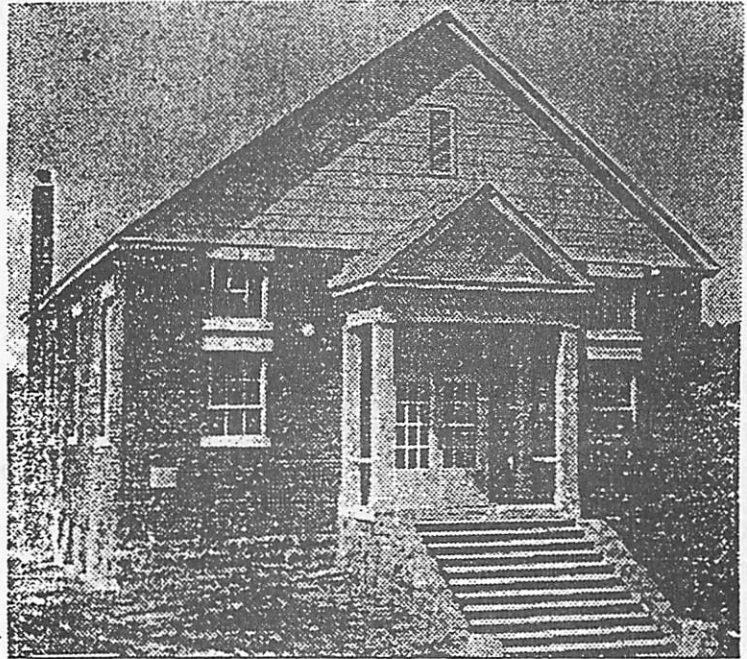
Centennial Service 10:30 A. M.

Prelude, Memories of Long Ago ..... Mrs. Herlin Nixon  
 Doxology — (All Standing)  
 Hymn 192, We're Marching to Zion  
 Scripture and Prayer ..... J. T. Cotton  
 Welcome ..... W. H. Clapp, Pastor  
 Recognition Service ..... J. G. Minton  
 Talks by Pastors  
 Hymn 3, Faith of Our Fathers  
 History ..... Mrs. Elmer Winfree  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Special Music, The Old Days ..... Mrs. A. T. Morris, Mrs. Herlin Nixon  
 K. C. Terry  
 Offertory, Just for Today  
 Announcements—  
 Adjourn—

Dedication Service 2:00 P. M.

Prelude  
 Hymn 44, Praise Him  
 Report ..... K. C. Terry, Chairman of Building Committee  
 Dedication Hymn ..... Choir  
 Dedicatory Sermon ..... C. H. Warren, Lebanon, Tenn.  
 Dedicatory Prayer  
 Invocation, Choral Response ..... Choir  
 Hymn 208, Blest Be the Tie  
 Benediction—

## New Middleton Baptist Church Will Be Dedicated by Members



The New Middleton Baptist Church.

CARTHAGE, Tenn., April 29— (Spl)—The members of the New Middleton Baptist Church will gather at the newly-erected church building Sunday for two purposes, one to dedicate the new church, and the other to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church which was founded in 1839.

At least 1,200 people from the surrounding sections are expected to attend. All former pastors have been invited.

The new church was built on what members called the "God's acreage plan" Various members planted an acre or part of an acre in some product such as corn, tobacco, potatoes and gave to the building fund the net proceeds of the crop. The women helped by contributing all the eggs their hens laid on Sunday.

This is the second church house which has been built by this congregation.

The church is a branch of the old Hogan's Creek Baptist church and was established upon the petition of William Flowers, John Borum, Joseph Payne, John Harper, Abel Gragory, Thomas Taylor, John Stallings, William Ferrell and Stephen Lamson.

During its century of existence the church has been served by 22 pastors, eight of whom are expected to make short talks at the services Sunday. They are W. J. Watson, L. S. Ewton, L. A. Hurst, H. F. Burrs, C. C. Ramsey, H. C. Atkins, W. B. Woodall, and Warren Clapp, the present pastor.

Only six clerks have served during the time of the congregation. They were Thomas Snoddy, James A. Ligon, James A. Barrett, Jr., N. B. House, Kirgus Baker and J. G. Minton, who has served for the past 33 years.

Ed. Note: The ensuing minutes of the New Middleton Macedonia Baptist Church were copied from the microfilm located in the Tennessee State Library and the Smith County Library. The published record is unedited.

### THE MACEDONIA NEW MIDDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH

The Macedonia New Middleton Baptist Church had its beginnings under the labors of Parson John Harper on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1830 on Dyers Branch near the village of New Middleton. An arm of the Hogin's Creek Baptist Church, the first meetings were conducted in the homes of a "few members who opened their doors for the purpose of having religion in the settlement."

A "stand" was erected in 1831 near the old school house on diers branch (sic) for the better convenience of the people. The said John Harper and other visiting brethren attended meetings. In 1832 during which time there was a goodly (number?) received and baptized, the neighbors agreed to build a meeting house.

By 1838 the members "whose names are herein subscribed, being members of Hogin's Creek Church of United Baptist, for convenience sake do agree to go into a constitution at Macedonia Meeting House." A petition was presented to the Hogin's Creek church to "grant us the liberty of being constituted a church." The petition was granted and the following churches were asked to aid in the establishment of the new church: Hogin's Creek, Plunket's Creek, Knobsprings, Payton's Creek, Cedar Creek, and Round Lick. This declaration is followed by some "articles of what we believe with citations to those scriptures upon which we found that belief."

State of Tennessee  
Smith County

to wit

(pp 2 & 3)

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1839, pursuant to the request of the under assigned petitioners-members of Hogans Creek Church- we according to appointment met at Macedonia meeting house and proceed to constitute a Church consisting of twenty three members dismissed from sd. Hogans Creek church for that purpose, which shall hereafter be known by the name of the Macedonia Baptist church, whose meetings shall commence on the Saturday before the second Lords day in each month.

Names of the prisbetory? who constituted the Church at Macedonia:

William Flowers	John Borum	Archamac Bass	Joseph Payne
John Harper	Abel Gregory	Thomas Taylor	John Stallins
William Ferrel	Stephen Samson		

Names of the members included in the constitution:

Elisabeth Snoddy	Anny Clark – died 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1839
Nancy Barrot	Thomas Snoddy – dead
Margaret Willson dismissed by letr	Edmond Hoskins – dismissed by letter 1854

Carroline Willson – died December 13<sup>th</sup> 1839  
 Elisabeth Hoskins – dismissed by letter 1854  
 Delila Everit – dead  
 Judith Clarada – dismiss by letter

Biddy Clarada  
 J. Ballenger's Milla (Slave)

excluded

Rutha Moore – excluded

Elijah Bomar – dismissed by letter August 17<sup>th</sup> 1842 and excluded Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1842

Stephen Farmer – dismissed by letter

Susana Samson  
 David Everit – dead  
 Priscillar Farmer – dead  
 Sarah Clarada – died May  
 11 1843  
 J. Ballenger's Winne (Slave)  
 John Moore –

Benjamin Denny – excluded

Adith Hughs – dead

The following names received after the Constitution of the Church, Continued on page the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Elisabeth McClanahan by experience – dismissed by letter

Margaret McClanhan by experience

John Clarada by letter

Madson Mercer by experience – dismissed by letter

Elbridge Mercer by experience – dismissed by letter Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1845

Sary Mercer by experience – dismissed by letter

Thomas G. Lindsay by letter – died about 19<sup>th</sup> August 1846

F. R. Prides George by experience – excluded (ed. Note: slave)

The names of members will be continued on page the 8<sup>th</sup>.

May 1839. Parsons Wm. Flowers and John Harper attended on Saturday before the second Lords day in May. Parson Harper delivered a sermon – the church met in conference and requested that the members attend on Saturday before the second Lord's day in June next for the purpose of choosing a pastor to take the care of the church.

June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1839. Parson John Harper and Elijah Bomar attended – a sermon delivered by J. Harper – the church met in conference and John Harper and Elijah Bomar were chosen pastors to take the care of the church.

July 13<sup>th</sup>. Church met and after service met in conference and appointed the next monthly meeting for a sacramental meeting.

August – second Lords day and Saturday preceding the church met and after service met in conference and concluded to prepare a petitioner letter to send to the association to be holden at Knobspring the first Sabbath in October 1839 and Saturday preceeding – and that Brothers Elijah Bomar and Stephen Farmer – and in case of failure John Moore bear it – Sacrament postponed till next monthly meeting.

October second Lords day and Saturday preceding, Church met – Brothers John Harper and Elijah Bomar attended – no business of record.

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November second Lords day and saturday preceding Church met – Brothers John Bomar, J. Harper and E. Bomar attended, preaching by J. Bomar – no business of record.

December – no meeting.

1840 January second Lords day and Saturday preceding – Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar attended – no business of record.

February second Lords day – church visited by J. Bomar, Elijah Hale, J. Harper & E. Bomar, no business of record.

March second Lords day and saturday preceding Church met, Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar attended, no business of record.

Aprile second Lords day preaching by Brother J. Harper.

May second Lords day and Saturday preceding Church attended by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar. Church met in conference and agreed that July meeting be a sacramental meeting.

June second Lords day and Saturday preceding, and Friday being appointed for a protracted meeting, and for the ordination of Brother E. Bomar and Sacramental meeting, Saturday church met in conference attended by Brothers John Harper, John Bomar, Archamac Bass, Joseph Payn, Stephen Samson and Michel Ules and received by experience Elisabeth and Margaret McClannahan and John Clarad by letter and Sunday received by experience Madison and Eldridge Mercer – ordination postponed.

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August second Lords day and Saturday preceding Church met in conference and agreed that a letter be prepared to send up to the Salem Association to be held with the Church on the east fork of Goos Creek, Smith County Tennessee, commencing on Saturday preceding the first Lords day in August 1840, and Brothers Elijah Bomar, Eldridge Mercer and Benjamin Denny bear it.

September, Saturday preceding the second Lords day, preaching by Brother William Flowers, church met in conference and agreed that our next Sabbath meeting be a sacramental meeting and foot washing the saturday night preceding.



October Saturday preceding the second Lords day attended by Brothers John Harper and E. Bomar which attended to the washing of the saints feet on Saturday night and on Sunday attended to the ordinance of the Lords Supper.

November, second Lords day church met, preaching by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar.

December, second Lords day, Church met, preaching by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar.

January 1841, second Lords day and Saturday preceding, Brother J. Harper attended.

February, no meeting on account of bad weather.

March, Saturday preceding the second Lords day Church met in conference attended by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar and agreed that May meeting be appointed for the ordination of Brother Elijah Bomar and that Knob Spring, Cedar Creek, Round Lick and Newhope churches be solicited to aid in this business, letters prepared and sent accordingly.

Aprile, no meeting.

May, Saturday preceding the second Lords day, Church met according to appointment with the Brethren requested to aid in the ordination of Brother Elijah Bomar and after sermon delivered, the prisbatory proceeded to business.

May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1841. This is to certify all whom this may concern:

Page 7 Whereas we the under signers met with the Church at Macedonia for the purpose of ordaining and sending out Brother Elijah Bomar to preach the gospel – after an examination, we Clothe him with the functions of the ministry and for that purpose we have set our names together as the prisbatory of the United Baptist of the Salem Association.

Names of the Prisbatory: William Flowers, James bond, Archamac Bass, John Borum, John Harper.

June. Church met Saturday before the second Lords day, Brother Edmond Hoskins cited to attend conference the Saturday before the second Lords day in July by Brothers Elijah Bomar and Elbridge Mercer.

July. Church met Saturday preceding the second Lords day attended by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar. Brother Edmond Hoskins failed to appear and Brothers John Moore and Thomas Snoddy was appointed to visit him and request his attendance at August meeting. The Brothers visit Brother Edmond Hoskins who promised to attend conference agreeable to request.

August 1841. Church met saturday before the second Lords day, Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar attended. Brother Edmond Hoskins confessed his fault and was forgiven. Sarah Mercer received by experience and baptised on Sunday by E. Bomar.

September 1841. Church met Saturday preceding the second Lords day. Attended by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar. No business of record.

October 1841. Church met Saturday preceding the second Lords day. Attended by Brethren J. Harper and E. Bomar.

November 1841. Church met the Saturday before the second Lords day. Brother Elijah Bomar petitioned for a letter of dismission which the Church consented to give.

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Elisabeth Wilkerson  
Anny Clark – dismissed by letter  
Maryann Bates – dismissed by letter

Lary Allen Bates  
Franky Ellison  
Mary Harrison, dismissed by letter  
Penny Bates, dismissed by letter, Sept 1855  
Eliza James, died in May 1840  
Eliza Clark, dead  
Nancy Barrot, dismissed by letter  
Hickey Douglas, dead  
Lary Dickerson, excluded July 1853  
James Tuggle  
Jesse Samson, excluded  
William Douglas, died Oct 1858  
John Bates, excluded  
James Barrot, dead  
Rebekah James, died 1854  
James Stallins, dead  
Mary Oliver, dead  
Elisabeth Crook, dismissed by letter  
Thomas Hues, excluded Sept. 1853  
Manerva Snoddy  
Names continued on page 24<sup>th</sup>.

Penny Wilkerson  
Fanny Barrot – dead  
Pollyann Bates – dismissed by letter, Sept. 1855  
Lewha Alman  
Martha Ellison, excluded Dec 1851  
Rebekah Farmer, dismissed by letter  
Leroy, dismissed by letter  
Thomas A. Clark  
Nancy Wilkerson, dead  
Nancy Clarada, died in Nov 1851  
J. Barrot's Daniel, dead  
Ann Neely, dismissed by letter 1854  
Elizabeth Tuggle  
Andrrw Harris  
John T. Farmer, dismissed by letter  
Martha Wilkerson, ded – 1870  
Edmond James, dead  
Stephen R. Samson  
Matilda Stallins  
Wiley Clark, dismissed by lettr 1853  
Catharne Samson, dismissed by ltr.  
William Snoddy

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December 1841. Church met Saturday before the second Lords day attended by Brothers J. Harper and E. Bomar. The clerk requested to furnish Brother Joshua Lester with the statistics of the Church clerk of the association when constituted, by whom, the number of members then, the ministers then, and the ministers from then till now, and the number of members now.

January 1842. Church met, nothing of record.

February 1842. Nothing of record.

March 1842. Church met, nothing of record.

Aprile 1842. Church met the Saturday before the second Lords day, Brothers J. Boram, J. Harper and E. Bomar, and in conference agreed that our monthly meeting be on the fourth Lords day and Saturday preceding in each month.

May 1842. Church met the Saturday preceding the fourth Lords day and in conference Brothers Elijah Bomar requested those if any who had their feelings wounded with him to make it known and no person brought up any charge against him, it was put off till the next monthly meeting.

June 1842. Church met the Saturday before the fourth Lords day, Brother John Harper attended, Brother E. Bomar requested to stop preaching until the aggrivances were settled, Brothers John Moore and Stephen Farmer chosen a comitty and they chose Thomas Snoddy to visit sisters Nancy Barrot and Elisabeth Hoskins with E. Bomar as interceders to try to settle the grivances before the next meeting, which was appointed the Saturday before the fifth Lords day in June next for the purpose of attending to the business if not previously settled. The committee met at James Barrots on Friday evening before the aggrieved Sisters being present with Brother E. Bomar acknowledgements were made and the right hand of fellowship given. The next day the Church met with Brother A. Bass, the comitte report and discharged.

July 1842. Disappointed on account of funerals at the Widow Patsy Fulkes on Saturday and at Brother Edmond James on Sunday.

Page 10<sup>th</sup> August 1842. The Hogans Creek section meeting commenced the Friday before the second Lords day at Macedonia.

Sept. 1842. Church met the Saturday before the fourth Lords day, preaching by Brother J. Harper. Brother Elijah Bomar petitioned for a letter of dismission which was granted and the fourth Lords day in October appointed for a Sacramental meeting.

October 1842. Nothing of record.

November 1842. Church met the Saturday before the fourth Lords day, Brother J. Harper being moderator proceed to business and decided as followeth- The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Macedonia, in Smith County and State of Tennessee in conference held the Saturday before the fourth Lords day in November 1842, agreed, whereas Elijah Bomar, a member of said Macedonia Church and an ordained preacher of the gospel, and had obtained a letter of dismissal from said Church telling us that he was going to Virginia to attend to some unsettled business there, but has left his wife and taken another woman and gone, we no not where leaving debts unpaid, we therefore under these circumstances and for these reasons exclude him from the Fellowship of the church, he is nomore of us, red and approved and signed by order of the Church.

Thomas Snoddy, Church Clerk

December 1842. Church met saturday before the fifth Lords day, Brother John Harper attended and on Sunday took his leave of the church.

January 1843. Church met and in conference held on the fourth Lords day agreed to send a request to a Sister church at Round Lick to grant us the liberty to call Brother Archamac Bass to take the care of the church at Macedonia – which request was granted and Brother A. Bass agreed to visit the Macedonia church the next monthly meeting and give an answer to the request.

February 1843. Church met in conferance the Saturday before the fourth Lords day, and Brother A. Bass informs the church that it is not convenient for him to take the care of the church.

Page 11<sup>th</sup>. On account of his present engagements with other churches – the church then send a request to Brother William Flowers.

March 1843. No meeting.

Aprile 1843. Church met. Brother Wm. Flowers attended and agreed to visit at next monthly meeting.

May 1843. Church met. Brother William Flowers and Brothers J. Harper and J. Pain attended and on sunday the fourth Lords day, Sister Lary Claradas funeral was preached by J. Harper and Wm. Flowers.

February 1846. Church met. Brothers Jesse Johnston and Lewis Dias attended at Macedonia.

March 1846. Church met on Saturday preceding the third Lords day. Brothers J. Johnston, L. Dias and Wm. Stites attended at Macedonia.

April 1846. Church met. Brothers L. Dias and Richard Lion attended the Church at Macedonia.

May 1846. Church met. Brothers J. Johnston and Lewis Dias attended the Church at Macedonia and in conference agreed to send a petition to the church at Athens Willson County to grant Brother Lewis Dias the privilege of attending the Church at Macedonia.

June 1846. Third Lords day Brothers Lewis Dias and Henry Lyon attended the church at Macedonia.

July 1846. Church met Saturday preceding the third Lords day, Brother Lewis Dias chosen to take the care of the Church. Brothers Edmond Hoskins, Madson Mercer, Thomas G. Lindsay chosen to attend the section meeting at Hogans Creek commencing on Friday before the first Lords day in August 1846.

August 1846. Brother William Stites attended.

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September 1846. Church met third Lords day and Saturday preceding Brothers J. Johnson, L. Dias and Richard Lion attended. The meeting continued six days a very interesting time.

October 1846. Third Lords day and Saturday preceding Brother Lewis Dias attended and baptized the following – namely – Elisabeth Williams, Penny Wilkerson, Anny Clark, Fanny Barrot, Maryan Bates, Pallyan Bates, Lary Allen Bates, Leuisa Alman, Franky Ellison, Martha Ellison.

November 1846. third Lords day and Saturday preceding Brother Lewis Dias attended and baptized the following – Mary Harrison, Rebekah Farmer, Penny Bates.

December 1846. Third Lords day and Saturday preceding Brother Lewis Dias attended, Brother John Moore having been requested to attend and answer to some charges rumored about his conduct towards his wife, and swaring and drinking spirits intemperately. Brother J. More attended and being requested to answer to the charges – 1<sup>st</sup> replied that wife slapt him twice in the face and further he had not abused her. 2<sup>nd</sup> he acknowledged he did sware an oathe in the heat of profession but was immediately sorry for it. 3<sup>rd</sup> as to drinking he said he may have taken a little too much but deny'd excessive drinking- the voice of the Church being taken, he was retained in fellowship. Brothers Stephen Farmer and Leroy James nominated for deacons and petitionary letters sent to Hogans Creek Church, Plunkets Creek Church and Brush Creek Church for ministerial aid to ordain them on Saturday preceding the third Lords day in January next.

January 1847. January Church met Saturday before the third Lords day, Brothers Stephen Farmer and Leroy James ordained deacons in the church at Mcedonia by the presbatory hereafter named:

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John M. Cates, James Pope, William Robertson, Jesse Johnston, Lewis Dies, Richard Lion.

July 1847. Church met according to appointment on Saturday after prayer and preaching the church in conference chose Brother Jesse Johnston moderator, there being a charge against Brother John More and his wife Rutha Moore. Brother Stephen A. Farmer and Leroy James were chosen to go and see them and cite them to the August conference meeting. There being a difference between Brother Stephen A. Farmer and Frances R. Pride's George, on motion, Brother Stephen A. Farmer go and see George and talk with him and if he did not give satisfaction to report to the church at our next conference meeting. Brother Lewis Dias requested to take the care of the Church who promised to give an answer at our next conference meeting.

August 1847. No attendance.

September 1847. Church met and after divine service Brother Lewis Dies was chosen moderator. On motion the committee that was to visit Brother John and Rutha Moore was called on to report to the Church and did accordingly and was discharged. Brother and Sister John & Rutha Moore did not attend and was excluded, Brother John Moore for using spirits intemporatly and Sister Rutha Moore for acting contrary to some statements she had made relating to herself and husband John Moore. Brother George attended but gave no satisfaction to the church and was excluded. Brothers Stephen A. Farmer and Leroy James chosen to attend the next association to be held with the Church at Cedar Grove Willson County Tennessee State on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> days of October 1847. Brother Lewis Dias agreed to take the care of the Church for a while.

Nov 1847. Church met and the following persons baptized – Sarah Dickerson, Ann Neely, James Tuggle, Elisabeth Tuggle, Jesse Samson, Andrew Shaver and William Douglas, by letter John Farmer and John Bates.

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November 1847. Vanderson Herald and Stephen Barot joined by experience.

February 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day, the Church in conference chose Brother John T. Farmer to act as assistant clerk. The Church resolved to set apart next Aprile meeting for a communion season. Brother Lewis Dias moderator.

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## SAMUEL BAINS - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

On 28 April 1851, Christiana Bains, age 66 and a resident of Smith Co., TN, stated before James W. Grissum, Justice of the Peace, that she was the widow of Samuel Bains deceased "who was a Sargent in the company Commanded by Captain Brice Martin in the 1st Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers Commanded by Colonel William Hall, and afterwards by Colonel Edward Bradlyd in the war with Great Brittain...and also against the hostile Creek Indians." He "Volunteered at Dixons Springs Smith County Tennessee on or about the 1st day of December 1812 for the term of Twelve Months, and Was mustered into service on the 10th day of December 1812, and served a Tour of four months and 12 days and was honorably discharged at Nashville Tennessee on the 22nd day of April 1813..." He "was afterwards called upon before the expiration of the twelve months and served a tour against the hostile Creek Indians and was Mustered into service at Fayetteville, Tennessee on the 26th day of September 1813 and served a tour of three Months and was honorably discharged at the same place on the 28th day of December 1813." John H. Burford swore to her veracity 3 May 1851 before O. S. Ewing, Justice of the Peace.

Her claim was made for bounty land due her for her husband's service and she requested that the "Warrant or Certificate therefor be sent to me at Rome Smith County Tenn."

She stated that she married Samuel Bains 8 November 1804, near Edenton, Chowan Co., NC; that they were married by Lemuel Creecy, J.P.; that her maiden name had been Lassiter or Lasitor; that Samuel Bains died in Smith Co., TN 29 February 1836 and that she had remained a widow since his death. Her affidavit, made before J. H. M'Cabe, was acknowledged 5 May 1855, by Jehu Gann, Justice of the Peace and certified by M. V. R. Hallum Clerk of Smith County Court.

On 23 October 1871, she applied for a widow's pension under the Act of 14 February 1871. She stated her husband's service as before and added the fact that "he was in the battle of Talladega...and the action of Nov. 11. 1813 with the Indians..." Her application was made before John Harper, J.P., was acknowledged by J. R. Hibbitt and W. A. Wilson and C. S. Sampson, residents of Rome, swore to her veracity.

On 14 December 1872, she made a further application, stating that Samuel Bains served as "1st Serg't of...Capt Brice Martin's Company, Col Ned Bradley's regiment, Gen'l W Halls brigade, Genl. Jacksons division..." She signed this application by mark. L. B. Craig and Thomas C. Sanders swore to her veracity and the application was certified by Thomas Fisher, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Smith Co., TN.

Her file contains no statement as to whether or not her pension was granted.

Samuel Bains' original discharge paper, filed with his widow's claim:

I certify that *Samuel Bains* enrolled himself as a  
 Volunteer under the acts of Congress of February 5, 1812 & July 13, 1812 and  
 that he was served as such, under my commission a tower to his Native country  
 from the 10th of December 1812 to the 22 of April 1813. and is  
*herby discharged* *S. Jackson Maj. Genl.*

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 National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.  
 War of 1812 Pension Applications. W.O. 7325 W.C. 4896.

Copies of original signatures from her file:

*Jas. N. Garrison* (S)  
 1850

*J. H. Burford* (S)  
 1851

*Christiana Bains*  
 1850

*W. H. Wainwright* (S)  
 1851

*Christiana Bains* (S)  
 1855

*J. H. Wake* (S)  
 1851

*Christiana Bains*  
 1871

*John Young* (LS)  
 1855

*Edw Carter*  
*L. K. Carter*  
 1855

*J. B. Whitbill*  
 1871

*S. B. Lewis*  
*Thomas C. Sanders*  
 1871

*John Harpur* (S)  
 1871

*W. A. Wilson*  
 1871

*W. A. Samson*  
 1871



## JESSE GILL – WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

On 5 November 1850, Jesse Gill, age 57, a resident of Blount Co., Alabama, appeared before John C. Gillespie, Probate Judge for that county, and stated that he had served in the War of 1812. He enlisted as a Private in Captain Bethel Allen's Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of West Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Colonel "Lawderdill" at "Capt. Dawson{'s ?} September...1814," for six months honorably discharged at Woods Muster ground on April 1815. Under date 8 May 1851, the Third Auditor's Office, U. S. Treasury Department certified his service as "a Private in Captain Bethel Allen's Company of Tennessee Militia ent[ered] Service on the 27 September 1814 and served till the 4 May 1815."

On 14 July 1855, he applied for additional bounty land. He gave his age as 63 years, his residence as Blount Co., Al and stated his military service as above. He had "received a Land Warrant No. 12.315 for Eighty Acres under Act of September 28<sup>th</sup> 1850 Which Warrant He located upon the south East ¼ of Section Twenty Three Township Eleven in Range No. 1 West in the Dest [?] of Lands subject to sale at Huntsville in the State of Alabama which will fully appear by reference to the record of Miscellaneous Military Grants Vol 33 – Page 174. He Makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty Land to Which he May be entitled under the 'Act Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1850'..." His statement was sworn before Martin Hudson, Justice of the Peace for the county and was witnessed by J. K. Roberts and Thomas L. Hewitt and was certified by John C. Gillespie, Probate Judge of Blount Co., AL.

The jacket of his pension and bounty land applications show Jesse Gill's death as 11 September 1856.

On 21 July 1873, Mary Gill, age 73, of Blountsville, Blount Co., AL stated before Solomon Palmer, Justice of the Peace for that county that she was the widow of Jesse Gill and in order to apply for a pension, stated his military service as above. Italia Whaley, Sarah A. Coons, E. G. Screws and Mary B. Baker witnessed her affidavit which was certified by Edmund N. Ward, Clerk of the Circuit court of Blount Co., AL.

On 28 March 1878, at age 78 she stated before J. H. Moore, Probate Judge of Blount Co., AL, that she was married to Jesse Gill, 17 October 1816, by William Moore, Esq.. "in the Vicinity of Carthage Tenn." And that her maiden name had been Mary Foust. On 30 March 1878, Samuel Foust, age 76, stated that he had known Jesse Gill "now deceased" and "Mary Gill once Mary Foust" for sixty-six years and that he "was an Eye witness to the Marriage Ceremony...near Carthage in the State of Tennessee on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1816." His deposition was sworn before Ed. R. Benson, Justice of the Peace for said county. John W. Gamble, Physician, had stated on 30 March 1878, that Samuel Faust was suffering from "Old Age and Chronic disease" and that it was "impracticable for [him] to visit the office of the Probate Judge...a distance of Sixteen

miles of rough and uneven road, as such a trip would result in great fatigue if not even in more serious Consequences.

On 4 April 1878, William S. Foust, "Seventy Years old next Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>" "swore before J. W. Moore, Probate Judge of the county that he was an "Eye-witness to the Marriage of Mary Foust to Jesse Gill...about Oct 1816." Affiant was then eight years old and "has from the date thereof to the present time resided in the Same Neighbourhoods with Said parties, ie, with them to the death of Jesse Gill in 1856 & since then Near the Said Mary Gill..."

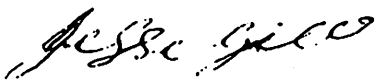
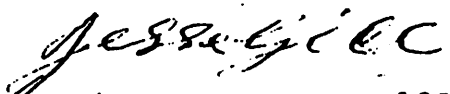


No kinship of Samuel and William S. Foust to Mary Foust Gill is stated.

On 24 October 1878, Camillus Turner and Austin Murphree stated before J. H. Moore, Probate Judge of the county, that Jesse Gill the husband of Mary Gill nee Mary Foust died in the vicinity of Blountsville in Said county in the fall of the year 1856 – And they were Each at his burying – that the said Mary has lived from then to now as a near Neighbour to affiant[s] and they know of their own knowledge that she has not married Since his death."

She was placed on the pension roll 14 November 1878, at the rate of \$8.00 per month, from 9 March 1878.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications. WO-20051.  
WC-12128. Gill, Jesse.

Signatures from the original application:

	
1850	1855
	

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U.S. Census, 1850, Blount Co., AL, pp. 124, 124a, Number 59-59.

Jesse Gill	56, male, farmer, \$300 real estate,	born NC
Mary "	50, female	born TN
Elizabeth "	30, female	born TN
Barthenia "	20, female	born AL
Martha "	14, female	born AL
Uriah "	11, male	born AL

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7<sup>TH</sup> TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
C.S.A.

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That night I got to within a few miles of Richmond. About sundown as I was passing along I noticed a big brick house up on the left of the road and concluded I'd go up there and stay all night, if they'd let me. I got up there and asked the gentleman of the house to let me stay all night. He very readily consented. He called a Negro and told him to take my horse and feed him and we went in the house. He introduced me to two of his daughters and another young lady who was there. I don't remember the fellow's name, but the other gal who was there was named Miss Dickerson. I spent a very delightful night there and next morning I went into Richmond.

I went out to Camp Lee, and an Army Hospital, and notified the fellow out there what I was after. The fellows were very anxious to go away from there. I called on the quartermaster for a wagon and team and he gave us one and we started into the City. There must have been 3 or 4 or 500 of them, I don't know how many. Some of them wanted to go that were not able to go, and I had to make them stay back. Before we got into Richmond, the old wagon broke down. I met another one belonging to the Army, going out to the camp. I made him turn around and go with us, and sent the fellow with the broken down wagon back to the camp. When I got back into Richmond, while we were getting up some provisions, I bought a jug of whiskey from Simon Gugenheim. We then started on back to meet the Army. We got about two miles out from Richmond and I concluded to stay all night. There were some people living right where we stopped, and we hired them to cook some bread for us. She was cooking all night. The boys found my jug of whiskey, out in the wagon, and they stole it. I slept in the wagon that night. Next morning when I woke up I saw my jug sitting out by the side of the road, and not a drop in it.

Soon after we started that morning we met old General Anderson. He told me he had resigned and was starting back to Tennessee. Some time that day we met the Army coming up. We came on back within 5 or 6 miles of Richmond and went into camp. That was a few days before the Seven Pines Fight. In the meantime, Colonel Hatton had been appointed Brigadier General to command our brigade. This made Goodner Colonel of the Regiment, Howard, Lieutenant Colonel and me Major. I went to town and bought me a horse, paid \$800.00 for an old horse.

This was only a few days before the Seven Pines fight. When the fight commenced we were a mile or two from where the fighting was. Our Regiment was ordered down to the front. We went down there double quick and when we got down to within a short distance of the enemy, we were turned square to the left. We had gone but a little distance

a hundred or two yards, I reckon, when we met the enemies fire. A few minutes after we got under fire, General Hatton was killed. The firing went on until after dark. We were about 150 or 200 yards apart. In the meantime, dark had come on. After awhile firing ceased and we were moved back a hundred or two yards and told to lay down. We did so. The dying and wounded were all around us, the next morning we found that the enemy, during the night, had retreated.

General James Archer was then appointed General of our Brigade. He came down to where we were and I was introduced to him. We had established a picket line before our Command there. He asked me who was in command of our picket. I told him some Captain or Lieutenant I don't know who it was. He then ordered me to go and take charge of it. I told him that we hadn't been in the habit of having field officers in command of the picket. He told me to go and take charge of it, he didn't care what had been our practice, so I went down and took charge of the picket, which was a little ways in advance of where we were. The brigade was then moved back two or three hundred yards in a little field. Just in front of our picket line was a thicket of heavy undergrowth. The Yankees got very troublesome and picked off a fellow ever once and a while. General Archer concluded that the picket line wasn't strong enough, and he ordered another big detail sent down there. I had then at least 300 men on picket duty there. I expected, of course, not to be required to stay there more than 24 hours, when the picket would be changed. That night they sent down another detail, and relieved the men that were down there, but didn't relieve me. The next day Lieutenant Colonel Shackelford of the 15<sup>th</sup> Tennessee came down there, and he was cussing Archer. He said he went to Archer and told him I'd been down there for two days and nights and he was willing to go down there and relieve me and Archer told him that when he wanted his services he's call on him.

That evening I concluded that I'd go back up there and see Archer, and try to get him to relieve me, so I went backup there, and talked to him. I told him that was a hard place down there, and that they were shooting at us constantly and that a man had to keep on a strain all the time, and that it was a dangerous place, and that I wanted to be relieved. He said that if a gentleman didn't expect to get in danger, he ought not to join the Army. I told him I expected that, but I didn't expect to go into a damn fool command where they required me to do all the work of it, and I went back, mad of course. I was hungry and tired and worn out and it was the third day I'd been on picket there. Somebody came down and notified me that our brigade would be relieved that night and so I waited until night and heard nothing of any relief, and concluded I'd go back up there, and see what was the matter. When I got up to where I'd left our brigade, I found a line of picketers, and they commenced popping their guns. I could hear them. I hollered to them to hold up that I was a friend. They wanted to know who I was. I told them and Colonel Cobb, then of Georgia, came down and met me and said that he had relieved my pickets, but couldn't find me. "Why," I said, "Colonel Cobb, I've got 300 men down here two or three hundred yards in advance of this." He then asked me to walk back there to General Howell Cobb's, his brother, and he told General Cobb what I said, and the General told

him to have a detail made and relieve my pickets down there, and relieve me. The old General was very polite to me. I told him that I'd been down there for three or four days and nights. He said that was about as much as he expected of Archer to let a fellow stay on duty three or four days. I went with his detail then and showed him where my men were, and he relieved my fellows. We had several men killed and wounded while we were on duty there.

Some of the men that belonged to that picket belonged to Colonel Rush's regiment of Texas. One of them was a fellow by the name of Bill Calhoun. He used to live down there, close to Taylorsville. I was sitting down talking to him. We were sitting down by a big log watching for the Yankees. I saw a Yankee slipping along through the bushes and told Bill to hand me his gun. He handed it to me and I watched the fellow. He got out in a sort of an open place. I pulled away at him. I never saw him anymore but, Calhoun went out there and got his knap sack.. If I killed him, he was the only man that I killed during the war, that I knew I had killed.

During the time we were there on picket there were several more killed and wounded. There was a fellow there who shot at us every once in a while, and we couldn't tell where he was. I was sitting on the side on the road, behind a big pine tree, and watching, trying to find out where the fellow was who was shooting at us. Finally I discovered him way up in a big pine tree. I got 4 or 5 of the boys and pointed him out and told them to draw a bead on him, and then I gave the command to shoot. They all took their position and I ordered them to fire, and when they did, he leaped out of the top of the tree and fell right on the edge of the road. There was a little cabin there close by and when he fell, several Yankees ran out from behind that cabin to get him. My pickets fired on them. There was two of them that never got away.

After Cobb had relieved me and my picket, we went back to where our brigade had been in camp, and they were gone. Colonel Howard had left his horse there for me so I started with that picket force of about three or four hundred men to find the brigade. He went through a field, and the first thing I noticed my horse jumped a big gully. I led him up the gully to where I could get out. We went on and finally got up with our brigade. Directly after we got there one of General Archer's staff came up. It was between midnight and day then, and I told Goodner and the other Colonels there that the General said for them to turn their commands and come back up there and come through a gate out to the camp. They were fussing. I told Goodner I wasn't going to go any further, that I was worn out and I just lay down on the ground. Some of the command turned around and went on back to the camp. I stayed there all night. I had a good many other men that stayed with me. We got up and started back but just as I got into the road, before going to camp, I met General Archer. He asked me if his courier hadn't told me where to camp. I told him I hadn't seen any courier. He said "Well, I'll teach him how to disobey my orders in the future." I went on and we went regularly into camp.

After I'd gone over to camp, and put on some clean clothes, I asked General Archer to permit me to go to the city and see some of my wounded men. He told me I could go up and have six hours. He told George Archer, his brother, who was his aid-de-camp, to write me a permit to go to Richmond to be gone six hours. George Larcross, a fellow on his staff, spoke up and said, "Gen. didn't you know we'd got an order not to allow any officers to leave the command?" This made old Archer mad, "You attend to your own business, damn you, and I'll attend to mine. I'm commanding this brigade." So he gave me the permit to be absent. I got on my horse and rode into Richmond, four miles from there, saw our wounded and then came back. We were camped on the east side of the Chickahominy River, about a half a mile from the river. There was a big bottom between us and the river. The Yankees were on the other side of the river, and closer to the river than we were. There was not bottom on their side of the river.

That evening General Archer sent for me, and told me he wanted me to go down, and go along our picket line and see that they were all at their places. He said I could go down the road leading across the bottom, and I'd find a little ash tree standing on the road, and the line ought to be right along there. I missed the road and the first thing I knew I fell into a ditch about 7 or 8 or 10 feet deep. I had a terrible time to get out. I went along the line and I saw that the fellows were all at their proper places, and went back, I told General Archer about that big deep ditch near the river. Just on the other side of the bank of the river two Yankees had planted some canon. While I was down there, I saw some big officer and his staff ride down to where they were planting their canons, and if I had had a gun I could have taken him off.

Every evening about four o'clock the Yankees would go up in a balloon. They'd let the balloon up and hold it by ropes. They would open on us with their artillery, but they never hurt anybody. We didn't have any artillery there at that time that would reach from there to where they were in camp, a quarter of half a mile from the river.

We had a cannon that we had captured from the Yankees called "Long Tom." It was said to be the best piece of artillery belonging to either Army. It was away down on the other end of our line, and we brought it up there, right near our camp. Captain Marye had charge of this piece of artillery. It was brought there in the night. The Captain asked me if I didn't want to see some fun, and told me that he was gong to open on that balloon when it went up that evening. I asked him if he thought he could hit that balloon from where we were. He said he didn't have any doubt about it. That evening about four o'clock they sent up the balloon, there was a fellow in the balloon or hanging on it. When he got up three or four hundred yards high, Marye tuned loose on him and the first shot he fired he cut a hole in it. The fellow fell out or jumped out and went to the earth. Marye then fired a shot at the crowd. There was an immense crowd of Yankees around there and they scattered like a bunch of partridges. That was the last time they went up in that balloon, and the last time they fired at us from over there.

After we'd been there at that camp a while, we were ordered several miles up the river and crossed over. Our brigade belonged to A. P. Hills division and we were ordered to attack the Yankees at Mechanicsville. We drove the Yankees back there more than a mile. By this time, it was dark. We'd had some very fierce fighting and lost a great many men, killed and wounded. When the fighting was over, about dark, I suppose, the line was between a quarter and a half mile apart. The Yankees kept up an artillery duel for some time. I had squatted down and, while holding to a little pine bush, a spent cannon ball came along striking the ground and bouncing and struck me and knocked me over, and knocked me senseless for a while. In fact, I didn't know what had done it. When I came to, I was very sick at my stomach but not in a particle of pain.

General came to me and told me to go back to where we had left our baggage, that he had just learned that they were going to relieve our regiment and send it back there in a few minutes. Mitchel Anderson got some water out of a little pond that we had passed. I drank it and we went on back to where we had left our knap sacks. I sat down and leaned back against a little pine tree. I started once or twice to lay down but every time I did, I'd lose my breath. I then concluded I'd sit there and just stay there until daylight. We were about 100 yards from our field hospital so when daylight came, I concluded I'd go to the hospital, and see brother Jim and see what he could do for me. When I got to my feet, I lost my breath, and I ran about 30 or 40 yards before I could get my breath and when I did, I threw up great clots of blood.

Brother Jim saw me and so did Dr. McGuire. They both came to me and that was the first time I'd had a single pain. Jim pulled open my shirt and said, "Brother, you are ruined." He and McGuire examined me and they decided that my breast bone was broken, and that some of my ribs were torn loose. I went with them to the field hospital then, they tore a strip off of a piece of domestic, about a foot wide, and they wound that around me, I don't know how many times, and put me in a n ambulance an sent me back to Richmond. I did not want to go to the hospital, as nobody did. I was going up the street in Richmond, I passed Simon Gughenheim's store. He stopped the ambulance and came out to me, said he was sorry that his house was full of wounded soldiers, but that he knew where he thought he could get me a good place. He went, and saw Mrs. Harwell who kept a boarding house, and got me a room, and then went and got a surgeon and brought him to see me. He examined me, and talked to me, and said there was nothing he could do for me, but advised me how to do, and said he thought I'd recover pretty soon. For four or five weeks I'd have given anything on earth if I could have taken a long breath, breath but was afraid to try it for fear I'd tear the thing loose again.

I got well pretty soon, at least so that I could go back to the command, and I went back. I didn't take that band off for months. I never feel any inconvenience from it now, except in bad wet weather. There is a ridge across my breast bone, and in bad wet weather it swells up and give me some pain.

I rejoined my command a few miles below Richmond. There we stayed for some time. While we were down there, our division was in Longstreet's Corps. After the battles around Richmond, some fellow wrote an article in a Richmond paper that General A. P. Hill thought did his command a great injustice. He ascertained in some way that it was one of the Longstreet staff wrote it. He went to Longstreet and told him about the article, that it had done his command a great injustice, and that he wanted to make him correct it. Longstreet told him that he saw the article before it was published, and that it was correct, and refused to have any correction made in it.

It was said in the command, I don't know how true it was, that Hill and Longstreet had some bitter words over it. A. P. Hill went back to his command, and sent Longstreet a challenge to fight a duel. Instead of Longstreet accepting that he put A. P. Hill under arrest and turned his command over to General Anderson of South Carolina. I didn't know anything about it, until one day I was appointed officer of the day, and went to General Hill to get my orders as to what I should do. He told me that General Anderson was in command of his division. Anderson's tent was close to his. He sent one of his staff to request General Anderson to come over to his tent which was close. When he came over there Hill told him that I was officer of the day, and had come for my orders. He just remarked to General Hill, "You give him his instructions, General," which he proceeded to do. Hill was not kept under arrest long, in fact, before he left that place he took command of his division.

About the first of August we left from down below Richmond, and took a train for Gordonsville. Our wagon train which had our provisions went through the country, so we were at Gordonsville without anything to eat for at least twenty-four hours.

We remained at Gordonsville for a few days and then went on to Orange court house. We were there on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. Early on the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup>, we left there hurriedly to meet Pope, who commanded the Federal Army. It was the hottest day I nearly ever saw. We hadn't gone far until we came up with the Federal Cavalry, our cavalry were massed in front to us and around the Federal Cavalry back. When we reached the Federal Army, it was formed on the north side of a little valley. We took position on the other side. I suppose our lines were about 200 to 300 yards apart. There was a wheat field in front of us, the wheat had been cut and shocked. There I saw the grandest sight I ever witnessed, at least 10,000 Federal Cavalry came charging across the field. They evidently were under the impression that we had nothing there but the Cavalry. We were in the woods just at the edge of the field. They came charging across the field and when they got about 50 or 75 yards from us we opened on them. They were evidently surprised, they halted, and we poured volley after volley into them, a great many of them fell off their horses, or were shot off. There were very few of them who ever went back on their horses. Immediately Pope's whole army advanced across the field, and we lit into them. They broke ranks and run everywhere, some of them got behind wheat shocks, soon we were ordered to advance, and we started across the field to meet their army on the other side of the field. About half of the way across the field I



was wounded, my left leg was broken by a Yankee bullet. Fortunately for me, I was shot close to where an old house had stood. The foundation of the old chimney was there. I drug myself up to where one of those old chimneys had stood.

Our army went on and drove Pope and his command from the field. That whole field was literally covered with the dead and wounded. Our army pursued Pope's army until after dark. It was a perfectly bright moonshiny night. I rode off of the field on a gun. I straddled the gun and two of our men carried it. I didn't go far until I got to an ambulance and rode in that back to the field hospital. We had a great many wounded at the hospital. Old Dr. Wright said, "We can't do anything for him tonight, that leg will have to come off." I told him it would never come off and when I died I would die with that leg on there." I lay there until next morning and they made another examination of it and brother Jim said he didn't think it would have to come off. They bandaged it up.

They were sending all wounded back in ambulances to Orange Court House, I didn't think I could stand to ride in an ambulance, so I sent Bill Seely, my servant, to a house close by to see if he could get a buggy to carry me to Orange Court House. The woman said I could have it, her husband wasn't at home. She said she had a daughter living at Orange Court House and I could leave the buggy there with her.

I didn't know whether my horse had ever worked or not. I told Bill to get the horse and he seemed to be perfectly gentle. Brother Jim got a plank three or four feet long, and a pillow, they put me in the buggy. I laid my leg on the pillow and told Bill to start. He led the horse I reckon a mile. He was perfectly gentle and evidently had been worked in a buggy before. I told Bill to get in the buggy and we'd go on. About half way back to Orange Court House we met Ruff Doak. He had been off on a furlough. He was a Lieutenant in one of our companies. He told me that he'd give \$500.00 for my wound. I told him I'd like to sell out to him for a less amount than that. He was wounded a few days after that and died.

When I got back to Orange Court House I got a room in a hotel. There was a Colonel Washington who lived near the railroad a few miles from there, came to see me, and invited me to his house to stay until I got well. He said he would make arrangements with the railroad to have them put me off at his place and he'd have his negroes there to carry me to his house. I agreed to go, but that night our army came on falling back there, and I didn't know whether it was going to leave me in the Yankee's lines or not, so when I got the train the next morning, I concluded, and went on the Gordonsville. There they took me out and laid me on the platform at the depot. There were a great many wounded there waiting to be sent on to Richmond.

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MINUTES, SMITH COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799 – 1803

Continued from Vol. X11, No. 1

P. (22) FORT BLOUNT, DECEMBER 15, 1800. Court met with the following members present: Garret Fitzgerald, Charles Hudspeth, Thomas Harmond and Peter Turney. Following were elected as grand jurors: James Roberts, John Jenkins, Charles McClennen, Pleasant Kearby, William Marchbanks, Edward Pate, William Anderson, Charles Carter, Christopher Bellar, Stephen Pate, Esom Graves, Jacob Jinkins, Wm. Pate, John Fitzgerald and John Anderson. James Roberts was appt. foreman; Henry Huddleston to attend them. Adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1800, following members present: Charles Hudspeth, Thomas Harmond and James Hibbits.

Ordered that Sheriff summon jury on premises of disputed tract of land claimed by Peter Turney and Willie Cherry, Cavalor and Armistead Stubblefield agreeable to certificate of Wm. White, Sec. Of State of North Carolina as follows"

P. (23) "To the Worshipful Justices of Smith County, Greeting – Whereas his Excellency the governor hath certified me that on complaint of Peter Turney and Armistead Stubblefield on oath hath suspended execution of grant to Willis Cherry for 640 acres in your said county on east side of Spring Creek running east and north for complement so as to include Boyd's improvement military Warrant No. 3316, entered 19 May 1800, directed me to certify the Suspension of the Execution of the Grant to your said Justice to end the controversy to be determined according to law. He certifies Execution of said grant to Willie Cherry for said land, signed at Raleigh 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1800. Signed Will White, Secy.

Samuel Huff, Sr. to administer estate of John Lee, qualified.

Henry McKinney, James Dobbins, Wm. Stalcup, Sr., John Steel, Michael Osburn and Uriah Anderson permitted to retail spirituous liquors at each of their dwelling houses til next court at court rates.

Silas Jernigan took oath of Deputy Sheriff, to support U. S. Constitution and State of Tennessee.

John Reid appt. overseer of road from Ft. Blount to top of ridge at head of Flin's Creek, all hands subject to work under the late overseer of said road (P. 24) to work under said overseer.

Samuel Carrothers appt. Overseer of road from Mungle's Gap to ford of the East fork of Goose Creek; that David Theilough be appt. overseer of same from said ford to far side of first Cane break on Ridge. Aaron Hart appt. overseer of the road from last mentioned place to Maple Slasher opposite John Fisher; Andrew Greer appt. overseer of left hand fork of road from Richard Brittan's; that James Hibbbitts furnish overseers with list of hands. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Wed. the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Following present: Garrett Fitzgerald, James Hibbits and Peter Turney.

James Jones was ordered to pay Phoebee Snodgrass \$25 for defrayment of expenses incurred in birth of child and its maintenance until a year old; 16 and 2/3 dollars annually until child is 3 and that he provide sufficient security. (Uriah Anderson and Wm. Robertson served as securities).

Sampson Williams bond to Anse Smith acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Harmond, Charles Mundine, Charles McClennen (P. 25) Willeroy Pate, Robert Rowland, Charles Dillard, John Williamson, and William Sullivan, Jr. be appt. a jury to view, mark off road from Fort Blount road to Walton's Ferry by way of Sullivan's ferry and report to ensuing court.

Charles Carter stock mark recorded.

Deed 250 acres Wm. Sullivan to John Williamson proven by oath of Joseph Williamson.

Deed 1400 acres Samuel Parker to Garrett Fitzgerald proven by oath of John L. Martin.

Deed Garrett Fitzgerald to Christopher 400 acres acknowledged.

Deed 200 acres Christopher Bullar to Wm. Robertson acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.

Henry McKinney, Sampson Williams, James Blackburn, Uriah Anderson, John Fitzgerald, Jobias Fitzgerald and Barrett Lee appt. to view, mark and lay off a road from Fort Blount to Indian boundary near Blackburns, they report to an ensuing county court.

Moses Fisk and Sampson Williams appt. to survey a disputed claim of land between John Seviere and George Gordon plaintiff and Alexander Suit defendant, acting separately or jointly.

Smith Huchings appt. to lay off road from top of ridge at head of Flins Creek to Indian boundary near Mr. Blackburn's and that Garrett Fitzgerald furnish a list of hands.

P. (26) On motion by Alexander McCulloch, heir of Benjamin McCulloch, deceased, court ordered that heirs of sd. McCulloch deliver a list of taxable property belonging to the heirs of Benjamin McCulloch.

Sampson Williams, Wm. Anderson, Thomas Heaton, Charles Carter, Wm. Marchbanks and James Carter be appt. to view mark and lay off road from where T. Wm. Anderson lives to Mr. Pate's Horse Mill and report to ensuing court.

That John Overton, John Black, Samuel Huff, Abe Denton and Stephen Copeland be appt. jury to view, mark and lay off road from where Ky road intersects Line Creek – the nearest and best way to Capt. Stephen Copeland's on Roaring River and report to ensuing court.

Appt. Veniue to ensuing court: Wm. Martin, Grant Allen, James Ballow, Daniel Hammock, Wm. Saunders, John Patterson, Patrick Donoho, Thomas Walker, Wm. Roper, Wm. Helton, John Gray, Thomas Bowerman, Godfry Fowler, Wm. Rayney, John Chambers, Wm. Stalcup, John Stafford, James Bradley, Andrew Greer, Richard Brittan, Jeremiah Taylor, Phillip Day, Charles McMurry, Anthony Samuel, John Murphey, John Brevard, David Keilough, Daniel Mungle (p. 27) John Johnson, James Gibson, John Reid, Samuel Caruthers, John Rutherford, Robert Bowerman, Abraham Brittan and John Douglas.

Adjourned.

DIXON SPRINGS, MONDAY MARCH 16, 1801. Present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon, Moses Fisk, James Hibbits and Peter Turney.

Tilman Dixon and Michael Osburn be allowed ordinarys at their own houses agreeable to rates allowed preceding year.

Deed 250 acres, Wm. Saunders to Benjamin Gist ordered registered.

Deed 146 acres John Coffrey and George M. Deadrick to Francis Weathered proved by oath of James Esprey, ordered registered.

Deed 146 acres Frances Weatheread to Josiah Woods, ordered registered.

Two deeds 640 acres each Benjamin Drew to Stephen Montgomery and James W?, proven by oath of Jacob Grass, ordered registered.

Deed 250 acres, George M. Deadrick and John Coffery to Samuel Caruthers proven by oath of Jesse Wharton, ordered registered.

Deed 249 acres John Dawson to Thomas Johnson, proven by oath of Alen Wilkinson, ordered registered.

P. (28) Following drawn as grand jurors: Andrew Greer, foreman, Wm. Haney, Wm. Roper, Richard Brittian, John Gray, Robert Bowman, Abraham Brittian, Patrick Donoho, Grant Allen, Phillip Day, Daniel Mungle, Wm. Stalcup, Samuel Caruthers, Anthony Samuel and John Stafford – Robert Cotton, constable to attend grand jury.

Deed 100 acres James Ballow to John Gray, proven by oath of David Rowan, ordered registered.

Deed 240 acres James Ballow to Edmond Boze, proven by oath of David Rowan, ordered registered.

Deed 140 acres Edmond Boze to David Rowan, ordered registered.

Deed 330 acres John Seviere and George Gordon to Edward Crofford be registered.

Deed 200 acres John Seviere and Gordon to Harmon Gragg, ordered to be registered.

Deed 250 acres Wm. Saunders to Lazaruz Wright, ordered to be registered.

Deed 668 acres Elias Fort to Josiah Howell, proven by oath of Joel Holland, ordered to be registered.

P. (29) Deed Josiah Howell to Joel Holland 340 acres, ordered to be registered.

Following ordered to take tax list of taxable property for present year: James Hibbitts for 2 lower Goose Creek companies; Tilman Dixon for Cap Ballows Company; Peter Turney for Cap. Settles and Cap Pate's companies; Wm. Walton for Capt. Priors Company; Garrett Fitzgerald for Cap Fitzpatrick's Co. Charles Hudepeth for lower Obed River Company and Moses Fisk for Capt. Russell's Co. and upper Obed river Co.

Ordered that there be a county tax of 61/4 cents laid on each 100 acres of land, 61/4 on each white poll; 12 1/4 on each black pole and .50 cents on each Stud horse for present year.

Garrett Fitzgerald permitted to build a mill on Flins Creek on his own lands.

John Seviere and George Gordon to Benjamin Tatten 280 acres on oath by John McDonald, ordered to be registered.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 1801. Present were Wm Walton, Moses Fisk and Peter Turney.

Motion by George Smith, Esq. Ordered that fines and double tax on 1280 acres land originally in name of John Drew be remitted.

Motion by Jesse Wharton, Esq. Ordered that fine and double tax incurred by George M. Deadrick on 500 acres land be remitted.

P. (29-30) John Ratcliff security for Paul Garrison surrendered him in open court, court placed him in custody of sheriff.

Motion by Benjamin Seawell, Esq. Ordered that fine and double tax incurred by John Sedsly for John Williams, on 800 acres of land for year 1800 be remitted.

Deed 100 acres Abram Thompson to John Hargess, proven by oath of John Reed be registered.

Deed 2 acres Thomas Walker and Griffith Rutherford David Ventrez proven by oath of Francis Lock be registered.

Deed 100 acres George M. Deadrick and John Cofferys to Francis Patterson proven by oath of James Gibson ordered to be registered.

Deed John Coffrey, George M Deadrick to Wm. Moore, 50 acres proven by oath of Francis Patterson, ordered registered.

Deed 50 acres Henry W. Lawson to Barnibas Powell, proven by oath of John Vines, ordered registered.

Wm. Stalcup appt. overseer of same part of road where John Shelton was overseer; same hands work under Stalcup as were liable to work under Shelton.

Ordered to be recorded stock mark and brand of Charles F. Mobias.

Benjamin Totten delivered Wm. Livingston for appearance bail.

P. (31) Deed 200 acres Wm. Walton to Augustine Carter, ordered registered.

Deed 100 acres William Saunders to John Johnson, ordered registered.

Deed 100 acres John Reed to Wm. Saunders proven by oath of Francis Locke, ordered registered.

Martha Acuff was appt. guardian to her dau. Sarah; Jacob Gifford was appt. guardian to John Acuff, son to Martha Acuff.

Grand jury was discharged.

WED. 14 MARCH 1801 Present: Wm. Walton, Tilman Dixon, Moses Fisk, James Hibbitts, and Peter Turney.

John Martin, Esq. Allowed \$40 for his Ex officio services as sheriff for year 1800.

Joseph Russell appt. constable.

Anthony Samuel appt. overseer of road where David Cochran was overseer; same hands work under him as late overseer.

Wm. Gregory, Joel Dyer, Sr., James Simpson, Henry Webster, John Patterson, and Wm. Jenkins appt to view, mark and lay off road from Payne's Ferry at mouth of Payton's Creek to Daniel (p. 32) Wicker's (Witcher's) by way of Michael Murphy's, report at next court.

Elisha Oglesby, Richard Brittan, Jeremiah Taylor, Andrew Greer, Samuel Caruthers, Daniel Mungle, Owen Sullivan and Wm. Denny appt. to view, mark, lay off road from Samuel Caruthers up the middle fork of Goose Creek to Ridge to Long Creek and to Puncheon Camp and to Ky line.

John Hamilton and Jesse Wharton made motion to tax James Vance with all costs of suit between him and Frederick Debo on said appeal and execution awarded.

Peter Turney, Danaiel Mungle and John Brevard be appt. commissioners to settle with adms. of Kain Acuff, dec.; return settlement with any vouchers they may receive to ensuing court.

John Furlong given 71/2 dollars for keeping child of about six weeks left at his house by unnamed woman, place of abode unknown, provided he furnish child with sufficient clothing and keep it comfortably for 3 months.

Terisha Turner in suit with Wm. Kelton authority to take depositions of Robert Kelton in NC with 30 day notice.

Adjourned, meet tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock.

P. (33) TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1801. Court met with Wm. Walton, Tilman Dixon, Moses Fisk and James Hibitts, esq.

Motion by George Smith and John C. Hamilton to grant new trial in John L. Martin vs Michael Murphy. New trial denied.

Hugh Lamb was appt. overseer of road laid out from Stephen Copeland to where northern boundary of State crosses line creek, begin at Copeland's to head of Mill Creek, John Overstreet be appt. overseer from head of Mill Creek to Cumberland River; Moses Fisk appt. to where intersects northern boundary of State and furnish overseers with list of hands. John Black appt. overseer from Cumberland River to Northern boundary of State crosses Line creek; all hands living above waters of Jennings Creek on north side of Cumberland River work under said overseer. Harmon Grass appt. overseer of road laid off by John W./M McDonald, Simon Huddleston, John Morgan beginning on south back of Obed's River to top of Ridge at head of Eagle Creek; all hands living between Isom's road and Indian Boundary on south side of Obed's River work under Grays. George Smith appt. overseer on road from north bank of Obed's River to state line; hands living within bounds beginning where State Line crosses Spring Creek thence a direct line to Obed's River to include James Shaw and up Obed's River to Indian boundary and along same to the beginning.

P. (34) Jordan Roach vs Lazarus Cotton motion made for new trial, court granted a new trial.

John L. Martin against Michael Murphy all costs accrued be taxed of plaintiff.

Peter Turney and Armistead Stubblefield, Caviator vs Willie Cherry, caviatee motion made by Deft.'s attorney to set aside attending jury and order a new jury. Court overruled motion and confirmed verdict of the jury.

John Severe and George Gordon vs Aron Robbins; Benjamin Seawell made motion to amend the Declaration of Ejectments. Court determined no amendments be made.

Moses Fisk and Sampsn Williams appt. to survy a disputed claim wherein Gerge Gordon and John Seviere are plaintiff and Alexander Suit defendant. Surveyors to meet 15 April at house of John Sprowls, plaintiffs are to furnish surveyors with all the papers to establish their claim.

Appt. on venire to Superior Court: Andrew Greer, Daniel Mungle, David Cochran and Edward Settles.

Venire for ensuing county court: Thomas Draper, James Draper, Henry Huddleston, Lee Sullivan P. (35) William Sullivan, Wm. Anderson, Uriah Anderson, John Fitzgerlad, Christopher Bullor, Wm. Robertson, Willeroy Pate, Edward Pate, Baker Pate, James Roberts, Isaac Green, Jacob Bowerman, Charles McClennen, Wm. Marchbanks, Wm.

Kelton, Elijah Hedgcock, John Steel, Nathaniel Ridley, Thomas Heaton, Henry McKinney, Charles Carter, Thomas Williamson, Esom Graves, Jacob Jinkins, George Ashbrooks, James Armstrong, Thomas Wallace, James Fisher, Henry Sadler, William Holiday, George Leeper and Benjamin Holiday.

Moses Fisk, Grant Allen and Peter Turney, Esq. Appt. commissioners to settle with admr. Of Wm. Young, dec'd., report settlement together with vouchers at next court.

Pleasant Kearby and wife vs Philip Draper and wife on motion of defendant's attorney abated on pleas of defendants.

Fine and double tax incurred on 640 acres of land on Roaring River be remitted for 1800.

Wm. Russell, James Taylor, Smith Hutchings, John Bowen, John M. Roberts, Robert Burlison, Isham Russell, Stephen Copeland appt. jury to view, mark and lay off road agreeable to law from or near head of Eagle Creek lately laid off by John W. McDonald and others stops, to intersect Fort Blount Rd at most convenient place for Roaring River Settlement.

Silas Jernigan, Peter Turney, Tilman Dixon, Nathaniel Dickerson and Moses Fisk appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Dixon Springs to Peter Turney's, report to ensuing court.

P. (36) FORT BLOUNT, JUNE 15, 1801.

Present James Hibbits, James Gwin and Charles Hudspeth, Esq.

Joseph Lock permitted to keep a ferry at mouth of Roaring River on Cumberland River, rate prevalent.

Andrew Greer given letters of adm. For estate for John Burke, dec'd.

Elected and sworn as grand jury: James Roberts, foreman, Jacob Bowerman, Henry McKinney, Wm. Marchbanks, George Ashbrooks, Thomas Draper, Wm. Holliday, Isaac Green, Edward Pate, Esom Graves, George Leeper, Charles McClennon and Benjamin Holliday.

Benjamin Price appt. constable to attend Grand Jury.

Deed of 640 acres from Edward Leech to Elijah Ewins proven by oath of Thomas Summers.

Deed 157 acres John Williamson to John Sedsley, proven by oath of Willis Whitfield.

Deed 200 acres Wm. Sullivan, Sr. to Wm. Sullivan, Jr. proven by oath of James Sullivan.

Gave William Hammond a stock mark.

Deed 320 acres Richard and Thomas Harmond to Wm. Holiday proven by oaths of Willeroy Pate and Benjamin Holliday.

P. (37) Willeroy Pate stock mark registered.

Wm. Holiday stock mark registered.

Benjamin Seawell resigned as county solicitor; Jesse Wharton was appt. solicitor protempore. Adjourned.

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 1801. Present: James Gwin, Charles Hudspeth, James Hibbits and Peter Turney.

Inventory of John Lee, dec'd. returned by Samuel Huff, admr. Recorded and registered.

Sampson Williams to survey tract of land claimed by George Gordon and John Seviere where Alexander Suit lives, that he return 3 just and fair plans to ensuing court.

Deed 325 acres Samuel Parker to John Fitzgerald, proven by oath of John L. Martin, ordered registered.

Deed 122 acres Edmond Jennings to Daniel Draper, proven by oath of James Roberts, witness.

James Carbtrees appt. overseer of road from Daniel Wickers to State Line near Gesses Settlement. All hands on waters of Jinnings Creek work under this overseer.

P. (38) Deed 750 acres Selby Harvey to Timothy Ridley proven by oath of Armstrong Stubblefield, registered.

Wm. Martin approved overseer of road from top of the Ridge between Martin and Dixon Creek to ford of Dixon Creek near Cap Ballow's and that following hands work under said overseer, all his own : Captain Turney, Cap. Ballow, Vincent Ridley, Thomas Sallon, Leonard Ballow, Jacob Hancock, Godfrey Fowler, David Rorex and John Gray work under said overseer.

John McCormack appt. overseer of half the road laid off from Daniel Wickers to State line near Gesses Settlement. All hands on Barren adjacent to road work under said overseer.

Bill of sale James Lee to Sampson Williams, proven by oath of John L. Martin, recorded.

Robert Bowman appt. overseer road from ford of Payton's Creek, where Walling Road crosses same to Saunders Ferry. All hands that worked under Saunders that line between Dry Creek and Payton's Creek work under overseer.

Big Joel Dyer appt. overseer road from Michael Murphy's to mouth of Payton's Creek. Wm. Walton furnish overseer with list of hands.

Bill of Sale Joseph Teas to Henry McKinney proven by oath of James Blackburn, recorded.

P. (39) Benjamin Blackburn permitted to keep an ordinary at his dwelling house at Doble springs, rates agreeable to last 6 yrs. Rate.

Road from Wm. Anderson's on Martin's Creek be laid agreeable to law, following to view same: Wm. Anderson, Wm. Marchbanks, Thomas Heaton, Sampson Williams, Charles Carter and James Carter to report at ensuing court.

Deed 400 acres Michael Murphy and wife and Wm. Marchbanks to H. Williams, certified to county court of Lee in Va.

Following hands liable to work under John Steele of Road from Fort Blount to top of ridge at head of Flins Creek: Christopher Bullar, Wm. Robertson hands and all as high up the River so as to include Chaffin's Settlement and all hands on waters of Flin's Creek.

Barnet Lee stock mark recorded. Alan Williamson's stock mark recorded.

ADJOURNED.

TO BE CONTINUED.



OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

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171 Harrison Wolf Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Jubilee Burton  
and Hamilton R Keith  
all of Jackson Co Tenn

172 Nicholas Olliman Old  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jubilee Burton  
and Harrison Wolf all  
of Jackson Co Tenn

173 Hamilton R Keith Cit  
Jackson Bond \$5000  
Sureties Hastin  
Thompson and Gilbert  
Thompson of Putnam  
Co Tenn

174 James A Baker Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties James Ellis  
and Wm A Elrod all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

175 Hastin Thompson Cit  
Putnam Bond \$5000  
Sureties Gilbert Thompson  
and Hamilton R Keith  
of Jackson Co Tenn

176 Gilbert Thompson Cit  
Putnam Co Bond \$5000  
Sureties Hamilton R Keith  
and Wm Elrod of Jackson  
Co Tenn

177 Wm Elrod Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Hastin Thompson  
and Joseph Holliday all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

178 Holliday Joseph Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Newman  
and John Holliday all of  
Putnam Co Tenn

179 John Newman Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Joseph Holliday  
and Alexander M Burton  
all of Putnam Co Tenn

180 Wesley Harris Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties James Carlin  
and James A Baker all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

181 Alexander M Burton Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Holliday  
and Thomas Holliday all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

182 John Holliday Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Alexander Burton  
and John Newman all of  
Putnam Co Tenn

183 Thomas Holliday Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties James Carlin  
and Alexander Burton  
all of Putnam Co Tenn  
Nov 24 1863

184 Wm Elrod Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm D Hughes  
and Robert Hughes all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

185. Edward J. Grace Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm. B. Hughes  
and Horsey Thompson all  
of Putnam Co. Tenn.

186 Horsey Thompson Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Edward J. Grace  
and Wm. Elliot all of  
Putnam Co. Tenn.

187 Robert D. Hughton Cit.  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Edward J. Grace  
and Horsey Thompson all  
of Putnam Co. Tenn.

188 Dixon B. Allen Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Joseph B. Allen  
and Robert M. Cary  
all of Smith Co. Tenn.

189 Martin Whittam Cit.  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Daniel Dillard  
and James M. Griffith all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.

190 Daniel Dillard Cit.  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties James M. Griffith  
and Martin Whittam all  
of Smith Co. Tenn.

191 Asa Brindley Cit.  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Elijah Brindley  
and Wm. Smith all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.

192 Wm. Smith Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Asa Brindley and  
Elijah Brindley all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.

193 Elijah Brindley Cit.  
Bond 3000  
Sureties Stephen Brindley  
and William Smith all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.

194 Stephen Brindley Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Asa Brindley and  
Elijah Brindley all of  
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195 David Phillips Cit.  
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Sureties James D. Benat  
of Smith Co. and Simeon  
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196 Allen Minnie Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Melton Stanton  
and Overton Pate all of  
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197 Overton Pate Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Melton Stanton  
and Allen Minnie all of  
Putnam Co. Tenn.

198 Henry Scoble Cit.  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties J. B. Madant and  
J. C. Williams all of  
Smith Co. Tenn.

- 199 Thomas C Williams Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Henry Sadler  
and J. Maddox all of  
Jackson Co Tenn
- 100 Milton Kirkpatrick Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Rawlin Hogen and  
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Jackson Co Tenn
- 101 Robert Montgomery Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Rawlin Hogen  
and J. C. Williams all  
of Jackson Co Tenn
- 102 James M Brown Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Overton Pate  
and J. A. Sadler all  
of Putnam Co Tenn
- 103 J. A. Sadler Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James M Brown  
and Overton Pate all of  
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- 104 J. A. Maddox Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas C Williams  
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- 105 Milton Stanton Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties H. C. Hogen  
and Rawlin Hogen all  
of Jackson Co Tenn
- 106 Rolling Hogen Cit of  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Mathew Hogen of  
Jackson Co and Milton Stanton  
of Putnam Co Tenn
- 107 Mathew Hogen Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Rolling Hogen and  
Milton Stanton all of  
Jackson Co Tenn
- 108 George Sam Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George Williams  
and John Morefield all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 109 John Morefield Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George Sam  
and George Williams all of  
Smith Co Tenn
- 110 George Williams Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George John  
Morefield and John Sam  
all of Smith Co Tenn  
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- 108 J. A. Watson Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John S. Watson  
and J. Lee all of Smith  
Co Tenn
- 112 Benj. A. Sanders Cit  
Bond \$6000  
Sureties John A. Lee and  
John Watson all of  
Smith Co Tenn

113 John T. Lee. Sold  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: H. R. Watson  
and Benj. Sanders all  
of Smith's County Tenn

114 John S. Watson. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Benj. Sanders  
M. R. Watson all of  
Smith's County

115 Temple S. Birdwell. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Thomas R. Holloman  
and H. W. Allen all of  
Jackson Co Tenn

116 Thomas R. Holloman. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Temple Birdwell  
of Jackson Co and H. W. Allen  
of Smith's Co Tenn

117 Henry Christman  
117 James T. Knight. Sold  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Wm Farley and  
Jesse Martin all of  
Smith's Co Tenn

118 Henry Hubbard. Cit  
Bond \$100  
Sureties: J. B. Gull of  
Smith's Co Tenn

119 Wm Anderson. Sold  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties: Siles J. Bankford  
and James H. Bishop  
all of Smith's Co Tenn

120 James H. Murray. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: David C. Sanders  
and Robert G. Mann all  
of Smith's Co Tenn

121 Robert G. Mann. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: J. C. Sanders  
and James H. Murray  
all of Smith's Co Tenn

122 William H. Winkler. Sold  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties: Siles J. Bankford  
and W. H. Winkler all of  
Smith's Co Tenn

123 Siles J. Bankford. Sold  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties: Wm Anderson and  
Wm Winkler all of  
Smith's Co Tenn

124 James Bushman. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Wm Anderson  
and Wm Winkler all of  
Smith's Co Tenn

125 James M. Clark. Cit  
Bond \$5,000  
Sureties: Wm H. Bishop  
and James O. H. Binney  
of Smith's Co Tenn

126 Wm Anderson. Cit  
Bond \$3,000  
Sureties: Wm H. Bishop  
and James M. Clark  
of Jackson Co Tenn

- Henry Ramsay Sold Bond \$5000  
Surties Georg. H. Bidston and Jackson Burton all of Jackson Co Tenn
- 198. Jackson Burton Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Georg. H. Bidston and Henry Ramsay all of Jackson Co Tenn  
Nov 20th 1863
- 129. Wm. H. Cowan Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Andrew J. Clark and Harrison J. Hughes all of Putnam Co Tenn
- 130. Andrew J. Clark Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Wm. H. Cowan and Harrison J. Hughes all of Putnam Co Tenn
- 131. Harrison J. Hughes Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Wm. H. Cowan and Andrew J. Clark all of Putnam Co Tenn
- 132. William Ferguson Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Henry H. Traub and John Ingraham all of Smith Co Tenn
- 133. Henry H. Traub Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties William Ferguson and John Ingraham all of Smith Co Tenn

- 134. Thos. Ingraham Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Henry H. Traub and William Ferguson all of Smith Co Tenn
- 135. Saml. H. Wood Sold Bond \$5000  
Surties Andrew M. Donald and Harrison J. Hughes both of Putnam Co Tenn
- 136. Andrew M. Donald Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Samuel M. Wood of Smith Co and Andrew Clark of Putnam Co Tenn
- 137. Wm. C. Rollins Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Wesley H. Duke and George Thomas all of Jackson Co Tenn
- 138. Henderson Bouldin Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Robert Bouldin and Henry Bouldin all of Smith Co Tenn
- 139. Robert Wilburn Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Robert Bouldin and Henry Clark all of Smith Co Tenn
- 140. George S. Howell Sold Bond \$3000  
Surties Wm. C. Rollins and Wesley H. Duke all of Jackson Co Tenn

141. Shelby & Co. Duke Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Leonard Thomas  
and Wm C. Robbins all of  
Jackson Co Tenn

142. Grandin J. Riddemery Sold  
Bond \$2500  
Sureties  
J. R. Riddemery  
H. J. Riddemery all of Tenn

143. John A. Whitefield Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties J. R. Riddemery  
and J. D. Riddemery  
of Smith Co Tenn

144. Albert King Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties Abram King  
All of Smith Co Tenn

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145. James Paper Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties C. B. Heaney  
and A. W. Munloy of  
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146. Mrs. M. Armstrong Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Pleasant Garard  
and William B. Egan all  
of Jackson Co Tenn

147. Wm. B. Egan Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Pleasant Garard  
and J. Wm. Armstrong all  
of Putnam Co Tenn

148. Pleasant A. Garard Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Wm B. Egan and  
John Armstrong all of  
Putnam Co Tenn

149. Noel Reed Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Pyking Reed and  
Calvin Reed all of  
Smith Co Tenn

150. Pyking Reed Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Noel Reed and  
Calvin Reed all of Smith  
Co Tenn

151. Calvin Reed Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Pyking Reed and  
Noel Reed all of Smith  
Co Tenn  
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152. William H. Collins Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Andrew Higgins John Saff  
all of Jackson Co Tenn

153. Andrew Higgins Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm. Higgins and Wm. Holl  
all of Jackson Co Tenn

154. John Taylor Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm. Higgins and Wm. Holl  
all of Jackson Co Tenn

155. Wm. H. Siqua Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties A. J. Siqua and Wm. Holl  
all of Jackson Co Tenn

156. John Sengua ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties ~~Ad Sengua & Co. of Tenn~~

157. William D. Dickerson ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties, Gideon B. Gregory  
 and Thos. H. Key all of  
 Smith Co Tennessee

158. Gideon B. Gregory ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties Wm Dickerson  
 all of Smith Co Tennessee

159. Thos. H. Key ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties William D. Dickerson  
 and Gideon B. Gregory all of  
 Smith Co Tennessee

160. Nathan Anderson ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties James Taylor  
 and Thomas Key all  
 of Smith Co Tennessee

161. Chas. Q. Taylor ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties James Taylor and  
 Thomas Key all of  
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162. ~~James~~ ~~Todd~~ ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties John I. Richardson  
 and Wm H. Bradford

163. Thomas Gregory ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties John I. Richardson and  
 Matthew Anderson all of  
 Smith Co Tenn

164. John I. Richardson ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Thos Gregory  
 and Thos. J. Adams all of  
 Smith Co Tenn

165. Thos. J. Adams ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond 500  
 Sureties John I. Richardson  
 and Wm H. Bradford all of Smith  
 Co Tennessee

166. Wm H. Bradford ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Thos Gregory and  
 Thos. J. Adams all of  
 Smith Co Tennessee

167. James Ballou ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Benjamin Goolsby  
 and Leonard Ballou  
 all of Smith Co Tennessee

168. Leonard Ballou ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties James Ballou and  
 Thos J. Adams all of Smith  
 Co Tennessee

169. Randolph Goolsby ~~Sold~~ <sup>cit</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties James Ballou and  
 Leonard Ballou of Smith  
 Co Tenn

## QUERIES

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The Smith County TnGenWeb site now has the 1830 and 1850 census online for your use and we welcome all the Smith County H & G members to join us as we transcribe the 1840 and 1860 census records. There are also pictures of the census images online at the above site for the 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 census reports. By the time you read this message we should also have the transcribed 1820 Census online. We also have many pictures of Smith County scenes, cemeteries, and families online. We also have a mailing list you may join when visiting the web site. Queries Page, Old Maps too! Visit us at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnsmith/>  
Or email me for details: [gregoryc@home.com](mailto:gregoryc@home.com)

Charles Gregory

(Ed. Note) Members of SCH&GS are indebted to Charles Gregory for his untiring efforts to present on the internet genealogical information for researchers of Smith County families. Charles has undertaken this endeavor with little or no help from other members, and we do want him to know that his work is appreciated.

ANDERSON, SAMUEL R. son of ANDREW ANDERSON and MARY CONNELLY, b 1769, Orange Co., NC; marr 1st REBECCA BLACK on 3 Jan 1792, Washington Co., Va.; marr 2<sup>nd</sup> FRANCES PARISH on 20 Feb 1811, Wilson Co., Tn; marr 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNE CLARK 26 Aug 1812, Sumner Co, Tn. Lived in Sumner, Wilson, Smith (Sullivan's Bend) and Jackson Co., Tn (1820/1830 Census). Believed died in 1830's in Jackson Co. or Allen Co, Ky.

BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092-3603.

HUNT, JOHN, my g-g-g-grandfather, b 7/13/1798 in Rowan Co., NC, spent a few years of his early life there in Tennessee. He was marr in 1816 in Wilson County to ELIZABETH JANE MOORE (I believe). They moved to Missouri after 1842. His son, LEWIS WILFORD HUNT Marr EVELINE ALLEN in Smith County in 1841. I am searching for EVELINE'S parents.

PATRICIA HUNT ROULEAU 127 Cypress Point Way, Morago, CA 94556

CARDWELL, ALICE T. HARPER, b 1873, dau of WILLIAM ALEXANDER HARPER and 1<sup>st</sup> wife, REBECCA, (BECKY) LAMBERT, step-father JOHN ARMSTEAD, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, MARY KATHERINE MOORE YOUNG (widow) raised her after BECKY died. ALICE marr JOHN LEONARD (LYNN) CARDWELL 1893 and had children: F. D., FLOSSIE, GEORGE R., LUCY B., and LULA. Need death dates and ceme. records. ALICE is a sister to my grandmother LULA BELL HARPER PRENTICE. EARLINE PRENTICE SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073 e-mail, [EarlineSloan@nashville.com](mailto:EarlineSloan@nashville.com)



DAVIS/MCDONALD. Need info on DAVIS family that lived near Gordonsville maybe in the Hickman area in early 1800's that had a dau, ELIZABETH, that marr WILLIAM HENRY MCDONALD and had children: FRANCES ALMOND, WASHINGTON BETHEL, MARTHA L. PRENTICE and JOSEPHUS MCDONALD. WILLIAM remarr after ELIZABETH'S death LUCINDA WATKINS and had 3 more children: AMANDA, EBNEZER, and STERLING BROWN MCDONALD. The family cemetery is in Boston Sprgs. on the old farmplace.

EARLINE P. SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk. Greenbrier, TN 37030  
e-mail, [EarlineSloan@nashville.com](mailto:EarlineSloan@nashville.com)

ENOCH/WAGGONER. Need name of parents of CELIA ENOCH b May 1809, marr JACOB WAGGONER. Any info appreciated.

DOUGLAS SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073

e-mail, [EarlineSloan@nashville.com](mailto:EarlineSloan@nashville.com)  
*earline.sloan@nashville.com*

SLOAN. Interested in communicating with anyone researching JOHN SLOAN.  
DOUGLAS SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

WANTED TO BUY: Cemetery books of Smith County, both South and North side.  
EARLINE P. SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073

GLOVER/FERRELL. Seeking information on the parents of RICHARD R. GLOVER, b 3 Feb 1820, marr MATILDA FERRELL and lived in Giles and Lawrence Counties, TN from 1850 until his death in Giles Co. 3 July 1906. RICHARD and MATILDA had a son, JOHN W. GLOVER. There is a RICHARD GLOVER on the 1820 Smith Co. census.

MARGUERITTE BAGGETT, 612 Garden Acres Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

FERRELL, THEODRICK and MAHALA (ARRENDALL)  
JEFFREY, JEFFERSON and MIRIAM HELEN (FERRELL).

Researching the above families of Smith County.

EDDLEMAN, JANICE, 1807 Sunshine Mine Road, Hackett, AR 72937.

ALLGIER family of Smith County. The earliest information I have on the ALLGIERS is that of JOHN and PARMELIA OLIVER ALLGIER who were born in 1795 and 1809 respectively.

BAUER, JANE, 500 Rainbow Dr, Madison, AL 35758.

MCKINNIS. Seeking info on my MCKINNIS ancestors. It goes like this: ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, SR., ALBERT S. MCKINNIS, HUGH MCKINNIS b 1812-1816 in TN, marr SUSANNAH, b in AL. HUGH buried in Fannin Co. TX. There is a HUGH MCKINNIS bur in Sm Co but the wrong one. Any Help?  
ARNIE B. MCKINNIS, 1104 W. Fay Circle, Kingfisher, OK 73750

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Dear Members:**

*Last year we initiated a survey of historic properties in the county inviting owners of "old places" to submit completed forms. Each form asked the name of the preserved or restored building, its approximate age of construction and brief description of its status.*

*Sixty-four owners responded, many able to attend our March meeting this year to receive personalized Certificates of Appreciation for their help in preserving the architectural history of the county.*

*Every time we meet another Old Place owner it comes as a nice surprise to me! Five guests at the June meeting, unable to attend earlier, were delightful spokespeople for preservation. Each talked briefly about his/her experience in living in, and sharing, history. It was fun to see them sharing ideas of mutual interest following the program and great to have several of them join the Society.*

*But the real thrill is to know more and more people out there are interested in preserving historic places, for themselves, of course, but also as it happens for future Smith countians to appreciate. In fact by the end of its first year our project will have honored at least a dozen more owners coming forward too late to have been recognized sooner.*

*We're lucky here to have still an abundance of older places to remind us of our rural past and lead us toward a stable future. As our population grows in a rapidly developing "throwaway" society Smith countians are taking the challenge to preserve them.*

**Faith**

*Special thanks to member Wyatt Wilson Allen and his wife Nancy for their help in designing, producing and personalizing our certificates of appreciation.*

The Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month with the exception of December, July, and August, at the Smith County Public Library at 7:00 p.m. during the months of November-April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. Dues are \$12.50 annually with the year beginning in January.

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## SEARCHING FOR THE VOICE IN MY HEART

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

IT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF CENSUS, AND ALL THROUGH THE LAND  
EACH POLLSTER WAS READY...A BLACK BOOK IN HAND.  
HE MOUNTED HIS HORSE FOR A LONG DUSTY RIDE,  
HIS BOOK AND SOME QUILLS WERE TUCKED CLOSE BY HIS SIDE.  
A LONG WINDING RIDE DOWN A ROAD BARELY THERE, TOWARDS THE SMELL OF  
FRESH BREAD, WAFTING UP THROUGH THE AIR.

THE WOMAN WAS TIRED, WITH LINES ON HER FACE  
AND WISPS OF BROWN HAIR SHE TUCKED BACK IN PLACE.  
SHE GAVE HIM SOME WATER...AS THEY SAT AT THE TABLE  
AND SHE ANSWERED HIS QUESTIONS...THE BEST SHE WAS ABLE.  
HE ASKED HER OF CHILDREN. YES, SHE HAD QUITE A FEW.  
THE OLDEST WAS TWENTY, THE YOUNGEST NOT TWO.

SHE HELD UP A TODDLER WITH CHEEKS ROUND AND RED.  
HIS SISTER, SHE WHISPERED, WAS NAPPING IN BED.  
SHE NOTED EACH PERSON WHO LIVED THERE WITH PRIDE,  
AND SHE FELT THE FAINT STIRRINGS OF THE WEE ONE INSIDE.  
HE NOTED THE SEX, THE COLOR, THE AGE...  
THE MARKS FROM THE QUILL SOON FILLED UP THE PAGE.

AT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, SHE NODDED HER HEAD  
AND SAW HER LIPS QUIVER FOR THE THREE THAT WERE DEAD.  
THE PLACES OF BIRTH SHE "NEVER FORGOT"  
WAS IT KANSAS? OR UTAH? OR OREGON...OR NOT?  
THEY CAME FROM SCOTLAND, OF THAT SHE WAS CLEAR.  
BUT SHE WASN'T QUITE SURE JUST HOW LONG THEY'D BEEN HERE.

THEY SPOKE OF EMPLOYMENT, OF SCHOOLING AND SUCH.  
THEY COULD READ SOME..AND WRITE SOME..THOUGH REALLY NOT MUCH.  
WHEN THE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED, HIS JOB THERE WAS DONE,  
SO HE MOUNTED HIS HORSE AND HE RODE TOWARDS THE SUN.  
WE CAN ALMOST IMAGINE HIS VOICE LOUD AND CLEAR,  
"MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS."

NOW PICTURE A TIME WARP...IT'S NOW YOU AND ME AS WE SEARCH FOR OUR  
FAMILY TREE.

WE SQUINT AT THE CENSUS AND SCROLL DOWN SO SLOW  
AS WE SEARCH FOR THAT ENTRY FROM LONG, LONG AGO.  
COULD THEY ONLY IMAGINE ON THAT LONG AGO DAY  
THAT THE ENTRIES THEY MADE WOULD AFFECT US THIS WAY?  
IF THEY KNEW WOULD THEY WONDER AT THE YEARNING WE FEEL  
AND THE SEARCHING THAT MAKES THEM SO INCREASINGLY REAL.  
WE CAN HEAR IF WE LISTEN THE WORDS THEY IMPART,  
THROUGH THEIR BLOOD IN OUR VEINS AND THEIR VOICE IN OUR HEART.

**JAMES NELSON FISHER****THREE SMITH COUNTIANS WHOSE LIVES ARE REMEMBERED**

Submitted by William (Bill) Amonette

When growing up on Carmack Avenue in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, I recall hearing my elders state that most if not all of the land in that neighborhood at one time was the property of Thomas Jefferson Fisher, Sr., (b. 1847-d.1916). My research of old deed transfers and other documents did show that this was indeed true. In the process of looking at the microfilm of these old papers, three person's names came to my attention that I knew very little about. All bore the same name, James Nelson Fisher.

Judge Fisher and wife Amelia Bryan Fisher reared eight children to adulthood in the town of Carthage. The three persons in whom I had a particular interest were a son, a grandson, and a granddaughter.

J. Nelson was born in 1878 and had the best education available at that time. After completing basic studies, he studied with some of the best lawyers in the area, being admitted to the bar in 1898. The young attorney in 1900 married Willie Belle Pickering, at "Pickering Heights, her home in Carthage, the gifts being numerous and costly." Shortly thereafter, the couple left for their new home in Crossville where he was engaged as a lawyer for Jere Baxter's Tennessee Central railroad. This line was a small line from Nashville to Knoxville, and struggled under the repressive actions of the larger L & N and the N C & St. L.

After about two years, they returned to Carthage and he joined his father to establish the firm of Fisher and Fisher, attorneys. J. Nelson became involved in politics, serving as magistrate, mayor, school board member, chancery court judge and state senator. While in the state legislature, he led the fight to pass a bill to prohibit the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the state. This was done over the veto of Governor Malcolm Patterson.

In 1903 he purchased the property adjacent to the Methodist church and some time later built the beautiful two- story house that is there today. J. Nelson and Willie Belle enjoyed the comforts that this modern edifice afforded and reared three daughters at this place. Not only was the house well constructed, it was also handsomely furnished. One may imagine that this home was the scene of many happy social events.

Sadly, November 3, 1918, one week prior to the end of World War I, Willie Belle died in this house. This was a great loss to J. Nelson, the three minor daughters and her many friends.

In October of 1920, J. Nelson married Caroline Wilkes of Wilson County. Their lives together lasted only one year, the new Mrs. Fisher dying in November 1921. About this

time the oldest daughter, Virginia, entered Tennessee College in Murfreesboro, eventually finishing her academic career at George Peabody College in Nashville. The two other daughters, Frances and Willie Belle, remained at home with their father.

During this period J. Nelson was suffering from ill health, experiencing a vast number of sicknesses. On many occasions he required treatment by physicians in Nashville, being accompanied by younger brother Thomas, Jr. It is safe to surmise that these brothers were very close. Thomas had married Mollie Turner and they had named one of their five children for J. Nelson. He would be known affectionately as Jimmy. Their other children were Thomas J., III (Jeff), Robert (Robby or Pat), Amelia and Bill. The father was a highly respected business man, well-known as Thomas Fisher Lumber Co. All the children were well liked by their peers. This was truly one of Carthage's most respected families.

Meanwhile, J. Nelson was lonely and wished that he had a son to carry the Fisher name into the next generation and beyond. Miss Lena Douglas had been a highly respected teacher in the Carthage primary school between 1917 and 1920, but she had returned to her home in Nashville to pursue her career there. J. Nelson and Lena had known each other while she boarded and taught in Carthage and after the death of his second wife, had corresponded. It was necessary for him to be in Nashville from time to time, and he would see her on those occasions.

In May of 1924, the two were married in a quiet ceremony in Nashville, immediately afterwards returning to Carthage to make their home at his handsome residence on Main Street. In the fall, Lena was again engaged as teacher in the local school to the delight of the Carthage citizens.

In an attempt to improve his health, on Saturday, September 13, 1924, J. Nelson had several teeth extracted and because of the pain and discomfort of this had taken to his bed. The following Tuesday, September 16, he was feeling better and was well enough to go to his bath but soon after he became violently ill and died at 4:30 p.m. in his bedroom. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the residence, his burial being at the new Carthage cemetery. Friends and associates from throughout the region were in attendance

Soon after J. Nelson's death, it was found that his financial matters were in disarray. There was no will and he had enormous debt in both Carthage and Nashville. There were claims for clothing, groceries, doctor's services, as well as a trust deed to Smith County Bank on the Main Street property.

As soon as it could be arranged and advertised, there was a sale of household furnishings and goods in the attempt to satisfy these obligations. All manner of goods were put up for sale – furniture, silver service, carpets, a vacuum cleaner, radio, piano, Ford coupe, law office furnishings, law books and numerous other tangibles. The sale

was not even moderately successful. The amount raised was just a small part of what was needed. In late December, a sale at the court house door was held to take care of the trust deed to the bank, the original amount being \$4,000. Brother Thomas Fisher was named executor and general guardian to the two minor children. The settling of these affairs went well into 1925, the real estate being encumbered by homestead and dower rights in favor of Lena. She eventually received a small amount from the estate.

The house became the property of Thomas and Mollie. They lived there from that time and reared their family in this beautiful home. Clyde White recalls the impressive folding doors that separated their parlor and the dining rooms. I have a recollection of the neatly trimmed hedges that bordered Main Street. More than once I saw Bill clipping them to perfection. My recollection also contains a memory of the American service flag that hung in the front door fronting Main Street. All five Fisher children served in the armed forces during World War II. They were Jeff, Bill, Robert, Amelia and the next subject of this writing, Jimmy.

Thomas and Mollie had named their son born in 1919 for Thomas' older brother, James Nelson. Nothing will be found in any research of the life of Jimmy Fisher except that of the highest respect and admiration. He was a top athlete, excelling in basketball and baseball. His countenance and personality made him one of the most popular young men in town. After graduating from Carthage High in 1938, he enrolled at Cumberland University in Lebanon, planning to be a lawyer as was his grandfather and uncle. His plans were changed with the advent of World War II and he enlisted in the service of his country. At this point I will refer the reader to a full and complete account of Jimmy's life and military service beautifully written by Bernie Bass in the *Winter and Spring Newsletters*, 1995. These writings capture the heart and soul of this gifted young man who was permitted to live only 26 years, giving his life in service to his country.

In May of 1945, reports came to the Fisher house that Jimmy was missing in action. Hope remained until April 1946 when one blue star in the service flag came down and a gold one went up. The official government message declared him, "Killed in Action."

Lena had returned to Nashville after the death of J. Nelson in 1924 after proper arrangements could be made to be near her mother who lived in the Russell Street area. In the spring of 1925, Lena gave birth to a fine daughter who she named for her deceased husband, James Nelson. We may only speculate that the father had hoped for a son, and that he and Lena had previously agreed on the name. In those days it was not possible to determine the sex of an unborn child. She would be called Jimmie, Jamie, but as she got older, she would be known as Nelson. Mrs. J. Nelson Fisher, as Lena preferred being called, continued her teaching profession primarily at Nashville's Warner school. When she was of the proper age, Nelson entered public school and became a very good student. In 1940 she entered East Nashville High School and it was while there she showed a great talent for writing. Her interest led her to be assistant editor of the "Golden Eagle" yearbook and for two years editor of the "Eagle" school paper. According to the school

paper, Nelson was a serious student and well liked and respected by all who knew her. Miss Atkinson, the writing teacher, encouraged her in the pursuit of creative writing. She entered a Civitan International sponsored patriotic essay contest in which she won the top honor in international competition. Congressman J. Percy Priest was so impressed by this writing that he had it read into the Congressional Record on May 14, 1943. Nelson was awarded the DAR Medal for citizenship in her senior year and received a scholarship to Agnes Scott College in Georgia. Later she earned a master's degree from George Peabody College. In 1957 she married Jack Womack. She worked for a Nashville advertising firm writing and editing copy from her home office. She was never able to realize her dreams of being a journalist, having suffered from the cancer that claimed her life in 1980 at the young age of 55.

The three James Nelson Fisher's stories are ones of sadness. The elder was a lawyer of much ability, judge, civic leader, loving husband and father. Due to political circumstances and ill health, he never gained what should have been. He died at the early age of 46, begging the question, "What might have been?" Very often the most gifted, the most handsome and the most well liked are taken early in life. Such certainly was the case with Jimmy. One recalls the tone of President Franklin Roosevelt when he said, "I hate war." When we lose fine young men such as Jimmy Fisher in armed conflict, we do hate war. Those of us who did not know him personally can look to his life through the remembrances of others and be inspired.

J. Nelson and wife, Lena, lived together only four short months at the house on Main Street. We may imagine how happy he was with his new bride and was looking to the birth of their child with great anticipation. Even though he may have wanted a son, no parent could have been more proud of daughter, Nelson. The few people that we have talked to who knew her have said wonderful things about her. She was a beautiful person, not just physically (which she was), but beautiful in her countenance and demeanor. I would like to have known her. Her father, J. Nelson, and her cousin, Jimmie, would have been very proud of her.

Even though Nelson was born in Davidson County, I take the liberty to call her a Smith Countian since she was conceived during the short time J. Nelson and Lena lived at the Main Street residence. She, her father, and her cousin are worthy subjects in the history of Smith County.

## JONAS MEADOR – REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

State of Tennessee)  
Smith County ) SS

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful John Chambers Saml D. McMurray & J M Coffee holding the County Court for Smith County, Jonas Meador, a resident of Smith County Tennessee, aged 74 the 3 day of Feb. 1832 – who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 9, 1832 – That the (sic) entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers served as herein stated. He was born in Bedford County Virginia & lived there until called into service. He was drafted in Bedford county Virg for a six month tour & entered the service on the 3 of October 1781 – he was mustered into service under Capt Nathan Rice – the company assembled at Prince Edward Court-House & then marched to Richmond – it was then stationed as a guard & sent out on many parties of fatigue . The company to which he was attached was sent down James River 60 or 70 miles to unload a ship with ammunition & carried down boats & lighted the Ship. He returned with the boats & Ship to Richmond & was there discharged & received a written discharge of Capt. Rice which discharge was given on the 5th of April 1782 – He has lost his discharge.

He was born in Bedford County Virginia where he lived where he lived (sic) until 1809 – when he moved to Smith County Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He has no record of his Age but has often seen it on his Fathers bible he can prove his services by Isham Meador & Joel Meador respectable citizens of Smith County who served with him - The company to which he was attached was under march to join the main Army when Cornwallis was taken – they were near enough to hear the Cannon but did not reach until the battle was over – He was never in a battle & after Cornwallis Defeat was kept as a guard until his term expired –

He omitted to mention that about six weeks before his service expired he hired a Substitute by the name of Andrew Eldus (Eddns?) to finish his term after the months expired, the discharge was given to substitute in this application named, and the Substitute brought it to him – He gave the Substitute forty-Dollars & a soldiers blanket & He gave the discharge to a Capt. to try to draw something & Has not seen it since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or immunity (sic) except the present - & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State –

Sworn to in open Court, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1832

Jonas Meador

We, Joel Meador & Isham Meador, citizens of Smith County Tennessee, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jonas Meador who makes the above application. We have known him from his infancy & were with him in the Revolutionary War. We know he performed the services as therein stated & procured a substitute to finish his time as therein described. We believe him to be 74 years of age – all the circumstances set forth in his Declaration are known personally to us & are true – Joel Meador is 73 years of age & Isham Meador 71 years of age –

Sworn to in open court  
The 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1832  
J. Pickett clk

Isham Meador  
Joel Meador

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department that the above named Applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier & served as he states. And the Court further Certifies that it appears to them that Isham Meador & Joel Meador who has signed the preceding certificate are residents of Smith County Tennessee and are credible persons and that their Statement is entitled to credit. We are also of opinion that they are of the ages they represent themselves to be –

State of Tennessee)  
Smith County )

John Chambers, J. M Coffee,  
Samuel D. McMurray

I Jonathan Pickett Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing contains the Original Proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Jonas Meador for a pension.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Said court at office in Carthage this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 and 57<sup>th</sup> year of Our Independence.

J. Pickett clk

On 4 April 1833, a clerk of the War Department wrote to Jonathan Pickett: "Sir, The papers of Jonas Meador have been examined. He states that he entered the service for a tour of Six months and that about five or six weeks before the expiration of his time he hired a substitute. The act of June 7, 1832, under which he claims provides for none who did not themselves serve at least six months. His claim has therefore been rejected and the papers will be placed on the files in this office."

This file also contains a letter dated 27 August 1919 from Mrs. E. F. Walden of Morehouse, MO asking for genealogical data. She states her lineage as "I – Mrs. Susie Walden – nee Meador – Born in Cumberland County Virginia – am the daughter of Merritt Singleton Meador – son of Jonas Meador – son of William Meador – son of Jehu Meador – son of Jonas Meador – son of Jehu Meador, Sr." and stated that "all these Meadors seem to be of Cumberland County Virginia..."

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. Revolutionary War Pension Applications, Meador, Jonas. R 7081.



## JAMES PARIS, SR. OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

*The following information was gleaned from the internet and printed here with the permission of the author, Kenneth Shelton, [ashva@earthlink.net](mailto:ashva@earthlink.net). Mr. Shelton very generously offers to share his data if you e-mail him privately for details, record citation, etc. He also adds that he has proof of the Patriotic Service of Jesse Gaulding, father of Judith Gaulding Paris. Therefore, anyone who is off James Paris, Sr. through son, Obadiah Paris, Sr. could also join DAR off Jesse Gaulding. Mr. Shelton is anxious to see Jesse Gaulding receive credit and certification for his service to the country.*

I am happy to announce the certification of JAMES PARIS SR of Prince Edward Co., VA as a proven patriot for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) His name should appear in the next issue of the DAR Magazine as a new patriot and line acceptable for joining the DAR.

All descendants from Smith County, TN of James Sr. through his two sons James Paris, Jr. and Obadiah Paris Sr. are eligible to join through his line provided descent can be proven back to either son. I have data proving the following children:

### OF JAMES PARIS, JR:

- Benjamin Paris
- James (Leonard) Paris
- Obadiah Paris Jr.
- Pleasant Paris
- William Paris
- Elizabeth Paris Agee (Ephraim Agee)
- Martha N. "Polly" Paris Hughes Baird (Leander Hughes Sr. & Rueben Baird Sr.)
- Sarah J. Paris Allison (Little Berry Allison)
- Nancy L. Paris Smart (Francis Marion Smart)
- Delilah Paris Baird (Jeremiah H. Baird)

There are also 2 sons b 1810 & 1810-1820, whose names are unknown & unrecorded. The estate deeds explicitly state that there are 12 heirs to the estate of James Jr.; however, only 10 are accounted for.

### OF OBADIAH PARIS SR:

- James Gaulding Paris
- John Bailey Paris

Only these two are named in Obadiah Sr's will, with the others being nebulously lumped together as the "rest of the children."

Also Provable:

Elizabeth Paris Hughes Gass (Gedeliah Hughes & Joseph Gass): based on estate records of Leander Hughes Sr, guardianship records for minors, 1850 Census, and Hughes Family book by WJL Hughes.

Judith Paris Thomas (Diggs W. Thomas): based on Hughes Family Book

Lucy P. Paris Hughes (Leonard Fretwell Hughes): based on Hughes Family Book  
 Nancy Jane Paris Paris (Pleasant Paris): based on widow's pension of Nancy J. Paris,  
 widow of Pleasant Paris.

The names for the rest are believed:  
 Jesse Paris: present on the 1830 census  
 Gilley P. Paris Pigg (Charles Pigg)  
 Mary A. Paris Agee (William Agee)

These last three I cannot prove, albeit Jesse Paris would probably certify through the DAR based on process of elimination and he is named in the Hughes Book, albeit his relationship to Obadiah Sr. is not spelled out.

Also, there is one son b. 1815 and one b. 1816-1820 that are unaccounted for. One, however may be William Borum, an orphan that Obadiah took under apprenticeship in May 1823. A third male b. 1815, present on the census records, is believed to be Joseph Parker, a mildly retarded child that Obadiah was made guardian for in 1836. Obadiah was compelled to sue Parker's former guardian for mismanagement and misappropriation of the orphan's estate. If the two wards are not on the census, then there are potentially three sons unaccounted for of Obadiah Sr.'s.

Interestingly, names have been supplied for all of the daughters of both men who appear in census records from 1810-1840; rather fortunate and unusual.

Feel free to e-mail privately for details, record citations and etc., especially if your are interested in establishing a DAR lineage application.

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#### SOME PARIS GRAVESITES LOCATED IN SMITH OCUNTY

PIGG CEMETERY – Located on Pigg Branch on ridge  
 Gilley Pigg 12 Feb 1820 – 16 June 1885  
 Charley Pigg 16 Mar 1814 – 21 Nov 1883

PARIS CEMETERY - Located on Dry Fork Creek  
 Obediah Paris 9 May 1846 – 23 Feb 1910      Delilah Baird 1824 – 1904, m. 1843  
 Sarah E. Paris 11 Sep 1848 – 11 Sep 1907      Jeremiah Baird 1824 – 1898

PARIS CEMETERY – Located on Pigg Branch at McClanahan place  
 Mary A. Paris Agee 4 Feb 1816 – 14 Aug 1873      William Paris 1821 – Feb 1888  
 William Agee 3 Jan 1811 – 18 Feb 1896      Tranquilla Paris 1820 – W/O Wm.

## SMITH COUNTY HISTORY

Dr. John W. Bowen

*This is the final chapter in the series of Dr. John W. Bowen's "History of Smith County." The articles were first published in The Smith county Record, which carried the following notice on January 24, 1884: We have secured the services of Dr. John W. Bowen to write the history of Smith County, and we are satisfied that he is a competent man for the work. Tennessee Historical Society.*

*In subsequent issues Dr. Bowen appealed to readers of the paper to submit material of historical interest on both family and community. Dr. Bowen failed to receive information from many residents and continued his appeal for help.*

*Back issues of the Quarterly in which the articles are published are available at \$3.50 each. Chapter 5 is missing from the series.*

VOLUME NO. 1, NO. 1,2,4; VOLUME NO. 2, NO. 1,2,4; VOLUME NO. 3, NO. 3; VOLUME NO. 4, NO. 2,4; VOLUME NO. 5, NO. 2,4; VOLUME NO. 6, NO. 2,4; VOLUME NO. 7, NO. 3; VOLUME NO. 8, NO. 1,3; VOLUME NO. 9, NO. 2; VOLUME NO. 10, NO. 2; VOLUME NO. 11, NO. 1,4; AND VOLUME NO. 12, NO. 3.

## CHAPTER XXIII

William Bowen Campbell, commenced the practice of law in 1829. In November 1831 he was elected to the office of Attorney General, having for his competitor Bromfield L. Ridley of McMinnville, who was afterwards for fourteen years, and up to the breaking of the last war, the able and popular Chancellor of the division in which our county of Smith is still included. Soon after his election to said office, Mr. Campbell located at Sparta, where he remained, however, only a few years. In 1835, the same year in which he was married, having returned to Carthage, he was elected one of the representatives of Smith County, to the Legislature. Issac Goodall was his colleague. Smith County, not having been yet divided, sent two members to the lower house. Gen. William Trousdale was the Senator that year from Smith and Sumner. These two men, brave and patriotic both, were subsequently competitors in several heated political contests, in which the former defeated the latter twice for congress and once for governor.

It was in the year 1836 that the Federal government called upon Tennessee for troops to chastise the Creek and Seminole Indians for the depredations they were committing in Florida, as well as upon the frontiers of Georgia and Alabama. Mr. Campbell immediately tendered his resignation as a member of the legislature and headed the list of a volunteer company, of which he was elected Captain. William Trousdale was Colonel and J. C. Guild was Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. Capt. Campbell led his company through the seven months campaign, participating in every engagement until all hostile

Indians were subdued. His coolness and courage in the presence of danger, his hightoned courtesy and characteristic kindness to his men, brought him out of that service in possession of the highest degree of personal popularity; so that, in 1837 the chivalrous Peyton declining to serve longer in obedience to the unanimous call of the Whigs of the district, he became a candidate for congress, and was elected over his late commander, Col. William Trousdale who was the Democratic candidate. At the end of that term he was again a candidate and was reelected having the same competitor. For a third term he was reelected without opposition. Declining a further election having in the meantime settled in Carthage, he went again into the practice of his profession, associating with him as a partner the late Hon. S. M. Fite, then a young man. It was about this time that he was elected Maj. General of the State Militia for the division in which he lived. The presidential election of 1844 hinged upon the annexation of Texas to our Union. The decision was easily in favor of that measure. It was consummated in 1845. The war with Mexico as its expected inheritance followed in 1846. Tennessee was called on for 2400 men. In thirty days as many as thirty thousand had offered their services. Among the foremost of these was Maj. Gen. Campbell. The first regiment of Tennessee volunteer infantry for the Mexican War was organized at Nashville in May 1846, of which Gen. Campbell was elected Colonel, Samuel R. Anderson Lieutenant Colonel, with two majors on account of its large size, Major Alexander and Major Farquharson. The record of that regiment gallantly led by its intrepid commander until its defenders, victorious on every battle field, placed the nation's flag in triumph on the battlements of the city of the Montezumas, is a part of our country's history. It need not be recounted here in these humble pages.

The war having closed in 1847, Col. Campbell returned to his home in Carthage, but his popularity was so great that he was not allowed to remain in that retirement for which his inclination and tastes fitted him. During the session of the Legislature chosen that year he was elected by a unanimous vote Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Hon. Abe Caruthers, his predecessor, having retired from the position he had so long and ably filled to establish the law school at Lebanon. He held this office but a few years. In 1851 in response to the united consensus of the public opinion of the party, he was by acclamation nominated the Whig candidate for governor. In the convention making the nomination, Hon. Meredith P. Gentry, himself a distinguished politician, spoke thus eloquently of Judge Campbell. "Although Tennessee is rich in noble sons, though like the mother of the Gracchi she can proudly point to her children and say with truth, 'These are my jewels,' yet in my opinion she has not within her broad limits a nobler son than William B. Campbell. In integrity and honor, for fidelity and truth, for courage and patriotism, in all that constitutes a high and noble and manly character, he has no superior." In accepting the nomination he said, "I accept with a pledge to my friends of a heart devoted to the union of these United States, and to the honor and prosperity of my native state." These words are the key to the political faith in which he lived and died.

He was elected, served the term of two years and declined at its close, the most urgent solicitations to be a candidate for re-election. For a short period he was a member of a

firm of commission merchants at New Orleans. Soon, however, he settled near Lebanon, Wilson County, and engaged in the business of banking. He survived the Civil War but a few years, serving a brief period in Congress after its close. His decease occurred in August, 1867. The event of his wife's departure to the higher life had transpired in March, 1864, while yet the cloud of war was hanging over our country. Seven children survived Gov. Campbell and their mother. Two of these have passed from earth since, William B., the eldest son, soon after his father's decease, and more recently the late Mrs. Mary C. Kelley, wife of Dr. D. C. Kelley, the eldest born, who was an infant of but a day when her father started for the Floridian War, and whose seemingly untimely death was so much lamented by a large circle of friends and admirers. Five still remain, three sons and two daughters.

The following incident, published in the newspaper at the time, is illustrative of the magnanimity of Governor Campbell. At a re-union of his old regiment given by himself at his own house in 1867, Capt. Bennett proposed the health of a gallant Tennessean, the Hon. Bailey Peyton, who was not present. Gov. Campbell immediately arose, and begged to be permitted to offer an amendment including the name of Ex-Governor Trousdale. When the cheer and applause with which this motion was greeted had subsided he added: "No more gallant, nor patriotic, nor braver, nor more honorable man has ever lived in any age or country than William Trousdale of the County of Sumner." When it is remembered that Campbell and Trousdale had been estranged for nearly 20 years, had not been on speaking terms for all that time, we cannot too much admire the nobleness that notwithstanding personal differences and even hostilities, generously pays such a compliment to deserving merit. The following estimate of the character of Governor Campbell occurs in a speech of Hon. J. C. Guild made in a public meeting in the city of Nashville in August 1867, assembled to honor his memory. Judge Guild said: "Governor Campbell was my intimate friend for over forty years, and though we always have been arrayed on different sides of politics, yet even when party strife and party hate ran highest, I could always testify to his magnanimity and high sense of justice in all our conflicts. We met in the legislature of 1836, which was one of the most important legislatures that ever met in the State, and I always found him active, efficient and conscientious in discharge of the responsible duties which devolved on him. I had the honor to practice law before him for several years, and in all the conflicts between the bar and the court, he ever exhibited that same urbanity and moderation of character which were his characteristics through life. Not a stain rests upon his judicial ermine."

It is well known that Governor Campbell was tendered the command of the Confederate forces raised in Tennessee, and the acceptance was urged upon him. But he declined. Hearing this his mother said to him: "William, I was proud of you at Monterey; I was proud of you when the people elected you governor; but I am prouder of you than ever since you have refused to fight against the flag of your country." When we remember that she was an immediate descendant of revolutionary ancestry, as was the father of her children, and that their ancestors fought together on King's Mountain, and upon the field of Guilford Court House, when, on these historic spots some of them

poured out their blood together, the story of which events they had heard in the days of their youth, from the lips of these noble sires, whatever may have been our opinions, we can appreciate and excuse these patriotic expressions of a mother. There were no more devoted patriots of the revolutionary period, men and women who gallantly and bravely gave themselves to the cause of freedom and national independence than were at Campbells, the Russels and the Bowens, all of whose blood flowed in the veins of William Bowen Campbell.

Leaving for the present the personal history of Carthage, the remainder of this chapter will be devoted to a brief notice of some of its institutions. The recent opening of Smith County Bank and Trust Company in a building once occupied by a similar institution, has given rise to the mistaken rumor that the institution referred to was a branch of the United States Bank. There never was a branch of that Bank in Carthage. The institution referred to, and which occupied the house now occupied by the new bank, was a branch of "The Bank of the State of Tennessee," which was incorporated by act of the legislature passed November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1811. By a provision in said act the directors were given power to establish branches of the Bank in other places besides those specially provided for in the act itself, if in their discretion they deemed it proper to do so. In the exercise of that power, a branch was established in Carthage some time in the year 1818. This date may not be exactly correct, but this writer thinks it is. At least that is according to his best information. It was still in operation in 1833, but as the writer thinks, was in process of liquidation, and it probably closed out that year. Lemuel Tileston was the Cashier. He was a New England man who came from the state of Massachusetts. He was a merchant a while, but after the bank closed he seemed to be without employment. He left Carthage in the latter part of the year 1840 and returned to his paternal home a few miles from Boston where he died 20 years ago or more.

There was another bank established and incorporated by act of the legislature passed July 26<sup>th</sup> 1820. It was entitled "The Bank of the State of Tennessee." The principal bank was located in what was then called the town of Nashville, with a branch in Knoxville. It was made the duty of the president and directors of said bank to establish an agency in each of the counties of East and West Tennessee, - which included the whole state, there being no Middle Tennessee then, \_ created before 1819, except the county in which the bank was located. Under this requirement an agency was established in Carthage. Adam Fergusson was the agent. He kept the bank or the agency in the bar room of Lot Hazard's tavern which stood on the corner where the house was burned a short time ago, known in these latter years as the Allison hotel. Whether Mr. Fergusson kept the agency all the time it remained in Carthage the writer cannot positively say. He is of the impression he did, however. Lot Hazard was his father-in-law. Mr. William Fergusson living near Riddleton is his son. William E. Jones another son-in-law of Hazard lived in Carthage in those years, and may have something to do with he bank agency, as he and Fergusson seemed to be connected business in some way or other.

THE END

## THE CHERRY WOOD CHEST

Ethylene Bradley Collins

My great-grandfather, Phillip Bradford, was born in Granville County, N. C., April 12, 1823, and moved to Smith County, Tennessee, with his parents, grandparents and other relatives.

They settled in the Brush Creek and Flat Rock areas. On March 31, 1847, Phillip married Frances Pruitt, daughter of Joshua and Nancy Pruitt, also of Smith County. Phillip and Frances were the parents of five daughters, the youngest being my grandmother, Hollie Jerome. The two older children died at an early age.

Grandpa Phillip made each of his three remaining daughters a chest made of cherry wood. This is similar to our toy boxes of today but in their time I believe they used them for clothes or maybe Hope Chests.

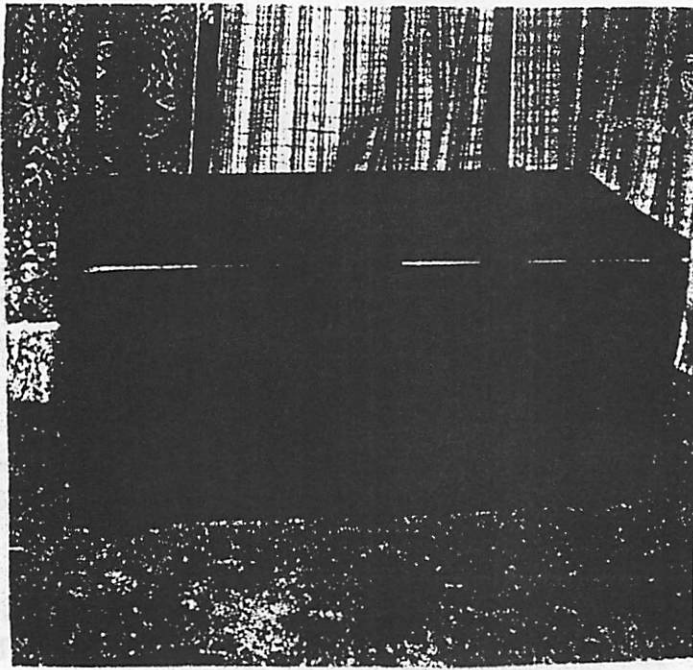
His youngest daughter married John Benjamin Bradley on May 8, 1887, at New Middleton, Smith County, Tennessee. They had four children. The oldest, Forrest Lee Bradley, is my father.

When my father was nine years old the family loaded three wagons and started on the long trip to Texas. Grandpa and Grandma Bradley each drove a wagon. The third one was driven by my Dad. I'm sure the trip was quite an adventure to the children but at nine years of age, my Dad would probably have liked to explore along the way rather than have the job of driving a team.

During the trip the roads were surely rough and bad in places and may have been muddy at times. For some reason they decided to lighten the load and somewhere in Arkansas, my Grandmother's little chest was left along with other things they felt they could do without.

The other two chests made it to Texas and one of them was given to my Dad who gave it to his sister when she married in 1911. When my aunt's grandson was the only one left in that family, he asked me if there was any thing I wanted. Of course, I wanted the chest. It has a special place in my home and some day will go to my grand-children.

Phillip Bradford who died March 29, 1887, was buried on his farm in the Flat Rock area. His grave is now lost. He was the son of Joseph Bradford and ?. He was the grandson of Booker Byrd Bradford and Frances Mann Bradford of Smith County, also Philemon 2 and Elizabeth Booker Bradford, Philemon 1 Bradford and Mary ? Bradford, all from Granville County, N. C., and Richard (the immigrant) Bradford from Charles City County, Virginia.



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## THE FULLER DIARY

Continued from Volume XII, No. 1

JUNE 1, 1862. All up by times and ready to travel when we got orders to move at 10 o'clock – a man by the name of Whitley came to us and said that Dock Wilkerson was in the neighborhood at one Mr. Bells residence, and it would be prudent to move him – had been sick- was able to travel. I went out about two miles, got a good breakfast and had the pleasure of seeing two nice young ladies – very soon Dock and I returned to the Batt. And while resting there a messenger came and informed us that the enemyh was going around us to cut us off. We proceeded up the road and held ourselves in readiness to give them a warm reception – but it proved to be false alarm. We continued to travel through the dust till in the afternoon a shower of rain came and laid the dust. We got to Baldwin's Station where the army was encamped, and got with the pickets that we had been thinking was lost – some of our sick boys have not come up yet – we passed over some very pretty country around Baldwin – very large and level fields – our encampment happened to be near a creek and tolerable flat place – no drinking - only what we get off the creek – soldiers are bathing all the time in the water.

JUNE 2, 1862. After the morning a little wagons were loaded and horses saddled and the Batt. took up a line of march for the Town of Fulton, the County town of Itawamba Cty. Miss. Pickets were all in and it seemed like there was more of us than I had seen together for a considerable time. We all appeared lively, for we were in advantage on this road and the thoughts of getting out of Tishomingo Cty seemed to help some very much. This county is remarkably large, being about seventy five miles long, about forty wide. We went along very well for a few miles when the rain began to fall and we had quite a refreshing shower, traveling for some miles through the rain – the country being very poor as usual and but thinly settled. We took a wrong road in the evening and had to turn back about a mile and then went out a little distance and took up for the night. Picket guard had to be sent out. I was one from Comp. E, stood two hours about the middle of the night. Daylight coming, we went into camps.

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JUNE 3, 1862. Started out in good time had good roads to travel over till we got to the Tombigbee River some eight miles from where we started – and have to take up camps on the bank of said river – the town of Fulton is said to be on the other side of the little stream only a short distance from where I write. We staid here a waiting for the wagons to bring forage but none came for our hungry beasts – through the evening the river was alive with soldiers bathing, fishing, swimming their horses around the ferryboat and riding up and down the river in skiffs, while others were gone out on picket duty and some of the officers were gone to Fulton. Company of Mississippi cavalry are stationed here, said not to have been in the service but a short time, very well mounted generally.

JUNE 4, 1862. Some wagons left this morning to go to Baldwin Station about twenty five miles after commissary stores. I spent part of the day on the river bank washing and grazing my horse. This is the first time that I have washed my own clothes since coming into service – having hired it heretofore, succeeded very well, will try it again soon, it being a good place, plenty of wood and water. Some changes have been made in the Quartermaster department and Commissary. E. O. Elliot is Quartermaster formerly our Adjutant. The news came to us today that Saml. Allison, Esqr. Of Smith Cty., Tenn. was with the army at Baldwin. Lt. Eastes has gone out there this evening to get some of the news from home. Three ladies have been into our camps this evening, look very fascinating.

JUNE 5, 1862. Not much of any importance occurred today. I got permission to visit Fulton towards the middle of the day. Road W. L. Thompson's horse – found some fine bottom land between the river and town, rich bottom but too flat for good farming. The road is thrown up for a considerable way with a number of ?/ to cross. Got some dinner at the hotel, saw some nice young ladies, returned to Camp Van Dorn as we have named it, found some of our boys that had been sick behind, and as we thought had been captured by the enemy were in camps and found that our wagon had returned from Baldwin with Commissaries stores – we learned this evening from a man that passed by that Gen. Van Dorn's forces would pass by here and that he the said man was going on ahead to buy forage.

JUNE 6, 1862. Lt. Eastes returned this morning from Baldwin, saw Saml. Allison, Esqr. – learned that health was very good in Smith Cty., Tennessee, none of the enemy in his parts at present nearer than Lebanon – furthermore, Lt. E. brought the sad news of the death of one of our associates and brother soldiers, Wm. Clark of Smith Cty., departed this life on the 31 May, the deceased was member of Comp. E. 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. Tenn. Cav. I started out into the country this morning to learn something about cousin Jas. Fuller – I learned this evening that he had lived in this cty and had volunteered his services to go in defense of his country was taken prisoner at Fort Donelson – I found his wife living at one Benj. Clayton's – a very nice family of people living about seven miles from Camp Van Dorn – spent the day there and returned to camp in the evening.

JUNE 7, 1862. This morning about 1 or 2 o'clock we were aroused up and told to saddle our horses and load our guns, there was danger of an attack. We obeyed the command – sent out scouts – found nothing that might cause us any trouble – another scout was started out after early breakfast – I was one of the detailed ones, but swapt with M. Matthews – he preferred scouting to standing camp guard – I was put on at an old house where some commissary stores are, another post is at the ferry – to prohibit boys from going to Town unnecessarily. I saw this evening one Col. Sanders of Ala going towards the Army headquarters wanting to get some troops to go into Tenn. We of course, put up our claims, urging it on him to try to get us in. We hope to hear from him soon – will probably be back again in a few days at fartherest.

JUNE 8, 1862. After standing guard yesterday and last night, I felt somewhat drowsy – this morning managed so as to get a nap through the day – some of our troops went out to preaching in the country while others remained in camps – some in Tenn. Cavalry formerly under the command of Col. McNairy arrived here today and camped near us – three companies are all that remain out of one Batt. Lt. High and J. M Gill got up to day. Lt. H. is in very bad health speaks of gong home in Tennessee. Preaching in camps this evening by Capt. Boude. Some ladies in attendance. This seems to be a good neighborhood. The people kind and friendly towards soldiers – selling articles needed at very reasonable prices which tend to nourish up both body and mind of a soldier.

JUNE 9, 1862. Nothing very striking occurred today. Johnson Sampson got up with us today having been left behind to wait on Wm. Clark, stated that he saw some thirteen of the enemy. They rode up to the door where he was and asked for water, he replied to them to get down and get – next asked if he was a soldier – replied how when he could not walk being so feeble he tarried a few days at Baldwin Station with the 24<sup>th</sup> Reg. Tenn. Volunteers – provisions are being drawn this afternoon – corn meal and beef – with some bacon. Fits up an excellent repast for soldiers. News is this evening that the Federals are advancing in large numbers of Cavalry. Our forces here is 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. of Tenn. McNairy's old Battr., two of Col. Forest's companies – orders are to saddle horses and be in readiness to go to meet the enemy.

JUNE 10, 1862. The Battalion went out on a scout this morning – I remained in camps with a few others – learning that the enemy was not so formidable as was reported – some are on picket duty to day some gone to the Railroad station for commissary stores. The Col. is gone to Headquarters to obtain some discharges for soldiers who are unfit for army service and draw money for their benefit. The camps look a little desolated today. The first day so many soldiers have been absent during our stay here.

JUNE 11, 1862. The scouts returned this morning about 1 o'clock reported no Federals near – complained of being quite tired from the ride. I visited the country today where one of our sick soldiers was, J. J. Lawrence, Esqr. and found him some better. Took dinner and returned to camps and found some stir about reorganization to take place on tomorrow. I learned that our army is stationary on the railroad.

JUNE 12, 1862. Last night our camps were visited by Capt. Buckner whose office seems to be to superintend the reorganizing of troops. He explained the manner in which the elections would come off – consolidated four companies and formed two new Comps. A and C. commanded by Capts. Boude and Tyree were formed into one. E and F commanded by Capt. Cates and Odom were united into one Comp. and elected Lt. Prayor of Comp. F for Capt. and Lt. Eastes of Comp E for 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. These gents were elected unanimously by acclamation on the day the remnant of Col. McNairy's old Battalion of Tenn. Cav. and the 7<sup>th</sup> Batt. were consolidated and elections were held. All of the results I will not pretend to record here. Those of my comp will find a place – B. H. Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., A. W. Lipscomb 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. For Lt. Col. C. R. Barteau was elected by a majority of about three to one over Maj. B. Smith, now acting Major. Capt Molton of the McNairy Batt. Major beat his opponent by an overwhelming majority. Rumors are now in camps that the paymaster is presently prepared to pay us for our five months service that is due. That will relieve some very much not having drawn any pay since being in service. Orders came last night to cook three days rations to be ready to move on the 13 of June at 3o'clock p.m. Some cooked last night and some was drawing their pay which caused them to be awake pretty late. The rumor is that the wagon train will go out to Mooresville about seven miles from West Fulton, on the Pontotoc Road, and that their Batt. will go to Jacinto on a scout. The rumor is that the enemy are falling back This I think is only a matter of conjecture. This place appeared very pleasant for a short time. The grass is now worn off and the sand and dust is too thick to be comfortable. Near us is a swampy bottom with an abundance of cypress knees which I have heard spoken of very often in my life. There are two wells one near each end of the encampment. The Tombigbee River is within a quarter of a mile from camps which affords an abundance of stock water and wood convenient.

JUNE 14, 1862. On yesterday before the hour arrived for us to start out, the order was not to go till morning. Wagons were sent out for corn with men to load it. I was one that went about seven miles. We got four loads of corn and got back about sundown. The paymaster was at our camps still paying off the soldiers, when I returned the company to which I am a member was going up, and got paid off. I received ninety six dollars for my share. In the evening before going after corn, Lt. High was in camps, in feeble health and we took the parting hand. Lt., in company with J. M. Gill, started to the State of Tennessee this morning, and we started out on a scout. Also to day nearly all that are able for duty are out in company. We are now stopped to rest several miles from where we started. Some more cavalry I understand are going up the other side of the Tombigbee. A Comp. passed yesterday evening, a Reg. this morning before day. Jacinto is the point to which we are traveling. The object as I suppose is to see what is going on in that portion of the country.

JUNE 15, 1862. The troops continued marching on in the direction of Jacinto and passed over some very swampy country, and arrived at Marietta, a little village about 20 miles from Fulton and proceeded to the other side for about two miles, found no water for our

horses and none for ourselves. We then turned back and went about a mile and put up for the night. This morning we went towards Jacinto, the county seat of Tishomingo Cty. We learned or heard it rumored on the road that there was about one thousand Federals there. When about eight miles of the place, heard again there were more. We were joined by Col Forest's Reg. and turned to the right. Rumors said that some Federals were in Marietta this morning soon after we left. Traveled awhile, it was said that they had passed on the road just before us. In the meantime we had taken to resting a spell. If we had continued our march we might have met up with them. We continued the trail some distance on the road, but finally it was given up as lost. We have passed several springs today, one the water issued from the side of a high bluff, and on one side of the road there is a creek. We crossed the creek just above a mill house, and on the other is the above named bluff. We have passed some very pretty country, and some of the prettiest corn that I have seen, and the largest young cotton field or fields of young cotton that I have seen yet. The corn does not look as green and flourishing as corn does usually in Tennessee.

JUNE 16, 1862. We got to Fulton last night after dark and tied our horses and lay down to rest. Late in the night some corn was brought in and we were hollowed up to draw corn for our wearied beast, having rode some thirty or thirty five miles yesterday, before reaching town. Five of us stopped and got supper which was very fine and quite nourishing. I took breakfast this morning at a private house, and came out mounted my horse and came south of Fulton about one mile and have stopped to feed our horses on corn and fodder.

JUNE 17, 1862. We mounted our horses, came to Fulton, stopped awhile and got water. About the time we went to start a gun was fired accidentally, tore a man's hat very badly and grazed the skin slightly. We proceeded towards West Fulton, when on the road we met with Col. J. D. Bennett on his way from the army. We all gave him the parting hand. It seemed like parting with a father, he has been one to us, a kinder, nobler hearted man, never as I suppose had the command of a body of men. In the march on Sunday my right ankle swelled up so as to give me considerable pain, on yesterday got worse so that I left the Batt. Late in the evening, went to a private house, one Mr. Duncan and poulticed. Today I feel much better. On yesterday evening a light shower of rain fell which laid the dust and cooled the air some little. The Batt. (now 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg. Tenn Cav.) moved across towards Fulton. Encamped.

JUNE 18, 1862. A light shower of rain fell this morning about daylight, some persons are passing to day on their way towards Tenn. Some are officers who have resigned, others the law releases from service. This day has been spent in reorganizing the messes. Camp E. I am in with my old mess with one or two exceptions. Seven of us compose mess No. 3. called Lt. B. H. Moore's. This evening I learned from one of the scouts that came in that the Yankees are gong up the river, thinking they will concentrate at the town of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

JUNE 19, 1862. A detail of men was sent out today to burn some cotton which an old gent desired should be reduced to ashes, he came over asking for men to do the job, he believing it to be good policy to burn an article that the enemy are anxious to get in possession. It would be folly in the extreme to let property fall into the hands of an invading army for they could sell for money and use this money in waging a war against us and our citizens. Far be it from me to believe that it is wrong to do thus in times like the present.

JUNE 20, 1862. A very cool morning so much so that fire feels comfortable, even while cooking. We get a good supply from the adjoining country having bought honey, milk, butter, some sweet potatoes of last year's growth, but have been kept finely and taste excellent. We find good grass for our horses to graze on it being about one foot high on an average and twenty ears of corn per diem. This morning a detail of two men from each comp. was made to go to the river and construct a bridge for soldiers and other necessary things belonging to the army to cross on. I heard the plan suggested to let one end rest on one end of the boat and the other on the bank, the stream being very narrow at the ferry above spoken of. A movement is anticipated on the part of many soldiers.

JUNE 21, 1862. A very cool morning again this, the bridge that has been spoken of is completed by digging down the banks of the Bigbee, and bringing the ferry boat down and it serves for a bridge. The citizens of this county came to town to have their Battalion muster. I saw quite a number of men repairing to the place for the exercise. The camps are being visited by some ladies this afternoon, a circumstance that does not take place often. Some of our boys have been fishing at the river and eels are more plentiful than at any place I have been at. This country is famous for fruit such as plums, the soil is adapted to the growth of the sugar plum, peaches do tolerable well, apples do not thrive so well, they are said to grow tolerable for a few years, and they seem to dwindle away.

JUNE 22, 1862. On last night some time between dark and daylight this morning we were awoken from our sleep and ordered to saddle our horses and load our guns. The order was obeyed instantly. The ground for such orders I have not got hold of yet. We lay down and got more sleep. Today we had orders to cook # days rations, whether we have to scout for that length of time or go on a march I have not yet learned or when we start is yet unknown to most of us. It is hard to tell what a day may bring forth. The weather is getting extremely warm after the sun rises into the heavens. It seems like burning things up with heat.

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## THE MACEDONIA NEW MIDDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH

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March 1848. After divine services a door was opened for the reception of members. Martha Wilkerson joined by experience. Brother Lewis Dias, moderator.

April 1848. Church met in conference. James Barrot joined by relation -- four Baptised on Sunday and the Lords Supper administered. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

May 1848. On Saturday before the third Lords day after divine service the Church met in conference and a door was opened for the reception of members. Edmond James joined by letter. Rebekah James by relation and on Saturday night there joined by relation Stephen Samson, James Stallins and Matilda Stallins. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

On Thursday night the first day of June 1848 the Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members. Mary Oliver joined by relation. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

June 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day, after divine service the Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members, none came forward. On motion the Church agreed to prepare a letter to send up to the section meeting to be holden with Wolf Creek Church commencing on Friday before the second Lords day in August next, and the following brethren bare it namely Leroy James, Stephen A. Farmer, James Barrot, Thomas Clark, John Farmer and Stephen Samson. On Saturday night Wiley Clark joined by relation. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

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July 1848. Saturday preceeding the third Lords day after divine service the Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members. Elisabeth Crook, an Catharine Samson joined by relation. A letter red for the section meeting -- Thomas Hews and Eliazor Smith joined by relation on Munday night. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1848. On Friday night after divine services Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members. William Snoddy and Manerva his wife joined by relation. Brother Lewis Dies moderator.

August 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day after divine services Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members. Saryan Stallins joined by relation. Brother Jesse Johnston moderator.

The Church agreed to prepare a letter to send to the association to be holden with the Church on Dixons Creek to commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1848 and appointed Brothers Leroy James and James Barrot to bear it and in case of failure Brother John T. Farmer. The church gave to Brother James Barrot the liberty to exercise his gift in exortation as he might feel himself at liberty and that this be inserted into the minutes of the association and that one dollar and fifty cents be sent for the printing of the minutes of the association. Thomas Snoddy, church clerk

September 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day, after divine service Church met in conference. Brother L. Dias moderator. Eddith Hughs dismissed by letter. Jefferson and Lucinda Wright joined the Church by relation.

October 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day, after divine service the Church met in conference. Brother L., Dias moderator. A door was opened for the reception of members. The following joined by relation, Mary Shaver, Sary Morris, Manerva Helmantollar, Wiley Bray, James Bradford, Martin Everit, Arvilla Everit.

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November 1848. Saturday before the third Lords day after divine service, Church met in conference. Brother L. Dies moderator. A door was opened for the reception of members. Elisabeth Stallins and Mary B. Squires joined by relation.

December 1848. No business of record.

January 1849. No business of record.

February 1849. No business of record.

March 1849. No business of record.

Aprile 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day, after divine service Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members. L. Dias moderator. Richard Bray, Thomas Bray, Ellexander Bray, Coleman Samson's black girl, Arraminta joined by relation.

May 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference. Brother L. Dies moderator. Brothers Edmond James and John T. Farmer chosen to fill the office of Deacons.



June 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conferance. Brother Edmond James ordained Deacon by a prisbatory whose names are here unto annex: Jesse Johnston, Lewis Dies, Joel James.

July 1849. No business of record.

August 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conferance and appointed Brothers R. Bray, John T. Farmer, Thomas Clark, James Stallins and Leroy James to attend the section meeting in September 1849 at Macedonia and agreed to administer the Lords supper at that meeting.

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September 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conferance, Brother L. Dias moderator. A door was opened for the reception of members and the following joined the church, Francis Greer, Elisabeth Carter, Mary Wilkerson, Rhoda Grigson, Truman Greer, A. C. Nolen, Dudley Moore, Rebekah Nolen, Susanna Hutcheson. By letter, Elijah Morris, Martha Morris, John Wood and Samuel Greer. Elisabeth Crook dismissed by letter. On Sunday the Lords supper administered.

October 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conference. A door was opened for the reception of members and the following presented themselves: Brother L. Dies moderator. James W. McClannahan, John J., Coleman, James A. Legin, Martha McDonald, Leuisia Hoskins, Emiline McClannahan, Henry McClannahan, Leuisia Coleman, Mathias Denny, Leandis Denny, Wiley Denny, James' Barrot's black girl Deborah.

November 1849. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conferance, Brother L. Dias moderator. A door was opened for the reception of members. Mary Legin joined by letter, Brother Lewis Dias agreed to take the care of the church another year.

December 1849. No business of record.

January 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conferance, James Barrot moderator and appointed the Saturday before the third Lords day in March next for the ordination of Brother James Barrot to the ministry.

February 1850. No business of record.

March 1850. Saturday before the third Lords Day, Church met and Brother James Barrot was ordained to preach the gospel by a commita composed of Jesse Johnston, Elijah Hale, Richard Lion, Lewis Dias.

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Aprile 1850. No meeting.

May 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conferance, Brother L. Dias, moderator and set apart June meeting for a communion meeting.

June 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day church met in conference and regularly ordained John T. Farmer as Deacon of the Church by a committa composed of: Jesse Johnston, Lewis Dies, James Barrot, William Suit, Joseph James. The church gave James Barrot the liberty to extend an arm of Macedonia Church to Bunavesta. Communion given on Sunday.

July 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conference, Brother L. Dias moderator. Sally Bray restored to fellowship. Rebekah Allen joined by letter. James Barrot met at Bunavesta and a door was opened for the reception of members. Received by letter Samuel Paskel, Elbrige J. Mercer, Mary Mercer, Benjamin B. Smith, Lucy Smith, Eliza Smith, Nancy Smith, Virginia Smith, Richard Smith, William Giles, Susana Giles. By letter David Parmer's Pompy and Maryetta by baptism and set apart the first Sunday in August to be constituted a seperate church.

August 1850. No business of record.

September 1850. No meeting.

October 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conferance. Sarah Hubbard joined the church. Business called for. Brother Leroy James informed the church that it was reported that Brother Matthias Denny had been drunk. A committee was appointed to see him and report at November term. Brother Edmond James said that it was reported that J. Nolen - A. C. Nolen had regularly attended shooting matches and was guilty of swaring and drank too much. A committa was appointed to see them and report at Nov. term.

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November 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day Church met in conference. Brother James Barrot moderator. The rules of decorum red of the committee called on to report and reported that Mathias Denny confessed the report to be true. He had been present, he confessed with sorrow and was retained in fellowship. After the church spoke of the three Brothers Nolens, Brother Leroy James added to the report that W. Nolen had left his wife. They did not attend. James Legan and Stephen Samson was appointed to cite them to December term and for them to find out whether W. C. Nolen had left his wife or not.

December 1850. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference. Brother James Barrot moderator. Business called for, the clerk spoke of the three young Brother Nolens. The committa [reported] that J. Nolen confessed he had sworn one oath and went to the shooting matches. A. C. Nolen confessed he had went to two shooting matches. W. L. Nolen confessed he had swore oaths and went to the shooting matches. They did not attend and the Church excluded them.

January 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference, Brother James Barrot moderator. A door for the reception of members was opened. John More restored to fellowship. Leroy James reported a charge against Richard Bray for getting drunk. A committa was appointed to see him and report at February term.

February 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference, Brother James Barrot moderator, refferances called for. The commity reported and was discharged. Brother Richard Bray confessed the charge to be true with sorrow and was retained.

March 1851. Church met the fifth Saturday and agreed have a sacramental meeting at May term.

Aprile 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference, Brother R. Lion moderator and agreed to let the church know at May term whether he could take the care of the church or not.

Page 20<sup>th</sup> Business called for the case of M. Denny and W. Manners was tried. The commity found that M. Denny had been guilty of telling false tales, the comitty dispenche with it until the term for the church to exclude.

May 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, church met in conference, Brother R. Lion moderator, and agreed to take the care of the church. Brother Edmond James charge Brother R. Bray of drunkenness, a committa was appointed to see him and report at June Term.

June 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, church met in conference, Brother R. Lion moderator, business called for. The committa failed to see Brother R. Bray and others was appointed to see him and report at July term.

July 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference, Brother James Barrot moderator, the case of Brother R. Bray was taken up the committee reported the charge to be true. He did not appear. He was excluded. There was a report that sister Martha Willson had two living husbands, a committy was appointed to see her and report at August term and directed to prepare a letter to send up to the association to be held at Plunkets Creek.

August 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, church met in conferance, Brother R. Lion moderator, the church received a letter by Brother Thomas Terry stating that Elijah Bomar was in Hardiman County Tennessee a preaching who had been a member in Macedonia church who left his wife and went off with another woman and was excluded. T. Terry request a letter sending him the case in full for he was doing injury to the cause of Christ, the church gave him his request. He was excluded from Clover Creek Church, the church resolve that all kind of trade on the sabbath should be prohibited such as cakes, jewelry, whisky etc. near the meeting house. A letter prepared for the association was red and received.

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September 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conference, the committee that was appointed to write the bylaws done so. They was red and received. The committee that was appointed to see Martha Willson was not ready to report. It was reported Brother John Coleman drank too much, he confessed and was continued in fellowship.

October 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church met in conferance, Brother James Barrot moderator. The committee that was appointed to see Sister Martha Willson was not ready to report. Brother Leroy James charge W. Manner's, Deborah of having a child without a husband and proved it and she was excluded. Brother L. James spoke of a rumor about Brother John Moore of drinking, Brother James A. Legon was chosen to cite him to the church at November term, Brother L. James charge Truman Greer of drinking and danceing. L. James and Elijah Morris was appointed to see him and report at November term.

November 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, sermon by Brother J. W. Boen, Lorena Mason joined the church by letter. Brother J. Legan fail to see Brother J. Moore, Brother E. Morris charge Brother J. Moore of drinking too much. J. T. Farmer and James A. Legan was appointed to see him and report at next term. The committy that was appointed to see Sister Martha Willson was discharged and Brother James Barrot chose to see her himself and report at next term. The committy that was appointed to see Brother Truman Greer said the charge was true. He was not present and was excluded.

December 1851. Saturday before the third Lords day, Church in conference, the committee that was appointed to see Bro. J. Moore was called on to report and reported that he denied drinking too much and promised to come but did not. The church appointed Wm. McClannahan and E. H. Morris to see him and report at Jan. term. Martha Willson Excluded.

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January 1852. No business of record.

February 1852. Saturday before the third Lords day church in conference. The case of Brother John Moore laid over till March term. A committy was appointed to see Sister Haston to tell her to come at March term in respect to some rumor of miss conduct. A committy was appointed to seek after a pastor to take the care of the church. Brother James Legan chosen clerk in the room of Thomas Snoddy.

March 1852. Saturday before the third Lords day after divine service, Church met in conference, Brother James Barrot chosen moderator. A door was opened for the reception of members, none found. The above cases continued until the next term. The case of Brother J. Moore and sister Haston with the same committy to see them, the committy to seek a pastor discharged. James A. Legon, Clerk.

Aprile 1852. Saturday before third Lords day after divine service, church in conferance. Business called. The case of Brother J. Moore laid over till next term, also Sister Mary B. Hastons case taken up, report say she was guilty of lying and mischief making among neighbours and lewdness, also meeting in woods before married, proof by Sister Ann Neely for which case the Church excluded her. Brother James Barrot chosen to take the care of the church, he refused to do so. We then chose Brother R. Lion to take the care of the church who promise to give us an answer at May term. Brother R. Lion moderator of the day.

May 1852. Church in conference, the charge of Brother J. Moore for drinking deferd until August term or until he returns. The church agrees to commune in July next, it is also ordered by the church that old Brother Johnson and Brother L. Dies be addressed with a letter to attend with us at our communion meeting in July, also Brother Richard Lion has agreed to take the pastoral care of the church for the present year.

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June 1852. Church in conference resolve that the following brethren be sent up to our section meeting on Friday before the third Lords day in July next, (to-wit) James A. Legon, Stephen R. Samson, James Bradford, E. Morris and James Stallins, and that the clerk prepare a letter to take with them, J.'s Barrot moderator of the day. J. A. Legon, Ch. Clerk.

July 1852. Nothing of record.

August 1852. Church in conferance, Brother John Moor excluded for drinking too much, the church parden James Bradford for selling whiskey by his agreeing to quit selling. The church prepared a letter for the association and sent up the following breathering, James Barret, Leroy James, Elijah Morris, the church also payes over to Brother R. Lyon \$14.05 for his last year services. R. Lyon, moderator of the day.

September 1852. Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lords day in Sept church in conference the church agrees to pay \$5 Dollars to the home mission for the year 1853 the church agrees to have a protracted meeting in Oct next. Father Johnson M D of Day.

Oct Term 1852. Church in conference, Brother Dias made Moderator during our protracted meeting. Sister Tabby Bray dismissed by letter, twelve joined by relation to wit: Elizabeth F. String, Nancy Malissa Barrot, Serena Whitley, Salina Whitley, Frances Maner, Temperance Maner, Asha Maner, Thomas McClanahan, Frances Dowel McClanahan, Sarah Ann McClanahan, Frances Maner by letter, Mary Gear, Mary Carter. A. Lyon, M D. on Saturday, L. Dias the balance of the meeting. James A. Ligon, C. Clk.

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Vanderso Herold	Stephen Barrot, dismissed by letter Sept 1855
Saryan Stallins	Eddith Hews dead
Jefferson Wright, Dismissed by letter	Lucinda Wright, dismissed by letter
Mary Shaver, Dis. by letter, 1860	Sary Morris, dead
Manerva Helmontollar	Wiley Bray
James Bradford	Martin Everit, excluded, 1853
Arrilla Everit, dead	Elisabeth Stallins dead
Mary B. Squires excluded 1852	Richard Bray, excluded
Thomas Bray dismissed	Elexander Bray, dead
Arraminta Bckgest(?) dead	Frances Greer, dis. by letter, March 1853
Elisabeth Carter	Mary Wilkerson
Rhoda Grigson, dis. By letter	Truman Green, excluded
A. C. Nolen, excluded 1852	Dudly More, died 1908
Rebekah Nolen, dead 1859	Susanna Hutchenson, excluded 1860
Elijah Morris, dead	Martha Morris, dis. By letter
John Wood, dis. By letter	Samuel Green, dis. By letter 186?
James W. McClannahan	John J. Coleman, dis. By letter
James A. Ligon	Martha McDornald, widow
Leuiza Hoskins, dis. By letter 1854	Emmeline McClannahan, widow
Henry McClannahan	Lieuciany Coleman, dismissed by letter
Mattias Denny, excluded	Candes Denny
Wiley Denny, dead	

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Submitted by Merle Stevens

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Willie Coons	Willie Ernest Clifton Cowen
John Cooper	William Elijah Crogone?
John Washing Cooper	Brainard B. Craig
Monsieur Cooper	Charlie Ree Craighead
Joe Corley	Chester Cleveland Craighead
Alex Ernest Cornwell	Dave Hendrix Craighead
Carl Nelson Connell?	Henry Craighead
Cassious Marcelious Corwell	Hubert Wayne Craighead
Coleman Lee Cornwell	James Craighead
Drury Cowan Cornwell	Joel Jordan Craighead
Lewis Elijah Cornwell	Leonard Davis Craighead
Thomson Robert Cornwell	Lester Isac Craghead
Will Henry Cornwell	Marl Creaghead
William Thomas Corum	Odell Craighead
George Allan Cothren	Roy Edward Creaghead
John A. Corthorn (signature Cothern)	Robt Jefferson Craighead
William Franklin Cothern	Robt L. Craghead
George Staley Courtney	Rufus Edmond Craighead
Joe Will Courtney	Taught L. Craighead
William McClain Courtney	Walter Craighead
William Newton Courtney	Walter Lawson Craighead
Andrew Jackson Cowan	Miles Craighead
Brownlow Cowan	Ambros? Crawford
Edward Lee Cowan	Andrew Jackson Crawford
Herman Eli? Cowan	Edward Sperry Crawford
Ira B. Cowan (b. 1888)	Erra Warker Crawford
Ira B. Cowan (b. 1877)	George Lonzo Crawford
James Wirth Cowan	George Washington Crawford
John E. Cowan	James Delbert Crawford
John Luther Cowan	James Westley Crawford
Kelum Cowan	Luther Campbell Crawford
Pete Toy Cowan	Sam George Crawford
Tom Cowen	William Exum Crawford
William Exum Cowan	William Henry Crawford
William Louis Cowan	William Oscar Crawford
Fred Brenning Cox	Harvey Osbrooks Crips
Thomas Maxwell Cox	Doss Crook

William Crook  
 Albert Lee Crowell  
 Hassell King Crowell  
 James Escar Crowell  
 Meachum Marvin Crowell  
 Edward Hull Crump  
 Eddie LaFayette Culbreath  
 Herman Moses Culbreath  
 Henry Clay Cummins  
 John Robt Curtis  
 Ephafro Dite Cutrell  
 Henry Gilford Cutrell  
 Leon Brockman Cutrell  
 Levin Lewis Cutrell  
 Lindsley Cage Cutrell  
 Major Sanders Cutrell  
 Burton Daniels  
 Doran Davenport  
 Mack Davenport  
 Ova Davenport  
 Ben Yates Davis  
 Charles Cleveland Davis  
 Charlie Davis  
 Edward William Davis  
 Frank Hugh Davis  
 Gervis Edwin Davis  
 Hale Davis  
 Joe Davis  
 John Woodson Davis  
 Joseph Calvin Davis  
 Judson Davis  
 Ion Davis  
 Marshall Davis  
 M.H. Davis  
 Robert Bertram Davis  
 Thomas Davis  
 Thomas Holland Davis  
 Thomas Ira Davis  
 Walter Ester Davis  
 Wayman Davis  
 William-Jackson Davis  
 Willie Davis  
 Willie Bethel Davis  
 Wilson Brown Davis  
 James Leslie Dawson  
 John Jordan Dawson  
 Phocian Floyd Dawson  
 Stephen Sampson Dawson  
 Willie Dawson  
 Isaac Thomas Day  
 Jack Day

Luther Lee Deadman  
 Roy Deadman  
 Tom Murry Deadman  
 Robert S. Dean  
 Horace Deckard  
 Jess Dedmon  
 John Robert Dedmon  
 Robert Lee Dedmon  
 Shela L. Dedmon  
 William Bransford Deering  
 William Ernest Deerman  
 Sam Dennis  
 Wesley Phillip Dennis  
 William Jasper Dennis  
 Aaron Denny  
 Archie Allen Denny  
 Albert Barrett Denny  
 Herman Walter Denny  
 James Elbert Denny  
 James Oscar Deney  
 Johnnie Frank Denney  
 Lee Anderson Denney  
 Thomas Denney  
 Tom W. Denney  
 Virgil Denney  
 Will Thomas Denny  
 William Jesse Denney  
 Winfield Scott Denson  
 Thomas Marion Denton  
 Virgil Sampson Denton  
 Will Denton  
 William Joshua Denton  
 Grover Devault  
 Andrew Dias  
 Odie Dias  
 William Thomas Dias  
 Abe King Dickens  
 Benjamin Harrison Dickens  
 Circey Curtis Dickens  
 Clarence Garret Dickens  
 Clarence McKinley Dickens  
 Dave Dickens  
 Edgar Dickens  
 Eldon Ernest Dickens  
 Elihu Dickens  
 Elijah Ellis Dickens  
 Herman Dickens  
 Horace Dewey Dickens  
 Johnnie Logan Dickens  
 John Shepherd Dickens  
 Josh Dickens  
 Marshall Clayton Dickens



Marvin Hascál Dickens  
 Melvin Dickens  
 Otis Carter Dickens  
 Reginald Conner Dickens  
 Richard Ellis Dickens  
 William Dickens  
 Gus Dickerson Jr.  
 Jeames Monroe Dickerson  
 John Thomas Dickerson  
 Meridy Ezkial Dickerson  
 Oakley Bryant Dickerson  
 Robert Dickerson  
 Robert William Dickerson Sr.  
 Samuel Howard Dickerson  
 William Flowers Dickerson  
 William Pickering Dickerson  
 Elmore Dillard  
 George Lee Dillard  
 Hershál Dillard  
 James Bob Dillard  
 James Payne Dillard  
 Joe William Dillard  
 John D. Dillard  
 John Harrison Dillard  
 Jordon Dillard  
 Marvin Franklin Dillard  
 Tom Dillard  
 William Dillard  
 Charlie Dillihay  
 Ernest Allen Dellaha  
 Esker Dillahay  
 Gaither L. Dillahay  
 Henry Dillehay  
 Herlin Dillehay  
 John Harvy Dillehay  
 John William Dillehay Jr.  
 Lemuel Newton Dillehay  
 Luther Johnson Dilehay  
 Oscar Dillehay  
 Rance Dillehay  
 Sellas Dillehay  
 Thomas Alexander Dillehay  
 Tom Dillehay  
 Wade Thomas Dillehay  
 William Johnson Dillehay  
 Willie Dillehay  
 William Thomas Dillon  
 Will Dirkson  
 Arrington C. Ditty  
 James Ditty  
 James Hausman Dixon  
 Oattie Dixon  
 William Benton Dixon  
 Alvis Logan Donoho

Charles Hayden Donoho  
 Jesse Peyton Donoho  
 John Henry Alexander Donoho  
 John Peyton Donoho  
 Jonas Peyton Donoho  
 Lester Yates Donoho  
 Marshall Daris Donoho  
 Willie Luther Donoho  
 James B. Douglas  
 Lincoln Evins Douglas  
 Richard Harrison Douglas  
 William Robert Douglas  
 Charlie Hamilton Dowell  
 Elma Frank Dowell  
 Hubert Marshall Dowell  
 Wade Dowell  
 Ben Drake  
 Bernice William Drake  
 Guy Author Drake  
 Oscar Seltin Drake  
 Atha Edward Draper  
 Ward Tubb Draper  
 Bart Licurgas Driver  
 Fieddie Mack Driver  
 George Luther Driver  
 Homer Driver  
 Thomas James Driver  
 Tosh Driver  
 Auther Duer  
 Allan Cameron Duggins  
 Charley Eddie Duke  
 David Ridley Duke  
 Donald Allen Duke  
 Edgar Draper Duke  
 Elijah William Duke  
 Ernest Bascum Duke  
 George Winston Duke  
 Isham Duke  
 Isham Roy Duke  
 Lee Duke  
 Leslie Lee Duke  
 Luther Allen Duke  
 William Caskel Duke  
 William Oscar Duke  
 Willie Hillman Duke  
 Willie Ottis Duke  
 Mart Herod Duncan  
 Benton Mc Durham \*  
 Earl P. Durham \*  
 Earnest T. Durham \*  
 Hugh Sterling Durham \*

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### QUERIES

JENKINS, WILMORE/ WELLMORE, TONEY, NIXON/NICKSON, SMITH, BROCKETT, TAYLOR, BEASLEY, WITCHER, SHOULDERS, UHLES, GREGORY, GOAD, HARGIS. These surnames being researched by:  
 JENKINS, ALTON R., 1621 Citadel Place, Cincinnati, OH 45255-2682.  
 e-mail [ajenkins@one.net](mailto:ajenkins@one.net)

LAW – KITTRELL. SARAH B. KITTRELL, (daughter of FIELDING and MARTHA B. KITTRELL), b. 20 April 1843, d. 4 October 1934, m. 1858, JESSE LAW, b. 25 June 1838, d. 18 April 1914. Both are buried in the Law family cemetery near Kempville, TN. Issue (incomplete): WILLIAM B. LAW; JOHN H. LAW; MARY EVELYN LAW, m. LEROY KEMP; LUTHER A. LAW; ETTER F. LAW, B. 1 Sept. 1875, d. 31 May 1889; ALETHIA B. LAW, b. 17 Feb 1878, d. 13 March 1954, m. RIDLEY V. SHOULDERS; DAISY D. LAW, m. E. W. WILLIAMS; ISHAM LAW.

Who was MARTHA B., wife of FIELDING KITTRELL? Desire any information concerning this family or their descendants.

ROBERT YOUNG CLAY, 3704 Ellwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23221.

WANTED TO BUY: Cemetery books of Smith County, both South and North side.  
 EARLINE P. SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073

GLOVER/FERRELL. Seeking information on the parents of RICHARD R. GLOVER, b 3 Feb 1820, marr MATILDA FERRELL and lived in Giles and Lawrence Counties, TN from 1850 until his death in Giles Co. 3 July 1906. RICHARD and MATILDA had a son, JOHN W. GLOVER. There is a RICHARD GLOVER on the 1820 Smith Co. census.

MARGUERITTE BAGGETT, 612 Garden Acres Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

ANDERSON, SAMUEL R. son of ANDREW ANDERSON and MARY CONNELLY, b 1769, Orange Co., NC; marr 1st REBECCA BLACK on 3 Jan 1792, Washington Co., Va.; marr 2<sup>nd</sup> FRANCES PARISH on 20 Feb 1811, Wilson Co., Tn; marr 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNE CLARK 26 Aug 1812, Sumner Co, Tn. Lived in Sumner, Wilson, Smith (Sullivan's Bend) and Jackson Co., Tn (1820/1830 Census). Believed died in 1830's in Jackson Co. or Allen Co, Ky.

BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092-3603.

HUNT, JOHN, my g-g-g-grandfather, b 7/13/1798 in Rowan Co., NC, spent a few years of his early life there in Tennessee. He was marr in 1816 in Wilson County to ELIZABETH JANE MOORE (I believe). They moved to Missouri after 1842. His son, LEWIS WILFORD HUNT Marr EVELINE ALLEN in Smith County in 1841. I am searching for EVELINE'S parents.

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Saml., 84  
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Bob C., 100  
Samuel R., 78, 100

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We've lost a good friend in Martha Langford whose interest in history continued through this last year of her life. The void she leaves will be hard to fill and we'll miss her. But her dedication to us is reflected by her daughters' generous offer to take her place of responsibility at a meeting this November. Martha's spirit and influence lives on.

You know, the Langford girls' thoughtful interest in their mother's interest reminds me of the importance of building on past successes in attracting new members. We need to sustain the interest we generated last spring in recognizing owners of old places. Many of those five dozen attendees at the March meeting had never been to our meetings before. They are busy people with a variety of occupations and interests but they do share one major and mutual interest - historic houses. It would be smart of us to capitalize on that interest, helping them to keep interested in us.

One way to keep their interest alive is through the programs we offer at meetings. Professional speakers on preservation abound. . Other counties are involved in preservation and can provide programs. The state offers opportunities to learn about historic district designations, history of preservation, techniques of preservation and grant possibilities. Historic place owners themselves can be relied on to give helpful presentations. And, those programs not focused directly on preservation can still suggest its importance.

This is an important issue with me. I feel strongly about preservation as a key to increasing membership. I believe we could continue to sit back and watch our membership dwindle (we lost five of our fifteen active members to inactive status last year) but not while our population is growing and the county is in line to become a prominent tourists' destination. And not while our main streets are threatened by loss of historic landmarks and encroaching sprawl. It's a good time to seize the initiative! It's a good time to concentrate on courting new members at the place of their interest, historic preservation.

Most of you know my dedication to historic preservation. Billy and I enjoy living in a 212-year-old log house in Dixon Springs, open for tours. The county has many such treasures. Main street Carthage alone has three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. We have here a rich historical heritage and we are the keepers and promoters of history in this place.

I hope you agree with my comments above ...It's a one-way avenue, though, when I do all the talking. Make it a two-way street by dropping a line to me and our editor Sue Maggart Petty at any time at P. O. Box 112, Carthage, TN 37030. Remember to write!

Best history to you,

Faith Young



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**MARTHA ALMOND LANGFORD  
(1915-2000)**

The Society lost one of its oldest and most faithful members with the death of Martha Almond Langford on September 20, 2000. One of seven children, Martha was the daughter of the late J. A. and Mary Lefley Almond. She was married to Leslie Gerald Langford who was declared M.I.A., WWII, April 1945. She and her late husband were the parents of five children, two of whom preceded her in death. In addition to her three daughters, Fay, Judy, and Carol, Martha is survived by Leonard Harville, devoted friend of over fifty years. The beloved matriarch of a lovely family, Martha had 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and one great, great-grandchild.

Although the tragedy of war left Martha with five young children to rear as a single parent, she never wavered in her duties and responsibilities. She served as Register of Deeds for Smith County for sixteen years, was a devout member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage and was very active in community affairs.

Keenly interested in the genealogy of her family and the history of Carthage and Smith County, Martha was a valued, contributing member of the Society, having served as secretary since 1991. Her well-written, descriptive minutes were always enjoyed as read to the group at the monthly meetings. During recent discussions of the possibilities for raising funds for a Smith County Museum, Martha became the very first to contribute to the fund. Although she had been in ill health for sometime, she never complained. In fact, she had made plans already for her daughters to assist her as hostess to the Society in November.

Soft-spoken, kind and thoughtful, Martha Almond Langford will long be remembered by her family, friends, and, most especially, by members of the Smith County Historical and Genealogy Society.

## THIS WE BELIEVE:

**LARKIN KEMP**  
(9/16/1822 – 8/24/1909)

Submitted by Bill K. Kemp

Born September 16, 1822. This is recorded in a Bible in the possession of Aunt Beatrice Sloan Kemp. I visited his gravesite with first cousin, Harold Kemp February 9, 2000. It is located in Smalling-Adams Cemetery off Union Camp Road between Willete and Lafayette in Macon County, TN. It was grown up with weeds and blackberry vines. We had to climb over a fence. This date is inscribed on his tombstone. Originally, it did not have a death date inscribed. Just recently, Harold had the death date inscribed (August 24, 1909), which we can verify. He lived to be 87. The Cemetery is on a farm where Harold and his wife Ann once lived early in their marriage. Larkin owned 83 Acres of land in 1<sup>st</sup> District of Macon County near Lafayette in 1900.

In this same bible is listed his wife, Ann M. born October 9, 1825. We know her as **Ann McClain Sutton**. Larkin and Ann married October 17, 1844. This and other information is in a bible in the possession of Ruffert Grissom. Ann McClain Sutton Kemp died November 6, 1906. She lived to be 81.

They had the following children:

1. **JAMES R. "RILEY" KEMP** (my Great Grandfather) – Born August 16, 1845. He married **Manetta F. Brockett** October 28, 1869. They had two children: James Marshall and Clara. Manetta was sick for a long time and died June 17, 1879. She is buried on a bank right after passing Russell Hill. Marshall moved to Athens, Alabama at an early age. He was born October 8, 1873 and died October 4, 1967. Marshall and his wife **Fergie Matthews Kemp** had a son, **Marcellus** (known as "Cellus" for short and lived in Akron, Ohio). Cellus married **Amy Hodges** of Carthage June 9, 1920. Amy Hodges' father was **David Hodges**, who was a JP. **Marcellus Kemp** was born August 8, 1895 and died December 27, 1992. Clara married **Ridley "Rid" Dillehay**. Clara died October 18, 1930. Marshall and Fergie had a total of seven children. The others

besides Cellus were: Grace Kemp Massey born May 25, 1899 and died July 5, 1973; Lovie Kemp Gamble born November 27, 1902 and died February 18, 1988; Edith Kemp Payne born June 15, 1906 and still living in Alabama; Mamie Kemp Swan born June 3, 1909 and died December 10, 1984; Maenell Kemp Brobeck born July 29, 1920 and still living in Akron, Ohio; Bonnel Kemp, died as an infant, born November 12, 1912 and died September 11, 1913.

While Manetta was sick, Riley got Eldora D. Sloan to come and stay with his children. After Manetta died June 17, 1879, he married (Aunt El) July 3, 1879, only three weeks after she died. Eldora had two brothers Ira Jason and Archie Sloan and sister, Martha (called Nannie, who married a Moss). She was living with Archie at the time. Eldora was born February 16, 1860. Riley was 15 years older than Eldora. Her parents were John and Nancy Parkhurst Sloan. Eldora died August 27, 1942 and lived to be 82. I remember her well. In her seventies, she would sit in front of the fireplace at Jeff "Pappy" Kemp's in the wintertime and smoke a pipe. It was said that Riley was a "giant sized person".

Riley and Aunt El lived on Sanderson's Branch Road. Harold Kemp and I visited their house (which is still standing) February 9, 2000. Riley died November 26, 1916 at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. living to be 71. They had three children:

- A. **RUFUS JEFFERSON (JEFF) KEMP** (my Grandfather) – born March 6, 1881 in the home off Sanderson's Branch Road. This is where he grew up. Jeff married **Susie (no middle name) Beasley** October 20, 1904. They had three children – Deltha Mai, **Curtis Draper** and **Bonnie Harold**. Susie was born September 25, 1886 and died in their home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN from Cancer June 29, 1937. She was 51. She developed Typhoid fever about 4 weeks before she died. She is buried in Sanderson's Cemetery. Susie had six sisters and two brothers. Jeff died October 14, 1962 at age 81 in his home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. He became bedridden due primarily to bad knees for about two years before he died. It is believed (he gave up) and starved himself to death. He told me a few weeks before he died that "he had lived a good life". He is buried in Sanderson's Cemetery. Both Jeff and his parents were Presbyterians. Jeff "Pappy" Kemp was a farmer and active in the community. He served 12 years as Justice of the Peace of

the Third District. In 1932, he was elected county road commissioner, the second person to hold that position after its establishment by the Legislature, and the first to be elected by the people. He was elected Smith County direct Representative to the Legislature and after an interval was again elected to serve a second term. Cousin Harold told me "Pappy" was 6'6" tall and weighted 265 lbs. All his adult life. I remember the 265 lbs. But don't remember how tall he was.

B. Nancy Ada Kemp – born February 2, 1884 in the home. Ada married Hubert Climer April 30, 1905. They had only one child and it was born dead. Ada died December 19, 1906 at age 22 from tuberculosis. She is buried in Sanderson's Cemetery.

C. Bertha Kemp – born September 23, 1889. Bertha married Arthur Duer October 30, 1910. They had no children. Bertha died January 14, 1912 at age 23 from tuberculosis. She is buried in Sanderson's Cemetery.

2. Levi Kemp – born February 21, 1847. Levi never married. He died August 3, 1867 at age 20. It's told that a horse ran away with him and killed him.
3. Burrell Franklin Kemp – born April 26, 1849. Burrell F. Kemp married Mary H. Winkler October 1870. They had five (5) children: Walter, who never married; Laura, who married John Nollner; Etta, who married Cobb Porter; Belle, who married Sam Seltzer and Zella, who never married.
4. Mary Mahala Kemp (nicknamed "Holly" on 1860 Census) – born July 19, 1851. Mary M. Kemp married Americus F. (Mack) Grisham November 20, 1864. Levi Simpson was born June 3, 1867. William Campbell was born September 14, 1869 and Ollie Grisham born October 19, 1878.
5. Matilda Ann Kemp – born June 28, 1855. She married Richard (Dick) Kennedy. She became blind in later years. They had three children: Billy, who married Lula Harod; Peyton, who married Lula (Lou) Wilmore and Burford, who married Daisy York.

6. Larkin Henderson Kemp – born February 14, 1859. Larkin married Sarah (Sally) Hannah Hicks March 20, 1879. They had eight (8) children: Dora Matilda, who married Warren Sneed; William Dixon, who married Bertha B. Clark (sister to Dan Clark); Dolly Ann, who married Sewell Crabtree; Bertha, who married 1<sup>st</sup> to Luther White and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Loss Hall; Charlie, who married Novella West; Lucy, who married Oscar Reece; George, who married Ora Leath (she was a Gammons and married a Leath before marrying George) and Martha, who married Coley Reece.
7. Louisa Elizabeth Kemp – born June 6, 1860. Louisa Elizabeth Kemp died October 20, 1862. She would have been only 2 years old.
8. Lucy Timander Kemp – born September 8, 1865. Lucy T. Kemp married John Henderson Jones March 19, 1889. Edgar Jones was born May 27, 1890.
9. Minerva F. Kemp – born February 14, 1870. Minerva F. Kemp died June 17, 1879. She was only 9 years old.

**RUFUS JEFFERSON KEMP and Susie Beasley's three children:**

1. Deltha Mai Kemp – born September 14, 1905 in Pleasant Shade, TN. She married Henry (Red) Smith November 25, 1923 by Squire George Goad. Deltha died November 1, 1983 at age 78 after a lengthy illness. She was found dead in bed at her home. They had no children. Deltha and Henry lived in the home of Jeff Kemp in the Four Way Inn Community for many years prior to her death. Deltha was a member of the Upper Cumberland Presbyterian Church and buried in the Pleasant Shade Cemetery. Henry "Red" died November 21, 1992 living to be 93. He is buried in the Pleasant Shade Cemetery. He was a retired farmer and the son of Thomas Rainey and Altha Dillehay Smith. Henry worked one day a week for many years at the Smith County Commission Co. (stock sale).
2. **CURTIS DRAPER KEMP (my Father)** – born March 30, 1911 in Pleasant Shade, TN. He and **Dorothy Mai Hackett** married June 2, 1929 (a Sunday) in Riddleton, TN by Squire W. S. Payne, J. P. Witnesses at the wedding were Thelma Williams and Pete Rose. Curtis died

February 18, 1966 at age 54 from a heart attack with complications from alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver. He is buried in Sanderson's Cemetery off Sanderson's Branch Road. Curtis was a farmer and carpenter. Dorothy born March 16, 1913, is now 87 and living at home. Curtis and Dorothy had eleven (11) children.

3. **Bonnie Harold Kemp** – born September 7, 1913 in Pleasant Shade, TN., married Gladys Beatrice Sloan July 16, 1935 in Scottsville, Ky. Bonnie died January 4, 1976 at age 63 from a heart attack with complications from emphysema. He is buried in the Sloan Cemetery on Sloan Branch Road at Pleasant Shade, TN. Beatrice was born March 3, 1917 and is now 83 and living in her home. Bonnie and Beatrice had five (5) children: Herbert Harold Kemp born April 7, 1937; Emily Sue Kemp born January 30, 1944; Jeff Sloan Kemp born July 12, 1945; Joe Lillard Kemp born June 26, 1950 and Theodore (Ted) Allen Kemp born July 4, 1955.

**CURTIS DRAPER KEMP** married **Dorothy Hackett**. They had 11 children:

1. **BILLY KENNETH KEMP** – born about 5 A. M. January 12, 1931 at home in one of Grandfather Hackett's "rent houses" upon the hill from the "big house" on Sanderson's Branch Road near Pleasant Shade. He married Jimmie Sue Walker November 26, 1953 in Alexandria, TN. Sue was born November 26, 1934. Her biological parents were Robert Alford Walker and Chauncie Louise Reynolds. Sue's father died while she was an infant. Her mother, Chauncie remarried to Donald Thomas, who she regards as her real father. Bill and Sue have one son, **KENNETH MICHAEL KEMP**, born September 26, 1958 at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville, TN. Bill served in the U. S. Marine Corps.
2. **Betty Jean Kemp** – born September 27, 1932 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Joseph Barry Waters November 7, 1952. Jean died November 2, 1991 at age 59 from Carcinoma (Cancer) in Massapequa, NY. We think the Cancer started in her liver. They had three (3) children: Dorothy Jean Waters born December 28, 1953, Joseph Barry Waters, Jr. born April 16, 1955 and Robert Bruce Waters born

- September 27, 1956. Jean entered Vanderbilt School of Nursing in Nashville the last week of April 1951 to pursue a career as a nurse. After graduating from Smith County High School in 1950, she worked for T. S. Wilson Clinic in Carthage. She and her family were members of Bellmore Presbyterian Church in Bellmore, NY. Jean is buried in the Calberton National Cemetery, Long Island, NY.
3. Bobby Rex Kemp – born February 25, 1935 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. He married Ellen Finch July 4, 1955. They had one son, Robert Rex Kemp born May 30, 1956. Robert became a 6ft. 4 in. 235 lb. Offensive tackle playing football for TCU. Bob then married Ottalee (Martin) Jones in June, 1960. He then married Sara Lynn Sheridan November 15, 1972. Sara's father Neil Sheridan died about 3:30 A.M. 1/19/1994 in Grapeland, Texas. Bob served in the U. S. Marine Corps.
  4. Sandra Sue Kemp – born July 28, 1938 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Raymond Harold Bowman April 26, 1958. They have three (3) children: Becky Lynn Bowman born March 9, 1959, Raymond Harold Bowman, Jr. born January 6, 1962 and Charles Draper Bowman born November 16, 1964.
  5. Robbie Gail Kemp – born December 26, 1939 at Hugh and Myrtle Hackett's (grandparents) home in Pleasant Shade, TN. She married Harold Smith September 28, 1960. They had twin girls: Laurie Gail Smith and Lorie Susan Smith. Both were born January 6, 1967.
  6. Paul Draper Kemp – born August 9, 1942 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. He married Peggy Paulette Wilmore December 22, 1962. They have two children: Tammy Rana Kemp born September 16, 1963 and Paula Jane Kemp born September 25, 1965.
  7. Mary Ellen Kemp – born December 29, 1943 at home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Johnny Allen March 21, 1964. They had one daughter, Tanya Elaine Allen born July 27, 1967. She then married Norris Wayne Proctor June 1, 1971. They had one daughter, Cindy Ann Proctor born August 22, 1973.
  8. Roy Allen Kemp – born March 20, 1945 at Martha Gaston Hospital in Lebanon, TN. He married Judy Graham January 31, 1970. They were married about five years. He stayed single for several years and then



married Terri Borowski October 13, 1984. They have two children: Amanda Ann Kemp born March 19, 1985 and Adam Paul Kemp born October 21, 1986. Roy served in the U. S Army. He was a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam.

9. Myrtle Jane Kemp – born August 7, 1947 at McFarland Hospital in Lebanon, TN. She married Charles (Chuck) Henry Oldham III August 8, 1965. They had two (2) children: Charles Henry Oldham IV born December 14, 1967 and Julie Ann Oldham born September 13, 1972. She then married Charles Ray Cook July 9, 1976. They had one son, Curtis Allen Cook born September 20, 1982. Charles Ray died June 24, 1994 at the age of 48. He is buried in the Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery. He and Mert lived in the Highland Community.

10. Donna Lynn Kemp – born November 11, 1949 at McFarland Hospital in Lebanon, TN. She married Kenneth Dickerson March 30, 1965. They had two (2) children: Susan Lynn Dickerson born September 7, 1965 and Kimberly Gay Dickerson born August 29, 1967. She then married Ronnie Holder November 25, 1970. They have one son, Greg Lee Holder born September 7, 1972. Greg married Wendy Lee Williams 8/10/1996. Wendy is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Aubrey Williams.

11. Ronnie Glenn Kemp – born June 26, 1955 at Smith County Hospital in Carthage, TN. He lived only 8 hrs. and died June 27, 1955.

**1A. Grandson KENNETH MICHAEL KEMP (our son) married Wendy Slater May 18, 1991 at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Wendy is the daughter of John (Jack) Hoyton Slater and Marilyn Sue Raison. She was born September 12, 1961 in Newark, Licking, Ohio. They have two children: Jonathan Michael Kemp (our grandson) born November 28, 1995 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC and Jessica McLauren Kemp (our granddaughter) born February 27, 1998 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. She weighted ten (10) pounds and was 21 ½ “ long. Wendy has a sister Polly Slater and an adopted brother Michael Edward Slater.**

**2A. Granddaughter Dorothy (Dottie) Jean Waters married Raymond Odierna December 4, 1982. Raymond is the son of Mr. And Mrs. Ray Odierna.**

They have four (4) children: Raymond Joseph Odierna born November 17, 1984; Twin daughters, Jeanna Marie Odierna and Jacquelyn Angela Odierna born February 5, 1987 and Patrick Barry Odierna born May 22, 1992; Grandson Joseph (Joe) Barry Waters, Jr. married Delores Vienna (Dorie) Talarico September 1, 1979. Dorie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Talarico. They have three children: Joseph Ryan Waters born February 18, 1985; Selena Francis Waters born December 22, 1987 and Jason Barry Waters born August 16, 1991: Grandson Robert Bruce Waters married Susan Lord December 5, 1981. They have two children: Kelly Michelle Waters born December 21, 1987 and Kristyn (Kristy) Gail Waters born August 31, 1990.

3A. Grandson Robert Rex Kemp married Lorie Miller October 20, 1979. Lori was Jewish. Robert converted to Judism. They had one son, Zachary Samuel Kemp born December 11, 1983. Robert and Lorie divorced later and she remarried.

4A. Granddaughter Becky Lynn Bowman married Phillip Hackett October 3, 1985. They adopted a daughter Keely Harper Bowman February 16, 1995 who was born July 5, 1994. Grandson Raymond Harold Bowman Jr. has never married. Grandson Charles Draper Bowman married Melanie Sadler March 19, 1989. They have two sons: Canaan Draper Bowman born December 27, 1990 and Cayde Miller Bowman born January 30, 1993.

5A. Twin granddaughter Lorie Susan Smith married Joe Nixon June 30, 1990. They have two children: Michael Cameron Nixon born April 29, 1992 and Cassie Jo Nixon born November 7, 1995 and granddaughter Laurie Gail Smith married Dallas Smith III December 4, 1993. They have one daughter: Dalyn Klarisa Smith born March 25, 1999.

6A. Granddaughter Tammy Rena Kemp married 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Gilispie February 14, 1981 and had no children. She married 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mark Mise June 21, 1997. Tammy and Mark have a daughter Tyra McKenzie Mise born September 25, 1998. Granddaughter Paula Jane Kemp married Ronnie Smith July 12, 1982. They have a son Ronnie Nelson Smith born July 11, 1982.

7A. Granddaughter Tanya Elaine Allen married Bryan Lee Campbell October 27, 1990. They have a son, Hunter Lee Campbell born June 22, 1993 and a daughter Halie McKensie Campbell born August 22, 1998.

Bryan Lee's parents are Mr. And Mrs. Ronald Campbell. Granddaughter Cindy Ann Proctor married Brent Hurley June 4, 1999 in Conroe, Texas.

8A. Roy and Terri's children are not old enough to have children, therefore they have no grandchildren.

9A. Granddaughter Julie Ann Oldham married Scott Snoderly September 9, 1995. They have since divorced with no children. Grandson Charles Henry Oldham IV married Beverly Agee March 8, 1996. They have since divorced with no children.

10A. Granddaughter Susan Lynn Dickerson married Mickey Crowder October 20, 1982. They have a son Joshua Lee Crowder born June 16, 1987. Granddaughter Kimberly (Kim) Gay Dickerson 1<sup>st</sup> married Keith Gross June 29, 1985 (no children). She then married Mike Koperski June 10, 1989 (no children). Kim married 3<sup>rd</sup> time to Bryant Shoulders July 28, 1995. Kim and Bryant have a daughter Sydney Caroline Shoulders born February 6, 1995. Grandson Greg Lee Holder and Wendy Lee Williams had a daughter, Haylee Kate Holder, born June 15, 2000 weighting 5 lbs. 14 oz. And with red hair.

#### **BONNIE HAROLD KEMP (MY UNCLE) AND AUNT BEA**

Aunt Beatrice Sloan Kemp's mother was Emma Angeline Kemp Sloan. Emma was married to Herbert Fredrick Sloan. Emma's father was Willie Kemp, son of Wylie and Elizabeth Gregory Kemp. Wylie was the son of Ausley and Peggy Jones Kemp. Ausley was the son of Solomon Kemp who came to Smith County about 1750 from North Carolina. Solomon was born in Virginia.

1A. Son Herbert Harold Kemp married Elizabeth Ann McKinney November 5, 1955. Ann was born March 27, 1938. They have two children: Dianna Lynn Kemp born December 17, 1956 married Lawrence Cyril Mercier, Sr. They were divorced April 16, 1991(no children). Son Harold McKinney (Kenny) Kemp born February 5, 1962. Kenny married Karla Ann DeKnoblough August 5, 1989. They have one son James McKinney Kemp born November 13, 1992. Kenny and Karla divorced December, 1995.

2A. Daughter Emily Sue Kemp married Herman Collins, Jr. February 12, 1966. Herman's birthday is February 20, 1940. They had two children (twin boys). Terry Wayne Collins, born May 10, 1966 at 9:45 P. M. and Tony Allen Collins, born May 10, 1966 at 9:50 P.M. Neither have married.

3A. Son Jeff Sloan Kemp married Connie Lou Shoemaker December 8, 1972. Connie was born March 1, 1952. They have three children: Brian Jefferson Kemp born January 13, 1975; Travis Lee Kemp born July 7, 1980 and Emma Lenae' Kemp born June 14, 1985 at Baptist Hospital in Davidson County. Jeff held two records while in Elementary school at Pleasant Shade. He attended eight years without missing a school day. He also attended Sunday School eight years without missing a Sunday.

4A. Son Joe Lillard Kemp married Cathy Lee Smith December 20, 1969. Cathy was born May 29, 1953. They have five children: Leanne Kemp, born July 22, 1970. Leanne married Phillip Edward Hesson June 15, 1989. Phillip was born September 16, 1965; Lisa Catherine Kemp born October 27, 1975. Lisa married Jason Lynn Harville June 7, 1998; Bonnie Lynn Kemp born August 31, 1981: and Joe Allen Kemp born January 31, 1983. Leanne and Phillip have a son, William (Will) Kemp Hesson born March 13, 1996.

5A. Son Theodore (Ted) Allen Kemp married Sonya Marcelle Taylor February 25, 1978. Sonya was born February 27, 1962; Ted and Sonya have two children: Theodore Allen Kemp II born September 27, 1978 and Samantha Mae Kemp born May 20, 1981.

“To forget one's ancestor is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.” Author unknown.

Daniel Webster said, “He who careth not whither he came, careth not whither he goeth.”

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS. ✓

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<p>Franklin Kemp was born the 16 day of September 1822</p> <p>John W. Fairbairn was born the 9 day of October 1825</p> <p>Thomas Riley Kemp was born the 16 day of August 1845</p> <p>Lucy Kemp was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1849</p> <p>Burck Spranklin Kemp was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1849</p> <p>Mary Mahala Kemp was born the 19 day of May 1851</p> <p>M. Elda, born Kemp was born 29<sup>th</sup> June 1855</p>	<p>Franklin Henderson Kemp was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1857</p> <p>Froucia Elizabeth Kemp was born the 6 day of June 1860</p> <p>Lucy Ann Henderson Kemp was born the 10 day of September 1865</p> <p>John Kemp was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1875</p>
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FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

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<p>John Simpson was born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1867</p> <p>Mr. William Bonnell D. was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869</p> <p>Miss Grissem was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1875</p>	<p>Early's son John S. was born the 27<sup>th</sup> of 1890</p>
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FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

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Louisa Elizabeth Kemp  
Departed this life the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of October 1862.

Levi Kemp departed  
this life August  
the 30<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Miriam M. Harris  
Died the 1<sup>st</sup> of this life  
11<sup>th</sup> June 1877

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

Joseph H. Kemp  
and Sarah H. Hicks  
Were married the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of March 1879

John H. Jones and  
Louise J. Kemp was  
Married the 19 day  
of March 1879

Frank Kemp &  
Ann M. Henshew  
was married the 17  
day of October 1844

Amos W. Henshew  
Married the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1844  
The 17<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1844

John Simpson  
Married the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1844  
Bred the 17<sup>th</sup> day and  
William Henshew was married  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1844

# Family Register

## PARENTS' NAMES.

Husband, R. G. Kemp

Born, March - 6 - 1861

Wife, Beatrice Bradley

Born, Sept. 25 - 1887

Married, R. G. Kemp and

Beatrice Bradley was

Married Oct. 16 - 1904

## DEATHS.

Luain Kemp died June 29 1937

Elora Kemp died Aug 22 1942

Richard Peterson Kemp died

Oct 14 1962

Arney Smith died July 18 1943

Altha Smith Sept 22 1935

Tom Smith Nov 14 1957

Lois Smith July 21 1987

Jan. 1904.	MEMORANDA.	Feb. 1904.
S .. 3 10 17 24 31	DR. FIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLET CURE CON- STIPATION.	S .. 7 14 21 28
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W .. 6 13 20 27 ..		W 3 10 17 24 ..
Th .. 7 14 21 28 ..		Th 4 11 18 25 ..
F 1 8 15 22 29 ..		F 5 12 19 26 ..
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March 1904.	MEMORANDA.	April 1904.
S .. 6 13 20 27	DR. FIERCE'S PLEASANT PELLET - ONE A GENTLE LAXATIVE, THREE A THOR- OUGH CATHARTIC.	S .. 3 10 17 24
SI .. 7 14 21 28		SI .. 4 11 18 25
T 1 8 15 22 29		T .. 5 12 19 26
W 2 9 16 23 30		W .. 6 13 20 27
Th 3 10 17 24 31		Th .. 7 14 21 28
F 4 11 18 25 ..		F 1 8 15 22 29
S 5 12 19 26 ..		S 2 9 16 23 30

Births

Laubin Kempf Was  
Born September 23-1823

Anna McLain bultin Was  
Born Oct the 9-1825

Lewis Kempf Was  
Born Feb the 22-1847

Burel J. Kempf Was  
Born April the 26-1849

M. M. Kempf Was  
Born July 19-1851

M. S. Kempf Was  
Born June 28-1855

Births

Lo H Kempf Was  
Born Feb the 14-1858

Lo E. Kempf Was  
Born June 6-1860

Laney Timardor. Was  
Born Nov the 9-1865

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MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799 – 1803

Continued from Vol. X11, No. 2

P. (39) June 17, 1801. Present: Wm. Walton, Moses Fisk, Charles Hudspeth, James Hibbits, Peter Turney. Leonard Jones appt., overseer from top of Ridge between waters of (40) Peyton's & Defeated Creeks to Michael Murphy's, Peter Turney to furnish overseer with list of hands.

Henry Huddleston appt. overseer of road from top of ridge between waters of Peyton's & Defeated Creeks to top of Ridge between waters of Defeated & Salt Lick Creek. All hands living on Defeated Creek work under Huddleston.

Pleasant Kearby appt. overseer of road from top of ridge between waters of Defeated & Salt Lick Creek to ford of Salt Lick Creek where Kuykendall lives. All hands living on Salt Lick waters above Kuykendalls work under Kearby.

James Roberts appt. overseer of road from crossing of Salt Lick at Kuykendalls to Fort Blount. All hands living on said creek below crossing including all hands on the river above the creek on north side of the river up to mouth of Wartrace Creek work under Kearby.

Wm. Pryor appt. overseer of road from head of Snow Creek to Stephen Oldhams and that Wm. Walton furnish Pryor with list of hands.

Charles Carter appt. overseer of road laid out from Wm. Anderson's to Anthony Pate's by way of great Salt Lick. All hands living on waters of Martin's Creek & above on the River up to Salt Lick work under Carter.

Venue Facias to ensuing court: Wm. Martin, Vincent Ridley, Elias Johns, John Gray, Philip Day, Charles McMurray, Wm. Hargis, Grant Allen, Daniel Mungle, John Brevard, Richard Brittan, Andrew Greer, (41) Anthony Samuel, James Bradley, James Cochran, Josiah Howell, John Skelton, John Johnson, John Douglas, Wm. Saunders, Henry Daneer, Thomas Bowman, Robert Bowman, Black Smith, Edward Settle, Daniel Alexander, Charles Smith, Thomas Combs, Wm. Gregory, Thomas Sutton, Aaron Hart, Edmond Boaz, Jeremiah Taylor, Frederick Debo, Wm. Roper and Isham Beasley.

Failure to pay land taxes for 1801 be reviewed and advertised agreeable to law: John and James Banner 1454 acres, Joshua Davis 694, Mann Phillips 1240, Benjamin Shepherd 3200, John P Williams 1371, John Williams 650, Thomas Shool 1000, Deadrick & Coffey 1,000, Wm. Wallers 2011, James Armstrong 5000, Stephen Pettis 500, Levi West 424, Francis Hallenshead ?, John Davis heirs 1240, Sterling Brewer 640, Samuel Sanford 7640, James Adams 640, heirs of James Cattron 640, Nancy Shepherd 2560, Wm. Tyrell 1000, Daniel Anderson 640, Wm. Shepherd 1350, Robert Thompson 640, John Price 640, Lardner Clark 640, John Kenedy 640, John Bartlett 640, Porter Cartwright 640, Thomas Cartwright 640, George Cummins 640, John Ford 640, heirs of Henry Flury 1000, John Gattling 864, David Allison 1641, Allen Ramsey 1355, Edward Yarbaugh 3840, Capt. Wm. Lytle 3000, heirs of Archibald Lytle 3000, heirs of John Calloway 640, Stephen Canhile 1000 signed John L. Martin, heirs of Luke Sylevester

640, heirs of John Brabble 640, heirs of Christopher Church 640, heirs of Marshall Valentine 640, heirs of James Moore 640, signed James Gwin.

P. (42). Clerk make out a certificate of same with amt. of fine, taxes, charges due, advertise in the Knoxville Gazette twice that same will be sold or as much thereof to satisfy fine.

Charles Hudspeth, Wm. Martin and Andrew Greer appt. inspectors to the ensuing election. Sheriff will notify them.

Wm. Haynes and James Roberts' stock marks recorded. Richard Brittain appt. overseer of road from near Samuel Carruthers at fork of Road up Middle Fork of Goose Creek to Daniel Alexander. Daniel Alexander appt. overseer of road leading from his house to intersection with other road. James Gwin, James Hibbitts furnish overseers list of hands.

John S. Martin appt. to collect state & county tax.

Moses Fisk and Garrett Fitzgerald appt. to settle with Adms. of Wm. ??, dec'd. & report to ensuing court.

Sampson Williams appt. to survey land claimed by Seviars and Gordon to determine if Aaron Robins and John Livingston or either of them are on this land return just and fair plans for the next court.

P. (43). MONDAY, DIXON SPRINGS, SEPT. 21, 1801. Present were Tilman Dixon, Garrett Fitzgerald and James Hibbitts.

Grand Jurors drawn: John Shelton, James Bradley, Richard Brittain, Robert Bowman, Isham Beasley, Charles McMurry, Edmond Boaz, James Cochran, Vincent Ridley, Andrew Greer, John Johnson, Elias Johns, John Douglass, Foreman, Aaron Hart, Henry Danier. Daniel Mungle appt. constable to attend grand jury.

Deeds: 320 acres Vincent Ridley to Pleasant Emmerson, 40 acres John Murphy to Amos Freeman proven on oath of James W. Wright.

James Ballow to Godfrey Fowler 100 acres proven by oath of Elias Johns.

Stockmarks registered for Robert Bowman and William Martin.

All persons who failed to return lists of their taxable property and polls for present year be received at present term.

Robert Bowman permitted to build a mill on his land on Spring Creek.

P. (44). Frederick Turney and Grant Allen's stock marks recorded.

Edward Settles appt., overseer of road previously overseen by Christian Boston, same hands work under Settles.

Deeds to be registered: 1240 acres Thomas Donoho to Francis Saunders proven by oath of James Bradley; 640 acres James McKain and Stephen Montgomery to James Montgomery; 200 acres John Seviere to Edward Johns proven by oath of George Strother; John Seviere to Cornelious Doherty proven by oath of George Strother; deed of gift Willeroy Pate to Sally Thompson, William Thompson, Jr. and Robert Thompson; Charles Mundine to Abram Moore proven by oath of John M. Farlin.

Tuesday Sept 22, 1801. Members present: Garrett Fitzgerald, Tilman Dixon and James Hibbitts.

P. (45). John Johnson appt. overseer of road from Mungles Gap to county line – road that leads to Bledsoe's Lick. James Hibbits furnish Johnson with list of hands.

John Sutton and Nicholas Darnold were added to Wm. Martin's list of hands to work on road over which he is overseer.

John Johnson appt. overseer of road from Mungle's Gap to Dixon's Creek at Capt. Billows and same hands who worked under John Hargiss, late overseer, work under Johnson.

Deeds: 500 acres John Payton to Hugh Stephenson be registered; Town Lot Peter Turney, Tilman Dixon and Wm. Alexander to John Ward acknowledged by said Dixon and Alexander ordered registered.

Orphan/foundling child ca 7 months old, name heretofore unknown, now named Polly Sutton be bound to John Sutton until she is 18 years old.

Samuel Stalcup acknowledged bound for maintenance of a bastard child begotten on the body of Asia Pierce.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 23, 1801. Members present: Moses Fisk, James Hibbitt.

P. (46). Stock mark registered for Benjamin Blackburn.

Thomas S. Walker subpoenaed to appear at next court to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in December to show causes if any why David Ventress should not be admitted to extend his mill dam across Goose Creek on Walker land.

Inventory of John Burke, dec'd. estate was returned to court by Andrew Greer, admr.

Ordered that Robert Craggot, an orphan boy, about 4 years old be bound to Benjamin Barton until he reaches age of 21, came into court and entered into Indenture with Wm. Martin and Basil Shaw, his securities.

John L. Martin, William L. Alexander, Sampson Williams and Thomas Draper appt. on venire to ensuing Superior Court.

Ordered that Peter Craggot, orphan boy, ca 10 years old, be bound to James Hibbits until he attains age of 21.

Venire facias to ensuing court: Grant Allen, Thomas Emerson, Daniel McFarland, James Cherry, Thomas Bowman, Joel Dyer, Edmond Jennings, William Saunders, John Rutherford, John Patterson, William Stalcup, James Gibson, Wm. Hargis, John Sedgley, Francis Patterson, Francis Findley, Patrick Donoho, George Thomason, David Ventrees, Ereas Harrold, William Simpson, Wm. Perry, Hosiiah Payne, Thomas Armstrong, Nathaniel Bettin, Joel Dyer, Sr.,

P. (47). John Chambers, Elisha Oglesby, John Murphy, Michael Murphy, Jeffery Sutton, Daniel Hammock, Daniel Alexander and Jabez Gifford.

Jonas Dancer permitted to retail whisky at 12 1/2 cents half pt. For 3 months; John Hargis permitted to retail whisky at 12 1/2 cents, complying with law.

Motion made by Samuel Donelson to have fine and double tax remitted on 500 acres of land, property of Stephen Petty. Court ruled that motion lay on table until next meeting.

Stock mark recorded for Archibald Sloan and Vincent Ridley.

Received following report: Benjamin Shepherd 640 acres on waters of Thompson Creek and Roaring River entered 14 Nov 1792.

Edward Yarbrough 3840 acres Second Creek below John Nicholas 640 acres a little bit below mouth of Obey River on South side; Benjamin Sheppard 640 acres on Lick Creek, Nancy Shepherd, Benjamin Shepherd 640 acres on West Fork of Roaring do 640; 640 Joins do; do 640 acres on eastern branch of Roaring River entered 18 Nov 1792. Signed by John L. Martin.

Sampson Williams ordered to complete survey of disputed claim between Seviere, Gordon & Alexander Suit & others & report to ensuing court.

P. (48). Sundry lands whose owners have no personal property within the county be published in the paper as follows: James Conyers 1920 acres in three tracts of 648 acres each; James Moores heirs 1000 acres; reported lands: John & James Bonner 640 acres on ridge between Cumberland & Barren Rivers, 3292 acres, 738 acres, 224 acres & 640 acres; John Armstrong heirs 3840 acres north side of Cumberland; Joshua Hadley 700 acres on Peyton's Creek; Joshua Davis 1280 acres in 2 tracts 640 acres each; Jesse Cobb 640 acres on waters of Roaring River, signed John L. Martin.

DECEMBER 21, 1801. Members present: Tilman Dixon, Peter Turney and James Hibbitts.

Bill of sale Samuel Young to James Hibbitts proven by oath of Robert Johnson; bill of sale James Hibbitts to John Brevard as recorded.

Deed 65 acres John Brevard to James Hibbitts ordered registered.

Samuel Caruthers, Grant Allen, John Shelton, Wm. Moore, Andrew Greer, Wm. Stalcup and James Gibson appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Banks Ferry to mouth of East Fork of Goose Creek, make report at next court.

On 21 Dec 1801 by virtue of commission from his Excellency Archibald Roan, State of Tenn. dated 14 (49) Nov 1801 following took the oath of office and were commissioned as Justices of the Peace: James Roberts, James Draper, Wm. Gregory, Nathaniel Brittain, John Patterson, Elmore Douglass, Charles Kavanaugh, John Lancaster, Wm. Kavanaugh, Sr., Arthur Hogan, John Louney, Thomas Smith.

60 acres Henry Tooley to John White proven by oath of John Barkley.

Drawn for grand jury: John Chambers, foreman, Edmond Jennings, William Perry, David Venters, Josiah Payne, Joel Dyer, John Sedgley, Daniel Hammock, Daniel Alexander, Jeffery Sutton, William Sampson, Patrick Donoho, Michael Murphy, Francis Findley, George Tomoson.

TUESDAY 22 DEC 1801. Members present: James Hibbitts, Elmore Douglas, John Lancaster, Wm. Kavanaugh, Nathaniel Brittain and John Patterson.

Letters of admr. Issued to Daniel Alexander for admr. Estate of Reuben Alexander, filed an inventory.

Sampson Williams ordered to complete survey claimed by Seviere and Gordon to determine whether Alexander Suit, Aaron Robins and John Livingston live upon same or that he make survey agreeable to directions of both parties, that he return 2 just and fair plans to the next court.

Spilsby Coleman be released from paying the Tax on (50) 1000 acres which has been charged or returned to him by mistake. Clerk directed to send copy to the treasurer.

John L. Martin appt. sheriff for next two years.

Rachel Stalcup, wife of Samuel Stalcup, must appear at next court to show cause why they should not be compelled to give new securities for guardianship of her dau., Dorcas.

Deed 111 acres Griffith Rutherford to Thomas Walker proven by oath of Francis Lock.

Charles F. Mobias appt. coroner for two years; qualified.

John Lancaster issued letters to admin. Estate of John Lancaster, dec'd.

Church Fisher appt. constable, qualified according to law; Silas Jernigan, John Kavanaugh and Daniel Draper same.

Ordered that Cain Acuff estate settlement be recorded.

P. (51). Deeds: 140 acres Peter Turney to Lewis Smith proven by oath of Landy Shoemake; 450 acres Henry W. Lawson to Lewis Corder proven by oath of Willis Jones.

WED. DECEMBER 23 1801. Members present: Charles Kavanaugh, John Lancaster, Elmore Douglas, Wm. Kavanaugh and Arthur Hogan.

John Carter failed to honor subpoena of Alexander Suit in suit against him. Court ordered that he appear.

James Gwin was appt. county trustee, qualified.

Robert Cotton was appt. constable, qualified.

Stephen Copeland, John Payton, John Fitzgerald and James Taylor appt. jury in case of Seviere and Gordon against Alexander Suit, Aaron Robins and John Livingston to meet on premises, time and place to be set by the surveyor.

24 NOVEMBER 1801. Members present: Tilman Dixon, John Lancaster, Arthur Hogan, Wm. Kavanaugh.

Charles Kavanaugh appt. overseer of road from head of Walker's Creek to Charles Kavanaugh.

P. (52). Plantation hands who usually worked on said road work under Kavanaugh.

Elijah Gaddi appt. overseer from Cross roads at Kavanaugh's plantation to where the county line crosses the Nashville road, same hands work under him as before.

Silas Jernigan resigned as overseer of road leading from Dixon's Lick to Peter Turney. Alexander Ferrell appt. in his place, same hands work under him as Jernigan.

John Bishop appt. overseer of road from Bishop's Ferry to cross roads leading from Round Lick to Nashville. Elmore Douglass and Wm. Kavanaugh furnish Bishop with list of hands.

John Caplenger appt. overseer road leading from Hickman's Creek from Wm. Kavanaugh's to Spring about mile north from James Kitchings. Same hands work under Caplenger as usually worked this road.

Thomas Banks appt. overseer of Bledsborough road to county line. Elmore Douglass and Wm. Kavanaugh give Banks list of hands.

Col. Wm. Martin appt. overseer of road from (53) ford of Dixon's Creek to Peter Turney. All hands above said road work under him.

Arthur Hogan appt. overseer of road from mouth of Caney Fork towards creek. All hands who formerly worked on said road under him.

Silas Rollz appt. overseer of road from Wards Creek to Round Lick Creek. Same hands as usually worked said road work under Rollz

Armistead Moore appt. overseer of road from Round Lick to county line. Same hands as usually worked said road work under Moore.

Thomas Banks, Daniel Burford, Wm. Thompson, Jones Bishop, Silas Rolls, Samuel King and Wm. Hanking appt. as Jury to view, mark and lay off a road from Banks Ferry to intersect road that leads to Wm. Kavanaughs. They are to report to ensuing court.

Nathaniel Farrier, Joseph Jordan, Richard Cantrill, Larker Bethel, Daniel Allen, Henry Hays and Jacob Turney appt. to view, mark, and lay off road from John Looney's to Kavanaughs. Report to ensuing court.

Charles Kavanaugh is permitted license to keep an ordinary at his now dwelling house. Rates agreeable to the common rates of this county.

Robert Dugan, James Baker, Hezekiah Woodard, Wm. Payne, Armistead Moore, George Roaling, Thomas Walker, John Rutherford, Daniel Hilton, Richard Lancaster, Leonard Fight (sic), Willeroy Pate, Nathan Ridley, Pleasant Kearby, James Muray, Michel Murphy, Willie Sullivan, Wm. Pryor, Wm. Epperson, Samuel Stalcup, Big Joel Dyer, Wm. Kelton, Joel Hollan, Josiah Howell, Stephen Montgomery, David Kelough, Sr., Jeremiah Taylor, James Bradley, David Kelough, Jr., Vincent Ridley, Godfrey ?, Henry King, Aaron Hart, Herry Dancer, Benjamin Johns and James W. Wright., Jurors.

P. (54). Thomas Stewart permitted to return 640 acres of originally David Allison's purchased by him at sheriff's sale in summer. Tax was paid for year 1801.

John L. Martin given \$45 for services as Exoficio Servez as sheriff for preceeding year.

Joel Dyer was released from working on Fort Blount Road.

MARCH TERM 1802. Court met at late dwelling house of Wm. Saunders on MONDAY 15 MARCH 1802. Present: Wm. Walton, Peter Turney, Elmore Douglass, Wm. Kavanaugh, James Hibbitts and John Lancaster.

Daniel Alexander permitted a retail license to keep tavern at his now dwelling house. Rated as follows: for breakfast, dinner and supper 25 cents; whiskey by half pint 12 ½ cents; brandy 12 ½ cents; lodging 6 ¼ cents; stabling and ferrage 25 cents; corn/oats per half gal. 6 ¼ cents.

P. (55). Recorded bill of sale Sampson Williams to Wm. Marchbanks.

Grand Jury: Stephen Montgomery, foreman, James Bradley, James W. Wright, Michael Murphy, Robert Dugan, Hezekiah Woodard, Jeremiah Taylor, Vincent Ridley, Thomas Walker, Leonard Fight (sic), Samuel Stalfcup, Nathaniel Ridley, James Baker. Robert Cotton was appt. constable to attend jury.

Deed 254 acres Wm. Walton to Richard Taylor, registered.

Deed 50 aces Charles F. Mobias to Philip Day, registered.

Stock Mark recorded by Richard Clark.

Deed Zachariah Green and Wm. Gillispie to Roderick Jenkins, proven by oath of Robert Collier.

Deed 100 acres Roderick Jenkins to Wm. Jenkins recorded.

Thomas Stokes to Jones Bishop of 100 acres proven by oath of Willis Jones.

## CUMBERLAND RIVER FREEZES OVER

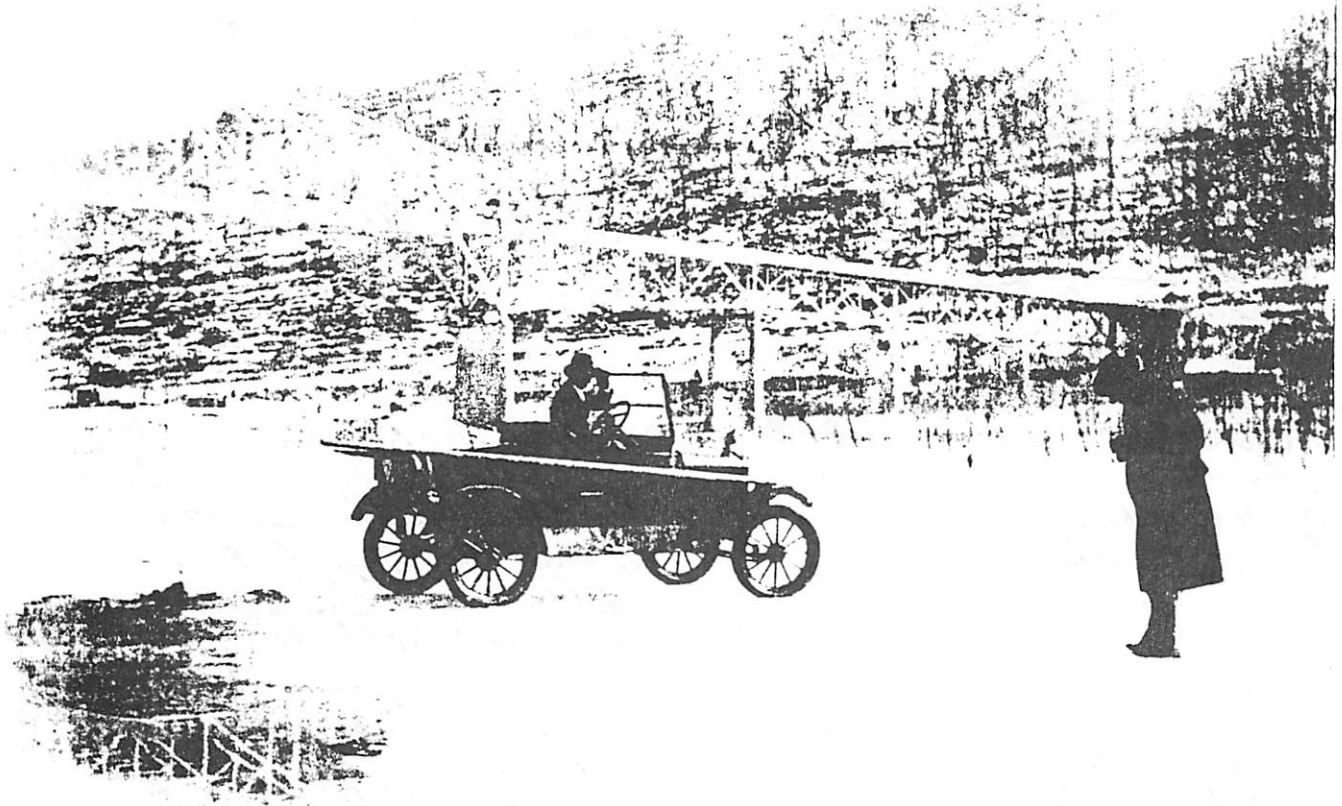


Photo compliments of Dr. Gordon Petty

In January 1940, after several days of sub-zero temperatures, the Cumberland River at Carthage froze over. Seated in his Model-T automobile is George Emberton who dared to drive across on the ice to the other side of the stream from Carthage. Stripping his car of all but the essentials, Mr. Emberton extended a long pole lengthwise of the car designed to give himself a support if the ice gave way. From the photograph, it would appear the Mr. Emberton also had an umbrella-like float attached to the rear of the automobile. After successfully completing his daredevil venture across to the opposite bank and back, Mr. Emberton further entertained the large crowd of onlookers gathered on the bridge by driving up and down the frozen river. The Cordell Hull Bridge may be seen in the background. The man standing on the ice making a snapshot of the hazardous undertaking is Victor Petty. The small house seen on the opposite bank under the bridge was the Boy Scout Meeting House that was purchased by the Rotary Club and given to the local troop. The scouts walked across the bridge and down a little zig-zag path towards the river to reach their house.

## OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

NOVEMBER 1863

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170 ~~John McPherson Cit~~  
~~Bond \$5000~~  
~~Sureties Wm D. Meers and~~  
~~Joseph Goddard all of~~  
~~Putnam Co Tennessee~~

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1863  
 171 Moses G. Scarlet Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Benj<sup>r</sup> Rogers and  
 Daniel E. Bryant all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

172 Benjamin Rodgers Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Moses G. Scarlet and  
 Daniel E. Bryant all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

173 William Rogers Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Howell H. Bryant  
 and Benja<sup>r</sup> Rogers all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

174 Howell H. Bryant Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties William Rogers and  
 James Eldrod all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

175 ~~James Eldrod Cit~~  
~~Bond \$5000~~  
~~Sureties Howell H. Bryant and~~  
~~Daniel E. Bryant all of~~  
~~Putnam Co Tennessee~~

176 Daniel E. Bryant Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Moses G. Scarlet  
 and Smith Bryant all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

174 Smith Bryant Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Howell Bryant and  
 Daniel E. Bryant all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

178 Binmin Lipscomb Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties William Porter and  
 Joseph Ripon all of Smith  
 Co Tenn

179 William Porter Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Binjamin P. Lipscomb  
 and Jos<sup>h</sup> Ripon all of Smith  
 Co Tennessee

180 Alfred M. Winkler Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Ph. Washington Payne  
 and Jos<sup>h</sup> Ripon all of  
 Smith Co Tenn

181 John G. Anderson Cit  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties William Messy and  
 Brien Messy all of Smith  
 Co Tennessee



189 John M Turner Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John G Anderson  
and Isaac Willmore all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

183 Robert Wilkinson Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John R Hession and  
Isaiah Willmore all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

184 Wm H. Anderson Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John G Anderson  
and Levi P Gregory all  
of Smith Co Tennessee

185 Richard J Brim Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Greby Taylor and  
James Crayberr all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

186 Isaiah Willmore Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John M Turner  
and Wm L Hoop all of  
Smith Co Tenn

187 Wm P Parker Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm Gammorn and  
Levi P Gregory all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

188 Levi P Gregory Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John G Anderson  
and James Gregory all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

189 James L Dies Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James P Merriman  
and Wm Gammorn all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

190 Edward B Gregory Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wm Gregory and  
Herbert Dauber both of  
Smith Co Tennessee

191 William Woodfolk Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Baily Greene and  
Joseph B Jackson all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

192 Wm L Hoop Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Phasent Turner  
and Daniel Cement all of  
Smith Co Tennessee  
December 1863

193 Charles P Howard Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George W Apple and  
William Hupple all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

194 George W Apple Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Charles P Howard  
and William Apple all  
of Putnam Co Tennessee

195 Charles W M Murray Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Roland Clark and  
Abm Parn all of Smith Co  
Tennessee

- 196 Roland Clark. <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Aaron F. Parin and  
Charles M. Murray all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 197 Aaron F. Parin <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Charles M. Murray  
and Roland Clark all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 198 Wade Stafford <sup>" Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Spencer Woodmore and  
James Merryman all of Smith  
Co Tennessee
- 199 James Merryman <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wade Stafford and  
Spencer Woodmore all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 200 Spencer Woodmore <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Merryman  
and Wade Stafford all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 201 James Buey <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond 3000  
Sureties James Merryman  
and Wade Stafford all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 202 Pleasant Turner <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties William Dement  
and Daniel Dement all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

- 203 William Dement <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Daniel Dement  
and Pleasant Turner all  
of Smith Co Tennessee
- 204 Daniel Dement <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties William Dement  
and Pleasant Turner all  
of Smith Co Tennessee
- 205 Samuel B. Clark <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties George C. Carlisle and  
John Algie all of Smith  
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- 206 George C. Carlisle <sup>Sold</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Samuel B. Clark  
and John Algie all of Sm.  
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- 207 Josiah Sloan <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Walter Conroy and L. C.  
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- 208 Samuel G. Caruthers <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James O. Bridges  
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- 209 Isaac C. Ferrell <sup>Cid</sup>  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties William M. Doran  
all of Putnam Co Tennessee

210 William M. Donald Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Isaac C. Ferrell  
all of Putnam Co. Tennessee

211 William Porter Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Foushee Cornwell  
all of Smith Co. Tenn

212 Foushee Cornwell Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties William Porter  
all of Smith Co. Tennessee

213 Thomas J. Shaw Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Daniel C. Bryant  
and Benjamin Julian all  
of Putnam Co. Tennessee

214 James Ballard Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John N. Hession  
and John Ballard all of  
Smith Co. Tennessee

215 James L. Hession Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties John N. Hession  
and James Ballard all of  
Smith Co. Tennessee

216 Burkitt G. Ferrell Sold  
Bond \$4000  
Sureties Thomas J. Ferrell and  
Benj. J. Baden all of  
Smith Co. Tennessee

217 Matthew H. Ford Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Christopher C. Ford  
and Benj. J. Baden all of  
Smith Co. Tennessee

218 Dale Ortner Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry Carter  
and Jesse M. Chambers  
all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

219 James Petty Sold  
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Sureties Robert C. Carter  
and Dale Owen all of  
Jackson Co. Tennessee

220 Jesse M. Chambers Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry Carter and  
Stanton Carter all of  
Jackson Co. Tennessee

221 Richard Alcorn Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Daniel C. Bryant  
and James Harlow all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

222 James Harlow Sold  
Sureties Daniel C. Bryant  
and Richard  
Alcorn all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

223 Henry Carter Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Dale Ortner  
and James Petty all of  
Jackson Co. Tennessee

224 Richard S. Carter Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Henry Carter  
and Dale Ortner all of  
Jackson Co. Tennessee  
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925 John McDonald <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties French Warren and  
Matthew C. Ferrall of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

926 French Warren <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties John McDonald of Smith  
Co and Matthew Ferrall of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

927 Andrew S. Ferrall <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties John McDonald and  
Matthew C. Ferrall all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

928 Matthew C. Ferrall <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties French Warren  
and John McDonald all  
of Putnam Co Tennessee

929 Samuel Moore <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Matthew C. Ferrall  
and French Warren all of  
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930 Wesley Cvetts <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Watson and  
Thomas C. Cvetts all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

931 Thomas Cvetts <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Watson and  
Wesley Cvetts all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

932 James Watson <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas Cvetts and  
Wesley Cvetts all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

933 Samuel B. Beasley <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$1000  
Sureties Jesse Beasley and  
George H. Rebackum all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

934 William A. Munley <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas Cvetts and  
Alexander M. Munley all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

935 Bayler C. Carman <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Clammer and  
Thomas C. Stafford all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

936 James Clammer <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Bayler C. Carman and  
Thomas C. Stafford all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

937 Thomas C. Stafford <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Bayler C. Carman and  
James Clammer all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

938 Thomas C. Stafford <sup>Sold</sup> Bond \$3000  
Sureties Bayler C. Carman and  
James Clammer all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

**JAMES J. MAXEY FAMILY BIBLE**

Submitted by Odell and Wanda Lynn Garrett

James J Maxey was born January the 27 1822

Mary J Baley was born ? the 8 1827

Mildred A Maxey was born Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1845

Eliza F. Maxey was born Mar 3th 1847

James T. Maxey was born Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1848

Elizabeth T. Maxey was born Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

Martha B Maxey was born Nov the 22 1856

Ellar Maxey born Feb the 10 1870

Annie B Maxey was borned May 5 1894 died July 6 1895

Henry Leaver Hye (?) was born Oct the 28<sup>th</sup> 1855

Henry Leaver Hye (?) was bornd Oct the 28 1865 died Sept the 14 1895

J. J. Maxey died Feb 10 1880

Mildred A Maxey died Aug 14 1897

James T Maxey died Feb 2 1900

James D. Gregory and Eliza F. Maxey was Married Feb the 10 1870

John M Freed and Elizabeth T Maxey was Married Oct \*\*

Mary J Maxey died July 25 19001

Liza F Gregory died May 11 1910

\*\* from John M Freed's Obituary, John Freed and Elizabeth T. Maxey were married Oct 17, 1873

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The Zuz.....	Face of Six (Hexagram).....
The Denar.....	Face of Six (Hexagram).....
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A Talent.....	Face of Six (Hexagram).....

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March	31	Spring	4	Tuesday	6	The 3d watch, from the 6th hour of the day to the 9th hour of the day
April	30	Spring	4	Wednesday	6	The 4th watch, from the 9th hour of the day to the 12th hour of the day
May	31	Summer	4	Thursday	6	The 5th watch, from the 12th hour of the day to the 3d hour of the night
June	30	Summer	4	Friday	6	The 6th watch, from the 3d hour of the night to the 6th hour of the day
July	31	Summer	4	Saturday	6	The 7th watch, from the 6th hour of the day to the 9th hour of the day
August	31	Autumn	4	Sunday	6	The 8th watch, from the 9th hour of the day to the 12th hour of the day
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October	31	Autumn	4	Tuesday	6	The 10th watch, from the 3d hour of the night to the 6th hour of the day
November	30	Winter	4	Wednesday	6	The 11th watch, from the 6th hour of the day to the 9th hour of the day
December	31	Winter	4	Thursday	6	The 12th watch, from the 9th hour of the day to the 12th hour of the day

*James & Mackay*  
*London*  
*Henry George*  
*27 1842*

FAMILY RECORD.

6  
 Charles D. Hoarey  
 born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Elizabeth D. Hoarey was  
 born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Mary D. Hoarey was  
 born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Martha B. Hoarey  
 was born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Ella Hoarey born  
 Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Anne B. Hoarey was  
 born May 5<sup>th</sup> 1824  
 died Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1825

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 I was born Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Henry Hoarey  
 born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
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 born Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1825  
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 born May 5<sup>th</sup> 1824  
 died Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1825  
 Michael Hoarey died  
 Aug 14 1899  
 James T Hoarey died  
 Feb 2 1920



FAMILY RECORD.

James. D. Gregory and  
 Eliza. G. Gregory was  
 married Feb. 15/1870  
 by Mr. Sprick and  
 Elizabeth G. Gregory was  
 married Feb  
 Henry G. Gregory died  
 July 25 1907  
 by G. Gregory and  
 May 11 1912

THE

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## SMITH COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

Smith County is fortunate in that most of the early records are extant. However, as anyone who has done research in the county is aware, the marriages prior to 1838 are non-existent and very few are available for the period before the Civil War.

The cover letter and accompanying affidavits received from Ann Dillard Ross may offer an explanation for the mystery of the missing records. We are grateful to Mrs. Ross for sharing this information with our readers:

When I requested the pension application files for my ancestor's service in the War of 1812 these affidavits were included among the papers. There is an affidavit of the Smith County Court Clerk dated September, 1878 certifying that "a great many of the papers and records of my office were destroyed during the Civil War by the federal soldiers." There are also two more sworn statements stating same. This is an official statement from the office of the Smith County Court just 13 years after the Civil War ended while it was still fresh in everyone's mind and I feel should be accepted as fact. At au rate, this should be a help to those who are trying to join historical societies such as the DAR, etc.

\* \* \* \* \*

State of Tennessee  
Smith County

I, Samuel Allison, clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that I have made diligent search in my office for the marriage license of Ruiben Roark to Cyrene Brown, who are said to have been married in this county, sometime during the year 1825, but I have failed to find any license or any record thereof, if there was ever any such it is either lost or mislaid or destroyed, so that it cannot now be found, and I further certify that it is my understanding that a great many of the papers and records of my office were destroyed during the late Civil War by the federal soldiers.

Given under my hand and official seal at office in Carthage, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1878.

Samuel Allison, Clerk of  
Smith County Court, Tennessee

State of Tennessee  
County of Macon

Personally appeared before, me clerk of the County Court for and within the county and state aforesaid. G. L. Walton ----- aged 55 years and J. W. Crabtree aged 45 years persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to give oath after being duly sworn say that they were neighbors to and were acquainted with Reuben Roark who was an Ensign in Capt Allen Wilkersons Company to Col. Copelands 3 Tennessee Regent and was also well acquainted with his then wife, but now widow Cyrene Roark who is now an applicant for pension and know

that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of the said Reuben Roark which occurred on or about the 21st day of March 1855 and that they raised a large family of children and were universally recognized by neighbors and acquaintances as husband and wife, that we neighbors never raised a doubt to the contrary. We also have heard that there is probably no record or evidence of said marriage as we understand that the public record of Smith County was destroyed during the war of the Rebellion. We further state that we have no interest in the matter our Post Office is Lafayette Macon County Tennessee. (Signed) J. W. Crabtree

George L. Walton

Sworn and Subscribed to before me on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878, and I certify that affiants are respectable and entitled to credit and that I have no interest directly or indirectly in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and official  
Seal at office in Lafayette  
Thomas J. Gregory, Clerk  
Macon County Court

\* \* \*

State of Tennessee  
County of Macon

Personally appeared before me T. J. Gregory, clerk of  
County Court within the County and State aforesaid

David Blankenship and G. N. Bandy who after being duly sworn say that they were personally well acquainted with Reuben Roark and his wife (now widow) Cyrene Roark and had lived neighbors to them from the time of their marriage until the death of said Reuben Roark and know that they had lived together as husband and wife and raised a family of children all of whom are now grown and there was never a question raised or doubt expressed as to their being husband and wife they were married in the County of Smith, Tenn and that the records of said County including the marriage records were destroyed during the late war we further state that said Reuben Roark is dead that he died some twenty years ago and that his widow Mrs. Cyrene Roark has not remarried since the death of said Reuben Roark but that she still remains his widow.

(Signed) David Blankenship Gale Bandy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August AD 1878 and I hereby certify that the contents of the within affidavit were fully made known and read over to the witnesses before swearing. On testimony I hereunto Sub my hand an official Seal at office in Lafayette

(Signed) Thos. J. Gregory Clerk  
Macon County Court

~~RECEIVED~~

WIDOW.  
WAR OF 1812

[8-405.]  
(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

U. S. Pension Agency,



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*How D. Murphy*  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of *Lyrene Rank* widow of *Robert*  
*Ensign* of *Allen Wilkerson & Son Mill*, who was a pensioner on the rolls  
of this Agency, under Certificate No. *10929*..... and who was last paid  
at \$*12*..... to *4 May*..... *1893*, has been dropped  
because of unclaimed.....

Very respectfully,

*D. A. Carpenter*  
Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

## QUERIES

**BRADLEY – TATE.** Seeking descendants of JOHN SANDERS BRADLEY, S/O JOHN BRADLEY and JUDITH SANDERS. 6 Nov 1793 in Washington Co, TN JOHN S. was marr to NANCY TATE, D/O JOHN TATE, SR. Children of JOHN SANDERS and NANCY TATE BRADELY were: DAVID C. BRADLEY; JAMES SANDERS BRADLEY 1808-1891; EDWARD; WILLIAM L. (killed in Mexican War) 1822-1846; THOMAS; FRANCIS; JUDITH marr WILLIAM A. HEROD; NANCY b 1820 m CHARLES MCLARIN; SARAH 1821-1891; MARY m ALBERT M. KAY.

Will be happy to exchange information.

VERNON R. TATE, M.B.A., 1 Norwood Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.  
1-800-398-2603; fax 410-268-0713.

**HODGES, WARD, DICKENS, POWELL.** Seeking information on these Smith County families.

BEVERLY LITTLEFIELD, 104 Grove St., West Plains, MO 65775-3553

**BURFORD, SHAW, NICHOLS.** Seeking information of these Smith, Wilson & Trousdale County families. PHILIP & DANIEL BURFORD, Rev. War Veterans prob. Came from NC. JEREMIAH FLOWERS SHAW operated a mill in Dixon Springs. KATE LEE SHAW NICHOLS was b near Dixon Springs, d/o WILL KADE NICHOLS, SR.

ROBERT P. GILILLAND, 6 Scott Road, Newport News, VA 23606.

**THOMAS JONES** of Wake Co., NC [b 1-2-1771/d 9-26-1852] and his wife **CATHERINE SHAW** of Wake Co., NC [b 4-22-1781 /d 2-5-1860]. Both are buried in family grave yard back of home in Gibson Co TN. Were in Smith Co 1804 prior to moving to Maury Co. Sixth child, **CHARITY**, b 1806 in Smith Co. Wish to exchange information.

ROBERT BYRNES JONES, 509 77<sup>th</sup> St, Holmes Beach, FL 34218. 941-778-9333.  
E-Mail: [GenBobJFLA@aol.com](mailto:GenBobJFLA@aol.com)

**ARNETT, WILLIAM.** Born 1787 in Virginia. Lived in Smith County, TN from about 1818 to 1853. Marr ROSA PORTER. Her father was THOMAS PORTER, a resident of Smith Co. WILLIAM & ROSA'S children were: WILLIAM P. b 1821; JOHN b 1826; SUSAN b 1833; ARTEMIA b 1835; JAMES b 1832, and RICHARD b 1837. In 1853 they moved to Graves Co., KY. Seeking info on WILLIAM ARNETT'S parents, where he was born in VA and where he lived in Smith County.

ROBERT ARNETT, 6101 Edsall Rd., # 1104, Alexandria, VA 22304.  
E-mail: [rarnett706@aol.com](mailto:rarnett706@aol.com).

COCKERHAM, MARY JANE. Born 11 November 1826, died 15 March 1891. Wife of JESSE HOLMES BAIRD, born 5 July 1823, died 26 August 1908, lived in Smith County, TN. Daughter of HENRY COCKERHAM and POLLY (MARY) PROWELL. Reply to: GENE W. TURNER, 1419 Plantation Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027. E-Mail: GWT3711@aol.com

HENRY SMITH. Is this the Henry listed in the Will book III who married CYNTHIA MIDDLETON on 26 October 1830? Any information I can find will be appreciated greatly.

MALCOLM SMITH. From Will Book III, 1816-1843. 29 Aug 1827, wife SALLY, two youngest daughters, MARY, MARTHA; daughter MILADY SMITH. Oldest sons and daughters: RADISSA FIELDINGS' heirs; ALFRED, DAVID, WILLIAM, ALLEN, ABEL, BETSY, NAOMY SMITH. Sons HENRY; youngest son, MALCOLM Wit: JINKS KEMP, WM. CRAGHEAD. Exc., sons DAVID and ALFRED SMITH. Probate Nov 1827.

MALCOLM D. SMITH, 3032 California Ave., Topeka, KS 66605-2421

ANDERSON, SAMUEL R. son of ANDREW ANDERSON and MARY CONNELLY, b 1769, Orange Co., NC; marr 1<sup>st</sup> REBECCA BLACK on 3 Jan 1792, Washington Co., VA; marr 2<sup>nd</sup> FRANCES PARISH on 20 Feb 1811, Wilson Co, TN; marr 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNE CLARK 26 Aug 1812, Sumner Co., TN. Lived in Sumner, Wilson, Smith (Sullivan's Bend) and Jackson Co., TN (1820/1830 Census). Believed died in 1830's in Jackson Co. or Allen Co., Ky.

BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092-3603

HUNT, JOHN, my g-g-g-grandfather, b 7/13/1798 in Rowan Co., NC, spent a few years of his early life there in Tennessee. He was marr in 1816 in Wilson County to ELIZABETH JANE MOORE (I believe). They moved to Missouri after 1842. His son, LEWIS WILFORD HUNT Marr EVELINE ALLEN in Smith County in 1841. I am searching for EVELINE'S parents.

PATRICIA HUNT ROULEAU 127 Cypress Point Way, Morago, CA 94556

CARDWELL, ALICE T. HARPER, b 1873, dau of WILLIAM ALEXANDER HARPER and 1<sup>st</sup> wife, REBECCA, (BECKY) LAMBERT, step-father JOHN ARMSTEAD, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, MARY KATHERINE MOORE YOUNG (widow) raised her after BECKY died. ALICE marr JOHN LEONARD (LYNN) CARDWELL 1893 and had children: F. D., FLOSSIE, GEORGE R., LUCY B., and LULA. Need death dates and ceme. records. ALICE is a sister to my grandmother LULA BELL HARPER PRENTICE. EARLINE PRENTICE SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073 e-mail, [EarlineSloan@nashville.com](mailto:EarlineSloan@nashville.com)

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

*I hope all has been bright and warm at your house. At my house we wage a post-holiday battle. Husband insists bad luck will follow if you allow a Christmas tree to stand past New Year's. On the other hand my mother reminded us as children that Christmas trees must remain the whole twelve days of Christmas! This year husband and I compromised our differing views. We dismantled and disposed of our tree...three days late on his schedule, three days early on mine!*

*Don't we wish for more such neat solutions to other differences! We can compromise in our homes with family but we can't compromise on preservation with our neighbors! When confronted with possible demolition of historic landmarks, can we bring ourselves to say "Tear them down, we'll just save the next ones!" We preservationists are too aware that destruction of important properties lessens the human soul's need... to know its past. I like to believe that we, like National Trust of Historic Preservation, strive to "protect the irreplaceable."*

*A sure step to the future in protecting our Smith county past is the front and center role we're taking in helping establish a county museum. Three of our adjoining counties are pointing the way. Trousdale county has established its museum collection in an converted Hartsville railroad depot along with its chamber of commerce. In Wilson county a renovated building on the old Castle Heights military academy campus is the home to Lebanon's city hall and its recently opened museum and history center. Jackson County people have turned an unused Gainesboro bank building, and two other locations, into museum repositories for county treasures. Smith county will not be far behind!*

*We have an excellent museum search committee on stage about which we will keep you informed. Our county executive, excited about setting up our own county museum, has suggested a funding formula to support Society efforts to acquire museum space. (It involves 100 individuals investing just \$250 a year over three to four years.)*

*I hope you approve of our efforts and Executive Billy Bass' fascinating funding formula and will want to play an historic role in both. Meanwhile... Uncompromisingly good history to you!*

*Faith*

The Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month with the exception of December, July and August, at the Smith County Public Library at 7:00 p.m. during the months of November-April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. Dues are \$12.50 annually with the year beginning in January. Back issues are available at \$3.50 each.

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A group of descendants of Lt. Joseph Allison, Revolutionary War Soldier, attended the DAR grave marking ceremony on September 17, 1994, in Gordonsville. A biographical sketch of Lt. Allison was given by descendant Kevin S. Key, pictured second from left holding his son. (See DAR article for details.) (Photo provided)

## DAR marks grave in Gordonsville

By: Kathryn Frye Dickens

Members of the Caney Fork Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and descendants of Joseph Allison, as well as local dignitaries, met Saturday afternoon, September 17, at the Gordonsville Nazarene churchyard to mark Allison's grave and pay tribute to the memory of his service in the American Revolutionary War.

The event was arranged under the auspices of Mrs. Sue W. Maggart.

Joseph Allison (1750-1826) was born in North Carolina, a son of John Allison. Joseph was a lieutenant in the Continental Army where he served with his brother, John.

After the war, sometime in the early 1800's, the two Allison brothers, Joseph and John, came to this general area, first settling on Cane Creek which is now a portion of Putnam County. Joseph ventured on to Smith County and purchased acreage along the Caney Fork River at the mouth of Hickman's Creek; his lush land possibly extending as

far as the present Gordonsville Nazarene Church property.

Allison was twice married; first to Jane Donaldson, and after her death, he married Elizabeth Madden.

It was Allison's son by Elizabeth, Robert Donaldson Allison, who at the outbreak of the Mexican War in 1846 recruited volunteers and engaged in several battles. Some fifteen years later, during the War Between the States, the valiant Robert D. Allison mustered three companies from the DeKalb County area, forming the renowned Allison's Squadron.

R.D. Allison's first wife, Martha (1810-1854), is also buried in the Nazarene Cemetery.

The ceremony at the peaceful little cemetery was opened by prayer offered by Mrs. W. T. Fisher. Regent Mrs. Wyatt Allen, Jr. welcomed guests, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ray Leftwich.

Special recognition was given to Mr. Leftwich for his having secured the veteran's marker, to Fred Gordon Key for his purchase of Elizabeth Allison's stone, and to Danny Bass for the placement of the markers and insignia.

The national anthem was sung by Miss Angela Brooks.

Mrs. A. J. Sharenberger gave a very patriotic address, reminding those present of the hardships suffered by our ancestors and of their fighting for the freedom of individual rights and self-government. She admonished that as descendants of such brave men as the Revolutionary soldiers, we must defend, protect, respect, and support the rights won for us, and to always maintain unity.

She read Emerson's poem, "Concord Hymn". Her closing remarks were: "Revolutionary

soldiers, you did not fight nor die in vain. Ever may freedom live in America; ever may we remember!"

Kevin S. Key, a direct Joseph Allison descendant, gave a biographical sketch of the soldier.

The DAR ritual was then given by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Fisher.

The marker was unveiled by Harold Maynard, an Allison descendant.

A wreath was placed on the soldier's grave by other descendants, little miss Allison Key and her cousin, little miss Catalyn Whitehead.

A tribute was given by Mrs. Allen followed by a moving rendition of "America the Beautiful" sung by Angela, Stephen, and Regina Brooks.

Mrs. Fisher, the DAR chaplain, gave the benediction.

A lovely reception was held at the Gordonsville library where Miss Jana Apple, Mrs. Frankye Rose, Mrs. Brenda Gibbs and Mrs. Kathryn Dickens served as hostesses for the occasion.



**ROBERT DONALDSON ALLISON**

Submitted by Jackie Mae White Bishop

**Colonel Robert Donaldson Allison**

When R. D. Allison was about four years old, his family moved to Middle Tennessee, where they lived in White, Putnam, Smith and DeKalb counties. From an article in the *Democrat* at McKinney, TX dated 12-12-1900: R. D. grew into manhood and became the recipient of numerous civic and military honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. He was a lifetime member of the Methodist church where his funeral was held. In the death of Col. Allison the *Democrat* feels a sense of personal loss. In his declining days the tottering hero honored our office with many visits. He was our intimate friend whose nobility of character and generous impulses of nature we had the best of opportunity to discern. He was the embodiment of integrity, the very soul of honor and truly a leader among men. He loved his country with the unselfish solicitude of a patriot and dared to express his convictions upon every vital issue affecting its welfare. With his means he was generous to a fault. Liberal in his views on questions of church and state, he was ever tolerant and considerate for the opinions of others. Tyranny had no place in his heart or being. After a very brief illness, due to general debility of old age, Col. R. D. Allison, McKinney's distinguished and widely known veteran citizen, quietly passed away at the home of his son, Scott, at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. An obit stated 'he came from a family of soldiers who took an active part in the Revolutionary War. In that strife his paternal grandfather commanded a regiment of North Carolinians having four sons and two sons-in-law in his command.

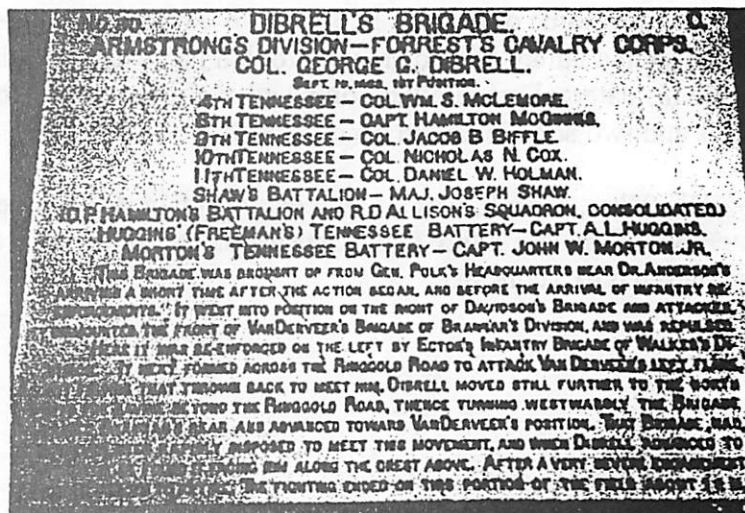
His father, Joseph, was a Lieutenant/Captain in the American Revolution and later a member of the legislature and extensive planter of his native state. In 1814 he immigrated to Tennessee.

His grandfather, John, had settled in Orange County, NC before 1755. John's will dated 12-8-1795, indicated he did much buying and selling of land on both Little and Eno Rivers in Orange County. Much of his personal lands were on the Eno and this is where he settled. It is not known when John came to Orange County, but he, Robert and James Allison are found on the 1755 Tax List. As members of Presbyterian families increased so did the need for a church and in 1761 the Little River Presbyterian church was built between the north and south forks of Little River, which became the Allison's home church. His wife, Martha, was known as "Granny Mattie."

Some say his greatgreatgrandfather, John, was brought from England to Virginia in 1652 by Peter Knight, Northumberland County. Others believe he came from North of Ireland with family to America in 1725 and located on what were termed the "Barrens of Derry," then Chester (later Lancaster, now Dauphin) County, PA where he had 200 acres warranted to him April 15, 1734.

R. D. was a Whig and was elected to the 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Tennessee, 1849-1851, representing Smith County, TN. He also held several other public offices. He was appointed administrator of his mother (Elizabeth 'Betsy' Madden Allison) estate in 1858 at Smith Co., TN. He served in the Mexican War, organizing Captain Allison's Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Volunteers; he was made a Colonel in the late 1850's or early 1860's. In the Confederate army he organized a company that entered service in August 1861. In 1862 he organized Allison's Tennessee Cavalry Squadron in which his son John served under him. John H. was killed in the war. Capt. R. D. Allison's company (F) 24<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry took part in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Franklin and Nashville -surrendering at Greensboro, NC. Three more sons also served: Captain Joseph B. Allison commanded Mitchell's Tennessee Regiment; Captain William Morgan Allison raised a company in Dallas and Tarrant counties, TX for Darnel's Regiment. He was killed in the battle of Atlanta, GA on 7-22-1864; then Scott Allison served under his father in the latter part of the war plus son-in-law James L. Reasonover who was captured and became prisoner of war at Louisville, KY 9-1-1864. R. D. was reportedly wounded six times in battle and gained distinction in numerous battles for his daring and bravery.

Picture of marker in  
Chickamauga Natl.  
Military Park taken  
By Robert Harris, greatgrandson  
Of R. D. Allison



Several members of the Allison family of Orange County, NC settled in Collin County, TX between 1867 and 1895. They included Col. R. D. Allison, a half brother, General Joseph Allison, plus Joseph's son, Dr. John J. Allison, grandson William W. Allison and daughter Martha Livingston (Allison) McMenemy.

R. D.'s nephew, Dr. John J. Allison, was born in Orange Co., NC 1820/21, son of General Joseph Allison and Martha 'Patsy' Woods. He married Mary E. Hinton on 4-1846 in Orange Co. John J. was listed on the 1850 Census as a physician; however, he also farmed and served as postmaster of Cedar Grove, NC. He was elected to the Lower House of Representatives of North Carolina, but resigned in 1870, probably because of moving to Texas, where he appears on the 1870 census in precinct #1 Collin County, TX.

Another relative of R. D.'s, William W. Allison, was born in Orange Co., NC in 1842. He was the son of Elbridge A. Allison (R. D.'s nephew) and Rebecca Thompson. During the Civil War William W. served four years in CSA Co. E. 31<sup>st</sup> NC Regiment under his uncle, Captain Julius Allison. According to his pension application, he went to Collin County, TX in 1895 and farmed. His cousin, William Jefferson McMenemy, made an affidavit in support of William Allison's pension application, stating that he served in the same company. William J. McMenemy is the son of R. D.'s niece Martha L. Allison McMenemy of Collin County, TX.

R. D. Allison died 12-15-1900 in Collin County, TX and was buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery. At his death, R. D. held the distinction of being the oldest Oddfellow in Texas, having been initiated into the order on 9-1-1847. The book, *History of Collin County, TX*, by Stambaugh, states that he secured the charter under which the Collin County KKK operated and served as safeguard of rights and property. According to the obituary of R. D., his son, Joseph B., also moved to Texas and was presiding elder of the Waco District in the Methodist ministry. R. D. bought and sold numerous lots in McKinney, TX, buying the first one on 4-1868. The 1870 Collin County, TX census lists him as a merchant and his son Scott as store clerk. Scott also bought and sold a number of lots in the McKinney, TX area.

R. D. Allison was born 25 Sept 1810 in Orange County, NC; died 15 Dec 1900 in Collin County, Texas; married in Tennessee to Martha Tucker who was born 25 Nov 1810 in North Carolina and died 22 May 1854 in Smith County, Tenn. They had 10 children. (Ed. Note: Martha is buried in the Nazarene Church Cemetery at Gordonsville, TN)

After Martha's death, R. D. married Louisa Goodner, widow of Robert Dowell in June 1858 in Dekalb Co., TN. Louisa was born 3-1825, TN, the daughter of James Goodner and Martha Fite. She died 1-1912 in Collin Co. She and R. D. were the parents of 2 children. Her 3 children by her previous marriage- Martha, Amanda and Robert- accompanied them to Texas.

The parents of R. D. Allison were Joseph Allison, Sr. b 10-1750 NC or Lancaster Co., Pa; d 8-1826 Gordonsville, Smith Co., TN., m 8-1809 in Orange County, NC to his second wife, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Madden who died in 1858. Their other children were: Daniel Morgan m/Ellen Nichols; Martha m/John R. James. Joseph and his first wife, Jane Donaldson, were the parents of 9 children.

Joseph's parents were John Robert Allison b 1720 d 1-1796 in Orange Co., NC, married Martha Hamilton born abt 1720 possibly in Antrim, Northern Ireland; d abt 1825. Their other children were Charles, John R Jr., James, Hamilton, Nancy m/Bury, Peggy m/Robinson, Jennet Jane m/James Ray, Betsy m/Drummer, Grizzell, Mary m/Thomas Curtis, Martha m/Samuel Garat, Elizabeth, Egness Agness.

John Robert's parents were William Allison b abt 1700 in Ulster, North Ireland or Scotland; d abt 1739 Derry Township. Lancaster Co., Pa, m Grizzel Wray born 1694/98 Scotland or Ireland; d 1794 Orange County, NC. Their other children were Mary, Joseph m/Elizabeth AF Ray, Margaret, Patrick and Robert.

William's parents were John Allison b Londonberry, Ireland; d 1728/47 Donnegal Township, Chester County, PA, married Janett. Their other children were James m/Rebecca, Allison m/Charles Ree, Robert, John m/Ann, Patrick, Jean m/Smith, Margaret m/White.

The Allison family migrated mid 1700's from Ireland/Scotland to Derry Township. Lancaster County, Colony of Pennsylvania; Orange County, North Carolina; Tennessee (counties of white, Putnam, Smith and DeKalb; then to Collin County, Texas. Via the Reasonover/Lewis/Fitzhugh branch the family is related by marriage to Texas Governor James Throckmorton and some distant relatives can trace us back to Daniel Boone, Robert E. Lee and William B. Travis.

The children of R. D. and Martha Tucker were:

- (1) Joseph B. b abt 1826 Tn, d abt 1890 West, TX; m Martha. Joseph B. was presiding elder of Waco, TX District in the Methodist ministry, served in the Confederacy as captain and commanding Co. A, Mitchell's Tennessee Infantry. (Ed. Note: Some researchers say that Joseph B. Married Sarah Reasonover).
- (2) George b abt 1829 Tn
- (3) Jane Elizabeth b abt 1831 Tn; d 4-2-1898; m 9-29-1853 Smith Co., to E. J./James L. (Kirge) Reasonover b 1822 Smith Co., Tn. Their children were Molly/Mary b 9-1856 Nashville, Tn d 11-1911 Collin Co., Tx buried at Houson Cemetary m 12-1878 Collin Co., to Jack O. Lewis; Elizabeth Frances b 1-1860 Tn d 1-1950 Dalhart, Tx m 1-1881 Collin Co. to John Howard; Robert Don b 1-1867 Tn d 10-1958 Chattanooga, Tn m Mary Jane/Mollie Oakley; Kate b 1853/7 m Jarred Parker; Etta J. b 11-1861 d 1-1894 m Thomas Goree Oakley; Callie b 1870;

Loutishe b 1-1869 d 7-1952 Dekalb Co., Tn m Francis Monroe Hobson; Martha b 1855.

- (4) William Morgan b 7-1833 Smith Co, Tn d 7-1864 Atlanta, Ga m 2-1858 Tn to Virginia Rachel Dunn b 3-1837 Ala, d 10-1910 Grapevine, Tx. Their children were Martha M. b 1-1860, William Frances (female) b 5-1861 Grapevine, Tx d 10-1939 Dallas, Tx m 12-1884 to William Vance Holt. They moved from Tennessee to Grapevine, Tx before the Civil War along with her parents. William raised a company in Dallas and Tarrant counties, Tx for Darnel's Regiment and he was killed in the battle of Atlanta, Ga.
- (5) Nancy b abt 1835 Tn
- (6) Mary/Martha b 1842 Tn (may be 2 persons instead of 1 with double name).
- (7) John H b 1844 Tn d abt 1864 NC. John enlisted in Captain J. S. Dowell's company in Dekalb Co., Tn and rose to rank of captain, commanding a company in his father, R. D.'s cavalry regiment. He died while serving under his father in the Confederate army during the war and his father brought his body back from North Carolina.
- (8) Robert Lafayette b 1846 Tn m 3-1869 Smith Co., Tn to M. G. Waggoner. Robert was killed during the Civil War at Goldsboro, NC just before Johnston surrendered to Sherman.
- (9) Scott Winfield b 5-1848 Tn d 11-1930 Colln Co., Tx m Mary Virginia b 1845 Kentucky d abt 1903 Collin Co., Tx. Their children were Lula B. b 12-1874 Tx; D. b abt 1875 Tx; John b 12-1877 Tx; Fannie b 1880 Tx; Don b 5-1883 Tx., Scott applied to the State of Texas for a Confederate pension in 1930 which was approved 2 months before his death. His death certificate states he was a retired merchant.
- (10) Sarah Frances b 1852 m Richard William Keindell.

Children of R. D. Allison and Louisa Goodner Dowell were: James Goodner Allison b 6-1860 Tn d 4-1891 Collin co., Tx buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery; Lula D. b 8-1861 Collin Co., Tx buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery.

R. D. and Martha Allison's daughter, Jane, married E. J./James L. (Kirge) Reasonover. Their daughter Molly/Mary married Jack O. Lewis and their children were Maud, Etta, Lula Mae, Gabe, Bessie Bertha, Deewit, Clark, Fred, Jack and Lena Mae. The first immigrating Reasonover was Matthias, wife and 3 children in 1708 from Palatine Valley, Germany to London, England to Craven & Jones Counties, North Carolina then finally to Greenville County, South Carolina to

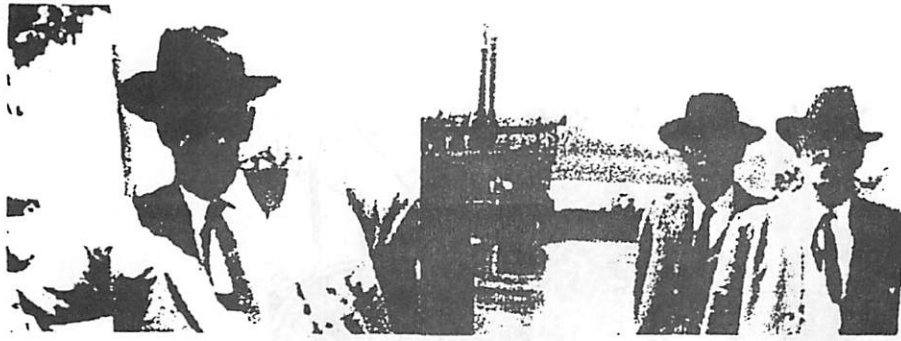
Warren and Smith Counties, Tennessee to Collin County, Texas after the Civil War.

(1a) Mary/Molly Reasonover was born 9-1856 Nashville, Tennessee; died 11-1911 Collin County, Tx; married 12-1878 Collin County to Jack Oliver Lewis who was born 1853 Collin Co. and died 1932 Collin Co. Molly/Mary and Jack O. Lewis raised their children in Collin Co., Tx. Jack O. was an industrious and successful farmer with Molly making life easier for her family by doing the many things required of pioneer women - raising/training/teaching the children, cooking, cleaning, laundry, sewing, gardening, picking wild fruit, canning, smoking meat, helping husband with his chores as needed (planting, caring for stock, etc), keeping the family happy and content through hard times, looking forward to church and community gatherings, etc but all possible because of love of God and family. The children and grandchildren were doing their share of the work on the farm plus lots of fun with the neighboring children. They were highly respected - having many church and community friends. Their house had the breezeway as most did at the time. The family loved music, singing and playing various musical instruments with Jack always singing, "The Old Grey Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be." During World War I Jack was told he had four boys at home, he could choose one of them to stay and the others would go. He couldn't choose; therefore, Jack Jr was drafted with Dee and Clark volunteering. They were all stationed in Germany and/or France. The family has Dee's WWI memorabilia. Such a loving family that has remained close knit by having yearly reunions.

Molly and Jack O. Lewis' daughter, Bessie Bertha, married Richard Sanders and their children were Earl Jack, Homer Richard, Rossie 'Neoma, and Fred Dee (Bud). Richard worked in the oilfields in Oklahoma around Oilton, Bristow, Earlsboro, Shawnee, Cordell and South Burns with his wagons and teams of Clydesdale horses with Bessie's brothers Dee, Clark, Fred and Jack. Richard lost his hearing in the oilfields - therefore, he went into farming. After loosing several crops plus the depression, they moved to a farm near son Bud in Grayson Co., Tx. Bessie was a remarkable wife and mother keeping her family together with her warmth and varied abilities as a homemaker. The family loved music - singing and playing various musical instruments. Bessie and Richard Sanders' daughter, Rossie 'Neoma' married Basil Lowell White and their children were Joye, June, Jackie Mai and James (Jimmy).

Written by grgrgranddaughter, Jackie Mae (White) Bishop

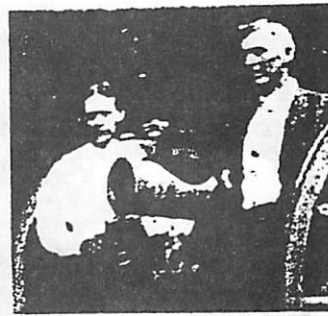
Similar stories of this family may be seen in the book published in 1998 by Minnie Champ, *Collin County, Texas Families Volume II*.



1. E. J. James L. Reasonover---early 1900s---son R. D. & E. J. Reasonover



Mary/Molly (Reasonover) & Jack O. Lewis Family



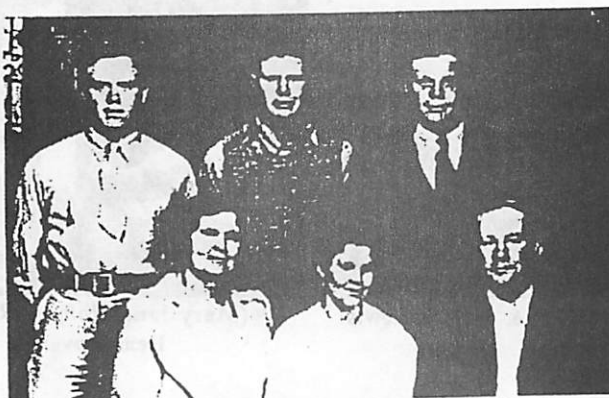
(Mary Jane/Molly & R.D. Reasonover)



(1950s - Tish Hobson, Bett Howard, R.D.Reasonover, Kate Parker)



(1911 Molly/Mary and Jack O. Lewis family)



Molly/Mary and Jack O Lewis daughter Bessie Bertha married Richard Sanders and their children were Earl Jack, Homer Richard, Rossie 'Neoma', and Fred Dee (Bud). *jwb*

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## THE NEW MIDDLETON MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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J. Barrots Deborah/ Excluded  
 Mary Ligon  
 Rebekah Allen/ dead  
 Samuel Paskal dismissed by letter  
 Elbrige Mercer " "  
 Mary Mercer " "  
 Benjamin B. Smith " "  
 Lucy Smith " "  
 Eliza Smith " "  
 Nancy Smith " "  
 Virginia Smith " "  
 Richard Smith " "  
 William Giles " "  
 Susanna Giles " "  
 J. R. Pompey's Margaret "  
 Sarah Hubbard  
 Lorena Mason/ Excluded  
 Martha Wilson "  
 Sister Haston "  
 Elizabeth Frances Stallings dismissed by ltr  
 Nancy Malissa Barret/ dead  
 Serena Whitley dismissed by ltr, Sept 1855  
 Selena Whitley  
 Frances Maness  
 Thomas McClanahan dead  
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 Frances Mannen  
 Mary Grear dismissed by letter  
 Mary Carter  
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 William S. Allen, Excluded  
 John D. Allen  
 Banks Oliver Dead  
 William W. Trousdale, Excluded 1859  
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 John B. Stalings, dead  
 William W. Stalings dead  
 George W. Colquit

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Mary Denny  
 Polly Whitley  
 Fanny Whitley  
 Catherine Colquit  
 Margret Colquit  
 Nancy C. Grear  
 Fanny Maze dead  
 Nancy Balkman dead  
 Mary Balkman dismissed by letter  
 Martha Balkman " "  
 Mary Noweling  
 Elizabeth Balkman dismissed by ltr  
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 James T. Alman excluded  
 Polly McIntyre dead  
 John Claraday dismissed by ltr 1859  
 J. Barret Jinny dead  
 Patsy Whitley  
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 Ann Tinsbloome dead  
 Martha Grear dismissed by letter  
  
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 David Hodges dead  
 Elizabeth Hodges by letter  
 Mary Smith dis by ltr Oct 1866  
 Eliza Smith " "  
 Elizabeth Shelton dead  
 James Samson dead Oct 1858  
 Johnson Samson  
 Elizabeth Ragan  
 Moses T. Ragan dead  
 Rachel Ragan dis by ltr  
 Magret Ragan " "  
 Aribelah Ward dead  
 Edward Saterfield excluded  
 James M. Meser

William C. Whitley, dismissed by letter  
 Philip Baker excluded  
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Elizabeth McClenahan dead  
 Talby Bray dismissed by letter

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Nov Term 1852. Church in conference Brother John Coleman and Sister Coleman dismissed by letter. Brother James Barret Mod of the day. James A. Lyon CC

Dec Term 1852. Church in conference. Brother Wiley Clark dismissed by letter. Brother R. Lyon Mod of the day James A. Ligon Clk.

January Term 1853. The of (sic) Macedonia in conference, L. Dias chosen Moderator. Brother Leroy James charged Brother Martin Evret of Drinking two mutch there was a commity appointed to see B. Evret and notify him of the charges to wit: Brother Wiley Denney and James A. Ligon. The church also called Brother Richard Lyon to the care of the church for the inseuing year. the church also order clerk to write out a article of subscription and see how mutch he can git for Brother Lyon for the inseuing year. Brother Dias, Mod. J. A. Ligon, Clk.

February Term 1853. No conference on Saturday but meeting on the Sabath. Father J. Johnson & L. Dias & J. Barret attended on the Sabath.

March Term 1853. Church in conference the case of Brother Evret was presented. The church consulted his case he seamed to be absenant. The church agreed to lay it over till the next term to see if he would not reflect upon his case. Rules of Decorum read and layed on the table for amenament until the next Term for adoption. Brother R. Lyon Speaker and Mod.

April Term 1853. Church in conference, Brother L. Dias, Mod. Business called for the rules of decorum read and adopted The case of Brother Evret laid over till May Term 1853. The church appointed June meeting next for there communion Season and that Brother

Page 28<sup>th</sup>. Jesse Johnson be requested to attend the Meeting of June next the church also payed to Brother Lyon 9.03 for past services.

L. Dias, Mod.

J. A. Ligon, Clk.

May Term 1853. Church in conference business called for the case of Brother Evret taken up and him found guilty of drinkin two mutch liker and he would not give the church satisfaction for which they excluded him.

Brother Lyon, Mod.

J. A. Ligon, Clk.

June Term, 1853. Church in conference. Business called for nothing on referance. Brother L. James reported a case of rumer about Sister Dickerson and others and a comity was appointed to inquier into the mater and make report the next term. the church directed the clerk to prepare a letter to send up to the section meeting to be held with the church at Salem commensing friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lords day in august and Brethrin James A. Ligon, S. R. Samson, E. W. Morris, Samuel Grear and James Bradford chosen to bare the letter. the commity appointed to inquiry into the above case was E. Morris, S. Right, S. Barrot. Brother Barrot, Mod. James A. Ligon, C.Clk.

July Term 1853. The United Baptist church at Macedonia in conference. the letter to Sexton read and received the case of Sister Dickerson taken up in regard to her Christian character according to the proof and the reports of the commity on the case the church excluded her and restored the others in the same case. also the clerk ordered to prepare a letter to send up to the association and to read it at next term. J. Barret, Mod. James A. Ligon, C. Clk.

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August Term. 1853. Church in conference business call for a letter read and received to send to the association the Delagates in the letter to the association is James Barrett, James McClenahan and Elijah Morris in case of failure. Brother Leroy James charge Brother Thomas Hughs of Dansing then appointed a commity to see Brother Hughs and notify him of the charge. Brother John Farmer with any other Brother that he may chose for his colleage and report at the next term. The church appoint the Oct meeting for there protracted meeting. Brother R. Ligon, Mod. J. A. Ligon

Sept Term, 1853. Church in conference business called for. the case of Brother Thomas Hughs presented the church found him guilty of Dansing and Excluded him. Brother Richard Lyon, Moderator, James A. Ligon, C. C.

Oct Term 1853. Church in conference. No business of record. Brother Brandon preached on Saturday. Brother Dias Moderator of the day he also continued our Moderator through the Meeting which continued 9 days. There was 22 joined and baptized; there names was as follows: William J. Allen, John D. Allen, Banks Oliver, William W. Trousdale, Luther B. Baker, John B. Stallings, William N. Stallings, George W. Colquit, William C. Whitley, Lunceford Eurit, (continued on next page)

Page 30. Oct Term continued, 1853. Mary Denny, Polly Whitley, Fanny Whitley, Catharine Colquit, Margret Colquit, Nancy C. Grear, Fanny Moss, Nancy Balkmon, Mary Balkman, Martha Balkman, Mary Nowling, J. Barrets Jinny. Louis Dias, Mod. James A. Ligon, Clk.

Novem. Term 1853. Church in conference chose Brother Samuel Gear to take up Collection for home mission dues, open for the reception of members, Saturday and I joined Brother Bowen the moderator of the day at night two join Brother J. Barret Mod. Sunday at water. Polly McIntyre joined. Bro J. Barrot Mod. & administrator of Baptism the Brothers & sisters that Baptised was Elizabeth Balkmon, Polly McIntyre, Archibald Helmotallow, James T. Alman. Bro. Bowen Mod, Bro Barrett, Mod, James A. Ligon, CC.

Dec Term, 1853. No conference Meeting on Saturday. Meeting on the Sabath Brother J. Barrett Preacher. J. A. Ligon, C Clk.

Jan Term 1854. Church met in conference and ordered Brother James Stalling & J. Bradford to see Brother R. Lyon and know the cause of his not attending with us as paster as he has not ben with us in four Months. Brother James Barrett, Mod., James A. Ligon, C Clk.

Page 31<sup>st</sup>. Feb Term 1854. Church in conference Brother James Staling report from our pastor Lyon he agrees to come at April Term and continue with us through the summer nothing more of Record. Brother J. Barrett Mod., James A. Ligon C. Clk.

March Term 1854. Church in conference Rules of decorum red also a letter granted to Sister Ann Neely also the Church granted Brother John Claraday a letter. Bro. R. Lyon, Mod., James A. Ligon C. Clk.

April Term, 1854. Macedonia church in conference Business of the day the comunion season appointed for May Term and Brother L. Dias and Father Jesse Johnson requested by letter to atten the comunion with us. R. Lyon, Mod. , J. A. Ligon, C.

May Term 1854. Macedonia Church in conference, Hickman Church patision us to send them 3 or more of our Bretherin to settle a difficulty in the Body we send her the following Leroy James, James A. Ligon, Elijah Morris, John Farmer, Jefferson Right. R. Lyon, Mod., Jas, A. Ligon, Clk.

Page 32. June Term 1854. Church in conferance Delagates apointed to send up to the Senior meeting to wit Deacons Edmon James, Leroy James, John A. Farmer, Delagates, E. H. Morris, J. Right, James Stalings, J. W. McClanahan, James A. Ligon. Elder J. Barret, Mod., James A. Ligon, C.

July Term, 1854. Macedonia church in conference sextion read and received Business of the new meeting house taken up the church autherise the Building Committy to collect all the money they can for the next three months to come which will be October and make the Best pricing they can and they will lequedat the same. They also elected the following Delagates to the Association James Barrett, Leroy James, and S. R. Samson.

There authorise the Clerk to writ a letter to send up to the association. R. Lyon, Mod., James A. Ligon, C.

Aug Term 1854. Macedonia Church in Conference the letter to the association read and received we also pertision for the next association to be hele with us. A letter of resignation from our pastor R. Lyon read and received with the best of feeling toward Bro. Lyon the church passed the following resolutions, Whereas Eld Richard Lyon our paster has this day tendered his resignation to the church of Christ at Macedonia and whereas we have confidence in him as a Christian (Page 33) Brother and a minister of the gospel therefore resolve that in reseaving the resignation of Brother Lyon we tender him our continued Christian love and respect and parting with regret we recommend him to the confidence of all the the in Christ everywhere. The church also sent the following out to seak for a pastor and make the report at the Oct Term, H. Hale, Mod, James A. Ligon, Clk

Sept Term, 1854. Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabath in Sept the Church in conference Sister Arbellar Ward joined the Church by relation and Baptism. Brother J. Barrett, Mod. J. A. Ligon, clk.

Oct Term, 1854. Church in conference letters granted to the following Brethering and Sisters to wit, Edmon Hoskins & Elizabeth Hoskins his wife also Marthalouisa Hoskins also Thomas Bray & wife Nancy Bray these letters was granted by the request of Brother T. Clark. There was six joined by experance & Baptism to wit, Patsy Whitley, Araminta B. Clark, Marthanelizabeth Clark, Ann Tinsbloom, Martha Greear, Arthmalanda Denny. Our meeting was protracted 9 day, Brother Buller, Mod on Saturday, Brother Dias Mod during the Meeting. J. A. Ligon, C Clk.

Nov Term 1854. Church in conference the Committee to seak a pastor made there report nothing done and they discharge we set our next meeting to select a pastor. J. Barrett, Mod., James A. Ligon, C.

Page 34. Dec Term 1854. Church in conference the church called Brother Barret to the pastoral care of the church he agreed to give them a answer at the next term whether he would serve them or not. James Barrett, Mod., James A. Ligon, Clk.

**To Be Continued**

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7<sup>TH</sup> TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
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I sent Bill Seely and Bill Gann a fellow who had come to visit some of his kin in our command to get me something to eat. They both came back and said they couldn't get anything. While I was lying there an old Presbyterian preacher came up to where I was and began talking to me. He said that he had a wounded colonel up at his house belonging to the Federal Army. I told him I hoped he was treating him well, he said, "Yes," doing all he could for him. I said, "Yes. I and the others, came up here to defend our homes, protect you and your property, and I have to lay here and die like a damn dog, hungry and suffering, and I've been unable to get a mouthful to eat in your damned town. I wish I had a whip saw big enough to saw around your town, and let it fall into Hell." "O," he said, "Your ought not to feel that way." I told him nevertheless I did.

We had orders to go to Richmond to the hospitals but I didn't want to go there. I saw a conductor on a freight train and told him I wanted to go to Lynchburg. He said he'd back a box car up there where I was when he got ready to start, and if I'd have my friends to put me in the box car, he'd take me to Charlottesville and there I could get a train to Lynchburg. He got Bill Seely and Bill Gann to put me in the car on his mattress, then he pulled out and carried me to Charlottesville. When we got to Charlottesville, there was a train standing there at the depot. Seely and Gann put me into the car. Soon after I got in the car, old General Maury came to me and asked me if I didn't want something to eat in it. He said he had a bottle of toddy he'd fixed up and asked if I didn't want a drink. I told him I did. He poured me out a nice toddy. I then had the first meal I'd had for more than 36 hours.

When we got to Lynchburg, the old General said if I didn't want to go to the hospital he'd see if he couldn't get me a room in a hotel. He came back and told me he had secured a room and brought a darkey or two with him. They helped me over to the hotel. By that time my leg was giving me fits. I sent for the surgeon of the hospital there. He came to see me and loosened the bandage on my leg and bathed it in cold water, until it was easy. I stayed there for two or three weeks or maybe longer. I got so that I could move about a little.

I got on a train and went from there to Cakatos Springs, Georgia, where I found old Judge Abe Caruthers there and one of his daughters. I had a very nice time there. I met a young lady there, the daughter of an old steam boat Captain that lived close to Rockwood. I got her ring by some means.

When I left there I went to Lenore's Station and stopped at Doctor Lenore's house. By that time I'd got so I could get about on my crutches. He had a little cotton factory. I walked out to his factory and when I got back to the house I lay down, my leg was hurting me very much. I lay down on the bed and laid my leg on a pillow and made Bill Seely get a pitcher of water and he poured water on my leg. It got easy and I went to sleep. When I waked up my leg was hurting me pretty bad. I told Bill to go out and find Dr. Lenore, my great fear was that I'd have erysipelas in it. Jim told me how it would look when I got erysipelas in it, that it would look black. When Dr. Lenore came in, I took off the bandage and it looked to me just like Jim Fite had said it would look black if it had erysipelas in it. It scared me nearly to death. Dr. Lenore asked me what I'd been doing. I told him that when I had come from the factory it was hurting and I made Bill pour a pitcher of cold water on it. He said it wasn't erysipelas, "You've just shilled it." He told Bill to go down and get him a pitcher of warm water. Bill went and got the warm water and poured it on the leg and it got easy directly and resumed its natural color.

This was just before one of the battles that our army fought in Virginia at Second Manassas. There was a gentleman there, who lived about a mile from Dr. Lenore's, and when they got the news that we had whipped them at Second Manassas he swore he was going home and burn his house down. After he had left Lenore called me and said, "Come out here, I want to show you something." I went out and saw a great fire burning. Lenore said, "That fool has gone home and burned his house down." It seemed that he'd built him a new house, not a great while before that, and had moved into it, and that it was the old house that he'd been living in that he had burned down. He said he'd been greatly annoyed by Union people around there taking possession of that house and he wanted to get rid of it.

I went from there down to Rockwood, where I stopped a few days. Bill Ferguson came there while I was there and he proposed that we try to get in home. We hired a fellow that had an old horse and jersey to carry us to Sparta, soon after we crossed the river we came to this old steam boat Captain's and I stopped and gave that young lady back her ring. She asked me who was taking me. I told her the fellow's name. She said he was a regular scoundrel, and that if we didn't mind he'd turn us over to the enemy. He had a quilt in his wagon and said it belonged in that house, and he took the quilt and went to the house. I told him to be in a hurry. I called to him two or three times and he did not come and I got to suspect that maybe he was trying to communicate with some Yankees. I started off driving and when I started off, he came running and jumped up in the wagon. I told him I'd been advised that he was a Union man, and that there was danger of his betraying us. I said, "Now I want to notify you, if I see any Yankee troops anywhere I'll kill you, you shan't have the gratification of seeing us captured." He protested that he wouldn't do such a thing. I had his old horses in a good long trot. I wouldn't let him drive until we got clear away from that place. I had been advised where to stop and stay that night, that he was a good southern man. When we got there, a great big old fat fellow came out. I think his name was Cope. He very readily consented for us to stay, and while the fellow was gone to put up his horses, he told me that the fellow was a

scoundrel, and that he'd betray us if he had half a chance. After supper the fellow said he would sleep out in the barn that night to keep anybody from stealing his horses. I told him he'd do nothing of the sort, he'd sleep in the room with me. Before going to bed he said he must go out to the barn and see about the horses. I told Fergerson to go with him and see that he didn't see anybody. Fergerson went and when they came back I locked the door and put the key in my pocket and made him sleep in the room with us. The next day we went on and went to Sparta. That night we paid him off and sent him back.

Alex Porter from Nashville had left his horse and buggy there, with an old preacher that Fergerson knew. He went up there and got the horse and buggy, and we lit out for Carthage and got there some time that night. We stayed there a few days and I went from there to Lebanon where I stayed for some time. By that time, I was getting so I could get about pretty well. Captain John Fry, who was Captain in my regiment, came to Lebanon on his way back to the army, and he and I and Bill Seely got buggies and went to Murfreesboro, took the train and went to Chattanooga and had to stop there. We couldn't get any further. We boarded there with an old Irishman. While we were there, Charlie Thompson, who was on Anderson's staff, insisted on looking at my leg. I finally consented and let Bill Seely unwind the bandages. When he looked at it, he grabbed the railing on the porch and fell as dead as if he'd been shot. They threw water in his face, and he soon came to. The fellows deviled the life nearly out of him and told him that a fellow that would faint at seeing a little wound couldn't do much fighting and wasn't much of a soldier.

After staying there a short time, there was a fellow there getting up medical stores, he told us he had a car load of things for the hospital and if we'd go with him, he'd take us to Knoxville, so Captain Fry and Bill Seely and myself and another fellow got in his box car and started for Knoxville. Among the other things he had in his car were some barrels of whiskey. The next morning after we left Chattanooga we stopped at a water station. The fellow said if he had any way to take out the whiskey why we'd take a drink. I told Bill Seely to get out and hunt a hollow weed. He got out and got some, and we knocked out the bung out of one of the barrels, and we'd suck the whiskey out through one of those hollow weeds. We took a drink or two along. I told Bill Seely he was drinking too much and before we got to Knoxville he was so drunk he couldn't move. When we got there I got some fellows to take him out, lay him on the platform at the depot. I got in an omnibus and went to the hotel.

When I went up into my room, I took my valise and shoved it under my bed. After awhile Bill got sober enough to come to town and come to the hotel, and when he came in, I asked him where my suit case was. I told him "Now you got drunk and lost my clothes." I said, "You are a nice fellow, coming to wait on a wounded man, and lost all of his things." He said, "Col., give me some money, and let me go and buy a cow hide, so you can give me a good whaling." I told him I didn't care about cow hiding him. He said he knowed he'd feel a heap better if I would. I told him to look under the bed. He



looked under there and saw the valise. He swore he'd never get drunk again, still insisting that he wished I'd whale him.

We remained at Knoxville a few days, and got on the train to go back to the army. Among the passengers on the train was Gen. Stonewall Jackson. We were doing a good deal of smoking along the road, and every time we'd get ready to go to smoking, the General would insist on furnishing tobacco. When we got to a little town, in Virginia, Farmville, that is where they make the red clay pipes, a fellow came along by the window, had a basket full of pipes. I saw one in his basket that was evidently made for a sign, and would hold a teacup full of tobacco. I fastened a stem in it, and the next time we went to smoke, I hauled it out. Jackson got out his tobacco as usual, and when he saw my pipe, he exclaimed, "Good God, where did you get that thing? He said, "Fill it up, and we will pass it around." I filled it up and we all took a few whiffs at it.

We went on to Richmond and there I learned that our army was back at Winchester, so I got on the train and went to Winchester. They had been there for some little time. I don't know how long. I was still on my crutches, but my leg was mighty near well.

Well, we went back up the valley, and crossed over the Blue Ridge on our way to Fredericksburg. General Archer was not well, and he went in an ambulance, and turned the brigade over to Colonel Pete Turney. As we were crossing over the Blue Ridge, one of Jackson's officers came back to us, and told Colonel Turney that General Jackson said to make his men keep to the road in marching across. Turney asked me to place a guard at all places, as we were crossing the mountain where we turned off to prevent the fellows from leaving the big road.

When we got to the foot of the mountain, after we'd crossed it, we got orders to stop for the night. It was the worst place to camp I ever saw. We bivouacked in the bed of a dry creek, rockiest place I ever saw.

After supper Turney came to me and proposed that we go down to McGuire's wagon and get a drink so we went down there and sat on the wagon tongue. Turney and the Major of Georgia regiment and myself, took a seat on McGuire's wagon tongue and he furnished the liquor.

Turney never could drink whiskey without hollering. After taking a drink or two he commenced his noise, hollering, "Here's your mule." I tried to make him hush. I told him old Jackson would hang us if he found out what we were doing. He'd cuss old Jackson, and say, he didn't ask him any difference. Finally we staggered along up among the rocks and made us a bed and spent the night.

In the morning about sunup one of A. P. Hill's staff rode up to where we were and told me General Hill wanted to see me. I got on my horse, and rode down there. Hill and Jackson had gone the night before to Orange Court House to meet their wives but Turney didn't know it. When I got down to Hill's headquarters, one of his staff said, "We thought you'd like to have a good breakfast this morning, and a good drink." So after eating breakfast with them, I got on my horse and they told me to tell Turney to move out his brigade, and come on down the valley. When I got back up to where our command was, Colonel Turney met me, and wanted to know what was up. I said, "I told you last night to shut up your fool mouth and you wouldn't do it. Jackson heard you and told me to put you under arrest, and take command of the brigade. Turney was greatly distressed and asked me to let him ride with me. He didn't want his men to know that he was under arrest. I told him alright. He commenced to beg me to go to General Hill and beg him to let him off. I told him there was no use in it, that Hill would not listen to me. We rode on all day, he thinking he was under arrest, and begging me to intercede with Hill for him. He'd say, "Hill thinks more of you than he does of any Colonel in the whole command, tell him I'd rather die and go to the devil than to be court martialed, and if he'll excuse me, I'll give you my word never to drink another drop during the war." I kept the thing up all day long.

Late that evening we were ordered to stop and go into camp for the night. We stopped at the prettiest little lot I ever saw. Beautiful place to camp. I said to Turney, "Where shall I put my regiment?" He said, "The question is where shall I put mine?" I said, "This foolishness has gone on. The record does not show when nor where he was promoted to Col. General Jackson and General Hill were both gone to Orange Court House last night and they never heard of a word of what was going on up here. I told him I went down there to get breakfast and a drink. He asked if that was so. I said, "Yes, nobody ordered you under arrest but me." He said, "You take that whole lot, and I'll make my regiment lay here in the corner of the fence."

We went from there to Orange Court House, and from there to Fredericksburg, and went into camp at Guinea Station. We were camped there some time. The Yankees were on the other side of the river. There was a broad river bottom on our side of the river and we had a line of battle formed all the way up the bottom. My regiment was down in the bottom on picket duty. Every evening about four o'clock the Yankees would open up with their artillery, shooting at us, but the shells would go way 40 or 50 feet above our head, never touched any of us.

TO BE CONTINUED

MUSTER ROLE OF MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS, 1814 - 1815

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

Muster Roll of a Company of Mounted Volunteers under the command of Capt[ain] John H. Metcalf in the 2d Regiment of Volunteer mounted gunmen in the service of the United States, commanded by Colonel Thomas Williamson [torn] 28th September 1814 when mustered into service to 27th day of April 1815

NO	Names	rank	dates if appointments or enlistment	To what time engaged or enlisted	names present	Remarks and alterations since last Muster [see end of roster under number]
1	Anthony H Metcalf	Captain	28 Sept 1814	27 April 1814	Anthony Metcalf	
1	Cyrus W. Brevard	1st Lieut	"	"	Cyrus W Brevard	
1	Amas Roark	2 Do	"	"	Amas Roark	
1	Robert Pursley	3 Do	"	"	Robert Pursley	
1	John Goodall	Ensign	"	"	John Goodall	
1	Archelaus Alloway	1st Sgt.	"	"	Archelaus Alloway	
2	Cyrus Young	2nd Do	"	"	Cyrus Young	
3	James Carr	3d Do	"	"	James Carr	
4	Ashley Alvis	4d do	"	"	Ashley Alvis	
5	Thomas A. Thompson	5th Do	"	"	Thomas A. Thompson	
1	William Hainie	1st Corporal	"	"	William Hainie	
2	John Roper	2d do	"	"	John Roper	
3	Levi Austin	3d do	"	"	Levi Austin	
4	James Shelton	4th do	28 Sept 1814	"	James Shelton	[1]
5	Henry Kerley	5th do	28th Sept 1814	"	Henry Kerley	
6	William Talbott	6th do	"	"	William Talbott	
1	Peter Herod	Trumpeter	28 Sept 1814	"	Peter Herod	[2]
1	Abraham Alvis	"	"	"	Abraham Alvis	
2	John Anderson	"	"	27 April 1814	John Anderson	[3]
3	Robert Allen	"	"	27 April 1815	Robert Allen	
4	Thomas Brocket	"	"	"	Thomas Brocket	

5	Hardy Boze	"	"	Hardy Boze
6	Thomas Burnet	"	"	Thomas Burnet
7	Thomas Bradley	"	"	Thomas Bradley
8	James H. Britten	"	"	James H. Britten
9	John Boyer	"	"	" " [sic]
10	Allen Bond	"	"	Allen Bond
11	Robert Bratton	"	"	Robert Bratton
12	Major A. Beasley	"	"	Major A Beasley
13	William Caldwell	"	-21-April --1815	" " [sic]
14	John Campbell	"	27 Apl	" John Campbell
15	Alexander Campbell	"	"	Alexander Campbell
16	William Carr	"	"	William Carr
17	William P. Craven	"	8th March 1815	" " [sic]
18	William Duff	"	27 April	" William Duff
19	Thomas Day	"	"	Thomas Day
20	Goldman Donoho	"	"	" " [sic]
21	Hubbard Dare	"	"	Hubbard Dare
22	Benjamin Foscue	"	"	Benjamin Foscue
23	Edward Featherston	"	"	Edward Featherston
24	Alexander Ferguson	"	"	Alexander Ferguson
25	Lewis Foscue	"	"	Lewis Foscue
26	Benjamin Goodson	"	1st Jan 1815	" " [sic]
27	Lambreth D Grisham	"	27 Apl	" Lambreth D. Grisham
28	Levi Gamman	"	"	Levi Gammon
29	John Gale	"	"	John Gale
30	William Grenad	"	"	William Grenad
31	Hugh B. Gainason	"	"	Hugh B. Gainason
32	Gideon Gifford	"	"	Gidion Gifford
33	Alexander Gray	"	"	Alexander Gray
34	Martin Hamack	"	"	Martin Hamack
35	John Hesson	"	"	John Hesson
36	Brice Hamack	"	"	Brice Hamack
37	Willis Holland	"	"	Willis Holland
3[8]	Jeremiah Hale	"	"	" " [sic]
39	Elias Johns	"	27 Apl	" Elias Johns
[40]	Thomas Jenkins	"	"	Thomas Jenkins
41	William King	"	[torn]	[torn] King
42	Henry Kious	"	"	[torn]ry Kious
43	Miller Kerwagy	"	"	[torn] Kerwagy
44	Daniel M Law	"	"	Daniel M. Law
45	Blackman Logan	"	16 April 15	" " [sic]
46	Arthur Langford	"	27 "	Arthur Langford
47	Patrick H. Martin	"	17 March	
48	John McMurry	"	27 April	" John McMurry
49	Daniel Moseley	"	"	Daniel Moseley
50	James Murphey	"	"	James Murphey
51	John Meadow	"	"	John Meadow
52	Ambrose Meadow	"	"	Ambrose Meadow

53	William T. Miller	"	"	William T. Miller	
54	Jesse Marshal	"	"	Jesse Marshal	[
55	George W. Martin	"	"	George W. Martin	
56	Stephen Montgomery	"	"	Stephen Montgomery	
57	Robert Owens	"	"	Robert Owens	
58	Womack Parker	"	"	Womack Parker	
59	Richard Parker	"	1st Janry. 1815	" " [sic]	[
60	Elijah Parkhurst	"	27 Apl	" Elijah Parkhurst	
61	Hugh Patterson	"	"	Hugh Patterson	
62	Berry Parker	"	9th Jany 1815	" " [sic]	[
63	Joseph Parker	"	1st April 1815	" " [sic]	[
64	Henry Rhodes	"	"	" " [sic]	[
65	Abner Rhodes	"	[torn] 1815	" " [sic]	[
66	Charles D. Robertson	"	27 April	" Charles D. Robins	
67	Joseph Rone	"	"	Joseph Rone	
68	Thomas Simpson	"	"	Thomas Simpson	
69	William Seals	"	27 April	William Seals	[
70	Samuel Stafford	"	28 March 1815	" " [sic]	[
71	Jordan Sanders	"	"	Jordan Sanders	
72	William Stephenson	"	"	William Stephenson	
73	Ezra Sitton	"	"	Ezro Sitton	
74	Edmond Towns	"	"	Edmand Towns	
75	James Taylor	"	"	James Taylor	
76	William Thomason	"	"	William Thomason	
77	Henery Thomas	"	"	Hener Thomas	
78	George Taylor	"	"	George Taylor	
79	Asa Verters	"	[overwritten] Cap <sup>t</sup> Anthony H Metcalf (119) 1 Janrye 1815	" " [sic]	[
80	William Vinsant	"	27 April 1815	William Vinsant	
81	Henry Wakefield	"	"	" " [sic]	[
[82 not used]					
83	Anderson Williams	"	13 Janry 1815	" " [sic]	[
84	John S. Woods	"	27 April	" John S. Woods	
85	Samuel Watson	"	"	Samuel Watson	
86	Samuel C. White	"	"	Samuel C. White	
87	James White	"	"	James White	
88	Daniel Wilkerson	"	"	Daniel Wilkerson	

I certify upon honor, that the Muster Roll and annexed recapitulation exhibits a true statement of the company under my command, and that the remarks set opposite the names are accurate and just  
Amos Roark

I certify on Honor that this Muster Roll exhibits a true statement of Captain Anthony H. Metcalf's company of T[ennessee] V[olunteer] M[ounted] Gunmen in the 2nd regiment of T[ennessee] V[olunteer] M[ounted] Gunmen as mustered and inspected on the 27th day of April 1815 at Nashville

Robert Hays Adj[utant] & Insp[ec]t[or]  
Gen[eral] T[ennessee] M[ilitia]

I certify on honor that each noncommissioned officer, Musician, Artificer, & private of the co[torn] under my command traveled one hundred twenty miles in marching from Carthage in [torn] their place of residence to Fayetteville in Lincoln County where they were mustered in [torn] 120 miles

Amas Roark 2nd Lt. com[torn]

Remarks column"

- 1 (James Shelton) Appointed Corpl. 1st Jany. 1815 from Private
- 2 (Peter Herod) Appointed trumpeter 10th October 1814 from Private
- 3 (John Anderson) -Dismissed-1st-January-1815--
- 4 (John Boyer) Left Sick Absent on the line of March
- 5 (William Caldwell) Died 9th March 1815
- 6 (William P. Craven) Dismissed 8th March 1815
- 7 (Goldman Donoho) On Command since 30th Sepr 1814 with-Capt Major W. Lauderdale
- 8 (Benjamin Goodson) Dismissed 1st January 1815
- 9 (Jeremiah Hale) Died 20th January 1815
- 10 (Blackman Logan) Died the 16th April 1815
- 11 (John McMurry) Promoted Adjutant in Colo. Williamsons Regt 17 March 1815
- 12 (Jesse Marshal) Reduced by Consent 10th October 1814 from Trumpeter
- 13 (Richard Parker) Dismissed 1st January 1815
- 14 (Berry Parker) Died 9th January 1815
- 15 (Joseph Parker) Dismissed 1 January 1815
- 16 (Henry Rhodes) Dismissed 1st January 1815
- 17 (Abner Rhodes) Dismissed 1st January 1815
- 18 (William Seals) -Dismissed-1st-January-1815--
- 19 (Samuel Stafford) Died 28th March 1815
- 20 (Asa Verters) Dismissed 1st January 1815
- 21 (Henry Wakefield) On command
- 22 (Anderson Williams) Died 13 January 1815

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NOTE: Both "Do" and " are used to for "ditto" but " is also used in the earlier manner to mean "nothing in this space."

## OLD LETTERS DISCOVERED

While cleaning trash and litter from along the roadside, two Dixon Springs students were rewarded with a rare and interesting discovery. Buried beneath dead leaves and debris, Joseph Fisher and Josh Moore uncovered a small, thin, square metal box with the lettering: Imperial Doublets-A Masterpiece of the Tobacco Arts, The Axton-Fisher Tobacco Company, Louisville, KY USA.

Upon examination of the contents of the box, the boys discovered three carefully folded, faded papers. The well-preserved documents turned out to be four letters written in 1864 by two Confederate soldiers. The letters addressed to Mary E. Lowe Burford were from her brother, J. G. Lowe and her husband, Robert A. Burford. The letters were so treasured by Mary Burford that she carefully preserved them during her lifetime. After her death the little box was eventually thrown out as trash.

Mary E. Lowe and Robert A. Burford were married in Wilson County, Tennessee, 7 April 1849. Only the last two of a four page letter from Robert to Mary survives. He makes mention of affairs in his regiment and makes inquiries about his farm and wheat business. He sends his love to "Mr. Wright and Bettie." (His sister, Bettie Burford, married Romulous C. Wright in Smith County 11 October 1849). As enumerated in the 1860 census, Robert and Mary E. Burford had children, Laura 9, Lowe 7, and Robert A. 4. Mary and Robert Burford are buried in the Dixon Springs Cemetery:

Mary E, Lowe Burford 18 Jan 1833 – 27 Jan 1879  
Robert Allen Burford 23 Feb 1827 – 24 Jan 1904

The three letters signed by J. G. Lowe were written to his sister on 28 November, 6 and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1864, respectively, from Fort Delaware. Fort Delaware is situated on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River, a mile east of Delaware City. The pentagon-shaped fort covers about six acres with 32- foot high walls of solid granite blocks. One company of regular artillery first occupied the fort in February 1861. In 1862 250 troops of Stonewall Jackson's army became the island's first group of Confederate prisoners of war. By June of 1863, there were 8,000 prisoners on the island. Over 2,700 prisoners died while incarcerated in the prison referred to by Confederate inmates as "Fort Delaware Death Pen – a perfect hell on earth."

Major J. G. Lowe was a field officer and member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment which was organized for State service at Camp of Instruction at Camp Trousdale, Sumner County, where it was mustered into Confederate service. The regiment fought at the Battle of Shiloh, participated in the invasion of Kentucky under General Bragg and engaged at the Battle of Perryville. The regiment also saw action in the Battle of Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862, and at Chickamauga September 19-20, where Major Lowe was wounded

The unit operated under Lt. General James Longstreet during his campaign in East Tennessee and western Virginia, moving to Richmond on May 4, 1864, when it continued fighting until the final surrender at Appomattox. It was probably during some of these engagements with the enemy that J. G. Lowe was taken prisoner and confined at Fort Delaware. Perhaps due to his rank, Major Lowe received more favorable treatment than the enlisted men, as he does not indicate by his letters that conditions were quite as bad as reported, but he does derive great comfort from letters from home. He even urges his family to adopt a schedule so that his mail will be spaced out and not all received at one time.

Joseph and Josh plan to submit the letters as original material in history classes in their eight and ninth grade classes where they hope to be rewarded with "A's." Members of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society salute them for their efforts that have helped to preserve original documents of our local history.

Copies and transcriptions of the letters follow:

3  
 Camp says here, & I more that  
 are not full & lawful  
 Companies, so you see that  
 they are enough for one  
 Regiment & not enough  
 for a ~~company~~  
 sending the ~~company~~ Regiment  
 of ~~the~~ ~~company~~ ~~Regiment~~  
 and for ~~the~~ ~~company~~ ~~Regiment~~  
 for the Chaplain, among the  
 Assistants for Chaplain are  
 the Rev. Mr. Campbell an  
 old acquaintance of yours.  
 I can think of ~~the~~ nothing more  
 at this time, that would be of  
 interest to you, besides my  
 tent is full of friends in  
 constant conversation while  
 I am writing & you know  
 over



" that I never could write or  
 Read, in the midst of constant  
 noise & confusion, write to  
 me upon receipt of this and  
 tell me how you & my dear  
 little one are doing & also  
 about my wheat & farm  
 business generally, give  
 my love to Mr Wright Betty  
 & all my relatives & friends  
 Affectionately  
 your husband  
 R. A. Burford

P.S. I will be sure to  
 get you the Pin you  
 requested, & to Laura I will  
 send her my own & her uncle  
 John's ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> likeness  
 Burford

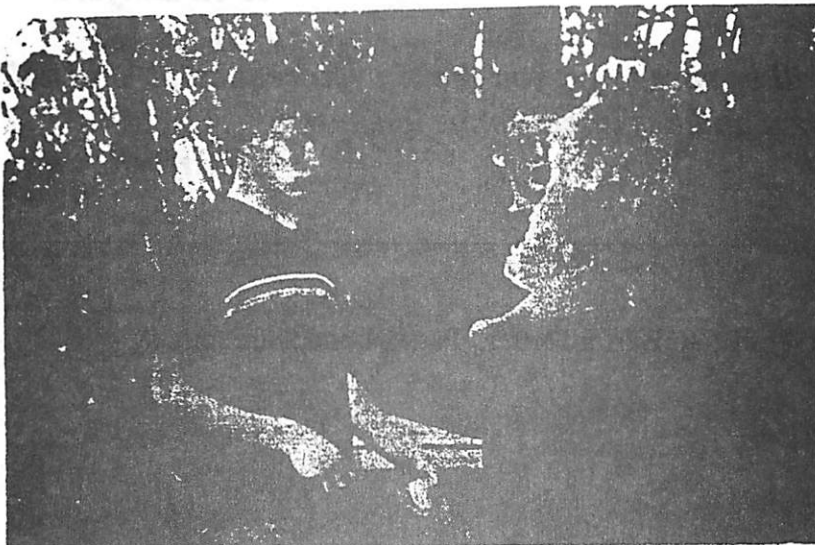


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Joseph Fisher (left) and Josh Moore (right) examine some of the papers they found while cleaning up litter near their Dixon Springs homes.

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*company's here, and 2 more that are not full and lawful companys. s that there are enough here for one regiment and not enough for 2. ter companys being necessary to form one regiment. office hunters and are very numerous here, from an aspirant for Col. down to one for the among the aspirants for chaplain are the Rev. Mr. Campbell an old acquaintance of yours. I can think of nothing more at this time that w interest to you, besides my tent is full of friends in constant conversati am writing and you know*

*over*

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*that I never could write or read in the midst of constant nois and confi write to me upon receipt of this and tell me how you and my dear little doing and also about my wheat and farm business generally. give my Wright, Bettie and all my relatives and friends*

*Affectionately*

*Your Husband  
R. A. Burford*

*P. S. I will be sure to get you the pin you requested, and tell Laura . her my own and her uncle Johns likeness*

*Burford*

Fort Delaware

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1854

My dear Sister

I am in receipt of yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> this evening, and it was quite a pleasure to me... It was the first I had received from you for ten days, also two from Mother and one from Father. So you see I have been very fortunate to day, in the way of receiving letters. My Chest too came to hand this morning which was very acceptable, and in truth, I feel might happy over my good fortunes of today. I write to Mother some time ago to arrange it so, you all would not write to me the same day, when that is the case, they are all received together. I think probably it would be best to have Station days to write, but I have no doubt will get their permission soon, probably tomorrow. You and Mother seem to have the impression that I am rather low spirited, I don't think I am more so, than I have been all the time, you know. My dear Sister, my dear C. O. that every one more or less depressed in spirits some times, and probably in one of these moments I may have said something that would have led you to such a conclusion. Let me assure you if I do feel a little low some times I will try not to communicate it to you, for I know it has a tendency to depress your spirits also, I wish I could write more. You must write to me often  
 Trace a must, for your letters are a great  
 comfort to me.

I do love  
 your Sister

Fort Delaware

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1854

My dear sister

I was awfully disappointed yesterday evening in  
 reception of yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. as I rather expected my communi-  
 -cation would have been cut off before that time. Correspondence  
 with my friends and relations is one of my greatest pleasures  
 and should I be placed in a situation that I could not hear from  
 them, I suppose I could hardly say I am having your name made  
 also on my brother Kenneth and little Peter. They will be very nice  
 I wish so much that I did not have them much longer and  
 should you get them I will just I have in fact not seen them  
 I will not have them for some days, almost until I hear into  
 whose hands you are going to fall. If you write something else, why  
 was I so grateful? Well don't you think I am to be as blessed  
 as I am in my condition, am not able to receive any relief. Some you  
 would be very thankful to those who enables my mother  
 Kenneth has gone home as I expect and now in all probability she will  
 not have an opportunity of getting away when she wishes to  
 Received a letter from Father yesterday some mail arrived at home  
 that went to Delaware in the morning, I will send you the 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1854  
 I hope  
 your love to the rest

Fort Delaware

December 19<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dear Sister

It has been just a week since I have had a letter from you and you have no idea how I have missed your good and cheerful letters. You are very excusable for not writing often, as I know the difficulties you are laboring under at present. I received two letters this evening one from Father dated the 12<sup>th</sup> the other from Mother of the 13<sup>th</sup>. I was indeed truly glad to get them, they state the permits have not been received, they were not sent until the 27<sup>th</sup> of last month, and I think it probable you have received before this will wait until the last of this week before sending others. We have received a detailed account of another bloody battle fought near Richmondo, and if the accounts be true, I have known enough to satisfy a reasonable man. Suppose everything will be quiet in your country soon. Something you very much desire, I will now be with you soon. I very well know what has detained her. I am very uneasy about her and will be until I hear. Are my letters received? you had some of your others you do not. Why don't you send them all in my net? I will send your ring, would send it now. but don't think you have time to have every thing in waiting order. The Rebels have not got far enough yet, and you know they are awfully bad after middle. I hope to get a letter from you soon and if I don't I will feel much disappointed.

Your Affectionate Brother  
John P. Rice

*My dear Sister,*

*Fort Delaware  
November 28th 1864*

*I am in receipt of yours of the 20th this evening and it was quite a pleasure to me as it was the first I had received from you for ten days. Also two from Mother and one from Father. So you see I have been very fortunate today, in the way of receiving letters. My check too came to hand this morning which was very acceptable and in truth I feel right happy over my good fortunes of today. I wrote to Mother some time ago to arrange it so you all would not write to me the same day. When that is the case they are all received together. I think probably it would be best to have Saturdays to write, I have no doubt will get their permits soon probably tomorrow. You and Mother seem to have the impression that I am rather low spirited. I don't think I am more so now than I have been all the time. You know by dear Sister very well everyone is more or less depressed in spirits sometimes and probably in one of these moments I may have said something that would have led you to such a conclusion, Let me assure you if I do feel a little bad sometimes I will try not to communicate it to you for I know it has a tendency to depress your spirits also. I wish I could write more. You must write to me at least twice a week for your letters are a great comfort to me. Your bro,*

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*Fort Delaware  
Dec. 6th, 1864*

*My dear Sister,*

*I was agreeably disappointed yesterday evening upon reception of yours of the 30th Nov., as I rather expected my communication would have been cut off before that time. Correspondence with my friends and relatives is one of my greatest pleasures that should I be placed in a situation that I could not hear from them I suppose I could bear it, I am having your ring made also one for Mother, Harriet and little Bettie. They will be very nice I wish so much that I did not have them made sooner and should you not get them I will feel I have treated you really bad. Will not send them for some days at least until I hear into whose hands you are going to fall. You wrote some time ago why was I so grateful? Well, don't you think I ought to be especially placed in my condition not able to help myself. Consequently should be very thankful to those who supplies my many wants. Harriet (?) has gone home and I expected and in all probabilities she will not have an opportunity of getting away when she wishes too. Received a letter from Father yesterday and will answer it tomorrow. will write to Eleanor (Clarisa) in the morning. Shall direct my letters to Bardstown, Write as often as possible as I am expecting to be the case.*

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**Fort Delaware  
December 19th 1864**

**Send me some postage stamps  
My dear Sister,**

**It has been just a week since I have had a letter from you and you have no idea how I have missed your good and cheerful letters. You are very excusable for not writing oftener, as I know the difficulties you are laboring under at present. I received two letters this evening one from Father dated the 12th the other from Mother of the 13th. I was indeed truly glad to get them, they stated the permits have not been received. They were not sent until the 27th of last month, once I think it probable you have received before this. will wait until the last of this week before sending others. We have received a detailed account of another bloody battle fought near Nashville and if the accounts be true, I have heard enough to satisfy a reasonable man. Suppose everything will be quiet in your country soon. Something you very much desire. Harriett will now be with you soon. I very well know what has detained her, I am very uneasy about her and will be until I hear. Are my letters received sealed. You seal some of yours. others you do not. why don't you seal them all. In my next I will send your ring. would send it now but don't think you have had time to have everything in working order. The Rebels have not got far enough yet and you know they are awfully ~~bad~~ I hope to get a letter from you tomorrow and if I don't I will feel much disappointed. Your Bro**

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#### CONFEDERATE VETERAN OBITUARIES

The following obituaries were gleaned from the publication, *Confederate Veterans*, R. E. Lee Camp #158, Ft. Worth, Texas, submitted by Merle Stevens:

TIMBERLAKE, Major J. F., b. Smith Co., TN 25 Feb 1820; d. 11 Jun 1879; bur Pioneer Rest.

TOWNS, W. S., b. Smith Co., TN; enl Dixon Springs, TN 30<sup>th</sup> Tenn Inf Regt; captured twice; in parole camp at time of surr; Oakwood Cem records give death date as 1914.

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Johnson Dyer *	John Duglass Farley *
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Robt Lester Earps	Lee Culum Farmer
Walter Herman Earps	Solon Taylor Farmer
William Dolphus Earps	Thomas Hugh Farmer
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Elzie Burge Eastes	Will Wesley Farmer
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Turner Larence Enoch	Lee Forrest Fisher
Walter Enoch	Reginald Dewitt Fisher
William Author Enoch	Robt Lee Dillard Fisher
Willie Cleveland Enoch	Thomas Jefferson Fisher (born 1886)
Charles Lee Evans	Thomas Jefferson Fisher (born 1885)
George Evans	William Dewitt Fisher



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Stanton Givens	Robert Allen Green
Thomas Givens	William Abner Green
Vernest Franklin Givens	Willie Elbert Green
James Glispie	Albert Morgan Gregory
William-Levi Glispie	Alton B. Gregory
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Ewel Beal Glover	Casper Pleme Gregory
Howard Glover	Charles Bethel Gregory

## QUERIES

**BOWMAN-ADKINS.** I am the granddaughter of SALLY ANN BOWMAN through her dau KATHLEEN ANN CLAYTON. CHARLIE BOWMAN b 1850 marr 1<sup>ST</sup> HARRIETT BALLOU on Oct 1 1868 in Carthage, TN and had at least 7 children. HARRIETT d in child birth 28 Mar 1886.

Three months later on 16 Jun 1886, In Clay Co., TN., CHARLIE BOWMAN marr DORA LEE ADKINS b 1872.

Children of CHARLIE and HARRIETT are: VANCE BOWMAN, JOHN BOWMAN, CHARLIE BOWMAN, BOB BOWMAN, LAURA BOWMAN, JOE BOWMAN, GEORGE BOWMAN.

Children of CHARLIE AND DORA are: WILLIAM BOWMAN, ELLIE BOWMAN, BEN BOWMAN, JIM BOWMAN, SALLY BOWMAN, DORA LEE BOWMAN, ED BOWMAN, WES BOWMAN, MAUVIS BOWMAN, MAUDE BOWMAN, HERMAN BOWMAN. All of the children were raised by CHARLIE and DORA "GRANNY" BOWMAN.

I especially need the parents and grandparents of DORA BOWMAN, where they married and when they were born. Death, birth and Bible records will be especially welcome. Tradition says that GRANNY BOWMAN was a full-blooded Indian, and I need proof of that fact. I am attempting a Family Tree and need help.

Related names are: HARDCASTLE, CLAYTON, ANGEL, TYREE, SILCOX, BRUMMETT, HESSON, BRYANT, DUER, GLOVER, CLARIDAY.

LISA JOHNSON, 306 Flat Rock Rd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. [little.jo@nashville.com](mailto:little.jo@nashville.com)

**ROBINSON, SAMUEL AND WILLIAM.** Researching these families and their spouses and children during the 1800's. I am a descendant of DR. ROBERT LINDLY ROBINSON & LASSIE APPLE ROBINSON.

MARGARET PATTISON, 6102 Thornbriar Court, Charlotte, NC 28277

**POWELL, JESSE & ELIZABETH LANCASTER.** Children: DIF, CHRIS CHANEY, JESSE, DEMPSEY, RHODA, JOHN S. SALLY C. Parents: BARNABAS & VINEY CHANCEY? POWELL.

Assoc. Surnames: MCNEAL, LARUE, STROTHER, RENICK, VANMETER.

Will share information.

SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

**BUTLER.** Need to confirm father of ALFRED BUTLER, possibly EDWARD or JOHN W. BUTLER. ALFRED was b abt 1802-1804 Bedford Co., VA., marr abt 1820-1821 to CATHERINE WADE?

CLESSIE BUTLER, 8563 W 820 Rd, Fort Gibson, OK 74434-5832. Phone 918-478-3300.

JENKINS, WILMORE/ WELLMORE, TONEY, NIXON/NICKSON, SMITH, BROCKETT, TAYLOR, BEASLEY, WITCHER, SHOULDERS, UHLES, GREGORY, GOAD, HARGIS. These surnames being researched by:  
 JENKINS, ALTON R., 1621 Citadel Place, Cincinnati, OH 45255-2682.  
 e-mail [ajenkins@one.net](mailto:ajenkins@one.net)

LAW – KITTRELL. SARAH B. KITTRELL, (daughter of FIELDING and MARTHA B. KITTRELL), b. 20 April 1843, d. 4 October 1934, m. 1858, JESSE LAW, b. 25 June 1838, d. 18 April 1914. Both are buried in the Law family cemetery near Kempville, TN. Issue (incomplete): WILLIAM B. LAW; JOHN H. LAW; MARY EVELYN LAW, m. LEROY KEMP; LUTHER A. LAW; ETTER F. LAW, B. 1 Sept. 1875, d. 31 May 1889; ALETHIA B. LAW, b. 17 Feb 1878, d. 13 March 1954, m. RIDLEY V. SHOULDERS; DAISY D. LAW, m. E. W. WILLIAMS; ISHAM LAW.  
 Who was MARTHA B., wife of FIELDING KITTRELL? Desire any information concerning this family or their descendants.  
 ROBERT YOUNG CLAY, 3704 Ellwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23221.

WANTED TO BUY: Cemetery books of Smith County, both South and North side.  
 EARLINE P. SLOAN, 3181 Old Greenbrier Pk, Greenbrier, TN 37073

GLOVER/FERRELL. Seeking information on the parents of RICHARD R. GLOVER, b 3 Feb 1820, marr MATILDA FERRELL and lived in Giles and Lawrence Counties, TN from 1850 until his death in Giles Co. 3 July 1906. RICHARD and MATILDA had a son, JOHN W. GLOVER. There is a RICHARD GLOVER on the 1820 Smith Co. census.  
 MARGUERITTE BAGGETT, 612 Garden Acres Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

ANDERSON, SAMUEL R. son of ANDREW ANDERSON and MARY CONNELLY, b 1769, Orange Co., NC; marr 1st REBECCA BLACK on 3 Jan 1792, Washington Co., Va.; marr 2<sup>nd</sup> FRANCES PARISH on 20 Feb 1811, Wilson Co., Tn; marr 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNE CLARK 26 Aug 1812, Sumner Co, Tn. Lived in Sumner, Wilson, Smith (Sullivan's Bend) and Jackson Co., Tn (1820/1830 Census). Believed died in 1830's in Jackson Co. or Allen Co, Ky.  
 BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092-3603.

HUNT; JOHN, my g-g-g-grandfather, b 7/13/1798 in Rowan Co., NC, spent a few years of his early life there in Tennessee. He was marr in 1816 in Wilson County to ELIZABETH JANE MOORE (I believe). They moved to Missouri after 1842. His son, LEWIS WILFORD HUNT Marr EVELINE ALLEN in Smith County in 1841. I am searching for EVELINE'S parents.  
 PATRICIA HUNT ROULEAU

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*Dear Friends,*

*Hope you're enjoying spring! Here on the farm in Dixon Springs our horses have gone rapturous over little niblets of green grass and I with my passion for preservation am also obsessed. Mine stems less from the view of daffodils and golden forsythia than from an urgency to restore Dixon Springs.*

*Ever had a thought that just wouldn't let you go? I'm caught up by my Husband's and other historians' remembrances of Dixon Springs, a nineteenth century steamboat town where Husband's two sets of grandparents reared their children and those children in turn reared theirs. Some generations here remember that town then.*

*Aristocratic it was because of its early start in the 1700s by Revolutionists the new government rewarded for military duty with large tracts of fertile land. They settled into prosperous farming requiring for their families services townspeople could provide – the town grew with druggists, grocers, farriers, furniture makers, taverns (yes!), bankers, milliners and later service stations, auto dealers and mechanics all located at the crossroads – road to the river and road to Nashville bisecting here at the hub.*

*As roads and rails took over from the river other places accommodating more convenient travel boomed and our crossroads town of proud homes and active businesses shrunk, gradually giving way to small industrial enterprises – a roofing supplier, a welder, handymen and factory workers. They moved in with families buying old places on the cheap, junking yards to suit needs, neglecting houses they were happy to have. But somehow I refuse to let them go.*

*Like Martin King, I have a dream. A youngish Rockefeller with Williamsburg-like ambition will arrive. He'll restore the old buildings, clean up junked yards, invite in clean industry, like tourism and the shops needed to service it, and Dixon Springs will bloom again and prosper in a third makeover in 200-plus years. It's a dream to reclaim the right that the National Trust for Historic Preservation bestowed upon Dixon Springs 27 years ago – A National Register of Historic Places Historic District listing.*

*What's the role of the Historic Society in my dream? With our eyes focused on the likely disintegration into commercial sprawl of Carthage's once charming residential Main street it's hard to focus on still another trouble spot (especially since I'm the only one doing it).*

*But, Society by-laws instructing us in 1965 to "stimulate interest in the study of (history)..." and "to collect...materials" and "to publish...bulletins..." may become broader this year under the caring leadership of by-laws chairperson Col. Bernie Bass. It's been suggested that our by-laws mission be "to preserve the rich history of Smith county" and "to identify, collect, preserve and interpret the varied history and heritage of the people, families and places of this county." In my dreamworld that will be just fine.*

*Best History to you,  
Faith*

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The Hogin - Gwaltney House 1890 - 2001

It has been said that Tom Hogin altered the original stairway design in the house to prevent his daughter from sneaking out to meet a suitor that did not meet Tom's approval.

(Photo courtesy of Sue Maggart-Petty)

## THE HOUSE OF SEVEN COLUMNS

Submitted by Katheryn Frye Dickens

[Ed. Note: When this publication was only a fledging infant searching for interesting material to print, Katheryn Frye Dickens won the hearts of our readers with her wonderful story-telling ability. Because of personal commitments, Katheryn has not contributed any material recently. We are delighted to have her back with this issue – we have missed you, please give us more, Katheryn.]

It was the fourth of February. Gray clouds hung low, threatening rain, and a biting wind did not encourage one to linger outside any longer than necessary. My friend, Erma Williams, who was to meet me, had suggested that I dress warmly for our adventure.

Crossing over the yellow crime tape, I stopped by to pay my last respects. This was a Sunday afternoon, and I knew that by Tuesday everything would be gone except the treasured memories held by those who had once called the grand old house home.

The seven columns on the front porch still stood firmly in place, belying the impending doom. I was reminded that the number seven is a Biblical figure that indicates perfection or completion. Perhaps the old house had completed its mission.

Once inside the house, I visited first the kitchen where there had been an open fireplace and pantry. There were six rooms upstairs, and five rooms downstairs. The house had four chimneys.

Thomas A. Hogin, a young man of 28, bought the tract of land where the house sat in October of 1889 from W. A. (Billy) Baird and wife, Lucy. It is believed that Tom and Lula Hogin built the main part of the house around 1890. What became known as the Hogin homplace was situated on a one-acre lot. There was a store house and also a livery stable on two other tracts of Hogin property. Hogin ran a general mercantile store, and folks declared that if some thing came from Hogin's, the quality was good, and the price was right!

Thomas Hogin eventually moved to Gallatin, and in 1910 A. Lee became the owner of the Hogin property.

On 18 July 1914, A. Lee and wife, Myrtle L. Lee, deeded the one-acre lot and Hogin house to Jesse W. Gwaltney. The Lee family moved to Kansas,

Jesse Gwaltney was the father of Mrs. Lucille Agee of Gordonsville. "Miss" Lucille has just celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is a charming southern lady who graciously regaled me with stories about the "Gwaltney House."

Her father was one of nine children born to Arch and Mary Jane Baird Gwaltney. Jesse Gwaltney married Mattie Frances Gibbs in 1897.

Jesse Gwaltney, along with Bill and Frank Smith, owned and operated a flour mill. Miss Lucille fondly remembered that as a child she and other children would play in the wheat-filled grainery.

Young men leaving home for military service during World War I would gather in the Gwaltney yard. Later the train from Carthage called the shopper would come and pick up the soldiers. It was during such an event that Miss Lucille first saw her future husband. His dad had brought him to see the soldiers off to war.

Around the first of April in 1919 Miss Lucille's daddy came home from the mill sick. Dr. Campbell was called, and it was decided that Mr. Gwaltney should go to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

He was carried on a cot to meet the train. Surgery was performed, but the cancer in his pancreas had spread to such an extent that he was just sewn up and sent home. Just a few days short of his forty-first birthday, Mr. Gwaltney passed away on June 26, 1919.

After Mr. Gwaltney's death, Miss Lucille's mother took in borders. There was a garden spot behind the house where the family grew vegetables, and there was a nice cellar to store the preserved food.

Miss Matt Gwaltney prepared breakfast and supper for her borders. Outsiders would also come and eat. There was a lawyer in town who always brought his wife and daughter to eat there, and traveling salesmen were frequent diners.

The Gwaltney house was a meeting place for preachers during the protracted meetings. Miss Lucille's dad had bought her a player piano, and she remembers that a Brother Smotherman always had to play "Maggie." It seems the preacher once had a girlfriend named Maggie.

Dr. Duvall was a dentist from Carthage who would come to Gordonsville one day a week and practice in an upstairs room of the house. Miss Lucille loved to play with the quicksilver! The dentist was forever replacing his quicksilver supply!

Teachers were known boarders at the house. A Mr. Liggett from Pulaski would request that Miss Matt make him blackberry jelly. He believed it was good for his stomach, but I suspect, he probably just enjoyed Miss Matt's delicious jelly!



One of the teachers brought back smallpox to the family. Everyone in the family had smallpox except Miss Matt.

Dr. and Mrs. Thayer S. Wilson had their first apartment in the Gwaltney house.

The Barnum and Bailey circus once pitched their tent on the Gwaltney property, and often plays would be performed at the house.

Miss Lucille's older brother, Oliver Gwaltney, was a renowned baseball pitcher. After graduation from Gordonsville High School, he attended the Preparatory Department of Cumberland University. In 1919 he married Gladys Williams who had also graduated from Gordonsville High School. She, too, attended the Preparatory Department of Cumberland University. She was known for her scholarship while in school, and later was known to be a talented seamstress, gardener, and cook.

After their marriage, they lived in the Gwaltney house where their five children were born – Frances Lee, J. W., Howard Donald, William Ivy (Bill), and Betty Jean. The family lost Betty Jean when she was fifteen months old. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor. A nurse from Nashville came and stayed with her during the last week of her life. This was in January of 1931.

Mr. Oliver and his wife lived in the house until 1965 when they built a small brick house next door.

Miss Lucille married Ivy Agee December 23, 1921. They, too, lived in the house until their son, Ivy Agee, Jr., was ten years old.

A generator provided electricity for the home, but all light had to be off by 10:00 p.m.

Miss Lucille remembers when the fire swept through Gordonsville in 1924. The family began moving furniture out of the house. Fortunately, the fire did not do any damage to their property.

Miss Lucille's mother was widow for forty-five years. Being a shrewd business woman, she first worked in the store with Mrs. Hett James and later opened her own store where the Gordonsville Flower shop is now located. There was a barber shop over to the side of the store. Her son, Oliver, later cut hair there.

Mrs. Matt Gwaltney passed away April 23, 1964.

Nannie Ewing Preston Thompson lived for several years in the Gwaltney house before selling it to Dugan Publishers in 1986. Later Kathy Dugan sold the place to her sister, Debbie, who lived there. The property is currently owned by Gordonsville High School.

Bidding farewell to the once proud old house, now brutally defaced with the mark of progress, I was reminded of words from the pen of Edgar A. Guest:

“it takes a heap o’ livin’ in a house t’ make it home.....  
.....Until somehow yer soul is sort o’ wrapped round everything.....  
.....Within the walls there’s got t’ be some babies born.....  
.....Ye’ve got t’ weep t’ make it home, ye’ve got t’ sit  
and sigh  
An’ watch beside a loved one’s bed, an’ know that Death is nigh:  
An’ in the stillness o’ the night t’ see Death’s angel come.....  
Ye’ve got to sing an’ dance fer years, ye’ve got t’ romp an’ play,  
An’ learn t’ love the things ye have by usin’ ‘em each day;  
.....Ye’ve got to love each brick an’ stone from cellar up t’ dome:  
It takes a heap o’ livin’ in a house t’ make it home.”

On Tuesday, February 6, with the sun shining warmly, giving the sweet promise of spring and a new beginning, the old house succumbed to the bulldozer’s coercion. But not without a struggle. Kenneth Williams declared she was mighty hard to bring down!



The Oliver Gwaltney house on the left of the Hogin-Gwaltney house was built in 1965.

(Photo courtesy of Sue Maggart-Petty)

MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799 – 1803

Continued from Vol. X11, No. 4

P. (55) MARCH TERM, 1802. John Simpson charged with begetting a bastard child upon the body of Elizabeth Wakefield was fined according to law, was to pay \$300 with James Simpson and Roderick Jenkins his securities, void on condition that the John Simpson indemnifies the count as to the maintenance of said child and performs such order as said court may from time to time make concerning same.

P. (54a) Deed 360 acres Robert Fenner to John Burriss proven by oath of James Blackburn.

Received resignation of John L. Martin as sheriff; Silas Jernigan was appt. sheriff proterme.

Wm. Martin permitted to post bond as Surveyor of Smith County.

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 1802. Present Elmore Douglass, Wm. Kavanaugh and John Lancaster.

Deed 500 acres Thomas Harrison and Thomas Huchinson to John Wilson proven by oath of Wm. Huchinson.

John Morris was charged by Polly Payne with begetting of  
P. (55a) Bastard child upon her body – paid \$300. Was to pay maintenance of said child and perform such other orders as said court may from time to time make. Wm. Haynie and Charles McMurry.

John Morris and Polly Payne were fined twenty-five dollars each for crime of fornication and costs – paid immediately.

Lee Sullivan qualified as Justice of Peace; was sworn in and took his seat.

James W. Wright's stock mark recorded. Nathaniel Ridley's stock mark recorded.

Deed 365 acres Wm. Saunders to James Fedlock proven by oath of John Wilson and Wm. Huchinson.

Deed 160 acres Lee Sullivan to Wm. ?, recorded.

P. (56). John Morris was ordered to pay instantly Polly Payne \$10 for child maintenance of bastard child and that he must remain in custody of sheriff until paid.

Inventory account of sales of Estate of John Lee, dec. returned, ordered to be filed and recorded.

Deed 346 acres Thomas Stokes to Boling Felts proven by oath of Stephen Robertson – registered.

Elias Johns permitted to keep a ferry at the upper end of First Bluff below mouth of Peyton's Creek to be rated; Mare and horse 121/2 cents; pack horse 121/2 cents; horned cattle 61/4 cents; all other stock 2 cents.

Tract of land of 428 acres lying in Middle fork of the East fork of Goose Creek, in name of John and James Bonner be remitted in paying usual tax and incidental costs.

Deed 103 acres Joshua Hadley to James Dobbins proven by oath of Wm. Smith.

Deed 100 acres Joshua Hadley to Hugh McKinnish proven by oath of Mihan Smith.

Ordered that public road be viewed, marked and laid off from Dixon Springs the nearest and best way crossing

P. (56). Cumbeland River at upper end of Bluff below mouth of Peyton's Creek on south side of river to intersect road leading to Smith's Fork at most convenient place and that Edmond Jennings, Thomas Jamison, Elias Johns, Thomas Gosset and Lewis Macfarland view the same and report to next court.

P. (57). Deed 320 acres Wm. Holliday to Wileroy Pate proven by oath of Landy Shoemake.

Ordered that Wm. Richards, Moses Ashbrooks, Wm. Walton, Charles McClemmen, Charles Mundine, Wm. Holliday and Wm. Sullivan view, mark and lay off road from Capt. Paits (sic) on Fort Blount road to Bowman's mill on spring – report to next court.

David White qualified as Justice of Peace.

Michael Asburn permitted to keep an ordinary at his now dwelling house; rate to customary rates of retailing in Smith County.

Ordered that Richard Lancaster, Thomas Lancaster, Wm. Pryor, James Pryor, Wm. Walker, John Goad and David Morrison view, mark and lay off road from Lancaster's ferry on Caney Fork to intersect Walton's road at most convenient place going towards Knoxville.

In the suit of Gordon and Seviere vs Alexander Suit, order to take deposition of Wm. White, NC, 30 days notice given to Plaintiff.

Ordered that Wm. Haynie and John Crosswhite be released from security-ship for Rachel Clark now Rachel Stalcup for daughter Dorcas. Samuel Stalcup was appt. Guardian for

P. (58) said Dorcas Clark, gave Daniel McFarland and Richard Clark securities.

Edward Cage stock mark recorded.

John Douglass was elected unanimously as Sheriff.

John Lawrence was permitted to return 1000 acres of land for taxation for year 1801 lying at Junction of Caney Fork with Cumberland and in forks thereof.

Isaac Walton permitted to return 960 acres of land entered in his own and Moses Stephenson's names for taxation in year 1801.

Thomas Walker was cited to present term by David Ventress to show why David Ventress should not extend his Mill Dam across Goose Creek on the lands of Thomas Walker who has given satisfactory reason why said mill dam should not be extended. Permission to extend denied. David Ventress was to pay all costs of such citation.

Stock mark recorded for Henry Tooley.

Elmore Douglass to take list of taxable property and polls for Cap Bishop's company.

P. (59). Wm. Kavanaugh for Capt. Moore's Company; Thomas Smith for Capt. Lancaster's Co.; John Looney for Capt Kavanaugh's Co.; Lee Sullivan for Capt. Pryor's Co.; John Patterson for his own company; Nathaniel Brittian for Capt. Grifford's Co.; David White for Capt. Casey's Co.; Peter Turney for Capt. Bellou's Co.; Wm. Gregory for Capt Sittles' Co.; James Roberts for Capt. Pate's Co.; James Draper for Jennings Creek and Barren Waters. Return at next court.

Richard Taylor appt. overseer of road from ford of Payton's Creek to top of the Sideling hills between that and Walton's Ferry. All hands belonging to that part of said road who were liable to work under Wm. Walton, work on same.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 1802. Present: Elmore Douglass, Wm. Kavanaugh, Charles Kavanaugh.

Deed 366 acres to Josiah Redith to Peter Turney proven by oath of James Bellow.

Deed 640 acres from M. Phillips to James Bellow proven by oath of Peter Turney.

Deed of 6 acres John Fisher to Dempsey Thencoly ordered registered.

Letters of Admr to Wm. Saunders on the estate of Bennett Rogers, Deceased., gave security and qualified.

P. (60) Charles F. Mobias, coroner, given \$1 for summoning the Superior court for last term.

Leonard Fight (sic) appt overseer of road from head of Walkers Creek to Lancaster Mill. All hands who worked on said road in same boundary also work same.

Richard Lancaster appt. overseer of road from Lancaster Mill to Caney Fork. Same hands who worked by order of court work on same.

Brittian vs Christian, deposition for Plaintiff, Dwon, Ky, 30 day notice.

Wm. Saunders, Wm. Gregory, John Jamison, appt. jury to determine if road from Dixon Springs to Caney Fork can go above or below Robert Bowman's mill, make report at next court.

Stock marks recorded for Robert Dugan, Elmore Douglass, Zadock B. Thackston, Hesehiah ??, James Bradley and John Sutton.

P. (61) James Daberly vs Heschiah Oneal, order to take deposition of Absolom Hooper at house of Wm. Donelson on 1 June.

Thomas Wallace vs Daniel Zimmerman, order to take deposition of Charles Carr of Ky to be taken at house of James Morrison or Henry Clay, 30 days notice.

Stock marks recorded for Willis Jones, Richard Banks and Samuel Evitts.

Order that public road be established from Doctor Mobias' to Derons Still House. Doc. Mobias willing to open at his expense.

Ordered that Armistead Moore, William Hankins, Harris Bradford, Jones Bishop, Joseph Bishop, William Thompson, Daniel Burford, Jr, and Moses Evans appointed jury to view, mark and lay off road from Richard Banks Ferry nearest and best way to Fall Creek, thence view return by old road leading from Bishop's ferry up Round Lick, intersect with new road at most convenient place at or near Wm. Kavanaugh.

P. (62). TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1802. Present: Peter Turney, Elmore Douglass, Charles Kavanaugh, Wm. Kavanaugh and John Lancaster. For superior court: Charles Kavanaugh, Peter Turney, James Wright and James Ballow.

Stock marks recorded for James Wright, Charles Kavanaugh, James Ballow and Wm. Kavanaugh.

*Venire facias* for ensuing county court:: Edward Cage, Lewis Smith, Zaddock B. Thackston, Samuel King, Robert Ward, Leonard Ballow, Benjamin Barton, Isham Beasley, Wm. Hargiss, James Cherry, Charles McMurry, Abraham Brittain, Willeroy Pate, Henry Huddleston, Wm. Marchbanks, Joseph Williamson, Willis Sullivan, Thomas Henton, Robert Rowland, Andrew Greer, Henry Dancer, John Brevard, John Grey, Daniel Hammock, John Barkley, Wm. Perry, John Kearby, Wm. Stalcup, Patrick Donoho,

P. (63). Francis Patterson, Wm. Payne, Moses Pinkston, Reuben Goad, John Chambers, Sr., Thomas Jameson, and Edward Farris.

Moses Fisk, Peter Turney and Garrett Fitzgerald, or any two of them, authorized to complete settlement with the Administrator of estate of Wm. Young, deceased.

Bill of sale Samuel Parker to Wm. White certified by Nathaniel Lane, Wake County clerk, registered.

Received report of road from John Looney to Charles Kavanaugh. Nathaniel Farrier and Wm Madin appt. to open and keep same in repair. Each overseer to meet at Richard Cantrells. John Looney furnish list of hands.

Protest by John Douglass against jail of Smith County recorded.

All hands liable to work on public roads and living on waters of Mulherings Creek work under James Kitchin.

JUNE TERM 1802. Present: Peter Turney, Nathaniel Brittan, Elmore Douglass, and John Looney.

Appt. Reuben Toad, qualified and recorded.

P. (63a). James Dobbins permitted to build a grist mill on his own land on Payton's Creek.

Grand jury drawn: John Barkley, foreman, Thomas Jameson, Wm. Marchbanks, Wm. Penny, Wm. Stalcup, John Gray, Patrick Donoho, Abraham Brittan, Daniel Hammock, Robert Rowland, Wm. Payne, Charles McMurry and John Chambers. Thomas Wright appt. constable to serve them.

Deed 300 acres James Montgomery to John Kenedy proven by oath of Dempsey Canedy, witness.

Deed 20 acres John L, Martin to Wm. Alexander proven by oath of David Cochran, registered.

Deed 100 acres Thomas and Mourning White to Richard Pryor proven by oath of Wm. Pryor.

Deed 320 acres Duncan Stuart to John Chambers by oath of Robert Bowman.

Ordered that inventory of the sales of Reuben Alexander, deceased, estate be received and recorded.

Ordered that Wm. Fisher and Freeman Burrow be appt. constables.

P. (64). Road to be laid off from Jackson County line across Cumberland River at or near mouth of Wartrace Creek, intersecting with road that leads up Salt Lick Creek to Wakefield's at most convenient place. James Draper, Esam Graves, Jacob Jenkins, James Wray, Jr., Sampson Williams, and Thomas Draper were appt to review and make report to ensuing court.

James Wray permitted to keep a ferry at mouth of Wartrace Creek on Cumberland River; 12 1/2 cents for each man and horse; 6 1/4 cents for single man or single horse; 12 1/2 cents for a pack horse; 6 1/4 cents for each head of horned cattle and all other live stock 2 cents; each wagon and one team \$1; for each four wheel carriage of pleasure \$1; 50 cents for each 2 wheel carriage.

Samuel Stalcup permitted license for an ordinary at his now dwelling on Payton's Creek, rates agreeable to customary rates of all other taverns.

Deed 75 acres Wm. Haynie to Elijah Haynie, registered.

Daniel Witcher, Reuben Goad, James Bodine, Martin Young, Absalum Tedwell, Charles Wakefield, James McKain, Willoughby Pugh, Wm. Jenkins, Robert Collier, Frederick Hill and Louis Pipkin appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Daniel Witcher's to state line in a direction to Salt Petre Cave and report to court.

Thomas Draper overseer road from Pleasant Kearby

P. (65). To Daniel Witchers. Hands living on Wartrace waters and main fork of Salt Lick Creek and waters thereof work under Thomas Draper.

Certificate of Gov. Williams and that of Wm. White, Sec. Of State of NC with papers in favor of Joseph Fox admitted and registered.

Andrew Greer, Wm. Caruthers, Wm. Martin, Peter Turney, James Ballow, Daniel Tyre, Godfrey Fowler, Wm. Douglass, Vincent Ridley and Abram Thompson appt to lay off and mark a road from Samuel Caruthers to intersect Fort Blount Road near McFarland.

Robert Collier appt. overseer of road from Michael Murphy to Witchers on ridge; Martin Young, Tandy Witcher, Absalum Tedwell, Jonathan Hill, Wm. Tedwell, Charles Wakefield, Jr., Wm. Marshal, Lacy Witcher, Daniel Witcher, Charles Wakefield, Sr., James Bodine, Reuben Goad, Wm. Jenkins, William Donoho, Frederick Jones, James McKain and George Win and work under him.

Stephen Box appt. overseer of that part of road which leads down Long Creek beginning at foot of ridge the old way from thence down creek to forks of road. Thomas Wembs, George Sadler, Nathan Dillon, Isaac Dillon, Henry Boas, John Bart, John Hutton, David Cooper, Meredith Holms, David Jennings, John Cooper, Joseph Strain, Wm. Denny, Eli Pitford, Daniel Pitford, James Gwin and Owen Stratton work under Box.

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RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1881 – 1883  
SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The reporting of birth and death records was not mandatory in Tennessee prior to 1914. For some unexplained reason there is a book in the Smith County Archives that records birth and death records for the years 1881-1883 only. The death records were published in the book, *Smith County Tennessee Cemeteries South of the Cumberland River*. Following are the birth records as recorded for the limited period. Unless otherwise indicated, parents were born in Tennessee.

F is female; M is male; B is black.

BIRTH	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER
May 13, 1881	Earnest L. Tittle ,M	Geo. Wash. Tittle,	Mary Ann Tittle,
May 23, 1881	Smith, F	John Smith, TN	Tennessee Prichard Smith,
May 16, 1881	Fowler, F	James Anderson Fowler	Lamya Isabelle Fowler
May 19, 1881	Ferguson, F,B	John Ferguson	Candas Ferguson
Apr 21, 1881	Mary Elizabeth Jones,F	William Jones	Peggy Elizabeth Jones
May 10, 1881	Elizabeth Green Coggin,F	Thomas Coggin	Eliza Jane Coggin
May 23, 1881	James Edgar Betty, M	Lemuel Betty	Sardia Catherine Betty
Apr 5, 1881	Green, M	Wm. Green	Mary Green
May 22, 1881	James Lynch, M	Wm. T. Lynch	Nancy Lynch
June 28, 1881	Surmantha Ann Cornwell,F	Frank Kemp	Ellen Cornwell
May 4, 1881	Ollie Bell Craighead ,F	John Craighead	Semantha Craighead
May 6, 1881	Louiza May Campbell, F,B	None	Elva Campbell, KY
May 27, 1881	Della Vince Martin, F	Henry G. Martin	Martha D. Martin
June 26, 1881	Maggie T. Shoemake, F	Miles W. Shoemake	Letha F. Shoemake
May 16, 1881	Cora M. Fugent, F	Jasper N. Fugent, VA	Mary Fugent
July 4, 1881	Len Dora Powell, F	Newton Powell	Elizabeth Powell
June 4, 1881	Mary Della Denton, F B.	F. Denton	Nannie M. Denton
June 27, 1881	John Prichard, M		
July 19, 1881	Lassie Monroe Crawford, F		
July 14, 1881	Aletha Mose Braswell, F		
June 12, 1881	Mary Elizabeth Hallum, F	Samuel F. Hallum	Margaret F. Hallum
July 13, 1881	Felix Edgar Glover, M	Grance Glover	Polly Glover
July 7, 1881	Maud Estes Nichols, F	Geo. Wash. Nichols, Jr.	Tenn. Foster Nichols
Apr 3, 1881	Mary Antonie Askew, F	R. H. Askew	Mary Antonie Askew
Apr 21, 1881	Wm. Sampson McGee, M	William McGee	Elizabeth McGee
Apr 23, 1881	Barrdell Harper, M	John Harper	Jane Harper
Apr 28, 1881	Aloin Avo Flippen, M	Tilmon B. Flippen	Eudora A. Flippen
May 26, 1881	Wallis Sampson Mofield, M	Robert Mofield	Fannie Mofield
Apr 10, 1881	Ammon McKinney, M	Hiram McKinney	Mary McKinney
Apr 21, 1881	Malvina Hart, F, B		Catherine Hart
Apr 25, 1881	Solon Mishe Vantrease.M	James Vantrease	Mary Vantrease



June 11, 1881	John Morgan Cooper, M	Orville Cooper	M. E. Cooper
June 19, 1881	William Riden, M	Richard Riden	Sarah Riden
May 15, 1881	F, B	Isaac Roland	Martha Roland
June 4, 1881	M, B	Charley Dowell	Tennessee Dowell
June 13, 1881	M, W	Henry Burr Williams	Fannie Williams
July 3, 1881	M, W	Wm. Rily Manners	Jane Manners
July 22, 1881	James Wilson Averitt, M,B	Porter Averitt	Sophorona Averitt
July 30, 1881	Wallis S. Beasley, M, B	Solomon Beasley	Fannie Beasley
Aug 15, 1881	Martha Elizabeth White, F	Samuel White	Martha White
Aug 22, 1881	Martha Thomas Haynie, F, B	Thomas Haynie	Letha Haynie
Aug 14, 1881	William Surber Asberry, M	Brown Lee Asberry	Sarah E. Asberry
Aug 6, 1881	David Frank Bradley, M	Thomas A. Bradley	Sarah Bradley
July 28, 1881	Dearing,	William J. Dearing	
July 23, 1881	Mahala McCormick, F	Howard McCormick	Virg. M. McCormick
May 2, 1881	Wm. Floyd Hackett, M	William T. Hackett	Louiza E. Hackett
July 19, 1881	George Perry, M	Eli Perry, KY	Nancy A. Perry, KY
Apr 27, 1881	Gilmede Sanders, F, B	Joseph Sanders	Rachel Sanders
June 30, 1881	Virginia Brown, F	Ridley Brown	Martha Brown
July 15, 1881	Janus T. McCall, M	Jospeh McCall	Mary McCall
Aug 11, 1881	T. J. Highers, M	Joseph Highers	Ann Highers
June 7, 1881	Narssie Highers, F	Enoch Highers	Sarah Jane Highers
June 8, 1881	Lucy Jane Violet, F	James C. Violet	Carrell Violet
May 17, 1881	John Luster Cox, M	William B. Cox	Eliza Cox
July 15, 1881	Oliver, F	Andy Oliver	Fanny Oliver
	Bertha Oliver, F	William T. Oliver	Alice Oliver
	David Denton, F(?)	Drew M. Denton	Nannie Denton
	Daisy Andrews, F	N. B. Andrews	Josephine Andrews
	Stokes ? W	Sylvania Stokes	Amanda Stokes
June 15, 1881	James Burton Nichols, M	William Nichols	Kizza Nichols
May 11, 1881	Kemp, F	B. F. Kemp	Mary Ann Kemp
June 19, 1881	Hiett, F	J. M. Hiatt	Hiatt
June 27, 1881	Winkler, M	John H. Winkler	Elinor Winkler
July 9, 1881	William H. Jenkins, M	Gilbert Jenkins	Eliza Jenkins
Apr 21, 1881	Abya Campbell, F	William Campbell	Sarah F. Campbell
Apr 28, 1881	Gentry, F	J. M. Gentry	Celia Gentry
May 5, 1881	Herring, F	Ellis Herring	Mary A. Herring
Apr 12, 1881	Alice Jane Smith, F	Samuel V. Smith	Sarah M. SMITH
May 29, 1881	Helen M. Rockwood, F	W. E. Rockwood, Ind	N. J. Rockwood, Ind
July 17, 1881	Alice Cason, F,B	Henry Cason	Martha Cason
July 17, 1881	F	H. B. Oliver	Lissie J. Oliver
July 21, 1881	F, B	Tobe McDonald	Priscilla McDonald
July 28, 1881	M	W. L. Gillahan	M. V. Gillahan
Aug 1881	Virginia Pearl Allison, F	Samuel Allison	M. J. D. Allison
Aug 16, 1881	Mary McClarin, F, B	John McClarin	Lucy McClarin

June 19, 1881	Martha Hiett, F	John M. Hiett	Mary F. Hiett
June 27, 1881	Barnett Alford Winkler, M	John H. Winkler	Elmira Winkler
July 2, 1881	Martin Eli Shoulders, M	Robert Shoulders	Jane Shoulders
Sept 9, 1881	John Morris Shoulders, M	Benj. F. Shoulders	Lucinda Shoulders
Aug 21, 1881	Martha Viola Sloan, F	Harvey J. Sloan	Nancy Ann Sloan
Sept 19, 1881	Mary Tabisha Oldham, F	James H. Oldham	Matilda E. Oldham
July 26, 1881	Blanche Tabisha Hawks, F	Alexander Hawks	Eliza Hawks
July 30, 1881	Cansada Wakefield, F	Thomas J. Wakefield	Martha S. Wakefield
July 9, 1881	Wm. N. Jenkins, M	Gilbert Jenkins	Eliza Jenkins
Sept 26, 1881	Martha Susan Jenkins, F	Peter Jenkins	Nancy Jenkins
May 16, 1881	Callie Beasley Herod, F, B	Joseph Herod	Maryane Herod
July 4, 1881	Serina Malissa Hiett, F	James E. Hiett	Aldora Hiett
Sept 16, 1881	Louiza Rose, F	Zach T. Rose	Eveline Rose
Sept 14, 1881	James Henry Bradley, M	George W. Bradley	Martha L. Bradley
Apr 16, 1881	Naomi Beasley, F	Henry L. Beasley	Sallie J. Beasley
Jun 5, 1881	John Conguise, M	John Conguise	Malissa Conguise
Aug 25, 1881	Royster, M	William Royster	Bettie Royster
Aug 25, 1881	Martin, M, B	Henry Martin	Fannie Martin
July 28, 1881	John Daniel Young, M	Johnson Young	Eliza A. Young
July 11, 1881	Minnie Nec Yeaman, F	Poroh. C. Yeaman, VA	Eliza. E. Yeaman
Aug 2, 1881	Julia Belle Wise, F	William C. Wise	Cynthia T. Wise
Aug 25, 1881	B. B. Hewitt, M	George W. Hewitt	Tennessee E. Hewitt
Sept 14, 1881	Cloud David Hines, M	William A. Hines	Nancy A. Hines
Sept 1, 1881	Minnie Clarisa Bush, F	G. L. Bush	Francis A. Bush
Aug 5, 1881	O. T. Jones, M	W. H. Jones	S. C. Jones, NC
Aug 12, 1881	Alice Meachums, F	T. L. Meachums	Harriett B. Meachums
July 8, 1881	Fannie Agnes Hughes, F, B	Henry Hughes	Choroy Hughes
Sept 1, 1881	Maggie Cornelia Bush, F	G. L. Bush	Francis A. Bush (sic)
Sept 3, 1881	Jamie Bell Draper, F	David Draper	Jane Draper
July 21, 1881	Eli Lynch, M	Wm. B. Lynch	Frances Lynch
Sept 17, 1881	Manerva Norris, F	Berry Norris, NC	Mary Norris
Sept 22, 1881	John Cornwell Haynie, M	Jesse E. Haynie	Amanda Haynie
Sept 22, 1881	Benton McMillian Haynie, M	Jesse E. Haynie	Amanda Haynie
Oct 21, 1881	Dela Marlyn Johnson Smith, M	David J. Smith	Mary Smith
Oct 17, 1881	Mary Jane Sloan, F	Arch Oldham	Nellie Sloan
Nov 11, 1881	Elvia Daisy Smith, F	M. C. Smith	SMITH
Sept 12, 1881	Ava Reece Easters, M	F. M. Easters	Mary E. Easters
Sept 26, 1881	James Presley Clark, M	James Clark	Edriess C. Clark
Sept 26, 1881	Alexander Meadow, M	Alexander Meadow	Frances Meadow
Oct 10, 1881	Russell, F	Dixon Russell	Lontisha Russell

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JUNE 23, 1862. No general scout has been sent out yet, two prisoners were brought in to camp today, they were taken near Burnsville, Miss. The prisoners state that they belong to the Kentucky troops, were intoxicated when taken, and express no dissatisfaction at their capture, they state that the Kentucky troops are state troops and are not pleased at the course of the Federal administration, that it is too much Abolition, the Federals are making some advances they think to the Town of Tusculum, Ala. Whether they know or not I am not able to say. It is said that two engineers passed our camp this morning for the purpose of viewing out a road or roads, I suppose for the army to travel over. If our army had to be stationary I would have no objections to the place of our present encampment for here we have good water to cook with and to drink, good stock water and grass all over the river and creek bottoms for our stock and kind and friendly people to deal with in and around the Town of Fulton. Trading on horses has been indulged in to some extent this week past swapping, buying and selling, prices very fair where an animal is fat he demands a fair price and a ready sale – the prisoners above spoke of state that after the Battle of Shiloh they hope to bury the dead of both sides, were three days at it and a mighty stench arose from the place, a great number were killed, these two were not in the fight on the first day not having reached the place.

JUNE 24, 1862. The Federals spoken of above was taken to headquarters today, we have no special news from there, except the Confederates are getting up wagons to haul twenty days provision, a march is contemplated or supposed to be.

JUNE 25, 1862. Nothing of much importance occurred today, the weather quite warm and the ground dry and dusty. About 4 o'clock p.m. the bugle sounded, the soldiers of different companies assembled and rolls were called and the boys marched out on foot about three fourths of a mile to an old field, went on dress parade and went through the manual exercise of arms and inspection of arms by Maj. Motten, returned to camp quite warm from the effects of the march. Near sundown J. C. Sanders of Comp. E came in from Tupelo where he has been guarding some baggage sent down there from the town of Corinth. Col. Barteau sent for the boys belonging to his command to come in. The baggage was of little or no value. J.C.S. says the talk with the R. Road manager and others who had an opportunity to get local items, is that Missouri and Arkansas and Texas troops will be across the Mississippi River. Miss. Troops to remain in their own state, Ala. Troops stay in their state, Tenn. and Kentucky troops to go to Tenn. how true the above is I am unable to say so much comes up both in camp and in the newspapers that is not correct or the informants are not in the possession of the facts that it gives rise to a great deal of speculation as to the certainty of rumors that go abroad.

JUNE 26, 1862. This morning before finishing breakfast the O.S. of Comp. E. (Wm. Hagan) informed me that I must be ready to go on picket duty with twenty four hours provision, accordingly I made ready and with five others of Comp. E. and Lt. B. H. Moore, and got orders from Adjutant Tredway to go on the Guntown road and relieve the pickets there the order was obeyed promptly and I and four others are on the road side out in the bushes, here where I am penciling down these items leaning back against a little oak tree, enjoying a little breeze of wind that some times passes by. Lt. Moore went to the other pickets on this side of the river after posting us out and resting a few minutes, and then went to camps – returned since and states that the Batt. has left the encampment near Fulton and today at Mr. Gilstrap's house and bought some bread and milk up to the other pickets we have bought some fodder for our horses to eat.

JUNE 27, 1862. We were released from duty and returned to camp which we found about one half mile south of Fulton – no news of any importance. A little shower of rain came this evening, prospect for more, which will be very acceptable. The farmers begin to complain, their wheat and oats were about a failure. They begin to fear their corn crops will be quite short.

JUNE 28, 1862. No news of much importance about camps to day the citizens are passing to and from their muster ground down a few miles from our camps, wagons got back from the Town of Tupelo today and brought some fifteen or twenty days rations for the soldiers stationed here. A move is expected by a great many, a scout was sent out this morning also supposed to be gone in the direction of the Tenn river.

JUNE 29, 1862. A dispatch from Richmond, Va says that a great Battle has been fought near the Capitol in which the Confederates routed the Federals and held the position they have formerly occupied and a great number was killed on both sides. Stonewall Jackson is rendering good service in flanking the army under Gen. McClellan. I understand the Batt is to move on tomorrow towards the Bull Mountain, sixteen miles from Fulton, a set of hills by that name; we have been at Fulton near four weeks the most pleasant place we have been at, a scout is to be sent out tomorrow morning – a detail has been made from this Comp of six men, this comp has been lettered off, now has the name of G – changes are so numerous that it is quite difficult to keep up with them.

JUNE 30, 1862. The orders to march was countermanded. A large scout was sent out this evening, the day has been spent in drawing provisions and attending to the organizing of the company – near four o'clock at the time the scouts were to start the writer of this was detailed to report at the same time, with 24 hours rations which was done accordingly. I was sent to Priceville with a prisoner – he had deserted from the 8 Tenn Reg and was captured near Fulton, he complained of his feet being sore and of being sleepy through the night – consequently it was late before I and another soldier got to the place of our destination. He was delivered up and placed in the guard house when we left.

JULY 1, 1862. In returning I stopped at the residence of one Clayton and got some dinner, took a nap of sleep first – after parting of a nice dinner I returned to camps, any news with reference to our movements is quite uncertain, we have news from Virginia which says that the Confederate forces have been successful up to the latest dates, having drawn the Federals back both armies suffering great losses.

JULY 2, 1862. At Roll call this morning an order was read ordering five days rations to be cooked and for the soldiers to be ready to march on tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, many speculations as to the destination of our little band, the supposition is with some that we will go towards Iuka, a little town near the Tenn. river. A committee has been examining some invalids or soldiers who are unfit for duty. Today is considerable stir in camps, there has been a considerable amount of cooking done about camps today, fixing up rations for tomorrow's start on a march or scout or what it may terminate in.

JULY 3, 1862. The Regiment got tolerable early start this morning numbering about one hundred and seventy five men (privates) proceeded up the road North leading in the direction of Iuka, for near fourteen miles and met up with the pickets that were sent out and fed and took some rest and a little snack to eat, the picket joined us and went up to the cross roads one leading to Jacinto, one to Iuka and to Russelville, we took the later and have come as I supposed between six and eight miles, have turned off from the last named road to the left and unsaddled our horses, we came an eastern direction after leaving the cross roads. Roads are very dusty and dry, crops suffering for rain badly, there will be but light crops of corn if rain does not fall soon.

JULY 4, 1862. We arose this morning and fed our horses and eat some ourselves, and mounted – went out to the Russelville road and remained there for an hour or two, countermarched and came out to the cross roads and proceeded out on the Iuka road and stopped early in the afternoon, fed and have been resting every since, we are where the roads fork, one is near the Iuka than the other Viz 26 to 28 miles some men in advance of Barteau's Cavalry – Capt. Hills Comp – Cap Forrest or a portion of his command was passed by us to day, I do not know where they are now, have passed some very good fields of corn to day – are near a creek by the name of rock creek – later we took up a line of march and went back into the edge of an old field and took up lodging for the night having got some fodder for our stock the only food that could be procured.

JULY 5, 1862. Early this morning we went near one mile and half got some corn, have fed our horses and are resting in a nice grove of timbers; then went back to the road and took a western direction and traveled over some hilly country till near noon. We were very regular going took up and fed. Afterward took the Marietta Road reached the little village before sunset. Learned there that some of the Federals were in there the week before. The most that had ever been there at one time was one hundred and ten, we came on the Fulton road about three miles distant and camped for the night.

JULY 6, 1862. This morning we arose and came out about three miles have stopped and fed on corn and fodder and eat some bread and bacon, rumored that we will go into camps at Fulton today – distance about fifteen miles, we started soon after the above was penciled, and arrived at camps near Fulton about 5 o'clock p.m. having come through the river bottom found it a much more shady route than we have formerly traveled – one young man a member of Camp G, lost his horse, died on his return to camps – taking all things into consideration it was a very pleasant scout well conducted, went off quite to the satisfaction of all, some expressing themselves that they had rather be out than in camps.

JULY 7, 1862. Orders were issued last night to cook one days rations, scouts and pickets have been posted on the different roads since Sunday evening. Weather exceedingly hot and the ground dry and dusty, crops suffering for rain. I omitted to state that while on the last named scout I with some others called at a house on Sunday to get dinner. After having dined heartily and asking our bill, the old lady charged nothing, she was brought up in Tennessee – she learned that we were from there.

JULY 8, 1862. Nothing of much importance transpired today, the rumor is that Col. Bradfute is to leave on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. He has had command at Fulton ever since we first came to the place. Col C. R. Barteau will be commander of the Post. This evening while drawing corn two soldiers fought about one ear of corn, they took it old fashion fist and skull, no serious injury done to either party – they are both members of Comp. G.

JULY 9, 1862. Nothing of interest has taken place today, forage is getting scarce in this locality weather dry and warm, water for stock is very scarce, one mile and half from camps – good after we get to the creek.

JULY 10, 1862. Cloudy this morning – later in the day there came a pretty little shower of rain, laid the dust. Orders were issued to fire off all guns that were loaded and an inspection will take place once a week on every Sunday morning and a premium awarded to the one who keeps his gun in the best order. Lt. Eastes returned from the town of Tupelo – states that Gen. Polk's division of the C.S.A. is preparing rations for twenty days – rumor says they are going to West Tenn.

JULY 11, 1862. Rations were issued this morning for five days, three days rations are to be cooked to day by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg. Tenn. Vol. Some little excitement in the camp this morning – rumor says the non conscripts are to remain in the service until fall or when their twelve months expire, we received orders to be ready to march at 2 o'clock p.m. were ready at the hour and moved off, baggage wagons and loaded with tents and cooking utensils, etc., traveled fourteen miles, and took up for the night, traveled in the direction of Iuka, we left some commissary stores and some few sick soldiers at Fulton.

\_\_\_JULY 12, 1862. This morning we got off at an early hour, came out four miles, got some fodder on the way, for our horses, got nothing last night for them to eat. Corn very scarce, I learn that some wagons are gone back to Fulton after some articles that were left behind, we will probably stay here a day or so, a scouting party has been sent out a few miles – we got fodder this evening for our horses but no corn.

JULY 13, 1862. Weather clear, a beautiful Sabbath morning. We are in a beautiful grove of timber, a plenty of good water for both man and beast, the little warblers are singing their merry notes of music, every thing around in view bespeaks the goodness of Him who created all things. We drew half rations of corn this morning – drew some more late in the evening some wagons returned with commissaries stores.

JULY 14, 1862. Company G has orders to go on a scout, leave at 4 p.m., the Co. numbers one hundred rank and file about four left behind sick the Col. says the morning reports show an increase of men returned to duty every morning, health is improving among the soldiers – rumors from Tupelo say that Tenn. troops are there yet – about the appointed hour Co. G left the camp at Rock creek and proceeded in the direction of Marietta -- went within five miles of the town and put up for the night, a camp guard was detailed the writer was one of them – pickets were also stationed out at the distance of half mile.

JULY 15, 1862. Came into the town of Marietta at an early hour are now out near a Tanyard in the shade of some bushes, (I omitted to state that Major Molton is with us) we saw two men from Tupelo stating that there were engineers viewing out the road in this region of country. Later in the evening, there was some appearance of rain, heavy thunder and some dark clouds, but it rained not. Co. G left its place of rest went a kind of circuitous route for about one mile and half to an uninhabited house, procured corn and fodder on the way, had sufficient shelter for the Co.. Some rain had fallen.

JULY 16, 1862. After cooking some bacon by broiling it over the fire, our horses having been well fed beforehand, we took a bite to eat, returned to Marietta and took up quarters at the same place. Rumor came to the little place that a French fleet had arrived at New Orleans and proclaimed to the Federals in command there that this war between the North and South had to be stopped the certainly of it we do not know. A nice shower of rain fell in the afternoon and made a considerable change in things, we went up on the Fulton road and turned to the right, got to an old out house, some slept in it, others tried other places. (weighed 148 lbs at Marietta)

TO BE CONTINUED

## PENSION RECORDS – WAR OF 1812

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

## JOHN H. PASCHAL

On 8 November 1850, John H. Paschal, age 58, a resident of Itawamba Co., Mississippi, appeared before James Cook, a Justice of the Peace for the said county and state, and stated that he “was a private in the company commanded by Captain Bethel Allen in the second regiment of Tennessee Volunteers commanded by General Coffee in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1812.” He volunteered 13 October 1814, for “six months continuing in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was never regularly discharged but the reason why he was not so regularly discharged was that peace was declared before his company left New Orleans....” “The company scattered so on the route home [and] were never again called together for the purpose of being discharged but they all drew their monthly pay for services after they returned home.” James Cook swore to his age and veracity and the entire bounty land claim was certified by William N. Moore, Clerk of Itawamba Co., MS.

On 17 May 1855, at age 60 and a resident of Marion Co., Alabama, he applied for additional bounty land and stated before John D. Terrell, Judge of the Probate Court of that county that he had served as a Private in Captain Bethel Allen’s Company, 1<sup>st</sup> [he had earlier said 2<sup>nd</sup>] Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Colonel Dyer [Col. Robert H. Dyer] in the War of 1812. He volunteered at Smith Co., TN and was mustered into service in 1814, at Fayetteville, TN and he “was honorable discharged or disbanded on the route from New Orleans to Tennessee....” Joseph Webb and Thomas Evans swore to his veracity.

On 3 April 1871, at age 79, of “near” Detroit, Sanford Co., AL, in order to apply for a pension, he stated he “was one of the mounted Tennessee Volunteers marched from Murro [Maury?] Co., to Fayetteville, from thence to fort Mims, thence to pensacola, back to fort Mims and thence to Orleans – in all the battles of Orleans conti[ned]d there until the close of the war- returned to Tennessee with Genl. Coffees Command.” He also stated that he married Sarah Paschal in 1812 in Smith Co., TN. A. J. Hamilton and C. C. McKay, attesting witnesses to the application were said to be of “undoubted good character for truth and Verosity” by Lemuel Burnett, Postmaster of Gold Mine, Marion Co., AL.

He was placed on the pension roll 24 October 1871, at the rate of \$8.00 per month from 14 February 1871.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications. SC-7068. John H. Paschal.



Signatures from the original application:

*John H. Paschal* 1850      *John H. Paschal* 1855  
*John H. Paschal*  
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 1871      Applicant.

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 U.S. Census, 1850, Itawamba Co., MS, District No. 7, p. 407.  
 Number 405-405.

John H. Paschal	58, male, farmer, \$300 real estate,	born NC
Mary "	55, female,	born NC
Lettie "	18, female	born AL
Saml. W. "	16, male, farmer	born AL
Narcissa "	14, female	born AL
Martha "	13, female	born AL

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 U.S. Census, 1860, Marion Co., AL, Western District, p. 523,  
 Number 309-291.

John H. Paschall	62, male, farmer, \$50 real estate, \$405 personal estate,	born NC
Mary "	61, female,	born NC
Martha Warren	26, female	born AL
Abraham "	6, male	born AL
Rufus "	4, male	born AL
Mary "	3, female	born AL
Doctor "	1, male	born AL
Jane Childers	23, female, Domestic	born SC

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 U.S. Census, 1870, Sanford Co., AL, Township 13, Range 16. P.O.  
 Detroit, AL. Number 25-25.

John H. Paschal	78, male, farmer, \$50 real estate, \$150 personal estate,	born TN
Mary "	75, female	born AL

## JOHN PASCHAL, JR. – WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

On 5 November 1850, John Paschal, Jr., age 56, a resident of McNairy Co., Tennessee, appeared before S. D. Pace, Justice of the Peace for that county, and stated that he had served as a Private in Captain Bethel Allen's Company, [2nd] Regiment of Tennessee Mounted Gunmen commanded by Colonel {James} Lauderdale, in the War of 1812. He volunteered at Carthage, TN "on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1814" for six months and continued in actual service seven months and was honorably discharged at Nashville, TN 27 April 1815. His deposition, for the purpose of obtaining bounty land, was witnessed by Fielding Hurst and R. S. Harwell and was certified by Calvin Shull, clerk of Court of McNairy County.

On 3 April 1855, at age 59, in order to apply for additional bounty land, he appeared before J. M. Grammer, Justice of the Peace for Barry Co., Missouri. He stated his military service as above but on this occasion said he was discharged "at Smith Co in Tennessee." His deposition was witnessed by William Packwood, clerk of Court of Barry Co., MO.

His original discharge paper, which he filed with his bounty land claim, is in his pension file but is too dark to produce a legible photocopy. It reads:

NASHVILLE, APRIL 27, 181

I CERTIFY that John Paschal Jr., a Private in my brigade of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted gun-men, has performed a tour of duty of seven months in the service of the United States – that his good conduct, subordination, and valor, under the most trying hardships, entitle him to the gratitude of his country; and he is hereby HONORABLY discharged by his General.

John Coffee  
Brigadier General"

On 18 March 1871, at age 74, he made application for a pension before Calvin Shull, Clerk of Court of McNairy Co., TN. He then stated that he "was in the Battle of New Orleans on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1815 [and} was also in the first engagement at the Same place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1814 his discharge was Sent to the Department to obtain land Warrants...." He also stated that he married Elizabeth Birchett "who is now dead," in Smith Co., TN "about the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1813 and Remarried to Margaret David the 20 October 1856." His deposition was witnessed by David McKinzie and Lindsey Sanders.

He was placed on the pension roll 24 August 1871, at the rate of \$8.00 per month from 14 February 1871.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications. SC-3379. John Paschal, Jr.

## Signatures from the original applications:

*John Paschal* 1850      *John Paschal* 1871

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U.S. Census, 1850, McNairy Co., TN, Tenth District, p. 121,  
Number 1666-1670.

John Paschal Sr.	55, male, farmer,	born NC
Elizabeth "	57, female	born VA
John "	24, male, farmer	born TN
Susan "	19, female	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1860, McNairy Co., TN, district No. 10, p. 474,  
Number 1701-1711.

John Pascol	64, male, tenant farmer,	born NC
Margaret "	"411" [41?], female	born TN
John W. "	35, male, farm laborer, \$75 personal property	born TN
James "	13, male	born TN
George "	9, male	born TN
Celus "	3, male	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1870, McNairy Co., TN, Seventh Civil District,  
P.O. Purdy, TN, p. 272, Number 97-97.

Paschall, John	72, male, farmer, \$100 personal property,	born NC
"	Margaret 51, female, keeping house	born TN
"	George W. 19, male	born TN
"	Silas 12, male,	born TN
"	Margaret A. 7, female	born TN

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## WILLIAM SEE – WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

On 18 July 1871, William See, age 78, a resident of Hopefield, Crittenden Co., Arkansas, stated before James Reilly, Clerk of the Crittenden County court, that he enlisted in Captain Anthony Metcalf's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Tennessee Volunteers at Carthage, Smith Co., TN on or about 1 September 1813, and was honorably discharged at "bl{o}untsville ala on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feby, 1815." He "Served as a brivate (sic) soldier; that his regiment during the time was Stationed in Southern Alabama; that he was in the battle of Talladega. That subsequent to Said battle he was taken sick from Exposure incident to Service and was removed to the hospital at bl{o}untsville, Ala.; that he received a land Warrant but does not remember the No or act under which issued." He further stated that he was married to Caroline White in January 1865, at Memphis, TN. His declaration was witnessed by J. S. Stanton and Jesse Moore who swore to his loyalty during the "late rebellion."

He was placed on the pension roll 20 March 1872, at the rate of \$8.00 per month, from 14 February 1871.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications. SC-14521.

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Signatures from the original application:

*William See*

1871

*William See*

1872

## FORMER SMITH COUNTY OFFICIALS

In recent months requests asking for published "lists" of past county officials and the dates of their tenure in office have been received by the Society. To the knowledge of your editor, no such authentic list has ever been compiled. Several years ago I took a course in Smith County History that was offered by Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin. The instructor, for want of much else to comment upon, I think, gave us a list he had compiled of some of the former office holders of the county. No documentation was offered, but I share the information with our readers assuming that, for the most part, the names and dates are fairly accurate.

## SHERIFFS OF SMITH COUNTY

John Martin	1799 - 1802	William Barrett	1880 - 1884
Lee Sullivan	1802 - 1804	A. J. Dawson	1884 - 1888
George Matlock	1804 - 1812	James Smith	1888 - 1890
John Gordon	1812 - 1816	M. J. Malone	1890 - 1892
Wm Goodall	1816 - 1827	R. L. Scruggs	1898 - 1903
David Burford	1827 - 1829		
S. B. Hughes	1829 - 1834	J. N. Gann	1929 - 1934
Samuel Howard	1834 - 1838	Lillard Yeaman	1935 - 1944
Wyatt Bailey	1838 - 1844	J. B. Davis	1945 - 1949
John Bailey	1844 - 1848	J. D. Rollins	1950 - 1952
John Bridges	1848 - 1852	Sidney Harper	1952 - 1956
Samuel Allison	1852 - 1858	Bob Helm	1956 - 1960
John Hughes	1858 - 1860	Dave Porter	1960 - 1965
B. B. Uhles	1860 - 1862	Loman Watson	1966 - 1972
Larkin Cornwell	1862 - 1864	Jim Wheeler	1972 - 1974
H. S. Patterson	1864 - 1866	Joe Hackett	1974 - 1978
J. Hardy Smith	1866 - 1868	Sidney Harper	1978 - 1982
J. E. Clark	1868 - 1870		
Wm. Arrington	1870 - 1872		
J. H. Corder	1872 - 1876		
John B. Wilson	1876 - 1880		

## CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS

Robert Allen	1810 - 1813	Thomas Fisher	1856 - 1864
John Overton	1813 - 1820	Ira King	1864 - 1865
Charles Sherwood	1820 - 1823	John Arendell	Mar-Aug 1865
William Hart	1823 - 1848	W. J. Cleveland	1865 - 1866
Henry W. Hart	1848 - 1852	Thomas Waters	1866 - 1868
N. B. Burdine	1852 - 1856	Wm. Pickering	1868 - 1870

## CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS, CONT'D.

Thomas Fisher	1870 - 1874	J. M. Cox	1922 - 1936
W. B. Pettie	1874 - 1882	Mrs. J. M. Cox	1936 - 1938
T. B. Read	1882 - 1886	Tim Shoulders	1938 - 1950
W. W. Ford	1886 - 1890	C. B. Smith	1950 - 1962
R. O. Williams	1890 - 1896	Joe Wilson	1962 - 1966
Julian Fisher	Apr-Sep 1896	Mettie J. Dillehay	1966 - 1978
L. B. Flippen	1896 - 1898	Carolyn Grisham	1978 - 1982
A. J. Farley	1898 - 1902		
L. B. Flippen	1902 -		

## CLERK &amp; MASTER, CHANCERY COURT

Robert Carruthers	1825 - 1827	J. H. Gardenhire	1905 - 1933
John Park	1827 - 1836	J. H. Ligon	1934 - 1939
Wm. Hubbard	1836 - 1837	Virgil Savage	1940 - 1953
John Park	1837 - 1838	Edward M. Turner	1953 - 1962
A. Moore, Jr.	1838 - 1864	Thomas Amonette	1962
D. H. Campbell	1865 - 1871		
John Fite	1871 - 1877		
Wm. D. Gold	1877 - 1889		
C. W. Garrett	1889 - 1895		
L. A. Ligon	1895 - 1904		

## REGISTRARS

N. J. Kemp	1900 - 1918
W. B. Robinson	1918 - 1920
Leslie West	1920 - 1922
Annie Malone	1922 - 1930
Blanche Gore	1930 - 1934
Mrs. J. L. Skelton	1934 - 1942
James Clay	1942 - 1950
Martha Lankford	1950 - 1966
Dorothy Oldham	1966 - 1974
June McKinney	1974 - 1982

## COUNTY COURT CLERKS

L. B. Flippen	1900 - 1903
C. R. Johnson	1904 - 1906
L. B. Flippen	1906 - 1910
J. A. Kemp	1910 - 1918
J. E. High	1918 - 1930
J. L. Fisher	1930 - 1938
E. B. Woodard	1938 - 1950
Leonard Harville	1950 - 1966
Frazier Armistead	1966 - 1974
Jimmy Norris	1974 - 1982

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Appt. by County Court		Elected by popular vote	
Judge Fisher	1873 – 1875	E. L. Huffines	1924 - 1926
Andrew Oliver	1876 – 1885	Leslie J. Gold	1927 - 1930
?	1886 – 1887	E. L. Huffines	1931 - 1932
Campbell Crutchfield	1888	Albert Gore	1933 - 1936
J. G. Brown		Earl Oldham	1937 - 1940
Cherokee Indian	1889 – 1898	J. B. Gore	1941 - 1942
M. L. Gold	1899 – 1900	Mrs. J. B. Gore	1942 - 1943
W. E. Wilkerson	1900 – 1902	J. B. Gore	1944 - 1948
L. P. Ford	1903	Woodrow Piper	1949 - 1956
Died in office		B. Clark Meadows	1957 - 1958
J. M. Curtis	1904 – 1906	Homer Lewis	1969 - 1976
		Joe K. Anderson	1977 - 1984

1 State Superintendent from Smith County – Morgan Fitzpatrick, 1890's

EARLY EDUCATION IN SMITH COUNTY

Geneva Academy was the first school in Smith County to receive state support. From the *Carthage Gazette*: The following gentlemen were appointed trustees of Geneva Academy at a meeting at the court house on 8 March 1810; Jonathan B. Robertson, John Fight (sic), Henry Tooley, John Gordon, Charles Boulton, Lee Sullivan, Robert Allen. The board began to seek an eligible situation to erect a building. They chose a site on the east side of and adjoining the Town of Carthage on the lands of William Walton. Walton made a present of 2 acres to the trustees.

January 1, 1811 – Reverend Hugh Shaw was engaged as principal Geneva Academy.



In 1898 the legislature passed the high school act, providing funding for three schools in each county. Smith County was to have a high school north and south of the Cumberland River and one in the "forks of the river." The county court refused to provide the matching funds necessary so the schools did not materialize. Finally, the women of the county took up the cause of education and, using their "wiles," persuaded the county justices to appropriate the funds for establishing the three high schools. Gordonsville had a new academy that was converted to a high school. Carthage and Monoville vied for the north side school with Carthage winning. Thomas Fisher gave the land on the hill and Ed Myers gave the additional ten acres required for agricultural studies. Chestnut Mound won out over Elmwood in the Forks of the River, but after one year the location was moved to Elmwood.

## OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

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- 239 John R. Stafford <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James Chammer and  
B. G. Carman all of Smith  
Co Tennessee
- 240 Genl. P. Gilman <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Archibald Carrington  
and Martin Cairard all  
of Putnam Co Tennessee
- 241 Adam P. Dearin <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James Glasgow and  
John G. Anderson all of  
Smith Co Tennessee
- 242 James Glasgow <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Adam P. Dearin  
and John G. Anderson all  
of Smith Co Tennessee
- 243 William C. Maudsley <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Wade J. Furrall and  
Archibald Carrington all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 244 Archibald Carrington <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$2000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Ezekiel Canara and  
Martin Cairard all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 245 Wade J. Furrall <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$2000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Wm. C. Maudsley and  
Archibald Carrington all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 1863
- 246 Sanders Cisco <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties William Law and  
James P. Howard all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee
- 247 William Law <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Sanders Cisco and  
James P. Howard all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee
- 248 James P. Howell <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties William Law and  
Sanders Cisco all of Jacks.  
Co Tennessee
- 249 Lambert M. Cothron <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Jeremiah Pennur  
and William P. Cothron  
all of Macon Co Tennessee
- 250 William P. Cothron <sup>cit</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Lambert M. Cothron  
and Parson P. Cothron all  
of Macon Co Tennessee



951 Gundry Willbun Cit  
Bond \$500  
Surties Stephen Stafford  
and Wm C Stafford all  
of Smith Co Tennessee

952 William C Stafford Cit  
Bond \$500  
Surties Stephen Stafford  
and Gundry Willbun all  
of Smith Co Tennessee

953 Stephen C Stafford Cit  
Bond \$500  
Surties Gundry Willbun  
and Asariah A Stafford  
all of Smith Co Tennessee

954 Asariah A Stafford Sold  
Bond \$500  
Surties Stephen Stafford  
and Wm C Stafford all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

955 Thomas Willbun Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties Stephen Stafford  
and Gundry Willbun all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

956 Ranson C Cothron Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties Sampson Cothron  
and James C Cothron all of  
Macon Co Tennessee

957 Jeremiah Bronner Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties William Cothron  
and Ranson C Cothron all of  
Macon Co Tennessee

958 John R Stewart Sold  
Bond \$20000  
Surties J C Sanders and  
Robert Montgomery of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

959 Drury West Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties John Pugh and  
Clayborn West all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

960 Clayborn West Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties Drury West and  
Montague Knight all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

961 Montague Knight Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties Clayborn West  
and John M Knight  
all of Smith Co Tennessee

962 John M Knight Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Surties Montague Knight and  
Clayborn West all of  
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963 Newton Powell Cit  
Bond \$1000  
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and Montague Knight all  
of Smith Co Tennessee

964 Martin Carrard Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Surties Cephal Carrard and  
Kresibald Carrington all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

265 <sup>✓</sup> ~~Orbit Canard~~ Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Martin Canard  
 and the highland Carrington  
 all of Putnam Co Tennessee

266 ~~Seaborn Stewarts~~ Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Robert Montgomery  
 and Martin Canard all  
 of Putnam Co Tennessee

267 Charles S. Long Sold  
 Bond \$6000  
 Sureties James Curlek and  
 Martin J. C. Burrip all of  
 Smith Co Tennessee

268 William C. Wakefield Sold  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties John P. Porter and  
 Charles J. Long all of Smith  
 Co Tennessee

269 John Porter Sold  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Wm C. Wakefield  
 and Samuel C. Kirby all of  
 Smith Co Tennessee

270 William Kirby Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Samuel  
 Kirby all of Smith Co  
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 December 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

271 Charles DeFord Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Andrew Barpole  
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272 Buchanan, W. Roberts <sup>✓</sup> Sold  
 Bond \$6000  
 Sureties William M. Bush  
 and L. C. Sanders of Smith  
 Co Tennessee

273 L. C. Brown Sold  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties William M. Bush  
 and Houston Smith of Macon  
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274 William M. See of <sup>✓</sup> Smith Co  
 Bond \$2000  
 Sureties Lewis C. Brown and  
 Thomas Proctor of Wilson Co  
 Tennessee

275 Thomas Proctor <sup>✓</sup> Sold  
 Bond \$2000  
 Sureties Wm M. See and  
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276 John C. Goodpasture <sup>✓</sup> Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties John Kirby and  
 James M. Goodpasture all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

277 James M. Goodpasture <sup>✓</sup> Sold  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties John C. Goodpasture  
 and John Kirby all of Putnam  
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278 John C. Capers Sold  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties John Kirby and James  
 M. Goodpasture all of Putnam  
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279. John Terry *Got*  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John C. Caffery and  
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280. Pettigrew Cummings *Got*  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Wiley Darnall et al  
Smith Co Tennessee

281. John S. Rogers *Got*  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties James Haynes and  
William Williams all of  
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December 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

282. James Greene *Sold*  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Barb Green and  
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283. John D. Haynes *Got*  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Warren L. Durham  
and Daniel Crook all of  
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284. Samuel W. Brady *Got*  
Bond \$500  
Sureties James McBrum  
all of Putnam Co Tenn

285. John W. Brown *Sold*  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties William J. Robinson  
and James W. Brown all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

286. Richard M. Young *Sold*  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties John W. Watts and  
James W. Donald all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

287. John W. Watts *Sold*  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Richard M. Young and  
James W. Donald all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

289. Milligan Davidson *Got*  
Bond \$100  
Sureties Edward Jackson  
and Jaziah Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

290. James Davidson *Got*  
Bond \$100  
Sureties Wm Davidson  
and Parker Johnson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

291. William Beal *Got*  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry Jackson and  
Edw. Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

292. Parker Johnson *Got*  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Wm Beal and  
Edward Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

293. Joel Grace *Got*  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry Sadler  
and William M. Jones all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

## QUERIES

**HENRY PIPER & -----MILEY OR WILEY**

**HENRY PIPER** was born in TENNESSEE, married a -----MILEY or WILEY. They had a son **ALFORD**, **ALFRED** he went by both. **ALFRED** was born in 1816-1824 in **SMITH CO. TN** **ALFRED** married **SARAH MANESSEE** MAY 12, 1841 in **JEFFERSON CO., ILL.** We had assumed **ALFRED** was the son of **JOHN & ELIZABETH PIPER** who first appeared in **JEFFERSON CO., IL** in the 1840 census. **JOHN** purchased land on **PEYTON CREEK** in **TN** in 1810 from **JAMES PIPER**. **JOHN** sold his land in 1839 and moved to **ILL.** We recently found an application for a second marriage for **ALFRED** to **MARY ANN KING LEWIS** and on it he stated **HENRY** and --  
--**MILEY** were his parents. We feel it may be **Wiley** as a **Wiley piper** and **Alfred Piper** both appeared for the first time in the census in 1850 in **Jefferson Co., ILL.** Does anyone have any information on these two families. We would appreciate any information.  
**ROBERT PIPER** 11232 REND RD. BENTON, ILL 618-724-2026

**ANDERSON-GLOVER.** **CLARKEY ANDERSON**, b 1815, Jackson Co., TN, dau of **ANDREW ANDERSON, JR.** and **DORCAS CLARK ANDERSON.** She marr **GRANDERSON F. GLOVER** in 1841, Hurricane Creek, Smith Co. He was b 30 Apr 1816, Chestnut Mound, Smith Co., son of **ROBERT GLOVER.** Family appeared in 1850 census, Gibson Co., TN with two children, **DORCAS**, 1842, and **TENNESSEE**, 1848, living near her brother, **WILLIAM P. ANDERSON** and several other families from Smith Co. All returned to Smith in 1852 except the **GLOVERS.** Need any data as to their removal and descendants.

**BOB C. ANDERSON**, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092

**HIBBETT.** Researching the following **HIBBITT** families: **JAMES HIBBITT**, (Smith County Justice of Peace) **J. F. HIBBITT**, **JAMES R. HIBBITT**, **IRA KNEELAND HIBBETT, II**, **NELAND C. HIBBIETT, SR.**, **NELAND C. HIBBETT, JR.**, **ROBERT NELAND HIBBETT**, **R. CARVER HIBBETT.**  
**NELAND CARVER HIBBETT, JR.** 2825 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

**BRADLEY-LANCASTER.** I am in need of any information on **BENJAMIN BRADLEY**, born Mar 22, 1806, died Aug 6, 1839. Married to **FRANCES LANCASTER.** They lived in the Brush Creek area. He **MAY** be the son of **WILLIAM** and **ELIZABETH BRADLEY** and **MAY** have had brothers **ISAAC**, **THOMAS** OR **JOHN.**

**MRS. O. S. COLLINS**, Box 217, Bells, TX 75414

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Dear Friends,

Does one person get in the center of your thoughts seemingly forever? One of those people for me is Mrs. Will (Aunt Ellen) Wemyss who died this spring at age 106. If you live or have lived in the county or anywhere near here lately, you knew her or knew about her. And maybe she's in your thoughts too. Because she's staying in mine I want to write to you about her .

Most of my childhood I remember my young cousins back home in Miami raving (bragging?) about their summer vacations in Tennessee with their Aunt Ellen. Mostly they wanted me to know about her hospitality and friendship and the wonderful time they had playing on her farm. Years and years passed and I moved to Smith County not far from their Aunt Ellen.

She entertained and introduced me like the kin I almost was. I wasn't prepared for her open-heartedness but she was welcoming. Welcoming was Aunt Ellen's way, I learned. She could spot a common interest with you in minutes and leave you feeling you were friends. It was an effect she had on everyone. Mention her name today and you'll see smiles of recognition on strangers' faces everywhere who wouldn't have been strangers long to her.

As it happened, she and I both were transplants. She left Nashville for an 1800's manor house on a farm in Gallatin I moved to a pioneer house on a farm in Dixon Springs. Beyond tending cows, we were proud of the history of old homes, and we wanted to help everyone enjoy them with us. (Aunt Ellen entertained so seamlessly she proved that inviting people to enjoy Fairvue was a natural for her.)

But Aunt Ellen went beyond home and friends. She wanted history, beauty and continuity to survive for whole communities to enjoy. She watched those older homes dotted across the map from Metro Nashville past Dixon Springs . Sometimes a place needed a little help Was it a new and caring owner? restoration funding? preservation zoning? She'd find out in each case and then find a way. . Because she, with effortless charm, was a great organizer and good judge of talent others came to the cause of preservation to share the fun .

She could bring interested friends, business people and public officials to see the wisdom of her thinking, the benefits that preservation would bring before actual work began, . Under her watchful eye, regulations and restrictions grew friendly, purses opened, researchers volunteered until la voila everyone had helped reach the goal.

It's interesting today to look back on the results . There is Andy Jackson's Hermitage, nearby Maple Shade, Rosemont in Gallatin, General Winchester's Cragfont in Castalian Springs, and her husband's Fairvue, all appealing places testifying to Aunt Ellen's interest in them. She's left an amazing legacy of historic beauty in our corner of the world. And on my mind today, with thanks for her memory, is the guiding force of Aunt Ellen. I hope you keep good history on yours! Enjoy this issue of the Newsletter and here's ...

Best history to you,

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CHEERY HEIGHTS



THE BACK OF CHEERY HEIGHTS SHOWING THE TWO-STORY KITCHEN

THE DIARIES OF ELENORA KELLY WILSON  
1871 – 1907

Compiled and Edited by Thayer Wilson Beach

[Ed. Note: *Mrs. Beach and her cousin, Elenora Wilson Davis, now deceased, worked diligently in securing and editing the diaries of their grandmother, Elenora Kelly Wilson. We are grateful to Mrs. Beach for so generously sharing this effort with us. The earliest diaries cover the periods November 1871 to December 1872 and August 1875 to October 1876. They provide a record of life in Granville, a small village in Jackson County, Tennessee. Entries for the next period begin in 1885 and end in 1907. Here Elenora writes of the events of life on the farm in the Rome-Rock City area of Smith County where she moved after her marriage. It is with this period that we begin publication of the diaries in the Quarterly.*]

**ROME-ROCK CITY**  
1876-1907

*On October 31, 1876 Elenora Kelly and John Burr Wilson were married in Granville at the Methodist church. As far as we know, they moved immediately to the Rome-Rock City area near Carthage where his parents, Willis Wilson and Hariett (this spelling used in family Bible) Roe Wilson, lived and where his sister, Nancy Jane, married to George Williams, lived. Also living in the area were his Uncle Josh Wilson (who had married Harriet Roe Wilson's sister, Amanda Jane), his uncle Ed Wilson, not married, and numerous Roe relatives. Hariett Wilson's other sisters living not far away were Nancy (married to a Derrickson and living across the Cumberland River), Sally (married to a Payne), and Mary (called Polly and married to William C. Norris). A brother, Benjamin Roe, had moved to Texas, probably to Sherman, where he is reported to have been mayor. Like Elenora, the Wilson family were Methodists and active in church affairs. As she had done before her marriage Elenora and her family sometimes attended churches of other denominations, but their home church was Mt. Olivet Methodist. I was told the following anecdote about Elenora by Elizabeth Wilson Beasley, a descendant of Polly Norris: At some point, probably around the turn of the century, the bishop was coming to visit Mt. Olivet. This meant that he would spend the night with a*

local family. The ladies of the church met to discuss plans and several wanted the bishop to stay with them. Elenora's decisive argument for the having the bishop as her guest was that hers was the only house with screens in the windows! Must have been summertime.

Throughout the diaries there are frequent mentions of all the members of the Wilson family. John Burr's sister, Nancy Jane, had married George Williams before Elenora's marriage. The Williams and their children lived on a farm very close to, possibly next to, Cheery Heights farm, both on the Plunkett's Creek road (which, then & now, led to Grant). Naturally there was much contact between the families and the children frequently spent the night with each other and went to school together unless the weather or flooding creek prevented. John Burr's parents are usually called "Ma" and "Pa" by Elenora and they are often at Cheery Heights though they were living, most of the time, in a house very close to the ferry landing in Rock City near the bridge over Round Lick Creek about a mile from Cheery Heights farm. By the time the eldest child, Kelly, was in school he seems to have stayed for long stretches of time with his Wilson grandparents and, after Willis Wilson's death, lived with them.

At the time of his marriage family tradition says that John Burr Wilson was Sheriff of Smith County. (The notes of John Ford Wilson, son of JBW's eldest son, Kelly, say that he was Sheriff from 1876 to 1880.) In any case, by the time the diaries resume January 1, 1885 he is occupied entirely with farming and stock trading, a business he seems to have sometimes shared with his brother-in-law George Williams. At the time of their marriage they may not have yet built the house known as "Cheery Heights" on Plunkett's Creek. There is one unverified report that the newly married couple lived in Carthage until the house was built. Family tradition has it that he took the money he made as Sheriff and built it for Elenora and that it was she who named it. The kitchen at "Cheery Heights" has log walls and certainly was built earlier than the rest of the house. At present it has one large room on the main floor and another above it. It seems probable that John Burr Wilson's father, Willis Wilson, built and probably lived in the log house. It may have even been built by Willis' father, William Wilson, who moved to Tennessee from North Carolina in the early years of the nineteenth century and first settled between Carthage and Gordonsville. (For more information on William Wilson see Appendix C on the Wilson family.)



*It may be that Elenora abandoned keeping diaries at her marriage and did not start again until Jan. 1 of 1885. However, we are reasonably sure that some of the diaries are lost and she says nothing in Jan. of '85 about not having written in them, so my opinion is that the earlier diaries written at "Cheery Heights" were lost. As they resume, the couple have been married eight years and have four sons: Kelly, born December of 1877; Willis, born in 1879; Fred Taylor, born November, 1881; and Jessie, born in November, 1883, fourteen months old as the diaries begin. Two months later the second son, Willis, then about six years old, died of "Membrane's Croup" (according to Elenora Davis). His mother was so devastated that she did not write again until Jan. 1 of 1886. There is another lapse after the death of her sixth child, John Burr, Jr. a few weeks after he was born in 1888 and a longer one between May 12, 1889 and Jan. 1, 1893 and the final one is between December 19, 1901 and Jan. 1, 1907. At that point, while Elenora is already ill from tuberculosis, the illness which would kill her in Sept. 1909, the diary ends. Possibly she did not intend to end it, but delayed writing until she was too ill to continue. It seems less likely that a diary written during the last two years of her life would have been lost.*

*Elenora Kelly Wilson was regarded as virtually a saint by her children and possibly by her husband who depended on her in business as well as in the home. The marriage appears to have been a very happy one as she nearly always indicates when writing on their anniversary. John Burr had something of a reputation for being stingy, but you would never know it from the diaries. Her quiet and submissive personality did not prevent her standing up to him at times. One family story was that she once bought a new fangled coffee maker from a traveling salesman when he was not at home. He complained about this, especially when the coffee maker did not work well. Some time later he bought a grapevine and planted it in the back yard. It did not produce grapes. One day he asked her what she had done with the unsatisfactory coffee maker and she retorted, "I hung it out there on your grapevine."*

*Her death appears to have been mourned by many more than members of her family. Relatives and friends took hundreds of flowers to Roe Cemetery and lined the grave before her casket was brought to be laid within it.*

## GLOSSARY OF NAMES IN SMITH COUNTY

### **WILSONS:**

**ELENORA KELLY WILSON**, wife of **JOHN BURR WILSON** (whom she calls "Mr. Wilson") and mother of **KELLY JOHNSON WILSON**, **FREDERICK TAYLOR WILSON**, **JESSE EDMOND WILSON**, **WILSYE ARMISTEAD WILSON**, **THAYER SMITH WILSON** & **FRANCES OPHELIA WILSON** as well as the two boys who died in babyhood or childhood, **WILLIS** & **JOHN BURR, JR.**

**WILLIS ("PA")** & **HARIETT ("MA")**, parents of John Burr Wilson and Nancy Jane Williams.

**UNCLE JOSH** & **AUNT MANDY (Amanda)**, brother of Willis and sister of Hariett Wilson. Married with several children including **NANCY DREW DENTON**, **MARY W. STEPHENSON**, **KATE WILSON** (m. Dr. Herschel Wilson), & **BILL**.

**UNCLE ED**, brother of Willis & Josh Wilson. Apparently not married.

**MARY TOM WILSON**, married to Bedford Wilson (I think), but I have not figured out how they are connected to the other Wilsons. Her daughter is 'NETTE or NET who goes to grade school with Kelly Wilson. Mary Tom and "Net" are frequently at the houses of Hariett Roe Wilson and her daughter, Nancy Jane Williams.

**BOB WILSON**. He seems to have been "raised" by Hariett and Willis Wilson but is not their child. There are times when he works for John Burr and times when he lives with them, but he doesn't seem to live a settled life.

**DR. SAM WILSON**. No relation to the others that I know of. His wife, **MARY**, operates a store in Rock City or Rome.

*BILLY WILSON was an auctioneer and sometime preacher who was the son of Dr. Herschel Wilson by, I believe, his first wife, not Kate Wilson who was his second wife. He often visits Cheery Heights but is not a blood relative. He enjoyed a certain amount of local fame.*

*AUNT BETSY, whose name appears so often in the diaries, lives very near Cheery Heights (on Plunkett's Creek) and may be married to Albert Baines. Because Elenora refers to her as "Old Aunt Betsy", and we know she was not a Roe (Elizabeth Roe was long dead), she might have been the sister of Willis, Josh & Ed Wilson. However, the term "Aunt" does not guarantee any degree of blood relationship.*

#### **WILLIAMS:**

*NANCY JANE WILSON WILLIAMS, sister of John Burr Wilson, married to GEORGE WILLIAMS and living near John Burr and Elenora on Plunkett's Creek. She had married at sixteen and had six or seven children. WALTER, JORDAN, HATTIE, BURR, ALBERT & MARY appear in the diaries which also mention a child who died named Wilson who may have been their son. The wives of Burr (VIDA) and Albert (JENNY) also appear in the diaries. The Williams children were very close to the Wilson children and when Nancy Jane died Elenora seems to have been devastated.*

#### **ROE:**

*At the time of Elenora's marriage (1876) and move to Smith County there were numerous members of the Roe family still living in the Rock City area and being buried in Roe Cemetery whose first occupant was John Roe Sr. He was the great grandfather of John Burr Wilson; he died in 1847 and had fought in the American Revolution. His son, John Roe, Jr. was also dead by 1876, as was his wife Nancy Chandler Roe, but many of their daughters were still living including:*

*HARIETT ROE WILSON (See above) called "MA" in the diaries. Her picture which is included in this volume tends to confirm her reputation as humorless, but considering that four of her six children died in childhood, the two girls in fires, it is not hard to see why.*

*AMANDA ROE WILSON (see above) married to Josh Wilson and living, at least part of the time in the diaries, across the Cumberland River. She is occasionally called "Aunt Mandy."*

**MARY ("POLLY") ROE NORRIS.** "Aunt Polly" is the connection between the Wilsons and the Norrises. She may be sometimes called "Aunt Mary". She seems to have had a sparkling personality as did her husband, **WILLIAM C. NORRIS**. There is a story about Polly and Hariett going to the ferry to cross the river to their sister's house. Polly found that she didn't have the coins for the fare and the ferryman offered to take her across free if she would laugh all the way across. She did it, much to the disapproval of her sister Hariett.

**SALLY ROE PAYNE** (Aunt Sally) also seems to live across the river, but perhaps she lived in Payne's Bend. She was married to John Payne, a very shy man and somewhat eccentric, who sometimes impulsively boarded steamboats and went to New Orleans.

**NANCY ROE DERRICKSON** was the second wife of Sylvester Derrickson. His dramatic death, breaking his neck by falling from a barn loft, is reported in the diaries.

**JENNY CROWELL** may have been the daughter of one of the Roe sisters. There exists a photograph of her on which is written "John Burr's cousin." Whoever her parents, she was a dear friend of Elenora Wilson and her sudden death at a young age (probably in childbirth) was a terrible shock to Elenora. Her husband was **BOB CROWELL**.

#### **BAINES:**

There seem to have been two families in the area of Cheery Heights named Baines. The more closely related one was the **GEORGE** and **RACHEL BAINES** family, one of whose daughters, Margaret or "MAG", was a great help to the Wilsons after Elenora became ill in the last four years of her life. "Mag" Baines was a close friend of the Wilson's daughter Wilsye (who married Dan Seay) and, after Elenora's death and John Burr's remarriage, she went to live with Wilsye and the Seay family. Many years later she also lived with Elenora Seay Varney, one of Wilsye's daughters.

The other Baines family was that of **ALBERT BAINES** who may have been married to "AUNT BETSY" Elenora often visited their house which was close to Cheery Heights.

**SERVANTS:**

*There are usually one or two black families living on the place at Cheery Heights during the time of the diaries. There were one or two houses there for them and single black women sometimes lived in the loft over the kitchen. By far the most important servant in the life of the family was DICEY SWEP. Dicey arrived in the Spring of 1886 just after the birth of the Wilson's first daughter, Wilsye. From then on for the rest of Elenora's life Dicey either lived at Cheery Heights or came whenever Elenora needed help. Dicey and her husband HORACE lived for a long time in Watertown and I, myself, had Dicey as a nurse when I was a baby and she was already an old woman. I think she always went to any of the Wilson children when they needed her. I remember seeing her when my father, a doctor, went to see her in Watertown just before she died in the 1930s. Because she had dipped snuff all her life, she was dying of cancer of the mouth.*

*There were black field hands who lived on the place (and possibly some who were white). They appear to have signed contracts for a year at a time. I do not know any details about them but in reading the diaries one soon comes to recognize which ones they are.*

**CHEERY HEIGHTS FARM:**

*It appears that the original house on the farm that Elenora named Cheery Heights was built by John Burr's father Willis prior to the Civil War. It, or part of it, remains today as the two story log kitchen of the house. When John Burr married Elenora he decided, as family tradition has it, to build her a new house on the proceeds from his salary as Sheriff of Smith County. The "new" house is a white frame structure with two stories and porches across the front both upstairs and down. It is narrow and each floor contains two large rooms and a large hall. This structure is connected to the old log house by a room on the lower floor that must have served as a dining room. The house sits on the side of a hill well above the road that runs by connecting Rock City with Grant. Plunkett's Creek runs beside this road.*

It is most disappointing that we have a long period of nine years without any record of a diary. On October 31st, 1876, grandmother and grandfather were married and began life at Cheery Heights Farm near Rome. A year later their first child, a son named Kelly, was born December 2, 1877. In 1879 Willis arrived. Fred Taylor entered the scene November 10, 1881. And a fourth son, Jesse, was born November 6, 1883. No doubt grandmother's life was busy and full with the duties of a farmer's wife and a growing family. She begins her writing again on January 1, 1885. It is not known whether or not there are lost diaries from this period]

### 1885

- 01/01 Has turned real cold after several very warm days. Mr. Wilson is killing his hogs which he put up a few weeks ago. Tom Wilson and Calvin are his help and we could get no woman, so Mr. Wilson and Tom took off the lard and so forth. Mary Tom helped me get dinner while Uncle Ed took care of Jesse. Bedford stayed all night with the children, the first time he ever stayed all night away from Mama and Papa.
- 01/02 Very cold. I began to put on my lard when Martha Haley (colored) came to help me and later Julia (colored) so I had plenty of help and got my lard all done and sausage ground and this evening Nora (colored) came to live with us. Still cold. Uncle Ed here. [Note: Uncle Ed seems to have been a relative of John Burr's. It is he who appears in some of the photographs of the family in the front yard at Cheery Heights made in 1893 or 1894. Elenora Davis said she understood he was an alcoholic who wandered from one relative's house to another. TWB] Mr. Wilson and Calvin hung their last killing and salted down what was killed yesterday.
- 01/03 Some warmer. Tom Wilson came over early for the wagon and team to move to Rock City and this evening Calvin Lawhorn moved to the Barnett cabin. Mr. Wilson went to the lodge and traded Molly off while he was gone [Part of his business was trading animals]. Kelly and Willis went over to Cousin Tom's.
- 01/04 Much warmer. This evening Mr. Wilson took his three mules and horse which he got for Molly and went to Bob Gann's to go to Lebanon tomorrow. Calvin feeds and Uncle Ed is with us. Mr. Wilson and children found three new lambs this morning, making seven we have now. Mary Williams was over here. Had Nannie Denton's baby.
- 01/05 Warm and drizzling rain. Mr. Wilson gone and all looks gloomy. Mr. Wilson got home about two and a half o'clock this evening having sold the horse he got for Molly and the three mules. Calvin cut stove wood all day. Raining tonight.
- 01/06 Blowed off clear and bright this morning but thick cloudy and raining this evening. Mr. Wilson went to Rome with the wagon and worked Jim horse for the first time in a wagon. Had a letter from Alice and Fred Taylor. Kelly found a lamb which he says is his.
- 01/07 Cleared off today and bright and pleasant this evening. Talley Baines came over early to get Vallie to drive to the wedding as Jim Pernel and Kate Stowe marry at ten o'clock this morning. Mr. Wilson went to Bob Gann's and bought a mule. We now have nine lambs.
- 01/08 Cleared off and has been a beautiful pleasant day. Pa was up here this morning. [Pa is Willis Wilson, John Burr's father. TWB] Uncle Ed left having been here nearly two weeks. Mr. Wilson's sister, Nancy Jane, came by from Rome and Jesse and I went home with her and are there tonight.

- 01/09 Nancy Jane and I went up to Matthew Wilson's and spent the morning, leaving Jesse with Hattie. Went to see Miss Bessie Franklin who is four weeks old. Came back to Nancy Jane's and ate dinner and as it looked very much like rain I came home early.
- 01/10 Clear and cool. Calvin hauled manure on the garden and rolled the meadow. [Note: Calvin appears to be a hired man] Nora's mama sent for her as her children were sick. Pa was up here to get a deed which Mr. Wilson and I wrote last night.
- 01/11 One of those gloomy cloudy Sabbaths with some rain. No one at all here all day except Mr. Wilson and I. Fred Taylor very conspicuously absent having been gone two weeks which almost seems like an age. (Her 4 year old son, apparently visiting in Granville, TWB] Tonight blustery and warm with thunder and lightning.
- 01/12 Cool and cloudy. Mr. Wilson went to Rock City to have Jim shod for the first time. Charlie Owens (colored) commenced work here.
- 01/13 A pleasant pretty day. I have not been at all well today. Mr. Wilson went to Rome to get the mail that we might hear from Fred Taylor and we got a letter from Bobby in which she said he was well and satisfied [i.e., he was visiting in Granville].
- 01/14 A cloudy gloomy day and very lonesome as Mr. Wilson took all hands and started early over on Ross Creek after some locust posts.
- 01/15 Rain last night. The creek up considerably. Mr. Wilson went to Rome after the mail and ate dinner with his mama. I have not been at all well today.
- 01/16 It has been indeed a wet day and late this evening it began to turn cold and tonight stormy, snowing sleet. Mr. Wilson and Calvin went to mill and drove Laura (horse or mule) for the first time.
- 01/17 Very cold. So much so that no stirring. Charlie Owens went home and no one here tonight but Mr. Wilson and the children and I. Fred is so much missed.
- 01/19 Still not well. Very cold. Nora came home about noon. Mr. Wilson went to Rome.
- 01/20 I am very sick. Sent for Ma and Dr. Wilson. Bob brought Ma in Bob Crowl's buggy. Dr. Wilson and Dr. Sampson both here this evening. Mr. Wilson sent for Miss Lou and she has been here all day, she and Mary. I am some better this evening late. Ma is here tonight. [Note: "Ma" here is John Burr's mother, Harriet Roe Wilson. TWB]
- 01/21 My birthday. 29 years passed like so many miles on life's rugged highway. Though I am satisfied I have had more sunshine than I deserve. Miss Sam Flippin and Daisy spent the day here. Pa was here this evening. Ma here still tonight. I am much better but still sick and still very cold.
- 01/22 Very very cold. Creeks froze up. Mr. Wilson went home with his Ma. They walked to the pike on account of the ice. Mat met them with a horse for Ma. Mr. Wilson got the mail and brought a letter from Brother Fred. He said Fred Taylor was well and calls himself captain, which he is. Mary Williams was here twice today.

- 01/23 Turned a little warmer. Rainy this morning but an awful cold rain, freezing as it falls. I am up today but not at all well.
- 01/24 Cloudy and a little warmer. Mr. Wilson went to Rome this evening. Mr. Curly came and borrowed a cow. Baked a cake late this evening. Heard from Fred Taylor.
- 01/25 Cloudy and cool. Willis (second son who died later in childhood) rode Vallie by himself and he and his papa went to Mt. Olivet to church. Nora and I made some float. Mr. Wilson and Willis went to Mr. Flippin's and ate dinner. It snowed fast for a little while. Late this evening Billy Arrington and Cousin Tom Arrington from Colorado came and are here tonight. Mr. Wilson and the gentlemen sat up until after eleven o'clock as Cousin Tom was very interested indeed in narrating his western adventures and narrow escapes.
- 01/26 Clear and cold. Cousin Tom and Billy left early this morning and Mr. Wilson went with them. Today Jordan Kinney is to be married to Miss Minnie Hubbard and Elder Swigley to Miss Mary Hubbard both under the same ceremony publicly at Bellwood Church. Mr. Wilson went to his Pa's and saw Cousin Tom and his Pa and sister start home. I wrote to Fred T. tonight after all were asleep.
- 01/27 Mr. Wilson went to Rome to get a letter from Fred Taylor but got none so we were sadly disappointed. He went this evening and got a load of locust posts from little Tom Gann. Is raining tonight.
- 01/29 Still quite cold but little warmer. Mr. Wilson went to Pa's and ate dinner. Then went to Rome and got 195 pounds of sugar and his oat seed and got a letter from Bobby and one from Alice. We were so proud to get the letters as they were long and full of news from Fred Taylor.
- 01/30 Warmer. Mr. Wilson's birthday. 36 today. How grateful I feel that he is spared to see another birthday and is well. After dinner Kelly and Jesse and I rode Valley and went to Pa's, and are there tonight.
- 01/31 Warm and cloudy. Kelly stayed at his grandpa's and Jesse and I came home meeting Mr. Wilson going to Rome.
- 02/01 Cloudy. Mr. Wilson went this morning to see Mrs. Rigsby who is quite sick. He got back, ate dinner and at one o'clock started to Bob Gann's. Willis and Jesse and I stayed all the evening alone and lonely we were too. Charlie and Nora came in late this evening. Tonight no one here but the children and darkies and I so we are too lonesome to write about.
- 02/02 Clear and pleasant. Mr. Wilson got home from Lebanon about sundown so we are not so lonely tonight. Kelly still at his grandma's.
- 02/03 Clear and pretty. Mr. Wilson went to Rome and Mr. Kemp and Mr. Williams came and I sent Charlie after Mr. Wilson. They ate dinner here and then they all rode off together and did not get back until near night. Kelly came home from his grandma's. Andrew Colquitt and Marcella Hatcher brought Mr. Wilson calves which he had bought from Mr. Colquitt and they ate dinner here.



- 02/04 Cloudy. I finished Kelly's white tucked waist. Mr. Wilson worked his bay mule for the first time and went to Hanley Gann's. Tonight Mr. George Dunn from Sumner County is here. Nora and I dyed some black yarn.
- 02/05 Raining most all day. Mr. Wilson went to Rome after the mail and concluded to go over to Uncle Vester's tonight and Bob came to stay with the children and I and is here tonight.
- 02/06 Bob left early. Mr. Wilson came home about twelve o'clock with Uncle Josh. Mr. Wilson sold him the little mule and bought his buggy. Clear tonight.
- 02/07 Jesse was taken quite sick about three o'clock this morning and has been sick all day. Mr. Wilson went to Rome. Pretty day.
- 02/08 A gloomy cloudy day. One of Calvin's little boys fell out the door and cut his head and Mr. Wilson fixed it with sticking plaster. I wrote to Edgar.
- 02/09 Mr. Wilson went to Carthage. It has been one of the rainiest stormiest days and turned cooler this evening and is terribly blustery tonight.
- 02/10 Awful cold again. Mr. Wilson went to Rock City and was gone nearly all day. Mr. Wilson and I drawing off our account tonight.
- 02/11 Still very cold. Ann Haley (colored) came after the gun. Mr. Freeman the pack peddler was here.
- 02/12 Still cold. Mr. Wilson went to Rome after the mail and brought a letter from Nan Denton, from Dora Vaden and also one from Alice requesting me to be sure to come out next Sunday to Granville. Nora went to George Williams and got the trimming Betty had made for Kelly's white waist.
- 02/13 Slight snow this morning but did not snow long. Kelly and Willis went with their papa to Rock City. Tom Wilson cut their hair, and they brought the little buggy home. I have been quite busy all day fixing to start to Granville tomorrow.
- 02/14 Rather cold. We all got ready and went in the wagon and stopped at Mrs. Flippin's and warmed and then went to Pa's. The children and I got on the steamer Ewold and started to Granville and got there at eight and a half o'clock tonight. All so glad to see Fred Taylor who had been there seven weeks and scarcely knew us.
- 02/15 A disagreeable day. Grandma and Bobby came to see us this morning. Thayer came to see Alice tonight. [Note: This was Thayer Smith who would marry Alice and start the name Thayer in Elenora's descendants. TWB] Edgar and Charlie Brown went to Gainesborough after Retta. Turning cold fast, snowing and blowing. I wrote to Mr. Wilson.

- 02/16 Cold. Alice went out to Taylor Brown's to sew all day. After dinner I went out there and Bobby was sewing on Alice's blue silk dress. I came by Aunt Mag's. Retta and Edgar got here this evening from Gainesborough and were very cold.
- 02/17 Still cold. Grandma and Lou and Aunt Mag here and we made the two first cakes for Alice's wedding and made a failure on the third. Lou and I went up to her house and baked some late this evening. Alice finished her sewing. Retta suffering with her arm. Dr. Ragland to see her.
- 02/18 Ann Jake (colored) came this morning and Thula Ellar and Grandma and Lou and we are baking in earnest. Lou and I carried two cakes and baked them on her stove. Thayer is here tonight to see Pa.
- 02/19 All still busy cooking. Almost finished today. I went with Alice and she and I and all the children talked to Mr. Wilson on the telephone. Lou and I baked a fruitcake on her stove.
- 02/20 Real cold. Retta still suffering with her arm. I made up the tea cakes this morning and went up to Lou's and baked them.
- 02/21 Ann Jake came back today. Finished icing on the cake. Ann baked the bride's cake on Lou's stove putting the white of fifty cents worth of eggs in it. [Note: About 10 dozen eggs. TWB]
- 02/22 A pretty day. I went up to Lass's, Kelly and Willis came and we ate dinner. *After dinner* I came to Pa's and Alice and I went to the chaplain's office and Alice and Fred had a real pleasant conversation with Mr. Wilson and Bob at Rome. I went back to Pa's and nursed Jesse. Thayer came to see Alice and talk to Ma and called for me and about the time I went in the parlor, the boat whistled and he went to the river to meet some of his relatives from Nashville and then came back and remained an hour or so.
- 02/23 Today is bright and pleasant and has been indeed a busy day. Taylor Brown came and arranged the table for us in a perfect T. Ann went to Lou's and baked two raisin cakes. Lou and I set the table as Grandma some better. Ann and I made the float and she dressed the turkey and the fat pig was killed. Mr. Wilson and Bob came about four o'clock this evening. I went up to Lou's after supper to get Aunt Ann a pipe as I had burned hers up. [Note: Elenora may have started smoking a pipe. It was a fairly common practice. TWB]
- 02/24 It was raining when we all awoke this morning and has rained all day and is raining tonight and a wetter, muddier time I never saw. I have sick headache. All went to the church in buggies. Lou and I and my children stayed as I was too sick to go. Brother and Miss Betsy Black, Mike Smith and Bobby, Frank Cheatham, and Sally Smith were the attendants. Reverend B. G. Ferrell performed the ceremony, which united Thayer Smith and Alice Kelly. Quite a number came with them from the church and ate supper. Many and handsome were their presents. The crowd all dispersed about ten and a half o'clock. Fred Taylor had the croup late in the night.
- 02/25 Just awful muddy. Several came back for breakfast. Mr. Wilson and I drove Uncle Dave's horse and went up to Mrs. Smith's. Thayer and Alice and the remainder of their crowd came, but I have been too sick all day to hardly know what transpired. Immediately after dinner Mr. Wilson and I went back to Pa's and when I got there I was terribly sick but Ma helped me to bed. Mr. Wilson made a fire in the parlor and carried the boys in there and I soon went to sleep.

- 02/26 Mr. Wilson and Bob started home as early as they could get off. Everything seems quite lonely and still after such confusion. I was at Lou's tonight until bedtime.
- 02/27 Clear and pretty. Grandma and Bobby and Lass spent the evening here. Late this evening Thayer and Alice came and are here tonight. Fred came down with sick headache and Pa and Edgar are sleeping at the store.
- 02/28 Expecting the boat constantly. Was at Lou's this morning. Fannie Michaels was there. Lou Reeves was at Pa's and when the Thomas D. Fyke whistled, she helped us to the river and Frank Cheatham and Leo Smith came by to tell Alice goodbye. The boat left Granville very soon and we are tonight on our way home after an absence of two weeks. The boat run on until it got to Cage's Landing and then tied up.
- 03/01 The boat started again just after day and got to Rome about ten o'clock. Mr. Wilson met us there with the buggy. Mr. Wilson rode Jim and brought Jesse and the other children and I came in the buggy and found Uncle Ed and Nora at home. All at home together once again. Fred T. having been gone nine weeks today.
- 03/02 I was taken with neuralgia last night and slept scarcely any all night and have suffered all day. Have not been able to sit up today. Uncle Ed was here and took care of the children for me. Mr. Wilson hauled some corn which he bought over the river. Still suffering tonight.
- 03/03 It's a beautiful day. I am up but very weak. Uncle Ed left. He and Charlie carried the plows to the field and plowed one round through the wheat which he thinks is all killed.
- 03/04 A pretty day. Mr. Wilson busy plowing up his wheat, preparatory for oats. He went to Rock City after some seed oats.
- 03/05 Another pretty day. All busy plowing. Calvin and Charlie, Mr. Wilson sewing clover in the meadow. The pack peddler, Rosenfield, ate dinner.
- 03/06 Cloudy a portion of the day and a snowstorm of only a few minutes. Ma and Nancy Jane spent the day here. Nora's mama here this morning.
- 03/07 Snowing all the forenoon but clear this evening. We put up the hams.

[Eleanora Davis: This ends the diary for 1885. It is sad to record that Willis, the second son, age 5, became ill of Membrane's Croup and died suddenly on March 9th, just two days after the last writing. Grandmother's sorrow was so heavy that she was not able to keep up her diary. The next writing starts on January 1, 1886.]

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RECORDS OF BIRTHS, 1881 - 1883  
SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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BIRTH	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER
Oct 2, 1881	Eva Pope, F	John Pope	Eliza Elizabeth Pope
Nov 3, 1881	Sarah A. E. Carter, F	John S. Carter	Mary Carter
Sep 17, 1881	Charles M. Owen, M	William Owen	Josie Owen
Sep 25, 1881	Turner Grissom, MB	John Grissom	Ann Grissom
Sep 4, 1881	Etta Gentry, F	William Gentry	Ella Gentry
Sep 7, 1881	Eliza Watts, F	Ira Watts	Sarah Watts
Sep 30, 1881	Calicole, F	B. F. Calicole	Mary Calicole
Sep 10, 1881	Zora Kirk, F	R. B. Kirk, GA	Missouri Kirk, GA
Sep 18, 1881	Furgusson, F	Wm. Furgusson	Dellie Furgusson
Sep 4, 1881	Russell, F	Wm. Russell	Arritha Russell
May 13, 1881	Henry R. Kemp, M	C? J. Kemp	Calita Kemp
Jun 20, 1881	W. E. Grigg, M	J. P. Grigg, NC	Mollie T. Grigg
Aug 4, 1881	N. D. Russell, F	James F. Russell	Sarah Russell
Apl 17, 1881	Henry W. Beckwith, M	Irenus Beckwith	Felie Beckwith
Dec 12, 1881	Law, M	Thadius S. Law	Fannie Law
Nov 14, 1881	William Jones, M	Osca Jones, VA	Angeline Jones
Nov 28, 1881	Bettie Clair Smith, F	James I. Knight	Mahala E. Knight
Nov 28, 1881	Isham Beasley, M	Jerone Beasley	Ellen Beasley
Dec 12, 1881	Martha Mack Bass, FB	George Bass, GA	Dea Bass
Oct 25, 1881	Alice J.E. Cowan, FB	Alfred Cowan	Elirya Cowan
Oct 29, 1881	Hezekiah Whittico, MB	Henry Whittico	Anna Whittico
Nov 19, 1881	Malovia Lyles, FB	A. Lyles	Katherine Lyles
Nov 5, 1881	John W. Reed, M	Braddock Reed	Martha J. Reed
Nov 5, 1881	Minnie Reed, F	Braddock Reed	Martha J. Reed
Oct 9, 1881	Leonard Hollerman, M	John F. Hollerman	Mary Hollerman
Oct 13, 1881	Nancy Belle Coons, F	Zachariah Coons	Mipona Coons
Nov 15, 1881	Amaninda D. Thompson, F	James S. Thompson	E. H. Thompson
Dec 17, 1881	Lum Nichols, MB	John Nichols	Milbry Nichols
Nov 2, 1881	Mary C. Dillard, F	Charles F. Dillard	Catherine Dillard
Nov 14, 1881	Varnel H. Woodard, M	H. D. Woodard	E. B. Woodard
Dec 22, 1881	Isabel V. Mink, F	John W. Mink	Cornelia Mink
Dec 30, 1881	Kelsy V. Powell, F	Jesse A. Powell	Willie E. Powell
Oct 12, 1881	Davis, M	R. G. Davis, NC	Josephine Davis
Oct 23, 1881	William E. Holloman, M	John B. Holloman	Martha Holloman
Nov 28, 1881	Loman, M		Kate Loman
Nov 28, 1881	Loman, F		Kate Loman
Dec 15, 1881	Apple, M	Leroy B. Apple	Fannie Apple

May 3, 1881	Joseph A. Cardwell, M	S. S. Cardwell	M. E. Cardwell
Sep 8, 1881	Bush, M	William Bush	Jane Bush
Nov 4, 1881	Brown, F	N. B. Brown	Kate Brown
Oct 2, 1881	Esah Pope, F	John Pope	Elizabeth Pope
Dec 3, 1881	James A. Chambers, M	James Chambers	Tennessee Chambers
Oct 25, 1881	James M. Matthews, M	E. L. Mathews	Mary Matthews
Dec 15, 1881	Henry M. Smith, M	Harrison Smith	Mildred Smith
Oct 25, 1881	Leander Smith, M	W. L. Smith	Sallie Smith
Dec 18, 1881	Lula Bell Ward, F	Samuel Ward	Mary Ward
Nov 3, 1881	Sarah A. E. Carter, F	John S. Carter	Mary Carter
Jun 7, 1881	Nellie Wilson Kemp, F	J. L. Kemp	Josephine Kemp
Jun 25, 1881	Wallace, F	M. A. Wallace	Julia Wallace
Oct 1, 1881	Kemp, M	J. C. Kemp	Mary Kemp
Jul 1, 1881	A. D. Wise, F	John R. Wise	Wise
Sep 29, 1881	Johnson, F	John Johnson	Dora Johnson
Nov 24, 1881	Powell, F	Andrew Powell	Lucinda Powell
Mar 25, 1882	Denny, M	Nathan Denny	Amanda Denny
Apr 22, 1882	Agee, M	S. T. Agee	M. J. Agee
Apr 22, 1882	Agee, M	J. D. Agee	S. E. Agee
May 5, 1882	Joseph Oldham, M	Jerry Oldham	Sopha Oldham
May 30, 1882	Mollie Morgan, FB	Robert Morgan	Felie Morgan
Jun 8, 1882	Elizabeth D. Hubbard, F	G. W. Hubbard	E. A. Hubbard
Aug 6, 1881	Elva Almer Hackett, F	W. T. Hackett	M. J. Hackett
Jun 25, 1882	Lelia Dillahay, F	Newton Dillahay	S. J. Dillahay
May 19, 1882	Wm. H.C. Hackett, M	T. M. Hackett	S. S. Hackett
May 6, 1882	J. M. Halliburton, M	P. Halliburton	C. A. Halliburton
Apr 7, 1882	R. E. Craighead, M	Overton Craighead	S. T. Craighead
Mar 2, 1882	Lawson Cage, M	James S. Cage	Amanda Cage
Mar 4, 1882	Wakefield, M	James S. Wakefield	Cassie Wakefield
Mar 3, 1882	Law, F	A. H. Law	Mary Law
Feb 26, 1882	Drury Cornwell, M	F. C. Cornwell	L. A. Cornwell
Feb 22, 1882	James Lester Reece, M	W. R. Reece	M. F. Reece
Feb 11, 1882	Newton Paul Hewitt, M	James L. Hewitt	N. W. Hewitt
Sep 8, 1881	Richard Boulton, M	Illigitimate	Permelia Boulton
Apr 18, 1882	Reasonover, F	Jim Reasonover	Eva Reasonover
May 11, 1882	Bandola Finn, F	James Finn	Mary Finn
Jun 10, 1882	Mary B. Clackston, F	A. J. Clackston	D. F. Clackston
Jun 27, 1882	B. W. Shoemake, M	John Shoemake	Nancy Shoemake
Jan 31, 1882	Cowan, F	Alex Cowan	Celina Cowan
Mar 11, 1882	Lucy Wilkerson, F	G. A. Wilkerson	Sarah Wilkerson
Jan 31, 1882	Crowell, M	C. E. Crowell	D. S. Crowell
Jun 23, 1882	Isaac G. Reid, M	Illigitimate	Francis Reid
Jan 3, 1882	Elrod, F	Fountain E. Elrod	Ann Elrod

Jan 15, 1882	Betsey A. Durham, F	Rufus Durham	Sarah Durham
Jan 15, 1882	James A. Hubbard, M	David Hubbard	L. A. Hubbard
Feb 15, 1882	O. B. Vanderpool, M	John Vanderpool	R. A. Vanderpool
Feb 3, 1882	Davis, F	John P. Davis	Francis Davis
Mar 9, 1882	William D. Hackett, M	Samuel H. Hackett	Mary A. Hackett
Jan 13, 1882	Kinsey, M	D. E. Kinsey	M. E. Kinsey
Jan 15, 1882	Perl Hackett, F	Thomas Hackett	Martha Hackett
Feb 7, 1882	Boulton, M	John Boulton	Louisa Boulton
Feb 13, 1882	Craig, M	L. B. Craig	Millie Craig
Feb 12, 1882	Thompson, MB		Lucy Thompson
Feb 12, 1882	Thompson, FB		Lucy Thompson
Jan 26, 1882	Orilee McKinney, F	J. R. McKinney	Emeline McKinney
Jan 19, 1882	Thos. Marshall Stallings, M	Thomas Stallings	Mary Stallings
Jan 24, 1882	John William Stallings, M	John Stallings	Nora Stallings
Feb 6, 1882	Mary F. Pritchett, F		Mary F. Pritchett
Jan 29, 1882	Della Olanda West, F	John T. West	Aletha J. West
Jan 10, 1882	R. H. Climer, M		Mary Climer
Feb 15, 1882	Kemp, F	Benjamin Kemp	Mary Kemp
Jan 1, 1882	Docter Davis Draper, M	L. A. Draper	S. J. Draper
Jan 1, 1882	Goad, M	R. D. Goad	Adeville Goad
Feb 3, 1882	Georgia C. L. Gibbs, FB	Clark Gibbs	Laura Gibbs
Feb 8, 1882	Mary A. Warren, F	Dutch Warren	Amanda Warren
Mar 6, 1882	M. E. Cothren, F	F. G. Cothren	M. S. Cothren
Mar 21, 1882	Thomas A. Matthews, M	Matthew Matthews	Mary Matthews
Mar 1, 1882	Viola M. Nixon, F	James C. Nixon	Juda A. Nixon
Mar 20, 1882	Armistead, F	J. T. Armistead	Louisa Armistead
Mar 23, 1882	Emma Q. Russell, F	W. T. Russell	Lenora Russell
Apr 2, 1882	Fannie Grisham, F	N. N. Grisham	Martha Grisham
Apr 1, 1882	Author Blaine McCrary, M	A. B. McQuary	M. J. McQuary
Apr 1, 1882	Ellis McDonald, M	Lon McDonald	L. K. McDonald
Mar 1, 1882	Ruth Ensor Petty, F	William Petty	Emeline E. Petty
Mar 1, 1882	James Allen, M	George R. Allen	Jennie Allen
Jan 23, 1882	Ellis Petty, M	James P. Petty	Susan Petty
Mar 23, 1882	E. W. Thackston, F	G. W. Thackston	Fannie Thackston
Apr 1, 1882	A. K. Draper, M	A. G. Draper	Jane Draper
Apr 3, 1882	Sadie K. Marrus, FB	Caleb Marrus	Marrus
Mar 5, 1882	Samuel Exum, M	Thomas Bush	Louisa Bush
Feb 26, 1882	Thomas Herschal, M	Joseph B. Bradley	Elizabeth Bradley

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BIG SPRING AT RIDDLETON  
Historical Clippings of Smith County

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Big Spring at Riddleton was aptly named. In fact the spring was so big that local residents at one time feared for the lives of persons who would frequent the site, and consequently dumped wagon load after wagon load of heavy rock into its seemingly bottomless mouth.

It has even been said that the spring gulped down a man, his wagon and team of mules when the wagon fell backward as the man was attempting to unload rock into its boiling maw. According to legend nothing was ever found to reveal their demise and it was as if the ground had opened up to claim all four.

Big Spring, even before the earliest days of the coming of the white man, spewed up water in great amounts, and as the site around the spring was constantly being used as a picnic site, it was decided that heavy rocks should be poured into its abyss in an attempt to subdue its flow and fill to some extent its seemingly bottomless pit. Today the flow is staunched by this heavy constriction.

Big Spring was used in the earliest days by the Indians, who frequented the area in search of game that would come to the spring for drinking water. Many artifacts have been found nearby, with several tommy hawks and spear points discovered near the spring's banks.

Before the coming of 25 Utility Water District, many residents of the Riddleton Community, and some from other communities, would come to Big Spring to get drinking water for homes and farm use. At times, during severe summer droughts, as many as 10 farm wagons would be lined up awaiting their turn to fill up tanks for irrigation of gardens and tobacco patches. Big Spring in earlier days seemed to have been formed for the people of Riddleton. As any resident there will tell you, there "just isn't any water to be had in the community by drilling."

Big Spring Creek takes a meandering course under Highway 25, where it meets Riddleton Creek and then goes on to meet Bowman's Branch. From there it dodges back under Highway 25 again and takes a due course to Peyton's Creek and a scant few thousand yards farther empties into the Cumberland River.

At one time, many years ago, an enterprising miller placed a grist mill just below the town of Riddleton with power being furnished by the ample flow of water from the spring. Today Big Spring is left pretty much alone. There are few to come to quench their thirst by quaffing of the pure water. Busy motorist speed by on Highway 25, a scant 100 feet away, with most not even knowing that the spring, which has proven to be so vital still gushes forth deliciously pure drinking water.

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Ed. Note: [*The initials M D. denotes "moderator." Spelling has not been corrected.*]  
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January Term, 1855. Macedonia Church in conference, Brother James Barret agrees to take the pastoral care of the church for the next twelve months to come. J. Barret, M. D., and L. James, M. D.

Feb Term, 1855. Macedonia Church in conference the church granted Sister Frances Manen a letter , no other business. J. Barret, M.D., J. Ligon, C C.

March Term 1855. The church ordered Brother J. Barret to go to Round Lick Church to aid them in electing two Deacons. J. A. Ligon, Clerk.

April Term, 1855. Nothing of record. J. Barret, MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

May Term, 1855. Church in conferance the complaned of Bro. Archibald Helmontallow drinking to much a committee was appointed to see him and report at the next term the committy was J. A. Ligon & B. Oliver. J. Barrett, MD, J. A. Ligon, C.C.

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June Term, 1855. Macedonia Church was in conference the case of Bro Helmontallow layed over until July Term a new committee appointed to labour with him to wit Thomas Clark, W. Denny, S. Gear. Delagate appointed to go to session at Hickman Creek Church on Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sabath in July next to wit J. A. Ligon, Wiley Denny, James Staling, Banks Oliver, Sam Gear a patininary was read from Sedar Creek in the hearing of our church soliciting the aid of J. Barret in ordaining a minister it was read and the patisian granted. J. Barret, MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

July Term, 1855. Church in conference the case of Brother Helmontallow deferred until next term. Church order the clerk to prepare letter for the association and to be red at the next meeting names left blank also defur selecting Deacan until next Term. J. Barrett, MD, James A. Ligon.

Augs Term, 1855. The church in conference the case of Brother Helmontallow taken up the committee report he would not come to the church so they excluded him also the delagate elected to the association to wit Leroy James, James A. Ligon also the letter to the association read and recd. J. Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon, cck.

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Sept Term 1855. The Salem assosiation was hel with church at Macedonia the church while in conference granted letters to the following Brothers & Sisters to wit: Stephen



Barrett and wife Polly Ann also Penny Bates also Sareann Harper. The church also protracted the meeting. J. Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon CCK.

Oct Term 1855. Macedonia church in conference the church granted Sister Ann Clarady a letter of dismissin. Brother Lee James MD, James A. Ligon CCK.

Nov Term 1855. Church in conferance no Business of record.

Dece Term 1855. Church in conference the church took in consideration of the Balance of the means to pay for the Building of our church house they layed over the Business untill the next term. James Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Janu Term 1856. Macedonia Church in conference the mater of making up means to defrey the balance of the expence that remains unpayed upon our house. Brother James Barret, E. Morris was chosen to take up subscriptions to see how mutch they could get also mater of coosing a paster for the future was deferred untill the next term. J. Barret, MD, James A. Ligon.

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Feb Term 1856. Church in conference they call Br. J. Barrett to the pastoral cear of the church the Brother agreed to take the oversight thereof. Sister Sareana Mason brought a list of charges against Brother Lee James containing in substance unbrotherly love and disputing her word mis quotating and refusing to settle the mater when called on the church set our next term to settle the mater. J. Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Mar Term 1856. Church in conference referance called for Sister Mason charges presented the difficulty had ben satisfactorly settled before our regular meeting the Brother Moderator stated how the matter had ben settled and that Sister Mason with draw her charges the church consented to it by a vote. J. Barrett Md., J. A. Ligon Clk.

April Term 1856. Church in conference no referance the church granted Sister Judy Claradan a letter of dismissal they also set the May term for there Communion Season. J. Barrett, MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

May Term 1856. The church did not hold there communion according to previous arrangement then continued it until June Term no other Buisness. J. Barrett MD, James A. Ligon Cck.

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June Term 1856. Macedonia Church in conference the dores was open for the reception of members three joined by letter from New Salem to wit Brother M. T. Ragan and wife Sister Rachel Ragan also there daughter Margret Ragan. The church also licen Brother M. T. Ragan to sing and pray or exort or to take a tent and preach in publick when he chose to do so. The church elected delagate to the Sexian meeting to be at Hogans Creek

the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August next to wit: E. Morris, J. Staling, J. Ligon, S. Sampson, James McClanahan. J. Barret MD, J. A. Ligon cck.

July Term 1856. Macedonia Church in conference delagates elected to the assosiation to wit L. James, James Barret also a letter to be prepared for the delagates and read at the next Term. J. Barret MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Aug Term 1856. Church in conference the letter to send up to the association read and receive nothing more of importance, James Barrett MD, James A. Ligon CCK.

Sept Term 1856. Conference Meeting on Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath in same month no record. J. Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

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Oct Term 1856. Macedonia Church in conference the church appointed Bro Samuel Gear to take up collection for home Mission for the present year. J. Barrett MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

Nov. Term 1856. nothing of record. J. Barret MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Dec Term 1856. No meeting on Saturday no conference meeting but meeting on the Sabath. J. Barret Md, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1856. The church held meetin on the 25<sup>th</sup> December it being the day that is sayed to be our Lords Berth Day believing it should be kept to the honor of our Lord an Saviour Jessus Chris the Church granted Bro. J. Barret privilege to go to New Hope on business on our next regular meeting day. J. Barret MD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

Jan Term 1857. The Macedonia Church in conference the officer of church reported the folowng Breatheing John Allen for profainity and swearing and Brother William Allen beting and shooting and card playing and Brother James Allmon for Dancing a commiy has ben appointed to see them for settlement at our next anuel term. Commity: Jas. Bradford, B. Oliver, J. W. Denny, Jas. McClanahan. J. Barret MD, T. Clark assistant Cl, J. A. Ligon.

P. 40. Call Meeting, Jan 24, 1857. Church in conference the church adopted some rules with regard to the common play or amusements of the country to be confirmed at our next term. Also Bro. L. James reported to the church as common rumer of the country that Bro. John Staling has had fiddling and dancing at his house a commity has ben appointed to in form him of the same for him to answer to the charge at our next term. Commity J. A. Ligon, J. Bates. J. Barrett MD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 1857. The church at Macedonia in conference the rules of decorum read the preceeding reserlutions read and confirmed by the church the commity to see Brother

John Allen failed to git to see him his case was deferred until our next term. Brother William Alen was excluded also Brother James Almon excluded also the case of Brother John Stalings taken up the commity reported and Brother Staling failed to come according to promise Brother Wiley Denney added to the same commity to see him again report at next term. The church past the following reserlutions: We the united Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Macedonia believing that the common plays kept up by

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members of the church and the world is idolatry also fidling and dansing. (see Ex 32 C and 6<sup>th</sup> V) and the people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play (7 V) and the Lord said unto Moses go get the down for thy people which thou broughtest out of the Canal of Egypt have corrupted them selve (19 V) dansing (Cor 10<sup>th</sup> C , 7 & 8 V) Neither be ye idolators as were some of them as it is written the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play neither let us commit fornication as some of them commited and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1. Resolved therefore that the members of this church abstain from dansing and playing.
2. Resolved that if any member of this church from this time forward be found violating the above resolutions they may be called upon to answer to the church and if satisfaction is not obtained the transgressor maybe excluded from the church. Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 1857. J. Baret MD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

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March Term 1857. Macedonia Church in conference Business called for Brother John Allen case presented satisfaction received and he restored also Bro. John Staling case presented and he restored to full fellowship. James Barret MD, James A. Ligon Clk.

April Term, 1857. No meeting.

May Term 1857. Macedonia Meeting May Term 1857, Buisiness called for no referance the church & community orthrised the Blacks to hold meeting by a commity being appointed to attend with them the church commenced at this meeting. J. Barrett, MD, J. a. Ligon clk.

June Term, 1857. Macedonia Church in conference Brother R. Lyon chosen moderator New Salem presented a letter for ministeral aid from our church to ordain a Brother in Salem to preach the gossell. Macedonia granted her request. R. Lyon, MD, J. a. Ligon, Clk.

July Term, 1857. The church in conferance ordered a letter to be prepared to send up to the assosiation with the following Breathering to bear it, James Barret, Elijah Morris, they request the assosiation to send minuets to amount of there means. J. Ligon, Clk.

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Aug Term, 1857. Macedonia church in conference letter read and recd to sen up to the assosiation ,joined by letter 4 to wit, Brother David Hodge and wife Elizabeth, also Mary Smith and Eliza Smith also the church granted Brother William C. Whitley a letter of dismisian the church agrees to hold a protracted meeting at our next Term. J. Barrett, MD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

Sept Term 1857. Church in conference Hogans Creek Church request us to send them some ministerian aid to ordain some deacons. Macedonia granted her request the church granted a Universaition Minister to preach in there church house. Brother Ragan, MD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

Oct. Term 1857. Church in conference no buisiness of record. J. Barret, MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

Nov. Term 1857. Church in conference Buisiness call no referance. Doors opened for reception of members three joined by experance and Baptism to wit, Elizabeth Shelton, James Samson, Johnson Samson. Broth Borum, MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

Dec 1857. Church in conference. Bro. Ragan was presented to the church for there consideration of ordaining of him to preach the gospel they though fit to defur it for a while. J. Barrett, MD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

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Jan Term 1858. Church in conference, nothing of record.

Feb Term 1858. Church in conference the church ordered letters to be sent out for the Ministreing Brethren to come in to ordane Brother Ragan to the Ministry. Broth Boram & Barrett, MD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

March Term 1858. Macdonia Church the following Brethern met and ordained M. T. Ragan to Ministry to wit, H. Fight, N. Hase, H. P. Hardcastel, J. W. Bowen, William Borum, James Barret.

April Term 1858. No Conference.

May Term 1858. Church in conference one joined by letter to wit, Bro. Edward R. Satterfield by a letter from the church Mayo, Henry County, Virginia. Bro. Bass, MD, Jas, A. Ligon.

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MERCHANDISE LICENSES  
1867 – 1887

*[Beginning in November 1867, an old ledger in the Smith County Archives contains records of those merchants who "having paid the requisite taxes and fees," unless stated otherwise, are licensed to sell goods, wares and merchandise at any one place in Smith County for one year from the date of issue.]*

W. G. Alexander and H. S. Crain under the firm name of H. S. Crain & Co., 9 Nov 1867.

W. G. Alexander and P. G. Dillard under the firm name P. G. Dillard & Co., 9 Nov 1867.

William C. Canady and Larkin W. Russell, 5 Nov 1867.

Calvin Pope, 13 Nov 1867.

James L. Dillard licensed to keep a tippling house, 23 Nov 1867.

James A. Ligon, B. Wilson, Edward Wilson, James Wilson, 16 Dec 1867.

T. H. Gold, E. F. Harp & Co., 6 Jan 1868.

H. Barksdale and J. R. Corley, 6 Jan 1868.

George P. Codler, 16 Jan 1868.

C. H. Throp and A. Debow, 24 Jan 1868.

W. B. Rucks and A. J. Hill, 28 Jan 1868.

Thomas D. Price, 19 Feb 1868.

William F. Turner, P. M. Turner, T. R. Turner, 7 Mar 1868.

William H. Andrews licensed to keep a tippling house, 7 Mar 1868.

S. H. Wright and P. M. Lancaster, 1 Jan 1868.

L. D. Hogg and L. M. McCormick, 13 Mar 1868.

J. L. and B. B. Wilson, 14 Mar 1868.

Samuel Allison, A. L. Jeffreys, Robert Washburn, 2 Mar 1868.

C. J. Coward and B. R. Draper, 31 Mar 1868.

B. F. C. Smith, 23 Mar 1868.

H. P. Russell and William Compton, 17 Apr 1868.

James McClarin, 13 May 1868.

John D. Turner, 26 May 1868.

B. F.C. Smith licensed to run a two-horse wagon, 29 May 1868.

Warren Nichols and Co., 1 Jun 1868.

W. P. Puryear, 1 Jul 1868.

S. Ward and J. G. Bradford, 29, Jun 1868.

P. L. and A. L. Reynolds, 8 Jun 1868.

N. C. and W. T. and A. W. Williams, 6 Jul 1868.

D. W.C. Johnson, 23 Jul 1868.

James Bradley, 9 Sep 1868.

N. S. Patterson and Crowder, 30 Sep 1868.

William Lake, proprietor of the Hippo Olympiad, licensed to give his Circus and Side Show in the town of Carthage for one day only, 22 Oct 1868.

T. D. Price and R. D. Flippen licensed to sell drugs, medicines and merchandise, 16 Sep 1868.

C. Pope, Nov 1868.

Moses Starr, 23 Nov 1868.

E. Harrison Litchford and Co., 12 Dec 1868.

James Haynes, 18 Jan 1869.

William Amonett licensed to sell drugs and medicines, 9 Jan 1869.

T. H. Gold, 6 Jan 1869.

D. V. Seay licensed to sell drugs and medicines, 8 Feb 1869.

R. C. Wright, 6 Feb 1869.

Isham Beasley, Mar 1869.

J. D. Hogg, 2 Mar 1869.

W. F. Turner, 4 Mar 1869.

J. R. Haralson, 13 Feb 1869.

B. F. C. Smith, 19 Mar 1869.

Ewing & Smith, 5 Apr 1869.

James McClarin and Thomas Taylor, 13 May 1869.

William Newbell, 23 Jun 1869.

E. F. Harp, firm of Harp & Gold, 2 Jun 1869.

S. Ward and Bransford, 1 Jul 1869.

P. Land & A. L. Reynolds, 26 Jul 1869.

B. P. & L. J. Williams, 2 Aug 1869.

E. M. Turner & W. H. Dewitt, 8 Sep 1869.

G. G. Dillard licensed to sell drugs and medicines, 10 Sep 1869.

James Bradley, 9 Sep 1869.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house, 11 Oct 1869.

G. W. Murray, 21 Oct 1869.

W. A. Crows & Co., 4 Nov 1869.

W. A. Crows licensed to keep a tippling house, 4 Nov 1869.

C. Pope, 22 Nov 1869.

Dennis Smith, 26 Nov 1869.

C. W. West & L. Williams, 1 Dec 1869.

Harrison Litchford & Co., 28 Dec 1869.

John E. Gold, 14 Jan 1870.

G. W. Bradley, 15 Feb 1870.

Harp & Gwaltney, 7 Mar 1870.

S. Ward & J. G. Bransford, 31 Mar 1870.

G. G. Dillard licensed to sell goods and drugs, 31 Mar 1870.

B. F. C. Smith, 15 Apr 1870.

James M. Fisher license to discount securities and shave notes, \$2000 bond, 9 Apr 1870.

W. C. Wright & J. T. Deadman, 14 Apr 1870.

G. W. Turdwell licensed to keep a tipling house for 3 months, 30 Apr 1870.

John D. Turner, 2 May 1870.

B. P. & L. J. Williams, 24 Jun 1870.

W. H. Nance licensed to take photographs, 7 Jun 1870.

Warren Nichols, 13 Jun 1870.

C. W. West & Williams, 14 Jun 1870.

C. J. Cervard, 2 Jun 1870.

Harrison Litchford & Co., 27 Jun 1870.

P. L. & A. L. Reynolds, 4 Jul 1870.

Bennett & Wright, 5 Jul 1870.

The list will be continued in future editions.



## GORDONSVILLE CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL

Overcast skies and a drizzling rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the citizens of Gordonsville as they greeted visitors and former residents during the celebration of the town's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 2, 2001. A museum of interesting artifacts and vintage photographs, foot-stomping tunes from numerous musical groups, basket weaving, pony rides, T-shirt and craft booths, all lent a festive and fun atmosphere to the usually placid Ivy Agee Park. The day's activities were climaxed by a bountiful catfish dinner.

The highlight of the celebration, however, was a delightful skit that was written and narrated by Gordonsville Librarian, Katheryn Frye Dickens. Characters from the past came to life through the vivid descriptions of Katheryn's documentary and their portrayal by residents of the town. John Gordon, founder of the town, first brought his wife and family to live here in April 1801. They were portrayed by present mayor, Larry Bradford and his family. The site was such a wilderness that Gordon had to make his first crop on land settled on the Caney Fork by the Lancasters. However, the plantation flourished, and the first post office was established in 1823 with Gordon as first post master.

The community has contributed much in many other fields. Joe K. Anderson, retired teacher, principal and superintendent, represented the progressive role of educational institutions in the town's history. Bass Funeral Home, the oldest continuous business, was represented by James Robert Bass, third generation family member to be associated with the business. Native son, Tommy Bridges, was an all-star baseball player for the Detroit Tigers major league team for several years. Gordonsville men were always willing to serve their country and were a formidable force in all of the wars. Even the women asked to be allowed to engage in the fray during the Civil War! Ivy Agee, Jr., veteran of World War II, survivor of D-Day at Normandy on June 6, 1944, recipient of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, five battle stars, and other awards, was given a standing ovation as representative of all veterans from the town that went to war for their country. Katheryn emphasized that Gordonsville established the first high school in Smith County, the first bank in the county, the first side walks, and was the first town to have electricity and street lights. The skit was enhanced by appropriate musical numbers rendered by Georganna Nichols and Billy Woodard.

### QUERIES

**GILLIHAN, WILLIAM.** Born ca 1750, d ca 1830, Smith County, TN. Marr 2<sup>nd</sup> **NANCY AMES** in Barren Co., KY. Mar 1804. Revolutionary War pensioner, Sm Co, Min Bk 8. Would appreciate any information on William and his family.  
**PATRICIA S. DUNN**, 315 Elmwood Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850

**ARNETT, WILLIAM.** Born 1787 in Virginia. Lived in Smith County, TN from about 1813 to 1853. Marr **ROSA PORTER**. Her father was **THOMAS PORTER**, a resident of Smith Co., William and Rosa's children were **WILLIAM P.** b 1821, **JOHN** b 1826, **SUSAN** b 1833, **ARTEMIA** b 1835, **JAMES** b 1832 and **RICHARD** b 1837. In 1853 they moved to Graves Co., KY. Seeking info on **WILLIAM ARNETT'S** parents, where he was born in Virginia and where he lived in Smith County.  
**ROBERT ARNETT**, 6101 Edsall Rd, # 1104, Alexandria, VA 22304. email: [rarnett706@aol.com](mailto:rarnett706@aol.com)

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR**, sponsored by Overton Co. Historical Society, October 11, 12, 13, 2001. Thur., research day at Overton Co. Library; Fri., bus tour; Sat., genealogy fair, address by Dr. Lynwood Montell, 9:30 a.m. and Dr. Michael Birdwell, 1:00 p.m.  
**RONALD DISHMAN**, 931-823-5297. email: [Dishman@TWLakes.Net](mailto:Dishman@TWLakes.Net)

**HENRY PIPER & -----MILEY OR WILEY**  
**HENRY PIPER** was born in TENNESSEE, married a -----**MILEY** or **WILEY**. They had a son **ALFORD**, **ALFRED** he went by both. **ALFRED** was born in 1816-1824 in **SMITH CO. TN** **ALFRED** married **SARAH MANESSEE MAY** 12, 1841 in **JEFFERSON CO., ILL.** We had assumed **ALFRED** was the son of **JOHN & ELIZABETH PIPER** who first appeared in **JEFFERSON CO., IL** in the 1840 census. **JOHN** purchased land on **PEYTON CREEK** in **TN** in 1810 from **JAMES PIPER**. **JOHN** sold his land in 1839 and moved to **ILL.** We recently found an application for a second marriage for **ALFRED** to **MARY ANN KING LEWIS** and on it he stated **HENRY** and --**MILEY** were his parents. We feel it may be **Wiley** as a **Wiley piper** and **Alfred Piper** both appeared for the first time in the census in 1850 in **Jefferson Co., ILL.** Does anyone have any information on these two families. We would appreciate any information.  
**ROBERT PIPER** 11232 REND RD. BENTON, ILL 618-724-2026

**ANDERSON-GLOVER.** **CLARKEY ANDERSON**, b 1815, Jackson Co., TN, dau of **ANDREW ANDERSON, JR.** and **DORCAS CLARK ANDERSON**. She marr **GRANDERSON F. GLOVER** in 1841, Hurricane Creek, Smith Co. He was b 30 Apr 1816, Chestnut Mound, Smith Co., son of **ROBERT GLOVER**. Family appeared in 1850 census, Gibson Co., TN with two children, **DORCAS**, 1842, and **TENNESSEE**, 1848, living near her brother, **WILLIAM P. ANDERSON** and several other families from Smith Co. All returned to Smith in 1852 except the **GLOVERS**. Need any data as to their removal and descendants.  
**BOB C. ANDERSON**, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092

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Dear Friends,

Hello to you this fall! I hope your summer was just the way you wanted it to be. It was a lovely summer on the farm . Our corn grew taller than ever and a late melon crop was sweet and good. In August and September Billy and I enjoyed peaceful moments away from the farm visiting two important river crossings in the county. Both the ferry on the Cumberland river at Dixon Springs-Rome and the Laycock bridge on the Caney Fork river at Betty's Bend, are places of great natural beauty.

Unfortunately both have been in jeopardy this year. Although ferry service at Rome was disrupted for several years I believe now that a local citizen's campaign will have it up and running some time soon. At any rate, the Society has been interested for some time in erecting an historic marker indicating the site's long-standing listing on the National Register of Historic Places .

In late August the state declared unsafe the 70-year-old plank and steel Laycock bridge, a marvel of engineering . However, a new bridge at that precise spot would of course mean destroying the old bridge. It would be much smarter to save the old bridge while putting a new one nearby. To lose still another historic resource could label Smith county the careless county! (A local church recently demolished a hundred-year old historic landmark on Carthage's Main street .)

Meanwhile, the Society and the community are involved in several projects for the fall. The Chamber of Commerce board voted to join us in establishing a county-wide museum. Another prospect is to videotape interesting Smith countians on their memories of the county "as it once was " for an oral-video history. And a third interest is to follow up a Center for Historic Preservation recommendation to work with our county schools on a local history curriculum for their fourth through seventh grades.

I want to acknowledge here the loss of a great friend to the Society, Col. John Howard Allen a native of Dixon Springs who died in late summer in Nashville, aged 86. The Society has been a beneficiary of his generosity for years and his many friends here will miss him and his lifelong interest in his hometown and the county.

This issue of the Newsletter offers another fascinating glimpse into Colonel Fite's journal of the War Between the States and a wonderful little story about a traveling tomato box. I think you'll enjoy them.

Best history to you!

Faith

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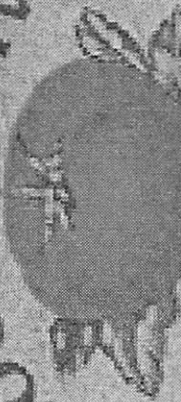
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## TOMATOES IN A BOX

Sue Freeman Culverhouse

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.....During the week I'm a public school elementary music teacher with 540 cherubs to teach to sing; on Saturday mornings, I'm a yard sale junkie on the prowl.

What am I looking for at yard sales? Just about anything that grabs my attention. Many days I buy stuffed animals for the children to hold during music class when we're watching music videos. It's amazing how few discipline problems arise when a child has a teddy bear or a lion to hug. Other times I find books on Albert Schweitzer for my collection, or unusual salt and pepper shakers, or beautiful dishes, or any of the other 1,001 items that any self-respecting pack rat gathers around herself. Sometimes I find gourds or cypress knees for my sculptor husband to carve (although he usually works in marble or soapstone or alabaster).

One particular Saturday I was roaming through the Dunlora Subdivision in Albermarle County where the neighborhood had organized so that almost half the houses on several streets were sporting wares. One driveway looked as though I were one of the last to arrive because only a few items were left. I stopped in anyway just on the off chance that I might find one treasure everyone else had overlooked – and there it was!

A small wooden box in perfect condition that read, "Locomotive Brand Tomatoes Packed by Wilson Martin, Riddleton, Tennessee." It had labels with pictures of tomatoes and a locomotive on the sides. What a find! Father's Day was just on the horizon and this was perfect for my dad.

I should explain: My father, Thomas Buford Freeman, lives in Clarksville, Tennessee. At 77—and in spite of battling cancer since 1974—he is still going strong and fills part of his busy life by planting a garden every year. Retired from NASA in Huntsville, Alabama many years ago, my mother, Vera, and he moved to Clarksville to be near my mother's sisters. Every year my dad grows enough tomatoes (at last count this year, it was 32!) to feed his family and numerous other people from the neighborhood.

One of my dad's other hobbies is electric trains. One of the trains he has in his collection is the Lionel set that belonged to my only brother, Charles, when he was a small child.

What more perfect gift than a box that had both tomatoes and a train!

On the evening of Father's Day, my parents and I were discussing the tomato box on the phone. It occurred to me that I had no idea where Riddleton is- and amazingly, neither did my father. Thus began my research.

Our road atlas showed Riddleton in Smith County, Tennessee, but that didn't tell me much so I went to the Web. Three hours later I had learned that Smith County is the home of Vice President Al Gore and that I couldn't find anything on Wilson Martin, Riddleton or Locomotive Brand Tomatoes.

Having struck a dead end in that direction, I decided to go "out of the box" and see if I could locate a human being who might give me some help. I pulled up the only name I could find in Riddleton by looking up "Smith" in the Yahoo white pages. I was fortunate enough to then reach Mr. Melvin Smith of Riddleton, Tennessee. A nicer stranger I could never have found. He kindly listened to my questions and told me that Riddleton was the first non-Indian settlement in the area. He also advised me that Riddleton is now "just a little gas station with five guys hanging out beside the road." Mr. Smith said that although he had lived only a few years in Riddleton and couldn't help me, he would give me the names of some people who might be able to recall the Martins or something about the business.

That's how I was led to speak with Mr. Ted Beasley of Dixon Springs. He said his grandmother is still living and might remember something about Locomotive Brand Tomatoes. Later that afternoon he called me back and said his grandmother remembered Mr. Martin from her early childhood and that she estimated the business was in operation around 1890 to the early 1900's. Mr. Beasley also gave me the name of Mrs. Faith Young, the president of the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society.

I spoke with Mrs. Young the following week because Mr. Beasley had already tried to call her that Sunday afternoon and she wasn't available. Mrs. Young checked with her husband while we were on the phone but he didn't know anything about Wilson Martin or his business activities. Mrs. Young told me to call her the next week and she'd do her best to find out what she could.

Surely enough, the next week here's what she was able to report: Wilson Martin had a house at Cages Bend near Dixon Springs, an old steamboat town. Around 1890 to the early 1900's he shipped produce up and down the Cumberland River-and not on the rails! The Martin house is now owned by Mr. Herman Royster Henry, a farmer.

Wilson Martin's daughter, Mary Martin, was married to the postmaster. About the time of World War II, Howard Martin, the younger brother of Wilson Martin, lived at the home of Mary Martin and her husband.

So I now know a little about Wilson Martin, Locomotive Brand Tomatoes and Riddleton, Tennessee. In the process, I have made three new friends and have once again been reminded of the kindness and good hearts of people in Tennessee.

My husband and I plan to visit my parents in Clarksville the first week in August. On our way, we hope to stop by Riddleton and Dixon Springs and possibly see the property where Locomotive Brand tomatoes were once shipped.

Who knows! Maybe our next great adventure will begin from tomatoes in a box!

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MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSONS  
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P. (66) JUNE TERM 1802. George Anderson appt. overseer of road from forks of road on Long Creek to state line. John Fisher, Wm. Fisher, Wm. Bartlett, Nathan Bartlett, Samuel White, Robert McKinley, Ezekiel Wray, Daniel Bridgman, Leroy Casey, Joseph ?/, Dempsey Kenedy, John Nicholas, Stephen Montgomery, John Smith, Michael Neere and Thomas McFarren work under Anderson.

Daniel Alexander appt. overseer where he is now overseer. James Montgomery, John Kenedy, Joel Holland, Josiah Howell, Wm. Cross, Owen Sullivan, Isaac Sullivan, Daniel Sullivan, Hugh Larimore, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Galbreath, Jacob Kenedy, Wm. Hellums, Hugh Stephenson, Wm. Malone, Richard Bowen, Elisha Oglesby, Robert Moffit and Roah Eddy work under Daniel Alexander.

Burnell Driver, Stephen Robertson, Josiah Reynolds, Henry Moore, Jr., Charles Kavanaugh, Thomas Flood and Cap Charles Kavanaugh appt to view, mark and lay off road from Bowlings Feltz's on Smith Fork to intersect the Nashville road at most convenient place for upper settlement of Hickman's Creek. Report to next court.

Deed 3451/2 acres George Lawrence to Joseph Lawrence proven by oath of Adam Lawrence. Registered.

Deed 200 acres Thomas and Mourning White to James Ewing proven by oath of Wm. Pryor. Registered.

P. (67) JUNE 22, 1802. Present: James Gwin, Elmore Douglass, John Looney and Wm. Kavanaugh.

Deed Thomas Hickman to Henry Moore proven by oath of Charles Kavanaugh.

Deed 100 acres Thomas Hickman to George Tinkle proven by oaths of Charles Kavanaugh and Wm. Neel.

Deed 200 acres John Barker to Wm. Neel proven by oath of Charles Kavanaugh.

Deed 200 acres John Irvin to Joel Holland proven by oath of James Gwin.

Deed Henry Tooly to John Barkley 324 acres.

Deed 10 acres Henry Tooley to John Barkley.

Peter Turney appt. Entry Taker for Smith Co., commission from Governor Roan.

Grand Jury was discharged for this term.

Court adjourned to meet at dwelling house of Wm. Walton next term.

P. (68) A county tax of 61/4 cents on each 100 acres of land; 61/4 cent on each poll and 25 cents on each Stud horse.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1802. Present: James Gwin, James Hibbits, Elmore Douglass, Charles and Wm. Kavanaugh.

Wm. Saunders gave inventory account of Estate of Bennett Rogers, Dec.

Deed 100 acres Ammon Davis to Jacob Harvick proven by oath of Wm. Martin.

Deed 100 acres Jacob Harvick to John Lovelady, registered.

Daniel Mungle appt. overseer of road from forks above Samuel Curothers to Daniel Alexander. Same hands work under him as worked under Richard Brittain, previous overseer.

Amendment made on road from Charles Kavanaugh's towards Nashville as far as Wilson County line be established as public road, Elijah Gaddis appt. overseer; same hands work under him as ordered by Wilson court.

John Gordon, Wm. Hughes, John Haney, Wm. Smith, Matthew Payne, Jesse Smith and Thomas Lancaster appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Walton's ferry to Lancaster's Mill.

John Campbell, Joseph Collens, Taddock McNew, Isaac Moore, Robert Smith, Zachariah Ford and Ennes Harrold appt. to view, mark, lay off road from Charles Kavanaugh's

P. (69). Down Hickman's Creek passing Joseph Collens to a certain ford near Thomas Smith thence the nearest and best way to intersect Walton's road at most convenient place.

Archibald Sloan appt. overseer of road to Michael Murphy to top of ridge between Payton's to Defeated Creek. All hands living on fork road leads up to Michael Murphy's, all hands on fork George Thompson lives on; fork Wm. Kelton lives on and fork said Sloan lives on from his house to said road work under Sloan.

Lewis McFarland pd. 28.00 in full for services of 28 days labor in marking county line.

Willis Jones paid 56.00 for surveyor for running boundary lines between Smith and Wilson and Smith and Jackson.

Bill of sale John L. Martin sheriff to Sampson Williams, registered.

Deed 320 acres Lemuel Hogan to David Hodges proven by oath of John Ward.

Seviere and Gordon vs John Den? and Aaron Rollings, take deposition of Wm. White of N.C. and Archibald Roan - 30 days notice for White, 20 days for Roan.

P. (70). JUNE 24, 1802. Present: James Gwin, Elmore Douglass and William Kavanaugh.

Corn levied by Constable sold; money deposited in clerk's office.

Armistead Moore, Joel Holland, Richard Lancaster, Wm. Pryor, George Roland, David Keilough, Godfrey Fowler, David Keilough, Sr. and Henry King released from Scire facias the State vs them for nonattendance as jurors at March Term.

Wm. Pate, Willie Sullivan, Josiah Howell and Aaron Hart fined for nonattendance as jurors at March Term unless they can give reasons for nonattendance.

John Gordon, Joel Holland, Dempsey Kenedy, William Stephenson, Wm. Thompson, John Roe, Joseph Berry, Daniel Kavanaugh, John Ward, Wm. Wooten, Philip Sutton, Vincent Ridley, Jefery Sutton, Wm. Vardine, Allen Wilkinson, Wm. Kelton, George Thomason, Alexander Piper, Samuel Stalup, Thomas Lancaster, Boling Felts, Isaac Johns, John Skelton, Wm. Lancaster, Lazarus Cotton, John Fite, Henry Moore, Joseph



Collens, Wm. Shaw, Charles McClennon, Grant Allen, Anthony Samuel, James Bradley, Wm. L. Alexander, Jr., Jones Stephenson and John Cooper. (Juror List?)

P. (69a). John Douglas, Sheriff was appt. collector of State and County Tax for year 1802.

James Vance appt. overseer of road from John Lancaster's ferry to Walton's road. John Lancaster furnish Vance with list of hands.

Wilson Cage, James Bradley and Andrew Greer were appt. commissioners to divide tract of land where Michael Murphy lives between heirs of Wm. Young, Dec. Lay off 1/3 of this tract to widow of Young including mansion house.

Account, vouchers, interest allowed by Moses Fisk and Peter Turney in the settlement by them with admrix and admr was reviewed and recorded.

Letter of attorney Johsua Knowlton to Sampson Williams proven by oath of Archibald Sloan.

P. (70a). John Ranking appt. overseer of road where Frederick Debo was overseer – same hands work under Debo.

Josiah Payne appt, overseer of road from Dixon Springs to ford of Dixon's Creek on Fort Blount road. Same hands work under him as under late overseer.

Henry Tooley appt overseer of that part of road where Robert Bowman was overseer. Same hands work for him as for Bowman.

Joseph Shaw appt. overseer of road from Oldham's Cabbins to Indian Boundary. Hands living between Cabbins and Indian line work under Shaw.

Wm. Martin, Henry Tooley and Grant Allen appt commissioners with full power to settle with County Trustee; settlement when made return to this court.

Adjourned until next third Monday in September to meet at dwelling house of Wm. Walton.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1802. Present: Peter Turney, Arthur Hogan, John Lancaster, Lee Sullivan, John Looney, William Kavanaugh, Charles Kavanaugh.

Deed Thomas Lancaster to Jesse Powell for 363 acres proven by oath of Wm. Powell.

Last will and testament of James Woods produced and proven by oath of Thomas Vance and Samuel S. Greer.

P. (71) Jean Wood nominated Executrix of will given letters of testamentary.

Isham Beasley appt. overseer of road from Payton's Creek to Saunders ferry in the room of Henry Tooley with hands who were under said Tooley.

Grand Jury: James Bradley, foreman; Bowling Feltz, Joseph and Wm. Shaw, Philip Sutton, John Shelton, Wm. Stephenson, George Thompson, John Ward, Alexander Piper, Henry Moore, Jeffery Sutton, Alexander Wilkinson; Jacob Turney served a constable.

Deed 270 acres Samuel Shaw to James Birmingham proven by oath of Richard Taylor.

Wm. Smith produced his license and was admitted as a practicing attorney.

Stock mark registered for Thomas Bowman.

Deed 640 acres Wm. McWhirter to George M. McWhirter proven by oath of George Pirtle, registered.

Deed 320 acres Robert Hays to Wm. Bratton proven by oath of George McWhirter, registered.

John Gordon permitted a tavern license to be kept at his house, rated according to prevailing rates.

P. (72). Wm. Sullivan, Sr., Robert Rowland, John Warren, Judd Strother, Michael Williamson were appt to view, mark and lay off road leaving Fort Blount road at Defeated Creek hill thence along Sullivan road to Buffalo Creek down said creek to the mouth then up Cumberland River on South side the nearest and best way to Walton's Road. They are to report to present term of court – Wm. Sullivan, Sr. permitted to keep a ferry on Cumberland River near mouth of Buffalo Creek; ferry kept by said Sullivan 3 miles above this creek be discontinued.

George Leeper, Henry Sadler, Wm. Catham, Thomas Williamson, Michael Williamson, John Kelloniworth, Wm. Anderson and Charles Carter were appt. to view, mark and lay off road, (Squire Walton's Road) directly at head of Barton's Creek down the nearest and best way to John Williamson ferry on the Cumberland River then the nearest and best way to William's road and report to next court.

Persons who have not turned in a list of taxable property in Smith County for 1802 may return thereof anytime during present term.

Deed 320 acres Pleasant Emmerson to Robert Furlong, registered.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1802. Present: Charles Kavanaugh, John Lancaster and James Roberts.

Deed 240 acres of land Thomas Hickman to Elijah Gaddey proven by oath of Charles Kavanaugh.

P. (73). Deed 200 acres of land Henry W. Lawson to John Harvey proven by oath of Zaddock McNew, registered.

Deed 100 acres Henry W. Lawson to Greenberry Dickson proven by oath of Zaddock McNew.

Nathaniel Brittain reported that a warrant had been issued against Zacheriah Wade and Aaron Milsted for having – with force and arms – cut down a bee tree and carried away the honey of Samuel Caruthers. Papers were in the hands of Nathaniel Brittain but have been stolen, lost or mislaid.

Martin Young, Wm. Donoho, Reubin Goad, Tandy Witcher and Peter Dagner view, lay off and mark road from Michael Murphy's to Daniel Witcher's and report to next court.

Charles Kavanaugh was appt. chairman of Smith County Court.

Stock marks recorded for Wm. Landing and Hezekiah ?.

Joel Holland, Josiah Howell, John Fisher, James Montgomery

P. (74). Lewis Casey, David White, Stephen Montgomery, Joseph French were appt. to view, mark and lay off road from the county line between Smith and Sumner to extend up said ridge to intersect road leading across ridge from Fort Blount at most convenient place. Report to next court.

Deed 175 acres Joshua Hadley to Wm. Haynie proven by oath of Hugh McKinnish.

Bill of sale John L. Martin to Andrew Greer proven by oath of George Matlock.

George Thomason Appt. overseer for road from the Bigg Hill to Michael Murphy's, Peter Turney to furnish list of hands.

Abraham Piper appt. overseer of road from mouth of Payton's Creek to Michael Murphy.

Stock mark recorded for Daniel Alexander.

December term of court to meet at house of Wm. Saunders at Bledsborough.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 22, 1802. Present: Charles Kavanaugh, Nathaniel Brittain, Peter Turney, William Kavanaugh, James Roberts.

Appt. Henry Dancer overseer of road beginning at the forks of road between Mungles Gap and Caruthers horse mill to extend to Richard Brittain bounds leading up Middle Goose Creek.

P. (75). Application made by Samuel Donelson, attorney for Henry W. Lawson, that clerk issued a warrant directed to Charles Kavanaugh, Thomas Smith and John Lancaster commanding them to attend on lands of John Kingsbery in order to record testimony relative to boundary of Henry W. Lawson – publication be made in the Nashville Gazette according to law.

John Luke was exonerated from payment of taxes for year 1802 upon five black poles.

Boling Feltz appt. to oversee road from his own house to the Nashville road. John Lancaster to furnish list of hands to work on said road.

Deed 228 acres Dennis Kelly to Joseph Gordon proven by oath of John Looney.

List of Venire to court: Godfrey Fowler, Daniel Hammock, Edward Farris, Michael Murphy, John Payne, David Cochran, James Cochran, John Brevard, Jabuz Gifford, Abram Thompson, John Johnson, John Douglass, Phillip Day, Charles McMurry, John Hargiss, Wm. Hargiss, Isham Beasley, Thomas Bowman, Robert Bowman, William Loyd, Abram Brittain, Andrew Greer, Philip Thurman, Wm. Payne, Wm. Edwards, Wm. Hankins, Samuel Caruthers, William Cord, Samuel Hughes, Rice Hughes, John Murphy, Wm. Alexander, Daniel Alexander, James Buller, Leonard Ballow, David Borin.

List of Venire now Superior Court of Mero District: Nath Brittain, Joseph Collens, Peter Turney and Edward Settles.

P. (76). Wm. Sullivan, Sr. appt. overseer of road from Fort Blount road to Sullivan's Ferry on Cumberland River near mouth of Buffalo Creek. Hands on Defeated Creek below said road, Wm. Richards and Moses Ashbrooks and all hands above said road who live nearer it than Fort Blount road.

TO BE CONTINUED

SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION

Submitted by Merle Stevens

CONTINUED FROM VOLUME XIII, NO. I

Clarence Overton Gregory  
Duffy Gregory  
Edmond Rome Gregory  
Eligah Fisher Gregory  
Frank Carder Gregory  
Gillam Wilson Gregory  
Grover Cleveland Gregory  
Henry Ezra Gregory  
Henry Milton Gregory Jr.  
Herbert Lester Gregory  
Herman Lester Gregory  
Hershel Thomas Gregory  
James Gregory  
James Elston Gregory  
James Kennie Gregory  
James Stolks Gregory  
Jeff Overby Gregory  
John Alford Gregory  
John Herod Gregory  
John Howard Gregory  
John Shelby Gregory  
John Wesley Gregory  
John William Gregory  
Johnie Stanton Gregory  
Johnnie Gregory  
Louis Henry Gregory  
Luther Argress Gregory  
Luther Monroe Gregory  
Monroe Cecil Gregory  
Oakley Washington Gregory  
Otha Lillard Gregory  
Presley Lee Gregory  
Piercie Gregory  
Richard Huston Gregory  
Sam Bridgewater Gregory  
Sam Howard Gregory  
Sam Jones Gregory  
Sam Young Gregory  
Stephen Calvin Gregory  
Thomas Morgan Gregory  
Tom R. Gregory  
Wade Gregory  
Walter Lee Gregory  
Weslie Gregory (signed W.J.)  
William Gregory

William Carsie Gregory  
William Derias Gregory  
William Newton Gregory  
William Thomas Gregory  
Willie Allen Gregory  
Arthur Grigg  
Virgil Grigg  
William Edward Grigg  
Alvin Author Grisham  
Arthur Luster Grisham  
Bird Banks Grisham  
Charlie Samiel Grisham  
Edgar Grisham  
Edward Blant Grisham  
Ernest W. Grisham  
Fred T. Grisham  
George Grisham  
Henry Clay Grisham  
Herlin Garfield Grisham  
Huse Grisham  
Ike Grissom "Col"  
Jas Clifton Grisham  
James Ira Grisham  
Jas Reeder Grisham  
John W. Bain Grisham  
Oscar Grisham  
Otha J. Grisham  
Robert Grisham  
Tim Walter Grisham  
Van Hearl Grisham  
Wayne Grisham  
Weston Leo Grisham  
William Oscar Grisham  
William Wince Grisham  
Willie Wade Grisham  
James Goodner Grissum Jr.  
Tallie Grison (signed Grisson)  
William Douglas Grissum  
Eddie Deal Gross  
Ellington F. Guffy  
William Bart Guffy  
Walter Gulley  
(Charlie Van Guyn listed under Van Guyn)  
Porter Guynn  
Albert Temple Gwaltney

Charles Ray Gwaltney  
 Herman Nichols Gwaltney  
 Finis Edgar Gwaltney  
 Ered Hamilton Gwaltney \*  
 Hubert Gwaltney  
 Ira Dose Gwaltney  
 James Campbell Gwaltney  
 James Fred Gwaltney  
 Jess W. Gwaltney  
 John B. Gwaltney  
 Julian Clyde Gwaltney  
 Luther Hatton Gwaltney  
 Oliver Gwaltney  
 Omer C. Gwaltney  
 Robert Bart Gwaltney \*  
 Robert Joseph Gwaltney  
 Tom Ed Gwaltney \*  
 Walter Wirt Gwaltney  
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 Eddie Almon Hackett  
 Edgar Arthur Hackett  
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 Harvey B. Hackett  
 Henry Bridgewater Hackett  
 Herman Hackett  
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 Hugh West Hackett  
 Jesse Haynie Hackett  
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 Thomas Jenkins Hackett  
 William Hackett  
 William Elijah Hackett  
 William Leslie Hackett

Willie James Hackett  
 Zollie Oakley Hackett  
 David Robert Hailey  
 Hugh Hailey  
 John Carol Hailey  
 William Stanton Hailey  
 William Joe Hailey  
 John Greg Hale  
 Louis Hale  
 Hary Halleman (signed Harvie Holliman) \*  
 Charlie Hailey  
 Comer Haley  
 E.P. Haley  
 George Leslie Haley  
 Henry S. Haley  
 Millard Fillmore Haley  
 Russell Herbret Haley  
 William Ansel Haley  
 Albert McMillan Hall  
 Charlie Wright Hall  
 Flem Johnson Hall  
 James Monroe Hall  
 Jessie Estes Hall  
 John B. Hall  
 Thos B. Hall  
 Thomas Jefferson Hall  
 Thomas Prowell Hall  
 Wilber Osker Hall  
 Wm D. Hall  
 William Marlin Hall  
 William P. Hall  
 Willie Burr Hall  
 Charles B. Halliburton  
 Charles Robert Halliburton  
 Deskazor Calby Halliburton  
 James Wilks Halliburton  
 John Henry Halliburton  
 Thomas Fisher Halliburton  
 William Halliburton  
 Comer Hallums  
 Edward Tacker Hammons  
 Bert Hankins  
 Elias Hankins  
 William Albert Hankins  
 Henry Brown? Hanks  
 Willie Lowe Hanks  
 Andrew J. Harel  
 Herman Myers Harel  
 Laval Harel  
 Turner B. Harel  
 Joesiah Franklin Harlin  
 Sid Harp (signed Harpe)  
 Charles Walter Harper \*  
 Erle Dorman Harper \*

James Fate Harper \*  
James Thomas Harper \*  
Joe Ed Harper \*  
Samuel Alfort Harper \*  
Ben Franklin Harris  
James I. Harris  
James Mack Harriss  
James W. Harris  
Mack Henry Harris  
Marshal Harris  
Marvin Harris  
Oscar J. Harris  
Sam Harris  
Sid Harris  
Waller Lee Harris (Walter?)  
William Henry Harris  
Campbell Harrison  
Charles Whaby Harrison  
Genie Mc Harrison  
Henry Bascum Harrison  
Howard Harrison  
John Murry Harrison  
Johnie Harrison  
Nepolian Bonepart Harrison  
Robt Harrison  
Thomas Bransford Harrison  
Robert King Harvey  
Finley W. Harville  
George Washington Harville  
Harrison Harville  
James Turner Harville  
John Deal Harville  
William Marian Harville  
Fonzy Hastin  
Alfred Wilson Hatcher  
William Dayton Hatcher  
Hurchel Hawkins  
Ely Jim Thomas Hawthorne  
Charlie Daniel Haynes  
George Isaac Haynes  
Henry Marvin Haynes  
James Ernest Haynes  
James Joshua Haynes  
Joe B. Haynes  
Marvin Haynes  
Roy Haynes  
Roy Houston Haynes  
Sam Harrison Haynes  
Thurman Garrit? Haynes  
Tom Hayes  
Clarence Weldon Haynie  
Ernest Haynie

Fred Taylor Haynie  
John Jordan Haynie  
Norman James Haynie  
Roscoe Haynie  
Sam Letcher Haynie  
Thomas Haynie  
William Thomas Haynie  
James Hazzard  
Alfred Head  
Clarence Head  
Henry Head  
Robt Taylor Hearn  
Ewin Bradford Heflin  
Robert Hawkins Heflin  
Calvin Alonzo Helmontaller  
Jasper Tony Helmontaller  
Robert Lee Hemontaler  
Jack Hendrickson (Jack crossed out "Z.A.")  
Clarence Henry  
Elisha Nelson Henry  
Elisha Newton Henry  
Herman Royster Henry  
Austin Hensley  
David Hensley  
John Hensley  
Marshel Hensley  
Richard Livy Hensley  
William Robert Hensley  
Arthur Herod  
Cyrus Herod  
Frank Herod  
George Franklin Herod  
John Edward Herod  
Andrew Jackson Herring  
Charlie Peyton Hesson  
Clayton M. Hesson  
John Chesley Hesson  
Thomas Nicholas Hesson  
Tommie Hesson  
Willie Alexander Hesson  
Bascom Bee Hewitt \*  
Charley Rice Hewitt \*  
James Alex Hewett \*  
John Frank Hewitt \*  
John Leslie Hewitt \*  
Laton Oliver Hewitt \*  
Newton Paul Hewitt \*  
David Adron Hickey  
Elijah Thomas Hickey  
Hatton S. Hickey  
John Walter Hickey  
Willie H. Hickman  
George Walter Hiett

Harold Hiatt	Samuel Isaiah Holliman *
James Henry Hiatt	Tom Holliman *
James Rufus Hiatt	Vachel McHenry Holleman *
Joe Hiatt	William Esker Holleman *
John Gordon Hiatt	William Rufus Holliman *
Maud Hiatt	J.D. Holmes
Sam Hiatt	James Riddly Holoman *
Benjamin S. High	Jim Wesley Hoover
Branch D. High	Walter Hoover
Clinton High	Albert Horton
Jim Bob High	Clarence Lee Haton
Joseph Powel High	Jno W. Horton
Monroe Alferd High	James Washington Horton
Overton High	Willie Horton
Will High	Andrew Jackson House
William Ford High	Auther Herman House
Alvin A. Highers	Edgar Vester House
Claude Highers	Elmer House
David Coleman Highers	James Pleas House (signed Jim)
Herman Highers	Joe House
Jacob Manard Highers	Joe Cephes House
James Henry Highers	Thomas Clarence House
James Roe Highers	William Ernest House
Stanford Gamble Highers	Author Lee Hubbard
Thomas Jefferson Highers	Benton M. Hubbard
William Bethel Highers	Cleveland Walter Hubbard
Edgar Hill	Fred Anderson Hubbard
John Hill	Henry Anderson Hubbard
John Roscoe Hill	James C. Hubbard
Claud David Hines	Sam Hatton Hendrixson
Foushee Draper Hines	Joe Sherrill Hubbard *
Frank Hart Hines	Oscar Hubbard
Luther Studson? Hines	Ottis Jennings Hubbard
Harvy Hinsley	William Joe Hubbard
Shelah Hindsley	Arthur Dow Huddleston
William Connie Hinsley	George Washington Huddleston
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Claud Hix	Mildred Filmore Huddleston
Lafayette Hix	Robert Huddleston
George Murry Hodges	Rush Haure Huddleston
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John Hodges	Homer Henry Hudson *
William David Hodges	Homer Wilson Hudson *
Sam Young Hogin	Robert Allen Hudson *
Bobbie Hubbard	Selton Georgia Hudson *
Hugh Lin Holland	William Thomas Hudson *
Alex J. Holleman *	Alonzo Huff
Elijah William Holleman *	Ben P. Huff
Hilton Alexander Holladay	Charlie Huff
Harviy Tomps Holleman *	Harvey Haskell Huff
Joel Holleman *	Henry Huff
Ottie Holliman *	Edward Lee Huffines
Robert Holliman *	Willie Clarence Huffines

The following article appeared in the May 2 1873 edition of the *Nashville Union and American*.

Courtesy Livy Simpson

[Ed. Note: The Bagdad community was situated in the extreme northeastern part of present Smith County and was settled prior to the formation of the county. Some of the early pioneers were: Deans, Drapers, Youngs, Pistoles, Cornwells, Kemps. Clarks, Williams, Russells, Pates, Wests, Forkums and Porterfields. The first post office was established in 1832 and was located in Smith County. In 1892 it was moved to nearby Jackson County. The Bagdad Meeting House was established before 1844 and continues to be active today. (From *Smith County History*, Nina R. Sutton.)]

## SMITH COUNTY

Crops – Schools – Masonic – Church

To the Union and American:

BAGDAD, April 28, 1873 – We are hooping things up lively in these parts of the vineyard. Our farmers are pretty well all done planting corn. Their first planting is up or has been but the cut worms have more than salivated it. As fast as it creeps through the clods they cut it down. They are worse in clover land than stubble. Where the land has been in clover a few years, it is an impossibility to get a stand for them. I notice in the UNION AND AMERICAN of April 17 a correspondent recommending salt as being a preventative to their cutting down young corn by putting over each hill a tablespoonful. We will have to apply the remedy or give up the field. We disdain the idea of being whipped out by them and lose all our labor and corn too.

Our wheat is still looking very well though rather thin on the ground to yield a great deal per acre. Our farmers don't sow their wheat thick enough of late years. Winters have become so hard that they will have to sow almost double the amount of grain per acre they have been in the habit of, to get a stand sufficient to justify them to harvest. Saving grain where it is thin on the ground is very had work and don't pay.

We have a good school going on at Difficult, on Defeated creek, conducted by Miss N. G. Young of Dixon Springs. She is a good teacher, conducts her school well, gives general satisfaction to all patrons and is beloved by all her students. We have a good school house at that place, amply furnished with good seats with desks attached to each one, good stoves, heaters, etc. sufficient to accommodate 150 students, built by the community at a cost of several hundred dollars. And now we are earnestly engaged in building Masonic Hall at same place. The work has been let out by building committee. The mechanics will go to work. Think they will have the building completed by 1<sup>st</sup> of October next.

This is the second trial we have made to build us Masonic Hall at this place. Some five years ago we made a trial to raise means to erect us a hall, but there being some opposition to it, we failed; but the people in this vicinity now seems to have their eyes open, can see the error which they have been laboring under, and are willing to turn from it. We have now at this place good church house, good school house, and hope soon to have Masonic Hall. Then we will have good citizens, good neighbors and good society. Where ever you find these institutions in a county in a prosperous condition, there you will find religious moral and refined people.

YOU KNOW.



January 4, 2001

THIS WE BELIEVE:

**JOHN WILSON KEMP**  
(9/22/1812 – 1867)

**John Wilson Kemp** was born September 22, 1812 in Difficult TN. He is Estel Sloan's grandfather (she is a friend of our family). He married Judith (Judy) Pankey. Judy was born June 29, 1812 and died February 8, 1900 (this information is found in the book "Descendants of John Peter Pankey). According to the "Pankey Book", John Wilson's father was Grandon. We don't know anything about Grandon. If John Wilson is not a descendent of Murphey Kemp, why was Murphey at age 85 living with them? "The Kemp Roots" reports that John Wilson Kemp was the son of Murphy. John Wilson died 1867 in Difficult, TN and is buried in John Law Cemetery on Defeated Creek, TN. Judy Pankey Kemp's parents were Ozyeah (Uzzi) Pankey and Sarah Kirby Kemp. Both Ozyeah and Sarah were born in Virginia and died at Difficult, Smith County, TN.

The family is listed in the 1850 Smith County, TN Census as follows:

John Kemp – age 38, born in Tenn.  
Judy (Pankey) – age 38, born in Tenn.  
Sally A. – age 16, born in Tenn.  
William H. – age 14, born in Tenn.  
Emily F. – age 12, born in Tenn.  
John M. – age 10, born in Tenn.  
Jefferson – age 6, born in Tenn.  
**Elizabeth** – age 3, born in Tenn.  
Murphey – age 85, born in N.C.

The family is listed in the 1860 Smith County, TN Census as follows:

John Kemp – age 48  
Juda Kemp – age 48  
J. W. (Male) – age 20  
J. L. (Male) – age 18  
Newton J. – age 15  
**Elizabeth** – age 12

Judy's parents were Ozyeah (Auzy)(Uzzi,Uzzy)Pankey and Sara (Sally) Kirby. I'm not 100% sure who John Wilson Kemp's father was.

John and Judy had six (6) (one source says 9 children) children as follows:

1. Sally (Sallie) Ann Kemp - born May 1, 1834. She married Archibald Overton West November 30, 1853. She and Overton had six (6) children. Sally died September 1, 1902 at age 59. She is buried on the home Cemetery called the Overton West Cemetery in the Friendship Hollow. Overton was born April 29, 1831 in the Lankford Hollow on the tributary waters to Defeated Creek in Smith County, TN. He died at home September 5, 1911 and buried in the same Cemetery. His obituary stated he was a farmer, a Baptist, a Democrat, and a trustworthy citizen who spent his life in the community where he was born. Their children: Newton; Tilitha married Lem Griggs (son of Edward J. Griggs and Jane Nesbitt); Emmie died young; Bob married a Swan; Billy married Georgia Phillips and Lucy married Lon Phillips.
2. William H. Kemp - born in 1836 and died in 1881 at the age of 45.
3. Emily Francis Kemp - born March 4, 1838. She married James Henry Williams. Emily died August 31, 1881. More can be found on her with the "Williams Family Tree".
4. John Marlin Kemp - February 28, 1840. He married Amanda Sarah West (license issued November 2, 1863). John and Amanda Sarah had eight (8) children. One of their sons was John Robert Kemp whose daughter was Clyde Kemp Towns, who was the grandmother of Debbie Dias at 107 Forest View Drive in Hendersonville, TN 37075. John Robert Kemp married Maymie Beasley, daughter of Ike Beasley, son of Jordan Beasley, son of Johnson Beasley, son of Isham Beasley...one of my ancestors on my father's (Curtis Kemp) side. Amanda Sarah West was born February 10, 1845 at Defeated, Smith County, TN, the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Robin West. Her obituary states she was a housewife, mother and Primitive Baptist. She died at home December 29, 1930 and was buried in the West Family Cemetery in Lankford Hollow the next day. John Marlin was a soldier in the Confederate Army serving under Captain Buck Hart. He died January 17, 1923 and buried in Kemp Cemetery located in Friendship Hollow. He was a Baptist and a farmer. Children: Emma, married R. L. (Bob) Bullard; James (Jimmy) married

Evaline (Evelyn) Sutton; Lura married a Hackett; Burford married Connie Wakefield; Wade married Pearl Wakefield (sister to Connie); John (Johnnie) Robert married Mamie Beasley; Annie married Allen J. Powell and Mallie married H. W. (Hub) Carver (they had no children).

5. Newton Jefferson (Babe) Kemp - born 1844. He married Amanda Susan West. Amanda Susan was born June 18, 1850. She was the daughter of Captain Claiborne West. He was nicknamed "Babe". Newton was born with one of his arms shorter than the other. It stopped below his elbow. Because he was born "different" than the others, he was called "Babe". The family "spoiled" him. It's said that his father would take him to school and the other children had to walk. Newton and Amanda had three (3) children: Minnie, married Jim Sutton; Fannie married Irby Morgan West and Charlie, died young (never married). They were members of Friendship Baptist Church. "Babe" was Trustee of Smith County and later became Register of Smith County until his death June 12, 1919.

6 **Permelia Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kemp (my Great Grandmother)** - born December 11, 1847 at Defeated, Smith County, TN. She married **Levi Washington Hackett** September 17, 1868 at her home at Difficult, Smith County, TN. By John Petty, M. G. She and Levi had five (5) children. Lizzie was blind (she probably had Cataracts and couldn't do anything about it back then) for many years before she had a stroke and died two weeks later June 20, 1927 at Difficult, Smith County, TN. She was called "Aunt Lizzie" by the general public. Levi was born October 22, 1844. Levi was the son of William Temple (Buck) Hackett and Mahala Jane Vance. Buck Hackett was born in Virginia January 25, 1820. He died July 9, 1889 in Smith County, TN. Mahala Vance Hackett was born January 9, 1826 in Smith County, TN and died December 18, 1907 in Smith County. It was said that Levi Hackett was a "giant of a man" and had American Indian features. He died at home in Pleasant Shade, TN September 15, 1935.

6. Lucy Kemp - born in 1837. This is all I have on her.

**PERMELIA ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) KEMP and LEVI WASHINGTON HACKETT had the following children:**

1A. Floyd L. Hackett - born February 22, 1872. He married 1<sup>st</sup> to Marie Cornwell November 1, 1896. Marie died March 6, 1905. He married two other times: 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ellen Beasley. He and Ellen had two children: Rufus Hackett and Minnie Pearl Hackett, His 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage to Emma Reed. Emma Reed Hackett was born June 17, 1886 and died December 2, 1965. Floyd and Emma had one son, Thomas Hackett. Floyd died from a stroke October 21, 1946 and was buried at Mt. Juliet, TN. His three wives are buried there.

2A. Newton Burger Hackett - born August 3, 1874. He married Della Kittrell November 19, 1899. They had four (4) children:

Mary (Lizzie) Hackett - born November 17, 1903 at Pleasant Shade, TN. Lizzie married Bryan Gregory of Dixon Springs, TN. December 26, 1920. Bryan was born in 1902. He was a farmer and died in 1934. He is buried in Dixon Springs Cemetery. The obituary for Mary Lizzie states...she was a housewife, mother, waitress, Baptist. She died Monday night March 23, 1959 in Gallatin, TN. She was killed in her home by an unidentified invader. Funeral at Gallatin, 10:30 A. M. March 27, 1959. Buried in Dixon Springs Cemetery same day. Later a Negro was arrested, tried, convicted and sent to prison for this dastardly crime.

Mary Katheryn (Kate) Hackett - born February 11, 1907, Defeated, TN. Her first marriage was to Robert Hughes. They had one child: Robbie Cecil Hughes, born February 24, 1924. Robbie Cecil married E. Lanier Dobbs June 2, 1945. To them were born John Lanier Dobbs, March 16, 1946. Kate's second marriage was to Homer Littleton Scott December 6, 1926 at Hartsville, TN. Homer was born November 8, 1894 in Sumner County, TN. He was a farmer and school bus driver. They had 4 children.

Irene Hackett - born April 1909 at Defeated, TN. She died March 6, 1911 and was buried there.

Charlie Clinton Hackett - born January 22, 1912 at Defeated, TN. He married Charleen Price, Gallatin, TN. June 27, 1941. He was a construction worker and a veteran of the U. S. Army during World War II. No record of any children.

Burger was a farmer, Baptist, dependable and friendly person. He was a large and tall man. Being teased by friends about his big feet, he said, "I don't have long feet, just 18 inches of my leg turned down." He was burning a tobacco seed-bed...his clothes caught fire and he died, February 26, 1954 in Sumner County, TN near Gallatin. Della died Tuesday, January 11, 1966 at Beane Nursing Home, Hartsville, TN.

3A. **Hugh West Hackett (my Grandfather)** - born September 2, 1978. He 1<sup>st</sup> married Blanche Ethel Sanderson (daughter of T. M. (Jack) and Eliza Sanderson) October 12, 1902. They had one child, Bonnie Ruth Hackett born July 15, 1905 and died June 22, 1906 (11 months and 7 days later). Bonnie Ruth was 6 months old when her mother Blanche Ethel died December 17, 1905 at age 19 from a miscarriage and pneumonia. Hugh remained single for about four years and then married **Myrtle Arthena Sanderson** (daughter of Jack's brother) Joseph (Joe) Allen Sanderson and Arthena Ellen Gregory) September 19, 1909. Hugh and Myrtle had six children, four girls and three boys. One of the boys born September 30, 1910, died as an infant October 1, 1910. They took into their home a young girl, Mary Susie Stafford, who lived with them the rest of her life. "Aunt" Susie was born June 9, 1877 and died November 27, 1960. Myrtle (Mama) died at home from Colon Cancer December 28, 1945. I remember her being skin and bones and black from radiation treatments. At the time of her death, son Jack was in the Navy, son Joe was in the Army in New Guinea and daughter Blanche prior to her death had been working in Nashville. She was single, quit work and came home to help care for her mother. Myrtle was born and raised on the farm where she died. Since her early life, she had been a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Hugh (Papa) had a stroke then lived four weeks in the hospital before dying April 8, 1959. Hugh's obituary reads as follows: Age 80, he was a prominent farmer and saw mill operator. Funeral services at the Sanderson Presbyterian Church and burial in Sanderson's Cemetery. Mr. Hackett was born in the Defeated Creek section of Smith County, a son of Levi and Lizzie Kemp Hackett. He moved to Pleasant Shade in 1905. His first wife was Ethel Sanderson, who died in 1902. He later married Myrtle Sanderson who died in 1945. His third wife was Henny Carter. Mr. Hackett was a director of the Carthage Fair for many years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

4A. **John Marvin (Johnny) Hackett** - born August 16, 1881 and died from a stroke July 1, 1963 at age 82. Johnny never married.

5A. **Lucy Kate Hackett** - born September 29, 1886. She married Albert Whitley December 22, 1907. They had only one child, Beulah. Beulah was a deaf mute. She married Earl P. Turner October 6, 1938, who was also a deaf mute. They met at and both graduated from a "deaf" school in Knoxville, TN. Beulah taught my mother and some of her other Aunt's sign language. Earl died June 10, 1969. Beulah was buried on her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, January 6, 1996. She was born January 6, 1909. Mother told me,

“a big snow was on the ground that day”. Beulah and Earl had no children. Albert Whitley died October 5, 1937. Lucy died from a stroke July 24, 1971 at age 85.

6A. Sallie Jane Hackett was born April 26, 1884. She married Sterling Boston June 3, 1906. They had no children. Sallie and Sterling adopted a boy, Harry Boston. Sallie died from a stroke May 1, 1961.

### **HUGH WEST HACKETT and MYTLE SANDERSON HACKETT'S children:**

1A. Nina Grace Hackett - born January 14, 1912. She married Thomas Barnett Gregory. He was born January 9, 1909. They had two children: Wendelyn Dale Gregory born June 22, 1928 and Gary Don Gregory born September 16, 1947. Thomas Barnett Gregory was born January 8, 1909 in Pleasant Shade (Smith County), TN and died October 13, 1984 at a hospital in Lebanon, TN. Barnett's parents were William Thomas Gregory and Lonie Allen Mitchell Gregory.

Wendelyn married Glenn A. Dixon December 14, 1946. Glenn was born January 18, 1926. They have two children: Sheila Kay Dixon born April 29, 1959 and Timothy Wayne Dixon born April 20, 1963.

Gary married Janice Elaine Thomas October 11, 1969. Gary and Janice have two children: Jana Leanne Gregory born March 12, 1971 and Gary Shannon Gregory born May 29, 1973. Janice's brother Jimmy Thomas is single and lives across the road from Mother (Dorothy Hackett Kemp). He is a talented farmer among other things such as arts and crafts. He enjoys cooking, baking, singing and playing both the piano and organ. Some of his art talents are in crocheting, decoupage and jewelry.

Jana LeAnn Gregory married Kenneth Christopher Massey in June 30, 1995. She is a graduate of Smith County High School and Volunteer State Community College, earning Associates degree in Physical Therapy.

2A. **Dorothy Mai Hackett** (my mother) - born March 16, 1913. She married Curtis Draper Kemp June 2, 1929. They had eleven (11) children. Curtis Draper Kemp died February 18, 1966 at age 54. He is buried in Sanderson Cemetery. (Descendents listed below)

3A. Lois Lee Hackett - born September 12, 1916. She married Henry Brockett Sloan August 3, 1935. They had five (5) children: Marion Hackett

Sloan, born June 9, 1936; Paul Douglas Sloan, born & died September 22, 1939; Sara Loy Sloan, born February 1, 1942; Archie Phillip Sloan, born May 5, 1949 and Connie Renaie Sloan, born November 6, 1957.

Marion married 1<sup>st</sup> to Jack Powell Dillehay June 14, 1952 and divorced January, 1956, married 2<sup>nd</sup> to James Harold Wilmore July 4, 1957 and divorced October, 1961, married 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jackie Bowman and 4<sup>th</sup> to Robert Knowles. Marion and Robert have since divorced. May 2, 1980, she got her maiden name "Sloan" back. Marion and Jack had a son, Eddie Scott (Scotty) Dillehay born May 2, 1954. Scotty married Debra Grisham April 2, 1974. Scotty and Debra have four children: Candice Dawn Dillehay born June 28, 1975; Jeremy Scott Dillehay born June 28, 1975; Samantha Kay Dillehay born November 13, 1982; Dustin Lee Dillehay born December 16, 1983.

Sara married Henry Carson Cox, Jr. August 13, 1966. They had two children: Courtney Lyn Cox born June 5, 1971 and married Timothy Kai Halbert June 1, 1996; Patrick Henry Cox born September 27, 1973 and married Tricia Jo Holtz August 17, 1996. Patrick and Tricia have since divorced. Sara and Henry Carson later divorced.

Phil married twice. His second marriage is to Sherry Fisher Cummings July 4, 1995. He has two step children: Tiffany Cummings and Noble Cummings.

Connie married Stanley Thomas East June 5, 1982. They have one child, Margaret Renaie East, born December 8, 1987.

Henry Brockett Sloan – born August 28, 1910 at Pleasant Shade (Smith County), TN and died December 13, 1982 at age 72. "Uncle Henry Buck" (as he was called) was one of the founders of the North Central Telephone Cooperative in 1951. He served as a director until his death. He was a Smith County Commissioner for 30 years. He was active with the Smith County Hereford Cattle Association and the South Down Sheep Association. He was an active farmer and operated the Sloan Brothers Woodwork Shop in Pleasant Shade for a number of years. Henry was the son of Archie F. Sloan and Thella (Thellie) Beasley Sloan.

4A. Blanche Ellen Hackett - born July 29, 1918. She married Tommy Edward Haley July 1, 1946. Tommy was born May 29, 1918 in Beasley's Bend, Smith County, TN. He died October 3, 1983 in Parkview Hospital in Nashville. Tommy was the son of Millard and Lula Haley. They had no children. Some information from his obituary: He was 65 when he died. He was a Merchant and Farmer. He was ordained a minister of the Upper Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was a Pastor in churches in the area

for nine years prior to his death. He was a veteran of World War II. He started preaching May 6, 1973 in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

5A. Joseph (Joe) Hugh Hackett, Sr. - born May 5, 1923. He married Lois Catherine (Cat) Bradley March 8, 1942 in Rossville, GA. "Cat" was born June 1, 1923. They had one son: Joseph Hugh (Hughie) Hackett, Jr. born December 24, 1946. Joe was a World War II veteran, farmer, heavy equipment operator and served as Sheriff of Smith County for two terms, from 1974 to 1978. In the late 1960's, Joe was a member of the Carthage Police Department where he served as police chief in 1968. He died May 16, 1990 at age 67 from a self inflicted wound.

Hughie married Sharon Ann Hopkins June 9, 1973. They divorced April, 1977. Hughie then married Sherrie Elaine Agnew August 23, 1980. Sherrie Elaine was born June 1, 1956. Hughie and Sherrie adopted a son, Patrick Brian Hackett, who was born August 1, 1977. They then had a son, Joseph Hugh Hackett, III, born August 16, 1981. Hughie has spent most of his working life with the Tennessee State Highway Patrol.

6A. Levi Jackson (Jack) Hackett - born November 24, 1924 in Pleasant Shade, TN. He married Edith Dale Wilmore July 9, 1949. Edith was born October 10, 1928 at Monoville, TN. They had two sons:

Levi Jackson (Jackie) Hackett, born March 2, 1950 and died April 15, 1967 in an automobile accident at age 17.

Ricky Wayne Hackett, born August 14, 1957. He married Paula Elaine Evitts December 1, 1978. She was born May 12, 1961 in Carthage, TN. They have three children; Patrick Wayne Hackett born February 20, 1980, Heather and Kristy Hackett. Jack lived all his life in the house he was born. He was a member of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church. Jack was a Navy veteran of World War II and farmed all his life. He died February 1, 1997.

**DOROTHY MAI HACKETT married Curtis Draper Kemp. They had eleven (11) children.**

1. **BILLY KENNETH KEMP** – born about 5 A. M. January 12, 1931 at home in one of Grandfather Hackett's "rent houses" upon the hill from the "big house" on Sanderson's Branch Road near Pleasant Shade, TN. They had no scales but think I weighted about 10 lbs. I had black eyes like the Hackett's. I married Jimmie Sue Walker November 26, 1953 in



Alexandria, TN. Sue was born November 26, 1934. Her biological parents were Robert Alford Walker and Chauncie Louise Reynolds. Sue's father died in 1935 while she was an infant. Robert Alford Walker's mother was May W. (Marler) Walker. Her mother, Chauncie remarried to Donald Thomas, who she regards as her real father. We have one son, **KENNETH MICHAEL KEMP**, born September 26, 1958 at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville, TN. I served in the U. S. Marine Corps and graduated from The University of Tennessee.

2. Betty Jean Kemp – born September 27, 1932 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Joseph Barry Waters November 7, 1952. Jean died November 2, 1991 at age 59 from Carcinoma (Cancer) in Massapequa, NY. We think the Cancer started in her liver. They had three (3) children: Dorothy Jean Waters born December 28, 1953, Joseph Barry Waters born April 16, 1955 and Robert Bruce Waters born September 27, 1956. Joseph Barry, Sr. served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper.
3. Bobby Rex Kemp – born February 25, 1935 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. He married Ellen Finch July 4, 1955. They had one son, Robert Rex Kemp, born May 30, 1956. Bob then married Ottalee (Martin) Jones in June, 1960. He later married Sara Lynn Sheridan November 15, 1972. Bob served in the U. S. Marine Corps.
4. Sandra Sue Kemp – born July 28, 1938 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Raymond Harold Bowman April 26, 1958. They have three (3) children: Becky Lynn Bowman born March 9, 1959, Raymond Harold Bowman, Jr. born January 6, 1962 and Charles Draper Bowman born November 16, 1964.
5. Robbie Gail Kemp – born December 26, 1939 at her grandparents home (Hugh and Myrtle Hackett) in Pleasant Shade, TN. She married Harold Smith September 28, 1960. They had twin girls: Laurie Gail Smith and Lorie Susan Smith. Both were born January 6, 1967. Lori Susan graduated from Tennessee Technological University 5/12/1990. Laurie Gail graduated from Tennessee Technological University, December, 1990 with a B.S. Degree in Child Development and Family Relations. In May, 1993, she received her teaching certificate from Augusta State University in Augusta, GA. Laurie received her Master's Degree in Education from Augusta State University in May, 1998.

6. Paul Draper Kemp – born August 2, 1942 in the home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. He married Peggy Paulette Wilmore December 22, 1962. They have two children: Tammy Rena Kemp born September 16, 1963 and Paula Jane Kemp born September 25, 1965.
7. Mary Ellen Kemp – born December 29, 1943 at home at Rt. 1 Riddleton, TN. She married Johnny Allen March 21, 1964. They had one daughter, Tanya Elaine Allen born July 27, 1967. She then married Norris Wayne Proctor June 1, 1971. They had one daughter, Cindy Ann Proctor born August 22, 1973.
8. Roy Allen Kemp – born March 20, 1945 at Martha Gaston Hospital in Lebanon, TN. He married Judy Graham January 31, 1970. They were married for about five years. He then married Terri Borowski October 13, 1984. They have two children: Amanda Ann Kemp born March 19, 1985 and Adam Paul Kemp born October 21, 1986. Roy is an U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran.
9. Myrtle Jane Kemp – born August 7, 1947 at McFarland Hospital in Lebanon, TN. She married Charles (Chuck) Henry Oldham III August 8, 1965. They had two (2) children: Charles Henry Oldham IV born December 14, 1967 and Julie Ann Oldham born September 13, 1972. She then married Charles Cook July 9, 1976. They had one son, Curtis Allen Cook born September 20, 1982.
10. Donna Lynn Kemp – born November 11, 1949 at McFarland Hospital in Lebanon, TN. She married Kenneth Dickerson March 30, 1965. They had two (2) children: Susan Lynn Dickerson born September 7, 1965 and Kimberly Gay Dickerson born August 29, 1967. She then married Ronnie Holder November 25, 1970. They have one son, Greg Lee Holder born September 7, 1972.
11. Ronnie Glenn Kemp – born June 26, 1955 at Smith County Hospital in Carthage, TN. He lived only 8 hrs., died June 27, 1955.

**CURTIS DRAPER KEMP AND DOROTHY MAI HACKETT'S  
GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:**

**1A. Grandson KENNETH MICHAEL KEMP (our son) married Wendy Slater** May 18, 1991 at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Mike graduated from The University of Tennessee. Wendy is the daughter of John (Jack) Hoyton Slater and Marilyn Sue Raison. She was born September 12, 1961 in Newark, Licking, Ohio. Wendy graduated from The University of Georgia. They have two children: **Jonathan Michael Kemp** (our grandson) born November 28, 1995 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC and **Jessica McLauren Kemp** (our granddaughter) born February 27, 1998 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

**2A. Granddaughter Dorothy (Dottie) Jean Waters married Raymond Odierna** December 4, 1982. They have four (4) children: Raymond Joseph Odierna born November 17, 1984; Twin daughters, Jeanna Marie and Jacquelyn Angela Odierna born February 5, 1987 and Patrick Barry Odierna born May 22, 1992; Grandson Joseph (Joe) Barry Waters married Dorie Talerico September 1, 1979. They have three (3) children: Joseph Ryan Waters born February 18, 1985; Selena Francis Waters born December 22, 1987 and Jason Barry Waters born August 16, 1991: Grandson Robert Bruce Waters married Susan Lord December 5, 1981. They have two children: Kelly Michelle Waters born December 21, 1987 and Kristyn (Kristy) Gail Waters born August 31, 1990.

**3A. Grandson Robert Rex Kemp married Lorie Miller** October 20, 1979. They had one son, Zackary Samuel Kemp born December 11, 1983. Robert and Lorie have since divorced.

**4A. Granddaughter Becky Lynn Bowman married Phillip Hackett** October 3, 1985. They adopted a daughter Keely Harper Hackett February 16, 1995, born July 5, 1994. Grandson Raymond Harold Bowman, Jr. has never married. Grandson Charles Draper Bowman married Melanie Sadler March 19, 1989. They have two sons: Canan Draper Bowman born December 27, 1990 and Cayde Miller Bowman born January 30, 1993.

**5A. Granddaughter twin Lorie Susan Smith married Joe Nixon** June 30, 1990. They have two children: Michael Cameron Nixon born April 20, 1992 and Cassie Jo Nixon born November 7, 1995. Granddaughter Laurie Gail Smith married Dallas Smith III December 4, 1993. They have one daughter, Dalyn Klarisa Smith born March 25, 1999.

6A. Granddaughter Tammy Rena Kemp married 1<sup>st</sup> to Billy Gilispie February 14, 1981 and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mark Mise June 21, 1997. Tammy and Mark have a daughter, Tyra McKenzie Mise born September 25, 1998. Granddaughter Paula Jane Kemp married Ronnie Smith July 12, 1982. They have a son Ronnie Nelson Smith born July 11, 1982.

7A. Granddaughter Tanya Elaine Allen married Bryan Campbell October 27, 1990. They have a son, Hunter Lee Campbell born June 22, 1993 and a daughter Halie McKensie Campbell born August 22, 1998. Granddaughter Cindy Ann Proctor married Brent Hurley June 4, 1999.

8A. Roy and Terri's children are too young to be married and have children.

9A. Granddaughter Julie Ann Oldham married Scott Snoderly September 9, 1995. They have since divorced with no children. Grandson Charles Henry Oldham IV married Beverly Agee March 8, 1996. They have since divorced with no children.

10A. Granddaughter Susan Lynn Dickerson married Mickey Crowder October 20, 1982. They have a son, Joshua Lee Crowder born June 16, 1987. Granddaughter Kimberly (Kim) Gay Dickerson 1<sup>st</sup> married Keith Gross June 29, 1985. They divorced with no children. She then married Mike Koperski June 10, 1989. They divorced with no children. Kim married 3<sup>rd</sup> time to Bryant Shoulders July 28, 1995. They have a daughter Sydney Caroline Shoulders born February 6, 1995. Grandson Greg Lee Holder and Wendy Lee Holder had a daughter, Haylee Kate Holder born June 15, 2000 weighting 5 lbs. 14 oz.

“The history of family, if truly written, is no mere monument of that selfish pride known as snobbery, but is a valuable contribution to known knowledge.” (John Tabor Kemp.)

“Deposited upon the silent shore  
Of memory, images and precious thoughts  
That shall not die, and cannot be destroyed.”

- Wordsworth

“...AND IN THE END, ALL ONE LEAVES IS A STORY...”

Bill K. Kemp  
Great Great Grandson  
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MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A FITE  
7TH TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
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The night of December 12, the Yankees crossed the river on pontoon bridges, the battle commenced early on the morning of the 13, the fight lasted pretty well all day.

Colonel Turney was shot, the bullet entered right under the nose, and came out nearly in the center of the back of his neck. It tore the whole roof of his mouth down., I went to the field hospital where he was. He was laying there, couldn't say a word so he took a piece of newspaper and wrote on it, and asked me if I couldn't get a pair of shears to clip some of those pieces out of his mouth. I borrowed from the surgeon there a pair of shears and clipped out several great big tags.

In every fight that we'd ever been in, Turney would always insist that he knew he was gong to be killed. That day I bet him a gallon of whiskey that neither one of us was killed. He always insisted that when I saw him there at the field hospital wounded that I said, "Pete, damn if I don't have to give you that gallon of whiskey. I think they got you this time old horse." But I didn't say it for I thought he was gone up. (After the war, Col. Turney was elected Governor of Tennessee and Col. Fite served as Adj. Gen.).

We stayed there some time after that battle and then we moved to another camp called Camp Cregg, where we went into winter quarters, and stayed there until the last day of April, when we were moved up to Chancelorsville, the Yankees having crossed the river there.

We fought Hooker there on the first day of May. On the second day of May, our command, Hill's division, was moved from the place where we first attacked the Yankees, entirely around to the other wing of Hooker's Army. When we left that position to go around Hooker, we went for some distance in the direction of Richmond. Hooker thought that General Lee was retreating and telegraphed the President of the United States that Lee was retreating on Richmond.

That night General Jackson was riding around the lines, and was mistaken by some of our people, always said to be a N. C. Regiment. Jackson had his staff with him. It was dark and they thought it was a Yankee cavalry. Jackson was wounded and some short time after that died.

General Steward, who commanded our cavalry, was put in command of our corps after Jackson was wounded. Just after daylight on the morning of the third, we attacked Hooker's army. At first, they fell back and made another stand and killed a great many of our people. We finally turned them. The last regiment failed to run, most of them lay down, and one fellow the bravest man I ever saw, stood up and kept firing at us, and one of his bullets hit me right in the stomach. It knocked the breath out of me, and he died only a second afterwards. He was the only man in the command standing up. The bullet didn't break the skin, but it bruised me, and I suffered more for a day or two with it than I did with any wound I got during the war.

That evening Burnside's crossed with a large body of the Federal soldiers a few miles below us, and between us and Fredericksburg. General Lee took the whole army except A. P. Hill's division and went down and fought Burnside's and completely wore him out and drove him back across the river.

We threw up some temporary breast works but the army didn't make any advance on us. We had the picket line not far in front of us. It was a thick undergrowth there, and every time a fellow showed himself, he would be shot at. General Pender came to where I was and asked where the enemy was. I told him just in front there. I hadn't more than said it until a Yankee pulled away at him, shot him in the hand. I said, "General, did it hurt you?" He said, "No, not much," and went off slinging his hand.

Soon after that, General Archer sent for me from where he had his tent in a little hollow, just back of our lines. I went back and he said, "Wasn't that Pender up there just a while ago?" I said, "Yes, and the Yankees shot him in the hand." I said I'd told him he'd better not get on that breast work. Archer said, "I wish they had shot him in his damn head." He didn't like him.

I think it was the next morning. I hadn't seen any Yankee pickets anywhere and I reported to General Archer that I didn't think there were any Yankees in front of us. He told me to deploy my regiment and see what I could learn. I did so, and when we went a hundred or two or three hundred yards we came to their field hospital, and captured a thousand soldiers. They had laid down there and gone to sleep and the whole Yankee army had gone back across the river.

After the battle of Chancellorsville, we moved back to Fredericksburg, and stayed there and around there until about the 15th of June, when we started on our trip to Gettysburg. On the way over there, we camped about one mile from Hagerstown, Md.

The next morning I asked General Archer's permission to go to town and get a hat. I turned over the regiment to Colonel Shepard. Soon after I got into the town I met up with some of General A. P. Hill's staff and they invited me to go with them down to the

saloon to get a drink. We went down to a place kept by a fellow by the name of John Kanood. It was one of the finest saloons I had ever seen up to that time.

When we went in he locked the door and set out his liquor. I told him I had come to town to get a hat. He sent out and bought me the nicest hat I nearly ever had, and gave it to me. After staying there a while I got out and got on my horse, intending to go and join the regiment. I rode up by where General Archer was. He was standing on the public square in front of his friend's house, an old Dr. Gwynne. He introduced me to Dr. Gwynne, and they insisted that I come into the house and meet some young ladies. I knew I didn't have much business meeting women, I had too much liquor in me, but they insisted on my going in.

After I got in the house, I found the parlor full of young ladies. There were some more soldiers in there, a table was covered with champagne bottles, and they invited me to have some wine. I said, "Ladies, I'll be frank with you, I drank some whiskey down here with some friends a while ago, and if I get to drinking wine now, I'll get drunk. But they insisted that a little wine wouldn't hurt and one very handsome young lady said, "You'll take a glass with me?" I couldn't resist the temptation, so I drank with her, and then I took several more with other gals. I knew when that wine got settled I'd be drunk, so I excused myself and left.

I went out and got on my horse. Bill Sealy insisted that I ride up the street and when we got up there a little ways, he said, "Colonel, you are drunk, and must get off your horse and get in the wagon." A fellow by the name of Jim Hogg that belonged to my company was driving the ammunition wagon. I got in the wagon and it wasn't long before I went to sleep. I did not wake up until way in the evening.

When I waked up and looked out, Bill was riding my horse. I got out and got on the horse, and asked him where the regiment was and he told me it was a little ways ahead. I soon caught up with it, and it wasn't with the brigade. I asked Shepard why in the thunder he wasn't with the brigade. He said an artillery company had got in between it and the balance of the brigade. I took the regiment around the artillery company and joined the brigade.

We pretty soon stopped for the day. About the time I got my tent up, one of Archer's staff rode up and said the General wanted to see me. I had my horse saddled and rode up to the General's headquarters, about a quarter of a mile off. He was standing in front of his tent, and with an oath he said, "What's the reason your regiment hasn't been with your brigade today?" I told him I had his permission to turn over the company to Shepard and go to town and get my hat. Shepard let the artillery company get in between him and the balance of the brigade." He said, "I think I'll have to put you under arrest, you've been drunk today." I said, "Yes, and the only difference there is between me and you is that

I've got sober, and you are still drunk." He said, "Get down and take a drink and we'll settle it." So I got down and took a drink with him and then went back to my regiment.

We went on the next day, and got to a place called Cashtown, and went into camp. That day General Archer told me to go and see if I couldn't find some shoes. I went to the different stores but no shoes could be found. I had some soldiers with me. Going along the street I met a fellow, he was a red headed fellow, and without looking at me he said, "Go across the street to the big house over there," and I'd find all the shoes I wanted in that fellow's cellar. I went over and told the lady I wanted to look in the cellar, but she said I didn't have anything in that cellar, and I couldn't do it. The door to the cellar was locked. I told her she'd better give me the key to the cellar, I didn't want to break the door open. I told one of the boys to get me an axe so then she gave me the key. I unlocked the door and the cellar was full of goods of all sorts. I got out as many shoes as I thought we had any use for, sent one of the boys for a wagon and we loaded it up with men's shoes and carried it up and everybody got shoes that wanted them.

That evening we moved on toward Gettysburg, and went into camp two or three miles from Gettysburg. It rained a mighty hard rain. We camped right close to the house. There was a big barn standing not far from us, and right close to a house. I told some of the boys to go up to the barn and see if they couldn't find straw to sleep on, the ground was wet. They came back and reported the barn was full of straw. I took some fellows and went up there, told the lady of the house that I wanted to get some of the straw to make beds for my men, that the ground was wet and I didn't want them to get sick. She refused to let me have any of it and I told her then that I was going to take it anyhow. She said I'd better not. I went to the barn and we commenced pulling out some straw. We soon discovered that the barn was full of bacon and just straw packed around it. I reported it to headquarters and they sent wagons there and hauled the last bit of it away. I learned afterwards that it belonged to the Federal Government.

While we were there, I was ordered to establish a picket post at a house down about a mile from where we were camped. When I got down there the next morning, they had prepared a breakfast for my pickets, and invited me in to get breakfast with them. While we were there, I got to talking to a young lady at the house and she told me that her sweetheart had been killed in the battles around Richmond. While I was there at breakfast, a courier came and ordered all of my pickets in, and when I got back to where we were, they were getting ready to go into the battle of Gettysburg and soon started into the fight.

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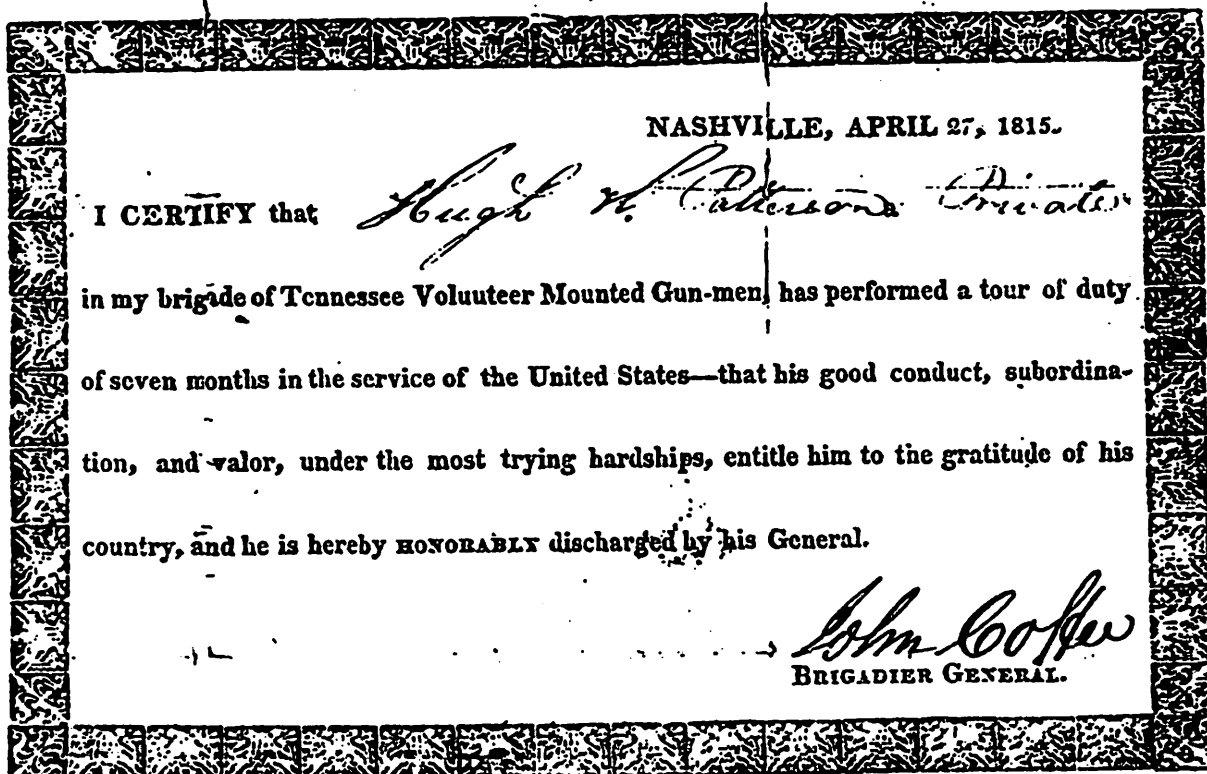


## HUGH K. PATTERSON – WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

Submitted by Robert C. Young

On 16 April 1852, Hugh K. Patterson of Sumner Co., TN, age 69, declared before Michael Duffy, Justice of the Peace for Sumner County, that he had served as a Private in Captain Anthony Metcalf's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Thomas Williamson and that he was mustered into service at Fayetteville, TN, 1 October 1814, for six months. His declaration was made for the purpose of obtaining bounty land and he requested that any warrant or certificate issued to him be sent to Michael Duffy, Hartsville, TN.

On 6 August 1855, as a resident of Smith Co., TN, age 72, he applied for additional bounty land stating that he had received a land warrant for eighty acres. This declaration, claiming the same service as before, was made before John Bridges, Justice of the Peace for Smith County and requested that any warrant or certificate issued be sent to A. L. Bains, Rome, Smith Co., TN. Henry Williams and Coleman S. Sampson swore to his veracity and the claim was certified by William V. R. Hallum, Clerk of Smith County Court, 6 August 1855.



(His original discharge paper)

On 2 December 1871, as a resident of District No. 7, Trousdale Co., TN, age 89, in order to apply for a pension, he appeared before C. H. L. Bennett, Clerk of Trousdale County Court. He stated that he served "the full period of sixty days in the Cavalry service of the United States in the War of 1812." He described his service as in his earlier applications and added that he was honorably discharged at Nashville, TN in April or May 1815, and that "he was in the Battles of Pensacola and New Orleans that he forwarded his discharge to the proper office at Washington City and obtained two Land warrants the Nos not remembered."

At the same time he stated he married in Sumner Co., TN 18 October 1808, Cynthia Murray. W. J. Hale and Dennis Holloran attested to his loyalty to the Union and W. J. Neely, Postmaster of Hartsville, TN, certified that Hale and Halloran were "respectable and entitled to full credit on the Oath." The claim was certified by C. H. L. Bennett, Clerk of Trousdale Co., TN.

On 9 December 1871, Thomas Bundy deposed before John Reese, Justice of the Peace for Trousdale County that "he had been personally acquainted with Hugh K. Patterson for about fifty Years having lived during this time within less than two miles of him." He signed by mark.

On 15 December 1871, E. Y. Read deposed before C. H. L. Bennett that "she has been personally acquainted with Hugh K. Patterson for about Forty five years having lived within two miles of him during said time that she has read or heard read his declaration for a pension dated 2d Inst[ant] & marked exhibit A that she Knows most of the important statements therein contained to be true and verily believes the others true also that he did serve in the War of 1812 in the army of the United States vs England for several months that he was regarded as a true and faithful Soldier that he brought with him a British Yarger [Jaeger] taken from a British soldier he captured on the 23d of Dec at New Orleans in 1814 that it being a gun of larger dementions than the common rifles it was highly prized by the young men who were in the habit of shooting Christmas guns that he loaned said Yarger [Jaeger] to my Sons on several occasions."

Both depositions were certified before C. H. L. Bennett, Clerk of Trousdale Co., TN.

He was placed on the pension rolls 1 November 1871, at \$8.00 per month, from 14 February 1871.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications, SC-19546. Filed as "Patterson, Hugh R."

Signatures from the original application:

1852

*Hugh M. Patterson*

1855

*Hugh H. Patterson*

1871 *Hugh K. Patterson**Wm. Brulles* (J.P.)*Wm. Williams*  
*Colman Harrison**C. H. G. Bennett*  
*Clk of the Transdalo*  
*County Court**W. J. Hall*  
*James H. Alloran**John Reed Justice of the peace*  
*for Transdalo County*  
*W. J. Kelly*  
*Post Master**E. J. Reed**Michael Duffin*

U.S. Census, 1850, Smith Co., TN. p. 282, Number 983-983.

Hugh K. Patterson	67, male, farmer \$4000 real estate,	born SC
Cynthia "	59, female,	born TN
Jane Scrivner	30, female,	born TN
Hugh K. "	1, male,	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1860, Smith Co., TN, p. 158, Dixon Springs, 4th  
Civil District, Number 1128-1128.

Hugh K. Patterson	77, male, farmer, \$3500 real estate, \$200 personal estate, b. NC	
Cynthia Patterson	29, female,	born TN
Franklin L. "	24, male, Physician, \$900 personal estate, born, TN	
Elizabeth "	26, female,	born MO
Louis Crowell	8, male	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1870, Smith Co., TN, p. 44, Civil District No. 4,  
Dixon Springs, TN. Number 90-90.

Miller, George	40, male, farmer, \$5000 real estate, \$3000 personal estate, born TN	
" Lucy	35, female, keeping house	born TN
" Martha E.	1, female,	born TN
Shoulders, William	30, male, farm laborer	born TN
Patterson, Hugh	88, male, farmer, \$2000 real estate, \$400 personal estate,	born TN
" Thomas	57, male, school teacher,	born TN
" Ida	35, female, " "	born TN
Harris, Sallie	23, female, " "	born TN
Martin, Josie	16, black female, domestic servant,	born TN
Stalker, Syrus	10, mulatto male, at home,	born TN

## QUERIES

DONOHO, PATRICK, b 1770's, d 1835, wife MARTHA, both buried DONOHO CEMETERY, Trousdale Co., TN. Children: HENRY, EMMERIC, MARCUS, CYNTHIA (marr HICKERSON WRIGHT) LETHISA, EDNA, DEMOS. PATRICK migrated from Caswell Co, NC with THOMAS, JOHN, CHARLES, WILLIAM DONOHO. Related names: BRATTON, HALL, STUBBLE FIELD, WAKEFIELD, WOODS, WOODMORE, WRIGHT.

MARGARET WESTMAN, 1904 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1542

WRIGHT, HICKERSON b 1791, VA, d 1877, Hancock Co., IL, wife CYNTHIA DONOHO, dau of PATRICK & MARTHA DONOHO, children: ARZILA, SEBORN, SENACA, MARTHA, PATRICK JAMES, HENRY (all born in Smith Co., TN). Brothers of HICKERSON were: WILSON, HUBBARD, BAZIL (all lived in Smith Co., TN before migrating to Hancock Co., IL. JOSEPH possibly father of HICKERSON. Other siblings unknown. Related names: DONOHO, WILSON, BURROW, FORD, WOODS, HOWD.

MARGARET WESTMAN, 1904 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1542

ARNETT, WILLIAM. Born 1787 in Virginia. Lived in Smith County, TN from about 1813 to 1853. Marr ROSA PORTER. Her father was THOMAS PORTER, a resident of Smith Co., William and Rosa's children were WILLIAM P. b 1821, JOHN b 1826, SUSAN b 1833, ARTEMIA b 1835, JAMES b 1832 and RICHARD b 1837. In 1853 they moved to Graves Co., KY. Seeking info on WILLIAM ARNETT'S parents, where he was born in Virginia and where he lived in Smith County.

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Dear Friends,

Hello to a bright and beautiful 2002 !! I hope for success for us all in preserving the best of history this year in Smith County...where history matter!.

At my home we've boxed up the plastic red apples, music boxes and teddy bears wearing Christmas bows . We've said fond farewells to a string of unlightable lights that really should light but didn't and also chimes that never chimed They should be just the things for some smart fix-it person. We recycle.

After the holidays it's back to the business and pleasure of history. We'll meet again soon in newly remodeled space ! Last summer and fall dedicated members supervised painting, scraping and furnishing the library building's ground floor on historic courthouse square with encouragement and participation of the librarian! We now will enjoy a modern kitchen and restroom plus comfortable meeting space and room for other activities as needed. Hard work and well done.

Consider the significance of our downtown courthouse square History there you can be sure few others have, a formidable attraction waiting to be developed . The courthouse building is a recognized treasure, restored and authentic right up to its chimney. We'll need to see if building owners respond by restoring their buildings around it. Small changes can make a major contribution

National Geographic's "Guide to Small Town Escapes" (pub. in 2000) features dozens of towns across the nation attracting visitors anxious to escape TO the kind of place Carthage is. It is a small town on an important waterway, our very pretty Cumberland River.. You know, I have a notion. I like to think of Carthage as "Rivertown USA," a restored courthouse square as its centerpiece. Aren't you enthusiastic at the prospect?

In this issue you'll read Col. Bernie Bass' story of Dr. Joe Bridges, a well-known Smith county physician. Nashville writer John Bridges has written an account of his grandfather, Cap'n Tom Bridges war adventures in the 1860's. Cap'n Tom and Dr. Bridges were of the same prominent New Middleton family. I think you would enjoy the Bridges' book. I know you'll enjoy Bernie's contribution here.

Meanwhile, best history to you!



Faith Young

Note: Mr. Billy Kennedy, writer and lecturer on the Scots-Irish in America and author of numerous books on the subject, will speak in Carthage at a special Historical and Genealogical Society event, Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM. Plan to come hear this interesting Scotsman who lives in north Ireland. Location of the event we'll announce later.

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# Bridges named to state's Hall of Fame

*(Following is an article reprinted from an earlier issue of the Courier which was submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer House of the New Middleton Community.)*

Thomas Jefferson Bridges, a native of Gordonsville, was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, November 27 at a Nashville dinner and conference, attended by many sports greats.

Tommy Bridges began his sports career as a youth at Gordonsville Elementary School where he was taught the fundamentals of the great sport of baseball by Dr. Thayer S. Wilson. Tommy was later to come out for baseball at Gordonsville High School under the able coaching of Jim Moore. After trying out for the high school team he told Coach Moore, "I would rather pitch than play any other position, but will play any place I am needed." Coach Moore told Tommy to "go in there and let me see what you can do." Thus began a spectacular career in pitching for a young man who loved every minute of every game.

Tommy pitched well . . . he didn't win every game, and there were slumps, but he was on the way up, and with the love of the game in him, he couldn't fail to succeed.

After graduating from Gordonsville, Tommy went to the University of Tennessee where he played for the UT baseball team. Later Tommy gained a berth as pitcher on the City League at Nashville.

From Nashville Tommy went straight to the big leagues, signing up with the Detroit Tigers.

Tommy won 194 games and lost 138 during his illustrious career with Detroit, extending from 1930 through 1943. Once Tommy pitched a perfect game until two were out in the ninth inning against Washington on August 6, 1932. With only one out to go for a perfect no-hit game, pinch-hitter Dave Harris of Washington singled. It was as close as Tommy ever came to being enshrined with the immortal few.

Tommy led the American League in strikeouts in 1935-36, he started the most games in 1935, won the most games (23) in 1936 which was his third consecutive season to post 21 or more wins, pitched in the World Series in 1934-35-40 winning four games and losing none, and had two one-hitters in 1933.

The first time Tommy was on the mound in the American League, he faced Babe Ruth who popped up to second. It was the first inning, and after getting the great Bambino out, Tommy felt a great deal easier. He won the game.

In 1944, during World War II, Tommy was sworn into the U.S. Government's most secret organization, the Office of Strategic Services. He was detailed to begin a series of sports that would release tensions from members of the Secret Service organization. After two years of military service, Tommy set a Pacific Coast League record in 1947 with an earned run record of 1.67 for 104 innings pitched for Portland.

Tommy was born Dec. 28, 1906, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Bridges. He died April 19, 1968. There were many in Carthage, Gordonsville and throughout the state who followed his interesting career. He was one of Smith County's all-time sport greats.



Tommy Bridges

## DR. JOSEPH GILL BRIDGES, JR.

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J. G. Bridges, Jr., M. D. The son of Dr. J. G. Bridges, Sr., a well known physician of this region, and a cousin of Dr. James N. Bridges also of New Middleton, J. G. Bridges, M. D., has well upheld the family name in connection with its professional activities, and made for himself a place of no slight importance in that profession in Smith county. Born in this county, on June 8, 1868, Dr. Bridges is a son of J. G. and Harriet (Bell) Bridges, both natives of this region, born in Smith county in 1824 and 1831, respectively. The father died in 1901, since which time the aged mother has made her home with her son, Dr. J. G. Bridges of this review.

Dr. Bridges, the father of the subject, was a practicing physician in Smith county for years. He was successful in that work, as well as in the field of finance, in which he came to be concerned aside from his profession, and he reared a family of eight children, of which number only two survive. The one besides Dr. Bridges of this review is F. G. Bridges, a practicing attorney at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he is one of the most prominent men in the legal profession, associated with L. M. Bell, and who came within a narrow margin of becoming United States senator, one vote standing between him and that honor. Mr. Bell is an uncle of Dr. Bridges of this review. The paternal grandfather of the subject was Joseph Bridges, a native of North Carolina, who came to Tennessee in his young manhood, and concerning whom more details are offered in the sketch of Dr. James N. Bridges, of New Middleton. The maternal grandfather of the subject was Robert Bell, a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, who passed his life in Gordonsville, Smith county, while his wife, Elizabeth Roane, was a member of the pioneer and prominent Roane family of Tennessee, which number among its members John S. Roane, a governor of Arkansas, also a former Governor Roane of Tennessee.

Dr. J. G. Bridges was educated in the schools of Smith county and finished his training in the medical department of the University of Nashville, from which he was graduated in 1891. He was an honor student there, and took a medal in Anatomy, as well as being one of the roll of honor of his class. Soon after his graduation he came to New Middleton and established himself in practice, where he has since continued with the single exception of four years when he was located at Goodlettsville, Davidson county, Tennessee. His practice throughout the years has been a large one, and he has long been a popular and much sought physician in the community which has seen the major part of his professional activities. Prosperity has not held herself aloof from him, but his efforts have been

amply rewarded, and in addition to the services he has been able to render his city in his private capacity, he has served as health officer of Smith county for four years. He gave a valuable service in that official position, and did much in the way of establishing a proper regard for the public health during that time.

In 1905, Dr. Bridges was married to Florence Davis, a daughter of C. N. Davis of Carthage, and a successful farmer of that place. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Bridges, - Thomas Davis, now six years old, and Mary Meadows, who is eight months old at this writing. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree.

In a professional way, he has membership in the Smith County Medical Society, of which he is president, and he is also a member of the State Medical Society. He is a Democrat in his political convictions, and gives a good citizen-like attention to affairs of a political nature, either local or national. In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Bridges is concerned in agricultural matters, and gives a considerable attention to the raising of mules and cattle, in which he has gained no little prominence in the county. His career has been one of the most useful order, and he takes his place today in the city and county as one of the most genuine citizens to be found, and one who shares in the esteem and high regard of all who have acquaintance with him in his character of physician, farmer or solely as an individual.

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Dr. Bridges and family moved from New Middleton to Gordonsville in 1922 where he continued his medical practice until retirement in 1949. Altogether, he practiced medicine for 58 years, 54 years in Smith County. Dr. Bridges died in Chattanooga, Tn where he was living with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Cross, on November 19, 1961, at age 93. Funeral services were conducted at a Chattanooga funeral home. Graveside services were conducted on November 21, 1961 at Ridgewood Cemetery, Carthage by Rev. J. B. Morehead, former Gordonsville Methodist Minister.

Following the death of Dr. Bridges, Mrs. Florence (Flossie) Davis Bridges moved with her daughter to Nashville where she died on August 17, 1969 at age 88. Funeral services were conducted at Bass Funeral Chapel, Carthage. She is buried in Ridgewood Cemetery. Son Thomas Davis (Tommy) Bridges, star pitcher for the American League Detroit Tigers in the 1930s and early 1940s and a member of the Tennessee Hall of Fame, died in Nashville on April 19, 1968 at age 61. Funeral services were conducted at Bass Funeral Chapel, Carthage. He is buried in Ridgewood Cemetery. Daughter Mary Meadows Bridges (Mrs. J. W. Cross), died in Nashville on October 21, 1981. A memorial service was conducted at the Glendale United Methodist Church, Nashville. Her body was donated to science.

Submitted by Bernie Bass, 1904 Shenandoah Trail, Lebanon, TN.

DIARY OF THOMAS FULLER  
COMPANY E, 2ND TENNESSEE CAVALRY  
NOVEMBER 27, 1861 - JUNE 30 1865

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JULY 17, 1862. On last night the rain began falling at an early hour and continued during the night - the best rain that had come since the second of June. We are in Marietta at a school house, we are not far from the Tanyard where we got the Chalybeate water. The crops have suffered severely for rain. Corn is seriously injured by dry weather. Some of the boys belonging to Co. G have been swapping horses at this little town, getting little old low ponies from the citizens, the stock of horses are sorry in this locality.

JULY 18, 1862. On yesterday at about one o'clock p.m. we started for camps on Rock Creek. We took the Iuka road its running a little north east then the road we went Marietta. We cross a very deep creek on the way, came by the Bay Springs a little village on the Tombigee river, quite an extensive spinning factory is there, turned by a water power, it employs a number of hands to attend to the machinery some women are at work there also. We got to camps about sun down, after traveling about fifteen miles. We have orders to cook five days rations, to move on tomorrow morning.

JULY 19, 1862. Four companies or a portion of them, left camps at an early hour, took the road towards Fulton, until within six or seven miles of the place, took a left hand road that leads to Pikeville found it very hot traveling have stopped to rest now near side of the road have come over some poor country large portions of land, no doubt but it was once in cultivation, now growed up in pine bushes, are near nine miles from Fulton going in Eastern direction, after resting we turned back and took the road leading in the direction of Fulton till reaching the Smithville road, we took up camps in the evening not till we had overtaken Col. Forrest Cavalry and some from Missouri they left us and went on. We drew corn for our horses, and all of mess. No. 3 took supper at the old mans' house, he was very much troubled about his corn, making complaints too numerous to mention. His old woman was fretting and scolding the negroes at a terrible rate, the family was by the name of Moore, Kentuckians - plenty of property about, fine looking corn growing, a field of nice cotton. His son gave a negro and five hundred dollars to get out of the war.

JULY 20, 1862. We have traveled in a southeastern direction most of the day, crossed Bull mountain river and Bull mountain., The road continued for several miles on the road found it a poor region of country over which we traveled on the mountain. Are now in

Alabama at a place called Millville, near a flush stream of water about twenty three or four miles from Fulton, Miss., now in Marion county. Started from the above mentioned place after 4 p.m. crossed some very hilly country. Just before we took up, J. J. Lawrence missed his pocketbook, money and all and went back in search of it. Camped near a river called Bud. Hatcher.

JULY 21, 1862. Made an early start left Pikeville to the left, have traveled very regular all day - have stopped to feed and rest. M. F. M. Paschal being unwell stopped at Millville to look for a private house to stay until he recruited up. Later orders are to cook rations and start a 3 a.m. tomorrow morning. Lawrence returned not having found his money.

JULY 22, 1862. Left about the appointed hour, come ten or fourteen miles, got corn fodder, have fed near New River. Behind is a poor country, bad crops, late this evening we got into Walker County rode till after night.

JULY 23, 1862. It began raining before day, near daylight we got up and started, had a nice shower of rain, traveled over some rocky road. In the evening very fine lands, very good corn crops, into Lawrence Cty. today.

JULY 24, 1862. It is some beautiful country in a valley called Tennessee Valley. About 3 o'clock p.m. went to Moulton, the county seat of Lawrence. This town is 110 miles from Tuscaloosa, fine crops of corn and cotton and pretty women to be seen at nearly every house. A brigade of Cavalry here from the command of Ben Armstrong. Brigade to move at 9 o'clock.

JULY 25, 1862. The bugle sounded about 1 o'clock this morning for the command to rise and travel. We marched towards Courtland, distance fifteen miles, moved till after daylight, stopped and rested a few moments, procured a guide, taking a little neighborhood road till within a few miles of the enemy's camps, then went through some corn fields, when near their camps those in advance raised a yell. The column moved at double quick time and a considerable cloud of dust arose, which warned them of our approach. A portion of the troops however, had been sent around and came down through town and got within firing distance. The enemy fired their first volley at this squad, killing

one man and wounding one or two more, those that came through was fired on, but killed no man. A horse or two was killed. Some got up near enough to the Feds to get a shot while others got no chance, before they raised a white flag, surrendered. The enemy was greatly surprised and tried to take shelter behind the R. Road. Some of the command that had guns of long range were dismounted and brought up but not in time to do any execution. There were three companies at these camps, two of Infantry and two Cav. The officer in command was among the first captured and when he saw his men hoist the white flag, (and several shots were fired afterwards by them, and of course returned from our side) he exclaimed outright in Yankee Style, don't you respect the white flag, when one of our men cried out, D--n the white flag when they won't respect it themselves. The firing was ceased very soon, but the cavalry had all fled and some of their Infantry did not stay to see us come up, made their escape to a neighboring house. Gen. Armstrong "cried out" our Cavalry is wanting up above here, he waved his sword over his head and said, "follow me." A number of us obeyed his order and made a charge through town up the Decatur road, turning to the right going on a road through a corn field to a private house. Those Feds that were up here surrendered at once, three sentinels were found on post never had left, and give up willingly. Their Tents, camp equipage, wagons and teams, commissary stores all fell into our hands we took one hundred and thirty six prisoners, burned the R. R. bridge and the depot, took down the telegraph wire, burned their tents; seven or eight wagons and near fifty head of mules and a few horses were carried away by our forces with their cooking vessels and a lot of corn in sacks. The prisoners were from the states of Ohio and Kentucky. One man a Lt. in an Ohio camp was a schoolmate with Lt. Col. C. R. Barteau. They recognized each other on this occasion. These Yanks were marched off to Moulton immediately and appeared very jovial as a general thing, with one exception, their Old Commander (Capt. Davidson) was quite a sulky looking man and had a very bad looking countenance. Col. Barteau brought up the rear this evening in leaving Courtland, and came six miles and halted. I omitted to state how the citizens of this little place appeared over the defeat of the Feds. Both men and women were rejoicing at our approach and success and proposed feeding the entire command but the officers thought they had had as much already as they ought to bear, that is the Feds have been with them ever since in April and much to their annoyance.

JULY 26, 1862. A detail was made for men to go back to Courtland and bring out some articles left behind, the command proceeded to Moulton and camped about one half mile from the Courthouse to the west, drew corn and fed our wearied beasts, for they were badly jaded from the rides we have been giving them through the heat, after which some of the 2nd Tenn. Cav., had gone to town, and some to the country, when an order came for Col. Barteau's Reg. to report to Gen Armstrong's headquarters at the courthouse, Inst. Rumors were afloat that the enemy were advancing in a large force, a portion of the 2nd Tenn. Cav. were posted on the Florence road remained there awhile, was then ordered

away passed through town, went down a few miles and learned that no enemy were near and that it was a portion of Gen. A.'s men that were coming in that the courier saw, the dust being so thick he could not distinguish them from the Feds. We returned and Col. B. marched his men back on the Florence road and we rested during the night. The Federal officers were carried to Tupelo, Miss. or started rather this evening, there was some very good looking men among them.

**JULY 27, 1862.** This morning I and a few others went to a private house out on the Courtland road and had our horses fed and got a good breakfast. We remained in camp till in the evening, pickets were sent from 2nd Tenn. Cav. those from Co. G were commanded by Lt. Lipscomb of the same Co., were ordered by Gen Armstrong to go out on the Mt. Hope road to a little village called Landersville. Sentinels were placed on the road west of the place and during the night an alarm was given near Moulton and Lt. L. was ordered by Col Barteau to go in with his squad, but Lt. L. having been ordered there by Gen. A., did not go. We remained all night at this pleasant village, fine crops and good water here, good place for Cav. to camp.

**JULY 28, 1862.** Lt. L. was ordered to the command this morning. The writer was one of the number. We went to Moulton and then down South several miles, Gen. A. presented Lt. L. with a cavalry horse, one that was shot and slightly wounded on Friday last, roads dry and dusty, the weather extremely hot.

**JULY 29, 1862.** The Reg. moved eight miles today. We are three miles southeast from Moulton at a good spring, called Warren Springs, rich land in this portion of country., Gen., Armstrong is requiring the horses and the pistols that were captured at Courtland to be delivered up, every man to report what he lost and what he found.

**JULY 30, 1862.** A light shower of rain fell last night some appearance of rain today, heavy thunder in the west, later today considerable rain fell.

**JULY 31, 1862** A heavy scout has gone out from the Cav. Brigade, the writer did not accompany them, went to Moulton with a prisoner, got my horse shoes removed on his hind feet, paid fifty cents-heavy rain fell as I was returning to camp.,

went through the town of Fulton without halting, passed on to Tombigbee, halted and took rest, team of six mules in going on the boat, ran into the water and drowned, two mules very dead. The first long eared animal the writer ever saw drowned. We went out to the village of Moorsville and camped.

**AUGUST 8, 1862.** We got up this morning and moved off down to Flantersville, a little village above Verona east side of the R.R. and procured forage and rested through the day. Are in hearing of the trains as they pass.

**AUGUST 9, 1862.** Proceeded north, left Tupelo so the left crossed the R.R. below Sattilla and marched on up near Guntown and joined that portion of 2nd Tenn. Cav. that remained behind in charge of the Wagon train. We have been out three weeks and have found two of our old Co. present who was left sick in the vicinity of Corinth Messrs. Nichols and Woods, M.F.M. Paschal who started with us to Ala. has got back also, good health among the troops at this particular time; the camps are in a very ugly place on a steep hillside. Water for soldiers use somewhat scarce.

**AUGUST 10, 1862.** Remained at this uneasy place till 4 p.m. having drawn some new clothes and made other preparations, we saddled our horses and moved near three miles distant into a beautiful grove of timber and put up tents, wrote a letter today to send to my friends in Tenn. by Mr. Austin of Sumner Cty. Tenn. Weather very warm and dry.

**AUGUST 11, 1862.** Forage slow coming for our horses today, they did not get corn till in the afternoon, some in sacks brought up on the train, and some green corn out in fields and issued composed the food for horses.

**AUGUST 12, 1862.** Scouts report that the enemy are committing depredations of various kinds in the vicinity of Iuka - taking property from citizens such as horses, mules and negroes

To be continued.



THE DIARIES OF ELENORA KELLY WILSON  
1871 - 1907Compiled and Edited by Thayer Wilson Beach  
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*[Ed. Note: Grieved by the death of her son, Willis, in March 1885, Mrs. Wilson made no further entries in her diary until January 1, 1886. With the exception of the birth of her daughter in February, 1886 appears to have been an uneventful year for the Wilson family. Following are excerpts from Elenora Kelly Wilson's diary from January 1 - December 29, 1886].*

1886

- 01/01 Sorrow inexpressible stayed my pen in my diary for 1885. God only knows what is to be the record of 1886. Today has been a beautiful pleasant day. Mr. Wilson and John Johnson killed a hog and hauled wood. I wrote to Nan Denton.
- 01/02 Mrs. Julia Flippin, Marie and Mary Tom and Bedford spent the day here. Mr. Wilson went to Rome as it was installation day in lodge. It rained today.
- 01/12 Cold thermometer standing at 13 degrees below zero. Mr. Wilson went down in Kenny's bend to see about his cattle. I am sick. [Note: At this point she was 7 1/2 months pregnant with first daughter, Wilsye. TWB]
- 01/13 Still very cold. Snow deep and frozen. Mr. Wilson began to get ready to kill hogs but I was so sick he put it off and went to Rome to get me some medicine.
- 01/14 Some warmer. Killed hogs. Albert Baines helped. John Johnson (colored) went to haul ice for Dr. Wilson but his ice house had broken in and John came back.
- 01/21 My birthday. 30 years old. Though some bitter, bitter tears have I shed in the 30th year of life, I feel that God sustaineth and the same hand that afflicteth also blesseth. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went down in Kinney's bend and got their stock which had been there one month on B. Kinney's pasture. Neddie and Jesse and I have been here most all day alone. Fred Taylor still at his grandma's.
- 01/24 Cold, gloomy Sabbath. Ground covered with snow. No one here all day. Fred still at his grandma's. Mr. Wilson has 17 lambs, having saved 17 out of 19, notwithstanding the extremely cold weather.
- 02/02 Began to snow about nine o'clock and still snowing tonight. Snow several inches deep and cold. Allie went to Rock City this morning to carry our postal and get some petroleum and so forth.
- 02/03 Just such snow I have never seen before and cold. Snow 14 inches deep where there are no drifts. One lamb frozen and feeding a day's job.
- 02/26 Clear and cool. Our first daughter Wilsye, came this morning at two o'clock. Grandma Maria and Mama Wilson and Nancy Jane are here this morning. Nancy Jane went home this evening and Jennie Crowell rode Valley back and is here tonight and sat up with me until one o'clock. Mr. Wilson went to Rome and telephoned to my Ma.

[Eleanora Davis: There is a lapse of three weeks here. Grandmother seems to be so pleased to have her Ma with her now that Grandma Maria has gone home. We resume the reading with March 21st, 1886]

- 03/28 Cloudy this morning but clear and bright this evening. One of those lonesome sad Sabbath's which I spend with no one but the children. Mr. Wilson and Fred Taylor gone to Mt. Olivet to church. Did not get back until two and a half o'clock. I am not well at all today. Burr Williams here this evening.
- 03/31 Cloudy and gloomy. Mr. Wilson and Allie put up the hams, scalding them here in my room.
- 04/01 Cleared off. Fannie commenced making my soap. Allie washed. Jennie and Bob Crowell came just before dinner and are here tonight. Also Bob Wilson. All sat up late. High water and getting higher.
- 04/02 Bob left but Jennie still here. Rainy again. All had to stop work. All weighed. I weighed 112, Mr. Wilson 130, Kelly 40, Fred 34, Jesse 27 and Wilsye 12. Robert and Jennie still here. Sat up until eleven o'clock.
- 04/03 Another gloomy day. Jennie here all day and Robert too and are still here tonight as it rained very hard this evening. Kelly and Jennie set ten turkey eggs.
- 04/08 A beautiful day. Fannie making soap. Dicie is scouring. Bob Crowell was here after milk. Water all over Rome (i.e., flood water), in Mr. Harrison's store, and three feet deep in Dr. See's store. Bob came up with Pa's wagon steers to haul manure and he and Billy Pope are both here tonight.
- 04/10 Cloudy this morning. Bob Crowell was here this evening. We all went down to Pa's and carried Wilsye for the first time. Mr. Wilson rode Mag, Kelly behind him and carried Wilsey and Fred Taylor, Jesse and I went in the little buggy and forded the backwater for some distance. When we got to Pa's, no one at home except him. All there tonight.
- 04/12 Cloudy this morning but Mary Williams and Kelly started up the creek to school to Miss Ida Hale. Bob Crowell ate dinner here. Mr. Wilson went to Rome this evening. Mary Tom and Bedford, Delia Wilson and Bee spent the evening here. Rained a little while this evening.
- 04/22 A pretty day. Jennie Crowell came about nine o'clock and stayed with the children while I went to Rome and I rode her horse. Did not get back until one o'clock. The first time I ever left Wilsye and was gone three hours and she did not cry at all. Mr. Henry Tyree died very suddenly this morning of apoplexy. Jennie left soon after I came back and Uncle Ed left too.
- 04/26 Mr. Wilson went to Rome this morning and did not get back until two o'clock this evening. I dropped and we set out 250 cabbage plants. Maude found her calf. [Note: This use of "found" seems to be a Victorian euphemism to avoid saying "gave birth." TWB]
- 04/29 Rained a little bit. Robert Crowell still here and varnished the furniture and set up the cistern. Tom Gann was here a little while late this evening. Mr. Wilson went to Rome and Rock City this morning.

- 05/01 A pretty day, but cool. Bob Crowell finished the cistern and set it up ready for water. Kelly finished setting out the cabbage. Primary election. Mr. Wilson just went to Rock City long enough to vote as he is so very busy plowing. Ed Wilson plowed here today.
- 05/11 Cloudy and warm. Thayer went to Gainesborough. The steamer Ewold passed down this evening on which were the remains of Mrs. Gardenhire who came up with me only last Sunday evening a bride. Died suddenly last night at Gainesborough. Retta went to Miss Willie Montgomery's to sit up with Mrs. Rose H. Wilson, the temperance lecturer who is there very sick. Thayer did not come back tonight but Alice is here. Alice and Retta carried Wilsye out calling this evening.
- 05/16 A pretty day. Alice and Thayer went to Stanton Chapel to quarterly meeting. Kelly went to Sunday School. The steamer Nashville passed down and Ella Armistead started home as Aunt Margaret was on the same boat having been here several weeks with Mrs. Beck who is very sick. Ma has sick headache. Wilsye not well. Grandma and Aunt Polly are here tonight and we sat up long after all were asleep. The steamer H. K. Bedford came up about bedtime and Aunt Mag came home from Nashville having been gone two weeks. Uncle Dave was here this evening. Pa went riding with Fred. Thayer and Alice went home late this evening.
- 05/20 Rained a little while but soon cleared off. I got up at four o'clock and Thayer and Edgar went with us to the river. We expected to start very early but the boat hung on a log and did not get off until seven o'clock. Fred went to Nashville as we went down. I have been real sick all day. The boat did not get to Rome until four o'clock this evening. Mr. Wilson telephoned from there to Mr. Warren at Granville and then we all got in the wagon and came home, getting home about sundown sick, tired and glad indeed to all being again at home. Uncle Ed was here.
- 05/23 A pretty day. Mr. Wilson and Fred T. went to Sunday School and later Wilsye and I, Wilsye's first going to church. Went with Dr. Hunter in his buggy to Mt. Olivet and Dr. Hunter preached to a good crowd. Dr. Hunter and Brother Webster ate dinner here and late this evening Dr. Hunter went to Rome with Brother Webster.
- 06/01 A pretty day. Dicie walked and helped me with the children and I rode Valley and we went down to Pa's and soon after we got there Aunt Peggy and Mary Tom came over there to spend the day. After dinner I left Wilsye with Ma and Aunt Peggy, Mary Tom, Fred T., Jesse and I went to the picture gallery at Rome and had some pictures taken and traded some and Sam Patch and W. H. Flippin helped us bring our bundles and we came back to Pa's and Aunt Peggy and Mary left me and all the children except Kelly, are at Pa's tonight.
- 06/04 A bright day. George Mann (colored) commenced walling the cellar, Mr. Wilson hauling rock for the same. Dicie rode Laura to Nathan Wilson's.
- 06/08 George Mann finished the cellar. Bob Crowell finished his job. Ed Wilson at work here. One of the hardest washing rains fell and the creek and branches are very high for awhile. So much water Mary and Kelly could not get from school. Kelly stayed at Bob Crowell's and Mary Williams stayed at George's. Mrs. Lou Williams spent the night here.
- 06/15 Fred Taylor still sick. Pa, Bob, Albert and Pate Sampson came again this morning and they finished cutting wheat, though it rained some and everything is so muddy and wet. I made Mr. Wilson some linen pants.

- 06/27 Expected to go to Sunday School and church but it looked like rain early and Mr. Wilson and Kelly went and later Dicie and the little children and I went to Pa's, getting there just at twelve o'clock and found Pa with erysipelas in his hand. Very bad. Heard of Mr. Ed Marks being thrown from his mule in Rome yesterday evening and badly hurt. Mr. Wilson and Kelly came from church to Pa's and after dinner I left all the children except Jesse with Ma and went out to Bud Flippin's to see Mr. Sam Baines who is there very sick and spent two hours. Mr. Wilson went to see Mr. Joe Cato, who is also sick. We all expected to go home this evening but it rained very hard and we could not so we are all at Pa's tonight.
- 07/03 Mr. Wilson killed a lamb early and he carried a quarter of it to Rock City. The little boys went with Mrs. Williams and Dicie and Wilsye and I went in the little buggy to Mt. Olivet, getting to Rock City. Mr. Wilson went on as we did and got there after Brother Henson began to preach, finding quite a crowd, and after church had a basket dinner and then quarterly conference and it rained very hard and we all found the creek quite high and after some hesitancy we crossed.
- 07/05 Mr. Wilson finished cutting oats. Maggie and Lizzie Haley here for plums. Picked my wool for the factory. Mary Williams here. Late this evening Brother Henson and his two children, Mattie and Tom, came and are here tonight.
- 07/26 A warm day. Squire Rigsby died last night and is to be buried by the Masons this evening at three o'clock. Kelly and Mary and Net started to school to Mr. Haney and school adjourned at noon for the burying.
- 07/31 Very warm but cloudy a portion of the day. Bob came before breakfast and he and Mr. Wilson started to Granville about eight o'clock and today has been indeed lonesome because he had gone so far. Jesse is not well. Late this evening Pa and Ma came to stay with us and soon after they came we had a very hard rain and after dark the creek ran down. Bob Crowell and Jennie came thinking we were alone and are all here tonight.
- 08/08 A pretty day. Mr. Wilson, Bob and Kelly went to Sunday School and then to Plunkett's Creek to church. Fred T., Jesse and I went over to the graveyard. Mary Tom and her children were at Pa's this morning. Mary Tom came to stay with the boys and Mr. Wilson went home and Ma and Pa and Wilsye and I went down to see Sam Wilson and Miss Mary Greef married by Squire Hibbitt. Quite a crowd there and all went off pleasantly and after lunch we all left.
- 08/11 Warm. Mr. Wilson finished sowing millet in the meadow. Mr. Wilson and Fred Taylor rode Morgan and went after the big buggy which Crowell and Thacker had put a new seat and fixed the shafts. Fred came back proud of the first ride on the new seat.
- 08/22 Cloudy. Mr. Wilson, Wilsye and I went to Mt. Olivet to Sunday School and church and Brother Webster preached a good doctrine sermon. Mary Williams and the children stayed here. Ma and Pa, Brother Webster and Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hale and Greg all came home with us and in the evening Brother Webster dedicated our dear little Jesse and Wilsye to God by baptism. All left late this evening. Net came back this evening.
- 08/28 Cloudy and warm. Rained just after dinner. Mr. Wilson carried his sucking mules to Rome. Mr. Wilson brought Kelly his first arithmetic this evening and he learned a lesson in it tonight and worked his first example on a slate.
- 08/30 Raining hard this morning. Creek up. Children could not go to school. Bob left after the creek ran down. Mr. Wilson and Charlie carried Pearl and Tyler and had them shod. Charlie rode Pearl for the first time she was ever rode.

- 09/18 A pretty day. All the crowd started early to the fair and today has been quiet here. Kelly went today. A great many passing but no one here tonight except Fred, Kelly, Edgar, Will, John Armistead, and Zulema.
- 09/24 The colored fair began today and Dicie left early. Mr. Wilson went to Rome this noon after the mail and after, he started to the Alexandria fair with Pearl and Uncle Ed is with us. Dicie is gone. Old Kate found her jenny colt last night named Flora.
- 09/29 A beautiful cool day. Mr. Wilson and Thayer went off before dinner to trade Pearl and did not get back until late. After which, Alice, Thayer, the children and I went in the big buggy, driving Marcus down to Pa's and later Mr. Wilson came and we are all at Pa's tonight.
- 10/06 A pretty day. Ma and Fred started early to Nashville. Mr. Wilson raked his millet and is sowing his meadow. I have thought much today of it being 17 years last night since I embraced religion and have felt quite happy all day and so thankful that through all these years the same blessed savior whom I then found when so young and carefree has sustained me when cares and sorrows gather thick and fast and the same hand that chasteneth also blesseth and my poor aching heart is full and I pray each day I may grow in grace and feel that I am nearer heaven, my savior and loved ones there.
- 10/18 Another pleasant day. Jesse the sickest of the three, though Wilsye and Fred are sick too. Ma, Pa and Bobby are here. Mr. Wilson carried Jesse over to Dr. Sampson's but he was not at home.
- 10/20 Mr. Wilson started very early to Lebanon to hear the much talked of Bob and Alf Taylor speak and Mr. Wilson and Pa came back after dark. Almost everybody about here at Lebanon.
- 10/22 A pleasant day. Mr. Wilson rode Pearl and Bob and my pa went in Pa's buggy to Carthage to hear McMillan and Turner speak and did not get back until dark and Bob got his eye hurt. Bob stayed here all night and Pa, Ma and Bobby are here. Mr. Wilson's Pa was here and emptied the corn field so it could be raised and helped to kill a beef.
- 10/27 Today I must begin my diary on another page and how I wonder what will be the record ere these pages are filled. Another cold windy day.
- 10/31 Fred Taylor sick this morning so Mr. Wilson and I both could not go to church. I went and Miss Betty Butler went in the little buggy with me and Brother Kellum preached from the one word "Eternity" found in the 58th chapter of Isaiah. Ten years tonight since our wedding day. Oh how swiftly they have flown bringing quite a mixture of joy and sorrow. Joys never to be forgotten and sorrows too deep for utterance and such which time can never heal but amidst it all, we have never regretted that that event occurred.
- 11/01 Found Wilsye's first tooth and she can say "cat".
- 11/07 Clear but the coldest day we've had this season, there being plenty of ice. Pa and Mr. Wilson went over in the bend to see Mr. Price who is sick and also to see Johnny Price's baby who died this evening. No one at Pa's but Bobby, me and the children.
- 11/13 Clear and cold this morning. We all killed a pig. Mr. Wilson got back just before dark. Left Duke down at Pa's.

- 11/28 A lovely day. Soon after breakfast I concluded to go home with Bobby and went home, Mr. Wilson and I very hurriedly, and got our clothes and came back to Jennie Crowell's. She and Bobby having taken the children over to her house and Mr. Wilson went to Mt. Olivet to church and several of us ate dinner at Jennie's and a little after one o'clock the steamer City of Nashville whistled and Bobby, Jesse, Wilsye and I got aboard for Granville, leaving Kelly and Fred with their papa. Had a pleasant trip and got to my Pa's a little after nine o'clock tonight and found all well. Bobby went out to Taylor Brown's as Grandma was out there.
- 12/06 Bright and warmer, though snow is melting but little. In the evening Bobby and I went up to Mrs. William Montgomery's and I went to Puss Brown's to get my dress which she made. The old folks all went to church and after church a number of young ladies and gentlemen came down to Pa's and Mrs. Mattie Butler made music and all had a gay time until after ten o'clock. Jesse and Wilsye are both sick and I feel so sad about them.
- 12/08 Warmer. Snow melting. Jesse a little better. Thayer brought his mother (Mrs. Alice Smith) to Pa's to wait for the boat. Sally Smith was at Pa's. At three o'clock the steamer Bedford whistled and Mrs. Smith, Emily Russell and her children, and Jesse, Wilsye and I got on the boat and started home and went as far as West Point where Emily and her children got off and the boat is laying there tonight.
- 12/09 A beautiful day. The children were very restless last night and we got cold. I got up at three o'clock and had a fire made (on the boat!) and never slept anymore. The boat got to Rome a little before eleven o'clock this morning. Bob and Fred Taylor met us at the river and we went over to Pa's and stayed until after dinner. Fred, Jesse, Wilsye came home in the buggy alone. Kelly, Dicie and Terry ran a race to meet us and we found everything all right at home and are quite happy tonight to be again all around our own fireside. Jesse and Wilsye are not well. Uncle Ed ate dinner at Pa's having stayed with Mr. Wilson and the children while we were gone.
- 12/11 Another pretty day. Johnny Martin was here this morning and Mr. Wilson sold him his wagon. Uncle Josh ate dinner here. Bob was here this evening and told us about someone breaking in and trying to burn Mrs. Braswell's house. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went to Rome this evening, came home and fed and they've gone back to Rome tonight to hear Mrs. Jackson, the temperance lecturer speak. Dicie, the children and I are alone. Mrs. Jackson organized a good temperance lodge at Rome.
- 12/12 A gloomy day. Raining a very little. Mr. Wilson went to Plunkett's Creek to hear Reverend Wooten preach and after he came back we ate dinner. I went over to Mrs. Williams to see Mary. Spent some time there and then Mr. Wilson kept the children and Kelly and I went to Rome and heard Mrs. Jackson make a temperance speech. Quite a crowd there and they initiated the officers of the Evergreen Lodge. Got home a little after nine o'clock, finding all asleep.
- 12/15 One of the worst days I ever saw. Snow storms nearly all day. Dicie and I quite busy with our lard. Have killed six hogs and got 37 gallons of lard.
- 12/23 A very pleasant day. I baked my Christmas caked and Dicie scoured. Mr. Wilson went to Rome after the mail. I bought me a new bread tray.
- 12/25 Cloudy but not cold. We were all quite busy until eleven o'clock, when we went to Pa's. After dinner Ma and the children and I went to Mary Tom's to spend the evening. Everything quiet for Christmas. The children were up quite early parading over what Old Kris had brought.

RECORDS OF BIRTHS, 1881 – 1883  
SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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BIRTH	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER
Oct 31, 1881	Mary Jane Moss FW	Jesse T. Moss	Sarah Jane Moss
Jun 23, 1882	J. W. Horton, MW	David Horton	Nancy Horton
May 10, 1882	Dora Sampson, FW	Wm. Sampson	Elizabeth Sampson
Sept 1, 1882	Martin, MW	V. T. Martin	A. J. Martin, Macon Co., TN
28 Sept 1882	Stock Gamletson	Thomas Gamletson	Deali Gamletson DeKalb Co., TN
Mar 18, 1882	John Jennine Lynch, MW	J. J. Lynch, KY	Rachel Lynch
Apr 3, 1882	Garfield Minton, MW	W. Minton	Martha Minton
Mar 6, 1882	David Shelby Davis, MW	James Robt. Davis	Julie Ann Davis
Feb 28, 1882	Beshears, MW	J. C. Beshears	M. E. Beshears 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cousins
May 14, 1882	Mary Lucretia Mink, FW	Henry Mink	Clethia Mink
May 20, 1882	Samuel Edgar Vanderpool, MW	John Vanderpool	Puss Vanderpool
May 31, 1882	May Pearl Estes, FW	John Duncan Estes	Francis Estes
Jun 11, 1882	Russell, FW	Lon Russell	Bettie Russell
Jun 14, 1882	John Edgar Cardwell, MW	Robt. Cardwell	Virginia Cardwell Cousins
Jun 28, 1882	Helen Hughes, FB	Henry Hughes	Sherry Hughes
Jul 6, 1882	Elizabeth C. Anderson FB	Henry Anderson	Tennessee Anderson
Jul 9, 1882	Bettie Frances Oldham, FW	Archy D. Oldham	Harriett A. Oldham
Jul 22, 1882	Kemp, FW	Wm. L. Kemp	Mollie A. Kemp
Jul 30, 1882	Hines, FW	Henry Hines	Lytha Ann Hines 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cousins
Jul 31, 1882	Minnie Cerieva Veach, FW	J.A.E. Veach	Sella W. Veach
Jul 31, 1882	Elisha Columbus Mink, MW	David Mink	Mary Mink
Aug 4, 1882	Annie May Kemp, FW	Geo. F. Kemp	Virginia C. Kemp
Jun 15, 1882	Cooke, FW	Benjamin Cooke	Bell Cooke
Aug 28, 1882	Thomas J. Robinson, MW	C. N. Robinson	T. Robinson
Nov 14, 1881	John Allen Sanderson, MW	Thomas M. Sanderson	Eliza A. Sanderson
Jan 19, 1882	Walter L. Smith, MW	Wesley Smith	Mary Ann Smith
Apr 12 1882	William Hughes, MB		Candis Hughes
Feb 18, 1882	S. T. Farmer, MW	Miles W. Farmer	Hattie Jane Farmer
Jul 31, 1882	William Lee Thackston, MW	M. B. Thackston	R. Thackston
Jun 8, 1882	James L. Meachum, MW	J. B. Meachum	Mary B. Meachum
Jun 27, 1882	Martha Stewart, FB	Brant Stewart	Mary Stewart
May 22, 1882	Ellis Winston Thackston, MW	Wm. Thackston	Jane Thackston

Jul 23, 1882	Wyatt, MW	W. B. Wyatt	Paralee Wyatt
Aug 22, 1882	John D. Thompson, MW	John B. Thompson	Alice Thompson
Aug 22, 1882	Thomas Smith, MW	John Smith	Nancy Smith
Sep 20 1882	Elrod, FW	Wesley Smith	Clarkie Elrod
Aug 31, 1882	Everett F. Beasley, MB	Wm. H. Beasley	Mary E. Beasley
Aug 15, 1882	Willie G. Ferrell, MW	Samuel B. Ferrell	Mary E. Ferrell
Aug 22, 1882	Oscar F. Keton, MB	Benjamin Keton	Eliza A. Keton
Aug 23, 1882	Samuel A. High MW	Solomon High	Sallie C. High
Aug 27, 1882	Mary Alice Ford, FW	M. M. Ford	Mahala F. Ford
Aug 29, 1882	James W. Gardenhire, MB	Jasper Gardenhire	Sarah Gardenhire
Aug 29, 1882	Walter Bennett, MW	Pluney Bennett	Eliza Bennett
Sep 19, 1882	M.F.E. Powell, FW	Wm. D. Powell	Eliza A. Powell
Sep 9, 1882	Frank Haynie, MW	John B. Haynie	Amelia Haynie
Sep 24, 1882	James W. Chambers, MW	John J. Chambers	Susan Chambers
Feb 2, 1882	Letcher Corew, FB	Thomas Corew	May Corew
Feb 4, 1882	Ellis Apple, MW	James P. Apple	Celina C. Apple
Feb 4, 1882	Fannie A. Dickens, FW	L. B. Dickens	Martha L. Dickens
Feb 5, 1882	Geo. W. Matheny, MW	James B. Matheny	Mary Ann Matheny
Feb 11, 1882	Arizona Glover, MW	H. M. Glover	Nancy Glover
Jul 27, 1882	James Arendals, MW	J. C. Arendals	Mary E. Arendals
Sep 18, 1882	Bennett, MW	Unknown	Francis A. Bennett
Sep 25, 1882	Della L. Hamilton, FW	J. A. Hamilton	M. A. Hamilton
Oct 4, 1882	Mattie Pearl Ingram, FW	Thomas Ingram	S. J. Ingram
Oct 3, 1882	G.W. Nathan Shepherd, MW	D. J. Shepherd	S. W. Shepherd
Oct 20, 1882	Luther L. Bush, MW	David Bush	Mary Bush
Nov 28, 1882	Elizabeth Wall, FW	John Wall	Mary Wall
Oct 15, 1882	Smith, FW	Isaac Smith,	Pernelia Smith
Oct 5, 1882	Russell, MW	Layton Russell	Sallie Russell
Oct 11, 1882	Callie Lou Dillehay, WF	John Dillehay	Fannie Dillehay
Sep 26, 1882	Lawson R. Driver, MW	William Driver	Mahala Driver
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Cousins
Oct 18, 1882	West, FW	Wade Miles West	Mary Ann West
Aug 28, 1882	Artha Viola Green, WF	Geo. W. Green	Tempie F. Green
			1 <sup>st</sup> Cousins
Jul 18, 1882	John Madison Cox, MW	Samuel G. Cox	Mallissa Cox
Oct 31, 1882	Johnie Walter Nesbitt, MW	Marian W. Nesbitt	Harriette Nesbitt
Nov 1882,	Maggie G. Hodges, FW	David Hodges	
Aug 31, 1882,	Causby, MW	Mongomery Causby	Rachel Causby
Sep 13, 1882	Edgar Lee Flippen, MW	Thomas Flippen	Lina Flippen
Oct 3, 1882	William B. Bates, MW	Georg Bates	Sina Bates
Jun 10, 1882	Luersia Enoch, FW	George Enoch	Mary Enoch
Sep 27, 1882	Allice Kemp, FW	Halcal Kemp	Alethia Kemp
Sep 12, 1882	Wiley H. Jones, MW	Luther Jones	Gillie Jones
Oct 5, 1882	Sarah M. Kemp, FW	Harvey Kemp	Jane Kemp



Sep 24, 1882	Thomas C.S. Harper, MW	Josiah Harper	Mary Francis Harper
Nov 24, 1882	Rosco Lancaster, MW	T. J. Lancaster	E. E. Lancaster
Nov 20, 1882	Betty, MW	W. S. Betty	Hellin Betty
Nov 28, 1882	George Brinlee, MW	George Brinlee	Mary A. Brinlee
Oct 25, 1882	Overton Hughes, MW	Harvey D. Hughes	Jane Hughes
Nov 8, 1882	Harietta Thompson, FW	Thomas Thompson	Fannie Thompson
Sep 21, 1882	Gertrude Baines, FW	Allen Baines	Francis Baines
Nov 3, 1882	Swift, FW	John P. Swift	Belle Swift
Nov 22, 1882	Cloid S. Robinson, MW	Ridley R. Robinson	Sarah B. Robinson
Nov 17, 1882	Beasley, MW	Johnson Beasley	Eliza A.E. Beasley
Nov 29, 1882	Rilda Draper Woodward,FW	Jno. Madison Woodward	Millisa J. Woodward, 1 <sup>st</sup> cousins
Nov 25, 1882	McClellan, MB	Frank McClellan	Louella McClellan
Oct 31, 1882	Jno Walter Nesbitt,MW	Marion Wm. Nesbitt	Hariette Nesbitt
Nov 24, 1882	Marietta Lane, FW	Joseph Lane	Matilda Lane
Nov 2, 1882	Alice Hughey Matthews,FW	Wm. C. Matthews	Martha F. Matthews
Nov 28, 1882	Matilda Braswell, FW	Jno. Braswell	Hariett Braswell
Nov 28, 1882	Mettie Jane Scruggs, FW	Andrew Johnson Scruggs	Mary F. Scruggs
Nov 29, 1882	Olive L. Dickens, FW	Alexander Dickens	Carseclious Dickens
Sep 10, 1882	Jno Thomas Rogers, MW	Silvester Rogers	Sophrona Rogers
Dec 14, 1882	Bertha Ladd, FW	David Ladd	Virginia Ladd
Nov 9, 1882	Flossie Madden McKinney,FW	Ellis McKinney	Fannie B. McKinney
Jan 19, 1882	Eugenia Belle Chipley,FW	James Chipley	Melvinia Chipley
Nov 30, 1882	Altie Dickens, FW	Shep Dickens	Amanda Dickens
Aug 24, 1882	Josie White, FW	C. E. White	Mary Jane White 1 <sup>st</sup> cousins
Jul 8, 1882	Alvin Fuller White, MW	E. H. White	Sarah White
Oct 22, 1882	Hermon Bridgewater, MB	Scot Bridgewater	Caroline Bridgewater
Nov 1, 1882	Robert Gibbs, MW	Henry Gibbs	Martha Gibbs
Oct 30, 1882	I. H. Lyles, MB	Am Lyles	Catherine Hart
Dec 1, 1882	Lela N.T. Campbell,FW	Wm. Campbell	Sarah Campbell
Nov 1, 1882	Geo. Thackston Campbell,MW	Isaac Campbell	Lolamonty Campbell
Sep 25, 1882	Lora Bettie Young, FW	W. S. Young	Jane Armistead
Jul 23, 1882	Jno Estes Harness,MW	James M. Harness	Anna Jane Harness
Dec 10, 1882	Walter Winfree, MB	James Winfree	Melissssa Winfree
Nov 29, 1882	Ever Eliza. Farley, FB	Frank Farley	Charity Farley
Nov 20, 1882	Roxey Lynch, FW	Raus H. Lynch	Eliza. Francis Lynch

*THIS ENDS THE RECORD OF BIRTHS IN THIS LEDGER.*

MERCHANDISE LICENSES  
1867 - 1887

*[Beginning in November 1867, an old ledger in the Smith County Archives records the licensing of those merchants who have paid the requisite fees and taxes for selling merchandise for the following year. Privileges granted other than the selling of merchandise are so noted.]*

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R. W. Pope licensed to buy and sell cattle, sheep and hogs, 1 May 1870.

James A. Gresham licensed to keep a tipling house for 3 mo., 9 Aug 1870.  
{Prior to this date, license for tipling house has been issued for one year}

W. C. Canada & Son, 10 Sep 1870.

Litchford Harrison & Son, 12 Sep 1870.

William Mince licensed to sell sewing machines for 6 months, 1 May 1870.

Jesse Nichols & Co., 5 Oct 1870.

L. B. Craig, tipling house, 3 months, 11 Oct 1870.

Harrison & Hughes & Co., 16 Oct 1870.

H. B. Clark, 24 Oct 1870.

D. M. Bradford, Jr., licensed to keep a tipling house for 3 months, 21 Oct 1870.

Robert A. Thompson, 28 Oct 1870.

H. M. Cornwell & Co., 9 Nov 1870.

James A. Grissam, tipling house for 3 months, 9 Nov 1870.

James Prichard, 21 Nov 1870.

G. W. Murry, 21 Oct 1870.

King & Harp, 28 Nov 1870.

John E. Gold, 2 Dec 1870.

L. B. Craig, tippling house for 3 months, 11 Jan 1871.

J. B. Nance licensed to keep hotel and livery stable, 1 Jan 1871.

Smith & Paschal, 17 Jan 1871.

D. M. Bradford licensed to keep a tippling house, 21 Jan 1871.

James Haynes, 20 Jan 1871.

Culvert Brothers licensed to peddle in two-horse wagon, 30 Jan 1871.

R. A. Mann & H. B. Oliver, 4 Oct 1871.

D. S. Cardwell licensed to keep a tippling house, 23 Oct 1871.

William A. Hester to keep a tippling house, 3 Feb 1871.

J. S. Bridges licensed to sell drugs, 18 Feb 1871.

E. W. Turner, 19 Jan 1871.

James Bradley, 21 Feb 1871.

T. M. Campbell, 6 Mar 1871.

David S. Cardwell to keep tippling house 3 months, 6 Mar 1871.

Hibbitt & Ford, 30 Jan 1871.

Hibbitt & Ford to keep a tippling house 6 months, 7 Mar 1871.

T. Fisher & Co., 18 Jan 1871.

J. H. Smith & W. H. Womack to keep a tippling house 3 months, 22 Mar 1871.

P. G. Dillard & Co., 7 Mar 1871.

W. C. Wright & J. F. Deadman, 14 Apr 1871.

G. B. Craig to keep a tippling house 3 months, 12 Apr 1871.

D. M. Bradford to keep a tippling house 3 months, 20 Apr 1871.

M. H. Woodward licensed as an artist, 2 May 1871.

Thomas Ballenger to keep a tippling house 3 months, 12 Mar 1871.

W. A. Hester to keep a tippling house 3 months, 4 May 1871.

John D. Turner, 2 May 1871.

William C. Porter licensed to stand a horse, 26 May 1871.

Warren Nichols & Co., 13 Jun 1871.

T. P. Bridges licensed to retail drugs, 2 Mar 1871.

Smith & Womack to keep a tippling house 3 months, 10 Jul 1871.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 11 Jul 1871.

D. S. Cardwell licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 22 Jul 1871.

R. C. Wright & Co., licensed to retail goods & wares, Feb 1871.

D. M. Bradford, Jr. licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 5 Aug 1871.

James Horseapple licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 4 Aug 1871.

Hibbetts B. Ford licensed to keep a tippling house 6 months, 7 Sep 1871.

W. H. Womack & J. H. Smith licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 11 Oct 1871.

Segmond Lansmon licensed to peddle goods 3 months, 1 Nov 1871.

Thompson, Harp & Allison licensed to sell goods and wares 12 months, 2 Nov 1871.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 11 Oct 1871.

Kemp & Medder, 2 Nov 1871.

R. R. West & Co. licensed to retail goods, 8 Nov 1871.

Kemp & Donoho, 12 Dec 1871.

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## PENSION RECORDS

## WAR OF 1812

Submitted by Robert Y. Clay

## WILLIAM DENNIE (DENNY)

On 2 July 1814, Captain Bethell Allen certified that "William Denny a Private in my Company of Volunteer Mounted Gun Men Col [one] Robert H. Dyers Reg [imen]t I John Coffees Brigade in the Service of the United States Received a Wound on the night of the 23rd of December 1814 in Battle with the Enemy below New Orleans which wound Renders him incapable of labour."

John Bruce and Josiah R. Smith stated on 15 September 1815, before John McNairy "District Judge," that they served in the same unit and that William Denny "was wounded by a cannon ball on the left thigh and in the right thigh by a musket ball." On the 16 December 1815, Judge McNairy authorized Dr. Francis May and Dr. Felix Robertson of Nashville to examine "William Denny, a citizen of Smith County in his District touching a W[ound] he says he received in the Service of the United States..." Their report, if returned, is not in his file.

He was placed on the pension roll, to commence 16 September 1815. On 29 September 1819, Washington Perkins (pension agent ?) wrote to the Hon. J[ohn] C. Calhoun, Secretary of War in Washington, DC:

"Sir...In the month of Sepr 1815 Wm Denny a private in Capt Bethill Allens Comp of Tenne Mounted Gun Men 1st Regt. Dyer Colo. was [placed on the pension list Roll & also John Bruce of the Same Comp. & Regt. neither of them have Recd. a Certificate from the war department to that effect - they request that you will be so good as to forward Said Certificates to S Cantrell [torn] Pension Agt. of this Place or to me...Mr. Cantrell Generally refuses to Pay without the Certificate."

On a pension certificate dated 22 October 1819, is written in a later hand "reduced to \$4 per month, and now increased to \$6 per month, to commence June 11, 1839." The increase was in response to his request made 22 February 1839, before Nelson Thornton, Justice of the Peace for Smith County, stating "...that he was placed on the roll of Invalid Pensioners of the United States at the rate of Six dollars per month and after remaining at that rate of Pension he was reduced to four dollars per Month for Some cause of Which he never could ascertain. This affiant was examined and was told that his Pension would be increased to what it was at first - Six dollars but never received it. This affiant is now

getting in years being about Forty five years of age and feels and knows that his disability increases faster as age advances..."

On 2 April 1839, Doctors Don C. Dixon and William Robinson stated before Isaac Bradley, Justice of the Peace, that William Dennie "...received two Wounds one on the left thigh from a Musket ball passing from the inside of the right thigh and passing near the bone So as not Materially to injure the bone or the femoral artery. The other Wound was by a cannon ball which lacerated his left thigh So as to leave an escar of four to Six inches Materially injuring the tendons and Muscles of that thigh both thighs being thus Wounded and although one of them does not appear to be materially injured yet as age increases the disability of course increases also the Wound by the cannon ball is considered a Serious one from its passing by the left Side tearing the Muscles and Tendons behind the thigh bone and probably left the bone naked when first done." These wounds as he States were received while in the line of his duty and in Said Service on or about the 23rd of December 1814 at the battle below New Orleans with the British forces..." "They are fully of opinion...that he Should be restored to Six dollars per Month disability." W. B. Campbell of Carthage, TN certified that Don C. Dixon and William Robinson were "each physicians of respectability and excellent standing in their professions" and John M. Bass, pension agent, said they were "Surgeons & Physicians reputable in the profession." John H. Bennett, Clerk of the Smith Co., TN Court certified that Isaac Bradley and Nelson Thronton were Justices of the Peace in and for Smith County.

National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension Applications. File of William Dennie.

Copies of original signatures from his file.

*Wm Robinson* 1839      *William Dennie* 1839  
*Don C. Dixon* 1839      *John M. Bass* 1839  
*Nelson Thronton* 1839      *John M. Bass* District Judge 1815  
*John Bruce* 1815      *John M. Bass* 1839  
*L. K. Smith* 1815      *W. B. Campbell* 1839  
*John M. Bass* 1839      *Isaac Bradley* 1839

## CYRUS YOUNG - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

On March 28, 1871, age 76, a resident of "Gibbs X Road... 13 miles from Lafayette..." Macon Co., TN, declared before George L. Walton, Clerk of the County Court of Macon County that he served in the War of 1812. He enlisted in September 1814, at "Dixons Spring, Tenn" in Captain Anthony H Metcalf's Company, 2nd Regiment, Coffee's Brigade, Tennessee Militia. He served as Sergeant and "participated in the Battle of New Orleans Jan'y 1815." In April 1815, he was discharged but "his Discharge is lost."

He married Elizabeth Goodall 12 October 1820, in Smith County, TN. Witnesses to his pension application were M. L. Kerby and John W. Williams and the application was certified by George L. Walton, Macon County Clerk. Kerby and Williams also certified the loyalty of Cyrus Young "during the late Rebellion against the authority of the United States..." and W. C. Jones, Post Master at Gibbs Crossroads certified their statement 22 September 1871.

He was placed on the pension roll of the Nashville Agency at \$8.00 per month to be paid from 14 February 1871.

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension Application. Young, Cyrus. SO 6156, SC 6225.

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Signatures from the original application.

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*Cyrus Young*  
Applicant.

*W. C. Jones P M  
Gibbs Cross Roads*

U.S. Census, 1850, Macon Co., TN, District No. 7, p. 285.  
Number 50-50.

Cyrus Young	55, Male, Real estate: \$1000	born VA
Elizabeth "	50, female	born VA
Amanda "	23, female	born TN
Ophlin "	21, female	born TN
Mary "	18, female	born VA
Ichabod "	17, male	born TN
Fountain "	14, male	born TN
Tabitha "	12, female	born TN
William "	8, male	born TN
Hualphu (?) "	3, male	born TN
Pauline Riddle	9, female	born TN
Fountain "	1, male	born TN

Cyrus Young does not appear on the 1850 Slave Schedule.

U.S. Census, 1860, Macon Co., TN, P.O. Lafayette, p. 121.  
Number 916-883.

C. Young	65, male, farmer, RE: 1800, PE: 10,000.	born VA
A. A. "	32, female	born TN
W. K. "	19, male	born TN
C. H. L. "	14, male	born TN
P. P. Riddle	19, female	born TN
F. N. "	10, male	born TN
L. L. Goad	29, male, farmer	born TN
O. F. "	31, female	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1850, Macon Co., TN. Slave Schedule. p. 9, col. 2,  
Number 8.

Cyrus Young [owner]. 1 black female age 33; 1 black female age 31;  
1 mulato female age 12, 1 black male age 1.

U.S. Census, 1870, Macon Co., TN. District No. 7, P.O. Lafayette, TN  
p. 58. Number 34-34.

Cyrus Young	75, white male, farmer, RE: \$1300.; PE: \$371.,	born VA
Amanda A. "	42, white female	born TN
Cyrus H. "	23, white male	born TN
Fountain N. Riddle	20. white male	born TN
America V. Holborn [Holbun ?]	17, white female	born T.



## EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF ISAAC OVERALL

Submitted by Donnie Vaughn

[For more than thirty years I have had an interest in the Civil War and have researched the war in Middle Tennessee in great detail. Recently I came across a diary that caught my eye. Isaac Overall served in the 36<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company I and while in the service of the Union Army was stationed at Carthage, Tennessee for a brief time. While camped at Carthage a local citizen was hung as a spy. He was referred to only as "J. Smith." The spelling has not been changed although I did make a couple of footnotes. Permission to copy and publish a portion of Isaac's diary was granted by the Overall Family and I am forever grateful to them. The Diary picks up when Isaac first camped at Carthage. DV]

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Carthage Tennys  
April 1th 1863

Dear Wife,

It is with pleasure I take my seat to write you a few lines. I am well at this time hoping when thes few lines comes to hand they may find you and the children the same. I haven't nothing of importance to write.

Stakes (should be Stokes) is her with his caverly. They com in last week. I have seen him. Jasper Hanes is with him. He says he would like to see the old man.

The rebels com in sight of camp the other night and camped. They say they wer 500 hundred of them. They were on the other side of the rive. We are fortifying her. That is the 11<sup>th</sup> Ohio. I don't think they will com in on us. We have to scout about twice a week. Sometimes we capture som rebels.

Hugh got a letter and said you was well and the children. I wish you would send me some postage stamps if you can. I have ben in 3 miles of Wesley Overall hous. I didnt no it at the time.

Do you ever hear from Jim and Andrew. I would like to hear from them.

No more but remain yore affection husband,  
Isaac Overall

Jane Overall

Carthage Tennessee  
May 1, 1863

Dear Wife,

I thought I would rite you a few lines in answer of yours April 21. I was truly glad to her you all was well. I am well hoping this lines may find you the same. I was glad to hear you had such a good meeting. Well I wish I could be at hom to see your flowers you sent. You wished I would hurry and get payed off. Well we was ????? yesterday. They ow us for four months. I think we will get payed off before long. Try and get a long the best you can.

I got a letter from the old man. He sent me som postage stamps. I don't need any just now. Tell Naty to be a good boy till I com home. Tell the children all to be good and mind thar mother.

Well I think them fellows had but little to do to desert. They ????? nothing going on her(e). Now, we have got a new cornal. I don't know how we will like him yet. The weather is very warm her. Well about that fence, I cant do any thing with it, he is thar and I her. Do the best you can a bout it.

Give my love to all and don't slight your self and children.

From your ever true husband  
Isaac Overall to  
His Wife and Children

Jane

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Carthage, Tenn.  
May 13<sup>th</sup>/63

Dear Wife,

I seat my self this ????? to pen you a few lines in regard to my health. I am well at present and believe the health is generally good in the Regt. I sent you ten Dollars a few days ago. I was only payed for two months. Wee had our ????? accounts to settle.. Consequently, I could not send you any more this time. I think that wee will be payed a gain soon.

There was exciting times here on yesterday. One, J. Smith, a citizen of this County, was hanged on charge of being a spy. He had been carrying news from our camp to the rebels for some 2 months before he was shot. He leaves a wife and 9 children. It fell on our Regiment to construct a scaffold and execute him. I think it will be a warning for the citizens in and about Carthage. There is some more here that if had their just dues would go the same way.

I want you to write and let me know when you heard from Andrew last. I have not heard a word from him since I was down home last winter. I wish that you would write oftener. I have not had a letter from you for something like a month. I wish you would send me a few post stamps if you can make it convenient. We have to pay double their value here.

Tell Sarah Overall that I received a letter sometime since that she had written to Jim on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. It had went to Washington and was sent to the Regiment. I opened it and burned it. James owed a little in the Co, but I think the boys will make the sum up and pay it.

I have no more to write this ?????

My love to all ??? soon,  
I Overall

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Aunt,

With regret I seat myself to announce the death of Isaac. He died the 10<sup>th</sup> ? of this month. He was taken sick near the first of May. He had the sore throat. He got nearly over that and then he wrote to you that he was getting better. He was then he took the pneumonia. He took it before we left Carthage. He didn't suffer very much while we stayed there. He was left there in the hospital I don't know what hour he died. David Kent wrote to Captain Henry stating that he died the 10<sup>th</sup> ?. I don't know how he died, whether he died easy or not. I have told you all I know of his Death.

If they are any thing you want to know, write to me and will find if I don't know. I am well myself at this time.

No more but Remain your,  
H. L. Nibert.

[Note: Nibert was Isaac's wife's nephew who served in the same Regiment].

Camp near Tallahoma Tenn  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Mr. Clark,

Sir. Having received a letter from you requesting me to write you concerning the death of Isaac Overall, I ????? this the first favorable opportunity of replying. Isaac was taken sick about the 15<sup>th</sup> of May though not dangerously. Remained with his Company until June 4<sup>th</sup> when we were obliged to leave him at Carthage. His disease was Diphtheria. I know nothing of any papers in his possession. I do not think he had any of any kind. An inventory of his effects accompanied by a Final Statement was sent immediately to Washington City which will enable his friends to obtain all back pay and Bounty I think there will no difficulty whatever in that. He died June 11<sup>th</sup> at Carthage Tenn. I know of nothing that I can do that would be of any benefit to his afflicted family. If so I would do it willingly.

Those vague rumors of disaffection in the 36<sup>th</sup> Regt. O. V. I. that you have heard continually are as chaff in the mind. When you ????? them up they amount to nothing. You may know that from experience wile you was connected with the Regt. Capts Nye and Kelly were dismissed from the service April 26<sup>th</sup> 1863, are now at home. But I think they will be reinstated. That is my opinion only. I suppose you heard there was also great dissatisfaction with our Colonel. I cant say all are dissatisfied with him but the majority would have been better pleased had Davol been appointed instead of Jones. Wm. G. Jones (our present colonel) was formerly a Capt. of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regt U. S.?????, he is stricter than ever George Crook was so you may judge of the manner of soldering which we are compelled to employ with. I would like to tell you of some of his extras but I refrain for the present. I hope I will have a chance to talk with you on the subject before the summer ends. If not it will all be forgotten.

I wish you were here to enjoy the present Campaign with us. We are having a glorious time. We are 10 miles south of Tallahoma, eager to move forward on the enemy. We heard this morning through official circles of the downfall of Vicksburg and the overthrow of Lees Army.

It would be unnecessary for me to enter into detail of the movements of the army of the ?????? since we left Murfreesboro the Starting Point. Suffice it to say the Army is in excellent spirits – confident of success and anxious to move forward on the enemy (if he could be found). The health of our Regt. is good as in the entire Army, but I am wearying your patience longer than necessary and will close I would be glad to hear from you when convenient.

Ever Yours,  
Wesley Martindill (?)

## QUERIES

POWELL/LANCASTER. Will share information about the family OF JESSE & ELIZABETH LANCASTER POWELL. Children: DIF, CHRIS CHANEY, JESSE, DEMPSEY, RHODA, JOHN S. & SALLY C. Parents: BARNABAS & VINEY CHANCEY ? POWELL. Assoc. surnames: ROBINSON, MCNEIL, CARDWELL. SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

MCNEAL, LARUE, STROTHER, RENICK, VANMETER. Will share information with researchers of the foregoing surnames. SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

HENRY PIPER & -----MILEY OR WILEY

HENRY PIPER was born in TENNESSEE, married a -----MILEY or WILEY. They had a son ALFORD, ALFRED he went by both. ALFRED was born in 1816-1824 in SMITH CO. TN ALFRED married SARAH MANESSEE MAY 12, 1841 in JEFFERSON CO., ILL. We had assumed ALFRED was the son of JOHN & ELIZABETH PIPER who first appeared in JEFFERSON CO., IL in the 1840 census. JOHN purchased land on PEYTON CREEK in TN in 1810 from JAMES PIPER. JOHN sold his land in 1839 and moved to ILL. We recently found an application for a second marriage for ALFRED to MARY ANN KING LEWIS and on it he stated HENRY and --MILEY were his parents. We feel it may be Wiley as a Wiley piper and Alfred Piper both appeared for the first time in the census in 1850 in Jefferson Co., ILL. Does anyone have any information on these two families. We would appreciate any information. ROBERT PIPER 11232 REND RD. BENTON, ILL 618-724-2026

ANDERSON-GLOVER. CLARKEY ANDERSON, b 1815, Jackson Co., TN, dau of ANDREW ANDERSON, JR. and DORCAS CLARK ANDERSON. She marr GRANDERSON F. GLOVER in 1841, Hurricane Creek, Smith Co. He was b 30 Apr 1816, Chestnut Mound, Smith Co., son of ROBERT GLOVER. Family appeared in 1850 census, Gibson Co., TN with two children, DORCAS, 1842, and TENNESSEE , 1848, living near her brother, WILLIAM P. ANDERSON and several other families from Smith Co. All returned to Smith in 1852 except the GLOVERS. Need any data as to their removal and descendants. BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092

HIBBETT. Researching the following HIBBITT families: JAMES HIBBITT, (Smith County Justice of Peace) J. F. HIBBITT, JAMES R. HIBBITT, IRA KNEELAND HIBBETT, II, NELAND C. HIBBIETT, SR., NELAND C. HIBBETT, JR., ROBERT NELAND HIBBETT, R. CARVER HIBBETT. NELAND CARVER HIBBETT, JR. 2825 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

Last fall we received a message from north Ireland asking if we might be interested in hosting an author-lecturer at one of our late winter meetings - precisely in March and specifically Mr. Billy Kennedy. We were delighted to have the well-known journalist-historian speak at the courthouse before an interested audience on Monday, March 12.

Of his popular series of seven books on his countrymen's influence on American history his earliest, *The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee*, is in its fourth printing. It includes chapters on Tennessee's three presidents, on Sam Houston and Davy Crockett, on moonshine, music and dance and a concise two pages titled "How Tennessee became a state." Many of us went home with signed copies.

In January we co-hosted a program on our county's Civil War history. It was interesting to learn that Smith county's Carthage, Battery Hill and Rome Ferry are viewed as significant Civil War sites. Seven counties including several in our sister state Kentucky have formed a group and are working to recognize the war's history in the area. Enthusiasm is mounting nationally for preserving this period of history, and I hope our county rides the crest.

A Dixon Springs native, Fran Cutrell Rutkovsky living in Florida, asks what anyone might know about the "Dixon Motor & Electrical Company" of Dixon Springs, 1919. She has her grandfather Simon C. Highers' ledger listing stockholders H. B. Reeves, I. H. Beasley, G. W. Allen, H. M. Alexander, L. W. Royster, R. E. Garrett, H. B. Cox, E. F. and C. H. Gregory, S. M. Young, W. W. Chambers, G. D. Beasley, Jack Jenkins, W. W. Jenkins, Jesse Beasley.

Descendants of some of the men still live here and can throw light on Fran's mystery of a long-ago motor and electrical company ledger? By the way it is objects such as her ledger that could interest newly formed county-wide museum organizers. Read about their plans in Tom Upchurch's article in this issue.

Meanwhile, best history!

*Faith*

## FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your renewals and continued support of the Quarterly. Many of you were late receiving the Winter issue that was mailed on January 17, 2002. Although we do not expect 1st Class service, the postal service fell far below tolerance in delivery of this issue. However, overall, they do a creditable job so be patient and, if within a reasonable time you have failed to receive an issue, please let us know. We continue to solicit your input and articles for publication.

*Sue Maggart-Petty*



**MUSEUM COMMISSION CREATED FROM ALLIANCE BETWEEN SMITH  
COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE SMITH  
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

An alliance between the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Smith County Chamber of Commerce was formed during the summer of 2001 for the purpose of creating a museum for Smith County. A Board was selected and began meeting in December. The members are as follows: Don Acres, Don Apple, James Bass, Brenda Bradford, Regina Brooks, John Law, Sue Petty, C. D. "Digger" Poindexter, Ted Russell, Nina Sutton, Barbara Upchurch, Tommy Upchurch, Lois Vaughn, Faith Young, Sue Young.

Since that time, various offices have been filled within the organization and a mission statement formulated as follows: **THE MISSION OF THE SMITH COUNTY MUSEUM COMMISSION IS TO ESTABLISH A MUSEUM WHICH REFLECTS THE HERITAGE OF SMITH COUNTY.**

The Board is now at the point of writing By-Laws and preparing for fund raising in order to obtain a property to house the museum. A county wide search for the optimum property is now underway.

As you can imagine, funds are needed to support this project! Please consider its needs and importance to the County as you plan your donations for the coming year. Think of the story we have to tell about the County's importance in river history, agricultural production, the Civil War, and political leadership!

Donations are tax-exempt and should be sent to Citizens Bank,  
P. O. Box 195, 407 Main Street, Carthage, TN 37030 under the account name  
Smith County Historical & Genealogical Society - Museum Account.

Tommy Upchurch, Board Chairman  
Regina Brooks, Co-Chairperson

## JOHN KNIGHT

Contributed by Estella Morrison

About 1760, a son, John, was born to Jonathan and Judith Woodson Knight.<sup>1</sup> It is not known if his birth occurred before or after the family left Virginia for North Carolina. John was approximately eighteen years old and living in Granville County, North Carolina when he volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War.<sup>2</sup>

His first enlistment, in 1778, was a tour of duty lasting five to six months in Colonel Matthew Lock's regiment. His company was under the command of Captain Richard Taylor. Later, John became a member of Captain William Gill's company. The Lieutenant William Knight in Gill's company may have been Jonathan's brother. They rendezvoused at Granville Court House and marched west through Person and Caswell Counties. William Jones and Phillip Day served with John in this regiment and later they lived near him in Smith County, Tennessee.

John volunteered for a second tour of duty under Captain John Henderson in Colonel Malmudy's regiment. This three-month tour was during the spring when the battle of Guilford Court house was fought. John did not leave North Carolina and reported being in no engagement.

During his third tour, which lasted three months, John went to Georgetown, South Carolina. He then served another three months under General Marrion (sic) near \_\_\_\_\_ Corner and Manega's plantation. John's fifth and final tour lasted two months. During this time the British evacuated Charleston, South Carolina.<sup>3</sup>

On 29 March 1788, John married Martha Montague in Granville County, North Carolina. John's brother, William Knight, served with him as bondsman.<sup>4</sup>

John and Martha's oldest child must have been born about 1789 and he was named for his grandfather Jonathan Knight. When Jonathan made his will in October of 1807 he specified the land that was to go to his grandson, Jonathan, son of John Knight.<sup>5</sup>

In 1790, John Knight is shown as the head of a household in Abraham Plain's District, Hillsborough District of Granville County.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pension Application, No. S1992, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

<sup>2</sup> Op. Cit. Pension.

<sup>3</sup> Op. cit., Pension.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage Bond, Registrar of Deeds, Granville County, North Carolina.

<sup>5</sup> Granville County, North Carolina, Will #645.

<sup>6</sup> Heads of Families, 1790

In 1809, John inherited his father's property where John and his family were then living. The land was on the bank of the Tar River above the bridge and went up river to Nailing's Corner when it turned east and followed Nailing's line to the main road. It then followed the road north. The land lay on the west side of the road.<sup>7</sup>

There is a John Knight family in the 1810 census of Granville County but it does not match the known family of John and Martha. It appears to be the man that remained in North Carolina long after our ancestor was living in Tennessee.

One Knight researcher says there is a deed stating that our John lived in Caswell County, North Carolina for a time. Phillip Day served in the same company with John during the Revolutionary War. Both men moved to Smith County, Tennessee. In his application for a Revolutionary War pension, Philip states he entered the service in Caswell County. He also stated that he and his wife, Mary Douglas, were both born reared in Person County, North Carolina.<sup>8</sup> Person County was created from Caswell County in 1791. Person County's eastern is the western boundary of Granville County.

The deed books of Granville County contain several land transactions by the Knight family. In early 1811, Robert Allison paid John Knight \$103.50 for twenty-three (23) acres of land on the south side of the Tar River.<sup>9</sup> John sold thirty-three (33) acres on the south side of the Tar River to Nelson Nailing.<sup>10</sup> The land John had inherited from his father was on the Tar River and joined Nailing's property.

As often happened in that time period, following his father's death, John moved west. It was 17 November 1815 when Ellis Beasley of Smith County, Tennessee sold John Knight of Jackson County, Tennessee one hundred eighty-eight (188) acres on the north side of the Cumberland River. John paid \$600 for the land. The north corner was on the waters of Defeated Creek and it joined the land of Miles West on the southeast corner. Johnson Beasley owned land to the southwest.<sup>11</sup>

John had moved to Smith County land by October of 1818 when he sent a power of attorney to be recorded in Granville County, North Carolina. John named William Owen of Maury County, Tennessee to receive Martha's share of her father's, Latane Montague's, estate.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Op. cit., Will #645.

<sup>8</sup> Virgil D. White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Vol. 1, page 921, #W915.

<sup>9</sup> Granville County, North Carolina, Deed Book V, p. 199.

<sup>10</sup> Op. cit., Book V, p. 131.

<sup>11</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book E, p. 351.

<sup>12</sup> Granville County, North Carolina, Record of Wills, Book 8, p. 179.

On 21 May 1820, the Smith County Court ordered John to pay a single tax of \$1.92 for the year 1819.<sup>13</sup>

By 1820, John's household consisted of himself, Martha, two young men that were probably their son's, William and Henry, as well as their daughter Martha or "Patsy" as she was known. John was the owner of eight Negroes. Son Ellis and his family lived beside them.<sup>14</sup>

John appeared before the Smith County Court on 28 September 1832 to apply for a pension on his military service in the Revolutionary War. John stated he was 72 years of age and lived in Smith County, Tennessee. Miles West and Phillip Day were his witnesses. The pension was granted. John received \$26.66 cents per annum. The certificate of pension was issued 20 April 1833 and was retroactive to March of 1833.<sup>15</sup>

In 1835, John purchased seventy (70) acres of land from his son, Thomas Knight. The land was on the north side of the Cumberland River and on the East Side of Peyton's Creek.<sup>16</sup>

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, John again appeared before the County Court of Smith County in hopes of increasing the amount of his pension for service in the Revolutionary War.<sup>17</sup>

Martha Montague Knight died 9 September 1838.<sup>18</sup> The following December, John deeded his children one hundred eighty-eight (188) acres of land on the north side of the Cumberland River on a branch of Defeated Creek in District #2 of Smith County. There was also a tract of seventy (70) acres that was north of the Cumberland River on a branch of Peyton's Creek. This land was bounded by Joannah Dillehay on the south, Lydia Rigsby on the west, on the north by John Hiatt and on the east by Ellis E. Knight. Miles West and Obediah Gregory witnessed this deed.<sup>19</sup> The one hundred eighty-eight (188) acre tract had been John's first purchase of Smith County land. Miles West had sold his adjoining land to Edmund and Joannah Dillehay and Ellis E. Knight. The seventy acres is the land John purchased from his son, Thomas, in 1835. That same day John deeded to his heirs his eight Negro slaves, his household furnishings, etc... all his possessions.<sup>20</sup>

On February 1, 1839, John's heirs sold one hundred three (103) acres of their inheritance to Robert and Patsy Knight West for \$600. Ninety-seven (97) acres were given to Catherine Knight Ramsey. The witnesses to both deeds were Robert Hayes, Francis Hayes and Ezekial West. Robert West paid the money to his brother-in-law, Thomas. It was evidently

<sup>13</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Minute Book 8, p. 230.

<sup>14</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Federal Census, 1820, page 68.

<sup>15</sup> Revolutionary War Pension Application, S1992, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

<sup>16</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book M.

<sup>17</sup> Pension, op. cit.

<sup>18</sup> George Montague, History and Genealogy of Peter Montague.

<sup>19</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book O, p. 439.



Thomas Latane Knight's share in the gift from their father. Catherine's share being the ninety-seven acres of land. The heirs allotted seven of the Negroes given them by their father. Charlotte Smith took the man, George, age 27 and Jake. (No Jake but a Jack, aged 21, was named in her father's deed.) Patsy West received the 25-year-old man, Cupit or Pea. Henry M. Knight took Jim, aged 23, and William M. had Ann, aged 19, and Andrew, a boy of eleven months. Ellis received 13 year old Dave.<sup>21</sup>

Since John disposed of his household furnishings was he going to live with one of his children? He has not been located on the 1840 census of Smith County. He should be there for 1840 was the year they took a special count of all veterans of the Revolutionary War.

That John was in Smith County a part of 1840 and what became of the Negro woman, Nell, is answered in the minutes of the Peyton's Creek Baptist Church. Saturday, December 14, 1840: "Brother John Knight having been charged with the crime of adultery with his Negro woman Nelly and on motion both were excluded both being members of the Church."<sup>22</sup>

John, Martha and several of their children were members of this old church. Martha was number five on the roll of females and John was seventh on the roll of males. Their son, William, was number seventeen. Charlotte joined on 20 May 1843. Katherine Knight Ramsey applied for admission in June of 1839. Her case was dispensed with in July 1839.<sup>23</sup>

John Knight died in Smith County, Tennessee on 19 October 1843. His children and only heirs were Thomas, Ellis, William, Henry, Catherine Knight Ramsey, Charlotte Smith and Patsy West.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book O, p. 440.

<sup>21</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Deed Book O, p. 119 et. seq.

<sup>22</sup> Minutes, Peyton Creek Baptist Church, Smith County, TN. Microfilm #216, Tennessee State Archives.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>24</sup> Smith County, Tennessee, Minutes Chancery Court, Book 17, p. 143.

*[Author's Memo: The descendants of Sebastian K. and Tabitha Ferguson Knight held a reunion last June in Shawnee, OK. At that time a committee was appointed to hold another reunion in 2003 in Tennessee. If collateral descendants of our Knight lineage are interested in attending and participating, I would be very happy to have them contact me. My address is 1038 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-1904; telephone 816-637-3414; email [graneee@hotmail.com](mailto:graneee@hotmail.com). If they choose to write me, I would appreciate a SASE for my reply to them. Sincerely, Estella Morrison].*

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

Continued from Volume XIII, No. 2

294 Wilson W. Donald. <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties John H. Watts and James W. McDonald all of Putnam Co. Tennessee

295 Henry Jackson <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties John Davidson and Eli P. Jackson all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

296 Edward B. Jackson. <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties Henry Jackson and William Davidson all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

297 Isaiah P. Jackson <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties Henry Jackson and Edward B. Jackson all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

December 8<sup>th</sup> 1863  
 298 Nathan Davison <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$100.  
 Sureties Henry Jackson and Eli P. Jackson all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

299 Eli P. Jackson <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties Henry Jackson and Nathan Davison all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

300 James Mansell <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$500.  
 Sureties Henry Jackson and Eli P. Jackson all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

309 Henry F. Sadler - <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$2000.  
 Sureties Dillon Stanton and James W. Donald all of Jackson Co. Tennessee

303 James W. Donald <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$1000.  
 Sureties Dillon Stanton and Henry F. Sadler all of Putnam Co. Tennessee

304 Dillon S. Stanton <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$2000.  
 Sureties James W. Donald and Henry F. Sadler all of Putnam Co. Tennessee

305 Thomas Grace <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$5,000.  
 Sureties Henry F. Sadler, James W. Donald, Dillon Stanton, Henry Canon and Alfred Mays all of Putnam Co. Tennessee

306 Isaac Rector. <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>Bond</sup> \$3000.  
 Sureties James Rector and George Coley all of Putnam Co. Tennessee.

- 307 Isaac Cresson <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Cresson, H. Penkey  
and Isaac Newman all of  
Overton Co Tennessee
- 308 Isaac Newman <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Isaac Cresson and  
Cresson H. Penkey all of  
Overton Co Tennessee
- 309 Thomas D. Parker <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$1000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Isaac Newman and  
Isaac Ragon of Putnam Co
- 310 John Haws <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Washington Terry and  
Andrew Harpool all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 311 Joel M. Crutcher <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James M. Douglas and  
Anderson Sloan all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 312 Mrs. Isaac <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James M. Terry and  
Mark Mathis all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 313 James M. Douglas <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Isaac Ragon and  
Anderson Sloan all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

- 314 Andrew Harpool <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James M. Terry and  
Andrew Sloan all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
  - 315 Anderson Sloan <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James M. Crutcher  
and Isaac Ragon all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
  - 316 Lafayette Buck <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$3000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Joel M. Douglas and  
Joel M. Crutcher all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
  - 317 Isaac Ragon <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties James Douglas and  
Anderson Sloan all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
  - 318 Mark Mathis <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Andrew Harpool and  
Mrs. Isaac all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
  - 319 James M. Terry <sup>Sold</sup> <sup>\$5000</sup>  
Bond  
Sureties Mrs. Isaac and  
Lafayette Buck all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- John Jacksons 8 Miles on Leathys  
Road to Lenoir's Ferry Pick  
Jacob Hair " " " "

D. S. Kennerly  
of B. in the Buttey  
S. S. Kennerly  
J. S. Kennerly

List of oaths  
Administered beginning  
December 8<sup>th</sup> / 863

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Cooper Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties William Rector and  
Nathan Cooper all of Putnam  
Co. Tennessee

2<sup>nd</sup> William Rector Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas Cooper and  
Byron C. Breeding all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

3<sup>rd</sup> Byron C. Breeding Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John H. Caruthers  
and Thomas C. Cooper all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

December 9<sup>th</sup> / 863

4<sup>th</sup> Nathan Cooper Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Joseph M. Reynolds  
and Wm. C. Rector all of Putnam  
Co. Tennessee

5<sup>th</sup> Francis H. Reynolds Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Nathan Cooper and  
Wm. C. Rector all of Putnam  
Co. Tennessee

6<sup>th</sup> Wm. C. Rector Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Nathan Cooper and  
Francis H. Reynolds all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

7<sup>th</sup> William J. Reynolds Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Francis H. Reynolds  
and William C. Rector all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

8<sup>th</sup> John H. Caruthers Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Bryan C. Breeding  
and Nathan C. Cooper all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

9<sup>th</sup> Russell Moore Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Andrew Barfoot and  
Curtis B. Anderson all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

10<sup>th</sup> Sarah C. Thompson Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Vincent Thompson  
and D. C. Sanders all of  
Smith Co. Tennessee

11<sup>th</sup> Odessa Dyer Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jackson C. Apple  
and Allen Manner all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

- 12 John Lee Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Edmund Dyer  
and Jackson, C. Appl. fall of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 13 Lewis Huddleston Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties powder & Huddleston  
and Isaac N. Huddleston all  
of Putnam Co Tennessee
- 14 powder, J. Huddleston Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties p. L. H. Huddleston  
and Edmund Dyer all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 15 John P. Huddleston Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties powder & Huddleston  
and Isaac N. Huddleston  
all of Putnam Co Tennessee
- 16 James M. Burge Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties p. L. H. Huddleston  
and Isaac N. Huddleston  
all of Putnam Co Tennessee
- 17 Ben Huddleston Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties powder & Huddleston  
and John P. Huddleston all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 18 Isaac N. Huddleston Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James M. Burge and  
p. L. H. Huddleston all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

- 19 Grob Robinson Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Andrew Kerr and  
Thomas B. Ray all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 20 Andrew Kerr Cit  
Bond 5000  
Sureties Grob Robinson and  
William R. Brown all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 21 William Curo Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Wm. J. Huddleston and  
John Gared all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 22 Brice B. Gared Sold  
Bond \$6000  
Sureties beyond Kerr, John Gared  
and William Curo all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 23 Jesse Kerr Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Wm. R. Brown and  
William Gared all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 24 Thomas B. Ray Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Perkins Bellums  
and Grob Robinson all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 25 Perkins Bellums Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Thos. B. Ray and  
Wm. R. Brown all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

## STORY OF A COUNTRY DOCTOR AND BANKER

Contributed by James L. Fletcher

Samuel Denton, M.D., for many years a prominent physician at Buffalo Valley in Putnam County, has attained to success in his profession after beginning life as a poor boy without special advantages in education and through the process of hard labor and self-sacrifice, finally equipped himself for the work upon which he had set his ambition.

Representing a family which has been identified with Tennessee for a century, Samuel Denton was born in White County February 22, 1854, the fourth in a family of five children, born to John S. and Matilda (Stephens) Denton. The paternal grandfather, Elijah Denton, was a native of North Carolina, whence he came into Tennessee about one hundred years ago, settling in White County. He attained to the great age of eighty-eight years. John S. Denton, the father, was born in the State of Kentucky, in January 1809, and died in December, 1893. Educated in the country schools he took up life as a farmer and was also a schoolteacher. He married in 1853 and of the children the only two living are the doctor and his brother Elijah, the latter being a resident of Texas. Two of the sons, LaFayette and Elijah were Confederate soldiers in the Civil war. The father was a member of the Christian church and in politics was a Democrat.

Samuel Denton was reared in White County, and at Onward in that county obtained most of his education under Professor Billingsly, who was one of the most prominent teachers of his time in that section. He finally prepared himself for the practice of medicine and spent ten years in practice during which time he was also continuing his medical studies. In 1890 he received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University at Nashville, and then returned to Buffalo Valley where he has been in active practice for more than twenty years. Dr. Denton has a fine farm in Putnam County, and enjoys all the resources of a successful man. He is a member of the Putnam County, the Tennessee State, the Cumberland, and the Southern Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He has served as president of the County Medical Society, and also was president of the Upper Cumberland Medical Society.

In 1901 Dr. Denton married Miss Minnie Jones, daughter of Wade Jones, who was a miller and merchant of Buffalo Valley. The doctor and his wife are members of the Christian church, and he has served as noble grand in the Odd Fellows Lodge and in politics is a Democrat.

*(The above article was taken from "The History of Tennessee and Tennesseans," by Will T. Hale and Dixon Merritt, Lewis Publishing Company, 1913.)*

Additional comments from a letter and from people who were personally acquainted with Doctor Samuel Denton:

Dr. Denton was a humble average American man, reaching out to his fellow man, responding to their needs with understanding and providing help during sickness, poverty and death. He acknowledged that none of his ancestors were famous men, but over a period of 300 years some were preachers, schoolteachers, lawyers and doctors. Most were tradesmen, farmers and common people possessing common sense, honesty, and strong spiritual and moral heritage.

Following is a quote from a portion of a letter from Dr. Denton to a cousin, dated March 6, 1930, in which Dr. Denton states, "My life has not been all one could wish – I have seen much suffering and great sorrows. I have seen much of sin and evil doing, and the fruits thereof, and the ruin of dire poverty and ignorance. I have felt the finish of poverty and the winter blasts and summer's heat, and sleepless nights of anguish lest the mother might die tonight and leave a batch of orphans – or mother's darling might die and leave her broken hearted. My life has been full of interest in other people – I've thought little of myself – I've not been avaricious – my first thought is what I can do for him, not what I can get out of him, but there has been many joys in my life and I would not swap joys and sorrows with a king."

Dr. Denton had a good sense of humor. J. T. Askew of Silver Point spent a lot of time with Dr. Denton when he was growing up and listened to many of his stories. The one J. T. liked best was when he and his father went by the doctor's home on a New Year's night to pay a doctor bill. Dr. Denton was sitting by the fireplace with a songbook singing hymns. His wife had gone to bed in the same room and had fallen asleep, but his singing woke her up from a dream. He asked her if she thought she had gone to heaven and her reply was, "NO, I recognized your voice!" Dr. Denton gave a hearty laugh.

The Askew and Fletcher families and many others in the Buffalo Valley and Chestnut Mound areas called Dr. Denton or Dr. Gross when a family member was sick. The first one contacted was the one who came. I, James Fletcher, was 13 and thought I was sick enough to die. My mother called Dr. Denton. In less than an hour his Model-A Ford came out the ridge where we lived. After a brief examination, he told my mother that I had Yellow Jaundice; my eyeballs had already turned yellow. He gave neither prescriptions nor medicines but told my mother (didn't talk to me) to put me on a strict diet, no sugar, no grease, no meat and no corn bread. I was to have just two slices of white bread, toasted brown and soaked in sweet milk three times a day for a month. He then looked me straight in the face and said, "If you don't do this, you will die." This statement scared me stiff, and I'll never forget it. At the end of a month when I seemed to be well, it was hard for my mother to get me off the toast and milk. I don't know how they would treat jaundice (hepatitis) today, but I was cured, and I give Dr. Denton the credit.

In 1919 Dr. Denton became president of the Buffalo Valley Bank along with his partner, Mr. Jim Evans. Due to a decline in commerce in the area the bank failed, and, on April 6, 1926, the Buffalo Valley Bank closed its doors forever. The old bank building still stands. There were no federal agencies to cover deposits. Dr. Denton and Mr. Evans considered those deposits as their own obligation and their personal responsibility. Each depositor was paid in full from their funds. Dr. Denton traded or sold his car (Model-T Ford) to satisfy one of the depositors. Dr. Denton and Senator Jim Evans were honest and honorable men and their story of paying all depositors in full has been passed down through each generation.

Dr. Denton started his house calls on horseback, and as roads improved, graduated to his Model-T Ford. After his Model -T was sold; he was back to square one. The community realized they were almost without a doctor since he had no transportation, so they made up money and bought the doctor a Model-A Ford. His wife, Minnie, did some of the driving for him. The story is told that he never quite mastered the gearshift and drove only in second gear. Most of the roads were narrow with little room to pass. It seemed he always speeded up when meeting another car. When asked why, his answer was, "I get by them quicker that way!"

Anyone who has ever written a story about Buffalo Valley always mentions the names of Dr. Denton and Senator Evans. These days it is hard to find men who conform to the professional standards of conduct as did these two men.

Dr. Samuel Denton's old home in Buffalo Valley was torn down long ago and replaced with a brick house. Dr. Denton died in 1944, followed by wife Minnie in 1949. They are both buried in the Maddux Cemetery in Buffalo Valley. They had no children.

(The author thanks Mr. J. T. Askew, Silver Point and Mrs. Katherine Dickens, Gordonsville Librarian, for their assistance).





**PLEASANT SHADE, SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

*Carthage Courier, June 24, 1971*

In the year 1782, John Peyton, a surveyor for the United States Government was out making records on Shackler's Land Grants around an area that was later to become Castalian Springs, when a band of renegade Indians raided his camp and made off with the surveying group's horses.

Peyton and his men, together with members of the militia in the area pursued the thieves and overtook them at a site where the home of Bonny Kemp now stands. A skirmish ensued between the two groups before the renegade Indians, realizing that they were outgunned and out numbered, took to their heels, leaving the horses they had stolen. Some of the renegades were killed in the trade of gunfire and some of the militia were wounded.

The creek at the site became known as Peyton's Creek – a name that it carries to this day.

It is said that the community of Pleasant Shade received its name with the help of a huge beech tree that stood in the middle of the growing town. Persons feeling the need to rest from more arduous tasks would be inclined to stop under the tree's dense foliage, that gave respite from the summer sun, and while so lounging, would keep up with the latest goings-on.

It is also said that one day, when the summer sun was putting down especially hard, and the darkness was greatly sought by more than a few, a drummer passed by and casually mentioned, "this seems to be pleasant shade." The name stuck.

Pleasant Shade is believed to be one of the oldest settlements in Smith County and had its beginning in the year 1799. The first settler to the area was Michael Murphey, an Irishman, who had come west to claim land given to him in a land grant.

Murphey opened a trading station, which was of great value to travelers who beat their way through wilderness trails from North Carolina to the Cumberland Settlements near Nashboro.

The old Fort Blount Trail passed through Pleasant Shade, and as it was with other communities, the presence of Andrew Jackson, as he passed through on this way to Washington was a thing of great importance.

It is said that Jessie James, at the height of his notoriety, spent many nights at a home that was only a short distance from the small community. The home still stands today as an example of the skill and workmanship of its builders.

It is interesting to note that when the county was young and officials were meeting at Dixon Springs in an attempt to select a town for the county seat, the town of Pleasant Shade lacked one vote to tie Carthage for that honor.

Pleasant Shade at the height of its glory days, was one of the busiest places in Smith County. At that time it consisted of six stores, two garages, four blacksmith shops, a picture house, a large furniture factory, one of the largest saw mills in Middle Tennessee, a bank and a high school. On the last Saturday of the winter season a mule day was

proclaimed each year and mules would be brought in from adjoining counties, as well as from parts of Kentucky. It was said that the mule market at Pleasant Shade was next in size to the famous Columbia mules sales.

Present day population of Pleasant Shade is approximately 200, with two stores carrying most of the necessities of life, a fine elementary school, two garages, a post office, four churches, and blacksmith shop. Pleasant Shade today is located in the heart of the burley tobacco belt, and many of the proud citizens pride themselves in growing fine herds of dairy and beef cattle. The homes are well kept and the churches well attended.

There are four churches at Pleasant Shade today: the Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. James Grey Beal as pastor; the Sanderson Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Hayden Swann, pastor; the Pleasant Shade Church of God with Sister Bonnie Wilkerson, minister; the Upper Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Charles Jones as pastor.

Many men have gone from Pleasant Shade in defense of their great country and a few have paid the supreme sacrifice and laid down their lives on the battle field for liberty.

Family names common at Pleasant Shade are as follows: Sloan, Beasley, Gregory, Hackett, Kemp, Smith, McDonald, Alexander, Evitt, Price, Parkhurst.

It is said that nowhere in the state can finer people be found – people with generosity in their hearts and the richness for forgiving. Many persons have been raised and moved on from this beautiful community, bordered with lush farmlands and well-kept homes, but all who have lived there will forever call Pleasant Shade their home and remember its people with love and affection.

#### PLEASANT SHADE POSTMASTERS

The exact date that the post office was first established cannot be determined due to faded records. It was reestablished January 10, 1833.

Archibald Sloan	Feb 9, 1833	Isaac P. McDonald	Oct 12, 1897
Samuel T. Coker	Nov 23, 1836	Thos. D. Sanderson	Jan 2, 1904
John A. Sloan	Sept 11, 1839	Draper D. Martin	Apr 30, 1914
Benjamin F. Herod	Jan 4, 1842	Lum T. Russell	Aug 31, 1918
George W. Herod	March 7, 1844	Charlie Alexander	Jan 15, 1923
Jason R. Sloan	Oct 25, 1844	Dewey Dickerson	Aug 23, 1933
Thomas Sanderson	Jan 16, 1858	Levi B. Thomas	July 12, 1934
Discontinued	Sept 22, 1866	John B. Taylor	May 1, 1947
Re-established	July 28, 1876	Johnnie J. Massey	Jan 16, 1949
David C. Boston	July 28, 1876	Beatrice Massey	Sept 30, 1953
Joseph A. Sanderson	Jan 22, 1880		

## BATTERY HILL

In January 2002, the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society hosted a meeting between the Society and the Cumberland Valley Civil War Heritage Assn. The purpose of the meeting was to promote interest in Civil War heritage in the Middle Tennessee area. Many interesting artifacts were displayed by members and guests. Of particular interest was a discussion of Carthage's permanent "monument" of the war - Battery Hill - where Union forces were encamped. The possibility of placing this important site on the National Register of Historic Places is being investigated by Joseph Brent, advisor of the Association.

Battery Hill has always been a special land mark for Smith County citizens and history buffs. In an article in the *Smith County Record*, June 9, 1887, an unknown writer gives a vivid account of the "monument," and Dr. Gordon Petty related his recollections of the site at the meeting. The two accounts follow.

*SMITH COUNTY RECORD*, June 9, 1887

### BATTERY HILL

Carthage has a prominent war monument. There are several high peaks on the west that overlook the little town nestled on the banks of the Cumberland. One of these hills is cut square off on the top where during the war a battery was planted. On its cap the ditches and walls of the fort still remain intact. At its base, extending several hundred yards a ditch was dug and extensive preparations made to protect the surrounding Cumberland Valley. General Bragg had once crossed here with his army going from Kentucky to southern Tennessee, and it was expected there might be more crossing in this direction because it was necessary for the Federals to command the Upper Cumberland River. So one day in 1862, the quiet little town was awakened from its slumbers by the arrival of an immense number of boats and an army of fifteen to twenty thousand soldiers who landed and covered the town and fields all around. General Crook was the chief commander. Before this there had been but few soldiers in the upper section. Woolford's Cavalry had passed through on a foraging expedition, and Johnson came in and got himself into business by running up against General Basil Duke at Hartsville. Afterward John Morgan and his "invencibles" startled the natives as far up as Dixon Springs. General Crook, however, soon left, carrying away all but one brigade put in command of Hughes and later Stokes. No fighting was done by the army while here, but its location made the chance eminent. Our peaceful hills never resounded to the boom of the cannon, and the old fort only reminds us of the deadly spirit that too few years ago rankled in the hearts of men. There were several skirmishes between small detachments and

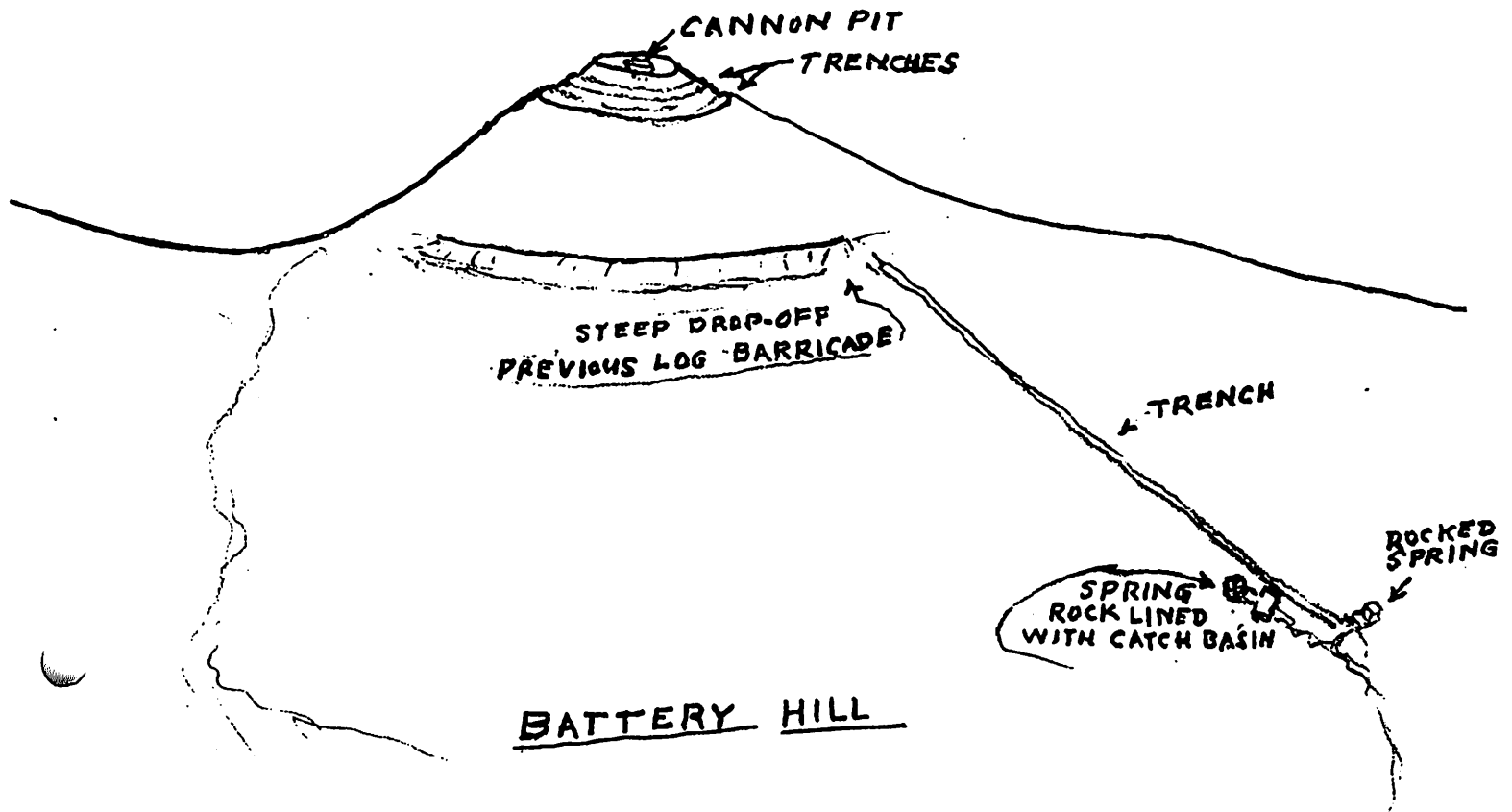
stragglers in some points around. "Home Guards," as they were called, were posted about at some places who now and then shot an offender.

### DR. GORDON PETTY REMEMBERS

Battery Hill is the largest peak of the hills directly north of Carthage, Tennessee, and straight in line with Main Street. From 1921 until 1941, my home was on the hill adjacent to Battery Hill. Our family milk cow was pastured on Battery Hill, and one of my family chores was to go get the cow each evening, feed and milk her, so I was almost a daily visitor on Battery Hill. While traversing these hills, playing in the old trenches, hunting rabbits and squirrels, picking black berries and rounding up the cow, I was frequently reminded of the war as I came across bullets (called minie balls) or other relics. My grandfather remembered playing in the same trenches when he was a boy in the 1860s and '70,s and enthralled me with war stories.

Battery Hill was extensively fortified by the Union soldiers, commonly referred to locally as damnyankees - that is one word never to be separated and never to be used one without the other.

In the following sketch of Battery Hill, I will describe the fortifications beginning with the top of the hill and working downward as seen by me seventy-five years ago.



The top of the hill was leveled off and a pit was dug in the center of this area to accommodate a cannon that was the main battery. I remember the pit as being some 10 feet in depth. Dropping down some 20 feet from this level, the hill was encircled by a trench; and about 40 feet below this was another trench that also circled the hill. The trenches were some 3 or 4 feet deep. Other trenches on the hills adjacent to Battery Hill meandered toward the fortifications just described. Both the trenches and the cannon pit have gradually filled up with leaves, rocks and fallen timbers to the point of being almost leveled in places.

Some 100 yards below these trenches there was a steep drop-off of about 10 feet. My grandfather remembered this as being the site of breast works made of logs which extended about 200 yards. Around the south face of the hill - the side facing the town of Carthage and the bluff along the river where the southern defenders were sometimes encamped - another trench that was rather deep extended from the eastern end of the breastworks down the hill to two springs that supplied water for the troops and their horses. These springs were lined with rocks with cattle basins below them for watering the stock.

The minie balls that I found by the hundreds were made of lead. Following a rain the small streams on the hill would wash the dirt off of the heavier lead bullets and leave them exposed and thus easily found. In addition to the bullets, I found several brass buttons with the eagle insignia of the Union soldiers inscribed upon them. I found also a part of the barrel of an old flint loaded rifle. During an excavation at the base of Battery Hill several years ago, a worker found a brass belt buckle with U. S. imprinted on it. The buckle was in good enough condition to have been worn.

Although no major battles occurred on Battery Hill, it was important to the enemy in their defense of the Cumberland River and the control of boat traffic thereon.

Finally, may I relate my favorite Civil War tale that supposedly occurred before the Battle of Signal Mountain near Chattanooga. The evening before the battle, some Confederate soldiers were gathered around the campfire, quite apprehensive, knowing that they would go into battle the following day. The General walked up, and in an effort to reassure his men, said, "Don't worry about those damnyankees; we can whip them with corn stalks." The next evening after being soundly defeated, some of these same soldiers were gathered around when the General again walked by. One of them said, "General, I thought you said we could whip those Yankees with cornstalks." The General replied, "We could have, but they wouldn't fight with corn stalks."

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, MINUTES

Continued from Volume XIII, No 3. (Unedited)

JUNE TERM, 1858. (P. 45) Macedonia Church in conference, Brother Leroy James charged Brother P. Baker of getting Drink, using profane language & attempting to fight & committy appointed to see him and notify him of the same to wit, J. A. Ligon, F. T. Farmer, J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JULY TERM, 1858. Church in conference. The case of Brother P. Baker presented and under went a long investigation him finly excluded. J. Barrett, MOD. J. Ligon, Clk.

AUG TERM 1858. Church in conference, Brother William Snody acquitted for allowing fidling & dancing to be carried on at his house. they ordered a letter to be prepared to send up to the association and the following Brethering to Bare it to wit, J. Barrett, M. T. Raggan & L. James & Eljah Morris their allernate.

SEPT TERM 1858. Church in conference the church of Marlin sent us a letter asking of us to send Brother Frank Moor a letter or the charges we excluded him for the church ordered J. A. Ligon & L. James to answer there letter and send the charges.

OCT TERM, 1858. ( 46). Macedonia Church in conference the church reconsidered there last confarence out of the Marlin church letter. They now order J. A. Ligon, L. James to write them a letter without the charges with regard to case. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

NOV. TERM 1858. Macedonia Church in confarence they agree to hold meeting once a week off knight for a time they also made up money to have wood prepare for the winter. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

DEC TERM 1858. Macedonia church in confarence, nothing of record. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon Clk.

JAN TERM 1959. Macedonia Church in confarence the church charge Brother Westley Trousdel of being intoxicated and using profane language & committy apointed to see him to wit, John F. Farmer & Jeferson Right. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

FEB TERM, 1859. Church in confarence the above commity J. Farmer & J. Right report that W. Trousdel acknowledge guilt & sayed take his name off. He was excluded the church ordered Brother J. Farmer, J. Right to see to the distresses of Sister Douglas. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**MARCH TERM 1859.** (p. 47). Macedonia Church in conferance. The committee appointed to attend to the assistance of Sister Douglas is continued Brother David Hodges resined his office as sacris? of the church & Brother Dudley Moore elected in his place. The church appointed regular Prar Meeting at 4 O'clock every Sabath evening. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**APRIL TERM, 1859.** Macedonia church in conferance Brother D. James charge Brother Benjamin Denny giting drunk according to rumer brother John Farmer & James Stalings chosen to see him and notify him of the same and report to the next Meeting. Also Brother Ragan Daughter Elizabeth Ragan joined the church by Baptism the next meeting to be Communing Season. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**MAY TERM 1859.** Macedonia Church in conferance the case of Brother Denny examined, the commitee dismissed, him excluded. J. Barrett. MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**JUNE TERM 1859.** Church in conferance, no Buissness of record. E. Haney, MOD., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**JULY TERM 1859.** (p. 48). Macedonia Church in conferance. Brother Barrett and Brother M. Ragan case of failure, Brother Eskance their alternation. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**AUG TERM, 1859.** Macedonia Church in conferance the church granted Sister Mary Oliver a letter of dismission. Brother J. Barret, MOD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

**SEPT TERM, 1859.** The church in conferance they granted Sister Martha Green a letter of dismission. Brother J. Barret, MOD, James A. Ligon, Clk.

Call Meeting the church granted Sister Mary Almon and Sister Elizabeth Douglas letters of dismission. J. Barrett, MOD, J. T. Farmer port Clk.

**OCT TERM, 1859.** Macedonia Church in conferance this being our protracted meeting 42 joined by relation and Baptism to wit:

James W. Whitley	James A. Barrett	Martha Barret	James A. Stalings
Matilda G. Staling	Martha M. Staling	William B. Denny	Joel Dickerson
Rebecah F. Barret	Martha A. Barret	David T. Barret	Colman S. Sampson
Thomas H. Harper	MaryAnn Harper	Pleasant A. Tibbs	Perlana Tibbs
Sarah J. Farmer	John F. Farmer	Joanah Davis	Uziah Taylor
William B. Carter	Luestisha Wilkerson	David Alin	Joel Ragan
Caroline Allison	Joseph Allison	Josephine Ligon	John W. Allison
Elizabeth A. Whitley	Charles M. Shoemaker	Leander J. Allison	Annz Allison
William Esters	Orvel P. Samson	Joseph Smith	Martha Rolings

Agniss Rolings      Rebecah J. Allen      Eviline Denny      Mary E. Rolings  
Mary Petty    J. Barrett, D. Dias, M. T. Ragan, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.  
(Here, written in pencil: names continued on 52.)

NOV TERM, 1859. (49). nothing of record. J. Barret, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

DEC TERM, 1859. no conferance meeting, J. A. Ligon.

JAN TERM, 1859. nothing of record.

FEB TERM 1860. no conferance meeting.

MARCH TERM 1860. the church orders the deacon to supply the church with a house keeper to furnish wood and water for the next twelve months. J. Barret, MOD. J. A. Ligon, Clk.

APRIL TERM 1860. (P. 50). Macedonia Church in conferance Jeferson Right & Whitley nominated to supply the church with a Bible. J. Barrett, MOD, James Ligon, Clk.

MAY TERM, 1860. Church in conferance the Bible furnished. Brother James Barrett layed in his resignation on the account of the affliction of his Eyes the church did not reserve but excused him from preaching. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JUNE TERM 1860. Macedonia Church in conferance the church granted Brother Thomas Harper & Sister Maryjane Harper leters of Dismission. J. Barrett, MOD, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JULY TERM, 1860. Macedonia Church in conferance the church selected James Barrett, Leroy James & J. T. Farmer there alternate as there delegates to the assosiation to be held at Athens also they instructed them to pledge \$10 Dollars for home missions for the inseuing year if they think proper. they also elected Banks Oliver as Treasurer. J. Barrett, J. A. Ligon.

TO BE CONTINUED



## BIOGRAPHY OF AMOS ELLISON, SR.

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[Editor's Note: *In the early 1800's in Smith County there were at least three unrelated E(A)llison families. The use of the A/E spelling appears to be interchangeable, often within the same document. Joseph Allison, Revolutionary soldier from North Carolina, lived at the mouth of Hickman Creek and the Caney Fork River near Gordonsville where he is buried in the Nazarene Church Cemetery. Joseph A/Ellison, son of Robert Ellison, Revolutionary soldier of South Carolina, lived in the New Middleton area. Finally, living nearby in the Brush Creek area was the Amos Ellison, Sr. family. The two Joseph Allisons have been well documented, but little was known about Amos Ellison, Sr. and his family. We are grateful to Mr. Shelton for so generously sharing his research with our readers.*]

Amos Ellison SR was born between 1730 and 1740 in Burlington County, New Jersey. He was the son of Thomas Ellison (b. ca 1700 in New York City, New York or England), d Nov 1770, Monmouth County, New Jersey) and his wife Ann (her maiden name is unknown). This Ellison family originated in the colonies in New York with the ancestor Lawrence Ellison SR (b. in England, d. Dec 1665 in Hempstead, Queens County, New York).

Amos married on 11 November 1760 in Burlington County, New Jersey to Elizabeth Ellison (born 10 Feb 1736/1737 in Burlington County, New Jersey, died 10 October 1825, Cumberland County, Kentucky - buried in Madison County, Kentucky). Elizabeth was the daughter of John Ellison and Susannah (maiden name possibly Boude). They were 2nd cousins. Amos's grandfather was John Ellison and Elizabeth's grandfather was Thomas Ellison, both were sons of the immigrant Lawrence Ellison. He lived in Burlington County, New Jersey until 1761, when he moved to Pennsylvania. At some point before 1769, he moved from Pennsylvania to Baltimore, Maryland. At some point between 1770 and 1777 he moved to Bedford County, Virginia.

During the Revolutionary War, Amos was drafted to serve in the militia. His son John Ellison entered as a substitute for Amos. The source for Amos' residences and military service are from the pension file of John Ellison. Also, on 22 April 1782 and later on in June 1782, Amos received a public service claim for supplies he provided to the cause. There are limited surviving public service claim records that cover only a limited number of years, so this is not necessarily the only service he provided.

In 1786, the county of Franklin was formed from Bedford County, redistricting Amos. He was a resident of Franklin County, Virginia until 1813. In that year, his son Thomas Ellison moved him to Green County, Kentucky. Amos sold his land to Henry Early on 3 May 1813.

Amos resided with his children in Green County, Kentucky from 1813 until 1816, when he moved to Smith County, Tennessee. Amos lived on Brush Creek next to the Brush Creek Baptist Church. On 17 April 1819, Amos deeded to William Parker and Jesse Elston, trustees of Brush Creek Baptist Church, 2 acres being part of a tract he had purchased from William Coats on 22 January 1817. He also made the grant to the church to have rights to draw water from the spring on Amos' land for the congregation's use. This spring was located near the church and was known as the Meeting House Spring. Amos continued to own land in Smith County until his death. Afterwards, his son Lewis sold his estate lands in August 1832 to Edwin Y. Atwood. In his will, written on 10 May 1826, he makes specific references to his lands in Smith County, Tennessee. It was probated on 22 May 1829.

Most likely it was Amos SR (opposed to his son Amos JR who was also in Smith County) who purchased 158 acres on 3 August 1812 from Rhodes Weeks. Amos SR was still residing in Green County, Kentucky at this time, so he most likely bought this for his widowed daughter-in-law or one of his sons to live on.

Amos and Elizabeth Ellison had nine children who were either still living or dead with heirs at the time Amos wrote his will. The list most likely encompasses all the children with heirs as he accounted one daughter and two sons as being dead. His children Elizabeth, Susannah (deceased), James, Thomas, and Lewis were in the Cumberland / Green County, Kentucky area at the time. Son John Ellison moved to Lawrence County, Ohio.

Son Amos Ellison JR (born ca1777 in Bedford County, Virginia) moved from Franklin County to Smith County, Tennessee in 1804. Amos JR died in Smith County in 1812. At the March 1812 court session, Henry Moores and Sarah Ellison entered a motion, with Elias Elston and James Moore security, for administration of the estate of Amos Ellison deceased. In September 1812, Sarah was granted administration with Isaac Moores and Thomas Ralph securities. The inventory was returned in December 1812. Later, two deeds were entered, and appear to be posthumous deeds for Amos JR. In June 1813, a deed from John Cherry to Amos Ellison for 120 acres was entered, and another for 199 acres from Henry and Isaac Moores to Amos Ellison was also entered on the same date. Amos JR was married on 19 December 1797 in Franklin County, Virginia to Sarah Price. They had three children (named in the will of Amos Ellison SR), Price O. Ellison, Stephen Ellison, and Hulda Ellison. Price and Stephen moved to Bond County, Illinois after living in Smith County, Tennessee until the mid 1820's. Hulda Ellison married Matthew Worley and moved to Crittenden County, Kentucky.

Son Ezekiel Ellison (b. ca1777 in Bedford County, Virginia) moved to Kentucky in 1799 with his brother Joseph Ellison and settled in Cumberland County. He was married on 6 December 1796 in

Franklin County, Virginia to Christina Vanover. Both are on the 1810 Cumberland County, Kentucky census. He moved to Smith County, Tennessee around the same time as his father Amos SR and his brother Joseph Ellison, and lived on Brush Creek. He died between 1822 and 1826, as he was dead when his father made out his will. On the 1820 Smith County, Tennessee census, Ezekiel has a very full household of both males and females (4 males and 11 females), but Amos SR's will only mentions three children, Ezekiel Ervin Ellison, Salina Ellison and Manerva Ellison. It is possible that these three would be the only underage / unmarried children by 1826.

Lastly, son Joseph Ellison moved from Franklin County, Virginia to Cumberland County, Kentucky in 1799 with his brother Ezekiel Ellison. He began to live back and forth between Green County, Kentucky and Smith County, Tennessee in the mid 1810's and was on Brush Creek with his father and brothers. He continued in this manner into the 1820's. His daughter Martha Ellison married Obadiah Paris JR, who was son of James Paris JR and Sally Pendleton and grandson of James Paris SR of Prince Edward County, Virginia. James Paris JR and Obadiah Paris JR were longtime residents of Smith County from 1816 until 1850. Sally was the daughter of Benjamin Pendleton (a Revolutionary War pensioner from Buckingham County, Virginia who moved to Warren County, Kentucky) and granddaughter of Phillip Pendleton and Spicey Freeland of Amherst and Buckingham County, Virginia. The author of this biography is descended from Obadiah Paris JR and Martha Ellison through their daughter Mary Paris who married John Hunt JR. Joseph Ellison was married on 21 February 1791 in Franklin County, Virginia to Aleshey Vanover. Joseph died on 7 August 1856 in Green County, Kentucky. His widow Aleshey Vanover Ellison died in Crittenden County, Kentucky on 5 November 1858 and was the first person buried in Paris Cemetery in that county. Their son Cornelius Ellison also moved to Smith County, Tennessee in the mid 1810's and is present on the 1830 Smith County census. He was in Dickson County, Tennessee by the 1850 census.

Note that this son Joseph lived on Brush Creek. There was another, unrelated, Joseph Ellison who lived on the east side of Smith County on the Smith / Jackson County line. He is on the 1820 Jackson County census. This Joseph Ellison died in 1826 and his will was recorded in Smith County.

Also, Joseph Allison lived on Brush Creek, and was in fact in the neighborhood of the Ellisons. He also is unrelated and died in Smith County in 1828. Interestingly, the children of Joseph Allison also intermarried with the families of James Paris JR, Obadiah Paris SR and Leander Hughes SR, much like that of Joseph Ellison, son of Amos Ellison SR. This is due to living closely together rather than from a family affiliation.

In all, the Amos Ellison SR family was in Smith County, Tennessee from 1804 until around 1850. The family was centered on the Brush Creek area and, over the years, relocated to Crittenden County, Kentucky, Bond County, Illinois and western Tennessee. The last known descendant of Amos SR to be in Smith County was Martha Ellison Paris, who along with her husband Obadiah Paris JR, moved to Crittenden County, Kentucky in 1850.

Of the individuals in this biography:

Amos Ellison SR is DAR certified

John Ellison is DAR eligible as a pensioner. At this time, no descendant has joined.

Benjamin Pendleton - a corrected DAR certification is pending

James Paris SR is DAR certified

## WILL JELlicORSE WRITES

Submitted by Bill Amonette

FROM CARTHAGE COURIER  
AUGUST 22, 1918

Following is a letter from J. W. Jellicorse of near Elmwood. He is in Headquarters Co. 6th Inf. Other Smith county boys are in the same regiment. He is one of the gun crew which mans one of the new 37-inch anti tank guns, an American invention and one of the most effective new weapons used in the war. Mr. Jellicorse's letter follows:

Somewhere in France, July 18

Dear Papa and Mama:- I got four letters from you yesterday, and one from Uncle Woods, saying that he and Aunt Constance wanted me to make their home my home during my furlough, if I get any. I have been in the trenches and enjoyed most of my stay there. Rats have been the worst pests-the trenches are full of them. They never bite anyone while sleeping, but it makes a fellow mad for them to drag their tails through his mouth. I did two hours of gas guard at night; the rest of the time, I spent as I liked. Went out nearly every evening to pick huckleberries. Used some of them for jam but had to quit when my sugar, as well as the rest of my reserve food, ran out. We picked the berries in sight of the German position across a narrow valley from their trenches. The mosquitoes ran us in most of the time - they swarm when we get in the woods. I held my cup between my knees, picked berries with one hand and fought bugs with the other. A German sniper took a few shots at some of our boys but they got their cups full. A German hollered to one boy and asked him if he was from Alabama; said he had a wife and two children there. We were not much bothered with shell fire at my billet, but got more than usual one day. I was some little way from a dugout when they began to burst around me. One went off above but I was flat on the ground by the time shrapnel began to buzz about. One took a limb from a tree above. COVINGTON, the boat I came over on was sunk.

I am now in a very nice town, or rather it has been. It is torn up quite a bit by shell fire. Guess will move up some 6 or 8 K today. Papa said he and Uncle R. guessed I was \_\_\_\_\_. They guessed right, but I may be any place in the future. I understand we will be used as shock troops and be used in making attacks. I spent my birthday making a long hike from the town where we had been staying to the R. R. Had a piece of cheese and light bread for dinner. I did not ask permission to have things sent from home, for I can make out nicely with what we get. We are issued heavy wool socks as we need them and tobacco is issued quite often. I don't like the cigarette tobacco, but can make out with it. Have been looking for souvenirs to send home; the best things I have found so far are the rings made from German shrapnel shells. Some Frenchmen are experts at making them. If Papa or Wayne or Stites would like a ring, tell them to send me their size. I promised Mr. Bill Ford to send him something so will send a package of odds and ends in the near future. With love to all, Will

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## QUERIES

CREAGHEAD, James B. Seeking information on him - born 1857 - died 25 Apr 1941.  
HUBERT W. CREAGHEAD, born 1897, died 7 Apr 1961. Would like to know who their parents were or if MARTHA ELIZABETH (BETTY) CREAGHEAD BAIRD was thier sister. They are buried in the Brush Creek Church Cemetery.  
MINELLE BAIRD TURNER, 2223 Charles St., Pampa, TX 79065

PANKEY FAMILY BURIAL PLACE. Would like to learn burial place of JOHN PANKEY, wife MARGARET OWEN PANKEY and the unmarried daughter, ELIZABETH ANN MARY? John died Jan 1855 at Sanderson's Mill (Pleasant Shade - near Hackett home)  
DUKE GARRISON, 1212 Parkview, Sterling, IL 61081

KNIGHT, DILLEHAY, SMITH, MATTHEWS, MITCHELL, SIMPSON, GUFFEY, MCGUFFEY. Reserchng the foregoing family names.  
ESTELLA MORRISON, 1038 Hickory St., Excelsior Spgs, MO 64024. e-mail: graneee@hotmail.com

GLOVER/FERRELL. Seeking information on the parents of RICHARD R. GLOVER, b 3 Feb 1820, marr MATILDA FERRELL and lived in Giles and Lawrence Counties, TN from 1850 until his death in Giles Co. 3 July 1906. RICHARD and MATILDA had a son, JOHN W. GLOVER. There is a RICHARD GLOVER on the 1820 Smith Co. census.

MARGUERITTE BAGGETT, 612 Garden Acres Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

ANDERSON, SAMUEL R. son of ANDREW ANDERSON and MARY CONNELLY, b 1769, Orange Co., NC; marr 1st REBECCA BLACK on 3 Jan 1792, Washington Co., Va.; marr 2<sup>nd</sup> FRANCES PARISH on 20 Feb 1811, Wilson Co., Tn; marr 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNE CLARK 26 Aug 1812, Sumner Co, Tn. Lived in Sumner, Wilson, Smith (Sullivan's Bend) and Jackson Co., Tn (1820/1830 Census). Believed died in 1830's in Jackson Co. or Allen Co, Ky.

BOB C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen, Houston, TX 77092-3603.

HUNT, JOHN, my g-g-g-grandfather, b 7/13/1798 in Rowan Co., NC, spent a few years of his early life there in Tennessee. He was marr in 1816 in Wilson County to ELIZABETH JANE MOORE (I believe). They moved to Missouri after 1842. His son, LEWIS WILFORD HUNT Marr EVELINE ALLEN in Smith County in 1841. I am searching for EVELINE'S parents.  
PATRICIA HUNT ROULEAU

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*Dear Friends,*

*Interest in history is alive here even in heat of summer. E-mail inquiries arrive almost weekly and vacationers drop by to talk old times on the porch with Billy. As for me I 'm sorting accumulated papers, books and memorabilia in this house while summer lingers. Yesterday I pulled a bulging, unmarked file from a forgotten file cabinet drawer.*

*Among papers lay a folded Carthage Courier for October 24, 1929. "Fourth & First National Buys Interest in Smith County Bank" and "Citizens Bank & Trust Company To Open for Business Saturday" announced separate headlines on right and left of top front page. Names mentioned then are familiar names here today! Stability of families in Smith County still impresses me as it did when I moved here...*

*Speaking of stability, I asked Sue Maggart-Petty, editor of the Quarterly Newsletter, how she'd become interested in Smith County history. Sue is, among other things, Smith County historian, co-editor of the 800-page Smith County History, and treasurer as well as past president of Historical & Genealogical Society.*

*"When I was in the fourth grade," she said. "I wrote an essay on ancient history, history of Gordonsville and first resident John Gordon. I still have the paper Mother saved written on a Sky High tablet. I walked right up the street (we lived in Gordonsville) to talk to Mr. Gold. I sat on a little stool and he sat in his chair on the porch. In that day in the 1940s it wasn't too late for him to have known people back to the 1860s, so his knowledge could have been first-hand. From that time on... I have liked history!" (Told that Mr. John Gordon was an atheist, she said that in her paper she took time to define the word.)*

*Liking, writing and talking history helps keep history alive at every age. Thanks for sharing, Sue.*

*And, best history to each of you,*

*Kath*

The Society meets on the 3rd Monday of each month with the exception of December, July, and August, at the Smith County Public Library at 7:00 p.m. during the months of November-April and 7:30 p.m. September, October, May and June. Dues are \$12.50 annually with the year beginning in January.

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[Ed. Note:] If you missed the “Queries” page in this issue, it is because *you* failed to submit any. We encourage all of you not only to send in your queries but also any family stories and/or articles that you think may be of interest to other researchers. Material for the Quarterly is often hard to obtain, and I solicit *your* help. Thanks. SMP

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**FORMER RESIDENT TELLS EARLY IMPRESSIONS OF OLD CARTHAGE**

[Editor's note: *The following article was published in the Carthage Courier on March 28, 1946. This was the first in a series of reminiscences published in subsequent issues of the paper.*]

NOTE: The following is the first of three installments of reminiscences by a former resident of Carthage, DeWitt McGinness, son of Mrs. F. P. McGinness and the late Mr. McGinness, who grew up here but who has lived in San Francisco for many years. For the last twelve years he has been director of the Federal Housing Administration for the state of California. Mr. McGinness graphically portrays conditions and personalities of Carthage around the turn of the century. Other installments will be published in subsequent issues. Editor.

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By DeWitt McGinness

I remember well the first time I saw Carthage, Tennessee. It was on a clear, crisp, early January day in 1896, and I had only a short time before passed my fifth birthday.

I was the youngest among several children. I was in a wagon partially filled with household effects with others of my family who were moving from our former home on a farm near the little hamlet of Buffalo Valley in the adjoining county of Putnam, some 20 miles to the east. Other members of the family were either in another wagon or on foot driving livestock along the road en route to our new home which was to be another farm lying along the south bank of the Cumberland River about a mile or more distant from and opposite to the county seat of Smith County, Carthage.

We had passed along under the "bluff" opposite the little village which was obscured from view by trees and other impediments, until we came to an opening near its end. We stopped to admire the engaging view open to us. There it lay before me, Carthage, the court house in the square, with its tower and classic lines of architecture; the church spires; the beautiful, maple-shaded "Front Street," and the "college" at its extreme north end. Battery Hill, a lofty and pointed peak, which commanded the Cumberland during Civil War days, rose sharply behind and provided a pleasing and romantic background for the college.

I could have never known then that someday I would stand thrilled before the cathedral spires of Milan, Cologne, St. Mark's, Notre Dame, or the classic dome of Michael Angelo's St. Peter's, but I know that I have never since been so completely enthralled or bewildered as on the occasion of my first view of the college. This same college was later to greatly and deeply influence my future life. When I sometimes consider the agitated

and restless nature of my early youth, I am convinced that the embryonic bud burst wide open into full bloom on the occasion and it was to nag, bedevil and pursue me relentlessly many years after.

I had not previously known thrill or excitement...life was simple in a rural community, it was a vast improvement over the narrow and restricted life and boundary of my former home.

I could see Carthage over the river, and during Christmas holidays the golden balls of fire shooting skyward from roman candles. I was becoming more imaginative and eager. New interests developed and new friends were made. In times of high water, we could see steamboats plying up and down the Cumberland brilliantly and electrically lighted at night, a source of ever increasing wonder to me. Life ceased to be prosaic, and I was eagerly scanning the horizon.

I do not quite remember my first trip to Carthage. I just remember occasional visits with our butter and eggs and chickens to be exchanged for sugar and coffee and other household necessities. We (my mother and I) would ride, or walk to the riverbank, ferry across, and then walk to town from the other side. The stores and people dressed in "store bought" clothes never ceased to amaze and intrigue me.

I was now approaching the age of nine, and almost four years had thus passed in my new surroundings. My oldest brother was attending school in Carthage, and soon it became known that we were to sell the farm and move into town. My elation knew no bounds, for I thoroughly disliked chores of farm life and was beginning to be a dreamer. I passionately wished to know what was over the horizon.

We moved into the old Dr. King residence, next door to the "Fisher House," one of the town's three taverns, and I found myself right downtown engulfed in its swirling tides of humanity up to my neck. There were the stores; with their showcases filled with dazzling and unknown articles, the Court House with its beautiful lawn and shade trees; medicine shows, music, laughter, and gaiety. I was beginning to see and do things. I had arrived. I was urban!

The King house, which always remained the "King house," until its demolition, became a boarding house for boys and girls coming to Carthage to attend Joseph W. Allen college.

Carthage was situated at the confluence of the storied Caney Fork and the Cumberland Rivers. Opie Reed had known the "waters of the Caney Fork" and had recorded his impressions in his book of the same name. The town was laid out and built upon a ridge running north and south, sloping in both an easterly and westerly direction and toward the Cumberland on the west, and on land donated and surveyed by Colonel William Walton,

pioneer soldier and engineer who surveyed and built the old "Walton Road" connecting east and middle Tennessee. "Front Street," running along the crest of this ridge was occupied by the white residents and "Back Street," paralleling and down the hill for one block to the east was inhabited by colored folk. The combined population totaled no more than eight or nine hundred people, with a ratio of approximately two white to one colored family. It may have been even more evenly divided. It is well to remember this when one considers this amazing town and its more amazing inhabitants, both white and colored.

One had to pay tribute to enter Carthage. A toll road led northward and three ferries - upper, middle, and lower- furnished the only methods of ingress and egress. The upper and lower ferries were operated by manpower; the middle, the aristocrat of the three, by a gasoline motor contraption which, midst groans and grunts, ferried passengers to and from the depot and terminus of the seven-mile branch railroad, connecting with the main line of the Tennessee Central running from Nashville to Knoxville. Here, then, was truly a Shangri-la.

I entered Joseph W. Allen College about the fourth grade and was numbered among its approximately 300 students, almost half of whom were from out of town and housed in boarding houses and private homes within the town. Thus, in this small village was an abnormally high percentage of young people in relation to the adult population. Social life, then was both gay and stimulating.

The college was a two-story structure, the first floor of which housed the primary department with music, elocution, and art rooms, as well as other class rooms; the second floor contained a large chapel, library, laboratory, and class rooms. A belfry and tower pointing skyward gave the lines of a church or cathedral. Barns, for the convenience of out-of-town students who came in by horse back, wood, tool, and janitor's sheds, and two or three other outhouses, made up the group of structures known as the college. A baseball field and fairly spacious and well kept grounds comprised the campus.

The headmaster, R. L. Couch, was as strict and stern a disciplinarian as ever wielded a hickory lash, and his wife, "Miss Annie," who headed the primary department, was no less adept in her own right. Decorum, discipline, attention, and strict application to duty were required and prevailed, and there were few indeed who did not profit from this remarkable educator and his equally remarkable staff.

We worked hard at school; we played hard after, usually to the hour at night when streets must be vacated and all students entered upon studying at their places of habitation. Violation of this rule was not tolerated, and woe to the boy or girl who was caught on the street "after hours" at night.

The Alpha and Crescent Societies provided outlets for cultural and social activities, with prepared programs each Friday afternoon. All except primary students must belong to one or the other, but the choice was left to the individual. Rushing and pledging activities were indulged in much the same manner as present day college fraternities and sororities. The annual debate between chosen members of these societies high-lighted and concluded the week of entertainment preceding the Christmas holidays. Plays, concerts, readings, and stunt nights were given to which the public was invited. The enthusiasm for the debate was unbounded with rivalry bordering to that of political campaigns. The victors took over the town for several days thereafter with little rest or composure for the vanquished.

What manner of men inhabited this village? Well, let's take a look. Benton McMillin, nationally famous and able member of Congress for 20 years, twice Governor of Tennessee, and United States Ambassador to Peru. His stunningly beautiful, talented and gracious wife now heads the United States Civil Service.

Joseph Myer, a Jewish immigrant, settled in Carthage about the close of the Civil War. He acquired a substantial fortune, and erected a turreted and castle like mansion on Cumberland Heights. The style of architecture suggests a culmination of some boyhood dream while roaming the valley of the Rhine. His son, W. E. (Ed) Myer succeeded to his huge mercantile establishment, but devoted the later years of his life to scientific research of Indian life. He was a well known and active member of many archeological and scientific societies. Herman Myer, another son, later moved to New York to become one of that city's important pearl dealers at 41 Maiden Lane.

Judge T. J. Fisher, as able a jurist as ever graced a bench, could, with equal ability, have graced and honored the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

John R. Aust, a brilliant and able lawyer, was to become an outstanding chancellor on the bench of the capital city of Nashville.

Chester K. Hart, a youthful but brilliant attorney, at present, and for many years past, serves as a Superior Judge at Nashville.

Judge J. M. Gardenhire, cousin to Benton McMillin and successor to Judge Cordell Hull, sat on the bench and rallied a brilliant record to his credit. He was called from partial retirement to head the RFC for the Middle Tennessee District, a position which he now holds.

Kirby Fitzpatrick, Spanish War veteran and member of the legal firm of the three Fitzpatrick brothers, later became a prominent and able political and civic leader of the State of Oklahoma.

Colonel A. E. Garrett, Civil War veteran, member of Congress, stately and aristocratic scion of the golden days before Fort Sumter.

Hale and Lee, able legal firm in matters of chancery and equity.

L. A. Ligon and H. B. McGinness, who remain of the Carthage bar, with long and honorable careers in service of their state and nation.

To Be Continued.

### MRS. MCGINNESS DIES AT CARTHAGE

Mrs. Victoria Jared McGinness, 96, oldest resident of Carthage, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Drake, Friday night after a long illness.

Mrs. McGinness was believed to have been the last surviving grandchild of a Revolutionary soldier in Tennessee.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Carthage Methodist Church with the Rev. Ewing Weakley and the Rev. Herman Norton officiating. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Mrs. McGinness was a native of Putnam County and was one of nine children born to Josiah and Frances Bennett Jared.

Her grandfather, Josiah Jared, who was born in 1760, was a Virginian and soldier of the American Revolution.

Mrs. McGinness had resided in Carthage over 50 years and had been a member of the Methodist Church over 80 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Mrs. G. A. Drake and Miss Allie Mai McGinness of Carthage; three sons, H. B. McGinness, Carthage lawyer, Roscoe McGinness of Carthage, and D. C. McGinness of San Francisco; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

From the *Hartsville Vidette*, May 21, 1953.

## PENSION APPLICATIONS - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIERS

Contributed by Robert Y. Clay

## ASHLEY ALVIS

On 9 April 1852, Ashley Alvis, age 62, a resident of Marengo Co., Alabama, appeared before Henry A. Wolf, a Justice of the Peace for that county, and stated that he served as a Private in Captain Brice Martin's Company, 1st Regiment Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Colonel Williamson Hall, in the War of 1812. He volunteered at Hartsville, Sumner Co., TN, 10 December 1812, for eighteen months and continued in actual service eight months - from 10 December 1812 until 22 April 1813, and was then discharged. He was then "called out under said Enlistment" 1 October 1813, and "continued in actual service...the further term of about three months, for which he received no certificate of discharge, but was honorably discharged at Fort Strother on the Coosa River in the State of Alabama, & was discharged under the certificate annexed at Nashville..."

I certify that *Ashley Alvis* \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled himself as a volunteer under the acts of Congress of February 6, 1812 & July the 6, 1812 and that he has served as such, under my command on a tower to the Natchez country from the 10th of December 1812 the 22 of April 1813, and is

*honorably discharged.* *A. Jackson, Maj. Gen.*

[His original discharge paper]

He further deposed that he served as 4th Sergeant in Captain Anthony Metcalf's Company, 2nd Regiment Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Colonel Thomas Williamson. He volunteered as a substitute for James Brown at Fayetteville, TN 30 September 1814, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, TN 1 May 1815, which certificate of discharge he had lost. This claim for bounty land was certified by James A. Young, Probate Judge of Marengo Co., Al.

On 17 September 1874, at age 83, a resident "near Cuba Station...about three miles south of said station," Sumter Co., AL, he applied for a pension as a War of 1812 veteran. He stated his military service as above and further stated that "he was in the Talladega fight; that he became a corporal, having enlisted as a private; that Genl Jackson was promoted and his colonel became Brigadier General; that it was in Fayetteville, Tennessee the Regiment was disbanded; that he was in the infantry service. That he once obtained a Land Warrant in 1852 & sold it to Rush Tueller. Applicant is a Widower." His declaration was witnessed by Christopher C. Vaughn and Eugene M. Shaw and was certified by W. A. Wayne, U. S. Commissioner, Southern District, Alabama.

He was placed on the pension roll 1 October 1874, at the rate of \$8.00 per month, from 4 February 1871.

The jacket of his pension claim shows his death date as "About 1884."

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC. War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications. SO-29915. SO-21516. Alvis Ashley.

Signatures from the original application

*Ashley Alvis* 1852      *Ashley Alvis* 1874

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U.S. Census, 1850, Marengo Co., AL, p. 86, Number 1287-1287.

Ashley Alvis	60, male, farmer,	born VA
Elizabeth "	38, female	born VA
Eliza "	20, female	born TN
Martha J. "	8, female	born AL
Caroline "	1, female	born TN

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U.S. Census, 1860, Perry Co., AL, Woodville Beat, P.O. Union Town, p. 596, Number 653-655.

A. H. Otey	42, male, farmer, \$32,000 real estate, \$108,000 personal estate,	born VA
C. E. "	34, female, domestic	born GA
M. E. "	15, female	born AL
Jas. H. "	8, male	born AL
Rebeca "	5, female	born AL
Lucy "	1, female	born AL
M. C. Moore	18, female, domestic	born GA
A. Alvis	69, male, farm manager, \$500 personal estate	born AL

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U.S. Census, 1870, Marengo Co., AL, P.O. Demopolis, p. 356, Number 1008-869.

Alvis, E. S.	38, male, farmer, \$800 personal estate,	born AL
" Elizabeth	28, female, keeps house	born AL
" John H.	9, male	born AL
" Luke	9, male	born AL
" Ashley	79, male, farmer	born VA

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U.S. Census, 1880, Sumter Co., AL, Gaston Beat, p.363, Number 21-20.

Alvis, Elijah	50, male, farmer,	born AL, father born VA, mother born AL.
" As[h]ly	89, male, father,	born VA, father born VA, mother born VA.
" Elizabeth	39, female, wife,	keeping house, born AL, father born VA, mother born VA.
" Henry	18, male, son	born AL, father born AL, mother born AL.
" Lula	18, female, daughter,	born AL, father born AL, mother born AL.
" Sarah	7, female, daughter,	born AL, father born AL, mother born AL.



## DUKE ALLEN - WAR OF 1812 SOLDIER

On 6 April, Duke Allen, age 81, of "near Gainesboro," Jackson Co., Tennessee, deposed before Z. VanHooser, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, that he served as a soldier in the War of 1812. His pension application states that he enlisted at Greenville, South Carolina in Captain Robert P. Moore's Company, 3rd Regiment, "regular service of the United States" that he was honorably discharged at "Batonrouge," La 11 August 1817. "Applicant was in the U. S. Service for 5 years - was in the battle of 'Pensacola' 'Holy Ground' and various skirmishes with Indians, Discharge is on file in Pension office at Washington - Has received land Warrant." He further stated that he married Sally Langford 1 November 1820 but did not state where the marriage took place. He signed by mark. His deposition was witnessed by William M. Pickett and R. W. Allen, residents of Jackson Co., TN and was certified by Z. VanHooser, Circuit Court Clerk of the county.

U. S. Adjutant General's records show he served in Captain Clotard's Company, 3rd U.S. Infantry from 12 August 1812 to 11 August 1817.

His original discharge paper reads:

"To all whom it may concern. Know Ye that Duke Allen, a private of late Captain Isaach Baker's Company first regiment of Infantry - who was enlisted on the twelfth day of August, Eighteen hundred and twelve, to serve five years, is hereby Honorably Discharged from the Army of the United States, by reason of the expiration of his term of Enlistment.

Said Duke Allen was born in the State of South Carolina - is twenty-seven years of age - five feet, nine and an half inches high - blue eyes - dark hair, fair complexion - and by Occupation when enlisted - a Laborer.

Given at Baton-Rouge, in the State of Louisiana,  
this eleventh day of August 1817.

G. Bender Capt 3 Inf

Adj. & Insp. Gen. Off.

? WHAR ?

Major 1st Infy Com"

He was placed on the pension roll 5 November 1872, at the rate of \$8.00 per month, from 14 February 1871.

Enclosed with his pension file are the following letters:

United States Post Office  
Hilham, Tenn

Secretary of the Interior  
Pension Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in the war record of my grandfather, Duke Allen who served in the War of 1812, and under General Andrew Jackson. The reason I desire his record I am informed that the War Department is furnishing markers for the graves of soldiers of

all wars, and the marker at my grandfather's grave (is) defaced. He has been dead more than forty years. His wife was called Sallie.

If you will send the information requested above as he was a pensioner, I will take the matter up immediately with the War Department. My grandfather died sometime after I was grown up and had a family of my own, and if a marker is furnished I shall see that it is placed at his grave as soon as it arrives. The place is known where he was buried.

Yours very truly,  
L. A. Allen

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Rev. and 1812 Wars Section  
AWF:MLB. S.C 19581  
Duke Allen  
October 10, 1930

Mr. L. A. Allen  
Hilham, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

You are advised that it appears from the War of 1812 records of this bureau that Duke Allen was born in the State of South Carolina, no date given.

He enlisted in Greenville, South Carolina, August 12, 1812, and served as a private in captain Chotard's company in the Third Regiment of U. S. Infantry, and in Captain Isaac L. Baker's company of the First Regiment of U. S. Infantry; was in the battles of Pensacola and "Holy Ground." and in several skirmishes with the Indians and was discharged August 11, 1817, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 6, 1871, at which time he was living in Jackson County, Tennessee and aged eighty-one years.

The soldier married November 1, 1820 to Sally Langford.

There are no further data as to her, and no data relative to children.

Very truly yours  
E. W. Morgan  
Acting Commissioner

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National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Applications, SC-19581

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Signatures from the original application:

*Wm. M. Dickhaut*.....

*B. W. Allen*.....

*J. C. Harrison*.....

MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799 – 1803

Continued from Volume XIII, No. 4

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22, 1802.

P. (76). Robert Rowland appt. overseer of road from Walton's road to Sullivan's Ferry. Hands on Indian and Harricane Creek and Sullivan Bend work on this road.

Jurors who viewed, laid off and marked road report to court that they have laid off road beginning at Defeated Creek Hill on the Fort Blount road crossing Cumberland River near mouth of Buffalo Creek to intersect Walton road at head of Snow Creek.

Jury reported on road laid off from Charles Kavanaugh's intersecting road leading from Wm. Walton's at or near John Campbell's.

Isaac Moore appt. overseer of road from house of Charles Kavanaugh to Flat Rock Branch on Hickman's Creek. All hands living north of said branch including those on waters of Hickman's Creek between it and Bishop's road above said branch work on same.

Zadock Mchew appt overseer of road from mouth of (P. 77) Flat Rock Branch to a ford on Caney Fork near house of Thomas Smith. All hands on waters of Hickman Creek below mouth of said branch work on this road, except hands of Thomas Smith, Enos Harell and the two Purceys.

John Gordon appt. overseer of road from ford mentioned above to intersection with Walton's Road. Hands living in Snow Creek settlement and hands excepted above work on this road.

Willis Jones appt. overseer of road from Richard Banks ferry to house of William Kavanaugh to its intersection with road leading from Walton's road to the Big Spring. All hands on east side of this road to Cumberland River to include hands of Richard Banks work this road.

Present for 20 December 1802 County court: Peter Tourney, James Hibbitts and William Kavanaugh.

Thomas Wright resigned as constable.

Daniel Alexander was appt. constable.

William L. Alexander stock mark recorded.

William Martin resigned as overseer of roads; Godfrey Fowler was appt. in his place. Same hands work under him as worked under Martin.

P. (78). Report of jury who laid off road from Michael Murphy's to Daniel Witcher's (said Witcher moved his family) accepted.

Grand jury: Leonard Ballow, Abraham Brittan, Isham Beasley, Thomas Bowman, David Roran, Wm. Alexander, Daniel Hammock, Godfrey Fowler, Philip Day, Charles McMurry, David Cochran and Wm. Hankins. Jacob Turney appt. constable to attend them.

Deed 191 acres Wm. Saunders to James McClain recorded.

Deed 640 acres James Easten to Joseph Cruckhanks proven by oath of Thomas Dillion. Recorded.

800 acres Wm. Saunders to Alexander Lowry. Recorded.

John Caplinger resigned overseer of road. John Tuggle was appt. in his place with same hands.

John Caplinger permitted to build mill on Round Lick Creek on his and Harry Bradford's land. Charge customary rates.

Present at 21 December 1802: James Hibbits, Peter Turney, Elmore Douglass, John Lancaster and James Draper.

Inventory account of estate of James Wood, deceased, received.

Fine and cost incurred by Willie Sullivan for not attending as juror March Term was remitted.

Letter of attorney, Wm. Brice Fontvielle to Lee Sullivan.

Letter of Adm. Issued to Rhoda Powell on estate of Jesse Powell, deceased.

P. (79). Deed 280- acres Joseph Lawrence to John Warren proven by oath of Lee Sullivan. Registered.

Letter of attorney Wilson Cage to Lewis Davis.

Deed 130 acres John Murphy to Samuel Hughes proven by oath of Richard Brittain.

Deed 100 acres Henry W. Lawson to Barnchas Powell proven by oath of Silas Jernigan.

Deed 125 acres John Croslin to Freeman Burrow proven by oath of James Hibbitt.

James Cherry stock mark recorded.

Lee Sullivan appt. overseer of road from Williams to Sullivan's Ferry. Hands assigned to work below Hurricane Creek work under Sullivan.

Charles J. Love permitted to list his taxable property for 1802; paid tax.

Judd Strother and John Gordon value property under execution in Capt. Sullivan's Co.; Thomas Draper and Willeroy Pate value property under Capt. Pate's Co.; William Marchbanks and George Leeper in Capt Anderson's Co.

WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 1802. Present: James Hibbits, Lee Sullivan, John Looney, James Draper, James Gwin, William Kavanaugh.

Stock mark recorded for John Chambers.

P. (80). Stock mark recorded for Jesse Beasley.

Stock mark recorded for James Gwin.

In suit Nathaniel Ridley VS Reuben Ashburn, James Draper and Jesse Shoemake relieved the property attached acknowledged themselves as special bail.

To take list of taxable property for 1803: James Gwin for Capt. Casey's Co.; James Draper for Capt. Witcher's Co.; James Hibbits for Capt Gifford's Co.; John Patterson for Capt. Patterson's Co.; Tilman Dixon for Capt Matlock's Co.; Wm. Gregory for Capt. Settle's Co.; James Roberts for Capt. Pate's Co. and Capt Anderson's Co.; Lee Sullivan for Capt. Sullivan's Co.; John Lancaster for Capt. Fite's Co.; John Looney for Capt. Hays Co.; Charles Kavanaugh for Capt. Kavanaugh's Co.; William Kavanaugh for Capt.

Cotton's Co.; Elmore Douglas for Capt. Bishop's Co.; Peter Turnery for Capt. Samuel's Co.

Stock mark recorded for Godfrey Shaver.

Matthew Green fined \$31 and ¼ cent for profanely swearing in court.

Deed 50 acres John Sedgley to Henry Dancer proven by oath of Daniel Burford.

Recorded.

Bill of sale Jonas Dancer, Sr. to Jonas Dancer, Jr. proven by oath of Daniel Burford.

Recorded.

Bill of sale Jonas Dancer to Thomas Shoats and Manuel Hunter proven by oath of Daniel Burford.

P. (81). Deed of gift James Dancer to Henry Dancer's children proven by oath of Daniel Burford.

Following hands work under Daniel Alexander overseer: Elisha Oglesby, James Oglesby, Hugh Stephenson, Josiah Howell, Joel Holland, John Kenedy, Joseph Sullivan, Owen Sullivan, Isaac Sullivan, Thomas Larimore, Thomas Wembs. John Nichol, Richard Barner, Peter Starbuck.

Deed 100 acres Henry W. Lawson to John Shaver proven by oath of Godfrey Shaver. Registered.

Deed 150 acres Dan Williams to Andrew Johnson Kavanaugh proven by oath of James Scoby and John Baker witnesses. Registered.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1802. Present: James Gwin, Elmore Douglass, James Draper and Nathaniel Brittian.

Will of John Payne, deceased, proven by oath of Peter Turney; swore that he saw Thomas Farris witness on note on back of will subscribed by Peter Hudspeth. Peter Turney and Edward Farris qualified as executors.

Reuben Hall bound to Joel Dyer until age twenty-one – he is about six years old. Dyer agreed to teach him blacksmithing (P. 82) and have him learn to read, write and cypher as far as the Rule of three and to give him a set of Blacksmith tools when he is free.

Vallentine Balliff, now about 16 years old, bound to Andrew Greer until he is 21 years old. Greer obliged himself to give Vallentine Balliff sixty-six dollars and 2/3 and a good saddle and bridle and freedom clothes and a good English education.

Margaret Hall, age about 9 years, was bound to Isaac Johns until she is 18.

John Jenkins appt. overseer on road of which Henry Huddleston was late overseer. Same hands work under Jenkins as worked under Huddleston with addition of Francis Caps and Wm. Richards.

Voted to accept report of jury who viewed and marked road from line between Smith and Sumner County and on Ridge between Goose Creek and Barren waters to Tandy Witcher's. Stephen Montgomery appt. overseer to open and keep road in repair. All hands living on said ridge below where Fort Blount road crosses the ridge work under Montgomery.

Wm. Marchbanks and Wm. Caldhooon appt. overseers to open and keep a road as laid out down Martin's Creek to Williamson's Ferry until it intersects Sullivan's road. All hands on waters of Martin's Creek work under them.

P. (83). FRIDAY DECEMBER 24, 1802. Present: James Hibbits, Elmore Douglass, Wm. Kavanaugh.

Wm. L. Alexander, Isham Beasley, Anthony Samuel, be patrons in Capt. Samuels Co. Charles I. Love was fined \$5 for not attending as a juror at present term.

Wm. Haglan appt. overseer of road from Snow Creek on Caney Fork road to Charles Kavanaugh's that Zachariah Ford, Wm. Thrumman and Wm Shoemake hands work under Haglan.

*Veni fa.* To ensuing court: Benjamin Clark, Solomon Harpole, Heschiah Woodard, Robert Dugan, Edward James, David Looney, Jeremiah Taylor, Richard Brittain, Job Bass, James Hunter, Robert Ward, James W. Wright, Harris Bradford, Andrew Greer, Wm. Martin, Vincent Ridley, Wm. Douglass, Phillip Sutton, Elisha Oglesby, George McWhitter, Benjamin Barton, Henry Tooley, Frederick Turner, John Barkley, Wm. Perry, John Rankins, James Gibson, Micurm Henry, Isham Beasley, Wm. Stalcup, Grant Allen, Jeffrey Sutton, John Johnson of E. Goose Creek, John Rutherford, Franics Patterson and Wilson Cage.

Mathew Payne, Enos Harrold, Wm. Lancaster, Thomas Smith, John Reece, Robert Smith and Mathew Harper, were appt. jurors to view and lay off a road from mouth of Caney Fork to Lancaster Mill and make report to next court.

Deed 70 acres Samuel Shaw to Thomas Smith proven by oath of James Birmingham as witness.

John Gordon and Benjamin Holland approved to appraise estate of James Wood, deceased and return to ensuing court.

P. (84). Wm. Walton issued letters of admr. on estate of Elizabeth Hall, dec.

Stock marks recorded for Wm. Hargis and John Brevard.

Wm. Martin, Edward Settles and Thomas Draper appt. commissioners to divide lands of Wm. Young, Dec. between heirs and to lay off 1/3 for widow.

Moses Hart allowed \$1 per day for care of Griffin West, a pauper until Dr. Wilson Yandle signifies a less sum sufficient.

Received sheriff's report for taxable property but not returned for taxation for 1802: John Smith, 1280 acres Round Lick Creek; Peter Black 640 acres, Round Lick Creek; Robert Williamson 274 acres, Mulherins Creek; David Shelton 960 acres, Round Lick Creek; Daniel Anderson 640 acres, Mulherins Creek; Col. Gideon Lamb 5000 acres, Round Lick Creek; John Ford 1560 acres, Round Lick Creek; Samuel Love 1508 acres, Round Lick Creek; Robert King 640 acres, joining south and east boundaries of 1000 acres known as Harts land; Joshua Hadley 640 acres, Round Lick Creek; Wm. Hay 2500 acres, Clendening Creek; Francis Childs 3840, Caney Fork; Wm. Fereby 3060; John Allen 3560, Caney Fork; Stephen Lyn 100 acres; Thomas Campbell 274; Robert Douglas

2560; Archibald F/Tetz 1000 acres; John Law 640; Baker Archer 640; Wm. Russell 640; Jacob Adams 640; Robert Reddin 640 (P. 85) Redmond D. Barry 428 acres Salt Lick Creek, 640 Martin's Creek, 640 Martin's Creek, 640 Indian Creek, 1000 acres South side of Cumberland River; John Hall 2560 acres South side Cumberland River. Copy of aforesaid reported lands be sent to Knoxville to be published twice in the *Knoxville Gazette and Tennessee Gazette*

In addition to his other hands, hands of Dyer Fork, Andrew Greer and Wm. Turnbull, Wm Short, Wm. Cearley, John Barr and George Kirkland work under John Johnson Hatten.

Other hands as Nathaniel Brittan furnish Hatten with his hands.

MARCH 21, 1803. Present: Elmore Douglass, Lee Sullivan, Tilman Dixon.

Deed 220 acres Wm. Sullivan to George Leeper by oath of Lee Sullivan.

Deed 240 acres Henry King to Moses Jones proven by oath of John Lovelady.

Deed 1340 acres Samuel Parker to John Bilingsley proven by oath of Sampson Williams.

Deed 100 acres Joseph Collens to Solomon Thomas proven by oath of Thomas Allen. P. (86). Grand jury members: Wm. Stalcup, Benjamin Barton, Elisha Oglesby, Heschiah Woodard, Isham Beasley, Harris Bradford, John Rutherford, Frederick Tarver, James Gibson, John Barclay, Henry Tooley, foreman, David Looney and James Hunter. Daniel Alexander sworn as constable to attend them.

Deed 169 ½ acres Joseph Collens to Thomas Allen, proven by James Kitching.

Deed 41 ¾ acres Maj. John Young to Jacob Kenedy by oath of Lee Sullivan.

Deed 220 acres Joshua Knowlton to Wm. Kelton proven by Stephen Montgomery and George Anderson.

Deed 320 acres Joshua Knowlton to Wm. Granade proven by George Anderson.

Deed 424 acres Edward Harris to Stephen Montgomery proven by George Anderson.

Deed 240 acres, Henry Gamble to Booker Bradford proven by Joseph Pait.

Deed 60 acres Joseph Fan to Joseph Gifford proven by oath of Jabz Gifford.

Deed 120 acres John L Martin to Willis P. Ellis, registered.

Stock marks recorded for William Stephenson, John Lovin Maxy, Wm. Stalcup and Solomon Harpole.

Samuel Donelson county solicitor resigned; Wm. Smith, attorney was appt.

P. (87) Appt. Martin Young overseer to open and maintain road laid off from Daniel Witchers to Aaron Laws; hands adjacent thereto work under Young.

Lewis Pipkin appt overseer to open and maintain that part of road laid off by jury from Daniel Witcher's to State line near Peter King's. Overseer begin at Aaron Laws and work to State line. All hands adjacent thereto work under him.

Thomas Draper was appt. overseer of road from Pleasant Kearby's to Tandy Witcher's. All hands living on the East fork of Salt Lick Creek and Wartrace Creek work under Draper.

Late order of court for viewing and marking a road from County line near the Wartrace Creek to cross Cumberland River at mouth of Wartrace Creek and up this creek until it intersects the road leading from Fort Blount to Witcher's at most convenient place was received.

Jarrot Wright had his stock mark recorded.

Overseer Richard Taylor resigned; James Birmingham appt.

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 1803. Present: Elmore Douglass, James Hibbits and James Draper.

Deed 113 acres John Croslin to Edward James proven by James Hibbits.

Deed of gift Edward Bromfield to John Bromfield, Thason Bromfield, Elizabeth Bromfield, Mary Bromfield proven by oath of John Dickson.

P. (88). Daniel Alexander overseer resigned; Wm. L. Alexander was appointed in his place. All hands who worked under Daniel work under Wm.

John Lovelady and Andrew Jones issued letters of admn. on estate of Moses Jones, Jr. and Moses Jones, Sr. Returned an inventory of the estates.

Deed 156 acres James Mulherin to Herny Tooley proven by oath of Elisha Oglesby.

Thomas Master, collector of Direct Tax for 8<sup>th</sup> Collection District, State of Tennessee to Wm. P. Anderson for 640 acres proven by oaths of Gerge Smith and Henry Bradford.

1000 acres sold by Thomas Master, collector of Direct Tax for 8<sup>th</sup> Collection Dist. To Wm. P. Anderson and Henry Bradford proved by oath of George Smith.

640 acres Thomas Master to Henry Bradford proved by oath of George Smith.

Landy Shoemake and John Jenkins permitted tavern license to keep an ordinary at their dwelling house rated agreeable to court.

Daniel Draper resigned his appt. as constable.

Harvey Johns appt. constable bond made by Benjamin Johns and Willis Jones.

Grand jury returned a bill of indictment against (P. 89) Mathew Greer "a true bill."

Moses Hart given \$16 for care of Griffin West and Amos Freeman \$11 for care of West for 11 days.

Josiah Payne resigned as overseer, Jesse Johnson appt. in his place.

John Williamson permitted to keep a ferry at mouth of Martin's Creek; received customary rates for ferrying.

Wm. Sullivan, Sr. made bond and security for ferry at mouth of Buffaloe Creek.

Peter Turney filed an inventory of estate of John Payne, Deceased.

Deed 270 acres Wm. Saunders to Garrett Wright acknowledged.

Mathew Harper permitted to build a grist mill on Hickman Creek on his own land, charge customary rates.

John Hallum's deposition recorded.

119 acres John Barkley to Wm. Persy registered.

Abram Gregory, Thomas R. Short, Harvey Johns appt. constables.

To be continued.



## CIVIL DISTRICT 3, ROAD ORDERS

*A small, unlabeled ledger in the Archives contains a few notations relating to orders to overseers of roads in specific areas of the third District of Smith County. All of the entries are dated March 1, 1882. Following the name of the appointed overseer is a list of those men, presumed to be property owners, responsible for labor on the road. The order specifies that "all hands on his premises" shall also contribute to the roadwork.*

## Duplicate Road Order to A. H. Brim

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district of Smith County A. H. Brim was appointed overseer on the road from Riddleton to Rome, running from pike at Riddleton to 12<sup>th</sup> civil district line and branch roads as follows from the pike to High's Landing and Henry's barn to Wm. Martin's, to which the following hands are assigned:

Branch High	Wm. Royster	C. D. High	Chas. Tunstall
Henry Beasley	Martha Oldham	W. D. Pope	J. T. Dillehay
Geo. Bradley	C. Gammons	C. C. Rol	
in	Jas. Oldham		
Geo. & Henry Beal	Wm. Mince	L. W. Key	Wm. Stott
Chas. Royster	Mrs. Ballow	Ike Duncan, col.	Wm. Martin
E. T. Bowls	J. M. Freed, hands	S. B. Chambers, heirs	Lee Cage
Caleb Carmen	Thos. Grisham	A. C. Belk	Jas. Martin
John Cage	J. N. Henry	Mrs. Stanford	A. A. Brim
Nathaniel Cage	Jas. Bowman	Chas. Bowman	Henry Allen
Thos. Maxey	N. B. Duke	Monroe Bradley	Mrs. Culbreath

Lafayette Culbreath, and all other hands not mentioned that are within the bounds of your road.

Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, John R. Wright, Commissioners

## Duplicate Order for Overseer Jas. Hazzard

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district Smith Co., James Hazzard was appointed overseer for year 1882 on the road from Bradley's old Horse Mill to Geo. Payne's and road running from creek beginning at corner of J. M. Freed's field and running to Dixon Springs and Rome beyond J. M. Freed's residence to which the following hands are assigned:

Hugh Bradley farm	H. L. Beasley	Freed & Maxey	Ward Ballow
J. R. Wright	B. F. Chambers	Isham & Jerry Duke	Araminta Duke
Green Duke	Geo. Payne	Wm. Cox	

and all other hands within bounds of said road.

Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, J. R. Wright, Commissioners

## Duplicate Overseer Order to Dan J. Moss

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district Smith Co., D. J. Moss was appointed overseer on the road from Mase's Hill to the pike near Merryman's to which the following hands are assigned:

X. B. & Wm. B. Haynie	Jas. P. Merryman	W. T. & H. J. Bradley	Thos Dies
J. W. Duffey	Sallie Grubbs	Haynie farm	Benj. Wilborn
Alfred Winkler	Jas. Burris	Hands on Young farm	on the pike

And all other hands within bounds of said road.

Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, John R. Wright, Commissioners

## Duplicate Order Issued to J. P. Bowman, Overseer

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district Smith Co., J. P. Bowman was appointed overseer on Bowman's Branch road and branches as follows from pike to intersection of Mase's Hill road beyond J. W. Duffey's and Davis branch about 1 mile to which the following hands are assigned:

W. B. Davis	W. B. Perkins	John Gregory	Sarah Nixon
Miss Paralle Taylor	J. R. Brim	W. S. Brim	Rolin Kindred
Wm. Miller	Ed Miller	J. P. Bowman	T. J. Bradley
Cosby's Lands	Wm. H. Bradley	Thos. Miller	Martin Miller
Mrs. Mary Cosby	W. W. Ferguson	and all other hands within bounds of said road.	

Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, John R. Wright, Commissioners

## Duplicate Overseer's Order to Jas. T. Cox

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district Smith Co., Jas. T. Cox was appointed overseer on Dixon Springs and Rome road to junction with Riddleton and Rome road at Mrs. Culbrath's also that part of road running from pike to Cedar Bluff, viz beginning near branch that crosses road between R. H. Burford and George Allen and running to Trousdale Co. line near branch crossing road between R. H. Burford and Rom C. Wright, to which the following hands are assigned:

R. C. Wright	W. W. Jenkins, lands in Smith Co.	Alvin Cardwell
Geo. M. Allen	L. C. Alexander	John C. Cox
Jas. Lescuer	O. P. Grace	Col Cox
W. T. Williams	Jas. P. Lovell	H. T., J. L., C. G. Debow
B. S. Turner	Fletcher Bransford	D. H. Bradley
J. L. Alexander	R. Alexander, heirs	John & Joe Bradley
		John Tunstall
		G. W. Rose

And all other hands within bounds of said road.

Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, John R. Wright

Duplicate Overseer's Order Delivered to D. Burford

At a meeting of the commissioners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> road district of Smith Co., D. Burford was appointed overseer on the Dixon Springs and Mase's Hill road and branch roads as follows: from Dixon Springs to top of Mase's Hill and Scanty Branch road to the county line and road up Dixon Creek to the county line. The following hands are assigned to you:

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| Wm. Rose          | John J. Richmond  | Chas. Goad                      | Samuel Oldham    |
| Benj. Towns       | Edward Towns  | Geo. W. Bennett                 | Jesse Smith farm |
| John Bell Winkler | A. C. Ballow  | Phineas Mase                    | Mrs. Royster     |
| J. H. Young       | Except Jim Burris land's                                  |                                 | Robt. Wilborn    |
| J. W. Lovell      | D. Burford  | Censor Bradley's place on creek |                  |
| John Seay         | H. S. Crain   | G. T. Rose                      | W. W. Chambers   |
| Julia Williams    | D. H. Bradley   | John E. Stephens                | J. D. Allen      |
| Cross premises    | D. C. Black and all hands within the bounds of your road. |                                 |                  |
- Signed: G. D. Alexander, J. M. Freed, John R. Wright, commissioners

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Charter of Incorporation of the *Caney Fork Bridge Corporation*, E. M. McDonald, William Gwaltney, John E. Gold, J. G. Gold, and H. P. Dowell – body politic for the purpose of building and maintaining a toll bridge across said river one fourth (1/4) mile above the Trousdale Ferry.  
25 June 1901, Recorded in Nashville 10 July 1901  
Registered Smith County, Tennessee 15 July 1901

[Ed. Note: This is the unique old Stonewall Bridge that has been condemned for many years but continues to stand on its rusted old girders.]

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A. FITE  
7<sup>TH</sup> TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
C. S. A.  
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Our brigade was just to the right of Gettysburg. We marched across a big branch and through a skirt of timber, and we struck the Yankees just after going through that timber in the edge of the wheat field. We turned the Yankees back some distance and the first thing I knew the Federals had attacked our right wing and turned it back and we fell back two or three hundred yards. There was no more fighting that day, at that point. The next day we moved to the right of where we were, perhaps a mile, and turned the Yankees back some distance, and the whole army stopped. We spent the night there, in line of battle. (Little Round Top)

The next morning General Lee massed his artillery in front of where we were and for an hour or two the grandest commanding of the world took place. We had at least 100 pieces of artillery firing there for an hour or two, then we were ordered to advance. The whole army was ordered forward. We had about a quarter of a mile to go up to a tolerable steep hillside, not a bush on it. We were attached that day to General Picket's division, I never did know why. We marched up the hill under heavy fire. There was a sand stone fence right on the top of the hill, Cemetery Ridge. My command was on the left of the fence, which came running at an angle down the hill. (The Angle) I had two fences to cross on the Emmetsberg road. About one-half of my men never got over the first fence and not more than fifty of us got across the last fence.

When I crossed the last fence, the enemy was getting ready to fall back, seemed to be, but just after we crossed the fence, a fresh command was put in on the Yankee side, and what wasn't shot down of our crowd fell down. We were about 40 or 50 yards from the enemy's line.

While I was lying there on the ground, the Yankees kept shooting, and they threw dirt all over me. I expected every minute to be shot. When they stopped shooting, they jumped from the rock fences and came down to where we were. Colonel N. J. George of the first Tennessee regiment was about ten feet to my right. A fellow ran up to him and told him to hand up his sword. George told him he preferred to surrender to a commissioned officer. With an oath he told him to hand up his sword or he would put a bayonet through him.

About that time a fellow came up to me, he was a private. He said, "You are my prisoner." I told him I recognized that fact. I asked him if he wanted my sword. He said, "I'll take you up and let you surrender to my officer." He asked my name and my regiment and he carried me up and very formerly introduced me to Major Elliot 14 Conn.

Regiment. I handed him my sword, but I didn't think about my scabbard. He said, "I'll take that scabbard too." I told him alright, he was perfectly welcome to it, I didn't have any further use for the damn thing nohow. He put me and George in charge of a fellow to take us back to the rear. By time our artillery had opened up on them and they blew up a caisson right close to where George and I were.

I had a little flask of whiskey. I pulled it off and I said, "George, let's take a drink to the health of them boys down yonder." George said, "I never do drink, but I'll take a drink with you on that." Our guard broke and run, said "Come on they'll kill you." We took a drink and then went on back just behind an old barn and stopped there a little while, they then started us back to the rear. There was an officer in charge of us then. I had on a watch and it had a Masonic cross on the little strap that I had it tied on with. The officer that had charge of us saw it and said that he was a Mason and he'd like to have that as a souvenir to remember me by. I told him he could take it by force but he couldn't get it otherwise that I'd forgotten all about the thing.

He carried us back down the hill and put us in a little field, it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July and hottest day I think I ever saw. They had three or four thousand of our people there in that little field. We were nearly starved to death for water. Late in the evening they ordered a line of Yankees, and marched us back 100 or 200 yards to the creek. Yankee soldiers were there, cavalry, washing their old sore back horses in the creek and every other sort of filth that ever I saw at a place, but we had to drink it or drink nothing. They then put us back in the field. While I was sitting on a little stump, the fellows were sitting around and standing around everywhere, old General Kilpatrick in command of the Yankee cavalry, rode up close to the fence, and hollered out, "Attention Prisoners." If you behave yourselves and don't try to get away, I will treat you as prisoners of war, but if you attempt to escape, I'll order my cavalry to charge right and left, and mow you down." Some fool prisoner hollered out, "Three cheers for Jeff Davis." And you never heard such a yell of earth. The old general rode off.

About sun down they had a great pile of corn bread and meat, and marched us by, and allowed every fellow to take a piece of meat, and a piece of bread. Some time after night we were ordered out, going to take us to the railroad, and ship us. My wounded leg had given out and I couldn't make it. I told an officer in command I couldn't walk any further, Colonel George told him he was sick and he couldn't travel. He sent me and George back and we spent the night and the next day at that place. Only a part of the prisoners were started the first night.

Next night they started us again. I suppose I walked about a couple of miles and I stopped and sat down. The officer in command rode up and ordered me and George on. I told him I had a wounded leg and it had given out and I couldn't walk. He said if we'd give him our parole that we wouldn't try to escape he would put us in the wagon and let us ride. He put us in the wagon loaded with empty cracker boxes and put two guards in there with us.

Sometime during the night, we reached a little town on the railroad and when we got there it was pouring down rain. Our guards took us into a hotel, and we lay down at the foot of the stairway in a hall and the next morning the proprietor came along and said to these guards, "What in the Hell are you doing in here with these damned Rebels?" They told him that it was raining when they got there and they didn't think it would be doing any harm to come in there and lay there until morning and get out of the rain. He said, "You take them out of there." One of the guards told him, "Well, I'll do it, and when I take them over yonder where they belong, then I am coming back here and whip you." They took us over there and turned us into a pen where there was a whole lot of prisoners. When I got inside the gate, it was right at a house, a party of Federal officers were on the porch. Colonel George said he was going to see if he could find any of his men in there.

While I was standing there, one of those Yankee colonels invited me to come in out of the rain. It was pouring down rain then. Those Yankee officers were waiting for breakfast. One of them asked me if I wouldn't like to have a drink. I told him I was wet and chilly I believed I would. He set out his liquor and I took a drink with him. They asked me if I didn't want to wash my face and hands and comb my hair. I said that I did. I took a wash and combed my head. Soon breakfast was announced and they invited me into breakfast with them and I went in and had it with them.

That evening they moved us from on the side of the hill to just above the railroad. That night they put us in box cars, there was more than a thousand of us, and took us near Baltimore and dumped us. Next morning I was walking around there, close to one of the officers tents, and he invited me to come in and have a drink with him. I very readily accepted. After while they started with us into the city of Baltimore. I was at the head of the column, right along with me was a fellow. He was a wagon master belonging to some Alabama command.

They marched us up, first one street and then down another, showing us off. Every once in a while this fool wagon master would holler out, and say, "Look this way and see General Longstreet and his staff." I told him several times to shut his fool mouth and finally I told him if he hollered that again I'd knock him down. The side walks were full of people. They finally marched us around in front of a hotel. Some of the fellows up in the hotel gallery were making a speech to the crowd. Finally they moved us down to Ft. McHenry where they had some long barracks.

When we had been there a while, I asked an officer who was in charge, if he'd let me go down in the bay and take a bath. I had on a little grey roundabout and a check cotton shirt. I concluded I'd wash my shirt, and I did wash it, and it floated around on top of the water. When I let it loose, the first thing I knew it sunk. The water I was in was about three or four feet deep and it took me some time to find it. When I came out I squeezed the water out of it, as well as I could and put it on.

When I went back to the barracks there was a civilian there, and he commenced talking to me, and told me he was a Rebel sympathizer. I told him that I knew some fellows in Baltimore, some fellows that I'd done business for, the firm that I did business for was Woodward, Baldwin & Company. I asked him to see the firm and request one of them to come down there. He said that General Archer, my Brigadier General, was over in the Fort which was a much more comfortable place than that barracks, and he'd go and see if he couldn't get me sent over to the Fort with General Archer. He went off and was gone some time, and when he come back, he brought a bottle of whiskey, and said the General wanted to see me and carried me into a tent that was standing close by the barracks. When we got in there, he said it was General "Whiskey" wanted to see me and pulled out the bottle. About the time we took a drink, it was a Lieutenant by the name of Smith's tent, he came in and ordered us out. I went into the barracks and it wasn't long until night come on. Colonel George and I lay down on a plank not a bit of cover over us, or under us, we never had a blanket or anything. I laid my bottle up at the head of my bunk and some old Reb stole it.

After we had been there some time, I don't know how long, a fellow came in there with a lantern looking around, and finally came to me and said, "You are the fellow I am looking for." I didn't doubt that he'd come to take me over to the Fort. I said, "Can't Colonel George come too?" He said, "No, sir, you are all I want." When I stepped out of the door, I stepped in between four soldiers, still thinking I was going to the Fort. I said, you don't need any guard to take me over. We started and instead of going to the Fort he carried me down into a room of a long brick house. It was an office of some sort.

When we got in there, there was a fellow standing up at the desk, and he asked me a great many questions, all of which I answered correctly. He finally turned around and addressed General Reynolds, who was in there, said. "There ain't a bit of doubt about it." I said, "Gentlemen, if you will just me what you want to know, I will tell you, I have nothing to conceal. I've violated no rules of civilized warfare, that I know of." The fellow that had been questioning me said, "We will find out what we want." Another fellow commenced questioning me then, what command I belonged to, and where I'd been, etc. After he got through with his examination, there were three officers there with old Reynolds, and they were talking among themselves, I didn't know what they said. They gave this guard that had charge of me some instructions, and he told me to come on and go with him.

We walked out the door, and down to the far end of the house, and he turned me into a room. There was about 60 Federal prisoners in there, everyone of them had a ball and chain on. I got over in one corner of the room and stood there the live long night. One of these Yankee prisoners asked me if I'd killed a woman. I said, "No." He said, "Damn you, you've killed an officer then." I said, "No, not unless I've killed him in battle." I had a little derringer pistol in my pocket. I took that in my hand and determined if those Yankees attacked me, to kill one of them.

The next morning about sunup the Yankee guard came through and called me out, and took me around to the front of the house to a room above. A fellow followed me up the steps. He had some meat and bread and a camp kettle. He gave me a tin cup and filled it up full of coffee, told me he'd be back for the cup directly. There was in the room a Captain of a steamer, and his officers. Captain came up to me and told me to throw that stuff in the slop bucket. I told him I couldn't afford it, I was hungry. He said, "Throw it in, I've plenty of everything good to eat." I threw it in. He then asked me if I didn't want to wash my face and hands. He furnished me a bowl and pitcher and water. I washed, then he asked me if I ever drank anything. I told him I didn't think I'd ever failed to take a drink when I had the chance. He set out his liquor and white sugar. I poured out a moderate drink. He said, "Take all you want, I've got plenty and can get more." I took a big one. He then had his man to get me out some breakfast. He had oysters and turkey and shoat, and everything that was good. I ate a hearty meal. The Captain was Captain of Vessels they charged with trying to run the blockade.

Not long after breakfast Mr. Woodward came down to the office, and they sent for me. I talked to him and he asked me if there was anything he could do for me. I told him I'd like very much to have a couple of shirts, and a couple of pairs of drawers, and two pairs of socks, and a hat. He said that he would very gladly furnish me with anything that the government would allow him to. He went off and sent me down what I asked for. I've always felt like kicking myself, that I didn't ask him for something else especially some little money.

I don't think we stayed there but a day or two, and then took a boat for Ft. Delaware and went through the Chesapeake Delaware Canal, stopped at Ft. Delaware. They put me and all the prisoners in the barracks that first day we got there. The next day they moved all the officers up into the third story of the Fort. A day or two after we'd been up there, General Sheef who was in command of the Fort, came up where we were. Up into our room, talking to us, and talked mighty clever, said he was sorry he wasn't allowed to do more for us than he was. He said that he never allowed his prisoners to be robbed by anybody. I said, "General they robbed me when I came here." He asked me what they took from me. I told him they took a silk sash, a little flask, and a pair of silver spurs. He asked me when I came there. I told him and he had one of his staff with him. He told him to go and see who examined the prisoners that night and tell him he'd better send up those things. The fellow came back after a while, he had them all except on of my spurs. The General asked me if that was all they took from me. I said he only brought back one spur. He told the fellow to go back and tell that fellow if he didn't send that other spur back there he'd put him where the dogs couldn't bite him. He soon came back with it.

About the time the General was getting ready to leave us, I said, "General, you are a German and so am I, and you know a Dutchman can't live without his beer, He said, "That's so." And asked if we had any paper and pen and ink in there. We got him out some pen and ink and paper. He ordered this fellow that he had with him to write a permit for me to buy two gallons of beer a day and gave me that paper.



Several of the fellows along had money and they gave me some money, and we had a big tin bucket there. I borrowed a fellow's overcoat. The sutler's shop was out on the Island. I started out and there was a fellow at the door, he said, "Where are you going?" I said, "I'm going out to the sutler's shop." He said, "No, you ain't." I said, "If you are a bigger man than General Sheef, I can't go," and handed him my paper. He told me to go on. I went on down to the first story and there was another guard, and he refused to let me go through. I showed him my paper. When I got down to the bottom, there was a Lieutenant there. I showed him my paper. He said, "It's damn strange that Sheef would let you go out of here," said, "I am going to send a guard with you." I told him I didn't object. The guard and I went out then to the sutler's shop.

It was built out of poles and didn't have a window in it. All the light there was from the door. When we got in there was three or four Yankees standing there. I said, "Boys, won't you all have a beer?" They said, "Yea, and came up and we all took a beer. I commenced buying sausage and cheese and crackers and sardines. I filled ever pocket I had full of something. About that time a fellow came to the door, poked his head in, said "Where's that damn Johnny Reb?" I said "Here I am" and he said, "The General never intended for you to come out here, he meant for you to send your bucket out." I said, "Well, I didn't know that. Come in and take a beer with me, and we'll then go back." He came in and took another beer. I had the fellow draw my bucket full and I went back to the Fort and after that I had to send my bucket out.

We remained there but a few days longer when we started for Johnson's Island. They sent us by Cincinnati, I don't know why, it was way out of the way. When we got to Cincinnati the train stood there some time at the depot. They had a guard on the outside of the car. A great many people came there looking at us. There was one fellow standing among the balance, he was red handed, asked me if I didn't want something to eat. I told him I did. He went off and was gone a few minutes and when he came back I saw he had a bundle in his hand, and when the guard turned his back, he pitched it into the car window. It was a whole chicken, a piece of cheese and some bread.

We went on then to Johnson's Island. When we got to Sandusky they carried us into a boat landing and put all on the boat that the boat would carry, and carried us over to Johnson's Island, a little over four miles from Sandusky. We got there a little after dark, they examined us before they turned us into prison. I had a silver watch and a little pistol I dropped them down on the ground while they were examining some other prisoners, put one foot on one, and the other foot on the other. After he came along and examined me, I picked them up.

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- 26 Mrs R. Brown Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Jesse Kerr and  
Mrs Gandy all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 27 John Gared Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Mrs Conner and  
Mrs Huddleston all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 28 William Gared Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Jesse Kerr and  
Mrs R. Brown all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 29 Mrs Huddleston Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Gared and  
Mrs Conner all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 30 Josiah Gared Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties John Gared and  
William J. Brown all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee
- 31 Ralston B. Huddleston Sold  
Bond \$6000  
Sureties Mrs Huddleston and  
Mrs Conner all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 32 Calvin Crook of <sup>White Co</sup> Put Sold  
Bond \$6000  
Sureties Mrs Conner and  
John Gared all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 33 Richard Pippen Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Thomas Scarlett and  
Mrs Pipperton all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 34 Curtis Mills Sold  
Bond \$6000  
Sureties William Pipperton and  
George Bullington all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 35 Isaac Buck Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Mrs Pipperton and  
Curtis Mills all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 36 Mrs Pipperton Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Richard Pipperton  
Thomas Scarlett all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee
- 37 Benj J. Jones Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Curtis Mills and  
Mrs Pipperton all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

38 Thomas Scarlitt. Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Richard Pepin  
and Mrs. Phipps all of  
Putnam Co. Tennessee

39 George Bullington Co.  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Thomas Layve  
and Richard Pepin all  
of Putnam Co. Tennessee  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

40 Anthony McCarver Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Sim<sup>o</sup> b. Williams of  
Smith Co and James R. Roberts  
of Jackson Co Tennessee

41 Robert Colton Co.  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Hazenbert McCarver  
and Mrs. R. Colton all of Macon  
Co Tennessee

42 Thomas Jackson Co.  
Bond \$100  
Sureties Nathan Davison  
and John Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

43 John S. Jackson. Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Nathan Davison and  
Charles Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

44 E. S. Jackson Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Nathan Davison  
and Thomas R. Billingsley all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

45 Silas Jackson Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Charles Jackson  
and John S. Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

46 Thomas R. Billingsley Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Silas R. Jackson  
and Charles Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

47 William H. Top Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Charles Jackson  
and Jesse W. Chambers all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

48 Charles Jackson Co.  
Bond \$100  
Sureties Thomas Billingsley  
and John S. Jackson all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

49 James Coatsby Co.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties J. A. Harper and John  
L. Clinton all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

50 Joseph Rodgers Co.  
Bond

50 Dale Carter <sup>of Jackson</sup> Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties John Johnson of  
Jackson and Woody Decisor  
of Putnam Co Tennessee

51 John L. Clinton Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James A. Harper and  
James Goolsby all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

52 Woody C. Denson of Putnam Co Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Dale Carter and  
John Johnson all of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

53 John Johnson Cit  
Bond Dale \$500  
Sureties Woody Carter of Jackson  
and Woody Decisor of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

54 Wm. Steahler Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Mark Goolsby and  
Levi Goolsby all of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

55 William Rodgers Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties James Rodgers and James  
A. Harper all of Putnam Co Tenn

56 Levi Goolsby of Putnam Co Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Mark Goolsby and  
Marion Johnson all of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

57 Joseph W. Hoken Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties James Roberts and  
William Roberts all of Jackson  
County Tennessee

58 Claiborne Rodgers Cit  
Bond \$100  
Sureties William Steahler  
and James Hopkins all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

59 James Johnson Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Marion Johnson and  
John Johnson all of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

60 James Willis of Smith Co Cit  
Bond \$100  
Sureties John Gamm and  
Macon and Stephen Griffin  
of Smith Co Tennessee

61 Richard Ultes Cit  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties David L. Taylor  
and William Ultes all of Macon  
Co Tennessee

62 William Ultes of Macon Co Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties John G. Gamm and  
Joseph M. Pelouet all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

63 Joseph W. Cloud of Macon Co Cit  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties John Gamm of Smith  
Co and Richard Ultes of Macon  
Co Tennessee

64. Bennett Curtis Cit. 5000  
Bond  
Sureties Hugh Welch and  
Richard Welch all of Macon  
Co Tennessee

65 Stephen Griffin Cit. 2000  
Bond  
Sureties David S. Taylor and  
James Willis all of Macon  
Tennessee

66 James Harper Sold 500  
Bond  
Sureties James Hopkins and  
John S. Ginton all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

67 John G. Cannon of Smith Co Cit. 2000  
Bond  
Sureties David S. Taylor and  
Richard Welch all of Macon  
Co Tennessee

68 George Fisher of DeKalb Co Cit. 3000  
Bond  
Sureties Thomas Hickson and  
Joseph Malone of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

69 D. S. Taylor Cit. 2000  
Bond  
Sureties Richard Welch  
and Stephen Griffin all of  
Macon Co Tennessee

70 James Hopkins of Putnam Sold 500  
Bond  
Sureties James Hopkins and  
Putnam Co and Marion Johnson  
of Jackson Co Tennessee  
December 21, 1863

71 J. M. Goolsby Cit. 500  
Bond  
The Stakler and Levi Goolsby  
all of Jackson Co Tennessee

72 James Rodgers Sold 100  
Bond  
Sureties The Rodgers and C. Rodgers  
all of Putnam Co Tennessee

73 Marion Johnson of Jackson Co Sold 500  
Bond  
Sureties Levi Goolsby and  
James Hopkins both of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

74 James H. Harper of Putnam Sold 500  
Bond  
Sureties J. M. Goolsby and  
Wm. Stakler both of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

75 Rolland Thompson Sold 2000  
Bond  
Sureties Gilbert Thompson  
and Henry Thompson all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

76 James Hopkins of Putnam Sold 500  
Bond  
Sureties Marion Johnson and  
Wm. Stakler both of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

77 Henry Thompson Sold 2000  
Bond  
Sureties Gilbert Thompson and  
Rolland Thompson all of Putnam  
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Dear Friends,

Looking back to summer I can report that news around the county has been encouraging! We are winning some battles to preserve our wonderful architectural (and engineering) history. No fights are over yet but the signs are optimistic.

Although our interest constitutes the most direct help that we give as a Society I am thrilled at efforts of groups organized to put effort toward their own single, specific preservation issue.

All three groups that I follow are moving toward success. In Dixon Springs, out in Beasley's Bend-Rome area and at the Caney Fork river the skirmishes for history are winning.

The group in Dixon Springs scored a fundraising triumph with an ice cream social in July under arching trees facing historic Peoples' Bank and the old postoffice. Visitors from Smith and Trousdale counties reminisced about early days and two horses and a goat behaved themselves well all in the interest of bringing new life back to the county's oldest town..

Crossing the Cumberland since 1848 boats have ferried folks between Dixon Springs-Riddleton and Rome. Friends there report they are close to being able to restore the post World War II Jere Mitchell. For those of us with friends and family "on the other side," crossing the river can't come too soon.

Out on the Caney Fork the Stonewall and Laycock bridges have spanned the river since early in the last century. Sportsmen, residents and preservationists want to give them new life as walking bridges. There's professional engineering help for the Stonewall people... where's help for Laycock?!

We're all getting prouder and prouder of historic Carthage, historic Gordonsville and historic Smith County. We're getting good at keeping history! Til next time,

Best history to all,



### SMITH COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

In response to numerous requests, plans for reprinting the Smith County History are being considered. If you are interested and will be willing to preorder, please write the Society or email me at [swpetty@mwsj.net](mailto:swpetty@mwsj.net). The approximate cost of the book will be \$100; proceeds will go to the Smith County Heritage Museum.

S. Petty, Editor

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Two beautifully sunny October days (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) brought out over 350 people to the Fall Heritage Festival on the square in Carthage. A popular attraction at the Festival was the mini-museum set up by the Smith County Museum Commission. Commission members gathered artifacts from their own collections and cast a wide net over the entire county in order to include pictures and artifacts representing their chosen themes. Those themes were Indian life, pioneer-early farm life, military participation, river, rail and road, and schools and churches. The collected items ranged from priceless Indian arrowheads, pottery, and pestles to early farm cookware and household items, to military uniforms from WWI and WWII. Particularly interesting items were civil war swords, old doll beds and dolls, and a child's coffin. The mini-museum also featured spinning and quilting demonstrations by local residents. Visitors spent a good deal of time viewing the video of 1941, called "Carthage on Parade."

Many expressed the hope that this mini-museum effort would lead to the establishment of a full-time Smith County Heritage Museum. If you would like to help to make this dream a reality, please consider taking a membership or making a donation in the categories listed below:

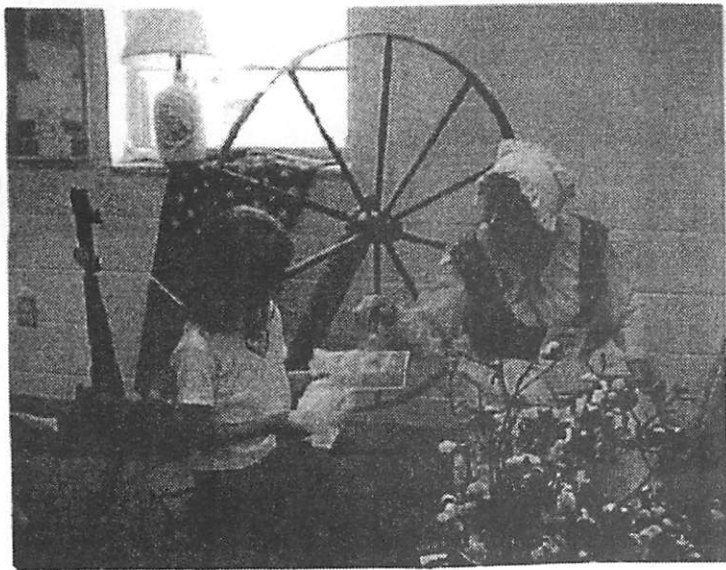
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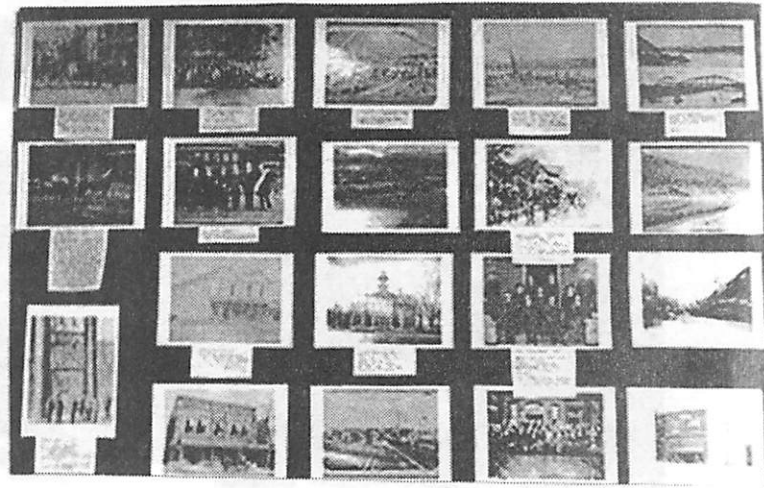
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Barbara Upchurch entralls young visitors with her spinning



Old photographs were poplar with visitors



Senior Citizens quilting before backdrop of 1930's fund-raising quilt



Vintage clothing loaned by Carolyn L. Harper

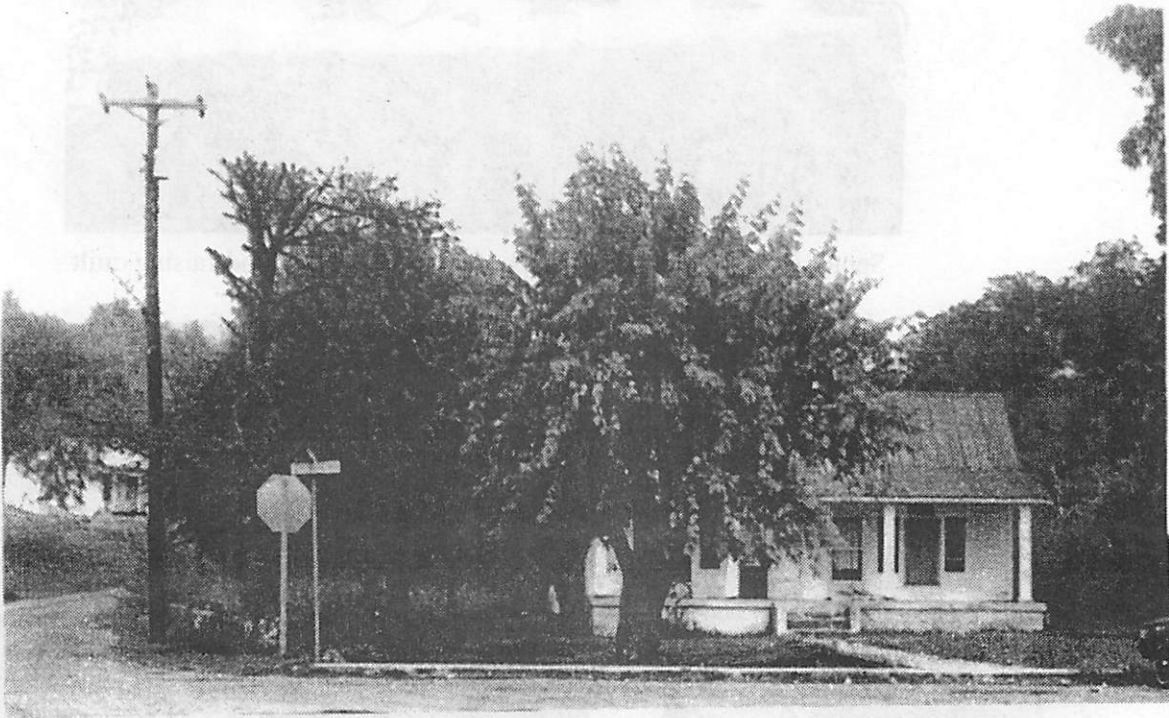


Old clothes wringer and ironing board



(Photo courtesy of Hollis Blair)

The Blair House During a big snow in the winter of 1928-29.



(Photo courtesy of Sue Maggart Petty)

The Blair House during late summer in the 1980's.  
To the left is the white house that was bought for  
the phone lineman who was killed.



## THE BLAIR HOUSE

By: Katheryn Frye Dickens

California can boast of two Blair houses – one the 1888 Victorian residence used in the filming of “Murder She Wrote,” and the other house is in the historic Placerville, California, area. This particular Blair House is featured in Thomas Kincaid’s lovely painting entitled, “Victorian Christmas.”

Gordonsville, Tennessee, also has a Blair House that was built shortly after the turn of the twentieth century. It was built on a very historic site. A century earlier John Gordon, the founder of Gordonsville, had built the town’s first store here. Under the large store room was an equally large basement which served as the town’s saloon.

The Gordon store was later used as a school where John Gordon’s granddaughter, Millie Bowen, presided as schoolmarm ca. 1870.

John Gordon’s son-in-law, and Millie Bowen’s father, Dr. John W. Bowen, at one time used the store to house 20-30,000 silk worms whose eggs he had imported from Italy.

At John Gordon’s death in 1861, the Blair house lot went to John W. Bowen with a life estate to Bowen’s wife, Fannie Gordon Bowen. Since the Bowen’s son, John Randall Bowen, was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh, the land went to his sister Millie at their mother’s death. (Mildred “Millie” Bowen married John Ephriam Gold).

Millie Bowen Gold had two daughters, Elsie Gold Mitchell and Frances Gold Prewett. In 1908 the daughters inherited land from their mother. Frances got the lot where the present Blair House sits.

**A year later Frances deeded the lot back to her father, John Gold. On 29 July 1911, John Gold gave the land to his other daughter Elsie Mitchell.**

**This is the first deed that specifically mentions a "house" on the site.**

**Between 1911 and 1914 Elsie deeded the land back to her father, because in 1914 John Gold sold the house to Jesse E. Wilson.**

**Four years later Wilson sold to William R. Jeffreys, and after another four years, R. M. McDonald purchased the house and lot.**

**On 15 July 1924, R. M. McDonald sold the property to Chester and Tabitha Blair. The deed states that the lot included the telephone exchange, switchboard, and lines.**

**Thus we come to Gordonsville's Blair House.**

**Chester Blair, born in Texas, was one of fourteen children. During World War I he was stationed in France from 1917-1919. In 1921 he married Miss Tabitha Davis from Red Boiling Springs who was a school teacher. Mr. Blair was an experienced lineman, having worked in conveying telephone lines from Cookeville to Gainesboro on to Somerset, Kentucky. He was accustomed to climbing 100' poles.**

**The Blair's son, Hollis, was born in the Blair House March 29, 1933, and lived there until the week he turned thirteen in 1946.**

**Hollis Blair very graciously agreed to return to the Blair House with the writer and take a stroll down memory lane.**

**When asked about the remaining original elements of the house and grounds, Hollis immediately began to notice many familiar things.**

**The large walnut tree in the right corner of the yard was just a sapling when Hollis was a small boy.**

**The three front steps are original as well as a portion of the sidewalk that immediately leads from the steps. Although the front doors have been relocated, they, too, are the original doors.**



(Photo courtesy of Hollis Blair)

Chester and Tabitha Blair and their young son Hollis on the front steps of the Blair House in 1936.

**It is believed that the house has its original tin roof.**

**The rock wall in the front yard was built by Chester Blair and Henry Thomas in the 1920's. There was an identical wall on the other side next to the video store, but it was later torn down. Hollis fondly remembered that Jesse Wilson, the town druggist, would often hand him an ice cream cone across the fence.**

**To the right of the house one may view the remains of Hollis' favorite fishpond built out of concrete by his dad. The pond held about fifteen goldfish which had been a gift from Dr. Wilson.**

**There is a patched corner on the left side of the house where the line went in to the switchboard.**

**The rock wall and steps leading to the cellar are original, although when the Blairs lived there, the cellar had a dirt floor. The family stored potatoes, apples, and pears in the cellar.**

**The two mantels in the front rooms, as well as the two light fixtures, are original.**

**For a time the family kept Ruth Horsley's calico Persian cat. The cat could very gracefully jump on the mantels, perch himself just so, and never knock over anything. At night the cat would crawl under the cover and sleep at Hollis' feet unless he heard Hollis' mother coming too close. Then the cat would leave.**

**While the soldiers were here on maneuvers during the early 1940's, they would often come inside the house to warm. One day a soldier was warming his cold feet in front of the open fire when suddenly Hollis saw that one of the shoes was smoking. The soldier's foot was so cold that he could not feel the heat, so he ignored Hollis' warning. However, when he finally put his foot on the floor, the young soldier immediately began a very fast, hot-foot dance!**

**There is an original door at the end of the room upstairs that leads into the garret where remains an original floor.**

Young Blair was upstairs one day with his mother who was talking to some delivery men from Bellar Furniture Company in Lebanon. Hollis started down the steps, missed the short first step, and tumbled all the way to the bottom. He was lucky; he only got a big knot on his head!

At one time the Blair House had a pantry and screened-in back porch with a table where the family often ate their meals in the summer.

There was a large tank just outside the kitchen that furnished indoor water. There had once been a drilled well, but it was too shallow so the family never used it. Seeing the well, however, reminded Hollis of another story.

One night a varmint got in the henhouse and gave Hollis' pet chicken a terrible fright. The poor little chicken came squawking to the house. Hollis tried to comfort and protect it by sitting on it, but he accidentally killed it! He destroyed all evidence of the incident by dropping the chicken into the well.

While we were walking through the backyard, Hollis pointed out where the peach, apple, and pear trees were when he was a child. He remembered the garden spot, the smokehouse and outside privy. There was at one time a large shed that was open on one end, closed on the other end with the henhouse in the middle.

Hollis remembered the spot where once his dad's abandoned Model T sat in the back yard under a pear tree. While pretending that he was a service station attendant, Hollis would often fill the gas tank by pouring dirt into it. During WWII the car joined the campaign for the collection Of scrap iron, and Hollis no longer had to fill the gas tank with dirt.

After Mr. Blair let the Model T go for scrap iron, the big pear tree often sheltered a tank during the time of maneuvers.

Looking toward Citizens Bank from the back yard, Hollis stated that there was once a store where the bank building is now. Stock scales were located behind the bank. Dr. Dalton's office was in the same vicinity, and Ivy Agee's garage was over just a bit from the present civic center.

Although Dr. Dalton was a very beloved physician in the community, the town rowdies could not resist a prank. One night someone drew a picture of an opossum on the office wall and wrote beneath it , "Dr. Possum."

Another time on Halloween night, some boys filled the office chimney with hedge apples. The good doctor battled a terrible smoke the next morning when he started a fire in the fireplace.

Lem Whitley's blacksmith shop sat on the front corner next to the woods on what is currently the restricted entrance to the parking lot for the civic center. Lem Whitley, a black man in the community, was not only the town blacksmith, but a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blair would often invite Lem to come over and eat the noon meal at the Blair House. Lem would never come inside the house, but would very humbly and gratefully eat his meal on the back steps.

The old town privy sat just above Lem Whitley's blacksmith shop.

Remembering Ivy Agee's garage, Hollis said that his mother's sister, Vada Davis, who lived with the Blair family for many years, was Mr. Agee's secretary and bookkeeper. Vada had graduated from Gordonsville High School in 1926 with Albert Gore.

One morning Hollis asked his dad if he could go over to the Ivy Agee garage. His dad said it was all right with him if it was all right with Hollis' mother. For some reason that morning Mrs. Blair emphatically told him that he could not go. Hollis slipped off and went to the garage anyway.

Noontime rolled around, and Hollis was starved. He hurried home but discovered that his daddy was already there. Hollis knew that he was caught, so he and his ever faithful dog, Buster, retreated under the floor.

Buster, however, soon revealed their hiding place by happily thumping his tail loudly against the floor of the kitchen.

**Mrs. Blair called for Hollis to come inside where she had a chair in the corner of the kitchen waiting for him. Hollis could see the delicious meal on the table and smell the heavenly aroma, but he was not permitted to eat one bite until he had served sufficient chair time. The incident taught him a very valuable lesson. He never disobeyed his mother's orders again!**

**Before going back inside the house, Hollis pointed to a portion of land behind the house which his dad later bought from Dr. Bridges. He also mentioned the fact that Chester Blair bought the white house on the left as one starts up the hill from behind the bank building. Mr. Blair bought the house for a telephone lineman to move into. Unfortunately, before moving into the house, the lineman fell from a Tennessee Electric Power Company pole and was killed.**

**Mr. Blair eventually sold the house to N. L. Angel and his new wife, Toye.**

**As we went back into the kitchen, Hollis thought of the time when Mr. Clarence Agee (Teamon Agee's father) gave him a runt pig. The pig got to sleep his first night at the Blair House in a box in the kitchen. Later the pig was turned out into the backyard where he could eat coal dust which provided a natural wormer.**

**Growing up into a fine fattening hog, the pet pig would up as food for the family table!**

**For several years Mr. And Mrs. Blair operated the telephone switchboard from the Blair House. As one enters the front door, the switchboard was located near the left front window. The couple slept in the same room with the switchboard. Mrs. Blair slept on the front side of the bed, because it was she who always answered the calls that came in during the night.**

**When the soldiers were here on maneuvers, they would frequently use the switchboard on weekends to call their loved ones. However, one day during the week, although it was strictly forbidden, a private slipped inside the house to make a call. To his surprise he found that his lieutenant had done the same thing. Neither soldier acknowledged that he had seen the other one breaking the rule!**

In the summer of 1943, Chester Blair suffered a heart attack at the age of 55. He had been running the thresher at Sam Hogin's place when he sprained his ankle. Mr. Blair came home and was sitting in the front room when he suddenly became extremely hot and began to sweat profusely. He went out and sat in the porch swing and asked his son to bring him a glass of water.

Mr. Blair suddenly dropped the water glass and slumped over. Mrs. Blair quickly called Dr. Wilson who administered digitalis and prescribed absolute rest. Mr. Blair completely recovered from the heart attack and lived to be 88 years old!

Chester Blair was a very dedicated and expert lineman, but after his heart attack, he had to find someone to look after the phone lines. He hired Billy McKinney. Billy would not use the climbers on the poles, but could simply skin the poles!

The Blairs operated the switchboard until 1946. Over the years Mrs. Blair trained several young women in switchboard skills who went on to Southern Bell Telephone Company and had careers as telephone operators.

The switchboard only was sold to Frazier and Ruby Armistead. Frazier was just recently out of service. The Armisteads moved the switchboard into the house next to Frazier's mother, Mrs. Alma Armistead, which was in the lower end of town. The switchboard was later sold to B. D. and Floy Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair sold the Blair House to Hassel Crowell. The Blair family moved upstairs over what had once been the Walter James store and began operating the Blair Grocery Store.

In a few years the Blair House became home to J. W. and Juanita Gibbs. After the Gibbs family left, the house was owned by Herman and Ethel Collins. In 1976 Mrs. Collins' mother, Mrs. Bannie West, died in the Blair House. She was 102.

For the next several years the Blair House and lot saw several transactions as to its ownership. At one time it was home to a flower shop and greenhouse business.



On November 2, 2001, Kevin and Karen Young bought the house. Kevin, an environmental and civil engineer, has long range plans to operate an engineering business from the house.

The Youngs will be living in the house temporarily while their new house is being built in the Stonewall community.

The Blair House has weathered many seasons but still belies its age. Currently the house is undergoing major remodeling and restoration. May the Blair House in Gordonsville, Tennessee remain forever YOUNG.

The writer acknowledges with deep appreciation Sue Maggart Petty for her historical notes and to Hollis Blair for the guided tour of the Blair House and for sharing his treasured memories.

Hollis served as mayor of the Town of Gordonsville from 1960-70.

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Boston A C r Stonewall.....	34-4	Orange H E r.....	16-5
Bridges J G Dr r Main.....	9-2	Orange W M mdse Stonewall.....	32-2
Carthage Junction Depot Carthage Junction.....	2-2	Orange W M r Stonewall.....	32-3
Cochran J B Rev r.....	34-5	Perkins C T r Stonewall.....	26-3
Cooper John r.....	16-2	Petty Andrew r.....	33-2
Dalton W B r Main.....	2-4	Preston A E r.....	20-3
Davis R D Rev r.....	20-5	Preston Jesse r.....	19-4
Foster O H r Main.....	1-3	Printice R L Mrs r.....	1-2
Gibbs Avin r.....	33-4	Reynolds C C r.....	26-4
Gibbs Clemmon r Stonewall.....	34-3	Scruggs John F r.....	20-2
Gibbs L B r.....	33-3	Scruggs W A r Stonewall.....	34-2
Gibbs Walter r.....	22-3	Snipes Horace Rev r.....	30-1
Gold J G r Main.....	21	Stalling R D genl mdse Bluff Crk.....	22-2
Goodbar Julia Mrs r.....	1-1½	Starns A D r Main.....	25-4
Gordonsville High School.....	12-1	Sullivan Chas E r Carthage Junction Rd.....	2-1½
Gwaltney Ed r.....	9-3	Tedder J B r.....	3-4
Gwaltney Hubert r.....	32-5	Thompson W H groc.....	14-1
Gwaltney Mattie Mrs mdse.....	23-2	Tubb W H r.....	28
Gwaltney Oliver r.....	23-3	Watts J R r.....	31-5
Halley Geo L piano tuner.....	25-5	Watts Jesse r Main.....	16-3
Halley R E r.....	1-5	Whitley Mollie Mrs r.....	3-2
Harper J F r.....	22-4	Wilkerson Dewey r Carthage Rd.....	27-2
Hogln J D r.....	19-2	Wilson T S Dr ofc.....	15-3
Hunter Geo r.....	27-1½	Wilson T S Dr r Main.....	15-2
Hunter S D r.....	22-5	Woodard E B r.....	25-3
McClenahan Melvin r.....	31-4	Young J L r Stonewall.....	26-2
McDonald H F r Main.....	20-4	Young W C.....	27-3
McDonald R M r.....	1-4		



(Photo courtesy of Hollis Blair)

Left to right: Lorena Tyree Watts and Vada Davis standing in front of the rock wall that was built by Chester Blair and Henry Thomas in the 1920's. To the left is Dr. Dalton's office, and the long building in the background is the Ivy Agee garage.



(Photo courtesy of Hollis Blair)

Vada Davis standing in the snow with the store building in the background that sat where the Citizens Bank building is now. A Mr. Butts first operated the store. Over the years there were several other owners. At one time the store was run by Douglas Hogin.

## MERCHANDISE LICENSES

1867-1887

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 1

McFarland & Rucks licensed to retail goods and wares, 11 January 1872.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house, 12 January 1872.

T. H. & J. E. Gold licensed to retail goods and wares, 25 September 1871.

J. H. Harper licensed to keep a tippling house, 15 January 1872.

James Haynes licensed to retail goods and wares, 23 January 1872.

Anton Norman licensed to peddle goods and wares on foot, 1 January 1872.

D. M. Bradford licensed to sell merchandise 16 January 1872.

David S. Cardwell licensed to keep a tippling house, 26 January 1872.

James Bradley licensed to sell merchandise, 19 February 1872.

John Taylor licensed to sell goods and wares, 7 August 1871.

T. P. Bridges licensed to retail goods and wares 2 March 1872.

N. B. Williams licensed to sell merchandise 1 March 1872.

T. A. Kinney to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 23 December 1871.

Thomas Ballenger to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 12 March 1872.

Thomas Ballenger licensed to retail goods and wares, 1 January 1872.

Joseph Myers licensed to retail goods and wares, 20 January 1872.

E. W. Turner and W. B. Pettie licensed to retail goods & wares, 1 January 1872.

R. H. Timberlake to retail goods, 26 March 1872.

J. M. Goolsby & Co. to retail goods, 22 March 1872.

J. S. Wade to retail goods, 7 March 1872.

R. B. Gass to retail goods, 4 March 1872.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 13 April 1872.

W. H. Warmack & J. H. Smith licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 15 Apr 1872.

J. H. Harper licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 20 April 1872.

J. A. Jarrard licensed to retail goods & merchandise, 28 March 1872.

William H. Warmack to keep a tippling house, 16 July 1872.

J. S. & B. B. Wilson to retail goods, 28 March 1872.

W. H. Grissom to keep a tippling house for 6 months, 1 May 1872.

W. E. Sykes licensed to sell merchandise, 6 May 1872.

Licensed Thomas Ballenger to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 22 April 1872

J. M. Michel licensed to retail goods & wares, 13 June 1872.

H. T. Rucks licensed to retail goods, 26 August 1872.

Ford & Thackston licensed to retail goods & wares, 30 August 1872.

J. E. Stephens & J. H. Taylor licensed to take photographs for 6 months, 12 August 1872.

Thoams Ballenger licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 23 Sept 1872.

Harrison & Son licensed to sell merchandise, 7 September 1872.

A. L. & P. L. Reynolds licensed to retail goods & merchandise, 4 July 1872.

W. L. Kemp & J. C. Donoho licensed to sell merchandise, 2 October 1872.

L. B. Craig licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months, 14 October 1872.

Warmack & Smith licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 17 October 1872.

Jesse Beasley licensed to keep a tippling house for 3 months , 18 October 1872.

Thomas Ballenger licensed to keep tippling house for 3 months, 21 October 1872.

W. H. Grisham licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 1 November 1872.

J. H. Harper licensed to keep a tippling house 3 months, 21 October 1872.

West & Cornwell licensed to sell merchandise, 9 November 1872.

Kemp & Russell licensed to sell merchandise, 2 November 1872.

John Taylor & J. D. Vaden licensed to sell merchandise, 8 August 1872.

R. A. Manns & H. B. Oliver licensed to sell merchandise, 30 November 1872.

Kemp & Donoho licensed to sell merchandise, 12 December 1872.

Antonea Norman licensed to sell merchandise, 17 December 1872.

T. H. & T. A. Gold licensed to sell merchandise, 13 January 1873.

Womack & Smith tippling license, 3 months, 17 January 1873.

James Haynes licensed to sell merchandise, 20 January 1873.

James A. Grissom to keep a tippling house 3 months, 31 January 1873.

J. H. Harper & W. J. Shields tippling house 3 months, 10 February 1873.

J. H. Harper to keep a tippling house 3 months, 21 January 1873.

D. M. Bradford licensed to sell merchandise, 16 January 1873.

A. Oliver licensed to sell merchandise, 14 February 1873.

William A. Hester to keep a tippling house 3 months, 25 February 1873.

Litchford & Harris licensed to sell merchandise, 6 March 1873.

L. Z. Craig tippling house 3 months, 22 January 1873.

D. V. Seay licensed to sell merchandise, 8 March 1873.

Thomas Ballenger tippling house 3 months, 23 March 1873.

D. M. & D. C. Bradford licensed to sell merchandise, 1 April 1873.

D. J. Lynch & G. W. Massey tipling house 3 months, 1 May 1873.

G. W. Massey tipling house 3 months, 4 February 1873.

Turner & Petty licensed to sell merchandise, 19 January 1873.

W. H. Womack & J. H. Smith tipling house 3 months, 18 April 1873.

Thomas Ballenger tipling house 3 months, 8 April 1873.

Shields & Harper tipling house 3 months, 4 April 1873.

Ellen Underwood tipling house 3 months, 4 April 1873.

J. M. Nichols licensed to sell merchandise, 13 June 1873.

William Perdue tipling house 3 months, 6 June 1873.

W. H. Womack & J. H. Smith tipling house 3 months, 18 July 1873.

W. W. Cooksey tipling house 3 months, 28 July 1873.

W. J. Shields tipling house 3 months, 14 August 1873.

L., W. Burton licensed to sell merchandise, 18 August 1873.

O. T. Sampson tipling house 3 months, 1 September 1873.

Hunt & Cardwell licensed to sell merchandise, 29 August 1873.

L. B. Craig tipling house 3 months, 26 August 1873.

F. F. House & D. S. Cardwell tipling house, 29 August 1873.

Womack & Smith tipling house, 20 October 1873.

W. J. Shields tipling house, 15 November 1873.

R. R. West & Son licensed to sell merchandise, 25 November 1873.

D. S. Cardwell tipling house 3 months, 1 December 1873.

William Ballenger licensed to sell merchandise, 20 December 1873.

John H. Williams tippling house 3 months, 2 March 1874.

P. G. Dillard & Co. licensed to sell merchandise, 30 April 1874.

W. S. Alexander & Son licensed to sell merchandise, 1 April 1874.

James Bradley licensed to sell merchandise, 1 April 1874.

J. S. & B. B. Wilson & Co. licensed to sell merchandise, 20 April 1874.

W. J. Shields tippling house, 22 May 1874.

W. C. Kennedy licensed to sell merchandise, 10 September 1874.

Jordon Carpenter merchandise, 7 July 1874.

L. W. Burton merchandise, 18 August 1874.

F. E. Justice licnesed to sell merchandise, 23 September 1874.

Joel J. Askew licensed to sell merchandise, 25 September 1874.

Harrison & Son licensed to sell merchandise, 10 September 1874.

R. R. West & Son licensed to sell merchandise, 19 October 1874.

Kemp, Donoho & Co. licensed to sell merchandise, 19 October 1874.

Ford & Nichols licensed to sell merchandise, 24 August 1874.

John H. Williams tippling 3 months, 7 September 1874.

W. C. Kennedy licensed to sell merchandise, 10 September 1874.

J. D. Wilson licensed to sell merchandise, 5 November 1874.

G. W. Tidwell licensed to sell merchandise, 30 November 1874.

James M. Cox licensed to sell merchandise, 16 December 1874.

To Be Continued..



## OPERETTA PRESENTED AT PLEASANT SHADE HIGH SCHOOL

[Ed. Note: Early schools in the area of Pleasant Shade were Sanderson's School, located on Sanderson Branch, and Piper's School. Later, Pleasant Shade School was built and for a time operated as a two-year high school. The late Senator Albert Gore, Sr. was one of the teachers of the school. Eventually, it was converted back to an elementary school only. We are grateful to Mrs. Joyce Hiatt for graciously sharing this old handbill with us. Mrs. Hiatt's mother had written down her favorite jam cake recipe on the back of the old program.]

## "Sunny of Sunnyside"

An Operetta in Two Acts

To be given at

Pleasant Shade High School

THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 14TH, 1932

7:30 O'clock

Setting—An orphan's home at Sunnyside.

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Billie, the tomboy	Rudolph Dickens
Leila, the prettiest orphan	Blanche Hackett
Reddy, the tough guy	Hugh E. Greene
Amos, Leila's brother	Cloyd Kittrell
Heck, one of Reddy's gang	Hayes Beasley
Phil, a fat boy, on a diet	Radford Winkler
Pauline, the fine lady	Kathleen Hiatt
Betty, the pet of the orphans	Georgia Belle Kemp
Rosa, the fortune teller	Rubye Dickerson
Theodora and Leonora, the twins	Lurly Sloan and Kathleen Gregory
Nan, a helper at Sunnyside	Lucy Belle Jenkins
Sunny, the favorite of all the children	Helen Gregory
Paul, the new boy at Sunnyside	James Ballard
Horace, the bookworm	Lee Edward Reagans
Howard, one of Reddy's gang	Elton Jones
Harriet, a very lively orphan	Bonnie Alexander
Jimmy, the crippled orphan	Thomas Nesbitt
Eileen, niece of rich Mrs. Ralsigh	Gertrude Wilmore
Tim, another of Reddy's gang	J. C. McCauley
Antonio, an Italian balloon seller	Raymond Smith
Slim, Paul's older brother	Earl Jenkins
Jane, another orphan	Grailon Richmond
A group of eight girl dancers.	

**WILL OF MICAJAH DUKE  
WILL BOOK 8, PAGE 152  
SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**Submitted by Patricia Butler McCarl**

I, Micajah Duke, of the County of Smith, and the State of Tennessee, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made at any time.

- 1st. I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my debts be paid, as soon as possible, out of money that I may die possessed of.
- 2nd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Cynthia Ann, during her natural life, then to my five youngest children, viz: Felix Green, Alexander A., William L., Samuel Jones and Wesley Henry Harrison, all my household and kitchen furniture, all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, also a Negro woman, Milly, and her child. I also give to my wife and children, as above stated, all the money I have on hand, together with all the debts due me, with the exception of five hundred dollars, which is to be disposed of as hereafter directed.
- 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ann Eliza, a Negro girl, Huldy.
- 4th. I give and bequeath to my son, Luther, five hundred dollars cash, in order to make him equal with his older brothers and sisters.
- 5th. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Sarah Stewart, a Negro girl by the name of Betty.
- 6th. I give and bequeath to my children, to-wit: Matthew, Patsy Goad, Richard S., Polly Stewart, Phillip, Ann Eliza and Luther M., the tract of land I now live on, to be equally divided among them.

I also give and bequeath to the above named children: one half of the Negro property I have, that is not already disposed of, and the other half to my five youngest children, viz: Felix G., Alexander A., William L., Samuel Jones and Wesley Henry Harrison, in order that the Negroes be divided between my seven first named children and five youngest.

I request that the Smith County Court appoint three disinterested persons for the purpose of making a division, putting the Negro woman, Emily, and her children in the lot for the five youngest children.

- 7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Agness Mullins, five dollars.

I request that my seven oldest children give to their sister, Agness Mullins, so as to make her something like equal to themselves.

Witness my hand and seal, this 10th day of January, 1842.

H.B. ROBB  
WILL YOUNG

/s/MICAJAH DUKE(seal)

THE DIARIES OF ELENORA KELLY WILSON  
1871 - 1907

Compiled and edited by Thayer Wilson Beach  
Continued from Volume XIV, No. 1

Excerpts from Mrs. Wilson's Diary from January 5 - December 29, 1887.

*[Ed. Note: The year 1887 is an uneventful but seemly busy and happy one for the Wilson family. John and Elenora celebrate their eleventh wedding anniversary. Their four children, Kelly, Fred Taylor, Jesse and Wilsye turned, respectively, 10, 6, 4, and 22 months. Prohibition is the main political issue of the year with the Wilsons being adamantly opposed to the sale of liquor.]*

1887

- 01/05 A beautiful day overhead but still cold. After dinner the children, all but Kelly, and I went to Aunt Betsy's and spent the evening. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went to Rock City to buy Sam Flippin's wagon and set the children across the creek. Mr. Wilson rode Morgan and came to set us back across the creek. [Note: To "set across the creek" meant that a rider on horseback or muleback carried walkers, one or two at a time, on the horse across the creek. TWB]
- 01/06 Kelly found his sow with eight pigs and is so proud of them.
- 01/07 Real cold. All busy getting wood. I cut out Fred's two bodies (i.e., undershirts) and made one of them. Caught some of the turkeys tonight.
- 01/08 Considerably warmer. Charlie, John and Kelly took four turkeys over to Mr. Rigsby's before breakfast and I got 66 and a fourth cents apiece for them.
- 01/21 A beautiful pleasant day. My birthday, 31. How grateful I feel for the preservation of my life though I have had many sorrows, I feel that I have been abundantly blessed, both spiritually and temporally. Mr. Wilson and the children made my ash hopper and cleaned out the garden for me. Late this evening Bennie Cooksey came with the shocking news that Jennie Crowell had just died and oh my heart aches for I know I have lost one of my best friends so suddenly. Mr. Wilson has gone tonight to Bob Crowell's and Uncle Ed is here. Still warm and windy tonight.
- 01/30 Just a lovely day. Mr. Wilson's 38th birthday and his Ma and Pa, Nancy Jane and all the children, Sam, Bob and Bob Crowell, John Martin and Aunt Betsy and Miss Betty all ate dinner with us. All left this evening and I feel so sad because of the absent ones.
- 02/02 A big rain last night and creek high. New footlog washed away. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went to Rome and got the new wagon. Mr. Wilson at work at shop tonight making a backband. Thunder and lightning all night. Ma and Alice still here.
- 02/14 One of those incessantly rainy days and gloomy. Fred and Jesse have the whooping cough and what a time I have to keep them indoors. They have cobs all over the house building fences and pigpens and so forth. Corn stalks and knives and oh me, such a litter. The spotted heifer found her calf.

- 02/23 Had to get up before day on account of the children coughing so. Raining all day. Pa, Bob and Albert (colored) all ate dinner here having come to plant some oats. Thunder and lightning and a gloomy evening.
- 02/25 Clear and pleasant. Finished my quilt and hemmed it, feeling I had done a good week's work. Fred Johnson (colored) here this evening.
- 02/26 Our Wilsye's birthday, one year and we all think so sweet and smart. Can walk everywhere, has four teeth, curly hair and can pretend to cry when she wants mama to take her.
- 02/27 Clear, cold and very windy. Net here. Children with whooping cough shut indoors and oh my, the noise. Mr. Wilson went to Mt. Olivet to hear Brother Smotherman preach and Mr. Clayburn West and Brother Smotherman came home with him for dinner. It has been a very unpleasant day.
- 03/07 Gloomy, raining morning but turned cooler late this evening. Mr. Wilson carried Kelly as far as Pa's to start to school at Rome, and oh how badly I hated to see him go but thought twas for his good.
- 03/12 A pretty day. Mary Tom came over to Pa's early to stay with the children, and Ma and I went to Rome and traded some. Had Val shod and went to see Mrs. Nathan Wilson and her new baby. Uncle Josh and Mr. Wilson and Kelly brought Waterloo as twas show day of stock at Rome. I stopped at Flippin's store. Wilsye at her worst, I hope, with whooping cough. I am real sick tonight.
- 03/22 Cold wind from the north. Heard Mr. Ab Johnson was dead, but later heard he was not, but came near dying from a dose of carbolic acid.
- 03/29 Not only cold but very cold. Ground white with snow and things generally frozen. Mr. Wilson and Thayer started to Granville this morning about eight o'clock with some stock and I have been real lonesome all day. Late this evening Miss Betty and Aunt Betsy came to spend the night with us as Mr. Wilson is gone. Wilsye is real sick with whooping cough.
- 04/06 Another pretty, cool day. Julia Haley and Hattie Williams were here a little while. Mr. Wilson, Kelly, Fred Taylor and I went to Mr. Baines' to the wedding where there was quite a crowd. Brother Kellum married Sam Pernel to Miss Tab Baines with a beautiful ceremony, after which there was quite a nice handaround and the crowd soon adjourned and we came home. Found Uncle Ed here, who had been gone to Lebanon for several weeks and came from Grant here. Dicie kept Jesse and Wilsye.
- 04/10 A beautiful day. The pack peddler left in the morning but came back just after we had eaten dinner, and ate. Kelly went with him to Grandma's to start again to Rome to school. Mr. Wilson and I drove Morgan and went to Mt. Olivet and heard Brother Kellum preach, text "Go Forward". The peddler came back and is here again tonight.
- 04/26 A cool clear day. Fred Taylor, Jesse and I walked and went to Rome early this morning and got their new straw hats and other things and back to Pa's. Kelly's gone to school.

- 05/01 Another delightful day. Uncle Ed left early and Mr. Wilson and Jesse went to Sunday School. Kelly, Fred, Wilsye and I are lonely and while Wilsye sleeps I write and read. Mr. Wilson and Jesse went to see old Mr. Viola who is sick with consumption. No one here all evening except our own happy family.
- 05/17 Ironing on hand. I made the skirt to my dress. Mr. Wilson went to Rome this mornign and ate dinner at his Ma's, then to old Mr. Douglas Vile's burial. I received a letter from Alice in which she said Thayer Brown and Sue Cooper had married.
- 05/21 Looked very much like rain this morning. After Mr. Wilson had gone down to see how his mama was, he and I started to Carthage to the good temperance convention which was held in the Baptist Church. When we arrived, George Morgan was speaking and after he had finished, Judge Cantrell of Lebanon made a most excellent speech, the subject "Prohibition from a Legal Standpoint". After he had spoken one hour and fifty minutes, the convention adjourned for dinner. After many pressing invitations to dinner, we decided to go to Mr. McLauren's. Had quite a nice dinner, after which Aunt Nan, Agnes and I went to the stores and down to see Mrs. McDonald. Also called on Mrs. John Price and then to the convention again. Had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Hugh Smith. Crossed the river with Mrs. Campbell, Liza Kinney, and other. Stopped at C. Kinney's and got some fresh water. Came home about sundown and found everything all right, Julia and Dicie having kept the children.
- 05/25 Cloudy. Mr. Wilson and Fred went to Rock City in the buggy driving Morgan. After he came back Mr. Wilson and I concluded to put out a few more potato slips and were most done when we were pleasantly surprised by Pa (her father) and Retta coming and so they are here tonight, and Oh, how glad I am.
- 06/02 Another pretty day. Julia washed. Retta and I made Wilsye a little white apron. This evening Hattie Williams and Mattie Hayes came to see Retta. Late this evening Mr. Johnson and Mr. King from Lebanon came to get the job of painting our house and are here tonight. Uncle Ed left this morning.
- 06/17 Real warm and rain much needed. Heard the shocking news of Mr. Bob Gann being killed yesterday by a mule running away with mower and reaper. Retta is real sick this evening and I am not well. Maude Baines was here to bring some sewing but I was not able to sew any.
- 06/19 Quite warm. Edgar started quite early to Lebanon after Fred. Kelly rode Val and went to Sunday School. This evening, Bobby, Jesse and I went in the little buggy to Rome to a prohibition speaking. Heard Major Swope and L. A. Ligon speak. We expected Fred and Edgar but they did not come.
- 06/26 A pleasant day. Mr. Wilson, Jesse and Fred went to Sunday School. Bob came and went with Bobby to church. I went alone to Mt. Olivet and heard Brother Kellum preach a good sermon. All came home and ate dinner and then all of us went to Plunkett's Creek and heard Colonel Garrett and Horace Hale each make a prohibition speech to a good crowd. I came home and milked. All ate a snack and Mr. Wilson and Bob and Bobby went to Rome to hear Brother Henderson preach a temperance sermon. Uncle Ed came from the speakin' and was with me and the children.
- 06/30 I am not well tonight. Mr. Jackson brought me eight gallons of berries and I filled four one-half gallon cans and made jam of the remainder. I am real sick this evening. Got too warm over my berries.

- 07/04 Looked very much like rain all day, though it rained but little. Dr. Baines began the free school at Salem this morning and Kelly started. Mr. Wilson and Bob went to Carthage to a temperance rally and report a most excellent speaking by Professor Williams of Kentucky and Custer of Illinois. Bob ate supper here and then went home. Bobby and the children, except Kelly, have spent a lonesome, quiet, lazy day. Kelly and I went berry picking and gathered a gallon.
- 07/14 I went early this morning to the field for beans. Just as dinner was ready a Mr. Miller and Mr. McKinley, fire insurance agents, came and ate dinner here. I finished Dicie's white dress and sewed some on Miss Betty Butler's.
- 07/15 Very warm and dry. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went to Rome and had Waterloo shod and after dinner Mr. Wilson went to Middleton carrying the wool to the factory and is gone tonight. Net is here. I went down to Aunt Betsy's a little while to carry Miss Betty her dress. Net stayed with the children.
- 07/31 Cloudy and not so warm early, but later in the day hot, hot. At seven o'clock Mr. Wilson, all the children and I started to Pate Sampson's. Got there early and Mr. Wilson, Kelly and Molly Sampson and the Dawson boys went to Grant to hear Judge Cantrell and Willard Thompson of Lebanon make prohibition speeches. They did not get back to Pate's until after one o'clock when we were eating dinner. All spent the evening very pleasantly. Came down Rawls Creek for the first time, got home a little before dark. John Stevenson had been here alone all day, had fed and milked.
- 08/15 Grandma was down this morning. We all started home about eight o'clock having had a most pleasant visit to our dear parents. All the children and grandchildren stopped a while at Cousin Lem Clark's and then all stopped at Cokesbury Church and ate our lunch. Stopped no more until we got to Dave Hodge's and stayed an hour pleasantly. Broke the spring in the buggy, consequently had to come rather slowly and did not get home until after sundown, having had a warm trip. Found everything all right except Old Red's eye out and I have an awful headache. All so happy to be again at home.
- 08/22 A warm day. Sprinkled rain this evening. Mr. Wilson went to New Middleton to have some horse shoeing done and to get the wool rolls. Uncle Ed came this morning and is here tonight. I put my comfort quilt in and quilted some on it. Heard that Charlie Kinslow had tried to commit suicide last Saturday night.
- 08/31 Still pleasant. I baked two cakes this morning for quarterly meeting. Mary Tom spent the day. Mr. Lee of New Middleton came to see about covering the house with tin and ate dinner here.
- 09/02 A pretty day. I have been quite busy preparing for quarterly meeting. Mr. Wilson killed a beef and he, Fred and Jesse went to deliver it and heard my Ma had been very sick and Bob telephoned to Granville and heard she was much better.
- 09/15 The fair began today and John Armistead, Will Armistead, Edgar, Mr. Wilson and Kelly went. Kelly rode Old Kate and Mr. Wilson got a premium of \$5.00 on Bonnie Kate and Duke. Pa, Fred, Thayer, Alice and Ada got here at three o'clock this evening and they, Will, John and Edgar are all here tonight. (The Armisteads are her cousins from Granville. TWB)
- 09/21 Uncle Ed here. Mr. Wilson sowed turnips and is sowing his meadow. Found the old big sow with fourteen pigs. Charlie went after the new castroller. Uncle Ed here tonight. John stayed from school to help sow the meadows.

- 09/29 A pleasant, cloudy day. Mr. Wilson and Jesse started to the election and Fred, Wilsye and I spent the day with Aunt Betsy. The Rock City district went 4 majority for prohibition and Rome district, 16 majority. 'Tis as seems to me a great day in Tennessee, the day I battle against the saloon and how I pray for the sake of my precious boys that prohibition may carry and save them from the awful temptations that are cast out by them. The following is the proposed amendment; No person shall manufacture for sale or keep for sale as a beverage any intoxicating liquors forever, including wine, ale and beer.
- 10/10 Another pretty day. The stockholders of the fair met this morning and Mr. Wilson went out there and John Stevenson and I went to Mt. Olivet and oh such a meeting as we did, have. John Stevenson and James Norris professed religion. Mattie Haley and Hattie Williams came home with us from church and Johnny Bradford with Mr. Wilson also. Josh Craggett and all ate dinner and supper here and went from here to church. This evening the girls and I went to Aunt Betsy's awhile. Mr. Wilson and John Stevenson went to Mt. Olivet tonight and John Stevenson and James Norris joined the church. (John Stevenson appears to be a boy, still of school age, who is living with them and working for his board and keep. TWB)
- 10/17 Kelly and John Stevenson started to Plunkett's Creek to school to Professor Henry. Wilsye and I went quite early to Mr. Albert Haley's and I left Wilsye with the girls and Mrs. Haley and went to church and again heard Reverend Kimberly preach and it began to rain during church and continue to rain all evening. Wilsye and I are at Mrs. Haley's tonight. Today, President Cleveland and wife are in Nashville where a great parade will be made.
- 11/22 It has been a busy hard day's work for us but by nine o'clock tonight we were entirely through with hog killing.
- 11/28 Ground white with snow this morning, the first of the season. So cold Kelly did not go to school and John nor Charlie came home until evening. Mr. Wilson found his first lamb. [Note: The children often stayed home when it rained or snowed. Perhaps because they thought damp and cold caused infections. TWB]
- 12/02 A gloomy day with some rain. Our dear Kelly's tenth birthday. Mr. Wilson went to Rock City this morning with the wagon. Mr. Wilson's Pa came about eleven o'clock and they began the kitchen flu this evening.
- 12/20 Dr. Sailer died yesterday and his remains were kept at Sam Flippin's last night. Uncle Ed has been with us all day and is here tonight. [Note: Family photograph in front of house made about 5 years later shows Uncle Ed, an old man, with the family. Elenora Davis thinks he was a sort of wanderer and drunk.]
- 12/22 A real cool day. John Dick Gann ate dinner here and is quite embarrassing to cook dinner in the presence of company as this was my first experience of the kind. [They have moved into the kitchen for the winter]. Dicie came and stayed with the children and I went to Rome after the mail and back to Rock City and stopped at Mrs. Flippin's a little while and also bought my new saddle from Mr. Oliver at \$7.50. Sofie (colored child) burned today, so it will soon die.
- 12/25 A beautiful cold day. Fred up first of all before day to see what Old Kris had brought him. All so merry and happy. Mr. Wilson and I each took a nap after they were up. As soon as they could get off, Kelly and Fred went to their Grandma's and spent the day and Mr. Wilson went to Mt. Olivet to church and Jesse, Wilsye and I about twelve o'clock went down to Aunt Betsy's and Mr. Wilson came from church and we ate dinner with Aunt Betsy. All came home late this evening.

## PENSION APPLICATION - WILLIAM GRIFFITH, WAR OF 1812

Contributed by Sylvan L. Griffith  
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Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3605

*[After his discharge in April 1815, William came back to Nashville and deposited his discharge there at the post office. Then for the next couple of years he probably stayed around home in Jackson County, which was close to the old Fort Blount. The Griffiths lived just north of the ferry on the north side of the Cumberland River and west of Jennings Creek. In fact, Jonas Griffith established a church on Salt Lick July 23, 1825. On February 17, 1817, William married a girl from Smith County, Tennessee, by the name of Margaret Dickens. After this I have a hard time keeping up with them until they reach the St. Louis County area in 1842 - some twenty years later.*

*In 1851, May 2nd, William applied for bounty land in St. Louis, County Missouri. Then in 1871, May 15th, he applied for a pension in the same county. William died in 1875 leaving his wife - Margaret, five sons, and one daughter. His children were: Hiram, born in Kentucky; William, born in Indiana; Hampton, born in Indiana; Essau, born in Hendricks County, Indiana; Jacob (my great-grandfather), born in St Louis County; Margaret, born in St. Louis County.]*

## State of Missouri

County of Saint Louis, August the 13 1852, William Griffith, a resident of said county, age 61 years on the 24th day of October next, appeared before me, Robert Patton, a Justice of the Peace for that county, and declares that he is the identical private regular soldier who enlisted in the Service of the United States at the town of Williamsburg in Jackson County, Tennessee, on or about the 10th day of October, 1814, under Lt. Elisha Walker and was mustered into service the following November in Nashville, Tennessee, in the company of Captain Silas S. Stevens in the 24th regiment light infantry commanded by Colonel William P. Anderson, that he served until peace was concluded between Great Britain and the United States and that he was honorably discharged at Mobile on or about the 7th day of April, 1815. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers, passed September 28, 1850. Done in the presence of V. P. Carney.

Signatures from original application:

*Robert Patton  
Justice of the Peace.*

*his  
William Griffith  
mark*



State of Missouri

County of St. Louis. On the 15th day of May 1871, appeared before me, John Lewis, Clerk of the Circuit Court for that county, William Griffith, age 81 years, a resident of said county and declared that he is married, that his wife's name was Margaret Dickens to whom he was married in Smith County, Tennessee, on the 17th February 1817, that he served the full period of Sixty days in the infantry service of the United States in the War of 1812. He enlisted under Lt. Silas Stevens in October 1814, 24 regiment infantry commanded by Colonel William P. Anderson, that he was marched to Nashville in November 1814 and that he arrived in New Orleans sometime in December following, that he was in all the engagements from the first until the last on the 8th January 1815 and that he was honorably discharged in the City of Mobile and that he has lost his discharge in moving from Tennessee to this state. He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed upon the Pension Roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act approved 14 February 1871. His post office is Sherman, St. Louis County, Missouri, his domicile is in Merremic township in the said county and state.

William X Griffith

Aurelius Stuart and Charles E. Stuart swear they were present and saw William Griffith, the claimant (sign his name) make his mark to the foregoing declaration and have every reason to believe the claimant., and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he presents himself to be that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the government by giving them aid or comfort, that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Signatures from the original application:

*Aurelius Stuart*  
*Charles E. Stuart.*

*William X Griffith*

## GREAT MEN INHABITED CARTHAGE WHEN TOWN WAS YOUNGER

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 3.

[CARTHAGE COURIER, April 4, 1946. EDITORS NOTE: *This is the second in a series of articles written by DeWitt McGinness, formerly of Carthage but now a resident of San Francisco. In a reminiscent mood, Mr. McGinness is telling his impressions of people gained when he was young and his excellent knowledge of their careers.*]

Cordell Hull, jurist, member of Congress for 22 years, member of the United States Senate, Secretary of State, who served in that capacity longer than any predecessor in history.

Colonel John A. Fite, Civil War veteran whose ambition late in life was to live 100 years, spent most of his 93 years in Carthage; member of the bar with long and honorable service on the bench. He too was a scion of slave days, and his brilliant, dazzling repartee enhanced all social functions which he attended.

It is to be doubted if such an array of legal talent could have been found in any city within the entire United States of twenty times the size of Carthage. Mental giants they were, one and all, of a golden age.

Then there was Captain Bridges, Civil War veteran, banker, capitalist, and connoisseur of arts. He headed the town's only financial institution. It still stands, a solid, conservative organization which has successfully withstood all panics and depressions.

Captain Davis, was another Civil War veteran, retired capitalist, built the magnificent home, afterward the home of Cordell Hull, and there finished his useful and eventful life.

What a man was Captain McDonald - swashbuckling, Indian fighter with skads of Indian relics and trophies (now among the W. E. Myer collection) to prove it. He ran a hotel and livery stable and was czar of his end of town. His son, David, was one of my favorite boyhood chums. His uncle, Dr. Don McDonald, lived alone in a little brick cottage on the opposite corner, the Dr. Jekyl of Carthage, and one of the strangest and most mysterious individuals one could ever know. Many were the stories and legends of strange happenings and goings-on in the cottage of Dr. Don.

There was the Read family, eight boys (no girls), each in his way brilliant and talented, and yet with talents totally unrelated to the other. Tom Read, a dignified, suave, and typical merchant prince; Alex, his partner in the firm of Read Brothers drugs and hardware, with the rich and mellow baritone voice, Chesterfieldian in manner and favorite of the drawing room; Charlie, the beau brummel, the fastidious dresser, the amazing and talented whistler. He brought blushes to the cheeks of the girls whom he deigned to

notice or smile upon. Fite, the mimic, the jester, the comedian. He played the guitar as few had ever played it before or since. It literally talked, laughed, cried. Joe I did not know. He died before I came to Carthage, but I have heard of him - equally brilliant, equally talented in his own way. Jim, with his friendly smile and his omnipresent derby, to whom everyone was "old partner," plied the Cumberland as head clerk for years on end, spending the latter years of his life as a prosperous and substantial business man of Carthage, Duffy, the pampered baby, with handsome features and piercing black eyes. The girls were his first and last interest and overpowering weakness; a baseball player of ability and my own battery mate of as good a semi-pro organization as I have ever seen assembled. His untimely death saddened me deeply. Ben Read attained a success which came to few men. When I came to Carthage, he was proprietor of a grocery store. He was my first employer at the princely stipend of twenty-five cents a week. He was unable to long endure this overhead and, too, fate had other plans in store for him. He was to become trouble-shooter for the local telephone exchange with probably all of 100 subscribers and 25 miles of line. He must have done a first rate job, for soon he was entrusted with its management. Then to Owensboro, Kentucky, to Chattanooga, to New Orleans, to St. Louis, to Denver, all as top executive officer of those divisions of the Bell System, and finally to Atlanta as president of Southern Bell. His recent death brought to an end as brilliant an executive career as has flashed across the American business horizon in a century. Only Alec now remains, his mother and matriarch of Carthage having passed on a few short years ago at an advanced age well into the 80's. This family was a product of an age and it may be a long time before we see another quite like it.

John King, whose mother owned the "King house," then operated by my father as a boarding house, remained there with his mother. He was a handsome, dashing Lothario, with too much talent, good looks and ability to long remain contained in a village of some 800 or 900 souls and, in consequence, settled on New York's Fifth Avenue - King and Applebaum was the firm name, women's finery. A cousin, Dr. Brian King, is now one of Seattle's and America's leading goiter specialists and surgeons.

Fred T. Wilson, author (*Pen Pictures of Our Presidents*) and lecturer, was one of our boarders and my tutor in declamation and debating. Sydney Hirsch, Broadway playwright, was also there. George Key and Herman Davis, prominent political and social figures of Oklahoma, also sojourned with us.

If the Read boys were a group of note, what of the Oliver girls? Man and nature have seldom conspired to fashion jewels of such poetic grace and beauty. All played their parts in the dazzling social whirls of the self-contained community, and their home was ever the center of social activities. Their merchant father of portly proportions would lay a bolt of cotton cloth on a wrapping counter for a pillow and hope that his peaceful slumbers would remain undisturbed throughout the hot summer afternoons, but a cool dipper of ice water out of his deep earthen crock always awaited the thirsty wayfarer.

Out on the town's fringe on the banks of the Cumberland lived a widower with his two sons and daughter in a dilapidated but scrupulously neat cottage christened "Sunnyside." Mark Smith, philosopher, the Will Rogers of Carthage, was its owner and Will Rogers would be the first to eagerly accept the compliment if he knew Mark. Quaint and homespun comedy flowed from his lips as smoothly, faultlessly and relentlessly as dew drips from the summer morning rose. He was a merciless tease and banterer, but a persifleur who could not, with grace, accept a turn of tables. He seldom found himself in such a spot, however, and life to him was generally a bed of roses. His dray wagon met every steamboat touching at the Carthage wharf night or day. When a few residents from Defeated Creek moved into Carthage, Mark mournfully surmised that "Defeated Creek and dog fennel were about to take the town." He was found dead one summer morning at his beloved Sunnyside, with a wistful or whimsical smile on his lips, smiling at death as he had smiled at life.

Who did not know Commodore (Govnor) George Hughes, the skipper of the lower ferry? On the banks of the Cumberland he housed his brood, and only high water or the census taker could ever reveal how many were in there. Perry, the oldest son, who dug red worms to catch trout, kept the village supplied with fresh fish. He remains today the living refutation of the New Deal's axiom that there can be no health or happiness among the ill-clad, the ill-housed, and the ill-fed. Not a gray hair can be found amongst his tangled shock of coal black hair as he approaches the age of seventy. The "Govnor" thought Perry was a "very smart boy." The "Govnor" delighted to recount his tales of valor - some real, mostly imaginary - of Civil War days. He was a dashing cavalryman (probably a muleskinner) and his sorties behind enemy lines spread terror amongst the Yankee foes. When the bridge came, the "Govnor's" services were no longer needed. He seemed to fade away. His reign was ended, his world had crashed about him. They buried him over on the hill before as large a group of mourners as ever turned out in Carthage.

Mrs. Jennie McKee, the widow, was postmistress at Carthage when we arrived. A brother had gone off to the Civil War and had never been heard of since. One day, almost seventy years later, a death notice appearing in a newspaper engaged her attention. The name was the same as her brother's. Just a coincidence she thought, but she would make casual inquiry. She and her brother had lived within 20 miles of each other all through the years since Appromattox, blithely ignorant of the others existence. Where could that have happened except at 19th century Carthage? In her nineties, she still sits in her rocking chair in the old home built before Tennessee became a state (1796).

To Be Continued.

## QUERIES

KYLE, BARKLEY, who I believe married JANE LEE. I have found 4 BARCLAY or BARKLETT KYLES and have trouble knowing which one is mine. My records show he was born about 1765 and married 1802. He lived in Smith Co. His daughter was ELIZABETH (BETSY) who married DR. JOHN W. WATERS. BETSY came to Texas after her husband died and is buried in Van Alstyne Cemetery in Grayson Co.  
Mrs. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

BRADFORD, JOSEPH K. Would anyone know the name of his first wife? He was in Smith Co. in 1820 with a wife. They later had 6 children: MARY; PHILLIP, who married FRANCES PRUITT; GREGORY, who married HARRIETT ?; DUDLEY, who married SARAH JANE WOODSON; FELICIA; FRANCES, who married J. C. AGEE; ANDREW JACKSON. JOSEPH'S first wife was dead by 1850 and by 1860 he was married to a lady named CLAIRE. Any information would be appreciated.  
MRS. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

GRIFFITH, WILLIAM; DICKENS, MARGARET, married in Smith Co. 17 Feb 1817. Children: HIRAM, WILLIAM, HAMPTON, ESAAU, JACOB, MARGARET. I would appreciate corresponding with anyone with information on these families.

GRIFFITH, SYLVAN. 1107 Dawn Valley Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3605.

CREAGHEAD, James B. Seeking information on him - born 1857 - died 25 Apr 1941.  
HUBERT W. CREAGHEAD, born 1897, died 7 Apr 1961. Would like to know who their parents were or if MARTHA ELIZABETH (BETTY) CREAGHEAD BAIRD was thier sister. They are buried in the Brush Creek Church Cemetery.  
MINELLE BAIRD TURNER, 2223 Charles St., Pampa, TX 79065

PANKEY FAMILY BURIAL PLACE. Would like to learn burial place of JOHN PANKEY, wife MARGARET OWEN PANKEY and the unmarried daughter, ELIZABETH ANN MARY? John died Jan 1855 at Sanderson's Mill (Pleasant Shade - near Hackett home)

DUKE GARRISON, 1212 Parkview, Sterling, IL 61081

KNIGHT, DILLEHAY, SMITH, MATTHEWS, MITCHELL, SIMPSON, GUFFEY, MCGUFFEY. Reserchng the foregoing family names.

ESTELLA MORRISON, 1038 Hickory St., Excelsior Spgs, MO 64024. e-mail: grancee@hotmail.com

GLOVER/FERRELL. Seeking information on the parents of RICHARD R. GLOVER, b 3 Feb 1820, marr MATILDA FERRELL and lived in Giles and Lawrence Counties, TN from 1850 until his death in Giles Co. 3 July 1906. RICHARD and MATILDA had a son, JOHN W. GLOVER. There is a RICHARD GLOVER on the 1820 Smith Co. census.

MARGUERITTE BAGGETT, 612 Garden Acres Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

## KINSMAN

Original Poem by Wayne Hand, 1999

Alas, my elusive kinsman  
You've led me quite a chase  
I thought I'd found your courthouse  
But the Yankees burned the place.

You always kept your bags packed  
Although you had no fame, and  
Just for the fun of it  
Twice you changed your name.

You never owed many man, or  
At least I found no bills  
In spite of eleven offspring  
You never left a will.

They say our name's from Europe  
Came state side on a ship  
Either they lost the passenger list  
Or granddad gave them the slip.

I'm the only one that's looking  
Another searcher I can't find  
I play (maybe that's his father's name)  
As I go out of my mind.

You first married a .....Smith  
And just to set the tone  
The other four were Sarahs  
And everyone a Jones.

You cost me two fortunes  
One of which I did not have  
My wife, my house and Fido  
God, how I miss that yellow lab.

But somewhere you slipped up,  
Old Boy, Somewhere you left a track  
And if I don't find you this year  
Well.....Next year I'll be back.

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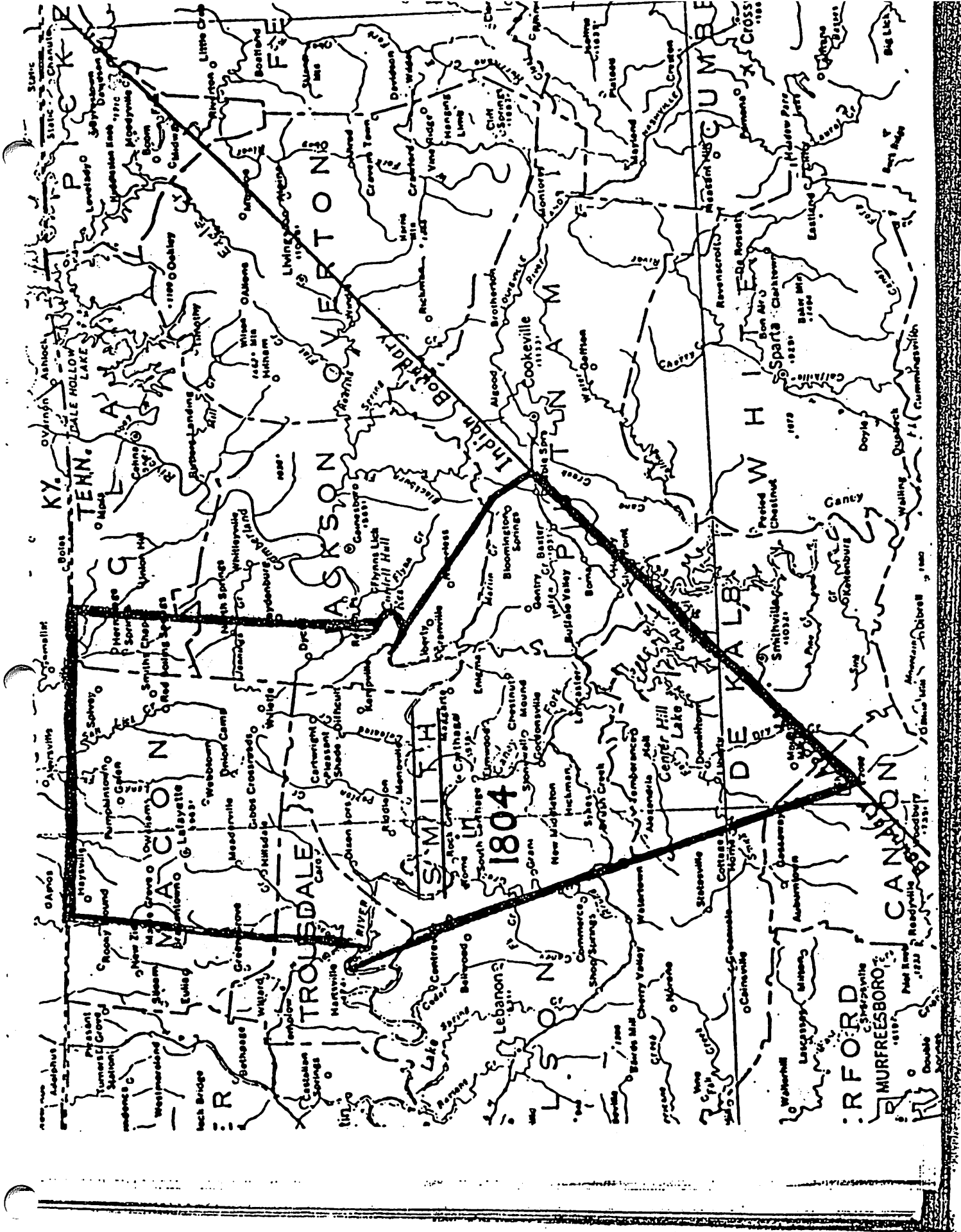
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MAP OF SMITH COUNTY SHOWING BOUNDARIES AS THEY APPEARED IN 1804

## SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CIVIL DISTRICTS, 1836

In compliance with an Act of the General Assembly passed on 3 December 1835, the Smith County commissioners laid out specific boundaries for the 23 civil districts of the county. This action is recorded in *Smith County, Tennessee, Record Book 1836-1838, pp. 29-34, 1836*. Prior to this date Smith County was composed of 25 districts, but, with the creation of Cannon County earlier in the same year, districts 24 and 25 became a part of the newly formed county. This area included the towns of Alexandria and Liberty. When Dekalb County was created in 1837 most of this territory was incorporated into that county. In 1842 Macon County was created, encompassing Smith County districts 9, 10, 11 and a large portion of 5, 6, 8 and a small part of 7 into that county. Some of this territory later became a part of Trousdale County. The following is unedited.

## May Term County Court 1836

District 1<sup>st</sup>. Beginning on Caney fork, at the mouth of Glover's Branch, thence North to the head of the Sand Shoals, on Cumberland River, thence down the same, to the first Bluff above Josiah Moses, thence with the ridge to the Gap at Winneys, Martins, thence with the Main Ridge, dividing, the waters of Key and Dyers Branch, so as to strick Peytons Creek at Haynes Mill, thence down said Creek, to its Mouth, thence up Cumberland and Caney fork Rivers to the Beginning. Precinct at Carthage.

District No. 2. Beginning on the Top of the first Bluff above Josiah Moses, on Cumberland River, thence with the main ridge to the Gap at Winey Martins, thence along the Defeated Creek Road, to the Gap of the ridge at Kents, thence along the main ridge dividing the waters of Peytons & Defeated Creeks, to the Old Fort Blount Road, at the head of Granades Branch, thence East, with the said road, to the Jackson County line, thence south with said line, to the Cumberland River, thence down the same to the Beginning. Precinct to be at Edward West.

District No. 3. Beginning on Peytons Creek at the Mouth of Spring creek, thence North with the dividing ridge between said Peytons & Spring Creeks, to the Gap of the ridge above Maces, in the Old Fort Blount road, thence East, with said road, to the Gap of the ridge above Granades old place, thence south on the top of the main ridge dividing the Waters of Peytons and Defeated Creeks, to the Gap of the ridge at Winney & Martins, thence on the top of the Ridge, between Keys & Dyers Branches, so as to strike Peytons Creek at Haynes Mill, thence down said Creek to the Beg. Precinct at Geo. Oldhams.

District No. 4. Beginning at the Mouth of Peytons Creek, thence up the same, to the Mouth of Spring Creek, thence along the ridge dividing the Waters of Peytons Creek from Spring Creek, Dry Creek & Dixons Creek to the Gap of the ridge above Maces, in the old Fort Blount road, thence West, with said road, to Mungles Gap, & along the Hartsville road, through Lawson's lane, to the Sumner County line at Stubblefields,

thence South with said line to Cumberland River, thence up the same to the Beginning. Precinct at Dixon Springs.

District No. 5. Beginning in the Old Fort Blount road, in the gap of the ridge above Granades old place, thence North along the ridge between Peytons & Defeated Creeks, to the road leading from Witchers to Carthage down Peyton's Creek, & with said road, by Witchers and along the Thompkinsville road, to Mathews line, thence East with said line, to the Jackson County line, thence south with said line to the Old Fort Blount road, thence South with said line to the Old Fort Blount road, thence West with said road, to the Beginning. Precinct at Holland Mill on Defeated Creek.

District No. 6. Beginning in the Gap ridge in the old Fort Blount road, above Granades old place, thence North along the top of the ridge dividing the Waters of Peytons and Defeated Creek, to the road leading from Witchers to Carthage down Peytons Creek, thence along said road, by Witchers and along the Thompkinsville road, to Mathews line, thence West with said line to a point so as to rim South along the ridge dividing the waters of Peytons & Goose Creeks, to the top of the ridge between said Peytons and Dixon Creeks, and with said ridge to the Gap above Maces, in the Old Fort Blount road, thence East, with said Road to the Beginning. The Precinct to be at George Suttons on Peytons Creek.

District No.. 7. Beginning in Mungles Gap, thence along the ridge dividing the Waters of Dixon & Goose Creeks, around to the head waters of Peytons Creek, thence along the ridge dividing the waters of said Peytons and Dixons Creek to the Gap of the ridge in the old Fort Blount road above Maces, thence West along the road leading to said Mungles Gap, to the Beginning. The Precinct to be at Col. William Martins.

District No. 8. Beginning in Mungles Gap, thence along the Hartsville road through Lawson's lane, to the Sumner County line, at Stubblefields, thence North with said line, to Mathews line, thence East with said line to the ridge dividing the Waters of Goose and Peytons Creek, thence South along ridge to the head of Dixon Creek, thence along the main ridge between said Dixons and Goose Creek, to Mungles Gap to the Beginning. Precinct at Brevard Tanyard.

District No. 9. Beginning where the Mathews line crosses the Jackson County line, thence West, with Sd. Mathews line to the dividing ridge between Long fork and Salt Lick creeks, thence North along the main ridge dividing the waters of said Creeks, to the Kentucky line, thence East to the corner of Jackson County, thence south with said County line to the beginning. Precinct to be at Jones at the Fork of the road, on Salt Lick.

District No. 10. Beginning in the Mathews line on the Main ridge dividing the waters of Long fork, from Salt Lick, thence West with said Mathews line, to the road dividing the waters of White Oak & Goose Creek, thence North with said road, and along the road between Puncheon Camp and White Oak Creek, to the Kentucky line, thence East, with

said line, to the ridge between Salt Lick and Long fork, thence south along the Main ridge dividing the Waters of said Creeks, to the Beginning. Precinct to be at Dabny Coopers, on White Oak Creek.

District No. 11. Beginning where the Mathews line crosses the Sumner County line, thence East with said line, to the ridge road North of James Parkers, thence North along said road, and along the road between Puncheon Camp and White Oak Creek, to the Kentucky line, thence West, with said line, to the North East Corner of Sumner county, thence south, with said county line, to the Beginning, Precinct to be at William Brattons.

District No. 12. Beginning on Cumberland river at the Corner of Wilson county, thence south, with said County line, to where it first crosses Round Lick opposite Daniel Seays, thence down Round Lick to a stake south of Rome, thence North along the street between Dr. McCalls Shop and Seays & Hubbard Store to a stake in the Bank of Cumberland river, thence down the same to the Beginning. Precinct to be in the West end of Rome.

District No. 13. Beginning on a stake in the Bank of Cumberland River, North of Rome, thence south along the Street between Dr. McCalls Shop & Seays & Hubbard Store, to Round Lick, thence up the same, to the first Bluff above Dr. Armstrongs, thence on the Top of the main ridge around the head of Rolls and Plunkets Creek, & along the main ridge between Plunkets and Wards Creek, to the bluff of the river below Wards plantation, thence down the river to the Beginning. Precinct to be in the East end of Rome.

District No. 14. Beginning on the top of the Bluff on Cumberland River, below Wards plantation, thence around with the top of the main ridge including all the waters of Wards, Hogans, and Bluff Creek, to the top of the first Bluff on Cany Fork above the mouth of said Bluff Creek, thence down Cany fork and Cumberland river to the Beginning. Precinct at Horace Olivers.

District No. 15. Beginning on the top of the first Bluff on Cany Fork, above the mouth of bluff Creek, thence up the river to the top of the first Bluff above Mrs. Congers, thence along the ridge between the waters of Bowling Branch & Smith Fork, to the head of Britons Branch, thence down said branch to the road at Askens, thence down said road to Kingsburys line, at Newbells, thence with said Kingsburys line to Hickmans Creek, below Mrs. Uptons, thence along the road by John Duncans, to the gap of the ridge between the waters of Hickmans and Mulherrins Creeks, thence North along the main ridge crossing the Trousdale road at Porters Hill, and along the east boundary line of Mrs. Halls land to the Top of the ridge between Mulherrin & Bluff Creeks, thence along sd. Ridge to the Beginning. Precinct to be at Gordonsville.

District No. 16. Beginning on the Caney fork, at the mouth of Glovers Branch, thence North to the head of the Sand Shoals, on Cumberland River, thence up the river to the

Jackson County line, thence south with said county line to the Walton road, thence along said road, and the Trousdale road, to Ferguson, thence along the ridge between Dillard and Trousdale Branch to the Bluff above McDonalds old place, on Cany fork, thence down the river to the Beginning. Precinct to be at Zachary Fords.

District No. 17. Beginning on Trousdale road at Porters Hill, thence north along the East boundary line of Mrs. Halls land, and along the point of the ridge to the top of the main ridge between Mulherrin & Bluff Creeks, thence around with the top of the main ridge including all the Head waters of said Mulherrins Creek, back to Porters Hill to the Beginning. Precinct at Smith Store.

District No. 18. Beginning where the Wilson county line crosses the Round Lick opposite Daniel Seays, thence south with said County line to the top of the first ridge above McEacherns Spring branch, thence around with the ridge between the waters of Round Lick and Mulherrins Creek crossing the Trousdale road at Skeg's gap to the head of Plunkets Creek, thence along the ridge between the Waters of Round Lick and Plunkets & Roles creeks so as to strike Round Lick at the first bluff above Dr. Armstrongs, thence up the creek to the Beginning. Precinct at Tuggles Cross Roads.

District No. 19. Beginning in the road on the top of the Hill above William Lancasters, thence West along the main ridge dividing the waters of Mulherrins and the waters of Hickmans Branch and Kitchens creeks, to the Wilson county line, between James Kitchens and Daniel McEacherin, thence south with said County line to the ridge dividing the waters of Hickmans and Brush Creeks, thence East along said ridge by Major Moores old place, to the cross roads at Turners, thence north along said road by Mrs. Penns(?) to the Beginning. The Precinct to be at Degerrietts Springs.

District No 20. Beginning in the road in the gap of the ridge dividing the waters of Hickmans and Mulherins Creek, above John Duncans, thence along the ridge between said creeks to the road above William Lancasters thence south along said road by Mrs. Pens(?) to Sims(?) north boundary line, thence East with his Rides(?) Cotes(?) Doss and James Eatons and John Tubbs, thence north along the main ridge between the waters of Hickman & Smith Fork, to the Head of Britons branch, thence West down said branch to the road at Askens, thence down said road to Kingsbury line, at John Newbells, thence along said Kingsbury line to Hickmans Creek below Mrs. Uptons, thence along the road by John Duncans to the Beginning. Precinct to be at McCulloug's Mills.

District No. 21. Beginning at the Tubbs old Mill on Smith fork, thence East to the Top of the main ridge, between the waters of Smith Fork and Hickman Creek, thence south with said ridge to Centerville and along the road towards Goodners old Tanyard to the Cannon county line, thence East with said line to the top of the ridge between Smith Fork and the Cany Fork, thence North along said ridge dividing the waters of Smith Fork and Cany fork to the Road leading from Cow Hollow to Caplingers Mill, thence West



with said road to Smiths fork, thence down the same to the Beginning. Precinct to be at Caplingers Upper Mill.

District No. 22. Beginning in the Jackson County line, in the Walton road, thence along said road, and along the Trousdale road to Fergussons, thence along the ridge between Dillard's and Trousdale's branch to the first Bluff on Cany fork above McDonald's old place, thence up the river to the first bluff above Mrs. Congers, thence along the ridge dividing the waters of Boldings Branch and Smith's fork, to where the road leading from Lancaster to Carthage crosses the ridge, thence along said road through Lancaster to Powell's Ferry on Cany fork, thence up the Love Hollow to the Jackson County line at George Smiths, thence with the Jackson County line back to the Beginning. Precinct at Bamed Richardson's on Cany fork.

District No. 23. Beginning at George Smiths on the Jackson County line, thence West down the Love Hollow, to Powell's Ferry on Cany Fork, thence along the road through Lancaster and on the top of the ridge between Boldings Branch and Smith Fork, thence south with that ridge to Tubbs old Mill, thence up Smiths fork to the Cow Hollow road, thence East with that road to the Top of the ridge between Smiths fork & Cany fork, thence south with that ridge to the Cannon County line, thence with Cannon County line, thence with said county line to the Caney fork, thence up the Cany fork to the Warren County line, thence East with said Warren County line to Jackson County line, thence with said line to the Beginning. Precinct at Joseph Harpers on Cany Fork.

Compiled by Sue Maggart-Petty

#### DEEDS - 1836

As the Civil Districts were being laid out in 1836, extant deeds reflect some events in the life of the people: John J. Read to Phillip Day - a crop of tobacco, 31 Oct 1836; Joel Dyer to O. B. Hubbard - a negro girl, 28 Oct 1836; John B. Uhles to John Wilson - a sorrel mare, 14 Nov 1836; H. H. Johnson to Frances Duffy - a crib of corn, 21 Jan 1837; Wm. McClain to Marcellus Mitchel - a negro man, 28 Mar 1836; James Evans to John S. Vaughn - a tract of land in the town of Liberty, 9 Nov 1835.

MAP OF NEWLY CREATED CIVIL DISTRICTS OF SMITH COUNTY, 1835

Map courtesy Tennessee State Library & Archives.

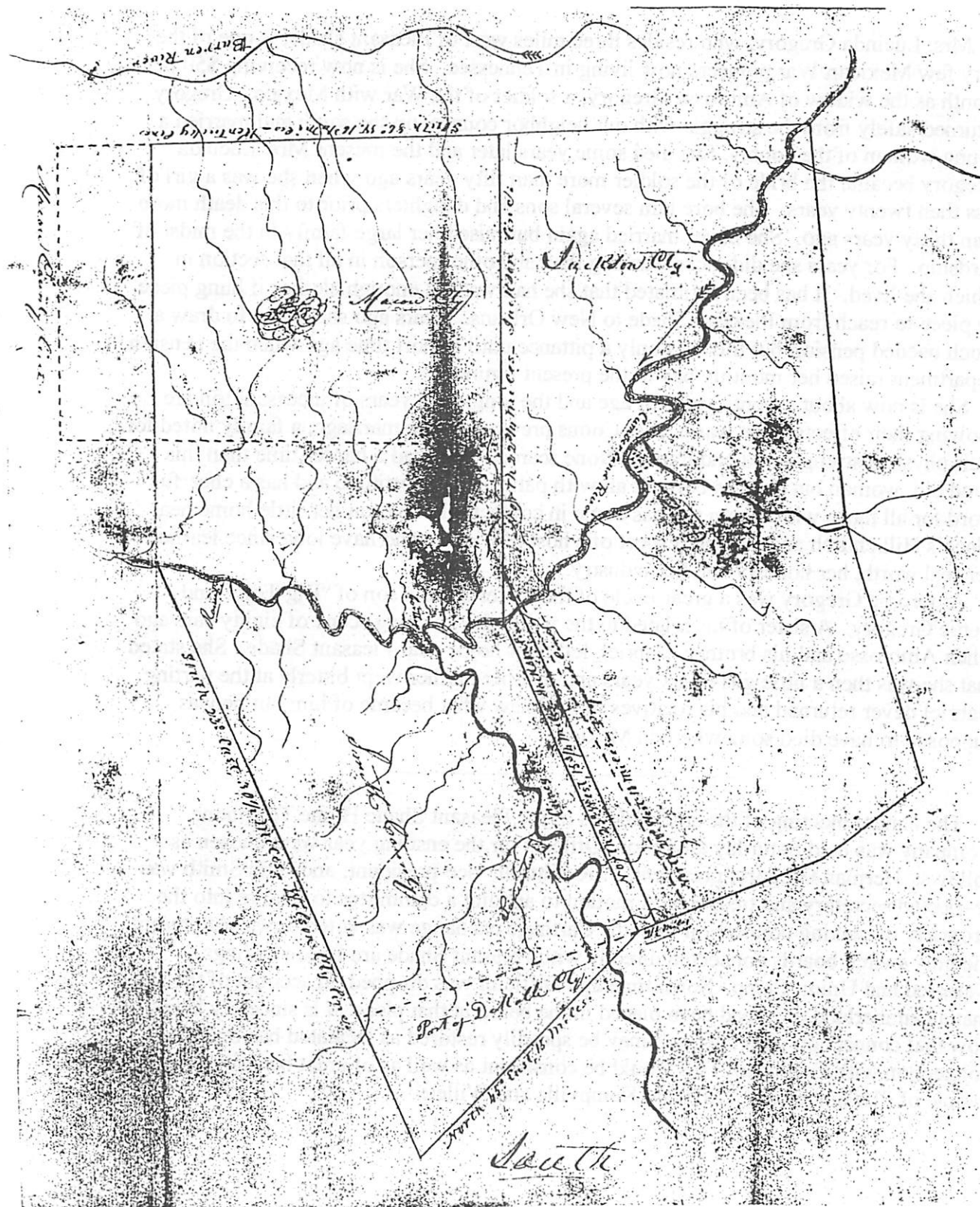
A complete map of Smith County, deposited with the districts as laid down by the Commissioners according to act of the State Assembly passed 3<sup>d</sup> December 1835.

Notes: According to the Census of 1835 Smith County contains 3965 sq. Miles of land.

There are 181 square miles being reserved.



Map showing portions of Smith County incorporated into Macon County at its formation in 1842. Scale 5 miles per inch. (Courtesy Tennessee State Library & Archives).



NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST  
*CARTHAGE COURIER*, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1926

(By Eld. Calvin Gregory)

Mrs. Lucinda Gregory, who resides three miles west of Pleasant shade, is one of the very few Mexican War pioneers now living in Tennessee. She is now receiving \$50 per month as the widow of Ambrosse Gregory, a soldier of the War with Mexico. Gregory returned safely from the struggle with our neighbor country on the south and married a young woman of the county. She died some years later and the present Mrs. Lucinda Gregory became the bride of the soldier more than fifty years ago when she was a girl of less than twenty years. She bore him several sons and daughters prior to this death more than thirty years ago. She never married again but raised her large family in the midst of hardship. For years she did more washing than any other person in all that section in which she lived. It has been estimated that she had washed enough clothes if hung piece by piece to reach from Pleasant Shade to New Orleans. Years ago she began to draw a much needed pension but this was only a pittance until a short time ago when the pension department raised her monthly pay to the present figure.

She is now about seventy years of age and the long, hard years of incessant toil are showing their effects. She was a Miss Coons previous to her marriage, a family noted for their physical strength and endurance. None scarcely ever had a harder time than this good old, woman but she has borne it all with patience and fortitude and has a cheerful word for all those with whom she has come in contact. She lives in her little home near Mace's Hill church and has the respect of a host of friends who have long since learned her real worth, her honesty and her industry.

Ambrosse Gregory was a great-uncle of the writer's and a son of "Big Tom" and Bettie Gregory. A sister of his related to the writer the touching scene of eighty ears ago when Ambrosse and his brother, Gabriel, left their home near Pleasant Shade. She stated that she was then a little girl of six years and that her mother wept bitterly at the parting. Gabriel never returned and his relatives never knew what became of him but he was supposed to have died somewhere in Mexico.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pleasant Shade Home Telephone Company was held Saturday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Herman Gregory, president; P. R. Kittrell, vice-president; and Lum Smith was re-elected secretary and treasurer. A motion to appoint a committee to inquire into the propriety of making connection with the Carthage exchange was voted down. At present the only switch boards connected directly with Pleasant Shade are Dixon Springs, Defeated and Union Camp. Some time ago Difficult was dropped on account of the fact that a Cumberland drop had been placed in the board at that place. It is sincerely hoped now that connection with Difficult may be speedily restored as Defeated has made connection with Carthage. This would be consistent as well as of great benefit to the people of Pleasant Shade, Difficult, Kempville and Willete.



DIARY OF THOMAS FULLER  
COMPANY E, 2ND TENNESSEE CAVALRY  
NOVEMBER 27, 1861 - JUNE 30, 1865

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 1

August 13, 1862. Nothing of special importance occurred in camps today, soldiers have the same duty to do as it is so common, picketing, foraging, cooking beef, etc.

August 14, 1862. Went out on dress parade this evening, arms inspected by company officers.

August 15, 1862. Some little rain on last night and some fell this morning, the writer is doing some little writing for Q.M. E. O., Elliot, he has become paymaster for 2nd Tenn. Cav.

August 16, 1862. Quite cool this morning for the month of August in a Southern climate. Co. E paid off today, drew two months wages - company drills nearly every day on foot.

August 17, 1862. Sunday morning very pleasant in the afternoon very warm, the Soldiers are being paid off today, will probably get through this evening or tomorrow. Scouts report the enemy still stealing Negroes on the borders - Gen. F. T. Armstrong has sent orders to cook three days rations and be ready to move at any time.

August 18, 1862. No more of the Cavalry as yet, expecting an order constantly to saddle up our quadrupeds and march out amid the thick clouds of dust that rises and envelops the weary cavalrymen.

August 19, 1862. Nothing much of importance being carried on in camps - a squad of men went out from each Co. to drill today on horseback.

August 20, 1862. Orders were given this evening to cook three days rations and take up the line of march on the 21st of Aug. at 2 P. M.

August 21, 1862. More orders this morning to draw more rations and march on the 22nd at 3 A. M. - A member of Co. G died this morning about 4 o'clock buried in the afternoon with the honors of War. (Jas. M. Vane)

August 22, 1862. Took up the line of march this morning at an early hour, a large force of Cavalry appeared on the road, headed by Brig. Gen. Armstrong, Went down vis. Saltille, took the Birmingham road & proceeded out several miles, found water and stopped, fed, weather warm, roads very dry & dusty, we of Co. G. got orders to move on tomorrow morning at 2 A.M. in company with an Arkansas Co. & Miss. Co.

August 23, 1862. Co. G left with the above named under command of Capt. Acles of Arkansas and proceeded out to Birmingham & thence to Ellistown on the Tuscumbia and Pontotac road 20 miles Northeast of the latter, took the Ripley road to the Tallahatchie river and camped, a mill at this place known as Kelley's mill, cooked up some rations and sent the wagons back to camps at Guntown.

August 24, 1862. Left for Ripley the county Town of Tippeth Cty. the writer was one of the rear guard, we traveled a kind of circuitous route passed through Orizoba, a small village by the way, reached Ripley in the afternoon found it very neat place, the citizens strong in the Southern faith spoke of their treatment by the Federals when visited by them, this Town is about 20 miles from the Tenn line, the squad moved on six or seven miles and camped. Ordered to be in line with our guns near one of Co. G. W. C. Minton refused to go on picket was put under guard W.C.M. has the organ of limitation largely developed & has frequently been imitating animals of various kinds, has got the name of goat.

August 25, 1862. This morning goat woke up in a few feet of Capt. Puryear & crowed equal to any Shanghia which was very amusing. He proceeded out over a rough poor uneven country, in the afternoon we met up with Col Falkner's Reg. 1st Miss Partisen Rangers. They had captured seven of the blue coated fellows who had got out on the look for fruit, quite young looking fellows - they were, after foraging a little we proceeded on towards Riensi where a force of Feds are.

August 26, 1862. Marched on the road towards the enemy's encampment, when within about four miles the advance of the Confederates thought they jumped up a squad of Yankees - a line was formed by Capt. Acles but no further discoveries being made the column moved on for a half mile, then came back, fed & watered our horses. We afterwards marched on the road with three companies, one was sent around to cut off the picket, while they succeeded in capturing some of them, the reserve of the three remaining Confs. were brought up, a line was formed afterwards made another dash towards the enemy's camp & formed a line during the time the squad or part of them that cut off the pickets rode around in among their camps and shot some few in their tents, we saw the enemy coming out in large force, Cavalry & Infantry, our forces retreated back, the Federals fired a few shots as we were retreating, the main body of the three Co.'s took a right hand road leaving the main road, there being so much dust that the Fed did not see us to pursue. We came out towards Ripley, but some of the boys lost guns, haversacks & hats & blankets. Co. G formed after coming out and found that five of our Co. missing, one horse coming but no rider one horse in the Co. was shot in the left hind leg, some few horses captured in the transaction, we stopped after dark and an alarm was given after some had lay down to rest, we formed on foot but no enemy came.

August 27, 1862. Went to Ripley, distant from Riensi 25 miles, and joined the troops that had come in, pickets were sent out, the writer of this was one of the number, went on the Holly Springs road and remained till evening, had some clothes washed, two of Co. G. that was missing have come in. We marched out a short distance and camped. the writer was continued on picket duty. Cap. Acles states that the Feds pursued him for fourteen miles. He finally had to take to a cornfield to rid himself of them, Col. Falkner's men became somewhat confused.

August 28, 1862. This morning at daylight the writer found himself near a water melon patch some of them fine ones, the water melons were too fine to refuse consequently some of them was eaten, the squad under Cap. Acles moved on towards Kelly's mill, I got behind, separated from the guys & found my dinner near Orizabe & horse fed & then reached the mill before night, a false alarm was given we run out on foot, formed in the bushes, no enemy proved to be near.

August 29, 1862. Marched to Guntown today, before the squad was disbanded, Capt. Acles formed us into a square and delivered an address complimenting us for our conduct during the trip, came on down & found that the camps had been moved South of the Depot. One of the men belonging to Co. G. has come in, two of the same company are yet missing, Viz. W. J. Armstrong, J. J. Barrett, they are supposed to be in the hands of the Federals. During our expedition we fared very well, found many friendly disposed people plenty of fruit to eat, the Cav. under Gen Armstrong have not as yet come to camps, are supposed to be in West Tennessee.

August 30, 1862. Nothing of interest took place to day till evening it being announced that Wm. Bundy of Co. G. would leave for his residence in the County of Smith, Tenn and proposes taking letters, many could be seen writing letters to send home.

August 31, 1861. Some rain this afternoon, plenty to lay the dust and cool the atmosphere. Orders were issued today to be in readiness to move at a moments warning, Soldiers are marching up the road in the direction of Baldwin, have a Camel loaded with camp equipage. Gen. Price's Division is making an advance movement.

Sept. 1, 1862. The remnants of the Cav. Reg. are being moved up from their camps near Guntown to Baldwin and vicinity, the sick and those who have horses of the Cav., commands that are unfit for duty are left near Baldwin, the rest are encamped some three miles north near the R.R. in a very good place.



Sept. 2, 1862. The remnants of the Cav. Reg. are being moved up from their camps near Guntown to Baldwin and vicinity, the sick and those who have horses of the Cav. commands that are unfit for duty are left near Baldwin, the rest are encamped some three miles north near the R.R. in a very good place.

Sept. 3, 1862. This morning Capt. Puryear pronounced my horse unfit for duty, on account of a sore back, and gave me permission to go to the rear and recruit up, orders were received soon after getting in to have all horses examined and sent back to the front, the consequence was that mine was pronounced able for duty.

Sept. 4, 1862. Went up to the advance guard to day, have been reading the account of Gen. Morgan's operations in Sumner Cty., Tenn. he has been victorious over the Federal invaders in and around that beautiful country.

Sept. 5, 1862. Nothing of interest occurred to day - weather dry and nights are cool, we are having the regular duties to perform.. Twenty men from Co's F and G went out to do picket duty.

Sept. 6, 1862. A move is being made, the Infantry has been passing by Regts. and Brigades, going North or up the R.R. some have large amounts of baggage, more than would be willing to put on my horse, these Soldiers report more coming - bringing up the rear, I have been feeling quite unwell, though able to keep going.

Sept. 7, 1862. A scout was sent towards Boonsville, and returned reporting no definite news of importance.

Sept. 8, 1862. Went to a house near the camps to get clothes washed water is so scarce that it is quite a task to have anything of the kind done, heard a woman tell of the conduct of some Feds when in this locality.

Sept. 9, 1862. Gen. F. C. Armstrong returned this morning from an extensive scout in West Tenn. captured over four hundred Feds, and arms munitions of war, wagons and losing some men of his command, near one hundred is the reported loss of his killed, wounded and missing. 2nd Tennessee Cav. lost 20 men, and there was only five Co's in the Brig. They operated around Denmark and Bolivar.

Prison Life  
Begins September 9, 1863

(There is a skip in the diary between Sept 9, 1862 and Fuller's capture on Sept. 9, 1863)

Sept. 9, 1863. Between the hours of 3 & 4 P.M. I was captured by the Federal forces 5 Ohio Cavalry on the Tuscumbia & Pontotoc road two miles from Old Carrollville Tishmingo Cty Miss. Residence of R. B. Clayton.

Sept. 10, 1863. Camp Davis Mississippi - the 5 Ohio and some of 66 Ill S.S. went into their camps today the weather very warm the roads dry and dusty, one Soldier one citizen and myself composed the number that they carried in off of their four days raid, a few horses very few, a carriage taken from Mr. Brice at his residence X Roads Pontotoc.

Sept. 11, 1863 Very warm today, more particular in the evening we stay in a little house, the camp guard stay around when not on duty, a deserter from Co. G, 2 Tenn Cav. came into Camp Davis this morning he was charged with horse stealing before leaving the Regiment.

Sept. 12, 1863. The above named character took breakfast with the prisoners this morning, having a pitiful tale (sic) to tell of the citizen shooting him in some three different places and on getting well he came to the Feds.

Sept. 13, 1863. Today being Sunday I wrote a note to send to A. W. Davis, Baldwin, Miss. Dress parade 66 Ill. S. Shooters Capt Pickett, Provost Marshall stated that one other soldier and myself would be held as hostages for two of the 5 o. c. that he said the Rebs spoke of executing down South.

Sept. 14, 1863 Very dry and dusty, a great deal of formality carried out by the troops here, two Regs. one of the Cav. and one Inf. the latter beat a variety of tunes but the same at every hour, at night a long rigmarole and break up with Yankee Doodle they call their Reg.

Sept. 15, 1863. Some rain late in the evening and some wind, a Confederate Soldier, a prisoner brought in today a member of 2 Tenn Cav., Co. A, Joel W. Booth, resident of the State of Mississippi.

Sept. 16, 1863. The weather more pleasant today, some more rain in the evening, late they have been letting prisoners go to the spring with a single escort, but have quit off today, water is plentiful, but a quarter of a mile from the guard house we don't get much - prisoner.

Sept. 17, 1863. Began turning cool this evening late - have felt unwell part of the day. We have no bed clothes only few extra blankets the Soldiers have brought to us, a hard place to lie on rations are hard crackers with worms in them, fat pork, coffee and raw or about half cooked beans.

Sept. 18, 1863. Quite cool all day. I have been unwell with diarrhea occasioned by the diet that we have to eat. A Negro wench of very filthy habits, we have to eat after her style of preparing.

Sept. 19, 1863. Very cool again today a show in camps on last night, a Federal Soldier killed yesterday by Rebels and one wounded today by some more Rebel gorillas. I examined the floor of the backroom of the Guard house found it thick as to sleepers. Could not get through floor.

Sept. 20, 1863. Another show or theater last night - this morning some little frost - Preaching today Sunday inside the Stockade dress parade again this evening with the Sharp Shooters, numbering as I could best estimate about 400 men, some that deserted C.S.A. and old Gophers from down South are in Stockade.

Sept. 21, 1863. Wrote a note and sent down the country through Capt. Pickett's kindness, furnishing paper and envelop wrote for my clothing that I left down in Itwnaba Cty. Sent my letter by Mr. Thomas Burress.

Sept. 22, 1863. Weather getting a little warmer than it had been the soldiers here are improving their winter Quarters putting new roofs on their houses and hawling in some lumber from Riensi and Boonville. They tear down vacant houses and bring the remains in and put up houses for their use.

Sept. 23, 1863. The dust is getting very thick again where there is much traveling done, we Rebs have to get out with brush brooms and sweep off in front of the Guard house and Official Head Quarters. Col P. E. Burke of Mo. commanding, he has his wife with him at Camps.

Sept. 24, 1863. Nothing of importance to day another rebel prisoner was brought in to the guard house at Camp Davis, he has been a prisoner and in bad health, the oath was administered and he allowed to go on home.

Sept. 25, 1863. One of the Federal pickets accidentally shot himself in the hand this morning while on post. Received some clothes this evening by the hands of a friend. Some that were too heavy to pack around with me and did not have them at the time of my capture.

Sept. 26, 1863. Went to the Barbers Shop and got my hair trimmed and shaved felt considerable better after putting on clean clothes, wrote two notes to send down the country, wrote for some more clothing, winter shirts, drawers & socks that I have down near Tupelo, Miss.

Sept. 27, 1863. Sunday - a fine day a Rebel soldier brought in, dress parade in the evening, the Rebs name is L. J. Burnett, lives between Camp Davis and Rienzi, is a member of 26 Miss. Reg.

Sept. 28, 1863. Late this evening , Capt. Picket, Provost Marshall at Camp Davis notified the Prisoners of War to get ready to go to Corinth, five Rebel prisoners were escorted to the latter place, arriving about dusk, went to the Provost M. and thence to the guard house.

Sept. 29, 1863. Joel W. Booth remained Camp Davis. Thirty nine went up to the commander of Post (or Dist Pro Barnhill) office and all expressed a desire to be exchanged with few exceptions - and then back and prepared dinner, hard crackers and Fat bacon, rice and coffee, late in the evening two or three more prisoners were admitted.

Sept. 30, 1863. Some little rain fell to day making some change in the appearance of things, the first Negro Soldiers I have seen are here, some on picket, as I came in, Corinth has changed a considerable lot since I left here.

To be Continued.

Ed. Note: The diary entry of Sept. 4 probably refers to events on the 12th of August when Col. John Hunt Morgan took possession of Gallatin, destroying a long tunnel and tracks on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The previous day Morgan marched his troops from Sparta, Tn, crossing the Cumberland at Sand Shoals ford three miles from Carthage, reaching Dixon Springs in the afternoon. There the forces were met by hospitable citizens who provided abundant supplies for men and horses. While hundreds knew of the march and destination, noone carried the information to the enemy.

## CHANCERY COURT ABSTRACTS

Submitted by Sue Maggart-Petty

[ Ed. Note: *The chancery cases are filed by box and case number and are available in their entirety on microfilm at both the Smith Co. and Tennessee State Archives.* ]

**LEVI SQUIRES & OTHERS VS JNO. W. SQUIRES & OTHERS, 1888**  
Box 21, No. 1080

Levi Squires died 1841, intestate, leaving wife, Emilia, children Levi Justice, John, Rachel Denton, Nancy Slaughter, Maria Jones.

Levi Justice died testate, leaving John W. Squires his only heir who is legatee of his aunt, Nancy Slaughter.

John died July 30, 1857, leaving children: Levi; J. G.; James M.; Thomas B; William T.; Dorcas (marr. Meredith Ballenger); Mary ( now dead, marr. William Hastings, several children, names unknown, now living in Ky.); granddaughter, Mary Green Squires, no dead, a dau of John A. Squires, dec'd., a son of said John, marr. E. B. Upton had sons Charley & Robert. Upton. James M. died 24 Dec 1875, (marr. Millie Jones, dau of Maria Squires, dau of testator), both dead, leaving 3 sons: Fred, James, Doss and 3 dau, Nancy, wife of John Jones, Martha, wife of John W. Squires, Millie Squires. Doss & Millie are minors, gdn., J. A. Barrett. Thomas B. & Wm. T. Squires died testate without issue.

Rachel Squires Denton

Maria Squires Jones, marr. Fred Jones, both dead, left 6 children: Millie marr. James M. Squires, son of John Squires, above; Thomas & William Jones live in Davidson Co., Tn; Sallie, marr. James Harmon, lives in Ark.; Rachel marr Benjamin Payne, lives in Dekalb Co. Tn; John L. Jones, lives in Smith Co.

Nancy Squires Slaughter, died April 1888, marr Thomas J. Slaughter, leaving no issue. She wills land left to her by her father, Levi, to nephew, John W. Squires. Other heirs are contesting the will. Land in dispute was on Plunkett's Creek, Smith Co.

**HAILEY, HENRY B. VS HUGHES, WM. P., 1847**

Box 20, Number 1041

Hailey, admr. of Joseph Parker, attempting to recover debts from Hughes. Jesse A. & Benjamin Franklin, sons of Wm. P. Hughes, age abt. 50 years. Wm. P. purchased from Josiah Baird 5 acres of land on Hickman Creek, 20th district, known as Casey's Old Mill seat, now a grist & saw mill known as Hughes' mill, built by Hughes ca 1844. Mentions Jane Berry, a dau of Wm. P. Hughes. Jesse A. Hughes served with the volunteers in the Mexican War.

**HAILE, WM. D. VS BAILEY, WYATT W., 1849**

Box 20, No. 1023

August 1842 Eliza J. Haile was granted a divorce from Wm. D. Funds were settled on her and her children and two children of Wm. D.'s by a former marriage, William J. and Melisa Haile. Six children of Eliza's: Louisa T., Giles B., Cemantha R., Matthew F. Haile, and John and Mary A. Burford. Wm. D. and Eliza J. remarried in February 1845. Mentions Samuel Allison and his brother, Lewis Allison.

**GILL, T. B. VS WRIGHT, E. A., 1865.**

Box 20, No. 1016

Dispute over two houses built in New Middleton for Sam Good and S. L. Sargeant, 1861, 1862. John R. Moores, one of the builders died in the spring of 1863 or 1864, Ira W. King, admr. Heirs of John R. Moores: widow, Lucy who has since married M. F. M. Paschal, left no children: sister, Harriet Moore, widow of Nathan Ward, dec'd., mother of Josephine, marr John H. Bailey; Elizabeth, marr Sam Johnson; John, Sam, Payton, Henry C., and Nathan Ward; grandmother of Walter Ward, son of dec'd. son of Nathan Ward: sister, Amelia H., marr S. C. Bridgewater: sister, Elizabeth, marr James B. Moores, Esgr., she died 7 years ago leaving 1 child, Bettie, who marr John Luster: sister, Rhoda M., marr Dr. F. H. Gordon, she died several years ago leaving 1 dau, Rhoda M. who marr B. F. C. Smith: brothers Wm. B. and Henry L. Moores: Dr. Gordon has since marr Catharine Moore with issue S. S. and Tabitha, both minors. Thomas B. Gill died intestate ca 1871, admr. John S. Gill, heirs widow, Martha E., and children ?, Alexander. Ceannick, Barthena and infant Gill. Other heirs of Moores: John G. Bransford and wife, Martha M.; W. J. Johnson and wife, Holly M.

**WARD, NATHAN VS CARTER, JOHN S., 1854**

Box 18, No. 948

Geo. Baker, Samuel Allison, Nathan Ward vs John S. Carter & Wm. B. Whitley, admr. of estate of Wm. Baker, dec'd. Baker died in June 1852. Estate was declared insolvent, owing money to complaints. A Negro girl, Cilla, had been given to Baker's wife, Letty, by her father, John S. Carter. Wm. B. Whitley was brother-in-law to Baker. A. H. Ross & Baker were in business 1849, shipping tobacco to New Orleans. In 1852 Baker engaged in factoring tobacco with Ward. Mrs. Baker mentions church at Macedonia (New Middleton).

**DENNEY, CHAS. VS ROLLINS, JAMES, ET AL, 1851.**

Box 19, No. 1006

Benjamin Denney dies in 1841 leaving a will with Chas. Denney and James Rollins, excs. The estate was left to the widow, Evaline Denney, for her lifetime or remarriage. She was the dau of James Rollins. In 1849 she marr Dawson B. Harris and continued to live on Denney's farm & enjoy the proceeds. Others named in will: James Denney, Caroline Denney, Mary D., Salley, Benjamin W., the last five minors.

The land under protest is on Mulherrins Creek. Chas. Denney, brother to Benjamin, says that Rollins refuses to carry out the will by not having Evaline removed from the land after her remarriage. Franklin Atwood is gdn of minor children. Evaline Denney is his aunt. The children have in time attended Mount Holly school. The land was sold for \$1580, Evaline Harris being the highest bidder, but she let her bid go to Benjamin Atwood, March 1852.

**WILLIAM W. SEAY AND JOHN H. BEDFORD VS SUSAN LINDSEY, 1846**

Box No. 22, No. 1162

Wm. W. Seay, John H. Bedford and Sutton E. Belchey operate a store in Rome. Thomas G. Lindsey dies intestate in 1846, his widow, Susan, appointed admr. with her son, Ammon Lindsey and son-in-law, Walker Hooker, securities. Lindsey owed the store for 1845-1846 goods purchased. Orators fear Susan will sell off a slave, Hannah and her two children, Charlton and Archibald to avoid paying the debt.

**BRIDGEWATER, S. C. VS GORDON, F. H., ET AL, 1853**

Box No. 25, No. 1261

William Moores died in 1828 leaving will, Wm. B. Moores, exc, who now lives in Ala. Widow, Elizabeth Moores died 13 August 1852. At the time of his death, Wm. Moores had nine children, one born a month after his death. Children: Harriett R. Moores marr July 1836 to Nathan Ward; Rhoda M. Moores marr Francis H. Gordon 1834, died 1835 leaving child, Rhoda M, a minor; Elizabeth B. Moores marr in 1837 to James B. Moores; William B. Moores moved to Alabama in 1834; Amelia H. Moores marr Samuel C. Bridgewater; Henry L. Moores; John R. Moores; Mary E. Moores marr John W. Bowen in 1837, died in 1839, leaving no issue; Harvey and Alethia Moores died in 1828.

**TENNIE MANNING VS JOHN MANNING, 1879**

Box No. 25, No. 1293

Divorce. Tennie accuses her husband of cruel and inhuman conduct, lived in 17th district, New Middleton. Tennie was born and reared in Tennessee moved to Smith County December 1877 and married the same day.

**DENNY, FRANCIS VS W. H. CHEEK, 1872**

Box No. 22, No. 1126

Land case relating to the estate of David Everett, Charles Denny, exc. of will. Francis Denny marr in 1861, daughter of Charles Denny. Chas. was the uncle of Francis. James Nixon, age 44, marr another dau of Charles Denny. Chas. Denny died intestate ca 1872, W. H. Cheek, admr.

**TERRY, NATHANIEL VS SIMPSON, JOHN, 1848**

Box No. 22, No. 1124

Dispute among heirs of James Simpson, dec'd. citizen of Shelby Co., Ky, died in Wilson Co., Tn, July 1809. Heirs: widow, Mary and six children: Rachel, marr Augustus Robinson; Mary, 2nd daughter, marr 1. Samuel Wilson, 2. Wm. Washer; Sarah marr Nathaniel Terry; John; Thomas; Agnes marr George W. Copewood, decd., leaving 4 children - John; Mary and Sarah, living in Monroe Co., Ms, Emeline who marr David Jamison. Mary Simpson, the widow, moved to Smith County 1817, died December 1847. Mentions slaves, Spence, Hannah, Bill, Jim. Nathaniel Terry and wife, Sarah, residents of Onachita Co., Ark; Wm. Washer and wife, Mary, residents of Lawrence Co., Ala. In 1852 both couples are living in Ittaveamba Co., Ms.

**SMITH & ALLISON VS SMITH, et al, 1847**

Box 9, No. 443

Larkin Smith, dec'd. Children of deceased: Elijah M.; Prudence S, lived in Muhlenberg Co., Ky.; Phillip B.; Chistopher, died intestate 1847, Jesse T. Hollis, admr.; Frances Allen, Wm. B. Allen, father, gdn. in Muhlenberg Co., Ky. of children, Elizabeth Jane, John G., Mary M., Martha M. Archibald Allen, gdn. in Smith Co., Tn; Thomas H.; Charles B., widow, Martha & son, Fountain S. Smith; Nancy marr. Davis; Martha marr Kyle; James F., lived Muhlenberg Co., Ky.; Ruben B., Elizabeth, Ruth all unmarried & deceased since their father. The following order by the court is in the case: "Due to bad health of the family, physicians recommended to the executor to remove the buildings, taking down a large double log house, corn cribs, smoke house, kitchens and several out houses, stables, etc., moved to about 1 quarter of a mile, hiring hands to do the work."

**ARENDALE, JOHN L. VS TIMBERLAKE, JAMES F., 1865**

Box 28, No. 1452

John L. Arendale, admr. of estate of John Dickens, dec'd, died forepart of 1862, prosperous farmer engaged in buying and prizing tobacco for market. Albert Hagwood Ross is father-in-law of Timberlake. Timberlake and Ross living in Georgia or Alabama; Eleazar Smith lives in Illinois.

**SAMSON, COLEMAN S. VS SAMSON, O. P., et al, 1865**

Box 31, No. 1584.

Coleman S. Sampson, Sr. died intestate 10 Jan 1864, Coleman S. Samson, admr. Sons: O. P., Johnson, Coleman S.; deceased son, Stephen who had minor heirs, Paralee, Stephen D., Alexander M. Samson. Martha, widow of Coleman Samson, Sr. was second wife, no children.



## MINUTES, SMITH COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS

Book 2, 1799 - 1803

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 3

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1803.

P. 90. Present: Tilman Dixon, Elmore Douglass, John Lancaster, Peter Turney and James Hibbits.

Petition of heirs of Thomas Parsons, dec. presented to court by their attorney, Redmond D. Barry take depositions of Robert Thompson and Charles Green to establish boundaries in Grant called Kingsberries Tract be made a matter of record.

Basil Shaw resigned as overseer; James Walker appt. in his place. Same hands work under Walker as worked under Shaw.

James Roberts, Sampson Williams, Edmond Jennings and John Lancaster appt. Jurors for Superior Court.

Wm. Payne appt. overseer of road in place of Silas Rolls who resigned. Same hands work under Payne as did under Rolls.

Zedekiah Ingram's resignation as constable accepted.

Mathew Payne appt. overseer of road from Walton's Ferry to Mulhering Creek; Thomas Smith to give Payne list of hands.

Enos Harrold appt. overseer to maintain road laid out by jury from Mulhering Creek to Bolings Branch; Thomas Smith furnish list of hands.

P. 91. Wm. Lancaster appt. overseer to open and maintain a road from Bolings Branch to Lancaster road, Thomas Smith furnish Lancaster with list of hands.

Grand Jury found Buchanan Russell, Andrew Metcalf, Wm. Rotten and Samuel Anetz guilty of profane swearing in the vicinity of the court.

Appointed as jurors: Michael Murphy, John Sloan, Edward Suttles, Abraham Piper, Solomon Blair, John Piper, John Davis, Samuel Stalcup, Isaac Johns, Elijah Haney, Edmond Jennings, John Morris, Samuel Evetts, John Cochran, James Cochran, John Sutton, Philip Sitton, Wm. Sitton, Thomas Sitton, Francis Patterson, Basil Shaw, James Smith, George McWhirter, Abraham Thompson, Rice Hughes, Samuel Hughes, John Sedgley, Hugh Stephenson, Jr., Robert Wheeley, Francis Finley, Alexander Kenedy.

Samuel Stalcup appt guardian of Anne Clark, Andrew Clark and James Clark, orphan children, Wm. Saunders and Andrew Greer, securities.

Grand Jury discharged.

Grant Allen, John Shelton, Wm. Stalcup, James Gibson and Samuel Carothers appt. to view, lay off and mark road from Banks Ferry to forks of road near Caruthers Still House.

Stephen Farmer, George Nogle, John Caplinger and Samuel Caplinger taken from John Tuggle, overseer, added to James Wrather, overseer.

P. 92. County tax of 61/4 cent placed on each 100 acres of land; 61/4 cent on each white poll; 61/4 cent on each Black Poll; 25 cents on each Stud Horse.

Jacob Kenedy given permission to build a grist mill on his own land on Defeated Creek, charge customary rates.

All hands between Bledsoesborough road and Cumberland River work from Bishop's Ferry to Nathaniel Merritts with Jacob Caplinger, overseer. Remainder of hands assigned to work under John Scoby from Merritts to Cross Roads leading from Round Lick to Big Spring.

Thomas Draper, Willeroy Pate, and Nathaniel Ridley named Patrols in Capt. Pate's Company.

\$100 bond John Young to Jacob Kenedy, proven on oath of Lee Sullivan.

Stock mark for Anthony Samuel recorded.

JUNE 20, 1803

P. 92. Court adjourned - met again at home of Tilman Dixon; present Tilman Dixon, Elmore Douglass, Charles Kavanaugh, Peter Turney and John Lancaster.

P. 93. Grand jurors drawn: Bazzel (sic) Shaw, foreman, Samuel Stalcup, Michael Murphy, Solomon Blair, John Piper, John Davis, John Sloan, Abraham Thompson, Frances Patterson, Edmond Jennings, Isaac Johns, Samuel Evetts, Elijah Haney, Philip Sutton, Edward Settles; they were sworn and charged. Daniel Alexander, constable to attend this jury.

Moses Lawson's stock mark recorded.

Huckings G. Burton admitted to practice law in this court.

Deed 540 acres Richard Harman to James Ray, proven by oath of James Ray, Sr.

Deed Joshua Hadley to Abram Piper 170 acres, sworn by oath of Alexander Piper.

Wm. Pryor to John Ventros deed for 220 acres proven by oath of Charles Kavanaugh.

Grand Jury returned a "true bill" against Robert Smith Slaughter.

Magness McDonald's stock mark recorded.

Hesekiah Woodard appt. overseer of road from Nathaniel Merritts to Cross Roads form Round Lick to big spring on Cedar Creek. All hands from Jacob Dice's to Wilson Co. line work under Woodard.

P. 94. Gift deed 267 acres John Murphy, Sr. to James Murphy, John Murphy, Jr., Robert Barkley Murphy, William Cathey Murphy and Richard Murphy. Registered.

21 June 1803. Present: Charles Kavanaugh, Nathaniel Britton, Wm. Kavanaugh, Elmore Douglass and John Lancaster.

Overseer Archiblad Sloan resigned; Michael Murphy appt in his place with same hands as Sloan had.

Henry Wakefield appt. overseer to open and help in repair road from Daniel Witcher's to Aaron Law's and that from Reuben Goad's to Robert Collier's and James Jones to Martin Young's. All hands adjacent thereto work under Wakefield.

Arthur Hogan to Wm. Wooten deed proven by oath of Wm. Lane.

Deed 50 acres John Hargiss to Adam Staffard.

Wm. Lock vs Joseph Russell, Buckner Russell & Thomas Huchesson, special bond for Deft. surrendered him.

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Alsey Pierce made petition that Samuel Stalcup pay \$25 towards maintenance; Samuel is reported father.

P. 95. Stock mark recorded for John Gordon, Jr.

Deed 1801/4 acres Wm. Pate to Nicholas Teal proven on oath of Sampson Williams.

Peter Turney, bail for Mathew Green on an indictment; surrenders Green in discharge of himself and Col. Wm. Saunders unto the custody of the sheriff.

Deed 246 acres Wm. Wooten to Benjamin proven by oath of Wm. Love.

Deed 201/4 acres Robert Thompson to Samuel King proven by oath of Samuel King.

Deed 61 acres Joel Holland to Josiah Howell proven by oath of John Fisher.

Deed 200 acres Wm. Payne to George Rowling.

Deed Josiah Payne to Wm. Payne 1096 acres proven by oath of Moses Allen.

Grand Jury returned a presentment against Elitha Smith of having a Base begotten child whose father she has not revealed as prescribed by law. A presentment was made against Levi Casay & Josiah Payne for an Effray.

JUNE 23, 1803. Present: William Walton, Peter Turney, James Hibbits, John Patterson, John Lancaster, Thomas Smith, John Looney.

P. 96. Deed 320 acres James Robertson to Wm. Smith proved by oath of Thomas Stuart.

100 acres Isaac Morgan to James Jenkins proved by oath of Thomas Smith.

Grand Jury returned a bill of indictment against Leonard Fite.

Credit of \$536.40 be recorded James Gwin, Smith County treasurer, recommended by Henry Tooley, Grant Allen and Wm. Martin.

Joel Dyer appt. guardian for his sister, Betsy.

Jarrot Wright permitted to build a grist mill on his own land on Line Creek, charge customary rates.

Bill of sale Lazarus Cotten to James Hart proven by oath of Charles Burton.

Grand Jury made presentment against Nancy Taylor for a base child, father not made known; against Charles Cotter a peddler for profanity swearing and against Andrew Hamilton for profanity swearing.

John Fisher, Wm. Bartlet, Wm. Henderson and John Cooper excused from all fine for nonattendance or Bail in case (P. 97) against Sempsey Kenedy.

Grand Jury made a presentment against Andrew Hamilton for profanity swearing.

Henry Tooley, Grant Allen and Wm. Martin appt commissioners for 2 days to settle with county Trustee.

Grand Jury returned a presentment against James Black, a blacksmith, for profanity and blasphemously repeatedly calling upon the name of his maker.

JUNE 23, 1803. Present: James Gwin, James Hibbits, Peter Turney, Charles Kavanaugh, and John Looney.

On behalf of the heirs and devices of Thomas Persons, dec. John Lancaster, Wm. Lancaster, Wm. Powell appt. commissioners to take depositions of Robert Thompson, Charles Green & others to establish Kingsbury Spring & other specialties called for in the Grant & location of a tract of land called Kingsbury's Tract on Hickman's Creek.

P. 98. Grand Jury reported an indictment against Anthony Hogan, no further business was discharged.

Following appt. to serve as Jurors at next County Court: John Gray, Edmond Boaz, David Borin, Nicholas Shrun, Jacob Burriss, Daniel Hammock, Jacob Harwick, Philip Day, Wm. Douglas, Charles McMurry, Thomas Armstrong, James W. Wright, James Smith, David Theighlough, Stephen Jones, Moses Hart, David Lawrence, Jaby Gifford, Joseph Gifford, David Jennings, Joel Holland, Stephen Montgomery, Leonard Ballow, Elias Johns, Isham Beasley, Edward Farris, Moses Allen, Larken Bethel, Patrick Donoho, Charles Forrester, John Gordon, Matthew Payne, Taddock McKnew, Wm. Hughes, John Fite, Sr., Lewis Ford, Stephen Robertson, Sr., Bowling Feltz, Toddack Ingram, Wm. Wootton, Wm. Lane, George Roland, Stephen Anderson.

Deed 4800 acres Joseph Westbrook and wife to Henry W. Lawson proven by oath of Armistead Stubblefield.

Deed 108 acres Arthur Hogan to John Vinez.

Sampson Williams, clerk of Smith Co. given \$60 for ex officio services.

Sheriff and collector, John Douglas allowed \$80 for

P. 99. his ex officio services from 1 March 1802 to 1 March 1803.

Solicitor of Smith Co., Wm. Smith, allowed \$10 for his fee in case of State against Canady.

Henry Bohannon appt. overseer on part of Caney Fork Road from head of Snow Creek to Wm. Kelly's, all hands assigned to Wm. Pryor work under Bohannon.

Enos Harrold appt. overseer of road from Mulherin's Creek to Boling's Branch, continue to a certain large spring on this branch.

Wm. Lancaster appt overseer of road from Lancaster Road to Boling's branch continue down this branch to a certain large spring to meet road opened by Enos Harrold. Shumaker who worked under Harrold work under Mathew Payne.

Thomas Draper, Sampson Williams, Henry Huddleston, Peter Turney, Joel Dyer, Jr., George Tomason and Edward Settles view and make alterations they deem necessary from Thomas Jenkins foot of Defeated Creek Hill to Edward Harris', make report at next court.

John Vantrice, Elijah Gaddy, George Tinkle, Thomas Flood, John Moore, Isaac Conger, Charles Kavanaugh and Benjamin Kavanaugh appt. to view and lay off and mark road from Kavanaugh's to intersect Bunpass road at county line.

P. 100. Berryman Turner appt. overseer road from where Willis Jones quits working to intersect at road leading from Bishop's Ferry to Wm. Kavanaugh's. His own hands, Capt. Moore and all hands living on Barton's place work under Turner.

Daniel Allen, Daniel Harpole, Jacob Turney, John Looney, Moses Allen, Isaac Turney & Peter Tuttle appt. to view, mark & lay off road up clear fork of Smith Fork from John Looney's where Indian line crosses same. Report to next court.

Samuel Casey, James Smith, Hankerson Rude(?), Greenberry Dixon, John Brownfield, John Gordon, Wm. Hughes, appt to view, lay off and mark road beginning at the

Nashville Road near John Wright's on waters of Smith Fork, extending its course the nearest and best way to intersect with river road leading to Walton's Ferry at most convenient place.

All hands living convenient to road laid out from Henry Wakefield's down Ridge to county line work under overseer Stephen Montgomery.

Wm. Payne permitted to keep a ferry at mouth of Payton's Creek.

Supoena issued to John Williamson to appear before court to say whether he acknowledged a deed for 343 acres from him to Joseph Williamson.

Supoena issued to Wm. Sullivan, Elizabeth & Lee Sullivan, witnesses to said deed to declare if they saw it sealed and delivered to Joseph.

P. 101. John Brevard, Wm. Sullivan, Sr. and Elmore Douglas appt. inspectors to ensuing election.

P. 102. Heseekiah O'Neil was fined \$3.00 for contempt of court and profanely swearing in their presence and costs.

Daniel Alexander allowed \$1.75 for arresting Mathew Green and other services.

John Douglas appt. collector of public and county taxes for 1803.

Permission granted to take depositions of Robert Searcy, Davidson Co., & Wm. White, Sec. of NC at Raleigh in case of Sampson Williams and Redmon D. Barry.

Court entered judgment against following for not paying taxes on land for year 1802:

P. 103. John Smith 1280 acres in two tracts, Round Lick Creek; Peter Black 640 acres, Round Lick Creek; Robert Williams 274 acres, Mulherins Creek; David Slaton 960 acres, Round Lick Creek; Daniel Anderson 640 acres, Mulherins Creek; Gideon Lamb 5000 acres, Round Lick Creek; John Ford 1560 acres, Round Lick Creek; Robert King 640 acres adjoining South & East boundaries of 1000 acre tract known as Hartz land; Samuel Love 1508 acre, Round Lick Creek; William Hay 2560 acres, 4 tracts of 640 acres on Clendennens Creek; Francis Childs Heirs 3840 acres on Caney Fork; William Fereby 3060 acres, situation not known.

The following individuals all on Caney Fork: John Allen 3560; Stephen Lynn 1000; Thomas Campbell 274; Robert Douglas 2500; Archibald Felts 1000; Baker Archer 640; William Mills 640; William Russell 1280, 2 tracts; Jacob Adams 640; Robert Reddon 640.

Redmund D. Barry: 640, Martins Creek; 428 Salt Lick Creek; 640 Martins Creek; 640 Indian Creek; 1000 South side Cumberland River.

John Hall 2560, South side Cumberland River. So much of these lands be condemned by said court sufficient to pay taxes and incidental costs.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1803. Home of William Saunders. Present: Charles Kavanaugh, Elmore Douglass, James Hibbitts, John Lancaster, Nathaniel Brittan.

Thomas Armstrong excused from attendance as juror this term.

Deed 130 acres Samuel Hughes to Wm. Turnbull, proven by oath of James Hibbitts.

P. 104. Deed Peter Moore to Charles Mundine 320 acres, oath of James Johnson.

Admn. of estate of Alexander Kenedy, dec., assigned to Eliz. Kenedy & Alexander Cathey.

Deed 120 acres Wm. Saunders to Daniel H. Burford, registered.

Deed 200 acres Edmund Jennings to Elias Johns, registered.

Daniel H. Burford stock mark recorded.

Report of jury who viewed and marked road from Salt Lick to county line was accepted. George W. Harvey appt. overseer, all hands on Wartrace and Indian Creek work under Harvey.

Impaneled and sworn as jury were: David Keigheon, Moses Hart, Isham Beasley, Leonard Ballow, Charles McMurry, Wm. Wootton, Jabez Gifford, John Gray, Patrick Donoho, Wm. Douglas, Phillip Day and George Romland.

Stock marks for Wm. Turnbull and Joseph Bishop recorded.

Andrew Goff's tax list for 1803 of 754 acres in 3 tracts received.

Letter of attorney Sampson Bethel to Cantrell Bethel proven by oath of Esquire Looney.

P. 105. Amos lacey and Jeffery Sutton appt. patrollers for the bounds of Capt. Matlock's Co. and Daniel Alexander and Samuel Abbot appt. for Capt. Samuel's Co.

Wm. Hargis appt overseer for road of which John Rankin was overseer. Same hands work under Hargis.

Jesse Smith appt. overseer of road which Leonard Fite was former overseer, same hands work under Smith.

Wm. Lock vs Joseph Russell discharged, plaintiff recover damages and costs from defendant.

James W. Wright appt. constable.

Alsey Pierce to surrender her bastard child, Eli to Samuel Stalcup, his reputed father, should Alsey refuse, she must appear at next court with security.

P. 106. Wm. Sullivan, Sr. appt overseer in place of Robert Rowland.

Archiblad Donoho vs Sampson William's, case deposition of Thomas Lacey in Miss. Territory be taken at house of John Stampley on 27 Nov.

David Savills appt. overseer to open and keep in repair road of which David Keighlongle was overseer, work to be done by same hands.

George Thomason, overseer resigned, Solomon Blair appt to replace him, same hands work under Blair.

Christian Boston vs Wm. Kelton, request for new trial, discharged.

Deed 640 aces Joshua Hadley to James Wright, proven by oath of Lee Sullivan.

50 acre deed from Joseph Laurence to Zedekiah Ingram, proven by oath of Lee Sullivan.

All hands below forks of road at Bowermans work to Saunders Ferry with Lewis McFarland, overseer.



P. 107. Wm. L. Alexander work road from Dixon Springs to opposite James Cherry's; hands west of that place work under him.

John Cage appt. overseer of road opposite Cherry's to Payton's Creek. All hands east of there work under him.

Willis Jones took necessary oaths to be commissioned as surveyor for Smith Co., 15 August 1803.

Wm. Saunders sold town lot to John L. Martin, Registered.

Wm. Payne permission for ferry on Cumberland River at mouth of Payton Creek granted.

P. 108. All inhabitants of Indian Creek above Wm. Young's and those on road from head of Snow Creek to Wm. Kelley's and Richard Portersfield, James Erwin, James and John Pryer work under Henry Bohanan, overseer.

Hands from forks of Lancaster road and Waltons to the Indian boundary work on their District of road, Joseph Shaw, overseer.

1000 acres Frederick Debs and John Stafford to Wm. Hargis, registered.

Lewis McFarland appt. overseer in place of Isham Beasley, same hands work under McFarland.

James Lee's tax list of 590 acres of land received and tax paid.

Thomas Heaton and Thomas Wembs appt. constables.

James Hibbits given six dollars and 2/3 credit for stray horse for which he made a mistake in return of appraisements.

Fine against Hesechiah O'Neil for contempt suspended until next court.

James Roberts, James Draper and Archibald Sloan appt. to divide lands of Wm. Young, dec. among heirs and lay off 1/3 to widow.

P. 109. John Ward, Edward Cage, Moses Pinkston, James Baker, Wm. Stephenson, Daniel Hammock, Jacob Harwick, Nicholas Shrum, Elias Johns, Wm. Turnbull, John Brevard, Jeremiah Taylor, Joseph Gifford, Aron Hart, Francis Patterson, James Gibson, John Shelton, Grant Allen, Andrew Greer, Abram Thompson, James Montgomery, Joel Holland, Josiah Howell, Wm. Dillon, Stephen Box, Godfrey Fowler, John Rankin, Thomas Bowman, Robt. Bowman, Joel Dyer, David Cochran, Anthony Samuels, Samuel Evitt, George Mattlock, jurors.

Received report from jury for road from River to Hickman Creek.

Charles Carter, Henry Sadler and Wm. Caldoun appt. overseers to open an keep in repair road from Walton's Road down Martin's Creek to cross Cumberland at Salt Lick and intersect Fort Blount Road at Pate's Mill. All hands on Martin's Creek and on south side up to Salt Lick work under them.

Hands assigned to Stephen Montgomery to clear and open road from Wakefield's down ridge were exempted; they were to work under former overseer.

John Gordon appt. overseer to open and keep in repair road layed out by jury from River side road to Hickman Creek, Thomas Smith furnish overseer with list of hands.

To be Continued.

## QUERIES

LANCASTER, POWELL, CHANCEY. Will share information about the family of Jesse and Elizabeth LANCASTER POWELL. Children: Dif, Chris Chaney, Jesse, Dempsey, Rhoda, John S., Sally C. Parents: Barnabas and Viney CHANCEY(?) POWELL. Assoc. surnames: ROBINSON, MCNEIL, CARDWELL.  
SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

MCNEAL, LARVE, STROTHER, RENICK, VANMETER. Will share information with researchers of the foregoing surnames.  
SARA FIREHAMMEER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

GIBBS, DENNY, DOWELL. I am seeking information about my grandmother, DARTHULA GIBBS, born 9 March 1861 in Smith County, died 2 August 1907, Pea Ridge, Smith County. Searching for her parents and any siblings there may have been. BEVERLY HICKS, 6084 N. Seventh St., Fresno, CA 93710. email [csequoia@pacbell.net](mailto:csequoia@pacbell.net)

HUNT, WILKERSON. I am the ggg granddaughter of TURNER LEE WILKERSON, SR. and ggg granddaughter of ABEL C. HUNT. Researching these families in Smith and Dekalb counties.  
SHIRLEY HUNT GREER, 4703 Park Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209

NEAL/PUGH. GGG grandparents WILLIAM NEAL, b ca 1777/83 in AL or SC, m ANN or ELIZABETH HUNTER(?), GG grandparents, LUKE WESLEY NEAL, b ca 1808 TN/AL m ca 1826 SUSANNAH (?), b ca 1810, NC. Luke d 1839 in Smith or Dekalb Co., had son, LUKE. GR Grandparents JAMES WESLEY NEAL, b 1830, Sm Co., m 1849 to KATHERINE PUGH. Searching for parents and siblings of Katherine Pugh. Would love to hear from anyone researching these two families.  
M. JANE WHITE PRICE, P. O. Box 106, Webb City, MO 64870-0106

KYLE, BARKLEY, who I believe married JANE LEE. I have found 4 BARCLAY or BARKLETT KYLES and have trouble knowing which one is mine. My records show he was born about 1765 and married 1802. He lived in Smith Co. His daughter was ELIZABETH (BETSY) who married DR. JOHN W. WATERS. BETSY came to Texas after her husband died and is buried in Van Alstyne Cemetery in Grayson Co.  
Mrs. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

BRADFORD, JOSEPH K. Would anyone know the name of his first wife? He was in Smith Co. in 1820 with a wife. They later had 6 children: MARY; PHILLIP, who married FRANCES PRUITT; GREGORY, who married HARRIETT ?; DUDLEY, who married SARAH JANE WOODSON; FELICIA; FRANCES, who married J. C. AGEE; ANDREW JACKSON. JOSEPH'S first wife was dead by 1850 and by 1860 he was married to a lady named CLAIRE. Any information would be appreciated.  
MRS. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, Texas 75414.

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Dear Friends,

At our February meeting the Society established a "150 Club" to recognize and celebrate those Smith countians with families in the county for 150 years or more. The program drew a good crowd to hear Walter Buckingham, Trousdale County's historian with Smith County roots. Including our speaker and guests approximately two dozen stood for the camera to acknowledge their families' presence in the county since the mid 1800s.

Nothing where I've lived and worked in Miami or New York had prepared me for such continuity of families and family names !

Andrea Burckhard in a newspaper story said recently, "When we first moved to Pickett County, we saw the great heritage that existed there. We found that there are still descendants of families who came in generations ago. That's very unusual in this day and age." A newcomer to her county like I am here, Andrea, executive of her county's Chamber of Commerce, apparently recognizes the importance and intrigue of family history over so many generations.

With this sentiment in mind and an eye for good newsletter copy, our editor Sue Maggart Petty suggested I invite you to send us your family histories. Who settled here first and where did they come here from? Sounds interesting to me. The mailing address is Historical Society Quarterly, P.O. Box 112, Carthage 37030 or e-mail Sue at [swpetty@mwsj.net](mailto:swpetty@mwsj.net).

Best of history to you!

*Faith*

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Benton McMillin, Governor of Tennessee  
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Lucille (Foster) McMillin wife of Gov. Benton  
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## HONORABLE BENTON MCMILLIN

Ed. Note: *Benton McMillin (1845-1933) Congressman, Governor and diplomat was born on September 11, 1845, in Monroe County, Kentucky, the son of John and Elizabeth Black McMillin. McMillin studied at the Philomar Academy in Tennessee and the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical College. During the Civil War, McMillin refused to swear allegiance to the federal government and was imprisoned briefly. After the war he read law in the office of Judge E. L. Gardenhire in Carthage and was admitted to the bar in 1871.*

*McMillin's long political career began in 1874 when he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives. In 1878 he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives, serving continuously until 1899. He served as chief executive of Tennessee from 1899 to 1903. From 1913 to 1919 he served as foreign minister to Peru and then to Guatemala until 1922.*

*McMillin married first Marie Childress Brown, daughter of Tennessee governor John C. Brown, in 1869. She died a few years later leaving him with a son, Brown McMillin. In 1887 he married Lucille Foster by whom he had a daughter, Ellinor McMillin. McMillin died in Nashville on January 8, 1933, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.*

*The following article was published in the Smith County Record on November 2, 1888. At the time Mr. McMillin was serving in Congress; the occasion was a visit from Washington to his home in Carthage, probably on the eve of an election campaign. The exuberant phrases and praises used by the writer are typical of the times. The McMillin home was situated near the approach to the Cordell Hull Bridge on Main Street. The Benton McMillin Bridge, named in his honor, spans the Caney Fork River on Highway 70 near Elmwood.*

## BENTON MCMILLIN

His Reception last Monday a Complete Ovation

Twelve Hundred and Seventy People in line to  
Welcome Their Honorable Congressman.  
The Grandest Day Ever Witnessed Here.  
Men, Women, and Children Turn Out.

Many are the years, if there ever was such a time, since there was such a day here as witnessed last Monday. No man perhaps in the county's history, was ever tendered such a reception as was given to Hon. Benton McMillin here on that day. Smith Countians, when they try, can always acquit themselves with credit and when enthused with an appreciation of a good man, a faithful servant, an honored fellow citizen, they never fail to give expression in a most telling and successful way. Callous indeed would have been the heart that would not have been deeply touched by the beautiful tribute paid to McMillin.

The people of the county knew their man and knowing him loved him truly for his devotion to their interest and expressed their appreciation in the generous welcome that was given him.

Mr. McMillin was met by horsemen from Monoville, Riddleton, Dixon Springs, Rome and surrounding communities. Mr. McMillin was taken from his buggy and placed in the reception carriage which was occupied by Judge John A. Fite, Hon. T. J. Fisher, Sr. and W. D. Gold. The large procession was led by the band on their return march, followed by the reception carriage. Many were the beautiful views presented as the procession rounded the various turns of the road. "Never was any thing done to surpass it," was the expression upon every lip; "I have seen, perhaps, military parades, but certainly nothing in civil life to exceed this," said Capt. McDonald as he viewed the imposing line of waving plumes and sashes and glittering bandanas.

When the procession reached town there was another sight worth seeing; on each side of the street a long, dense line of people stretched, with waving hats and bandanas, and with shout after shout for the returning hero of the hour. Just before entering town, the procession was met by a gallant little band from the 7th district, bearing the beautiful silk banner which was awarded them two years ago. They readily wheeled into line and marched into town. The procession was counted by several parties and the lowest was 1270, while some went to 1290. In town there were certainly not less than 700 people.

The procession moved through town past Mr. McMillin's house and performed the prettiest maneuver on the five acre lot by the river known as the brick yard lot. Here it formed four abreast in a circle, giving a beautiful appearance. Returning, Mr. McMillin was escorted to his home where he alighted and the procession moved on to the square where they were ordered to disband.

At half past 12 o'clock the eager crowd assembled in the court house yard and while waiting for Mr. McMillin called on Hon. W. M. Hammock who highly entertained them. At a few minutes to 1 o'clock Mr. McMillin appeared and on taking the stand, Geo. W. Thaxton, from the audience shouted, "Ten thousand cheers for the grandest man Tennessee ever produced." This was caught up by a thousand voices and one vociferous shout of applause continued for several minutes. Mr. McMillin very modestly bowed his acknowledgment of the compliment.

Hon L. A. Ligon then delivered the following Address of Welcome:

Ladies and Fellow Citizens:

From the Atlantic ocean on the East, across a magnificent stretch of miles with mountains and plain, hill and valley, river and brook to the Pacific Coast on the West, lashed by the icy fingers of the frozen Lakes on the North, and bathed by the soothing

water of the Gulf on the South, between the parallels of 29 and 50 degrees of Northern latitude, lies the grandest country on the earth. This boundary is occupied by sixty millions of the grandest people that lives, a people whose ancestors, a little more than a century past, fought freedoms battle and established for themselves an Independent Republic. A people who transmitted from sire to son, that love of independence that has wrought for them a name that is the boast of every American citizen of today.

Great in its nautical wealth, its boundless resources, great in the genius and patriotism of its citizens, it has given to the world some of its most illustrious characters, and some of its greatest institutions. Born of such a country and of such a people, came that embodiment of the greatest type of American manhood, who gave to the world the golden doctrine that all men are created free and equal, the framer of the Declaration of American Independence, Thomas Jefferson. As one of the strongest bulwarks to its own independence and the safety to the happiness of its people, with the maxim of Mr. Jefferson as its foundation stone, it gave birth to the greatest political organization known to modern times, the democratic party.

It is to honor an illustrious representative of this illustrious party that we pay our tribute to our fellow citizen, the faithful servant, this demonstration is made today. To give a generous welcome to our distinguished and gallant hero in Democracy - Hon. Benton McMillin.

Many an army has been brought to fight in its country's cause, and many a man has gone forth to win laurels on the battle field. Some of these have returned to their homes who never saw the enemy or felt the grasp of power - some of these returned who won no word of approval from their comrade in arms, or a word of praise from those at home. You, sir, return to your constituents enshrined in every Democratic heart, with the word of approval upon every lip. You have acted well your part. You have placed yourself in the thickest of the fight. You have met the enemy in his tent and upon the field and in every contest you have shown the loyalty and the courage of a true hero in arms. The people have selected you for the past decade to represent them in the councils of this nation. You have proven yourself true to their interest and have shown the utmost fidelity to your every trust. For this, and in behalf of every Democrat in your Congressional District, I welcome you again to your home.

McMillin then arose amid another round of applause and delivered a magnificent address. He was visibly effected by the demonstration in his behalf, and his words were touchingly beautiful. There was many a tearful eye in the vast crowd; we will not attempt a synopsis of his speech, and to those of our readers who did not hear it, we simply say it was just such a grand effort as we all know, Benton McMillin can make. At the conclusion he was presented with some beautiful floral offerings by the young ladies, to which he responded very gracefully.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 2 (Unedited)

**AUGUST TERM, 1860. (P. 50)** Macedonia Church in conference the letter to the association read and recd. Sister Mary Carter request a letter of dismissal it was granted. Jas. Barrett, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**SEPTEMBER TERM, 1860.** Meeting on Thursday the church granted Brother Samuel Gear a letter of dismissal. Sister Hutcherson is charged with fitting swearing and being drunk; the church order James A. Ligon and Banks Oliver as a committee see her and report at the next term. Jas. Barrett, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

**OCTOBER TERM, 1860.** Macedonia Church in conference. The committee to visit Sister Hutcherson reported there work here case was considered she excluded. Brother L. James reported to the church that Brother Joel Allison is guilty of swearing and dancing. The church appointed James Barrot, Junior and Jefferson Wright to see him and report at the next term. This was our protracted meeting the church received 19 by experience and Baptism and 2 by letter the money carryed over.

(Ed. Note: The dates out from some of the names in the following list are penciled in, obviously at a later date than the original entry).

(P. 52) The names of those that joined are as follows:

Martha Alison	(Dead 1871)
Mary Alison	(Died 14 Feb 1912)
Mandy Alison	
Marthann Allen	(Dead)
Matilda G. Barret	(Dead)
James M. Farmer	(Dead)
Orvel Wooten	(Dead)
Victoria Ligon	
Willis T. Stallings	
James Hubbard	(Dead)
William Hubbard	(Dead)
James Wright	
Anny Garret	(Dead 1871)
Mary Wright	
Martha Moor	(Dead 1871)
George Saterfield	
Margret E. Saterfield	(Dismissed, letter)
William Saterfield	

Rec'd. by Letter

Charlotty A. Satterfield

Elizabeth Alison (Ded)

The church received Sister Alison reporting to have lost her letter, they being acquainted with Sister previous to the time. Sister Charlotte Saterfield letter was from the Church, Rockspring, Patrick County, VA  
James Barret, Mod., Louis Dias, Mod., James A. Ligon, Clk.

(In pencil – “names continued on page 61)

NOVEMBER TERM 1860. (p. 53) Macedonia Church in conference, the committee to see Brother Joel Alison reports that the Brother sayes he is guilty of charge as reported they Excluded him. James Barret, Mod., James A. Ligon, Clk.

DECEMBER TERM, 1860. The church in conference, Brother L. James report to the church that Jesse Samson has been drinking to excess according to report the church appoint a committee to wait on Bro. Samson to wit James A Ligon, John T. Farmer and M. T. Ragan and report at next term. J. Barrett, Mod., James A. Ligon.

JANUARY TERM, 1861. Macedonia in conference the case of Bro Jesse Samson examined him not found guilty and honorably discharged he promising the church that he would not drink any more sperits as a beverage. The commity discharge the seventh article of the form of government artherising the church to send two delegates to the assoation is so altered that they may send three also the 11<sup>th</sup> article composing a presbyteryes is so altered that they may compose three presbyteries from one church or more. James Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1861. (p. 54). Macedonia Church in conference in regards to some resolutions the church had passed it was reported that some of the members had violated the said resolutions (to wit) Brother Edward Saterfield for which there was a commity appointed to examine into and report at the next term the commity are as follows: Leroy James, Jeferson Write, John A. Farmer. J. Barrett, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

Specifications of the above charges are singing playing.

MARCH TERM, 1861. Macedonia Church in conferance the committee reports several to bee engaged in some little amusements which they dismissed with these acknowledgements with the exceptions of Edward Saterfield and James Bradford who was guilty of playing thes singing which is contrary to the rules of the church the case was deferred until Friday before our next term. John Bowen, Mod., J. A. Ligon.

APRIL TERM, 1861. (P. 55). Macedonia Church met on Friday according to previous appoint to examine the cases of Brothers Edward Saterfield and James Bradford. Brother Bradford sayes he would try for the future to refrain from those plays for the peace and



harmony of the church. The church with pleasure received him in full fellowship. Brother Saterfield would not give the church any satisfaction they therefore excluded him. Brother J. Bowen, L. Dias, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

MAY TERM, 1861. Macedonia Church in conference nothing of record. J. A. Ligon.

JUNE TERM, 1861. Macedonia Church in conferance nothing of record. J. Barrett, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JULY TERM, 1861. No record.

AUGUST TERM, 1861. (p. 56). Macedonia Church in conference the church elected the following delegates to the assosiation, James Barret, John T. Farmer, M. T. Ragan. J. Barrt, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1861. The church met on Thursday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord's day in the month to fill ther usual time no important business done. J. Barrett, J. A. Ligon, Clk.

OCTOBER TERM, 1861. Macedonia Church in conference a charge of ludeness was brought up against Sister Sarah Taylor a committee appointed to see her to wit, Sister Barret, and sister Oliver and J. T. Farmer and report at the next term. Seven joined by Baptism to wit: Henry Buts, Elijah H. Stalings, Dock Stalings, Mary J. Ragan, James Wilkerson, Anny Caty Wilkerson, Pennyponeaty Wilkerson. J. Barrt, Bro. Cates, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

NOVEMBER TERM, 1861. (P. 57) Macedonia Church in conference the committee to see Sister Taylor report her guilty of the charge and the committee discharged and the sister excluded. J. Barrett, Mod., James A. Ligon, Clk.

DECEMBER TERM, 1861. nothing of recorde.

JANUARY TERM, 1862. No Conference.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1862. No Conference.

MARCH TERM, 1862. No Conference.

APRIL TERM, 1862. April Nothing.

MAY TERM 1862. The church in conferance. Brother Jesse Sampson charged with being drunk a commity appointed to see him and report at the next term to wit: James A. Ligon, Jeferson Right: also Brother Joel Dickerson charged with ludeness as report commity appointed to wit: J. T. Farmer, John Bates and report at the next term. J. Barrett, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JUNE TERM, 1862. (p. 58) Macedonia Church in conference business called for the committee to see Brother Sampson reported him guilty and he did not appear to give the church satisfaction as he agreed to do he was excluded. The committee to see Brother Dickerson report nothing done. The church added 3 more to the committee and request them to settle it. They also request a committee from Buonaventy to meet our committee and settle the matter as two of these members is concerned our committee is as follows, J. T. Farmer, J. Bates, Jefferson Right, L. James, George Saterfield. Moses Allen, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.,

JULY TERM, 1862. The church in conference the committee in Brother Dickerson case report nothing done a letter ordered to be prepared to send the association and the following Brothering to Bare it, James Barret, senior, John Farmer, Lee Farmer, J. Right alternative, J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon.

AUGUST TERM, 1862. (P. 59) The church met pursuant to adjournment no business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1862. The church met pursuant to adjournment no business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

OCTOBER TERM, 1862. The church met pursuant to adjournment no business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

NOVEMBER TERM, 1862. Nothing of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

DECEMBER TERM, 1862. No business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JANUARY TERM, 1863. No business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1863. No business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

MARCH TERM, 1863. The church met pursuant to adjournment no business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

APRIL TERM, 1863. No of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

MAY TERM, 1863. (P. 60) The church met pursuant to adjournment no business of record, J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JUNE TERM, 1863. No business of record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

JULY TERM, 1863. The church in conference delegates appointed to go to the association to be held with the church at Smiths Fork (to wit) James Barret, Leroy James, John T. Farmer. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

AUGUST TERM, 1863. Church in conference the letter to send to the assosiation red and record. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1863. The church met on Friday to fill there regular term as the assosiation was hell at that time. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.

OCTOBER TERM, 1863. The church met on Thursday before there regular time to fast & pray for peace and the success of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ this being our protracted meeting 20 souse profest religion and 11 joined by Baptism to wit:

Thomas D. Moores	Sermantha S. Snoddy
Mary E. Allen	Eliza A. M. Stallings
Martha J. Ligon	Malissa Green Evret
Johnathen B. Clark	Levisa J. Taylor
Frances B. Allen	Martha L. James
Martha Bauington	
J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, Clk.	

(P. 61). Ed. Note: This appears to be a list of membership. Penciled notations obviously were added later.

Henry Butz	Elijah H. Stalings	Dock Stalings
Mary J. Ragan	James Wilkerson	Annalaaty Wilkerson
Penny Ponety Wilkerson	James D. Moors	Sermantha J. Snoddy
Mary E. Allen (Dis by letter May 70)		Eliza A. M. Stalings
Martha J. Ligon	Malisa Green Evret	Jonathan B. Clark
Levisa J. Taylor	Frances B. Allen	Martha Brewington
Martha L. James (Mother 1863)		Thomas T. Allen
James Davis (Dismissed by letter)		Taylor Rollings
William Barret	William Mince (Dismissed by letter)	
Sarah Mince (Dis by letter)	Martha Ann Mince (by letter)	
William Patterson (Dismissed by letter)		Thursey Paterson (letter)
N. D. Jarred (by letter)	Jane Jarred (by letter)	Mary E. Jarred (letter)
Benjamin Stonesypher (by letter)		Susan Stonesypher (letter)
William N. Stonesypher (by letter)		James F. Stonesypher (ltr)
James F. Stonesypher (by letter)		Margret Brown (by letter)

Notation says names are continued on page 76.

NOVEMBER TERM, 1863. (P. 62) The church in conference, no business of record.

DECEMBER TERM, 1863. The church in conference application made for letters of dismission for Brother Jeferson Right & his wife Lucindy & son James & daughter Mary the church granted then all of dismision and ordered the clerk to issue them letters. J. Barret, Mod., J. A. Ligon, clk.

TO BE CONTINUED.

**FORMER RESIDENT TELLS EARLY IMPRESSION OF OLD CARTHAGE**

Editor's Note: *This is the last in a series of articles on Carthage history, the memories and impressions of DeWitt McGinness that first appeared in the 1946 editions of the Courier.*

Continued from Volume XIV, No. 3.

Life at the college moved and paralleled life in Carthage. The library more and more claimed my interest and attention and added to my restless nature and spirit. There I saw pictures of Vanderbilt University, the King's Palace at Honolulu, St. Peter's Church, London Bridge, Rue de Rivoli in Paris. Forces were at work within me and I was dreaming dreams.

We moved from King Boarding house to the Riverside Hotel, a three-storied (third floor never completed) rambling frame structure built by my father. Carthage was stirring, and there was agitation to destroy its location. "Bridge the Cumberland"... "Bring the railroad across"... "Build roads and banish the toll roads and gates" which exacted their tribute, became the cry. All this discussion I heard in the "office" of the hotel. The conversation did not always deal with such subjects, and many times my father would send me to bed before I was ready to go. I know that "traveling salesman story."

To the Riverside came many famous guests. Governor Bob Taylor, one of Tennessee's all-time, all-Americans, sought the senatorial seat occupied by the brilliant Carmack. Some years previous Tennessee endured, yet enjoyed, political spasms through the contest for governor between brothers Alf (Republican) and Bob (Democrat) Taylor. A war of roses was on, Republicans adopting as their campaign badge the red rose; the Democrats, the white rose. Bob won and served his two terms. Alf, too, was to have his day, and almost forty years later likewise was the state's chief executive.

Gone, too, his opponent, the brilliant Carmack, who was to be a thorn in the side of Teddy Roosevelt during his presidency. But brilliance, genius and statesmanship could not prevail against a fiddle and an endless repertoire of stories. So Bob Taylor went to Washington, and died there. Carmack died, too, on the streets of Nashville, assassinated by a political enemy who could no longer endure the lashings of editor Carmack's vitriolic pen.

Ham Patterson, vice crusading prohibitionist and orator of note was there.

Also came famous and infamous alike from almost every state in the union enroute to Red Boiling Springs, the noted spa for stomach and kidney ailments, some 26 miles away - 26 miles by horse and buggy over all but impassable roads.

Yes, Carthage was agitated and stirring. One of the chief agitators was a late comer, Samuel J. Stockard, able editor of the *Smith County News*, and previously veteran political writer on the *Nashville Tennessean* and other metropolitan dailies. Weekly he pounded and hounded the rural squires of the county court (supervisors) to burst the barriers of Smith County through the construction of roads and bridges, but he could not quite make it. It finally came, of course, but neither Sam nor I participated in the renaissance. But let editor Sam tell his own story as it appeared in the local papers years later upon the occasion of his only return to Carthage.

(From the *Carthage Courier*, August 1, 1930).

"It is a great pleasure to come back to this good little town of Carthage, revisit the scenes of earlier manhood, shake hands with old friends, and view the pleasing prospects that progress of 18 years have brought. It is a matter of tremendous gratification to note the improvement and advancement that has come with the intervening years...Although I have lived in many different cities and states in the years that have come and gone, nowhere have I met a warmer -hearted, more hospitable people than the good people of Carthage and Smith County. They are the salt of the earth.

As I look about me and envisage the little old Carthage of twenty years ago, hemmed in on one side by toll gate and on the other by ferries, I take pride in the thought that I may have been of some service in preparing the ground for the harvest that followed. It saddens me to note the absence of many dear friends and associates of those days whose passing laid a heavy toll on the high order of citizenship that was here in my day. Many of the town's finest citizens, many of its most delightful and interesting characters, have fallen under time's scythe and gone silently to rest. There was Judge Tom Fisher, great jurist, great lawyer who wrought mightily for progress. Tom Read, master salesman, one of the keenest business minds ever produced, and member of a family of remarkable brothers. Judge H. M. Hale, with his serene dignity; Ed Myer, great merchant and business leader; Babe Oliver, veteran merchant with a sense of humor as rare as it was keen. A distressingly large roll call indeed, and a sad reminder of the fleeting life we live."

Yes, Front Street became Main Street and Back Street became Spring Street to house the expanding population. Water, sewers, electricity, and other utilities followed. Cordell Hull Bridge spans the Cumberland, and a magnificent high school crowns a point of eminence. But gone is the college (it could not compete with modern educational standards and equipment). Gone are the sturdy, grim and determined soldiers of the Confederacy who withstood the shock of carpet-bagging days and set about to rebuild their beloved southland.

So, let me say of my Carthage, "When my last hours shall come, with Battery Hill for a headstone and the Cumberland-washed bluff at my feet, let me be gathered to the verdant green of that rolling hillside in the eternal peace and quietude of 'used to be'."

THE DIARIES OF ELENORA KELLY WILSON  
1871 - 1907

Compiled and edited by Thayer Wilson Beach  
Continued from Volume XIV, No. 4

Excerpts from Mrs. Wilson's Diary from January 1, 1888 - December 30, 1888.

[Ed. Note: *As the year 1887 comes to an end, Elenora Wilson Davis, granddaughter, brings the reader up-to-date on her grandparent's statistics. The Wilsons have been married eleven years and she is 31 years old and he is 38. They have four children. Kelly is 10, Fred Taylor is 6, Jesse is 4 and Wilsye is 22 months old. The second child born, Willis, has been dead almost three years.... Their life together is now one-third spent and there are three children yet to be born.*]

1888

- 01/01 A new year and very thankful I feel that the record of the past year has been even as pleasant as it has. We have been blessed far beyond what we deserve. Not a doctor called in our family during the entire year just past. We cannot know what we have to record when another year closes, but may we be prepared for what may come and do our duty toward God and man, more fully than ever before. Pa was here awhile this morning and Burr Williams spent the day here. A beautiful bright evening.
- 01/02 Real cold. Mr. Wilson and Kelly started a little after daylight to Alexandria to deliver Waterloo (horse) to the gentleman, a Mr. Barry, to whom sold him a week ago or so for \$550. We were all lonesome today. Kelly rode Morgan. We thought of going to Aunt Betsy's but Mr. Wilson and Kelly got back just about sundown.
- 01/04 Warm and cloudy. The dogs made a raid on Mr. Wilson's sheep last night and crippled two of them. I have been busy ironing.
- 01/06 Still very warm. Mr. Wilson went to Rome and Rock City and when he came back said the thermometer stood at 70, almost like summertime. I took a general cleaning up. The grey ewe died and Kelly took her lamb to raise.
- 01/07 Still very warm. No fire. Dicie came over to clean up and Charlie Armistead came about ten o'clock and Dicie got dinner.
- 01/09 One of those bad days. Rain and sleet. The trees, everything covered with ice. Dicie was here awhile. [Note: Dicie, long time servant and friend, formerly lived on the place but had moved somewhere else in the neighborhood before her baby was born. In 1924 or '25, Dicie, an aged woman, lived in a house in our back yard in Gordonsville with a grandson called George B. One day the boy came out dressed in clothes much too big for him. Dicie said, "George B., you look like you performed." Daddy loved Dicie and loved that story. TWB]
- 01/13 A beautiful day and pleasant. Dicie came over and starched the clothes. I made my souse. [Note: Souse and sausage were by-products of hog killing. That's why Elenora needed sage. TWB] The children are popping corn.

- 01/16 Dreadful cold. Mr. Wilson had a serious time last night. Me real sick and Fred had the croup all night so that he was up half the time. I am better today and Fred quite puny. Sleeting and cold this evening. Net is still here.
- 01/18 Very cold and slicker than ever. So cold we can do nothing but cook, eat and feed. The ground almost literally covered with ice. I wrote a long letter to Granville and answered Fred T.'s for him.
- 01/21 My birthday, 32. Ground covered with a fresh snow this morning. Mr. Wilson and Charlie hauling in the corn which was shucked out in the field. Not quite so cold as it was a few days ago but today ends a week of dreadful bad weather.
- 01/27 Real clear and cool. Mr. Wilson went up about Carthage today to see the railroad. Mrs. James Harper was here making up a writing school. Mr. Wilson, Charlie and the children got me a big lot of stove wood after he got back. Dicie was here awhile this evening.
- 01/28 Very pleasant, though quite muddy. Mr. Wilson went to mill in the wagon this morning. This evening we all went to Mr. Wilson's Ma's except Kelly who walked and went alone to George's and we went horseback and Mr. Wilson went over to Rome awhile and Brother Fred passed on again and we failed to see him. The moon in total eclipse tonight. All at Pa's except Kelly.
- 01/30 A very rainy day. Mr. Wilson's birthday. Net still here. Mr. Wilson and I busy tonight drawing up our accounts.
- 01/31 A pretty day. Mr. Wilson and Kelly went to Rome. Kelly went for Dr. Seay to see his ankle joint as it twas swollen and has been for some time. He got home just after dinner and brought the news that Mr. Warren was dead and I was so very sorry to hear it.
- 02/02 Smoky and cloudy this morning. I intended going to Ella Haley's today but as Nancy Jane was busy preparing for Hattie to go to school she could not go with me and I concluded to stay there and spent the day so pleasantly until a little after three o'clock when Mr. Wilson came to bring the terrible news of Uncle Vester's death, having fallen from the barn loft and killed him instantly. Mr. Wilson and I came home together and he went over to Aunt Nan's and after Charlie was done feeding about dark I rode Val and all the children and Net and I went down to spent the night at Aunt Betsy's.
- 02/11 Mr. Wilson went to Rome on the wagon after salt, clover seed, lumber and so forth and ate dinner at his Pa's. Mary Tom and the children went home from Aunt Betsy's in Mr. Wilson's wagon.
- 02/14 I have been real sick in bed all day. Mr. Wilson cooked breakfast this morning for the first time. Real warm and spring like.
- 02/15 Turned real cool last night. Mr. Wilson and Charlie finished moving the garden fence and put the posts in for the grapevines. Clear and bright.
- 02/16 A beautiful pleasant day. The children in great trouble because the old ram killed their pet lamb Dan last night.
- 02/26 Our dear Wilsye's birthday. Two years old and a little joy for two years. Has turned real cold and snowstorms today. Mr. Wilson, Kelly, Jesse, and Albert went to Mt. Olivet to church. Snowing right along tonight.

- 03/09 A sad day to us. Three years since our darling Willis breathed his last. A pretty day. Ed Wilson commenced to work a month. Mr. Wilson went up to Squire Sanders to pay his tax as he forgot the day at Rock City. I was pleasantly surprised by Pa and Bobby coming this evening.
- 03/17 We moved back in the front room today and the children are so glad. [They had been sitting in the warmer kitchen] Mr. Wilson went to Rome this evening. Expected Ma and Pa but they did not come. It turned cool again today.
- 03/23 Cloudy, cool and windy but not as cold as yesterday. Mr. Wilson, Thayer, Kelly and Fred went after early dinner to Rome to the horse show. Edgar came about two o'clock and left his buggy and went on to Rome horseback. Nancy Jane spent the evening here. Thayer and Edgar here tonight. Ground frozen so they could not plow.
- 04/01 A beautiful day. Mr. Wilson went to Rome to hear Brother Dillard preach and ate dinner at his Ma's. Got home at four o'clock. The children and I alone all day and me very sick. Dicie came back home this evening to stay (i.e., moved back on the place).
- 04/02 A pretty warm day. Mr. Wilson went to Lebanon, he and Jim Norris. Kelly and Fred started to school to Miss Sally Chambers. Dicie is dropping corn and I got dinner. This is Fred's first day at school.
- 04/06 A machine repairer named Carson repaired my machine. Mr. Wilson went to Rome with the wagon and I am so miserable on account of Ma being sick so Mr. Wilson telephoned Edgar and she was some better.
- 04/20 Mr. Wilson finished replanting corn in the bottom. M. B. Lester was hanged at Lebanon today for the murder of Lane last summer. Kelly came home this evening having gone his first week to Mrs. Suddarth's. Bedford came with him and is here tonight.
- 04/27 I have been sick all day. Aunt Betsy spent the evening here and after dark Nancy Jane came to spend the night and I was so glad as I was so sick all day and Mr. Wilson's gone.
- 05/05 Today is primary election. Mr. Wilson is gone all day to hold the election. Net is here. Dicie went to Rome this evening. Thayer came late this evening from Dickson Springs. Old Mag found her colt Maude Muller last night.
- 05/08 A pretty day but needing rain badly. Mr. Wilson and Ed plowing corn in the bottom. Mr. Wilson went to Rome this evening and telephoned Edgar. Ma is much better and probably Alice is coming Thursday.
- 05/09 A pretty day and rain so much needed. Mr. Wilson delivered his lambs at Rome to Dee Johnson, 12 lambs weighing 1,020 pounds for \$54.84.
- 05/10 Mr. Wilson went to Rome after the mail and this evening he went over to John Ennoch's to see about the cider mill. Uncle Ed came from George's here soon this morning and is here tonight. A life insurance agent, Hearn, was here. Two tramps, Dave Huff and Ed Hardcastle, are here tonight. [I believe anyone traveling and homeless or far from home was called a tramp.] I gained a little this evening but none to do any good. Expected Thayer and Alice but they did not come. [Elenora may have already had the tuberculosis which killed her 20 years later.]



- 05/20 A real pretty day. Mr. Wilson, Thayer, Ma and Pa went to Salem to church and back here to dinner. Alice and Ada with me. This evening Alice and Thayer went to see Aunt Betsy. Ma and Pa went home early. Kelly walked and went later. Maggie Haley brought me a basket of good things to eat. [Note: Elenora was seven months pregnant. TWB]
- 05/26 A pretty day. Mr. Wilson and Jesse went to mill this morning and then Mr. Wilson went to Mt. Olivet to church as tis our two days meeting. Mr. Wilson went to his Mama's for dinner and to Rome and telephoned to Fred and Ma is improving. Also a letter from Bobby and Retta. Dicie's gone tonight. Mr. Wilson sold his jack, Victor Hugo, to a Mr. Kittrell from Murfreesboro for \$280 cash and he got choked as we thought and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Moorefield sat up and doctored him until nearly midnight.
- 06/09 Mr. Wilson and a number of hands are hauling clover, cutting rye and so forth. Aunt Nan and Wilsye went this evening to see Miss Betty Butler, who is quite sick. Aunt Nan is still here tonight. Dicie, Kelly and Fred went and gathered a gallon of dewberries. Kelly went to Rome after the mail and rode Old Mag, leaving Maude Muller (the colt) here.
- 06/18 Mr. Wilson much better, only suffering from his terrible blister. [Note: A deliberate blistering of the chest was an accepted method of medical treatment. TWB] Pa came and brought Old Liz for Mr. Wilson to plow and took Morgan to finish cutting and hauling hay and brought the machine and a load of hay this evening. Pa having finished his hay.
- 06/19 Still very warm. Mary Tom and her children came from Aunt Betsy's to spend the day here. Mattie Haley was here a little while and I sent Ella a mess of white head cabbage. [Note: "A mess" was a common term for an amount of food sufficient for an ample family meal.] Children went up to George's wheat field to see Mr. Grissom cut with his reaper and binder.
- 06/27 A very rainy day. Raining almost incessantly until three o'clock this evening. Dicie and Kelly went to gather some blackberries. Ed went home and neither he nor Jim Roman worked today. Mr. Wilson has been in bed sick all day. Mr. Wilson with ten acres of oats cut down and not tied.
- 07/02 A pretty morning. Net came early. Mr. Wilson started early to Carthage. Jim and Ed helping Pa with his oats. Mr. Wilson did not get back until late this evening. Uncle Ed here all day and here tonight. Net came early this morning and she and Kelly and Dicie went and gathered a gallon of blackberries. Nancy Jane was here awhile this evening having spent the day at Aunt Betsy's. Mr. Moorefield's little girl here after plums. Pa brought his hogs to eat plums.
- 07/03 I was sick all night last night and did not sleep any, consequently have been in bed most of the day (she is pregnant). Lizzie and Minnie Haley ate dinner here, having brought me some fruit and beans. Net and Kelly went and gathered berries for me to fill three cans and Dicie filled six cans with those they gathered yesterday evening. Uncle Ed left early this morning and went to Nancy Jane's. Net is here tonight.
- 07/08 Still very warm. Edgar started home soon after breakfast. Mr. Wilson and Jesse went to church at Plunkett's Creek and this evening Dicie rode Old Mag and was gone and Mr. Wilson went down to Aunt Betsy's but still I was so grateful that Grandma was with me so my Sunday was not as lonesome as usual.
- 07/09 Quite warm. Mr. Wilson, Ed and Jim worked over the garden and sowed turnips and Dicie, Kelly and Jim gathered berries enough to fill nine cans. We canned them this evening. Had a shower this evening.

- 07/13 Ed, Dicie and I made ten gallons of kraut this morning. This evening Mr. Echols and family from Arkansas spent three or four hours with us. Grandma went down to see Betty Butler. Alfred Baines is very sick. Turned real cool. Lady Littleton found her calf. Finished setting cabbage. Mr. Wilson mowed his Timothy in the meadow.
- 07/20 Our John B. was born this morning at four o'clock. Weighed eight pounds. Drs Wilson and Seay left early. Also Nancy Jane. Ma and Grandma are with us tonight. Pa came this morning. Mag Baines and Lizzie Haley were here today. Thompson's wheat thrasher was here.

Elenora Davis: The diary ends here for a few months. It was another great sorrow for Grandmother when the baby, John B., died when he was just a few weeks old. The record starts again December 2, 1888, with eleven year old Kelly's words. His childish writing is most difficult to read so please bear with me.

### 1888

- 12/02 This is my eleventh birthday and Mama says I must keep a diary. Cool and cloudy. Papa, Jesse and I went to the funeral of Mr. Levi Squires. He was buried with masonic honors, the first I ever witnessed. We got home late and Papa and I fed. Mama, Fred and sister home.
- 12/17 Cool and rainy. Mama and Papa and Willis put the carpet down. Papa says that I must write about us feeding on hay for the first time in a long time. [Feeding the livestock]. Papa has gone to bed. I went to Rock City after some tacks. Goodbye.
- 12/23 A bright, cool day. Papa and I rode Elmira. Also Mama, Fred, Jesse and sister went in the little buggy and we all went to hear Brother Graves preach and there was a good crowd.
- 12/24 A bright, beautiful day. This is Christmas Eve. We've all been busy all day preparing to go to Grandpa's. Dicie and her children left early. We all went to go to Grandpa's this evening. Found Aunt Bobbie there. She came down on the Bedford this morning. Mr. Hale, Papa, Miss Ida met Bobbie. Hattie and all went over to the parsonage with a jersey load of Christmas supplies to surprise Brother Graves and family. After they came back Dr. Baines and Dr. Edgeton and Dr. Ferrell called on the young ladies.
- 12/25 Another lovely day. All quite happy over what Old Kris brought, especially sister over her doll which she named Ada Smith. Us boys went over to Aunt Marie's and had lots of fun shooting our firecrackers as Grandpa would not let us shoot any at his house. We all walked and went to Rome to hear Brother Graves preach his Christmas sermon. Went back to Grandpa's and ate a turkey dinner. This evening we all came home and Walter stopped with us and is here tonight. Aunt Bobbie went home with them.
- 12/28 Quite cool but clear. Papa went to see Mr. Calvin Kinney who is still very sick. Mr. John Johnson and Miss Mattie Haley spent the day here and Albert Williams came late this evening and they, he and Aunt Bobbie went again to Mr. Grissom's to a party as it was a failure last night. Bedford is here tonight.
- 12/30 A gloomy day. Mr. Calvin Kinney died this morning at five o'clock. Papa, Uncle Josh and Delia went to church and Grandma and Aunt Manda helped Mama get dinner and Albert Williams came with Aunt Bobbie, Bob and Hattie. Bert and Grandpa came with them all from church. All went home this evening except Grandma. Our Lizzie heifer found a little calf this morning.

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OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

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[1863]

78 John Ellrod Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties Wm Ellrod and Josephus  
Ellrod all of Putnam Co Tenn

79 Josephus Ellrod Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties Wm Ellrod and John  
Ellrod all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

80 Elijah Peck Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Robert Peck and  
Wm Peck all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

81 Henry M. Nichols Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Wm Peck and Robert  
Peck all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

82 Robert Peck Sold  
Bond \$1500  
Sureties Wm Peck and H. M. Nichols  
all of Putnam Co Tennessee

83 Wm Peck Cit  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties Robert Peck and H. M.  
Nichols all of Putnam Co Tenn

84 Robert Peck Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Wm Peck and H. M.  
Nichols all of Putnam Co Tenn

85 John H. Nichols Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties David H. Nichols  
all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

86 Carr Terry Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Joseph Terry and  
John Harpole all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

87 Joseph Terry Cit  
Bond \$300  
Sureties Carr Terry and  
John Harpole all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

88 John Harpole Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Carr Terry and  
Joseph Terry all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

89 John R. McReynolds Sold  
Bond \$100  
Sureties Wm McReynolds and  
Thomas Nixon all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

90 Wm J. Malone Cit or  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Thomas Nixon  
and Wm McReynolds all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

91 Thomas Nixon Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties W. J. Malony and  
C. Fisher all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

98 Jesse Mooneyham Sold.  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James Ray and  
James Nicholas all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

92 Harrison Smith discharged  
Bond \$200  
Sureties W. Mason and W. A  
Smith all of Smith Co  
Tennessee

99 Leonard Huff Cit  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Esq. McLaughlin  
and J. Dockrey all of  
Jackson Co Tennessee

93 Joseph Smalung discharged  
Bond \$500  
Sureties W. Smith and  
J. C. Haynie all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

100 Thorton Carter Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Isaac McLaughlin  
and J. Dockrey all of Jackson  
Co Tennessee

94 James M. Nichols Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James Ray and  
James Mooneyham all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

101 Eli Durham Sold  
Bond \$200  
Sureties Jesse Wade and  
J. McLaughlin all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

95 Henry Clark of Putnam Co Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Lemuel G. Robinson  
and C. Lockman all of Smith  
and Putnam Co Tenn

102 Robert M. Kinley Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Haywood Ditty and  
R. G. Apple all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

96 Joseph Lockman Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry Clark and  
Lemuel Robinson all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

103 Robert Apple Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Haywood Ditty and  
Robert M. Kinley all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

97 Lemuel G. Robinson Sold  
Bond \$5000  
Sureties Joseph Balkman  
and Henry Clark all of  
Smith and Putnam Co Tenn

104 Haywood Ditty Sold  
Bond \$2000  
Sureties R. G. Apple and  
Robert M. Kinley all of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

~~105 Robert M. [unclear]~~  
~~105 Jesse Wade Cit~~  
~~Bond \$1000~~  
~~Surities W. J. Ingraham~~  
~~and Eli Durham all of~~  
~~Smith Co Tennessee~~

106 W. J. Ingraham Cit  
 Bond \$300  
 Sureties Jesse Wade Eli Durham  
 all of Smith Co Tennessee

107 Alfred Masse Sold  
 Bond \$200  
 Sureties Alexander Holzman and  
 Henry Cannon all of Jackson  
 Co Tennessee

108 Alexander Holzman Sold  
 Bond \$200  
 Sureties Alfred Masse and  
 Henry Cannon all of  
 Jackson Co Tennessee

109 Henry Cannon Sold  
 Bond \$200  
 Sureties Alfred Masse and  
 Alex Holzman all of Jackson  
 Co Tennessee

100 Absalom Bryant Sold  
 Bond \$500  
 Sureties Anthony M. Brown  
 and Marion M. Brown all of  
 Putnam Co Tenn

111 Marion M. Brown Cit  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Absalom Bryant  
 and Anthony M. Brown of  
 Putnam Co Tenn

~~112 Benjamin Burford Cit~~  
~~Bond~~  
~~David Sanders and~~  
~~Mrs J. Williams all of~~  
~~Smith County~~

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1863  
 113 Abraham Duck Cit  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Logan R. Dyer  
 and Moses Canard all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

114 Moses Kinnard Cit  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties Abraham Duck and  
 Gideon Anderson all of Putnam  
 Co Tennessee

115 Logan R. Dyer Sold  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties [unclear] and  
 J. M. Welch all of Putnam  
 Co Tennessee

116 Jeremiah Whitson Sold  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Gideon Anderson  
 and James Welch all of Putnam  
 Co Tennessee

117 John M. Welch Sold  
 Bond \$100  
 Sureties James A. Welch and  
 Logan R. Dyer all of Putnam  
 Co Tennessee

118 James A. Welch Sold  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Jeremiah Whitson and  
 Logan R. Dyer all of Putnam  
 Co Tennessee

119 Gideon Anderson Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties J. M. Whitson and  
Jas. A. Pugh all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

120 William High of Putnam Co Cit  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties James Pugh and G. L.  
Crowell of Smith Co Tennessee

121 Green L. Crowell Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties James Smith of Smith  
Co Tenn and Wm High of  
Putnam Co Tennessee

122 Green B. Wood Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jeremiah Bush and  
Robt H Overstreet all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

123 James Bellah Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties G. B. Wood and James  
Smith all of Smith Co  
Tennessee

124 William Dillard Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jeremiah Bush and  
R. H. Overstreet all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

125 Jeremiah Bush Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties G. L. Crowell and  
R. H. Overstreet all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

126 James Smith Cit  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties G. L. Crowell and  
Jeremiah Bush all of Smith  
Co Tennessee

127 Robt H. Overstreet Sold  
Bond \$3000  
Sureties Jeremiah Bush and  
G. B. Wood all of Smith Co  
Tennessee

128 William McCormick Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties William Monday and  
William W. Clellan all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

129 William Monday Sold  
Bond \$500  
Sureties William McCormick  
and Wm W. Clellan all of  
Smith Co Tennessee

130 Martin Dillard Discharged  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry H. Sadler and  
Wm. Robinson all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

131 John Moore Sold  
Bond \$1000  
Sureties Henry H. Sadler and  
Wm. Robinson all of Putnam  
Co Tennessee

132 Chas Carr Cit  
Bond \$500  
Sureties Wm. Nash and David  
Napwell all of Putnam Co  
Tennessee

133 Mrs Nash of White <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$2000  
 Sureties Elijah Carr and  
 Marion Williams all of Putnam  
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134 David M Maxwell <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$500  
 Sureties John Mills and Marion  
 Williams all of Putnam Co  
 Tennessee

135 John Mills <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Marion Williams and  
 David M Maxwell all of  
 Putnam Co Tennessee

136 Marion Williams <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties John Mills and David  
 Maxwell all of Putnam Co  
 Tennessee

137 William Lambert <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Crook Carter and  
 Ferguson all of Jackson Co Tenn

138 William Verto <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties A. P. Ferguson and  
 Joseph Burgess all of Jackson  
 Co Tennessee

139 Andrew P. Ferguson <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$1000  
 Sureties Joseph Burgess and  
 W. Verto all of Jackson Co  
 Tennessee

140 Crook Carter <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$2000  
 Sureties William Lambert  
 and Joseph Burgess all of  
 Jackson Co Tennessee

141 William P. Verto <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$500  
 Sureties Joseph Burgess  
 and A. P. Ferguson all of  
 Jackson Co Tennessee

142 Joseph Burgess <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$200  
 Sureties Peter Park and  
 Crook Carter all of Jackson  
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143 Peter Park <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$100  
 Sureties Joseph Burgess  
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 Jackson Co Tennessee

144 Matthew Anderson <sup>Sold</sup>  
 Bond \$5000  
 Sureties Peter Park and  
 Mrs Lambert all of  
 Jackson Co Tennessee  
 December 1865

145 Thomas Dillehay <sup>Git</sup>  
 Bond \$3000  
 Sureties A. R. Dillehay and  
 Jesse Frogg all of Smith Co  
 Tennessee

### Church of Christ organized at Riddleton

An old ledger that belonged to W. H. Bradley indicates the attempt to organize this congregation in 1888. Even though experiencing many hardships, the congregation was able to erect a building on the north side of the pike opposite Cages Bend road. Services were discontinued in the early 1900's and the building torn down. The pews from this building were used in the mid 1940's for sunday school seats when the Carthage Church of Christ was organized.

SUBMITTED BY BILL JOLLY AMONETTE

Riddleton Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 We, the undersigned members of the church of Christ for the purpose of forming a church at the town of Riddleton Tenn, have hereby agreed to enroll our names, and we further agree to meet every Lords Day, or as often as practicable for the purpose of keeping house for the Lord.

	3	J. D. Grisham	
Elders	3	W. H. Bradley	
Removed Dec. 1889	3	A. J. Redditt	
	3	J. M. Moss. Dec. Aug. 1888	
Deacons	3	C. H. Brasley	
	3	W. H. Jacey	



Removed 1889. Eliza J. Redditt  
 Lucy Jolley died 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1890  
 Nancy Bradley  
 N. B. Hulse removed 1891  
 M. B. " " "  
 A. G. " " 1890  
 M. M. " " "  
 R. S. Gresham  
 M. J. " died 1894  
 C. S. Chambers  
 M. L. Bradley  
 Mattie Duke  
 Emma Hindcock  
 M. B. Moss  
 Anna Moss  
 M. J. Kirby removed N. B.

Georgia Kirby removed 1888  
 Bettie Allen  
 J. H. Culbreath  
 Elizabeth "  
 M. Dillon  
 Cora "  
 W. R. Kittell  
 Sallie "  
 Bettie R. Payne  
 Cora Lecher removed 1888  
 Laura V. Gresham

Susan Beasley  
 Manerina Wakefield  
 Stella Coulbreath  
 Lena Redditt Removed 1888  
 Corrine Bradley  
 Flora Luskus Removed 1888  
 Ella Martin  
 Mary J. Miller  
 Mrs. H. J. Ferguson

In 1893 the church was again  
 set in order and the following  
 Brethren & sisters were added.

W. H. Jacey }  
 R. H. Washburn } Elders

W. H. Bradley }  
 Turner Bradley } Deacons

Lottie Jacey  
 Susan Jacey  
 M. L. Ferguson  
 Rena Ferguson

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
SMITH COUNTY**

For and in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars to me paid in hand, I have this day bargained and sold and by the presents do hereby transfer and convey T. D. Grissom, W. H. Bradley & A. J. Reditt as a board of trustees a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Dist. No. 21 of Smith County lain and bounded as follows; Beginning at a stake, the same being the N. E. corner of the Academy lot in the the town of Riddleton in A. J. Redditts line 1 chain - 8. of Ac. (Academy) lot, thence S. 18 (degrees) E. 8 Ps. & 11 links to a stake in M. L. Bradley's & W. D. Popes line, thence N. 60 (degrees) W. 7 3/4 Ps. to a stake, thence 33(degrees) W. 8 P. 11 links to a stake in the center of Pike at the bridge, thence 60 (degrees) E. 8 3/4 poles to the beginning containing 3/7 of an acre be the same more or less but I hereby reserve to my self & my heirs the right of way to travel and hall (sic) over to and from the G & C Turnpike road. The land herein conveyed is for the purpose of building a church house and to be free for all denominations to preach in when not occupied by the Church of Christ ( or Christian Church) to have and to hold to said board of Trustees, their successors in office as assigns forever and at any time a vacancy should occur by death, resignation or removal from neighborhood or how this vacancy thus occurring shall be filled by the two remaining trustees - appointing someone to fill the same but this action is to be ratified by the church. Said land and property is to be made the control of said board of trustees and their successors in office with power to sell, transfer and convey the same by deed if the church at any future time should deem such necessary provided the proceeds arising therefrom shall be applied to the promotion of the Church of Christ or be reinvested in active property for the Christian Church. I covenant with the said board of trustees that I am lawfully seized and possession of said land and have a good right to convey the same and I hereby to covenant and forever defend the title of said land to said board of trustees against the lawful claims of any or all persons whatsoever this Nov. 29th, 1887.

Signed M. L. (X) Bradley  
(her mark)

**STATE OF TENNESSEE, SMITH COUNTY**

( Above is a transcription taken from microfilm found in the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The images were very dim and quite difficult to read. However, I think the text is basically correct. The original may be found in the Smith County Courthouse, Deed Book # 7, page 152).

The M. L. Bradley that sold this property was Margaret Lycity Gass Bradley, the widow of Geo. W. Bradley. After Geo. died in 1885, she lived out her life in Riddleton. A complete history of their life written by Mrs. Cassie Duke Draper, a granddaughter, may be found on page #415, of the *Smith County History* book. (BJA)

## QUERIES

ALLMAN, TEMPA. Seeking information on this family.  
SANDRA HELLOGSO, 10818 109<sup>TH</sup> Ave. SW, Tacoma, WA 98498  
shelligso@msn.com

GLOVER FAMILY. Seeking information on this family.  
BETTY KINGREY, 8893 Tompkinsville Rd., Glasgow, KY 42141

OLDHAM, NASH, BEASLEY, BOSTON.  
Judith Shields, 804 Lincoln Ave., Wood River, IL 62095

SAULMON, PHILLIPS, MORRIS.  
SHARON SAULMON, 6918 Fawncliff Dr., Houston, TX 77069

JOHN PATTON ANDERSON, b 10 Mar 1863, Snow Creek, Sm Co., TN, son of John F. Anderson and Lenora Frances Flatt; marr 20 Mar 1887, Dodd City, Fannin Co., TX to Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins, b Dec 1865, Ky; he died 16 Jun 1935, Dallas, Dallas Co., TX. Four known children: Maude M. b Aug 1887, Isaac Jenkins, b Dec 1889, both in Fannin Co., TX and Josephine, b Jun 1897, Samuel Dewey, b Nov 1898, both in Grayson Co., TX. Need descendants.  
BOBBY C. ANDERSON, 4725 Carleen Rd., Houston, TX 77092-3603

KITCHENS, NANCY, b 1796 TN and lived in Smith Co., marr Joshua Pruitt in 1818, had 12 children: William, Harris, Joseph, Frances (my grandmother who married Phillip Bradford, Susan, Dorthula, Prudence, Isabella, Lucy A., Nancy Jane, Elizabeth, Henry. Who were Nancy's parents and who were her siblings?  
SUSSANAH GILL marr JOSEPH PRUITT, came to Sm Co. from Granville Co., NC. They marr in NC 2 Aug 1790. Who were her parents and siblings? Did they have children other than Joshua and Calvin? I also need the date of her birth and death.  
MRS. O. S. COLLINS, Box 217, Bells, TX 75414

CASSETTY, DRAPER, HALL, DIXON, CARVER, HULL, WILLIAMS, WILLMORE, VANHOOSER, CLARK, STONE, SHOULDERS, QUARLES, RAY, FRAIM.  
FAYE CASSETTY WILLMORE, 171 Stone Lane, Gainesboro, TN 38562.  
[jfawillmore@twlakes.net](mailto:jfawillmore@twlakes.net)

PERKINS, GABRIEL P., b ca 1788, VA., d 1825, Sm Co. Son, Henry Jefferson Perkins, b 1822, lived in the Stonewall community.  
TURNER WILKERSON, b 1758, Henrico Co., VA, Rev. soldier, immigrated to Sm Co 1816, lived in Bluff Creek community. Will share info on these lines ("150 Club")  
WILLIAM S. PERKINS, 538 South Sanders Road, Hoover, AL 35226

**KNIGHT, JOHN.** Are you a descendant of the Revolutionary War soldier, John Knight and his wife, Martha Montague? If so, please contact me so the blank spaces in my database may be filled in. I will enjoy exchanging data with you.  
**ESTELLA KNIGHT (Mrs. HOWRD) MORRISON**, 1038 Hickory Street, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-1904. [graneee@hotmail.com](mailto:graneee@hotmail.com) (Please, do not send attachments)

### AN INVITATION

The descendants of Sebastian K. Knight and his wife, Tabitha Susan Ferguson, are holding a reunion on June 21 and 22, 2003 at the Donoho Hotel, Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

The Knight family was early in Smith County and married into many early lines including the Dillehay, Smith, Mitchell, Mathews, Phillips, Ferguson and Wakefield lines.

While this is not the first reunion for descendants of S. K. Knight or John A. Knight, their civil war ancestor, it is the 1<sup>st</sup> we know of for all Knight descendants of John and Martha Montague Knight.

To assist in our reunion planning, please advise Estella Morrison if you will be able to participate and where you fit in the lineal descent. If you are unsure of your exact relationship, we will search our records for you.

The address is 1038 Hickory, Excelsior Springs MO 64024-1904. Telephone 816-637-3414. E-mail is [graneee@hotmail.com](mailto:graneee@hotmail.com) Please do not send attachments.

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From the Editor:

Our president, Faith, is on sabbatical this summer! so I shall pinch-hit for her. Response to the "150 Club" has been enthusiastic. Two pioneer families are featured in this issue - so do not delay- be working on your ancestry. If you failed to represent your family in the *Smith County History*, now is your opportunity to get it published.

To qualify for the "150 Club" the applicant must descend from an ancestor who settled in Smith County prior to 1850. The data furnished will be a valuable addition to the history of the county and a source of information for future generations.

Plans for the Smith County Heritage Museum continue to accelerate. On June 7, torrential rains failed to dampen the spirits of the crowd at the Gordonsville Fun Festival. Museum Committee members sponsored an "Antiques Road Show" and created an interesting display of 30's and 40's electric appliances.

The search for an affordable, appropriate site for the museum continues with focus on the historic old Stephen's Manufacturing Company building located just off the square in downtown Carthage.

Pictured below are co-editors, Sue Maggart-Petty and Nina Russell Sutton presenting a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Johnny Law, Museum Committee treasurer. Thanks to all of you who made this contribution possible with your generous response to the reprint of the *Smith County History*. Membership to the Museum is welcomed: Individual \$25; Family \$40; Student \$5. Checks may be mailed to Johnny Law, Treasurer, Citizens Bank, P. O. Box 195, Carthage, TN 37030.

Have a great summer, SMP



Tommy Upchurch, Museum Committee Chairman, looks on as Nina Sutton and Sue Maggart- Petty present Johnny Law, treasurer, with a check from proceeds of reprints of the *Smith County History*. The box tombs in the foreground are those of William Walton and his wife, Sarah, located in the Walton Cemetery, Carthage.

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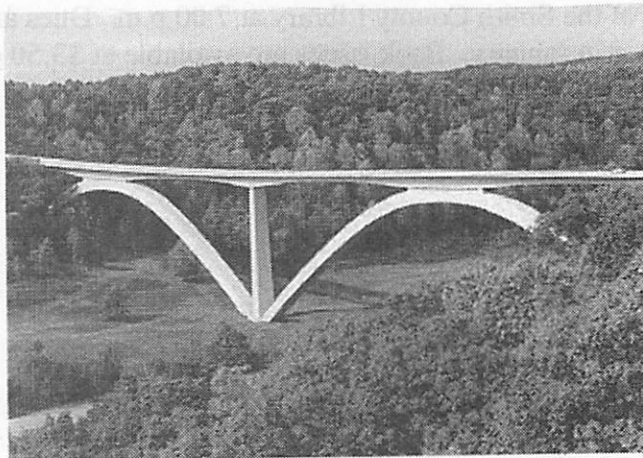
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**View of Natchez Trace Parkway**



**Natchez Trace Parkway Bridge  
Tennessee**

The Natchez Trace Parkway Bridge is the nation's first segmentally constructed concrete arch bridge. Spanning 502 m (1,648 feet), the double arch structure offers motorists a view from 47m (155 feet) above the valley floor and is one of the final links in the Natchez Trace Parkway project. The bridge's arches are designed to support the deck without evenly spaced spandrel columns, resulting in a picturesque, unencumbered appearance.

THE NATCHEZ TRACE  
OR  
THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHICKASAW TRACE

Contributed by Mr. & Mrs. James Bass  
(From the material of Herman Myer)

The history of the Old Natchez Trace, known early on as the Middle Tennessee Chickasaw Trace, predates Columbus' voyage of 1492. Prehistoric Native Americans utilized the numerous animal trails in the area, and evidence has been discovered by archaeologists that nomadic Indians traveled along parts of the route more than 8,000 years ago. The trail was worn two feet deep when the white man discovered it; Hernando DeSoto was the first European to record the area.

The Natchez Trace gained prominence by 1785 when numerous pioneer farmers, traders, and settlers, including many from Smith County, traversed the Ohio, Mississippi, and Cumberland rivers with their crops, furs and other products to be sold at either Natchez or New Orleans. There was no practical way to get the boats used to transport the products back upstream so they were dismantled and the lumber sold. Boatmen made the return trip overland either on foot or horseback along the Indian and animal trails.

The earliest known account of boatmen from the Cumberland traveling the route was in 1789 when William Martin of what was later Smith County and the Winchester brothers of Sumner County carried a few flatboats of produce to New Orleans. They walked the "800 miles and more than half through Indian country," taking six months to complete the journey. Two years later and with considerably more traffic, Francis Bailey described the road as "little more than a path...with neither tavern nor ferry along the way." In later years when there was no danger from the Indians and a few taverns had been established, the trip down and back seldom took less than four months. Even the strong, hardy flat boatmen who walked home over the trace found the muddy, miry, mosquito-infested road, lurking with robbers, hard going.

In 1800 the Trace was established as a post road. During 1810, the heaviest year for use of the Trace, over 10,000 people were recorded traveling north on the trail.

The arrival of the steamboat heralded a new age of travel, and the use of the Trace declined dramatically. Yet the Trace was not forgotten. In 1909, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations began marking the Trace's route. In 1934, Congress approved money for surveying the route. Construction of the Natchez Trace Parkway began in June 1937. Completion of the project which is under the National Park Service, is expected to be completed by the year 2005.

The following excerpts from Joe C. Guild, "Old Times in Tennessee," Nashville, 1878, portray a vivid picture of life along the Indian trail at the time it was passing from the red man to the white man. Hardy riders carried the United States mail in company with those early Smith County settlers and others who trudged along the Trace on the long journey home. Reminiscences of the time were recorded by Judge Joe C. Guild, a prominent lawyer in Middle Tennessee from 1825 - 1876 and were included among the writings of Herman Myer of Carthage.

From Judge Guild: Herewith I give some reminiscences of the olden time, derived from John L. Swaney, a citizen of Sumner County, Tennessee.

Nashville had in 1800 nothing but huts built of cedar logs with stones or mud and wooden chimneys., a population of about one thousand, and no commerce of any description.

Mr. Swaney carried the mail on horseback from Nashville to Natchez and frequently talked with the noted robber, Tom Mason, who robbed traders and boatmen as they returned from New Orleans and Natchez.

Mr. Swaney began carrying the mail about 1796 or 1797 and continued for nearly eight years. The distance from Nashville to Natchez was estimated to be five hundred and fifty miles. The road was a mere trace or bridle-way through the woods and cane brakes. He would leave Nashville on Saturday night at eight o'clock and in ten days and four hours the mail was due at Natchez. With him he had the mail which consisted of a few letters and government dispatches, a few newspapers, half a bushel of corn for his horse, provisions for himself, an overcoat or blanket and a tin trumpet. Thus equipped he would leave Nashville and pass Tom Davis', the last white man's house, located near where Franklin now is at midnight. Sunday morning he would get to Gordon's Ferry on the Duck River, fifty miles from Nashville.

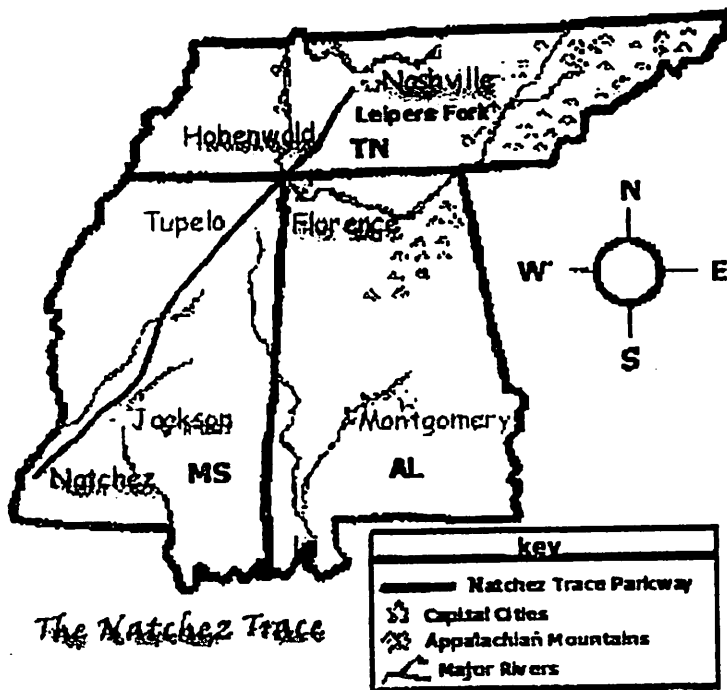
After feeding his horse and having breakfast, he then had to ride eighty miles to Colbert's Ferry on the Tennessee river before night set in. From there he continued through the wilderness to the Chickasaw Agency one hundred and twenty miles before he would see a house or even an Indian wigwam. At the Agency two hundred fifty miles from Nashville, Mr. Swaney made the first exchange of horses. From the Chickasaw to the Choctaw Agency the distance was two hundred miles, entirely through Indian country.

At the time Mr. Swaney carried the mail, the route was heavily traveled by the traders and boatmen returning from New Orleans and Natchez, bringing their provisions and supplies on pack-horses and mules or on foot. They carried their money which was in gold and silver, sewed in raw hides. When they stopped at night they would hide their money in the woods some distance from the camp before making a fire.

These precautions were necessary because robber bands led by Tom Mason, the Harp brothers and others preyed upon the helpless pioneers on the return trip to their homes. Supplies and money taken from the sojourners gave Mason and his men ample means of support. The bands knew every foot of the road and every place where parties were likely to camp, particularly the location of the springs. Mr. Swaney was assured of his safety because the robbers wanted only money and supplies - not mail.

Eventually, the Trace became comparatively safe after Governor Williams of Mississippi offered a reward of one thousand dollars in gold for the apprehension of Mason. The Indians began a search for the culprit who hid his money and escaped across the Mississippi River. Tradition says that Mason's band buried their gold in the bottoms near the river and cut the letters "TM" on trees near the spot so they could easily find it in the future. Records do not reveal whether they ever recovered their loot, but the Trace did become much safer for the traveler.

Today, a drive down the scenic, peaceful Natchez Trace offers the traveler a pleasant respite from the hectic interstate travel - but, beware of one hazard never encountered by our ancestors. You may not meet up with any Indians or robbers but neither will you see many gas stations, so be sure to have a full tank of gas when you set off on your journey, or you may be walking the "800 miles" home!



MINUTES, SMITH COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS  
BOOK 2, 1799-1803

Continued from Volume XV, No. 1

SEPTEMBER 19, 1803.

P. 109. Edward Brownfield appt. overseer to open and keep in repair a road from Hickman's Creek to Nashville Road. Thomas Smith to furnish list of hands. Letter of attorney of John Miles to Samuel Miles acknowledged and registered.

P. 110. John Douglas, Sheriff and Collector for Smith Co., reported following lands for 1802; found no property he could distrain: John Davidson, 168 acres; Levi Sanderlin, 100 acres; John Buckanan, 640 acres; Thomas Taylor, 640 acres; John Khum, 274 acres; John Kenedy, 3220 acres; Wm. Lawrence, 333 acres; Thomas Hamilton, 1280 acres; Thomas Harmon, 640 acres and 640 acres; George Laurence, 1000 acres; Thomas Love, 1000 acres; Richard Goham, 519 acres; Charles Marshall, 320 acres; Wm. Henderson, 640 acres; Abraham Moore, 320 acres; James & John Banner, 3292, 1097, 640, 640 acres; John Nichols, 1097 acres; Ephraim Peyton, 1280 acres; Henry Rowan 540 acres; Thomas Woodriff's heirs, 4800 acres; Robert Fenner, 1920 acres; Lewis Gutridge, Wm. Walters, 2011 acres; Nath. Brown's heirs, 640 acres; Robert Hays, 4680 acres; Stockley Hays, 1280 acres; Thomas Person's heirs, 4800; Richard Cross, 1000 acres; Sherrold Green 1000 acres. These lands be published twice in the *Tennessee Gazette and the Knoxville Gazette* and be sold or as much thereof as sufficient to pay tax and cost accrued. Wm. Anderson's stock mark recorded.

P. 111. DECEMBER 19, 1803.

Court met at Tilman Dixon's, Dixon's Springs. Present: Charles Kavanaugh, Elmore Douglass, Arthur Hogan and John Lancaster. Deed - Thomas Head to Andrew Greer, 640 acres, proven by oath of Wm. T. Lawson. Letter of attorney John Miles to Thomas Parsons proven by oath of Daniel Burford.

P. 112. Deed - Solomon Harpole to John Harris, 228 acres, proven by oath of Charles A. Burton.

Will of Daniel Mungle proven in court by Abner Layson, David Williams, William Kearby. Abigail Mungle, widow, expressed her resolution to abide by provisions provided by law from her husband's estate. John Con, John Brevard, James Hibbitts named as executors of Mungle's estate.

Will of Peter Starbuck proven by oath of Lewis Wimberly and Isaac Dillon. Josiah Howell named executor.

Deed of conveyance from John Williamson, Sr. of Smith Co. to Joseph Williamson of Montgomery County, State of Virginia for 383 acres of land. A transfer of the record of said deed was to be recorded in county and state where land in deed lies.

Augustine Cook security for Judiah Payne surrendered Payne into custody of sheriff.



Richard Brittian took oath as admr. of Edward Donoho's estate with Wm. Martin and Charles Donoho securities.

James Trimble admitted to practice law in Smith County court.

Washington L. Hammum produced his attorney's license admitted to practice in Smith County court.

Estate sale Inventory of Alexander Kenedy recorded.

P. 113. Grand Jury drawn, impaneled, sworn and charged: Grant Allen, foreman, Wm. Turnbull, Abram Thompson, Joel Holland, Joel Dyer, John Rankin, John Barkley, Jeremiah Taylor, John Ward, Daniel Hammock, James Gibson, Nicholas Shrum, Joseph Gifford. John Kavanaugh, constable, to attend Grand Jury.

James Draper, James Gwin, John Gordon, Joseph Collens, Henry Tooley, appt. commissioners to fix public buildings.

Deed - 222 acres Robert King to David Young, proven by oath of James Vance.

Job Bass stock mark recorded.

Samuel Hannah appt. overseer to replace Washington Harney. Same hands work for Hannah.

Richard Lancaster resigned as overseer; Wm. Powell appt. in his place. Same hands work under Powell.

Gift deed, Nathan Jackson to Polly Jackson and Robert Lancaster, proven by oath of Daniel Jackson.

Commissioners of conservatory of peace:

P. 114. James Vance, James Ralstone, John Gordon, Jr., Gidion Pillow, Martin Young, Alexander Looney, Basil Shaw, Godfrey Flower, Aaron Hart, Josiah Howell, James Cotten, Wilson Cage, Archibald Sloan, bearing date 7th November, 1803.

Robert Ward appt. in place of Wm. Payne, overseer, same hands work under Ward.

John Jenkins resigned as overseer; Jacob Johnson appt. in his place. Same hands work under Johnson, road be opened and kept in repair the new way across Defeated Hill.

Stephen Box resigned as overseer; Doctor Jennings appt. in his place. Same hands work under Jennings.

James Kitchen resigned as overseer; Solomon Thomas appt, in his place. Same hands work under Thomas.

Deed - 333 1/3 acres George Lawrence to Wm. Lawrence, proven by oath of Arthur H. Hogan.

Deed - 95 acres Henry W. Lawson to Mathew Harper, proven by oath of Taddock McNew.

Deed - 95 acres Henry W. Lawson to Enos Harrold, proven by oath of Mathew Harper.

Deed - 158 acres Edwin Gwin to Robert Box, proven by oath of Stephen Box.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1803.

P. 115. Court met with Tilman Dixon, Charles Kavanaugh, John Lancaster, Archibald Sloan present.

P. 115. Daniel Jackson appt. admr. of Nathan Jackson's estate.  
 Deed - 159 acres John Sedgley to Elisha Oglesby, proven by oath of Sampson Williams.  
 Richard Lancaster appt. constable in John Lancaster's district.  
 Abigail Mungle made petition for dower.  
 Sheriff directed to summon jury to lay off Mungle's dowery.  
 John Brevard appt. guardian to Isaac Mungle; made bond with Peter Turney and  
 Anderson Greer securities. Tilman Dixon, James Hibbitts, Archibald Sloan, Aaron Hart,  
 John Lancaster approved of guardian.  
 David Rosix appt. constable in Captain Matlock's company.  
 Alan Wilkerson appt. overseer of road from Michael Murphy's to foot of ridge leading to  
 Daniel Witcher's. Peter Turney to give Wilkerson list of hands.

P. 116. Wm. Jenkins appt. overseer to open and keep in repair road from foot of ridge to  
 Daniel Witcher's. Martin Young to furnish Jenkins with list of hands.  
 Last will of Wm. Saunders, dec. brought into court; proven by oaths of Daniel Burford  
 and Redmond D. Berry who swore they saw Wm. Alexander sign as witness. Barry swore  
 that dec. directed him to sign his name to codicil to the will. Nancy Saunders, widow of  
 dec., qualified as executrix and James Saunders qualified as executor.  
 Matthew Harper appt. constable in Capt. William's Company.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1803.

P. 116. Court met with Peter Turney, John Lancaster and John Looney present.  
 Ordered that Wm. Sullivan, Jr. be summoned to appear at next court to meet second  
 Monday in March and declare on oath whether he saw Wm. Sullivan, Sr. sign, seal and  
 deliver deed of conveyance to John Williamson and whether he was a subscribing witness  
 to deed.  
 P. 117. Grand Jury made presentment against James Tumble for profane swearing; other  
 one against John Hargis.  
 Court discharged the jury.  
 Samuel Comer produced bond of Wm. Saunders; proven by oath of James Curtis.  
 Deed - 220 acres, Samuel Comer to Richard Condry, proven by oath of James Curtis.  
 John Williamson appt. overseer to open and keep in repair road from Williamson's Ferry  
 to Sullivan's Road with overseer's own hands, Micajah Duke, Robert Banks, Tignal Cook  
 and Edward Barbee.  
 Deed - 320 acres, executor of Wm. Saunders to Samuel Comer, proven by oath of James  
 Saunders.  
 Wm. Perry appt., constable in Capt. Samuel's Company.  
 Richard Reynolds appt. overseer of road in place of James Vance with same hands.  
 Deed - 1280 acres Reuben Cage, sheriff to Micajah Barrow, proven by oath of Jesse  
 Wharton.  
 Order issued to receive judgment by Heseiah Oreil against James Moores heirs.  
 John Kavanaugh appt. constable for Smith County.

P. 118. Stephen Montgomery, John Brevard, Wm. Turnbull, Aaron Hart, Samuel Caruthers, George Anderson, Joel Holland, appt. jury to view road from near Caruthers Horse Mill nearest and best way up East Fork of Goose Creek to intersect Kentucky road, leading by James Gwin's at most convenient place, report to next court.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1803.

Court met according to adjournment with Wm. Walton, John Lancaster, Tilman Dixon, Arthur S. Hogan and John Gordon, Jr. present.

Vincent Ridley appt. overseer of road replacing Godfrey Fowler. Same hands work under Ridley.

Deed - 440 acres, Robert Campbell's heirs to John Campbell, proven by oath of Alexander McKee.

Deed - 200 acres, Alexander McKee to Alexander Donaldson and Thomas Jefferson Williams.

Hands assigned to John McGee and Charles Ledbetter work from Dixon's Lick Creek to ford of Dixon's Creek on Fort Blount Road.

Gideon Pillow, Wm. Walton, John Gordon, Jr., John Lancaster and Thomas Smith or any two of them appt. to take necessary deposition to establish location of grant in name of Samuel Ash for 2560 acres lying on Mulherin's Creek. Their examination to be taken in writing on the premises, signed by witnesses and attested to by commissioners then transmitted to court clerk on or before second Monday in March next.

P. 119. Wm. Smith, Wm. Hankins, Harris Bradford, Joseph Prevett, James Cotten, Leonard Caplinger, Wm. Cook appt. to view, mark and lay off road from Wilson Road at Smith County line near Round Lick Creek, nearest and best way to mouth of Hickman Creek, report to next court.

Received payment of Nicholas Matlock's tax list of 426 acres.

Hugh Stephen appt. overseer of road in place of Henry Dancer with same hands under Stephen.

John Gordon, Jr., and Gedion Pillow divide hands assigned to work on public roads among these overseers: Mathew Payne, Enos Harrold, Taddock McNew, Edward Bromfield and John Gordon, Jr.

Road from Boling Felts to Nashville road ordered discontinued. Hands of this road work under Jesse Smith.

Court adjourned until court in course, to meet at house of William Walton.

P. 120. Court opened and held for Smith County on Monday 12 March, 1804, at house of Wm. Walton. Present were: Charles Kavanaugh, Lee Sullivan, Arthur Hogan, Godfrey Fowler, Archibald Sloan and Aaron Hart.

Deed, 200 acres, Arthur A. Hogan to Cornelius Waggoner.

Deed, 640 acres, Lewis Green to Joseph Litton, proven by oath of Jeremiah Belk.

Deed, 100 acres, Stephen Montgomery to Aaron Hart, proven by oath of Jabz Gifford.

P. 120. deed, 240 acres, Stephen Montgomery to Jabz Gifford proven by oath of Aaron Hart.

Court received jury's report on road from near Caruthers Horse Mill up East Fork of Goose Creek. Wm. Turnbull appt. overseer to open and keep in repair from forks near Mill to Jabz Gifford's. All hands below Gifford on this fork work under Turnbull. Andrew Ford appt. overseer from Gifford's to Stephen Montgomery's work under Ford. George Anderson appt. overseer from Montgomery's to Givens' Road. Long Creek and ridge hands work under Anderson.

P. 121. Stock mark recorded for John Page.

In suit James Vance vs Armistead Stubblefield writ be amended to change debt to covenant and Plaintiff pay costs.

Richard Taylor and James Birmingham made bond and assumed maintenance of a Base born child of whom Godfrey Jones is the reputed father. They were to educate the child as well as common.

Deed, 100 acres, Turner Harwood to Wm. Murphy, proven by oath of Wm. Boren. Sufficient land of David King to be condemned as needed to satisfy a judgment of \$1.00 cost due to Wm. Short together with accruing costs. Obtained before Aaron Hart, Esq. Lands of David King be condemned to satisfy judgment obtained by John Sullivan before Nathaniel Brittain with accruing costs.

John H. Burton admitted to practice law in this court.

P. 122. Wm. Marchbanks and Lewis Ford sworn in as Justices of Peace, 7 January 1803. Court Adjourned.

Court met 13 March 1804 with members Peter Turney, Elmore Douglass, James Roberts, James Draper, Wm. Marchbanks present.

Charles Carter appt. admr. of the estate of John Carter, dec., made bond with Edward Hogan and Wm. Anderson, securities.

James Gwin given credit of \$4.66  $\frac{2}{3}$  in his settlement with the county Trustee.

Moses Griffin appt. overseer of road where John Cage was overseer. Same hands work under Griffin.

James Gwin was appt. county trustee, gave security and qualified according to law.

James Draper appt. county commissioner.

Bill of sale Browning B. Williams to Morgan Williams, proven by oath of Duke Williams.

P. 124. Lee Sullivan resigned; accepted by court.

Appt. to serve as jurors to next court were: Daniel Hammock, John Gray, James Bradley, John Warren, Jacob Dice, Thomas Banks, James Caps, Booker Bradford, James Jenkins, Moses Justice, Wm. Jarrad, Jacob Fenner, Wm. Douglas, Charles McMurry, Jeffery Sitton, Willeroy Pate, Henry Huddleston, Wm. Wooten, Wm. Lane, Samuel Casey, Taddok McNew, James Ballow, Pleasant Kearby, Thomas Draper, Jesse Laurence, James Montgomery, Edward Settles, George Thomson, Wm. Farris, Jr., Thomas Williamson,

Michael Murphy, Andrew Greer, Richard Brittain, Henry Dancer, Henry Sadler, Thomas Bowman, Isham Beasley, John Barkley and John Shelton.

Tilletha Smith came into court acknowledged maintenance for her base born child, William, paid her fine and fee to county solicitor. David Mitchel her security.

P. 125. Clerk was to issue execution against estate of Wm. Saunders, dec., in suit John Morris vs Saunders. Suit was dismissed in Superior court, remanded to this court. Remainder of hands in the county heretofore liable to work under Elijah Gadden, now in Wilson County, work under Charles Kavanaugh, work to Wilson line.

Deed, 182 acres, Arthur A. Hogan to James Hadley acknowledged.

Inventory of Daniel Mungle, dec., estate returned into court by James Hibbitts, one of the executors.

Deed, 250 acres Wm. Sullivan, Sr., to John Williamson, proven by oath of Wm. Sullivan, Jr.

John Morris charged with begetting a Bastard child on the body of Nelly Gregory.

Arthur Hogan to Thomas Hale, 98 acres.

Inventory of Wm. Saunders, dec., estate returned into court by Charles Burton.

Bond, John Bridges, James Moore, Alfred Moore to Heseekiah Oreil proven by oath of John Chambers.

Inventory of estate of Nathan Jackson returned into court by Daniel Jackson, Admr.

P. 126. Inventory acct. of sales of estate of Peter Starbuck, dec., returned into court by Josiah Howell, one of the executors.

Deed, 200 acres Rebeckah Moore to John Bridges, proven by oath of Hezekiah Oreil.

Wednesday, March 14, 1804, Present: Charles Kavanough, Wm. Walton, Arthur Hogan, John Patterson, Willis Jones, John Gordon, John Looney.

Papers relative to division of lands of Wm. Young, dec., among the heirs returned.

Richard Banks, Andrew Greer, Thomas Smith appt. to settle with county trustee, settlement be returned into next county court.

Deed, 333 1/3 acres, Wm. Lawrence to Wm. Walton, proven by oath of Arthur Hogan.

Deed, 150 3/4 acres Wm. Walton to Benjamin Johns, registered.

P. 127. James Haynie appt. overseer of road from Sullivan's Ferry to Fort Blount road.

Hands work this road as assigned to work under late overseer.

Court adjourned until court in course to meet at house of Peter Turney.

TO BE CONTINUED

### "150 YEAR CLUB"

In the spring issue of the Quarterly, an invitation was issued to those members who are able to trace their ancestry in Smith County back to at least 150 years, to submit documentation so they may be recognized in the "150 Club." In this issue we are excited to recognize ancestry of three families who qualify – GWALTNEY, MOFIELD, EATHERLY. Although it is not necessary to send documents, proof of residence in the county before or during 1850 should be cited with submitted material. Certificates suitable for framing will be issued to "150 Club" members.

NOTE: The EATHERLY FAMILY will be published in the next issue.

### GWALTNEY FAMILY – EIGHT GENERATIONS

Submitted by France Gwaltney Hunter

Generation 1. John Gwaltney, b 19 Dec 1775, Surry Co., Va., marr 6 Apr 1801, Elizabeth Mangrum Carroll, b 5 Feb 1783, died in Smith County (14 children). Their parents came from Wales to Virginia prior to 1700. John owned land on Jenkins Hill Road (Smith County Deed Book G, P 141). He is listed on the 1820 Smith County Census.

Generation 2. James Gwaltney (oldest child of John and Elizabeth) b 10 Apr 1802, d 1839, marr Lucy Upton, 1816-1891 (2 children).

Generation 3. Archibald Gwaltney, b 21 Oct 1838 – 1903, marr Mary Jane Baird, b 9 Nov 1843 – 1927.

Generation 4. Jesse William Gwaltney, b 5 July 1873 – 1919, marr Mattie Frances Gibbs, b 29 Oct 1878 – 1964 ( 2 children).

Generation 5. Oliver Wendell Gwaltney, b 19Jun 1895 – 1992, marr Gladys Williams, b 9 Nov 1902 – 1988 (5 children).

Generation 6. Frances Lee Gwaltney, b 18 Feb 1923, marr William Mose Hunter, b 16 Sept 1921 (1 child).

Generation 7. Marcia Lee Hunter, b 8 Nov 1950, marr Michael Anderson (3 children).

Generation 8. Michael Anderson, Jr., b 4 Dec 1977

Ed. Note: *Smith County Historical & Genealogical Quarterly*, Volume IV, No. 1, "OLDEST HOUSE REMAINING IN HICKMAN...." by Katheryn Frye Dickens, documents home of Thomas Gwaltney, brother to James Gwaltney. Home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

## *Descendants of James Mofield*

*Generation No. 1*

Submitted by Donald A. Harris

1. **James<sup>2</sup> Mofield** (Martin<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born 1820<sup>1</sup>, and died 1905 in Smith Co. TN<sup>1</sup>. He married (1) **Rachel Craig** Abt. 1836 in TN, daughter of James Craig and Susan Burchett. She was born 1817 in TN, and died Bef. 1900 in Smith Co. TN. He married (2) **Rachel Craig**<sup>1</sup> Abt. 1836<sup>1</sup>. She was born 1817<sup>1</sup>, and died Bef. 1900 in Smith Co. TN<sup>1</sup>.

Notes for James Mofield:

### MOFIELD HISTORY

According to legend the Mofields migrated from Ireland through English seaport cities to gain passage to America. They entered America through Pennsylvania before passing south into Virginia and later into East Tennessee. This family name was shortened from Morefield. While searching through old records I found the spelling of Moorefield, Mowfield, Moefield and Mourfield.

The first recorded Morefield in America was John Morefield who arrived in Hingham, Massachusetts between 1620 and 1650. In 1720 Joseph Moorefield of Ireland age 16, entered Maryland to serve John Dykes for seven years.

In the first census of the United States in 1790, Edward and John Morefield were listed as head of families in Halifax county Virginia. Census records of North Carolina in 1810 and 1820 show Morefields listed in Rowan and Stk. counties. The first Morefields to appear in Tennessee census was in 1830 in the East Tennessee counties of Carter, Knox, Marion and Johnson.

In the 1830 and 1840 Smith county Tennessee census, head of families listed were Johnson, Martin, Julius and Johnson Morefield. Martin Mofield married Mary Weaver on September 24, 1817 in Blount county Tennessee. In the 1850 Smith county census, Martin (born 1800) and wife Mary (born 1805) were listed with sons Johnson and Walton. Two other Morefields listed as head of households who possibly were sons of Martin were Thomas and James.

Between 1850 and 1860 Thomas Mofield (who married Nancy Denny) and his family moved to southern Illinois and settled in Marion county. Also Martin Mofield who married Mary Weaver moved to Marion county.

1850 Census Tennessee 4 JO - MU. Moorefield, James 30, Rachael 33, Wiliam 12, John 11, Thomas 9, Charles 7, Robert 4, James 1. T-T, Sm - 228 - 648.

Smith County Deed Book T, pp. 676-677. James Craig and Hiram M. Craig to James Mofield 65 acres. September 28, 1850.

Children of James Mofield and Rachel Craig are:

- + 2            i. Robert Albert<sup>3</sup> Mofield, born June 03, 1845; died November 04, 1936 in Smith Co. TN.
- + 3            ii. James Edward Mofield, born December 1850; died Bet. 1910 - 1920 in Smith Co. TN.

Children of James Mofield and Rachel Craig are:

- + 4            i. William B.<sup>3</sup> Mofield, born March 04, 1837; died Bet. 1905 - 1910 in Smith Co. TN.
- + 5            ii. John D. Mofield, born November 09, 1838; died April 15, 1877 in Smith Co. TN.
- + 6            iii. Thomas M. Mofield, born February 13, 1841; died November 26, 1909 in Smith Co. TN.
- + 7            iv. Charles M. Mofield, born March 16, 1843; died December 20, 1923 in Smith Co. TN.

*Generation No. 2*

2. **Robert Albert<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 03, 1845<sup>1</sup>, and died November 04, 1936 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Frances Gann** May 05, 1869 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of Enoch Gann and Elizabeth Moore. She was born June 12, 1848, and died February 28, 1929 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for Robert Albert Mofield:

Will of Robert A. Mofield:

I, Robert A. Mofield, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this as my last, will and testament, hereby revoking any other will by me at any time made.

First: As soon as practicable, after my death, I direct my executor, herein after named, to pay all of my just debts and funeral expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands. He is directed to sell a sufficient amount of my personal property to pay said debts, as soon as practicable, provided I do not have cash on hand, sufficient, to pay same. He is hereby directed to have erected a suitable tombstone or monument for my grave, and that of my wife, and to buy and have erected a substantial fence around my grave and that of my family. He will consult my wife about the purchase of this tombstone and fence.

Second: All the remainder of my personal property I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fannie Mofield for her use and benefit to do with as she sees fit.

Third: I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all of the real estate of which I may die seized and possessed to use and occupy for and during the term of her natural life.

Fourth: At the death of my said wife, I direct my executor to sell all of the real estate of which I may die seized and possessed, either publicly or privately, for cash, or on a credit of not over two years, at his discretion, and to make to the purchaser of said land a deed to same; but he will reserve the graveyard where I am buried and the right of way to same, when he sells said land. The proceeds arising from the sale of said land will be divided, by my executor among my children, share and share alike, except I direct him to pay to my daughter, Lilly Mofield, if she be living at the death of her mother, the sum of \$300.00, before a division is made. It being my desire and will that she have this much advantage of her brothers and sisters.

Fifth: I direct my said executor to invest the shares going to my daughter Ollie, wife of Turner Thomason, and that of my daughter Emma, the wife of Andrew Fiveash, in land and to take a deed to them for said land for their sole and separate use, free from any debts, contracts or control of their present or any future husband, for and during their natural lives and at their death to their children. It being my purpose and intention for each of my said daughters to have a home during their lives and for their share of my estate to go to their children when my said daughters shall die.

Sixth: In the event either of my said children should die before I do, then it is my will and desire that the children of such deceased child shall take the same share in my estate, that their parent would have taken, if living, but if either of said children should die and leave no child or children surviving them at the death of my wife, then their brothers and sisters and the children of any deceased brother or sister shall take the share they would have taken if living.

Seventh: I, hereby nominate and appoint my son, A.J. Mofield as executor of this my will, with full power to carry out same. This June 26th, 1918.

Witness: J.N. Fisher, H.B. McGinness Robert A. Mofield (his mark)

We have hereunto affixed, our names as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence of, and at the request of the testator, Robert A. Mofield on this June 26th, 1918. J.N. Fisher & H.B. McGinness. Filed April 8th, 1937.

J.L. Fisher, Clerk

Children of Robert Mofield and Frances Gann are:

- + 8 i. Albert Jackson<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born March 05, 1870; died March 26, 1954 in Livingston, TN.
- + 9 ii. Martin Mofield, born December 03, 1871; died April 18, 1958.
- + 10 iii. Emma Mofield, born October 24, 1874; died April 14, 1950.
- 11 iv. John Mofield, born February 28, 1877; died August 29, 1968. He married Dona Lee Vanderpool August 27, 1899; born July 27, 1879; died September 26, 1975.

Notes for John Mofield:

Had no natural children but raised Ruby Perkins b. June 28 1911 d. May 22 1982 Married September 2, 1928  
 Carlie Winfree s/o John Winfree and Ocia Ingram. He was b. April 29 1905 d. May 14 1983.

- 12 v. Hershel Mofield, born September 07, 1879; died Bet. 1880 - 1900.
- 13 vi. Wallis Sampson "Walter" Mofield, born May 26, 1881; died April 12, 1930.
- + 14 vii. Robert Albert Mofield, Jr., born June 29, 1883; died February 20, 1974.
- + 15 viii. Dora Elizabeth Mofield, born September 30, 1885; died August 20, 1977.
- 16 ix. Lillie May Mofield, born November 29, 1887; died July 18, 1971. She married Tom Garrett 1942; died 1969.
- + 17 x. Ollie Craig Mofield, born April 08, 1890; died May 20, 1980.



**3. James Edward<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born December 1850<sup>1</sup>, and died Bet. 1910 - 1920 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Abbie Baugh Stonecipher** April 02, 1869 in Smith Co. TN. She was born April 1852, and died Abt. 1905 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for James Edward Mofield:

James and his wife Abby are both buried in the Old Mofield Cemetery on Rawls Creek on the Jessie Lee Poston farm in unmarked graves.

Children of James Mofield and Abbie Stonecipher are:

- + 18      i. Martha Frances<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born November 16, 1871; died September 09, 1954.
- + 19      ii. George Washington Mofield, born July 11, 1873; died May 19, 1944.
- + 20      iii. Edward M. Mofield, born 1879; died May 24, 1953.
- + 21      iv. Elnora Mofield, born April 11, 1880; died June 28, 1945.
- + 22      v. Janie Mofield, born January 19, 1884; died December 21, 1956.
- + 23      vi. Lizzie Bell Mofield, born September 09, 1893; died June 08, 1965.

**4. William B.<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born March 04, 1837<sup>1</sup>, and died Bet. 1905 - 1910 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Mary Romack** November 28, 1857 in Smith Co. TN. She was born 1840, and died September 09, 1914 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for William B. Mofield:

Served in Civil War. Enlisted in November 1861, in Company G, 4th Tennessee Cavalry (Starnes). Was captured at Ringgold, Georgia in the summer of 1864 while searching for fresh horses and later paroled. Applied for Confederate soldier's pension on July 28, 1905. William and his wife are probably buried in unmarked graves in the old Mofield cemetery on Rawls Creek on the Jessie Lee Poston farm.

Children of William Mofield and Mary Romack are:

- 24      i. Amanda Eugene<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born September 22, 1859; died October 16, 1937. She met (1) Samuel Gann Aft. 1880; born 1853; died Bef. 1893. She married (2) Abner D. Snow September 06, 1893; born June 26, 1844; died July 21, 1925.
- + 25      ii. Maggie Mofield, born 1862; died Bef. 1900.
- + 26      iii. James Daniel Mofield, born January 12, 1864; died December 22, 1948.
- + 27      iv. Mary Mofield, born August 1869.

**5. John D.<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born November 09, 1838<sup>1</sup>, and died April 15, 1877 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Margaret Ann Gann** June 07, 1866 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of William Gann and Caroline Montgomery. She was born May 25, 1848, and died May 07, 1931 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for John D. Mofield:

Served in the Civil War. Enlisted July 1861 with Company G, 4th Tennessee cavalry. Surrendered in May 1865 in Greenville, North Carolina. His wife Margaret filed for a Confederate veteran's widow's pension on September 25, 1906. John is buried on Rawls Creek in Smith County in the Mofield Family Cemetery. He has a readable tombstone but his wife buried next to him does not.

Children of John Mofield and Margaret Gann are:

- + 28      i. John Marcellus<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born March 01, 1867; died February 14, 1929.
- + 29      ii. Hugh Clarence Mofield, born March 29, 1869; died August 23, 1942.
- + 30      iii. Florence Mofield, born May 1871.
- + 31      iv. Samuel Houston Mofield, born June 03, 1874; died October 07, 1911.
- + 32      v. Maggie Lou Mofield, born October 27, 1876; died September 12, 1944.

6. **Thomas M.<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born February 13, 1841<sup>1</sup>, and died November 26, 1909 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Cynthia Litchford** January 03, 1866 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of John Litchford and Sarah Craig. She was born March 16, 1842, and died August 27, 1923.

Notes for Thomas M. Mofield:

Served in the Civil War. Enlisted in Company G, 4th Tennessee Cavalry, (Dibrels brigade). Was given a furlough by Captain McGregor in September 1864 to return to his home due to illness. He went to Nashville to take the oath of allegiance and was released on October 13, 1864. Applied for a Confederate veteran's pension on March 10, 1909. His wife Cynthia applied for a widow's pension on December 20, 1915. Thomas and his wife are probably buried in unmarked graves in the old Mofield cemetery on Rawls creek on the Jessie Lee Poston farm.

Children of Thomas Mofield and Cynthia Litchford are:

- 33 i. Rachael<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born October 08, 1867; died May 08, 1940. She married William Campbell Holladay December 19, 1922; born December 26, 1864; died September 26, 1948.
- + 34 ii. Thomas M. Mofield, Jr., born June 26, 1868; died October 16, 1930.
- 35 iii. Olivia Mofield, born June 15, 1871; died January 23, 1940.
- + 36 iv. Matthew Mofield, born May 1872; died October 09, 1944.
- + 37 v. Mary Mofield, born August 10, 1873; died May 20, 1956.
- 38 vi. Robert Mofield, born December 1874; died 1939. He married Dora Polston September 12, 1897; born October 1873; died May 07, 1946.
- + 39 vii. Levisa Lee Mofield, born January 1878; died October 14, 1927.
- 40 viii. Alice Mofield, born 1879; died Bet. 1900 - 1910.
- + 41 ix. Stella B. Mofield, born September 10, 1888; died November 13, 1958.

7. **Charles M.<sup>3</sup> Mofield** (James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born March 16, 1843<sup>1</sup>, and died December 20, 1923 in Smith Co. TN. He married **Elizabeth Gann** January 10, 1866 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of William Gann and Caroline Montgomery. She was born June 1841, and died September 24, 1923 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for Charles M. Mofield:

Served in the Civil War. Enlisted in 1862 4th, McLemore's Cavalry. Was paroled in Washington, Georgia in May 1865. Applied for Confederate veteran's pension on September 30, 1910. Charles and his wife are buried in unmarked graves in South Carthage on McCall road. They operated the county poor house for many years.

Children of Charles Mofield and Elizabeth Gann are:

- + 42 i. William Merriman<sup>4</sup> Mofield, born July 26, 1867; died November 24, 1945.
- + 43 ii. Mattie Elizabeth Mofield, born July 1874; died December 25, 1941.
- + 44 iii. Martin Ella Mofield, born May 15, 1876; died July 08, 1949.
- + 45 iv. Ludie M. Mofield, born August 09, 1879; died March 11, 1958.

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8. **Albert Jackson<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born March 05, 1870, and died March 26, 1954 in Livingston, TN. He married **Martha Judith Goolsby** April 18, 1892. She was born December 30, 1867, and died January 08, 1952 in Livingston, TN.

Children of Albert Mofield and Martha Goolsby are:

- 46 i. Pearl<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born March 04, 1893; died March 04, 1893.
- 47 ii. Carl Herbert Mofield, born March 04, 1895; died February 14, 1955. He married Margaret Rowland; born September 21, 1902; died April 06, 1995.
- 48 iii. Mayme A. Mofield, born April 16, 1898; died August 07, 1987. She married Clarence Bedford Arnold April 19, 1919; born October 12, 1897; died October 01, 1949.
- 49 iv. Bessie Lee Mofield, born September 20, 1899; died August 07, 1984.
- 50 v. Harry Morgan Mofield, born November 20, 1901; died October 12, 1970. He married Katheryn Amelia Stancliff March 13, 1927; born December 16, 1904; died June 29, 1994.
- 51 vi. Ruby Pauline Mofield, born January 24, 1904; died November 08, 1992. She married James Andrew Howard February 03, 1924; born June 16, 1895; died December 05, 1964.

9. **Martin<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born December 03, 1871, and died April 18, 1958. He married **Martha Frances Mofield** December 22, 1895 in Smith Co. TN, daughter of James Mofield and Abbie Stonecipher. She was born November 16, 1871, and died September 09, 1954.

Children of Martin Mofield and Martha Mofield are:

- 52 i. **Hershel<sup>5</sup> Mofield**, born October 07, 1896; died December 17, 1983. He married Myrtle Jones July 05, 1947; born April 01, 1909; died August 13, 1987.
- 53 ii. **Lee Mofield**, born March 23, 1898; died September 03, 1985. He married Lena Jenkins December 25, 1921; born July 27, 1906; died January 21, 1970.
- 54 iii. **Malissa Mofield**, born April 17, 1900; died May 09, 1975. She married (1) Coleman Talley Harris September 17, 1921; born June 24, 1898; died March 14, 1933. She married (2) Alexander Calhoun Belcher June 16, 1945; born March 23, 1890; died February 07, 1947.
- 55 iv. **Ona Mofield**, born October 08, 1902; died December 27, 1978. She married William Bethel Highers February 23, 1919; born August 29, 1897; died August 02, 1950.
- 56 v. **A.J. Mofield**, born August 08, 1906; died March 23, 1988. He married Mattie Belle Wilkerson February 10, 1928; born April 24, 1914; died March 06, 1986.
- 57 vi. **Turner Mofield**, born March 18, 1909; died December 02, 1984. He married Neva Jeannie House July 10, 1937; born December 23, 1910; died June 12, 1994.

10. **Emma<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born October 24, 1874, and died April 14, 1950. She married **Andrew J. Fiveash** October 22, 1893, son of John Fiveash and Martha Coffee. He was born April 30, 1857, and died November 03, 1925.

Children of Emma Mofield and Andrew Fiveash are:

- 58 i. **Larry Morgan<sup>5</sup> Fiveash**, born December 13, 1903; died September 26, 1990. He married (1) Margaret Elizabeth Hutchison; born August 12, 1903; died July 21, 1972. He married (2) Della ?.
- 59 ii. **Doak Leo Fiveash**, born June 21, 1911; died October 17, 1936. He married Callis McGee.

14. **Robert Albert<sup>4</sup> Mofield, Jr.** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 29, 1883, and died February 20, 1974. He married **Altie Williams** October 22, 1911, daughter of Andy Williams and Darthurila Denney. She was born July 29, 1896, and died October 21, 1963.

Children of Robert Mofield and Altie Williams are:

- 60 i. **Odesa<sup>5</sup> Mofield**, born May 31, 1913; died May 06, 2000. She married (1) Garland Merrill Madison; born November 14, 1922; died May 26, 1980. She married (2) Ottis M. Holmes November 22, 1935; born March 04, 1913; died June 27, 1960.
- 61 ii. **Ernest Claude Mofield**, born August 31, 1917; died November 05, 2001. He married Julia Hemontoler February 01, 1941; born January 29, 1915; died November 10, 2002.
- 62 iii. **Virgie Lee Mofield**, born July 30, 1920. She married Bryce Bonnell Goad April 09, 1949; born August 27, 1914; died December 1974.
- 63 iv. **Mamie Lois Mofield**, born May 17, 1922; died May 18, 1982. She married (1) William A. Belcher; born December 28, 1911; died April 05, 1971. She married (2) J.A. Dunaway.
- 64 v. **Judson Mofield**, born March 25, 1924; died August 04, 1944 in France. He married Mary Mildred Robinson 1943.
- 65 vi. **Floyd Neal Mofield**, born February 18, 1926. He married (1) Dorothy Clinton Abt. 1955. He married (2) Linda Cunningham October 28, 1961. He married (3) Jessie Stafford December 06, 1969; born May 05, 1941. He married (4) Glenda Guffy June 02, 1979; born July 04, 1951. He married (5) Edith Lee Ray October 17, 1987; born April 05, 1945.
- 66 vii. **Mora Dean Mofield**, born January 15, 1928. She married Raymond Clemmons.
- 67 viii. **Gordon Ray Mofield**, born May 16, 1931. He married Peggy Dick March 10, 1956; born December 12, 1934.
- 68 ix. **Etheleen Mofield**, born October 14, 1934; died March 13, 1998. She married Leo Sisco, Jr. December 27, 1951; born December 03, 1930; died January 09, 1995.
- 69 x. **Kathleen Mofield**, born October 14, 1934; died March 22, 1935.
- 70 xi. **Bobbie Jewell Mofield**, born February 06, 1936. She married Charles Hudson Kemp July 13, 1957; born July 30, 1934.

15. **Dora Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born September 30, 1885, and died August 20, 1977. She married **John Lewis Speck** September 08, 1907, son of Will Speck and Winnie Bilbrey. He was born November 10, 1883, and died January 02, 1968.

Children of Dora Mofield and John Speck are:

- 71 i. Haskell<sup>5</sup> Speck, born July 25, 1908; died June 21, 1948. He married Gladys Gragg.
- 72 ii. Cecil A. Speck, born June 19, 1910; died January 19, 1962. He married Nell Marie Quinn.
- 73 iii. Anna Lucille Speck, born September 27, 1913. She married Paul W. Guenther.
- 74 iv. Fred Lee Speck, born October 10, 1916; died May 1981. He married Billie Teeters.
- 75 v. Pauline Speck, born October 13, 1921. She married Herbie Richmond Shanks September 28, 1947; born November 30, 1919; died December 25, 1984.
- 76 vi. Mildred Speck, born January 08, 1924. She married William Howard Mahler June 17, 1944.
- 77 vii. Johnie Elizabeth Speck, born February 17, 1926. She married Barney McCoy Shelton February 19, 1950.

17. **Ollie Craig<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Robert Albert<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born April 08, 1890, and died May 20, 1980. She married **John Turner Thomason** September 03, 1909, son of David Thomason and Susie Pascall. He was born January 19, 1887, and died March 23, 1945.

Children of Ollie Mofield and John Thomason are:

- 78 i. Robbie Pascall<sup>5</sup> Thomason, born October 10, 1910; died December 1965. She married (1) Lewis Thomas. She married (2) Fred Eiseman; born December 12, 1911; died September 1973.
- 79 ii. Mary Frances Thomason, born December 30, 1912; died December 27, 1986. She married Willie Lee Canter, born April 25, 1911; died July 20, 1963.
- 80 iii. Earl Allen Thomason, born February 25, 1915; died January 21, 1992. He married Gladys Apple; born November 21, 1917; died October 22, 1997.
- 81 iv. Elbert Winfree Thomason, born March 25, 1918; died May 03, 1984. He married Callie Biggs.
- 82 v. Howard Odell Thomason, born February 19, 1920; died August 09, 1991. He married Mazell Ervin.
- 83 vi. David Mery Thomason, born December 12, 1925. He married Billie Faye Johnson October 27, 1956; born September 15, 1934.
- 84 vii. Anna Katherine Thomason, born January 05, 1928. She married Owen Rudolph Sims October 11, 1945; born April 21, 1923.
- 85 viii. Betty Jean Thomason, born May 05, 1930; died October 29, 1999. She married Thomas Gerald Jarrett Abt. 1950; born February 13, 1928; died February 10, 1976.

18. **Martha Frances<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born November 16, 1871, and died September 09, 1954. She married **Martin Mofield** December 22, 1895 in Smith Co. TN, son of Robert Mofield and Frances Gann. He was born December 03, 1871, and died April 18, 1958.

Children are listed above under (9) Martin Mofield.

19. **George Washington<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 11, 1873, and died May 19, 1944. He married **Nannie May Dawes** December 26, 1896, daughter of Andrew Dawes and Margie Burgess. She was born May 13, 1871, and died January 17, 1945.

Notes for George Washington Mofield:

The genealogy report omits George and Nannie Mofield's daughter Margie Lee Mofield. She was born November 3, 1899 and died May 31 1983. She is listed with her husband Andy V. Vanderpool who was the son of William Vanderpool and Mary Mofield. Their children are listed.

Children of George Mofield and Nannie Dawes are:

- 86 i. George Alvin<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born October 13, 1897; died June 29, 1984. He married Edna Florence Davis February 16, 1929; born July 27, 1907; died March 30, 2001.
- 87 ii. Margie Lee Mofield, born November 03, 1899; died May 31, 1983. She married Andy V. Vanderpool December 26, 1925; born October 22, 1904; died January 29, 1987.
- 88 iii. John Luther Mofield, born April 02, 1901; died July 03, 1977. He married Julia Elizabeth Polston August 18, 1926; born July 31, 1911.
- 89 iv. Nannie Alta Mofield, born July 02, 1906; died September 11, 1991. She married Pony Dixon Davis May 10, 1925; born December 02, 1903; died August 28, 1972.
- 90 v. Carter Wilson Mofield, born May 22, 1913; died December 27, 1939.

20. **Edward M.<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>1</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born 1879, and died May 24, 1953. He married **(1) Ada Mildred Reeves** Aft. 1900. She was born 1885, and died November 25, 1936. He married **(2) Mary Jane Moss Craig** June 23, 1944, daughter of Arch Moss and Paralee Petty. She was born March 05, 1887, and died October 17, 1959.

Children of Edward Mofield and Ada Reeves are:

- 91 i. Bertha Jane<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born August 07, 1901; died September 22, 1993. She married John Eatherly Harris January 15, 1921; born December 09, 1895; died September 19, 1977.
- 92 ii. Fred Joe Mofield, born April 15, 1903; died July 22, 1968. He married (1) Jean ?. He married (2) Ruby Lucille Teeples March 02, 1950; born September 27, 1917.
- 93 iii. Jessie Mofield, born 1908; died 1952. He married Ruby ?.
- 94 iv. Ernest Floyd Mofield, born January 15, 1911; died May 07, 1985. He married Gladys Christine Napier November 25, 1933; born 1918; died September 01, 2002.
- 95 v. Nellie Inez Mofield, born November 02, 1914. She married (1) Clinton H. Godown; born November 05, 1918; died February 1980. She married (2) William Bernice Payne November 07, 1936; born 1912; died July 10, 1967.
- 96 vi. Mary Lucille Mofield, born July 30, 1919; died May 28, 1992. She married (1) Johnny Burton; born March 19, 1907; died June 07, 1972. She married (2) Fred H. Owen; born March 05, 1918; died September 20, 1981.

21. **Elnora<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born April 11, 1880, and died June 28, 1945. She married **Leander J. Hysaw** February 20, 1898, son of Henry Hysaw and Emily Bond. He was born May 27, 1867, and died March 1951.

Children of Elnora Mofield and Leander Hysaw are:

- 97 i. James Henry<sup>5</sup> Hysaw, born November 24, 1898; died July 22, 1983. He married Myrtle Ruth Burk August 16, 1921; born August 16, 1903; died January 18, 1992.
- 98 ii. Charlie Hysaw, born 1905; died Aft. 1983.
- 99 iii. Joe Hysaw, born September 08, 1907; died August 11, 1989. He married Vernice ?.
- 100 iv. Allie Hysaw, born 1908. She married ? Crosslin.
- 101 v. Johnnie Hysaw, born 1909; died Bet. 1909 - 1920.
- 102 vi. Robert Hysaw, born February 15, 1911; died September 1978. He married (1) Irene Roberts. He married (2) Irene ? 1937.
- 103 vii. Frank Hysaw, born January 24, 1913; died February 1978.
- 104 viii. Myrtle Oline Hysaw, born May 15, 1915; died June 16, 1973 in Axtell, TX. She married Everett Franklin Cline 1935; born December 12, 1911; died May 22, 1986.
- 105 ix. Jesse Hysaw, born January 30, 1918; died February 02, 1993.
- 106 x. Olin Hysaw, born 1919; died Aft. 1983. He married Grace ?.

22. **Janie<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born January 19, 1884, and died December 21, 1956. She married **(1) Austin Hallums** March 20, 1902, son of John Hallums and Susan Litchford. He was born 1873, and died September 15, 1916. She married **(2) Lobe Woods** Aft. 1916.

Children of Janie Mofield and Austin Hallums are:

- 107 i. Lane B.<sup>5</sup> Hallums, born February 27, 1903; died March 01, 1975. He married Mamie Guffy June 08, 1929; born March 27, 1904; died February 14, 1975.
- 108 ii. Katie Belle Hallums, born November 19, 1905; died May 09, 1978. She married Frank Cheatham Lynch; born November 11, 1897; died March 05, 1970.
- 109 iii. Sally Mae Hallums, born July 16, 1908; died September 10, 1982. She married (1) George Brownfield. She married (2) Hubert Wallace May 30, 1926.
- 110 iv. Madeline Hallums, born January 07, 1914. She married (1) Joe Robert Burton. She married (2) Otto P. O'Neal; born January 08, 1915; died November 1971.

23. **Lizzie Bell<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (James Edward<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born September 09, 1893, and died June 08, 1965. She married **John Thomas Johnson** October 07, 1911, son of Henry Johnson and Annis Cross. He was born October 17, 1888, and died April 29, 1948.

Children of Lizzie Mofield and John Johnson are:

- 111 i. Willie Homer<sup>5</sup> Johnson, born 1912; died 1988. He married Katherine Rider, died 1990.
- 112 ii. Hershel Lewis Johnson, born January 22, 1914; died October 18, 1994. He married Ruby Hankins November 15, 1934; born July 17, 1920; died October 13, 1991.
- 113 iii. Robert Rdel Johnson, born April 25, 1915; died September 13, 1976. He married Sarah Virginia Reed January 20, 1936; born February 28, 1916; died July 10, 1994.
- 114 iv. Roy Lee Johnson, born October 11, 1918; died September 16, 1977. He married Lorene Butts, born July 04, 1918; died November 10, 1992.
- 115 v. John L. Johnson, born May 25, 1921. He married Margie Thelma Dixon; born January 10, 1922.
- 116 vi. James Edward Johnson, died 1991. He married Jeanette ?.

25. **Maggie<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (William B.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born 1862, and died Bef. 1900. She married (1) ? Barnett Aft. 1880. He died Bef. 1893. She married (2) **Frank Roberts** May 27, 1893.

Child of Maggie Mofield and ? Barnett is:

- 117 i. Mollie<sup>5</sup> Barnett, born 1888; died Bet. 1905 - 1910.

26. **James Daniel<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (William B.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born January 12, 1864, and died December 22, 1948. He married (1) **Mary Hattie Polston** December 02, 1885. She died March 07, 1888. He married (2) **Mary Smith** October 19, 1894. She died October 1895. He married (3) **Malissa Belle Johns** July 01, 1896. She was born August 1875. and died July 04, 1952.

Children of James Mofield and Mary Polston are:

- 118 i. Clarence L.<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born May 1887; died 1960. He married Martha Annie Irwin; born June 14, 1898; died October 03, 1988.
- 119 ii. Eva Mofield, born March 07, 1888; died February 10, 1960. She married James Cecil Gann 1907; born August 09, 1887; died October 19, 1936.

Children of James Mofield and Malissa Johns are:

- 120 i. Mary Jane<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born October 31, 1898; died February 15, 1981. She married Ruby Jordan Harris November 04, 1916; born December 12, 1897; died December 01, 1976.
- 121 ii. Luther B. Mofield, born November 30, 1902; died December 15, 1954. He married Lucy West 1923; born November 08, 1906; died November 08, 1985.
- 122 iii. James Purvis Mofield, born January 04, 1905; died January 09, 1974. He married Mabel Marie Judkins June 13, 1925; born August 18, 1909.
- 123 iv. James Daniel Mofield, born 1907; died December 12, 1931. He married Margaret Baskett June 23, 1927; born April 25, 1912; died July 12, 1942.

27. **Mary<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (William B.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born August 1869. She married **Steven A. Woodard** October 04, 1889, son of Henry Woodard and Emily Vaden. He was born January 1860.

Children of Mary Mofield and Steven Woodard are:

- 124 i. Pearl<sup>5</sup> Woodard, born July 07, 1891; died July 1972. She married Richard Shoulders May 19, 1907; born 1888; died 1958.
- 125 ii. Eva Earl Woodard, born September 25, 1893; died August 19, 1975. She married Charlie Cleveland Duke July 24, 1910; born April 25, 1889; died June 04, 1940.
- 126 iii. Thomas Woodard, born October 1898.

28. **John Marcellus<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (John D.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born March 01, 1867, and died February 14, 1929. He married **Cora Belle Phillips** November 26, 1889, daughter of George Phillips and Delila Litchford. She was born January 25, 1872, and died April 02, 1952.

## Children of John Mofield and Cora Phillips are:

- 127 i. Florence<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born October 18, 1890; died November 10, 1977. She married John Jordan Stuart June 23, 1907; born December 26, 1885; died October 23, 1937.
- 128 ii. Alma Mai Mofield, born March 31, 1893; died November 14, 1974. She married Jessie James Poston June 02, 1912; born June 06, 1891; died October 01, 1964.
- 129 iii. Samuel Thomas Mofield, born February 22, 1895; died September 26, 1977. He married Daisy Bell Barrett October 02, 1918; born May 27, 1900; died December 08, 1989.
- 130 iv. Lydia Mai Mofield, born May 06, 1899; died July 04, 1983. She married Thomas Coleman Kinslow September 28, 1924; born February 28, 1898; died September 06, 1969.
- 131 v. Laura Belle Mofield, born April 12, 1902; died June 19, 1982. She married Hilton Alexander Holliday December 25, 1919; born September 23, 1899; died November 20, 1958.
- 132 vi. J.R. Mofield, born September 30, 1904; died September 07, 1982. He married Lillie Mae Underwood Abt. 1926; born December 08, 1909; died June 19, 1993.
- 133 vii. William David Mofield, born August 28, 1907; died December 07, 1982. He married Elsie May Preston April 19, 1929; born August 17, 1911; died June 10, 1993.
- 134 viii. Bessie Beulah Mofield, born March 25, 1911; died December 22, 1998. She married (1) Lloyd Haskell Elmore December 08, 1928; born January 21, 1911; died February 02, 1966. She married (2) Paul Jastremski Aft. 1966; born July 23, 1908; died April 12, 1979.

**29. Hugh Clarence<sup>4</sup> Mofield (John D.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born March 29, 1869, and died August 23, 1942.**

He married **Rachael Anna Litchford** November 03, 1887. She was born April 01, 1865, and died May 08, 1931.

## Children of Hugh Mofield and Rachael Litchford are:

- 135 i. Clarence Bedford<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born April 12, 1890; died October 27, 1954. He married Blanche Baker November 14, 1909; born May 11, 1896; died June 24, 1960.
- 136 ii. John Arthur Mofield, born October 1891; died Bet. 1954 - 1974. He married Helen Johnson February 19, 1911.
- 137 iii. Florence Mofield, born September 13, 1902; died May 11, 1974. She married Charlie Joardan Winfree August 04, 1918; born December 29, 1895; died October 05, 1954.
- 138 iv. Herbert Clarence Mofield, born July 31, 1905; died December 1973. He married Nettie Bowman April 03, 1926.

**30. Florence<sup>4</sup> Mofield (John D.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1871. She married David Litchford August 18, 1887, son of James Litchford and Louisa Hasten. He was born December 1859.**

## Children of Florence Mofield and David Litchford are:

- 139 i. Elmer<sup>5</sup> Litchford, born December 1889.
- 140 ii. William M. Litchford, born November 1891.
- 141 iii. John M. Litchford, born November 1892.
- 142 iv. Thomas Litchford, born December 1896.
- 143 v. Maggie L. Litchford, born May 1898.
- 144 vi. Eliza J. Litchford, born February 1900.

**31. Samuel Houston<sup>4</sup> Mofield (John D.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 03, 1874, and died October 07, 1911. He married Etta E. Highers September 10, 1896, daughter of Elijah Highers and Nancy Enoch. She was born February 16, 1877, and died February 25, 1929.**

## Children of Samuel Mofield and Etta Highers are:

- 145 i. William Hamilton<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born September 16, 1898; died October 28, 1971. He married Charlotte Beatrice Belcher September 08, 1918; born April 01, 1900; died March 10, 1944.
- 146 ii. Della Myrtle Mofield, born March 21, 1901; died April 1987. She married Herman L. York; born April 10, 1908; died July 26, 1994.
- 147 iii. Lizzie J. Mofield, born November 21, 1903; died April 21, 1993. She married Robert Bennett Holladay November 19, 1929; born December 29, 1901; died July 20, 1959.
- 148 iv. John M. Mofield, born 1906.
- 149 v. Velma Mai Mofield, born October 20, 1910; died January 24, 1995. She married Harry Adams Jenkins January 22, 1925; born May 20, 1903; died October 04, 1974.

32. **Maggie Lou<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (John D.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born October 27, 1876, and died September 12, 1944. She married **William David Highers** December 25, 1895, son of Elijah Highers and Nancy Enoch. He was born May 06, 1872, and died December 25, 1954.

Children of Maggie Mofield and William Highers are:

- 150 i. Herman Elijah<sup>5</sup> Highers, born October 12, 1896; died July 31, 1971. He married Lallie Mae Hall January 22, 1923; born April 24, 1903; died April 13, 1967.
- 151 ii. John Claude Highers, born November 05, 1898; died June 10, 1990. He married Daisy Elizabeth Hall February 07, 1923; born January 15, 1905; died January 16, 1968.
- 152 iii. Margie Mai Highers, born June 21, 1901; died October 06, 1986. She married Lavie Hatton Harel August 01, 1916; born January 30, 1894; died October 27, 1971.
- 153 iv. Benton Highers, born October 03, 1904; died February 18, 1991. He married Maggie Lou Preston August 21, 1925; born February 05, 1905; died August 17, 1978.

34. **Thomas M.<sup>4</sup> Mofield, Jr.** (Thomas M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born June 26, 1868, and died October 16, 1930. He married (1) **Virginia (Jennie) Phillips** 1891, daughter of George Phillips and Delia Davidson. She was born July 06, 1876, and died January 29, 1926. He married (2) **Maggie D. Finley** April 14, 1928. She was born February 22, 1891, and died October 15, 1972.

Children of Thomas Mofield and Virginia Phillips are:

- 154 i. John Lester<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born December 27, 1897; died January 21, 1980. He married Lucy Etta Green March 08, 1920; born February 22, 1898; died September 01, 1970.
- 155 ii. William Turner Murphey Mofield, born September 17, 1903; died June 04, 1974. He married Donnie Ray O'Neal November 22, 1924; born October 18, 1909; died July 19, 1990.
- 156 iii. Kate Alice Mofield, born September 30, 1907; died June 12, 1986. She married Willie Wilson Binion March 17, 1924; born August 02, 1896; died June 12, 1972.

36. **Matthew<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Thomas M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born May 1872, and died October 09, 1944. He married **Rebecca Tennessee Ledford** Abt. 1904. She was born July 29, 1874, and died July 08, 1949.

Children of Matthew Mofield and Rebecca Ledford are:

- 157 i. Carrie Mae<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born July 25, 1905; died June 30, 1977. She married Charlie Manion December 10, 1927; born March 10, 1879; died January 27, 1940.
- 158 ii. Lydia Elizabeth Mofield, born October 05, 1908; died July 06, 1985. She married Arthur Rollins September 22, 1934; born September 22, 1904; died November 05, 1970.

37. **Mary<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Thomas M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born August 10, 1873, and died May 20, 1956. She married (1) **Bedford Forrest Litchford** July 14, 1888. He was born January 07, 1868, and died October 24, 1917. She married (2) **William Vanderpool** 1899, son of John Vanderpool and Martha Minton. He was born June 28, 1861, and died January 02, 1942.

Children of Mary Mofield and William Vanderpool are:

- 159 i. John H.<sup>5</sup> Vanderpool, born June 26, 1900; died October 02, 1972. He married Zerna Ina Bennett.
- 160 ii. Andy V. Vanderpool, born October 22, 1904; died January 29, 1987. He married Margie Lee Mofield December 26, 1925; born November 03, 1899; died May 31, 1983.
- 161 iii. Matthew Vanderpool, born December 03, 1910; died August 1982. He married Ollie James, born August 03, 1895; died November 1984.
- 162 iv. Robert Lee Vanderpool, born June 10, 1915. He married Ruby Ann Johnson May 07, 1939; born June 27, 1917; died March 20, 1994.

39. **Levisa Lee<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Thomas M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born January 1878, and died October 14, 1927. She married **William M. Hallums** January 31, 1895, son of John Hallums and Susan Litchford. He was born 1870, and died 1953.



## Children of Levisa Mofield and William Hallums are:

- 163 i. Comer<sup>5</sup> Hallums, born February 25, 1897; died September 24, 1973. He married Irene D. Hudson December 07, 1921; born July 10, 1903; died April 01, 2001.
- 164 ii. Bessie Mai Hallums, born December 19, 1898; died September 08, 1960. She married (1) Wilbur Oscar Hall May 04, 1919; born August 11, 1895; died August 09, 1931. She married (2) Ben Julius Marks September 30, 1933; born September 01, 1901; died March 29, 1991.
- 165 iii. Carrie Bell Hallums, born June 12, 1899; died July 01, 1980. She married John E. Jones September 27, 1925; born July 23, 1892; died May 27, 1962.
- 166 iv. Nina Hallums, born 1905. She married Lenny Blevins.
- 167 v. Tom Hallums, born 1907. He married Mary ?.
- 168 vi. William Hallums, born February 23, 1908; died December 07, 1978. He married Cornelia Boston; born January 17, 1911; died October 05, 1994.
- 169 vii. Ed Hamilton Hallums, born November 11, 1909; died August 1981. He married Earsy ?; born July 09, 1915; died March 24, 1991.
- 170 viii. Ellen Hallums, born 1910.
- 171 ix. Addie Lee Hallums, born March 09, 1911; died August 24, 2000. She married (1) Dow Roberts; born July 09, 1893; died June 1982. She married (2) J.E. Bowen; born 1919; died 1951. She married (3) ? Westmoreland.
- 172 x. Van Hallums, born February 07, 1916; died February 1985 in Detroit, MI. He married Mary ?.
- 173 xi. John Jan Hallums, born 1919; died in Detroit, MI. He married Mildred ?.

**41. Stella B.<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Thomas M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born September 10, 1888, and died November 13, 1958. She married **Bailey Zack Hoover** February 04, 1900. He was born June 23, 1864, and died June 22, 1941.

## Children of Stella Mofield and Bailey Hoover are:

- 174 i. John Jay<sup>5</sup> Hoover, born 1902. He married Mary Jones; born 1910.
- 175 ii. Willie Bell Hoover, born 1904. She married Hubie West; born 1904.

**42. William Merriman<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Charles M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 26, 1867, and died November 24, 1945. He married **Laura Minnie Wooten** August 26, 1888. She was born October 31, 1873, and died December 02, 1919.

## Children of William Mofield and Laura Wooten are:

- 176 i. Pernie H.<sup>5</sup> Mofield, born March 13, 1889; died August 14, 1979. She married Joe McKinney November 01, 1908; born July 07, 1884; died January 24, 1944.
- 177 ii. Thomas King Mofield, born July 25, 1892; died August 02, 1977. He married Pearl P. Whited December 05, 1915; born March 28, 1897; died April 27, 1965.
- 178 iii. Ollie Lee Mofield, born January 05, 1894; died December 14, 1964. She married David A. Hensley January 05, 1913; born September 02, 1891; died December 16, 1973.
- 179 iv. William Arthur Mofield, born January 15, 1896; died September 22, 1958. He married Eliza Hodges March 01, 1922; born September 21, 1899; died February 12, 1985.
- 180 v. Bettie L. Mofield, born April 1900; died Bet. 1900 - 1910.
- 181 vi. Lennie Mai Mofield, born April 11, 1904; died May 30, 1982. She married Stanton F. Farmer July 09, 1920; born October 14, 1902; died March 05, 1973.
- 182 vii. John Murray Mofield, born October 12, 1908; died June 17, 1944.
- 183 viii. Irene Mofield, born August 15, 1909; died September 22, 1992. She married Austin Berry.

**43. Mattie Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Charles M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1874, and died December 25, 1941. She married (1) **Jim Rigsby** Abt. 1891. He was born 1866, and died Bet. 1892 - 1900. She married (2) **Sam Green** June 05, 1904. He was born November 04, 1871, and died September 06, 1964.

## Child of Mattie Mofield and Jim Rigsby is:

- 184 i. Dave<sup>5</sup> Rigsby, born March 03, 1891; died March 07, 1953. He married Fannie Sanders Abt. 1919; born November 12, 1900; died December 20, 1975.

## Children of Mattie Mofield and Sam Green are:

- 185 i. George<sup>5</sup> Green, born 1908.
- 186 ii. Calvin Green, born January 10, 1913.

44. **Martin Ella<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Charles M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born May 15, 1876, and died July 08, 1949. She married (1) **Vollin Walter Tyree** November 08, 1894, son of John Tyree and Martha Borum. He was born February 1870, and died October 1909. She married (2) **David B. Uhles** November 12, 1911, son of Bartley Uhles and Mary ?. He was born 1863, and died July 23, 1914.

Children of Martin Mofield and Vollin Tyree are:

- 187 i. Ella E.<sup>3</sup> Tyree, born March 1897. She married Ed Malone.
- 188 ii. Charlie Hale Tyree, born February 24, 1900; died May 1984. He married (1) Corrine Swindle March 14, 1923. He married (2) Maude Ella Bowman Abt. 1932.
- 189 iii. William David Tyree, born March 1905.

45. **Ludie M.<sup>4</sup> Mofield** (Charles M.<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>) was born August 09, 1879, and died March 11, 1958. She married **Joseph Chapman Fisher** May 24, 1908, son of Enoch Fisher and Sarah Violet. He was born August 23, 1871, and died March 06, 1942.

Child of Ludie Mofield and Joseph Fisher is:

- 190 i. Robert Ernest<sup>5</sup> Fisher, born November 27, 1922; died September 09, 1971. He married Ruby ?.

#### Endnotes

- 1. Mofield.Martin FTW. Date of Import: Dec 21, 2002.

### SMITH COUNTY CENSUS

The following is in response to a request for information as to the location of the various districts in the Smith County census of 1890 and 1900.

A devastating fire in the U. S. Department of Commerce destroyed most of the 1890 census for the entire country.

An election reported by the *Carthage Courier* in October 1925 lists the districts as follows. There was probably little change between 1900 and 1925.

DISTRICTS
1st Carthage
2nd Defeated
3rd Monoville
4th Dixon Springs
5th Difficult
6th Pleasant Shade
7th Sykes
8th Chestnut Mound
9th Lancaster
10th Clabb Springs
11th Maggart
12th Knobton
12th Rome
18th Rock City
14th Pinch
14th Rushing
15th Gordonsville
15th Hickman
16th Elmwood
17th New Middleton
18th Grant
19th Brush Creek
20th Horseshoe Bend
21st Riddleton
22nd Stonewall
23rd Danoh

MEMOIRS OF COLONEL JOHN A FITE  
7<sup>TH</sup> TENNESSEE INFANTRY  
C. S. A.  
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*(Ed. Note: Colonel Fite is writing from Johnson's Island, a Federal prison, where he was sent after capture at the Battle of Gettysburg).*

They turned us into prison, and I was assigned to a room in block one, with five other fellows. The room was about 10 feet square. For the first few months after we got there, they fed us pretty well, at least gave us enough to eat. There was a room in that building in which the post office was kept, and only about four fellows in it. My mess hired an old fellow by the name of Thompson to cook for us, and he cooked, and we ate in the post office. Nothing special happened in the prison up to some time in November. Up to that time there was a sutler in the prison who sold us anything we wanted to eat, so we lived pretty well. Some time in November they moved the sutler out, and then cut down our rations, and from that time on we were hungry all the time.

I was elected chief of our divisions of about 800 men, prisoners. We were divided into four different divisions. It was my business to receive and divide out among the 800 men the provisions that were sent in to us. They refused to let us cook in our little room but made us all eat in the long mess hall and cook together.

A lot of us concluded we'd try and make our escape by digging in a hole under the wall. We got a hole in the floor, our building stood about 10 feet from the wall, the wall was a plank wall 14 feet high, all around the prison. On the edge of it, on the outside, was a walkway for the guards to walk. We dug down to the rock, about 5 or 6 feet deep, and then dug a hole so as to get out under the wall. We were digging at it more than a month I expect. We had a little box with a rope tied to each end of it. One fellow would get in the hole and fill the box with dirt, another fellow would pull it back, and scatter the dirt under the house. After we got past the wall, we dug up then, on the top of the ground, and went in there one night, intending to break the top of the dirt, and then we'd all get out.

A fellow by the name of Cole was in front, and when he broke the dirt on the outside, the dirt fell in around his shoulders and fastened him so he could neither go forwards or backwards. We knew there was something wrong, and all came back into the rooms. He stayed there fastened all night. The next morning the Yankees found him there. They took him out and then came back inside and made every man give the parole of honour that they wouldn't attempt to dig out any more. They said unless we did give the parole of honour, they'd move us every one out of that building.

Some time after that they came in there with a guard, and brought a lot of picks and shovels and brought us all out of the building, and ordered us to dig a ditch between the building and the wall. When they came in and made the detail we determined we wouldn't dig it, and they appointed me to do the talking. Then they laid their picks and shovels down, and told us to go to digging. I told the officer that it was their business to keep us in there, and ours to get out, if we could, we declined to do any digging. He had a Company of Yankees standing behind us. He said if we didn't dig that ditch, he'd make his men put a bayonet in us. I told him that I thought he was coward enough to do it, but we'd see him in Hell before we'd dig that ditch. He ordered his men to put in their bayonets, asked me if we were going to dig. I said, "No, do your worst." He went on the outside and I suppose conferred with Colonel Hill, who was in command of the prisoners. He came back, and said that Colonel Hill said that we'd get nothing to eat, until we dug that ditch. I told him we were very nearly starved to death then, and he could go ahead and finish the job, that we were not going to dig. They didn't give us anything to eat that day, the other prisoners in there divided with us.

The next day he sent us in our rations. Soon after that they brought 100 privates from Rock Island, going to make them dig the ditch. As soon as they came there we talked with the fellows, told them we had refused to dig the ditches, that we'd divide rations with them if they withheld their rations. They mustered them out next morning and ordered them to digging. They refused and they said they'd starve them into it and didn't give them anything to eat that day, but the next day give them their rations.

About that time we got word that some Confederates in Canada, were coming over to release us. We reorganized in there to be ready for the fight when it did come. I was appointed by old General Trimble to command one company, other officers were detailed. We were on the lookout for several days. The Yankees had heard of it, and they increased their guard, brought a whole brigade there of New York troops, but the thing turned out to amount to nothing. They didn't come over from Canada.

They had an old gun boat that lay out in front of the prison. Among our plans was one to capture that, and take all the prisoners over into Canada, but nothing ever came of it.

Along about that time Jack Green, who was a roommate of mine, had a friend in Boston, who sent him a keg of whiskey. There was a little house in the prison yard in which everything that was sent there for the prisoners was put, and when anything came there they examined it, and if it was nothing contraband they'd let the fellow have it, but anything else was sent to the hospital. The sent Green's Keg of whiskey over to the hospital, and we were, of course, very anxious to get it. They picked on me to get it.

Some of our fellows had an old fashioned shawl. I took the old fashioned shawl, and went over to the hospital. The keg of whiskey was sitting there in the office. I dropped the shawl over the keg, and sat down on it. The hospital was in charge of some of our officers, who were doctors before they went into the Army. G. Troop Maxwell was the

principal man. I sat there and talked with them until supper, and when they went to go out to supper they invited me to go with them. I declined. That left nobody in the office there but me and a Yankee guard.

I asked the Yankee if he'd ever tried to look at any spot for any length of time. Said he didn't know whether he ever had or not. I told him it was a strange thing that a fellow couldn't look at any one spot for five minutes at a time without taking his eyes off of it. He said he could. I told him I bet him a quarter he couldn't and he might hold the stakes. I handed him the quarter and pointed at a knot on the fence about 25 or 30 steps from there. I said, "Now you look at that spot for five minutes, and you'll win the money." I reached down and took the keg of whiskey up under my arm and walked out with it. I had to go across the street to our block. I was afraid to shift it, so I carried it under that arm all the way across to my room and when I got there with it my shoulder was nearly out of joint. I did not get well of it for a week.

Sometimes during the time I was in prison, seven of us bought a little black rat terrier and called her Fanny. I was elected president of the rat club. We would go out with Fanny of an evening, and form a ring with our club, raise up a little platform in front of the building. We frequently got as many as four or five rats under each little platform. As Fanny would kill then, I'd take them by the tail and throw them up and they seldom ever got to the ground before some fellow would get them. Occasionally we'd give one to a poor fellow who was sick.

Fanny found five puppies and about the time they got big enough to run around a little bit, we'd miss one every day or two until finally they stole every one of them. To keep them from eating Fanny we got a collar and chain and appointed some fellow every day to take charge of Fanny. He'd fasten the chain on his wrists and lead Fanny around and at night tie her to his bunk. They never got Fanny.

There was a fellow there, who was a wood hauler and hauled in wood for us. He had a great big Newfoundland dog that followed him in there every day. Some of the boys caught him there one day, knocked him in the head and hid him for the time being. The Yankees came in and examined the whole prison but they never found him.

We were very often invited out to dinner and the fellow invited would have to carry along his vituals. All the fellows that invited him would have to furnish would be the water. One day a fellow came to me and invited me to dinner, and said, "You needn't bring your meat just bring your bread, and we'll furnish the meat. I was delighted at the idea of saving any of my rations. I went down there to his room. They set them up a sort of a table and brought in the dinner. I thought it the finest looking piece of meat I ever saw, but then they stuck a knife into it, there was such an odor from it that I couldn't eat it. It turned out to be big male cat they had killed and roasted. I couldn't eat it, but they did.

The year after I was there, there was a great deal of scurvy in the prison, and they let the sutler sell us a few onions, or a few potatoes, or a little butter. We had to make a requisition for what we wanted to buy, and Major Scoville, who was superintendent of the prison would approve it and send it out. We had to state in the requisition how many there was in the mass, and how much we wanted of each article. That was sent outside and approved or disapproved by the commander.

I asked permission one day to let me buy tomato plants. They permitted it, and me and a fellow broke a piece of ground up, fenced in with barrel staves to keep the rats out. We cultivated the tomatoes, a little space about 10 feet square, and when they commenced to get ripe at first we'd get two or three a day. I'd set down and eat mine, and the other fellows would beg for some, but I never gave them any until I got through eating. They wouldn't help me raise them. We concluded one day we'd have a big pot of soup made. We got up all the old bread crumbs and beef bones that we had. Along next to the wall was the prettiest blue grass I ever saw. I got the guard to let me get over there and pull some blue grass. We got up our tomatoes, put in the crumbs and the beef bones and the blue grass and boiled a big pot of soup. I think it was the best looking pot of soup I ever saw. We commenced to eat it, and in a few minutes we were the sickest crowd you ever saw. It like to have turned us wrong side out, in fact it like to have killed this whole crowd.

There was a Yankee doctor named Eversman. He would come into prison every morning bringing a little medicine for the hospital. He had a fellow following that carried the basket with the things in it. They never allowed us to have any whiskey. We had a fellow in prison named John Ash. He went to school there at one time, and he was from Memphis. He was a white headed fellow, and didn't have a tooth in his head except false teeth. He proposed to bet Jack Green \$5.00 that he could beat old Eversman out of a bottle of whiskey. They made the bet and I held the stakes. He took out his false teeth, tied a white handkerchief around his jaws, and looked more like a dead man than anything I ever saw that had life in him. He watched for old Eversman to come in, and when he did, John went down to meet him, and told him he was dying with neuralgia and nothing ever gave him any relief except whiskey. Eversman turned around to the fellow who had the basket and said, "Give him that bottle of whiskey." He brought it up in the room, I handed him the \$5.00 and we then drank the bottle.

I was at Johnson's Island until the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 1865, and from November, 1863 up to that date, there never was an hour that I wasn't hungry. My health was perfect, I weighed the first day of January, 1864, on a pair of scales, and paid a fellow a postage stamp for weighing me, and I weighed 225 pounds. The first day of January, 1865, I weighed on the same scales and by the same man, and paid the same price, and weighed 130 pounds. The reduction was due alone to starvation. I never thought about it our how poor I had gotten to be until one day I went to take a bath, on pulling off my clothes, I discovered that I was nothing in the world but a bag of bones.

Sometime in February, 1865, the government of the United States, and this Confederate government, agreed that each might furnish its prisoners with anything it wanted to, that is the Confederates would furnish us and the Federals would furnish their prisoners in the South. Our government sent a boat load of cotton to New York with which to buy things for the prisoners. General Beale was appointed the agent to go there and sell the cotton and buy the things. He went on to New York and wrote back there for us to select some prisoner there to come to get them up petitions stating that they were the choice of the prisoners to go on to New York.

A friend of mine came to me and wanted to take around a petition for me. I told him I wouldn't do it, but if the other fellows would agree to have an election, and the fellow who got the most votes would go, I would agree to that, and make the race. He went to these fellows who were getting up petitions, and made the proposition that they have an election to elect the man who should go. They agreed and decided to have an election and who should hold it, then the canvas opened.

We had a speaking all over the grounds. I had John R. Fellows from New York. We had torch light processions in the day time, and all sorts of speaking. A fellow who was there, he had been a sign painter for a theatre, painted up a big canvas six or eight feet square, a great big old bull, with his tail curled over his back. He had a little poor heifer in one corner of the canvas, and another fellow wrote a song, the chief idea in it was, if you want to get clothes, and plenty to eat, vote for Fite.

The election came off, I got 883 votes and next man to me got 280, so I was elected. I then went to making examinations to see what different men wanted, or needed. While I was at that a fellow came running down to where I was, and told me that my name had been called out, to go on exchange, they were sending 100 officers a day from there on exchange. I at once quit my business and went to getting ready to go on exchange.

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**MARTHA ELIZABETH BAIRD**

Submitted by Minelle Baird Turner

A shadow of gloom and sadness swept over our community and Church at the early call of the telephone on Monday morning, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1921, stating that the silent messenger came at night and whispered to Sister Martha Elizabeth Baird, "thy work is done, come take thy rest."

She was born December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1846, age 74 years, 4 months and 2 days, professed faith in Christ when young and united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Hickman, October 23, 1874, was married to Deacon J. B. Baird, December 29, 18 0. To this union were born three children, one daughter with husband preceded her to the better land, two survives, Mrs. Oscar Griffith of Alexandria, Tennessee where Mrs. Baird had recently gone to make her home, and E. H. Baird, who had just gone to Texas, to her grandson, Earnest, whom she was so devoted and had helped to rear, while his going away was a severe trial for her, yet she was submissive to his request. She moved her membership to Macedonia Baptist church March 1894 of which she lived a quiet meek Christian life till death.

She was a devoted Mother, modest, gentle, kind and faithful in all the relations of life, her home was a Christian home, she made friends of all who knew her. To the children, grandchildren, Brothers and Sisters we would say weep not as those who have no hope and some day you will meet her again in the land of the sweet by and by. Funeral services was conducted by her pastor, C. C. Ramsey, after which her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in New Middleton cemetery in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Committee

Mrs. Lucy Barrett  
Mrs. Donie Bruce

Note: I think I can clear up the question of Josiah B. (Joe) Baird having a second wife. He was my great grandfather, father of Edward Holmes Baird, my grandfather. Martha Elizabeth Craghead was called Bettie. Joe Baird died in 1896. My father, Ernest Holmes Baird, spoke of her often as she helped rear him after his mother's death when he was an infant. MBT



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Dear Friends,

Because pears, apples and chestnuts cover grass under the trees must be why time spent outdoors in late summer seems so wondrous here. Meanwhile Carolinians watch rain and high winds battering the coasts, Far Westerners recover from summer's raging fires, Southwest ranchers struggle to graze livestock on parched ground.

Comparing our peaceful green landscapes to regions elsewhere in turmoil I have to agree with Judge Webb Allen. Catching rides with me home to Dixon Springs years ago the judge would often remark with strong inflection as he gestured in a wide sweep toward the lush fields and pastures, "God's garden center of the universe, Mrs. Young!"

He was looking at acres of historic farmland bordering highway 25 farmed today by descendants of first European families to settle this valley. If you spring from one of them or any other family in the county, Sue Petty, editor, would like to hear how it is that you and yours arrived a century and a half ago! She would like to include you in the "150 Club."

We wish that it were possible for all of you to meet with the rest of us on third Mondays, 7 p.m., lower level of library, courthouse square, Carthage. Looking forward to seeing you at our next lively monthly meeting. Meanwhile, please remember for better or for worse...

History is in our hands!

*Fairly*



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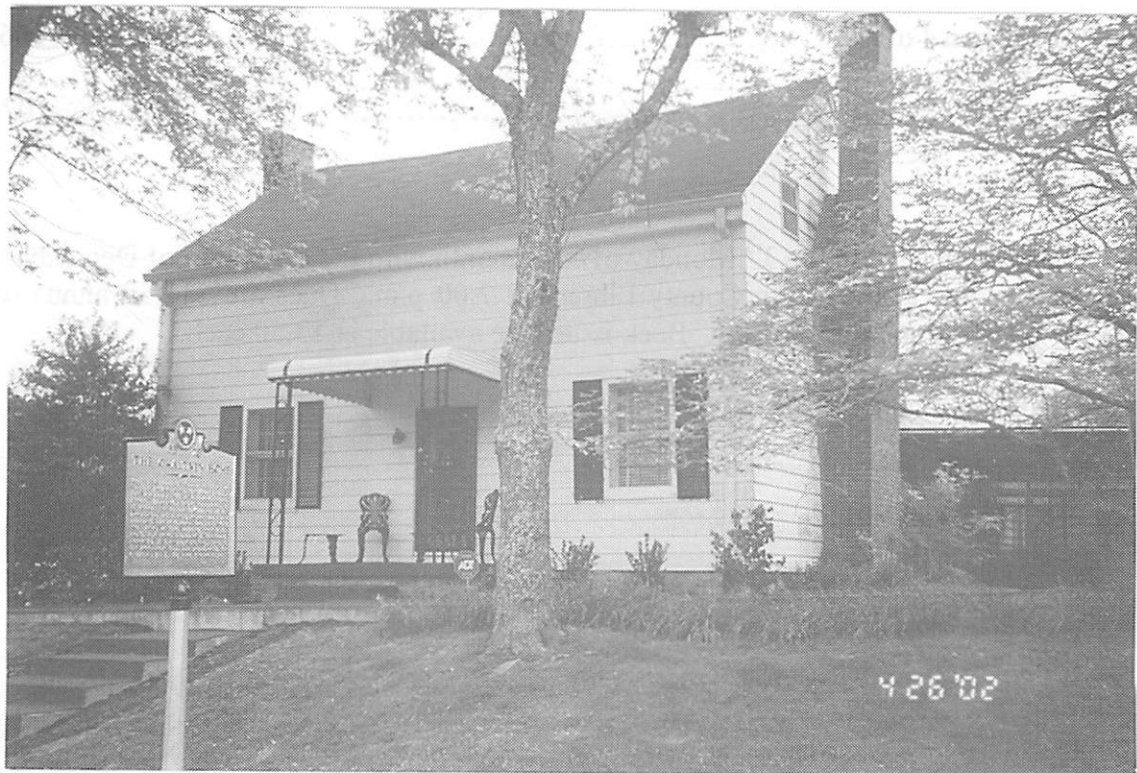
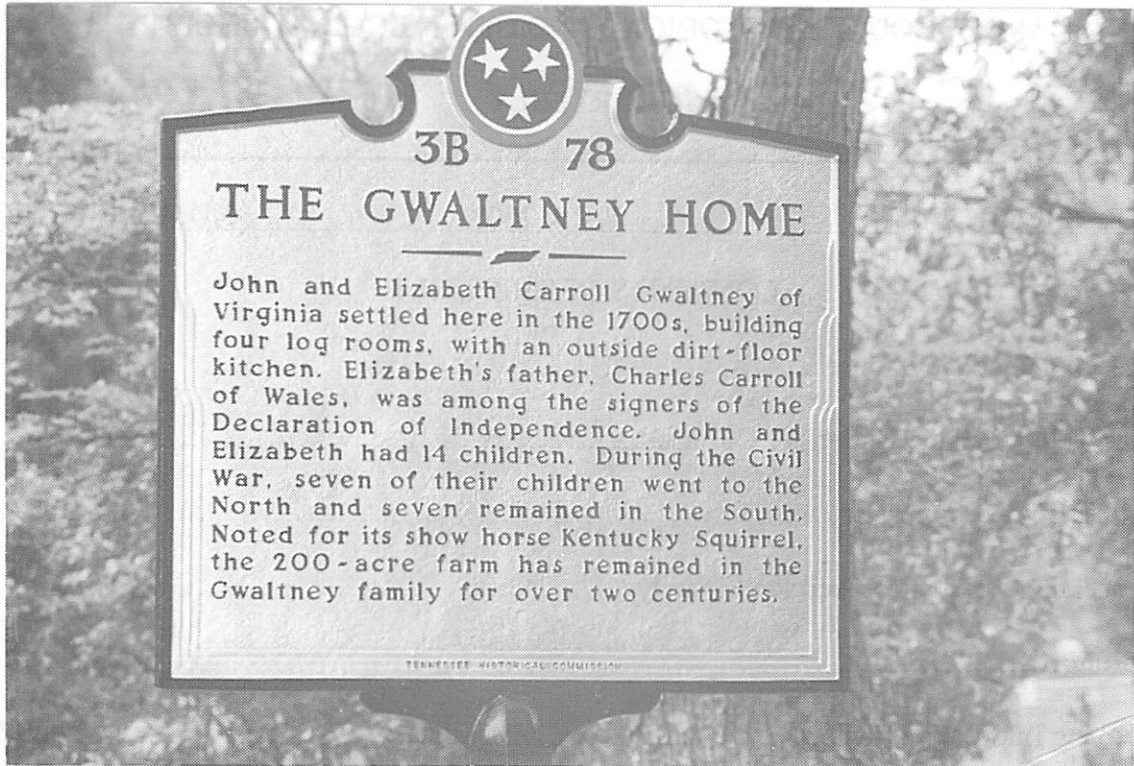
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THE JOHN GWALTNEY HOUSE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Submitted by Deona Lee Thomas

The Gwaltney family, of Welsh origin, came from Wales earlier than 1700. The Welsh name for Gwaltney was Gwaltmai. The father, John Gwaltney, was born Dec. 19, 1775, and the mother, Elizabeth Carroll Gwaltney, was born Feb. 5, 1783. John's parents were from Surrey County, Virginia and Elizabeth's father was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. (Charles Carroll)

John and Elizabeth Carroll Gwaltney had 14 children:

1. James Gwaltney (born Apr. 10, 1802)
2. Martha Gwaltney (born Nov. 10, 1803) No information.
3. Archibald Gwaltney (born Sept. 23, 1805) No information.
4. Edward Gwaltney (born Jan. 28, 1808)
5. Elizabeth Gwaltney (born Nov. 11, 1809) No information.
6. William Gwaltney (born Nov 20, 1811) No information.
7. Constant Gwaltney (born Mar 9, 1813)
8. John Gwaltney (born Oct. 5, 1814)
9. Thomas Gwaltney (born Jan 7, 1818)
10. Dawson Gwaltney (born Sept. 2, 1819)
11. Selinda Gwaltney (born Dec. 20, 1821) No information.
12. George Gwaltney (born May 14, 1823) No information.
13. Carroll Gwaltney (born Nov. 19, 1825) No information
14. Sereptia Gwaltney (born Nov. 28, 1827)

Since the 1700's, this family and its descendants have resided on Jenkins Hill Road, near Hickman, Tennessee, in southern Smith County. As you can see, seven children's descendants are known, while seven are not. During the Civil War, the seven that stayed in the south are recorded in our history materials, while the other seven went north and nothing is known about them. The tenth child, Dawson, inherited the home place and his son, William, lived there until his death. William's three children were Finis, Lura, and Bart. Their only two remaining children are Maruine Gwaltney Yancey (one of Finis' daughters) and Irma Gwaltney Paschall (one of Bart's daughters). Maurine's sister, Oleta, passed the farm to their sister Frances' child, Deona Lee Thomas – who is the great, great, great grandchild of John Gwaltney. Deona and Maurine live at the home place today.

Originally, the farm was many acres – stretching from Hickman to Gordonsville. My grandparents always told me that parts of the farm were sold at one time for 5cents an acre. Record books of Smith County show Gwaltney ownership since 1810, but the 200 acres with the farm today have never left the Gwaltney name. Cattle, horses, hay, corn, sheep, pigs, tobacco, timber, vegetable, and fruit trees have been grown and produced on

this farm through the years. A prize-winning walking horse was raised on the farm – Kentucky Squirrel. He showed forty times in county fairs and won 40 blue ribbons.

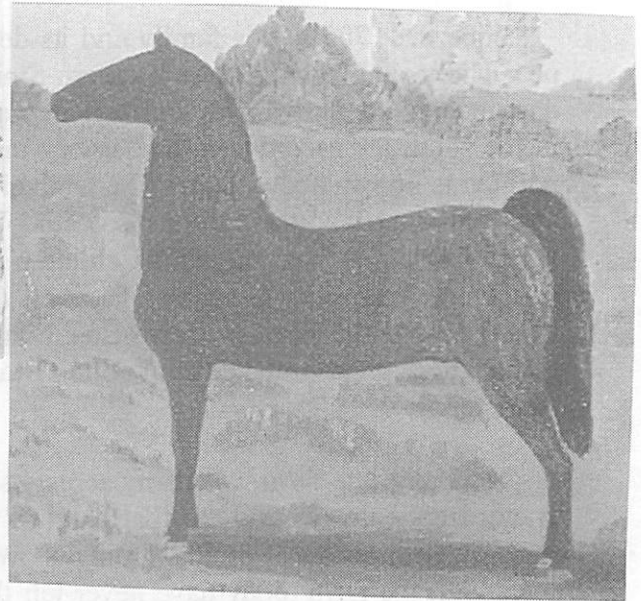
The two-story home place is still located on the farm, with many additions. The original home had four log rooms, including an outside room with dirt floors for the kitchen. An open “dog trot” was later enclosed and three rooms were added about 1920. A porch was converted into a bathroom around 1942 and a sunroom was added in 1993. A spring house was used for water during the 1800’s and later a cistern was built. One tobacco barn still stands today, while the second one was destroyed by a tornado in 1973. The Gwaltney family cemetery is also located near the hose and has been well maintained. About 40 people are believed to be buried there.

In November of 2001 a historical marker was erected at the Gwaltney home place by the Tennessee Historical Commission, placing it on the National Register of Historic Places. A celebration and dedication of the marker was held on April 27, 2002, with a ceremony, tour of the house and cemetery, music, and delicious food. The property is also a Century Farm. My grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Gwaltney, were featured in the *Nashville Tennessean* on April 9, 1954, where they were referred to as “Mrs. and Mrs. Smith County” – a pioneer family in Hickman, Tennessee.

Much can be learned about our culture by preserving irreplaceable houses that have beautiful architecture. From this house and farm, so much of Smith County was established. It is my desire that the lives of future generations of America in Smith County will be enriched by the preservation of the Gwaltney home place.



Deona Thomas & Maurine Yancey



Kentucky Squirrel

**- 150 CLUB -**

**CORNWELL, DILLEHAY, BUTLER, MCCORMACK**

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I am descended from four families that were settled in Smith County, Tennessee, prior to 1850. These were the families of Francis Cornwell, Edmund Dillehay, Alfred Butler, and Judith Wright McCormack, widow of William McCormack. I have collected quite a bit of information on these families and will be happy to exchange with other researchers. I show below the line of descent from my initial Smith County ancestor to myself. One documenting source of the family's residence in Smith County prior to 1850 is given in parentheses after each first generation listed.

**Edmund C. Dillehay**

- 1 - Edmund C. Dillehay, b. 12 Oct 1767 in Albemarle Parish, Sussex Co, VA, d. 1 Dec 1827, Smith Co, TN; m. Joanna Asher, b. 11 April 1778 in NC, d. 11 May 1856, Smith Co, TN (TN land grant #4524 in 1825)
- 2 - Alexander R. Dillehay, b. 8 Nov 1818 in NC, d. 19 June 1876, Sumner Co, TN; m. Margaret F. (possibly Ramsey), b. abt. 1822 in TN, d. 12 Sept 1885, Sumner Co, TN
- 3 - Martha Elizabeth Dillehay, b. 14 Aug 1838, TN, d. 5 Aug 1901; m. Demarques Butler, b. 10 Feb 1837, d. 17 Dec 1909
- 4 - Robert Lee Butler, b. abt 1867, TN, d. 2 Mar 1920; m. Amanda Climer, b. 19 Nov 1855, TN, d. 4 Mar 1943
- 5 - Charlie Albert Butler, b. 6 Mar 1892, d. 19 Oct 1951; m. 2 Feb 1913 Cary Elizabeth McCormack, b. 17 Sept 1893, Smith Co, TN, d. 3 July 1979, Nashville, TN
- 6 - Elvin Clay Butler, b. 6 Jan 1916, d. 19 Jul 1975, Nashville, TN; m. 7 Mar 1942 Edith Lillian Colley (living)
- 7 - Betty Butler (living) m. Reimert Ravenholt (living)

**Alfred Butler**

- 1 - Alfred Butler, b. abt. 1804, VA, d. aft. 1880; m. Catherine \_\_\_\_, b. abt. 1805, VA, d. bet. 1860-1862 (1830 census for Smith Co, TN, page 90A)
- 2 - Demarques Butler, b. 10 Feb 1837, d. 17 Dec 1909; m. Martha Elizabeth Dillehay, b. 14 Aug 1838, TN, d. 5 Aug 1901
- 3 - Robert Lee Butler
- 4 - Charlie Albert Butler
- 5 - Elvin Clay Butler
- 6 - Betty Butler

**Judith Wright McCormack**

1 - Judith Wright m. 4 Jan 1791, Bedford Co, VA, William McCormack (Smith Co, TN, Deed Book T, page 169, 1 Jun 1840, Samuel McClelin to Judith McCormack a tract of land on Buffalo Creek)

2 - Mary McCormack, b. abt. 1804, VA, d. 21 Jan. 1882, Smith Co, TN

3 - Tilman H. McCormack, b. 23 May 1825, VA, d. 15 Dec 1895, Defeated, Smith Co, TN; m. 28 Sept 1848, Smith Co, TN, Mary M. Cornwell, b. 28 Feb 1827, Smith Co, TN, d. 29 July 1918

4 - John Henry McCormack, b. 7 June 1864, Smith Co, TN, d. 12 June 1938, Buffalo, Smith Co, TN; m. 19 Jan 1890 Chalista Isabelle Cherry, b. 21 May 1862, d. 2 Apr 1931, Smith Co, TN

5 - Cary Elizabeth McCormack, b. 17 Sept 1893, Smith Co, TN, d. 3 July 1979, Nashville, TN; m. 2 Feb 1913 Charlie Albert Butler, b. 6 Mar 1892, d. 19 Oct 1951, Nashville, TN

6 - Elvin Clay Butler

7 - Betty Butler

**Francis Cornwell**

1 - Francis Cornwell, b. abt. 1745, VA, d. abt. 1834, Smith Co, TN; m. Mary \_\_\_\_ (Smith Co, TN, Deed Book F, pages 156-157, 2 March 1817)

2 - John L. Cornwell, b. 8 Aug 1769, d. abt. 1813; m. 4 Aug 1791, Richmond Co, VA, Mary Garland

3 - William Garland Cornwell, b. 28 May 1792, VA, d. 2 April 1877, Difficult, Smith Co, TN; m. 1 April 1816, Pittsylvania Co, VA, Elizabeth Yeaman, b. abt. 1794, VA, d. bef. Sept 1856

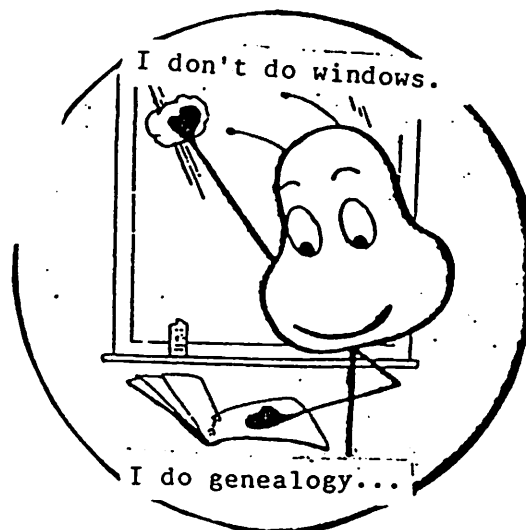
4 - Mary M. Cornwell, b. 28 Feb 1827, Smith Co, TN, d. 29 July 1918; m. 28 Sept 1848, Smith Co, TN, Tilman H. McCormack, b. 23 May 1825, VA, d. 15 Dec 1895, Defeated, Smith Co, TN

5 - John Henry McCormack

6 - Cary Elizabeth McCormack

7 - Elvin Clay Butler

8 - Betty Butler



**GIBBS - BOZE - COOPER - BROWN**

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My "150 Club" ancestry in Smith County is as follows:

Archibald Gibbs (1789-1890) came to Smith County early 1800's.

He married Peggy Boze, daughter of Hardy Boze, came to Smith County ca 1804.

Rachel Gibbs, b 1828, 8th child of Archibald and Peggy Gibbs, married

James Cooper, b 1826 They are listed on 1850 Smith County Census.

Richard Cooper (1861-1936) married 1881, Smith County to

Mittie Brown, daughter of Robert Brown, b 1817 and Rebecca Belk, (1820-1894).

Maurice Brown, Smith County since 1820, Will probated 1849.

Lonnie Albert Cooper, son of Mittie and Richard Cooper, b 1901, Fannin County, Texas,  
my father.

Betty Cooper Tarbet, b 1931, Fannin County (Bonham), Texas.

## *Descendants of John Robertson Eatherly*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. John Robertson<sup>5</sup> Eatherly (Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born October 23, 1800 in Wilson Co. TN, and died 1862 in Saline Co. AR. He married Mary Polly Williams February 22, 1819 in Wilson County, TN, daughter of Joseph Terry Williams. She was born December 13, 1802 in Wilson Co. TN, and died September 01, 1870 in Wilson Co. TN, bu. Harris Family Cemetery.

Notes for John Robertson Eatherly:

Smith County Deed Book P, p. 168. James Harrison to John R. Eatherly of Wilson County a tract of land on Round Lick Creek. September 5, 1839.

1850 Census Tennessee 2 CH-GA. Etherly, John R. 49, Mary 48, Martha 21, Hugh 16, Robison 13, Ellen 11, Jane 9, John 3, T-T, Sm - 99 - 630.

Smith Co. TN Chancery Minutes 1853 pp. 93-94: Polly Eatherly versus John R. Eatherly Et Al. Final Decree. The defendant has been guilty of adultery. The bonds of matrimony are dissolved. There are three infant children a part of the issue of the marriage, to wit, Jane, Ellen and John W. The complainant is given custody of the children. The clerk is to deliver over to the complainant one of the most valuable negro men of those assigned to the defendant in consideration of her having the raising and education of the infant children. August 15, 1854.

The following is found in the Saline Co. AR probate book D/70, p. 48:

Levi Dodd, as administrator of the estate of John R. Etherly, deceased. Comes the said administrator and files his petition, praying that this court grant him an order, authorizing him to hire out the negroes belonging to said estate, and the Court being satisfied, that to grant such order will operate to the benefit of said estate, it is ordered, that said authority be granted. November 1, 1862

On p. 55: Levi Dodd as administrator of the estate of John R. Etherly, deceased. Comes the said administrator of the estate of John R. Etherly, deceased and presents to the court here and files his account of final settlement herein, tendering also his resignation as such administrator, which resignation is herenow received, and the court being fully satisfied that said settlement is correctly made, and the balance, said due estate, being now tendered in promissory notes, which by the court are deemed solvent, it is ordered that said settlement, be, and they are hereby received in full payment for said balances due said estate, and that the administrator be, and he is hereby for ever discharged as such administrator, and released from any further and future liabilities therein.

The following was taken from page 354 of the Smith Co. TN Inventory records:

M.B. 225 Tennessee, Smith County Court - August term 1866. Whereas it appears to the court that John Eatherly is dead having made no will or testament and applications being made by Joshua Davis to have letters of administration granted to him on the estate of the said deceased, and said Joshua Davis having given bond and security as by law in such case is required and the court having ordered that he have letters accordingly. This is therefore to authorize and empower you the said Joshua Davis to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattel rights and credits of the said John Eatherly deceased. And the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this state and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our insuing county court on oath and all the just debts of the interstate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend and the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto by law. Witness: Wm. V.R. Hallums clerk of said court office, the first monday in August A.D. 1866, W.V.R. Hallums, clerk.

The following are deed transactions which were recorded in Smith county Deed Book 1, pages 363 thru 366.

R.J. Eatherly to John W. Eatherly an undivided interest in a tract of land which was allotted as alimony out of the estate of John R. Eatherly by the Chancery Court in the case of Polly Eatherly against John R. Eatherly. R.J. Eatherly is an heir of Polly Eatherly. July 8, 1867.

Polly Eatherly to John W. Eatherly her interest in the estate of John R. Eatherly. May 16, 1868.

Hugh R. Eatherly to John W. Eatherly his interest in the estate of John R. Eatherly. July 8 1867.

Andrew J. Duncan and wife Martha to John W. Eatherly their interest in the estate of John R. Eatherly. July 8 1867.

Ellen J. Eatherly to John W. Eatherly her interest in the estate of John R. Eatherly. May 7 1868.



Children of John Eatherly and Mary Williams are:

- 2 i. Jenietta<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, born December 06, 1819 in Wilson Co. TN; died Bef. 1820 in Wilson Co. TN.
- 3 ii. Zachariah Eatherly, born January 27, 1822 in Wilson Co. TN; died Bef. 1830 in Wilson Co. TN.
- + 4 iii. Mary Ann Eatherly, born June 28, 1824 in Wilson Co. TN; died December 09, 1897 in Wilson Co. TN.
- + 5 iv. Martha Susan Eatherly, born July 14, 1827 in Wilson Co. TN; died March 12, 1898 in Dallas Co. TX.
- + 6 v. Margaret S. Eatherly, born April 02, 1830 in Wilson Co. TN; died February 05, 1909 in Sherman, TX.
- + 7 vi. Hugh R. Eatherly, born March 08, 1834 in Wilson Co. TN; died in TX.
- + 8 vii. Robertson Johnson Eatherly, born March 10, 1837 in Wilson Co. TN; died April 05, 1924 in Smith Co. TN.
- 9 viii. Ellen J. Eatherly, born March 05, 1839 in Wilson Co. TN; died Bet. 1870 - 1880 in Wilson Co. TN.
- + 10 ix. Sarah Jane Nettie Eatherly, born March 27, 1841 in Smith Co. TN.
- + 11 x. John Ward Eatherly, born April 20, 1847 in Smith Co. TN; died October 26, 1927 in Smith Co. TN.

*Generation No. 2*

4. **Mary Ann<sup>6</sup> Eatherly** (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born June 28, 1824 in Wilson Co. TN, and died December 09, 1897 in Wilson Co. TN. She married **William W. Harris** February 08, 1844 in Wilson County, TN, son of Eli Harris and Sarah Givens. He was born December 22, 1816 in Wilson Co. TN, and died December 04, 1889 in Wilson Co. TN.

Children of Mary Eatherly and William Harris are:

- + 12 i. Samuel Hamlet<sup>7</sup> Harris, born July 10, 1844; died October 08, 1920.
- 13 ii. Emily Harris, born 1846; died Bet. 1860 - 1870.
- 14 iii. Hugh Eatherly Harris, born November 09, 1847; died April 28, 1909.
- 15 iv. Martha Jane Harris, born April 30, 1850; died January 27, 1912.
- 16 v. Ann Marier Harris, born August 07, 1853; died February 18, 1907.
- + 17 vi. William Finess Harris, born March 30, 1855; died November 22, 1930.
- + 18 vii. Marina Harris, born February 12, 1863; died 1923.

5. **Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly** (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born July 14, 1827 in Wilson Co. TN, and died March 12, 1898 in Dallas Co. TX. She married **Andrew Jackson Duncan** December 30, 1851 in Smith Co. TN. He was born January 29, 1829, and died October 09, 1890.

Children of Martha Eatherly and Andrew Duncan are:

- + 19 i. Mary Aley<sup>7</sup> Duncan, born November 29, 1852; died May 09, 1935 in Dallas Co. TX.
- + 20 ii. Martha Jane Duncan, born June 12, 1854; died December 18, 1891.
- + 21 iii. Malvinia Ellen Duncan, born March 26, 1856; died May 07, 1936.
- + 22 iv. Medora S. Duncan, born July 18, 1858; died 1929.
- + 23 v. James L. Duncan, born December 11, 1860; died 1934.
- + 24 vi. Anvolean Duncan, born January 26, 1863; died 1944.
- 25 vii. Tabitha Duncan, born January 27, 1867; died October 28, 1938.

6. **Margaret S.<sup>6</sup> Eatherly** (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born April 02, 1830 in Wilson Co. TN, and died February 05, 1909 in Sherman, TX. She married **John G. Owens** February 22, 1849 in Smith Co. TN, son of Thomas Owens and Martha Annison. He was born December 03, 1827 in Knoxville, TN, and died November 11, 1895 in Sherman, TX.

Children of Margaret Eatherly and John Owens are:

- + 26 i. John William<sup>7</sup> Owens, born April 13, 1850; died August 17, 1934 in Sherman, TX.
- + 27 ii. Mary Elizabeth Owens, born 1852 in Knoxville, TN; died December 25, 1933.
- + 28 iii. Samuel Scott Houston Owens, born April 04, 1854 in Sherman, TX; died September 01, 1899.

7. **Hugh R.<sup>6</sup> Eatherly** (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born March 08, 1834 in Wilson Co. TN, and died in TX. He married **Alice Duncan** January 10, 1866. She was born March 07, 1848.

Children of Hugh Eatherly and Alice Duncan are:

- 29 i. William Hugh<sup>7</sup> Eatherly, born 1868; died January 21, 1931.
- 30 ii. Marshall A. Johnnie Eatherly, born August 30, 1871; died May 31, 1936. He married Rosa E. Joplin; born January 14, 1872; died March 06, 1891.

8. Robertson Johnson<sup>6</sup> Eatherly (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born March 10, 1837 in Wilson Co. TN, and died April 05, 1924 in Smith Co. TN. He married Harriet Bruce Bef. 1880, daughter of Edward Bruce and Harriet Martin. She was born September 04, 1840, and died April 22, 1926 in Smith Co. TN.

Child of Robertson Eatherly and Harriet Bruce is:

+ 31 i. Carobelle<sup>7</sup> Eatherly, born September 03, 1882; died March 26, 1976.

10. Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born March 27, 1841 in Smith Co. TN. She married (1) ? Gann Bet. 1860 - 1865. She married (2) George M. Maxey Abt. 1865. He was born 1830 in Buckingham Co. VA.

Children of Sarah Eatherly and George Maxey are:

32 i. Nettie<sup>7</sup> Maxey, born 1867; died in Skitook, OK. She married ? Fagg.  
 + 33 ii. Samuel Maxey, born 1869.  
 + 34 iii. Hugh Eatherly Maxey, born June 1871; died 1940 in Blanchard, OK.  
 35 iv. Alice M. Maxey, born 1874. She married ? Crow.  
 + 36 v. Thomas Maxey, born January 1875.  
 + 37 vi. Bud B. Maxey, born September 1877; died March 16, 1946 in Grayson Co. TX.  
 38 vii. Nellie Maxey, died in San Diego, CA. She married ? Overly.  
 39 viii. Georgia Maxey, born July 1881; died in Durant, OK. She married ? Maloney.  
 + 40 ix. Jennie Maxey, born July 1881; died in Durant, OK.

11. John Ward<sup>6</sup> Eatherly (John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born April 20, 1847 in Smith Co. TN, and died October 26, 1927 in Smith Co. TN. He married Nannie Ellen Payne October 15, 1870, daughter of Isaac Payne and Sallie Roe. She was born February 18, 1850, and died July 22, 1934 in Smith Co. TN.

Notes for John Ward Eatherly:

No children, but raised a niece Lydia Pope born November 1883. Also adopted a child of Hardee and Mattie Pope Stone, William Eatherly Stone, and raised his sister Bess.

Child of John Eatherly and Nannie Payne is:

+ 41 i. Eatherly Stone<sup>7</sup> Eatherly, born July 16, 1902; died September 16, 1983.

### Generation No. 3

12. Samuel Hamlet<sup>7</sup> Harris (Mary Ann<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born July 10, 1844, and died October 08, 1920. He married Missy Sabrina Cooksey October 16, 1895. She was born May 11, 1862, and died April 21, 1904.

Children of Samuel Harris and Missy Cooksey are:

42 i. Ben<sup>8</sup> Harris, born August 09, 1896; died July 07, 1916.  
 43 ii. Billy Harris, born June 28, 1898; died March 05, 1944.  
 44 iii. Maggie Nell Harris, born December 24, 1899; died June 26, 1974.  
 45 iv. Samuel Tilly Harris, born April 19, 1904; died December 19, 1951. He married Tina Estelle Ramsey September 12, 1927; born January 30, 1910; died September 18, 1977.

17. William Finess<sup>7</sup> Harris (Mary Ann<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born March 30, 1855, and died November 22, 1930. He married Emma Kittrel Palmer September 19, 1880. She was born May 27, 1860, and died December 11, 1922.

Children of William Harris and Emma Palmer are:

46 i. Minnie<sup>8</sup> Harris, born November 03, 1881; died November 05, 1962. She married Keese Phillips September 15, 1899.  
 47 ii. Willie Harris, born January 28, 1883; died March 18, 1885.  
 48 iii. Martha Harris, born September 21, 1885; died December 04, 1888.  
 49 iv. Samuel Hamlet Harris, born June 04, 1889; died August 09, 1970.  
 50 v. Annie Laura Harris, born January 01, 1892; died April 24, 1970. She married Jerry Morgan March 15, 1911.  
 51 vi. John Eatherly Harris, born December 09, 1895; died September 19, 1977. He married Bertha Jane Mofield January 15, 1921.

- 52 vii Coleman Talley Harris, born June 24, 1898, died March 14, 1933. He married Malissa Mofield September 17, 1921.

18. Marina<sup>7</sup> Harris (Mary Ann<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born February 12, 1863, and died 1923. She married Baalam McGee November 01, 1885. He was born February 24, 1863, and died 1905.

Children of Marina Harris and Baalam McGee are:

- 53 i. James Wilson<sup>8</sup> McGee, born July 07, 1887; died June 22, 1961. He married Mattie Mae Hill June 07, 1908.  
 54 ii. Hugh Johnson McGee, born December 22, 1891; died February 24, 1920. He married Vinnie Enoch December 29, 1917.  
 55 iii. William Douglas McGee, born June 1893; died February 09, 1964. He married Lillie Swift September 04, 1915.  
 56 iv. Minnie Frances McGee, born August 26, 1897; died July 14, 1962. She married Walter L. Reed August 28, 1915.  
 57 v. Maggie Nell McGee, born 1902; died November 10, 1969. She married Harry Kramp.

19. Mary Aley<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born November 29, 1852, and died May 09, 1935 in Dallas Co. TX. She married Ewin Silas Dice March 10, 1874. He was born September 24, 1849, and died February 08, 1933.

Children of Mary Duncan and Ewin Dice are:

- 58 i. Lee Etta<sup>8</sup> Dice, born December 21, 1874; died June 21, 1952 in Denton Co. TX. She married John Wilford Crosby December 11, 1898; born June 21, 1880; died December 07, 1967.  
 59 ii. Electra Lou Dice, born September 16, 1876; died December 21, 1956.  
 60 iii. Lillian Anvolean Dice, born September 01, 1878; died June 12, 1959 in Dallas Co. TX. She married Warren Washington Berzette July 09, 1905; born 1876; died May 27, 1937.  
 61 iv. Della Dora Dice, born March 18, 1881; died July 04, 1970 in Grayson Co. TX. She married George B. Whitfield November 27, 1898; born October 11, 1880; died January 25, 1957.  
 62 v. Samuel Sidney Dice, born September 26, 1883; died August 21, 1951. He married Esma Mercer Copeland March 05, 1918; born 1895.  
 63 vi. Laura Eunice Dice, born March 21, 1886; died August 26, 1886.  
 64 vii. Charles Andrew Dice, born November 08, 1887; died November 07, 1960. He married Rena Metker January 06, 1940; born 1890.  
 65 viii. Elizabeth Sue Dice, born April 19, 1891; died September 09, 1977.  
 66 ix. Lina Ruth Dice, born February 10, 1894; died October 11, 1986 in Gregg Co. TX. She married Herman Duffy Garrett April 27, 1916; born January 15, 1890; died June 27, 1970.

20. Martha Jane<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born June 12, 1854, and died December 18, 1891. She married James C. Hughes November 14, 1878.

Children of Martha Duncan and James Hughes are:

- 67 i. Lillian<sup>8</sup> Hughes, died in Mesquite, TX. She married ? Tomlinson.  
 68 ii. R.C. Hughes.

21. Malvinia Ellen<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born March 26, 1856, and died May 07, 1936. She married J. Peter Corley November 14, 1878.

Children of Malvinia Duncan and J. Corley are:

- 69 i. Edgar W.<sup>8</sup> Corley, born May 31, 1886.  
 70 ii. Haywood B. Corley, born August 10, 1884; died July 03, 1955. He married Laura E. ?; born November 22, 1882; died May 05, 1962.  
 71 iii. Oma Lela Corley, born 1888; died 1950. She married Vernon B. Monroe, born 1884; died 1951.

22. Medora S.<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born July 18, 1858, and died 1929. She married William H. Hughes December 11, 1888. He was born 1858, and died 1914.

Children of Medora Duncan and William Hughes are:

- 72 i. Bill<sup>8</sup> Hughes.  
 73 ii. George Hughes.  
 74 iii. Mattie R. Hughes, died in Dallas, TX. She married John Newbell August 24, 1898.

23. James L.<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born December 11, 1860, and died 1934. He married Alice Hearn September 01, 1884. She was born 1857, and died 1934.

Children of James Duncan and Alice Hearn are:

- 75 i. Andrew Jackson<sup>8</sup> Duncan, born 1890.
- 76 ii. Howard E. Duncan, born 1891.
- 77 iii. Willie M. Duncan, born 1892; died 1934.
- 78 iv. Martha E. Duncan, born 1894. She married ? James.
- 79 v. Matthew Ulric Duncan, born 1897.

24. Anvolean<sup>7</sup> Duncan (Martha Susan<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born January 26, 1863, and died 1944. She married James R. Robertson November 12, 1885. He was born 1855, and died 1928.

Children of Anvolean Duncan and James Robertson are:

- 80 i. Daisy<sup>8</sup> Robertson, born 1897.
- 81 ii. Faye Robertson.
- 82 iii. Oma Robertson.
- 83 iv. W. Frank Robertson.
- 84 v. Edward L. Robertson.
- 85 vi. G.W. Robertson.
- 86 vii. J.E. Robertson.
- 87 viii. E.S. Robertson.

26. John William<sup>7</sup> Owens (Margaret S.<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born April 13, 1850, and died August 17, 1934 in Sherman, TX. He married Betty Sacra February 01, 1871 in Sherman, TX.

Children of John Owens and Betty Sacra are:

- 88 i. Flora Irene<sup>8</sup> Owens, born December 07, 1871 in Sherman, TX; died December 31, 1917. She married Henry Lucas Grigsby March 29, 1899.
- 89 ii. Dora May Owens, born October 01, 1873 in Sherman, TX; died February 1953. She married James Buchanan Sparks September 01, 1892.
- 90 iii. Edward Gordon Owens, born October 16, 1875 in Sherman, TX; died November 16, 1910. He married Lula Neville December 12, 1896.
- 91 iv. Lela Mary Owens, born July 19, 1878 in Sherman, TX; died May 12, 1957. She married Benjamin William Hudgens July 29, 1896.
- 92 v. Richard Janus Owens, born January 05, 1880 in Sherman, TX; died February 10, 1881.
- 93 vi. Burton Albert Owens, born January 05, 1882 in Sherman, TX; died May 30, 1974. He married Annie Jones 1905.
- 94 vii. Charles Buck Owens, born July 14, 1884 in Atoka, OK; died June 05, 1957. He married Dora Childers.
- 95 viii. William John Owens, born February 22, 1887 in Sherman, TX; died June 21, 1935. He married Hallie Childers 1908.
- 96 ix. Sacra Owens, born January 20, 1889 in Sherman, TX; died November 05, 1890.
- 97 x. Samuel Herbert Owens, born January 15, 1891 in Grady, OK; died February 25, 1942. He married Ella May Simms 1913.
- 98 xi. Betty Pauline Owens, born January 18, 1895 in Sherman, TX. She married Vernon Daire Loveless October 10, 1915.

27. Mary Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Owens (Margaret S.<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born 1852 in Knoxville, TN, and died December 25, 1933. She married Robert Eastern Shannon October 01, 1871. He was born 1844, and died 1927 in Sherman, TX.

Children of Mary Owens and Robert Shannon are:

- 99 i. Forrest<sup>8</sup> Shannon.
- 100 ii. Glen Shannon.
- 101 iii. Stella Eudora Shannon, born 1872; died May 25, 1954. She married William Curtis Bruce 1898; born 1868; died 1940.
- 102 iv. Thomas Jefferson Shannon, born 1880; died 1920. He married Leila Hutcherson 1908; born 1886; died June 1947.
- 103 v. Robert Eastern Shannon, born August 1882; died January 19, 1934. He married Mattie Louise Sanford June 19,

1901.  
 104 vi. Vida E. Shannon, born 1884; died Bef. 1954.  
 105 vii. Owen Shannon, born November 23, 1892; died December 01, 1962. He married Josphine Virginia Touchon September 03, 1919; born 1895.

28. **Samuel Scott Houston<sup>7</sup> Owens** (Margaret S.<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born April 04, 1854 in Sherman, TX, and died September 01, 1899. He married Mary Ann Brooke October 01, 1873.

Children of Samuel Owens and Mary Brooke are:

- 106 i. Ina<sup>8</sup> Owens, born March 12, 1876 in Sherman, TX; died May 26, 1950 in Lovington, NM. She married John Houston Orrell December 05, 1894.  
 107 ii. Roy Albert Owens, born January 28, 1878 in Sherman, TX; died May 26, 1950 in Albuquerque, NM. He married Martha Anna Harmon December 04, 1895 in Sherman, TX; born November 19, 1877; died August 20, 1945.  
 108 iii. Guy Berthol Owens, born December 11, 1879 in Sherman, TX; died June 04, 1903. He married Mary Elizabeth Connor April 10, 1901 in Sherman, TX; born June 09, 1880; died September 15, 1954.  
 109 iv. Carl Cecil Owens, born November 22, 1881 in Sherman, TX; died July 30, 1945. He married Georgia Wilson September 01, 1902.  
 110 v. Una Eunice Caledonia Owens, born June 18, 1883 in Boggy, OK; died December 23, 1962 in Corpus Christi, TX. She married Joseph Patrick Murphy December 05, 1900; born May 29, 1870; died February 12, 1965.  
 111 vi. John Franklin Owens, born March 18, 1886 in Sherman, TX; died November 05, 1955. He married Effie Orr December 12, 1907.  
 112 vii. Earl Ray Owens, born September 09, 1888 in Sherman, TX; died February 05, 1918. He married Janie Elizabeth Crenshaw Sneed January 21, 1905.  
 113 viii. Mary Margaret Owens, born June 18, 1891 in Sherman, TX; died January 26, 1973 in Albuquerque, NM. She married Virgil Randolph McKnight November 24, 1909; born December 23, 1888; died January 29, 1973.  
 114 ix. Samuel Houston Owens, born December 03, 1893 in Sherman, TX; died September 27, 1973. He married Thelma Claribel Blaydes October 28, 1922.

31. **Carobelle<sup>7</sup> Eatherly** (Robertson Johnson<sup>6</sup>, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born September 03, 1882, and died March 26, 1976. She married Hugh Whitefield Abt. 1903. He was born May 08, 1879, and died June 12, 1943.

Children of Carobelle Eatherly and Hugh Whitefield are:

- 115 i. Harry Robertson<sup>8</sup> Whitefield, born February 18, 1904; died October 31, 1953. He married Cora Frances Williams Abt. 1921; born February 01, 1904; died November 24, 1992.  
 116 ii. NealJay Whitefield, born July 19, 1905; died October 09, 1957.  
 117 iii. Mattie Hope Whitefield, born August 18, 1910; died July 13, 1946. She married Thomas Mayfield Phillips June 18, 1930; born April 25, 1908; died April 03, 1943.

33. **Samuel<sup>7</sup> Maxey** (Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born 1869. He married Emma Salyer June 25, 1890 in Graysin Co. TX. She was born November 06, 1873, and died August 19, 1959.

Children of Samuel Maxey and Emma Salyer are:

- 118 i. Guy B.<sup>8</sup> Maxey, born December 19, 1891; died September 1976. He married Lily Redman.  
 119 ii. Carl Brown Maxey, born April 28, 1893; died December 17, 1981 in Fannin Co. TX. He married Bracie May Redman May 26, 1923; born November 03, 1899; died October 06, 1959.  
 120 iii. Iris Fayne Maxey, born March 08, 1895; died March 19, 1987 in Durant, OK. She married (1) Roy Barnett Bef. 1914. She married (2) John T. Herman August 18, 1914.  
 121 iv. George Dewey Maxey, born July 01, 1899. He married Lela Rae Hogan.  
 122 v. Cecil Maxey, born August 01, 1900.  
 123 vi. Frances Maxey, born January 14, 1914. She married Buford M. Whitt June 12, 1935.

34. **Hugh Eatherly<sup>7</sup> Maxey** (Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born June 1871, and died 1940 in Blanchard, OK. He married Effie Mae Abt. 1899. She died 1970.

Children of Hugh Maxey and Effie Mae are:

- 124 i. Hazel<sup>8</sup> Maxey, born June 12, 1900; died 1995 in Amarillo, TX. She married Don Emery.  
 125 ii. Boone Maxey, born 1902. She married Bryant Mitchell.

- 126 iii. Dixie Maxey, born 1904; died 1978. She married Kirby Smith.
- 127 iv. Jennie Maxey, born 1908. She married William S. Stribbling.
- 128 v. Eva Pauline Maxey, born June 13, 1916; died October 09, 1994 in Amarillo, TX. She married Herbert William Dodson; born July 18, 1911.
- 129 vi. Maxene Maxey, died 1964 in Dallas Co. TX. She married John Moore.

36. **Thomas<sup>7</sup> Maxey** (Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born January 1875. He married ?.

Children of Thomas Maxey and ? are:

- 130 i. Ruth<sup>8</sup> Maxey. She married ? Gibson.
- 131 ii. Blanch Maxey. She married ? Kline.

37. **Bud B.<sup>7</sup> Maxey** (Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born September 1877, and died March 16, 1946 in Grayson Co. TX. He married **Corinne Elizabeth Steedman** December 24, 1899. She died Bef. 1910.

Children of Bud Maxey and Corinne Steedman are:

- 132 i. Charles Sidney<sup>8</sup> Maxey, born November 15, 1900; died February 21, 1961.
- 133 ii. Bonnie Maxey.

40. **Jennie<sup>7</sup> Maxey** (Sarah Jane Nettie<sup>6</sup> Eatherly, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born July 1881, and died in Durant, OK. She married ? Pratt.

Child of Jennie Maxey and ? Pratt is:

- 134 i. Mary<sup>8</sup> Pratt.

41. **Eatherly Stone<sup>7</sup> Eatherly** (John Ward<sup>6</sup>, John Robertson<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>) was born July 16, 1902, and died September 16, 1983. He married **Lucille Rachel Page** December 16, 1922, daughter of Walter Page and Annie ?. She was born April 16, 1901, and died December 17, 1988.

Children of Eatherly Eatherly and Lucille Page are:

- 135 i. John Hardee<sup>8</sup> Eatherly, born October 15, 1923. He married Martha Denton Wilson November 08, 1946; born May 28, 1926.
- 136 ii. Eddie Stone Eatherly, born February 10, 1925; died April 15, 1981. He married Sally Barton Hill February 24, 1948; born January 28, 1927.
- 137 iii. Patrick Haywood Eatherly, born March 08, 1926; died March 22, 1993. He married Mary Frances Apple.
- 138 iv. Robert Lee Eatherly, born November 06, 1927. He married Frances Bridgewater.
- 139 v. George Page Eatherly, born July 29, 1929; died February 02, 1997. He married Sara Louise Speck Abt. 1955; born August 24, 1936.
- 140 vi. James Walter Eatherly, born March 09, 1931. He married Astrid Nelson.
- 141 vii. Howard Anthony Eatherly, born November 06, 1935. He married Clara Ann McCall October 1955.

## BORUM

Submitted by Betty Bass Cleere

This information was given to me by Aimee Borum in 1979. Also, she gave me the Bible pages as her mother-in-law, Roxie Borum had them.

Turner Goodall Borum, son of Henry Z. Borum and Martha Aramitty Cartwright.  
Born: 1 June 1855; died 5 August 1933; buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville,  
Tennessee.

Married: Rockeclany L. Bass, born 18 March 1858, daughter of Richard Bass and Emily  
Edward Duke. She died 15 February 1922, Nashville, Tennessee, buried Mt. Olivet  
Cemetery.

## Children:

Wilson H., born 18 July 1884, died 1943

Jessie, born 9 September 1886, died 1887

Birtie Carineal, born 17 September 1890, died 23 April 1923, married a Mr. Gossett

Robert Phocian, born 17 December 1894, died 5 August 1933, married Aimee Margaret

Haffner on 8 November 1919, daughter of Walter Robert Haffner, born 22 June 1875,

Franklin, Tenn. married 2 February 1870 to Margaret Campbell, born 19 January 1850 at

Bethesda, Tenn., died 20 April 1932 at Nashville, Tenn.

Family Bible Record of Henry Z. Borum and Martha R. Cartwright  
(Married and Died in Wilson County, Tennessee)

Henry Z. Borum (1816-1885)

and

Martha R. Cartwright Borum (1822-1899)

BIBLE RECORDS

## MARRIAGES

Henry Z. Borum & Martha R. Cartwright was married in the year 1840 on November 12th

Amanda Borum was married to William Bryant 23 October 1878

Amanda Vantreace departed this life April the 28th, daughter of H. Z. & M. R. Borum

John W. Borum was married to M. E. Wilkerson 17 September 1885

Martha R. Borum, wife of H. Z. Borum departed this life September the 30th, 1899,  
buried on the morning of October 1st, 1899. May she rest in peace.

**BIRTHS**

Henry Z. Borum was born in the year of our Lord 1816 March 17  
Martha R. Cartwright was wife of same, born in the year of our Lord 1822, April 7  
Johnnathan Hall Borum was born in year of our Lord 1841 November the 20, son of H. Z. Borum  
Martha Charlotty Borum was born in the year of our Lord 1843, daughter of the same Feburary 17th  
Henry Hall Borum was born in the year of our Lord 1845, February the 11, son of same  
Manurva Jane Borum was born in the year of our Lord 1847 on March 11th, day in the morning at 4 oclock, daughter of the same.  
July Ann Borum was Bornd in the year 1849 on the 7 daye of April, daughter of same.  
Suson Catharn Borum was bornd in year of our Lord 1851 April 8th daye, daughter of same  
John Rufus Borum was bornd in the year of our Lord 1853 March the 23 day , son of the same.  
Turner Goodall Borum was born in the year of our Lord 1855 June 1st, son of same  
Mandy Curline Borum was bornd in the year of our Lord 1857 May the 23, daughter of same  
John W. H. Borum was bornd in the year of our Lord 1860 May 22, son of the same

**DEATHS**

Johnnathan Hall Borum Departed this Life in the year 1844 Sept. 5 day at 4 oclock in the evenin  
John Ruphus Borum Departed this Life the 22st of February 1856  
Martha Charlotty Borum departed this Life the 27th of February 1856  
Suson Cathrine Borum departed this Life the 24th of April 1878, daughter of same  
Manurva Jane Thompson Departed this Life the 31 day of Nov 1879, daughter of same  
Amandia Vantruas departed this Life April 28 1884  
Henry Z. Borum Departed this Life May the 30 A. M. 1885

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## LOOKING INTO LAND GRANTS

Submitted by Pelham Norris

*The following is an article from The Dallas Morning News, written by Lloyd Bockstruck, supervisor of the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas. The information may be useful to those researchers of Tennessee/Smith county land records.*

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The Tennessee River divides the Volunteer State into three parts. On the western fork, it is the only river in North America to flow northward. The Cumberland Basin in Middle Tennessee was the reserve set aside by North Carolina for lands awarded to Revolutionary War veterans from the Tar Heel State. Veterans who served from other states were not eligible. Militia service in North Carolina did not qualify soldiers for state bounty land.

The local records can provide entry to the state bounty land records. Such records are found in county deed books. In 1786, Sumner County was the second county to be carved out of the bounty land district. It encompassed (what was later) Cannon, Clay, Dekalb, Jackson, Macon, Pickett, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson counties.

Sumner County lay within the disputed territory with neighboring Kentucky. Unless you are aware of this fact, you will overlook the most important step in the paper trail. The warrant, survey and grants would have been Kentucky records rather than North Carolina (and later Tennessee).

Helen and Tim Marsh's book, *First Land Grants of Sumner County, Tennessee, 1786-1833* is essential for conducting a search of the early land records of the county, named after Revolutionary War hero, Jethro Sumner.

*Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tennessee, 1807-1852*, available as a reprint also expedites searches. Most of the records of this locality were lost in the Civil War.

Helpful works by Thomas Partlow include *Land Deed Genealogy of Cannon County, Tennessee 1836-1857*; *Smith County, Tennessee Deed Books*; *Chancery Court Records of Cannon County, Tennessee, 1840-1880*.

Jill Garrett's *Obituaries from Tennessee Newspapers, 1851-1899*, is based on more than 60 individual newspapers published in Middle Tennessee and North Alabama. For ancestors disappearing between 1860 and 1870, mention in the press of Civil War casualties may be the only remaining evidence to document such cases.

## MERCHANDISE LICENSES

1867 - 1887

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ISAAC FORD, merchandise, 29 Dec. 1874  
WARMACK & SMITH, tippling, 4 Nov 1874  
JAMES HAYNES, merchandise, 20 Jan 1875  
D. S. CARDWELL, tippling, 2 Feb 1875  
J. C. COX, tippling, 12 months, 11 Feb 1875  
WILLIAM WARMACK & J. H. SMITH, tippling, 3 months, 5 Feb 1875  
MCDONALD, PARRIS & CO., merchandise, 10 Mar 1875  
LITCHFORD & HARRIS, merchandise, 6 Mar 1875  
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THOS. BALLENGER, to keep whiskey to sell by the qt.. 12 months, 23 Aug 1875  
FORD & NICHOLS, merchandise, 24 Aug 1875  
JOHN C. HOGG, merchandise, 4 Oct 1875  
D. A. BRADLEY, merchandise, 7 Jul 1875  
R. R. WEST & SON, merchandise, 9 Nov 1875  
KEMP, DONOHO & CO., merchandise, 18 Oct 1875  
J. B. TOLLIVER, merchandise, 1 Dec 1875  
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C. W. WEST & W. S. KEMP, merchandise, Mar 7, 1876  
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JOHN C. COX, tippling, 9 Nov 1876  
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M. D. MASON & CO., merchandise, 10 Mar 1876  
J. F. DISMARKS, tippling, 3 months, 11 Mar 1876  
LITCHFORD & HARRIS, merchandise, 6 Mar 1876  
J. R. HIBBITT, qt house, 22 Mar 1876  
T. P. BRIDGES, qt. house, 22 Mar 1876  
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TIMBERLAKE & CONDITT, merchandise, 14 Apr 1876  
WILLIAM A. HESTER & S. MCCOY, merchandise, 26 Apr 1876  
JOHN C. COX, tippling, 3 months, 11 May 1876  
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T. A. HUDSON & SON, merchandise, 3 Jul 1876  
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GEORGE M. SAVAGE, tippling house, 3 months, 12 Oct 1876  
ASKEW & JAMES, merchandise, 28 Oct 1876  
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October 1, 1863. Thirty six Rebs left Corinth this morning on the train for Memphis, some fine country and the fencing torn a way from a number of fields on the roadside – a number of soldiers camps alongside the R. R. found a Squad of near one hundred Rebs prisoners at Memphis, Tennessee.

October 2, 1863. The day sped away, very slowly – can see soldiers and Ladies and Gents walking the streets in front of the prison door – many carriages are passing, business is going extensively in the city not much to eat, only two meals per day.

October 3, 1865. Left the Irving Block at 4 P.M. went down to the wharfs about dusk went on board of the war Eagle all wet on top had a cool time of it on the first night on the Steamboat.

October 4, 1863. They took on wood like the Boat would leave. Gen. Sherman's Son's remains were taken aboard, escorted by Soldiers and a band of music the prisoners were transferred to the Steamer J. C. Swon late in the evening, embarked up the Mississippi river anchored late at night.

October 5, 1863. Proceeded up and passed some pretty farms, the ruins of many boats, passed Fort Pillow, said to be 90 miles from Memphis, beautiful scenery along the river side, nice groves of cotton wood bushes, long ranges, look quite green and fresh.

October 6, 1863. Anchored last night early proceeded on the upward trip, the J. C. Swon run aground about 12 A.M. above Point Pleasant and made considerable efforts to get off, failed. Prisoners went down in hole.

October 7, 1863. The Boat still aground, other Boats came to assist but done no good, near the hour of 12 it got off and went to a wood yard to take on a lot of wood and then proceeded on up, passed New Medrid and after dark Island No. 10. Anchored early in the night as usual, cool nights.

October 8, 1863. Boats going up and down have passed those going. Have some Soldiers and horses, mules, cattle, forage, commissaries stores. River remarkably shallow in places difficult to get along, passed Hickman, Ky. And afterward Columbus, Ky. Feds at the latter place, wrote a letter to Jones Fuller.

October 9, 1863. Arrived at Cairo last evening, anchored out in the Ohio for the night – left in the early part of the day up the Mississippi river, got up a little passed the city of Cape Girardeau and anchored for the night out in the River.

October 10, 1863. Was aroused early this morning by the noisy old one eyed mate of the Boat to go to the Bow, it was about to run a ground but it soon got over. Settlements are more numerous than usual in particular on the Missouri side, run on a sand bar in the forenoon and remained there for a time.

October 11, 1863. Hilly country along river. On yesterday evening we passed a village on the Illinois side extending some  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile between the river and hill put up for the night in the middle of the river, hills in vast numbers on the Missouri side. Passed the St. L. & Iron Mountain R.R. which runs alongside the Mississippi river.

October 12, 1863. Arrived at St. Louis last night a considerable number of Steamboats line the wharf for a long distance, the Cars on the opposite of the river are in motion. Left on the Alton Packet at 4 P.M., got Alton – night.

October 13, 1863. After going inside the walls we underwent a close search after we looked for quarters, this morning we find a considerable number of persons, many meet acquaintances, place very much crowded, fixed for more comfortable quarters, as to sleeping – My partner and I have a straw bed and three blankets for bed cover.

October 14, 1863. The old Penitentiary we are in does not include over 5 acres, and a portion of it is filled up with Buildings of different kinds, dining rooms. Feds and 116 Rebs came up from Memphis, Tennessee, wrote a letter today – Prison rules as regards meals – three each day the last is only bread and Tea – Coffee for breakfast.

October 15, 1863. A beautiful morning the sun rose in a clear sky. The city of Alton is quite a hilly place as to locality, a place of some size as seen from the window of some of the buildings in the prison.

October 16, 1863. I volunteered to day to do some work myself and three others, assisted to remove a lot of blankets from one room to another and of sweeping out and putting the room in order. They have a quantity of clothes and shoes that are needed. One prisoner made his escape by scaling the walls on the evening 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

October 17, 1863. Some rain today, enough to wash off the yard rumors are that some of the Federal prisoners robbed some of the Confederates on last night of money and clothes, rumors circulate freely at times about an exchange of prisoners, papers speak of a fight between Gen. Chalmers and Feds at Collierville, Tennessee, M & C R.R.

October 18, 1863. Weather a little cooler today, Preaching to the Rebs by a Fed a plain blunt man from 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 2 & 10 This Fed belongs to 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa, a rebel Col. is said to have been captured near Alton in Illinois and brought in here.

October 19, 1863. The Fire Co. of this Town is marching through the streets with music and their colors flying. No news of any importance in circulation. Newspapers are scarce inside the Prison walls – making a partition inside between the Feds and Rebs to keep them separate of nights.

October 20, 1863. Received a letter from Jas. & Elizabeth Kent, Williamson Cty., Ill, having strong Union proclivities advising me to take the oath of Allegiance to the U. S. Government and leave the C. S. A. Drew a pair of Northern made shoes in the evening – weather clear and cool, boys very lively in this Den.

October 21, 1863. We are guarded by 37 Iowa Reg., all of them men of age, are called the “gray beards.” Col Kincaid Com., Lt. Markham Prison Marshal, Sergt. Patterson or (old Curly), on account of his curly hair, Provost Sergt.

October 22, 1863. Snow began falling at an early hour this morning at night about five inches deep, And tolerably cold for October, we have some fires made of Stone coal, boys snowballing in the evening at a very rapid rate; do not feel disposed to participate in this kind of sport.

October 23, 1863. Snow melting considerably to day, got a letter from my nephew J. L. Fuller – no news in circulation inside the prison of any note. All news is prohibited by the military authorities at this place. Was advised in this letter spoken of above to quit the C. S. Army and fight no more against the old flag

October 24, 1863. About 125 prisoners C. S. A. came up from Memphis, Tennessee got in after dark and found lodging for the night. Mac Belsher of Baldwyn Tishomingo Cty, Miss and others from various portions are in the squad of combatants.

October 25, 1863. Today being Sunday there was Preaching by an old Soldier of the grey beard regiment his prayer was uplifted in behalf of his party and that the Rebellion might be crushed out, his discourse from the Epistle of Jude was agreeably short and mixed up with Republican Black talk.

October 26, 1863. The squad that came in on Saturday night was called on to get into line and then ordered to get ready for a march, according they done so and dinner came they eat first, ordered into line under went a more rigid Search.

October 27, 1863. A fine clear and cool morning turning out a beautiful day – the remains of four rebel prisoners were carried out in the hearse this afternoon, quite a number sick in the hospital, disease Erysipelas Pneumonia and C & C.



October 28, 1863. Nothing of any note occurred to day, late in the evening a little difficulty got up between the Feds and Rebs in which a few rocks were thrown, not much hurt done on either side, some prisoners brought up from St. Louis, of both armies, Feds and Rebs.

October 29, 1863. Some rain fell last night and came again today received a letter or the remnants of a letter from John Washburn, he was formerly of Tennessee, now living in Ill. His letter was torn in pieces and I got the smaller pieces, answered it immediately, recd. 50cts in it.

October 30, 1863. It began snowing this morning and continued on during the day and to the depth of four inches quite disagreeable going out remained in bunk most of the time.

October 31, 1863. On last night the Rebs that were gophering or digging an underground canal to get out of prison, by commencing in or about a Stable where they are sleeping, were detected and put into cells for safe keeping. This morning a ball and chain was attached to everyone of them and they compelled to fill up the place, some one or more act as spies and reporters for the Feds, this evening we hear rumors of the following nature, the two commissioners Messr. Ould in behalf of the C. S. government and Meredith for the U. S. have disagreed with reference to the exchange of prisoners. It is thought that no exchange will take place soon. Martin H. Hogarty, a boy of about 13 years of age in prison from Lexington, Ky.

November 1, 1863. Sunday morning quite cool, preaching to the Rebs, did not attend myself having a considerable cold I stayed in a portion of the day, had dinner nearly at night a change in the order of things as regards meals, two per day all we have.

November 2, 1863. On last Henry Beanland from Tishomingo Cty., Miss, a member of Maj. Ham's Batt. of Cav. died – palpitation of the heart. Some rain today ground muddy and quite filthy around on the yard and the boys seem to be troubled with colds.

November 3, 1863. Received a letter from Jones Fuller to day, he married his second wife on the 14 day of October 1863, was a Miss Martha Harris, he sent me \$5.00 answered it and wrote two letters to Tenn., one to home.

November 4, 1863. We have roll call before Breakfast now two meals per diem, the fire bells have been ringing an alarm late this evening, no news that interests us particularly; more flags afloat to day in Town than is usual; about Seven are unfurled to the breeze.

November 5, 1863. Received a letter today from Bettie Kent – no particular news in letter – was in the Squad that worked today but paid a hand 10 cents to work for me – in the evening some women came in walked over the ground and to cook and dining rooms and then retired. Col. Kincaid accompanied them.

November 6, 1863. Having had the toothache a few days ago and teeth loose I got Dr. Riley to draw it late this evening. There were some of the ugliest old women up on the peni. imaginable, they're hard favored indeed.

November 7, 1863. Wrote to Bettie Kent today, weather clear and pleasant, a considerable number of prisoners are sending up their petitions to take the oath of allegiance to the Fed. Gov. They are denounced and ridiculed and called flop ears, and other names.

November 8, 1863. Preaching today, did not attend, took a little Sleep and no particular news in circulation, weather very fine, some new cases of small pox are occurring almost daily, they are moved off to the island as fast as discovered, and all persons kept away from it.

November 9, 1863. Lt. Markham, Prison Marshal shot a rebel prisoner this evening the ball lodged in his thigh – no just provocation is known, weather cool and pleasant – about 500 Rebel prisoners have died since Feb.

November 10, 1863. The prices of provisions are moderate here. Biscuit one cent apiece, ten cents for a beef steak, pies 15, coffee five cents per cup. A side table in dining room contains a quite dull and monotonous in prison nothing indicating any change of scene or circumstances every day nearly alike.

November 11, 1863. The Federal Prisoners were brought in front of their quarters and rumors say were searched to find what amount of Stolen goods were among them. Water is scarce. What we use is hauled and scarce anyway. Weather fine and pleasant – happy to see such.

November 12, 1863. About one hundred prisoners or the rise came in this morning most of them I understand have been wounded and have been in hospitals below – have just got able to be removed, Feds cut buttons off coats.

November 13, 1863. All anxious to hear news especially of exchange. Lt. Markham begun calling letters and then quit, because he happened to have to call some a second time, a guard is placed at the cistern, but no water of any consequence there, prisoners send up their petition almost daily for to take the oath.

November 14, 1863. Cloudy this morning and cool and lot of clothing was issued to the Feds prisoners today, extensive hawling of water and coal into the Prison for use on Sunday, Steamboats arriving and departing daily, river is rising slowly as a matter of course at this particular time.

November 15, 1863. Breakfast at about 10 a. m. Weather cloudy, Preaching by the regular old parsons, some eight or ten prisoners came in last night from Vicksburg, Miss.

TO BE CONTINUED

## QUERIES

BORUM, TYREE, ZACHERY, CARTWRIGHT. I would like to correspond with anyone working on any of these lines.

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601-261-2177

JENKINS, TUGGLE, SWAN(N). My great-great grandmother was Mary (Polly) Swann, married to Joseph H. Jenkins. Her father was Jimpsey Swann that had lived in the Tucker's Cross Road area. I am trying to trace Joseph H.'s parents and Mary's; also their siblings. Does anyone know what the H. in Joseph's name is for? Joseph is buried in the Jenkins Cemetery on what was (is) Allison property. His second wife was Sarah (Sally) Tuggle, sister of John Adams Jenkins wife, Harriett (my great grandpaents).  
DOROTHY C. (JENKINS) DITZIG, 917 Poplar Drive, Benton, AR 72015

LANCASTER, POWELL, CHANCEY. Will share information about the family of Jesse and Elizabeth LANCASTER POWELL. Children: Dif, Chris Chaney, Jesse, Dempsey, Rhoda, John S., Sally C. Parents: Barnabas and Viney CHANCEY(?) POWELL. Assoc. surnames: ROBINSON, MCNEIL, CARDWELL.

SARA FIREHAMMER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

MCNEAL, LARVE, STROTHER, RENICK, VANMETER. Will share information with researchers of the foregoing surnames.

SARA FIREHAMMEER, 17108 Mayfair Ct., Granger, IN 46530-7488

GIBBS, DENNY, DOWELL. I am seeking information about my grandmother, DARTHULA GIBBS, born 9 March 1861 in Smith County, died 2 August 1907, Pea Ridge, Smith County. Searching for her parents and any siblings there may have been.  
BEVERLY HICKS, 6084 N. Seventh St., Fresno, CA 93710. email [csequoia@pacbell.net](mailto:csequoia@pacbell.net)

HUNT, WILKERSON. I am the ggg granddaughter of TURNER LEE WILKERSON, SR. and ggg granddaughter of ABEL C. HUNT. Researching these families in Smith and Dekalb counties.

SHIRLEY HUNT GREER, 4703 Park Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209

NEAL/PUGH. GGG grandparents WILLIAM NEAL, b ca 1777/83 in AL or SC, m ANN or ELIZABETH HUNTER(?), GG grandparents, LUKE WESLEY NEAL, b ca 1808 TN/AL m ca 1826 SUSANNAH (?), b ca 1810, NC. Luke d 1839 in Smith or Dekalb Co., had son, LUKE. GR Grandparents JAMES WESLEY NEAL, b 1830, Sm Co., m 1849 to KATHERINE PUGH. Searching for parents and siblings of Katherine Pugh. Would love to hear from anyone researching these two families.

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