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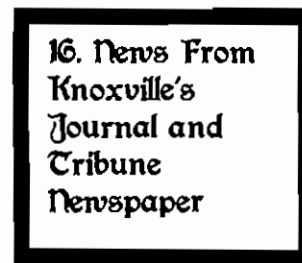
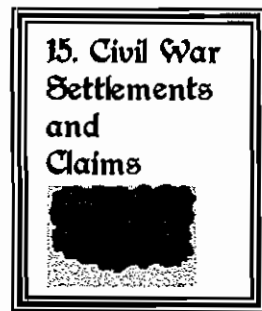
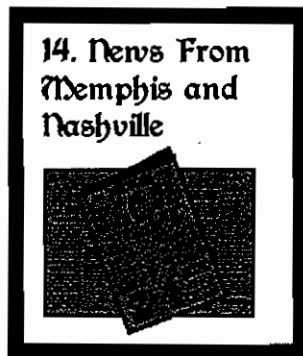
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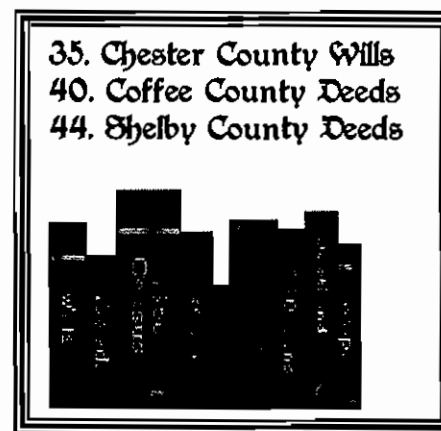
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Editor's Musings

Jenny Miller Scott

Several years ago my father presented me with a beautiful old family journal, compiled by my paternal great-grandmother, Sylvia Arnold Miller. As I carefully turned the fragile pages, my belief was the journal had been written in an alien language. However, after mindful study, I realized the words were indeed English, but of nineteenth century dialect. The penmanship was elegant and artistic but difficult to decipher. What a challenge! I must have read the journal thirty times, making new discoveries with each venture. At the time I had recently been connected to the Internet, and through the Family History Site, was able to ascertain information regarding many of the places and people mentioned by my great-grandmother. My beloved ancestors, long since expired, were alive and living in cyber space. It proved to be an astounding and emotional adventure and the beginning of a rewarding and exhilarating journey that would consume my life. Many of you can relate to this experience, I am certain.

Quite some time later I was fortunate to stumble upon the TN-GEN website, an impressive discovery loaded with a treasury of genealogical data. Every person affiliated with this society has been truly wonderful, and I am delighted to accept the position of editor of our fine quarterly. This is a new endeavor for me, and I await with pleasure hearing all of your ideas and requests. My goal is to make the publication as enlightening and absorbing as possible.

This issue is filled with two of our continued deeds, Shelby and Chester Counties; Tennessee Deaths and Marriages; Gleanings; and, Coming and Goings. In the next several issues we will explore some new segments. Did you notice our new cover? Your assistance is requested in contributing information that is beneficial to fellow genealogists. Please read the information page located in the back of the magazine for details.

We have two informative feature books this issue, relating to counties in Mississippi. These discounted books are available with free shipping and handling provided. Do take advantage of this offer.

One of the feature stories this issue relates to the Dale family of Smith, De Kalb and Maury Counties and is reminiscent of a modern day soap opera. Was Elizabeth Evans Dale a "black widow" or simply a misunderstood widow? Another feature concerns a wealthy woman from Nashville, who left behind a most interesting will. We have two ladies with two different stories to tell. Don't miss these riveting narratives.

Although the Internet provides an abundance of vital material, there are few transcribed newspapers on line. My plan is to acquire more offerings from Tennessee newspapers, which afford a prodigious source of information regarding our forebears, which is unavailable in the censuses.

New plans are in the perspective for a Civil War section, with focus on Tennessee Veterans. Also proposed is an Internet column. As aforementioned, the Internet is an awesome tool for the genealogist and should be utilized to the utmost.

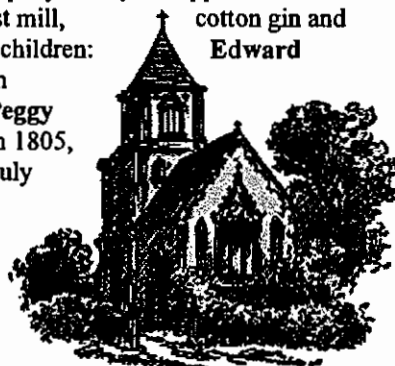
Eagerly looking forward to hearing from you,


Jenny

Elizabeth Evans Dale, "Black Widow" or Unfortunate Widow?

By Jennye Miller Scott

Several days before All Hallows Eve on 28 October 1795, **Elizabeth Evans Dale** was born in Worchester County, Maryland. She was the third child of **Adam Dale**¹ and **Mary Hall**.² Adam, the son of **Thomas Dale** and **Elizabeth Evans**,³ was the first settler in Smith County, Tennessee, which is now De Kalb County. Striking out on his own, he traveled down the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers, to Nashville, over to Smith County, bringing with him a gun, tools and seeds. After arriving and settling in Liberty Town, he built a cabin on the north side of town. He then sent for his family and friends, and they also would make the difficult trip. Among the first to arrive were: **William and John Dale**, **Thomas West**, **William and George Givens**, **Thomas Whaley**, **Josiah Duncan**, **James and William Bratton** and **Henry Burton**. Adam, a child soldier, following in his father's footsteps, enlisted in the Continental Army around the age of 13. He recruited a company of boys to oppose the progress of Lord Cornwallis through Maryland. Now a young man of 29, he erected the first mill, distillery on Smith Fork, near the town of Liberty. Adam and Mary were the parents of ten children: **Washington** b. 11 November 1790, **Lemuel Hall** b. 30 April 1794, and **Elizabeth Evans** in Worchester County, Maryland; **Thomas** b. 26 June 1798 in Davidson County, Tennessee; **Peggy Hall** b. 19 October 1800, **Sarah Hall** b. 25 December 1802, **Sophia Woodson** b. 19 March 1805, **Mary Hall** b. 25 May 1807, **Nancy Sterling** b. 21 July 1809, **William Jordan Hall** b. 10 July 1811, all born in Smith County, Tennessee. Originally the Dale families were strict Presbyterians. However, some of the family members became Baptists and were the originators in establishing the Salem Baptist Church in August 1809, with Adam being one of the charter members of this 25 x 30 log church.



Elizabeth was two years old when she arrived in Smith County, Tennessee and grew up in the cabin her father had built. On 19 November 1812, at the age of seventeen, she married a twenty-year-old Baptist minister from Madison County, Alabama, by the name of **Samuel G. Gibbons**. The eighteen-year marriage produced no children. During the summer of 1830, **Samuel** contracted yellow fever, also known as the black tongue, and would not recover from the disease that left his physical features swollen and distorted and tongue darkened. **Samuel** died 14 July 1830. The following obituary was written about him: "The Rev. **Samuel G. Gibbons** died on the 14th instant, in Centerville, Hickman County, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. **John Phillips**, in 38th year of his age; leaves a wife, and a large circle of relatives; Baptist Minister." *Western Mercury*, 20 July 1830. His will reads: "Will of **Samuel G. Gibbons**—recorded 30 November 1830—signed 6 September 1816—wife, **Elizabeth E. Gibbons** ... my sister, **Honor** ... nephew, **John Anderson** ... 'in case my wife should have issue of my body' ... 'do not wish any of my negroes ever to be sold wishing them always to be retained by my wife' ... executors, **Edward W. Dale**, **Robert W. Roberts**; witnesses, **John Phillips**, **Thomas Dale**." The inventory of his estate reads: "Inventory of **Samuel G. Gibbons**—recorded 21 January 1831—accounts of **Robert S. Sharp**, **Swain W. Woolard** (?), **Robert Turner**, **Thos. S. Logan** (?), **Daniel McIntosh** (?), **Cheatham**, **Henry Hook**, **Francis N. Morgan**, **J.M. Hogue**; ... one negro, **Joshua**, blacksmith ... negroes named ... **Bible** ... many books, signed **Edward W. Dale**, executor." **Samuel** was buried in Hickman County, Tennessee.

After the death of her husband, the widow **Gibbons** moved to Columbia, Maury County, to be near her brother, a prominent citizen and banker, **Edward Washington Dale**.⁴ Sometime between 1831-1833 **Elizabeth** would marry for the second time, to a Mr. **Flanagan**.⁵ Little is known about Mr. **Flanagan**, except that he was soon departed. For her third marriage, Mrs. **Elizabeth E. Flanagan** would marry **William Alexander Jeffries**,⁶ a native of Culpepper County, Virginia. The marriage took place in Columbia. **Alexander**, an early settler in Madison County, Alabama, was first married to **Frances Favor**.⁷ **Jeffries**, already having a log house on some 500 acres in Hazel Green, Madison County, Alabama, moved his new bride four miles from the Tennessee state line to Alabama. This marriage was to produce two children—**William Alexander** b. 31 July 1834 and **Mary Elizabeth** b. 31 May 1837. **Jeffries**, who was quite **Elizabeth**'s senior, departed this life on 11 November 1838, at the age of 65, in Madison County, with cause of death being unknown.

¹ Born 14 July 1768 in Worchester County, Maryland.

² Born 27 October 1772 in Delaware and died 10 March 1859 in Columbia, Tennessee. She was the daughter of **William Jordan Hall** and **Sophia Woodcraft**, who were married on 24 February 1790 in Worchester, Maryland.

³ **Elizabeth Evans Dale** died at the age of 84 in Smith County, Tennessee on 13 January 1829. *National Banner & Nashville Whig* 24 January 1829.

⁴ Married **Nathan Vaught** on 8 April 1835 in Maury Co., *Maury County Tennessee Marriages 1808-1852*, Book #1, Register #1.

⁵ He married **Anne Lewis Moore** on 22 May 1813 in Smith Co., daughter of **Nathaniel Moore** and **Francis Taylor**. **Anne** died on 13 February 1828 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Maury Co., Tennessee.

⁶ No marriage record found.

⁷ **Alexander Jeffries** to **Elizabeth Flanagan** 6 November 1833 in Maury Co., *Maury County Tennessee Marriages 1808-1852*, Book #1, Register #1.

⁸ Married on 23 December 1794 in Culpepper County, Virginia. **Frances** died at age 52, on 16 September 1825, Madison County, Alabama. She is buried in the **Jeffries** family cemetery.

His will reads: "On the 9th of February 1838, Alexander Jeffries, of Madison County, Alabama, appointing Elizabeth E. Jeffries and one (?) Dale, his executors, and leaving all his property to said Elizabeth E. Jeffries and his children, William A. D. Jeffries, and Elizabeth M. Jeffries, who are now infants." William Alexander Jeffries is buried in the Jeffries Cemetery behind the log house in which he lived. His tombstone reads: In memory of Alexander Jeffries who departed this life September 14th 1838 in the 65th year of his age.

The three-time widow and mother of two young children would not stay in mourning for long. On 15 May 1839, in Madison County, Elizabeth would marry for the fourth time—her new husband being Robert A. High,¹ a native of North Carolina, now living in Limestone County, Alabama. High had served as a representative in the Alabama State Legislature from 1838-1839. William Garrett, author of *Public Men in Alabama*, wrote of him: "At the time he served in the capitol, he was a dashing widower, seeking his fourth wife. His head was a little bald, which fact he took great pains to conceal. He filled a large space in society at Tuscaloosa and succeeded in marrying before his term of office expired." High's term was not the only thing in his life to expire. His life was ended by unknown causes on 16 February 1841. Found in the Madison County deeds, an original bill filed in Madison Co. and dated 26 February 1841 states: Samuel D. White and Rowland Gooche vs Jesse H. Davis, Isaac Lane, Henry Bibb, the Branch Bank of the State of Alabama, Henry High and Alabama Van Buren High. In 1840 the bank recovered judgment versus Robert A. High as principal and orators as securities. Said Robert High died in testate on the 16th of February 1841 in Madison County, Alabama. His heirs are Henry High, aged 19, and Alabama Van Buren High, an infant of the age of 3 years, his only children. Deposition of Mrs. Elizabeth High states she was the wife of R.A. High and was acquainted with some of his transactions the last year or two of his life. Interrogatories regarding one D.G. Duncan connected with the transactions stated he died either the last of December 1840 or the first of January 1841 "below Decatur,"² as stated in depositions of William Mosley, Drury B. Mosley and John P. Mosley, all of Morgan County, Alabama. According to the *Madison County Orphans Court Minutes*, Book 11, Page 180, Administration of Estate of Robert A. High committed to the sheriff on 9 March 1846. Sheriff reported no effects and probate record 12, page 53, was final, and settlement made with no heirs shown. It is not known what became of High's two children—they did not live with Elizabeth. Robert A. High was buried in the Jeffries Cemetery, without meriting a tombstone.



Around this time, Elizabeth was to have another tragedy in her family. Her older brother, Edward Washington Dale, a prominent citizen, who was living in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee, was mentioned in many deeds and records as a justice of the peace, merchant and trustee of the Methodist Church, where he had been a member for 18 years. At the house of John W. Fry, on 7 July 1840, Edward took his own life by cutting his throat. As an employee of The State Bank, he subsequently made several loans to people who either could not or would not repay them. This trouble at the bank could have been the reason for his suicide. Edward left behind a suicide note proclaiming his innocence concerning missing funds at the bank. Part of the note reads; "I have nothing left to live for; no I cannot be of any service to my family. It pains me to leave them in penury; it is also exceedingly painful to me to leave my friends involved to such an extent on my account—these things have been brought about by a combination of circumstances over which I had only a partial control." Edward W. Dale, being alone on 7 July 1840 did wickedly, unlawfully, and voluntarily kill himself by cutting his own throat. This statement was found in a box labeled *Inquests Ended 1845-1853* in the basement of the Maury County Courthouse. The Pauper Burial and Poorhouse

records of Maury Co. indicate Edward was buried in Potters Field in Maury County, but he was actually buried next to his wife and child in Greenwood Cemetery, Maury County, thus adding another untimely death in Elizabeth's life.

Four years later on 13 August 1844 Elizabeth's daughter, Mary Elizabeth Jeffries, would die. The young child was interred in the Jeffries Cemetery, her tombstone reading: In memory of Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth E. Jeffries, who was Born May 31st 1837 and Died August 13th 1844.

¹ Robert High was first married to Mary Lile in Madison Co. Alabama, 29 February 1820.

² There seems to be some dispute on the date of High's death.

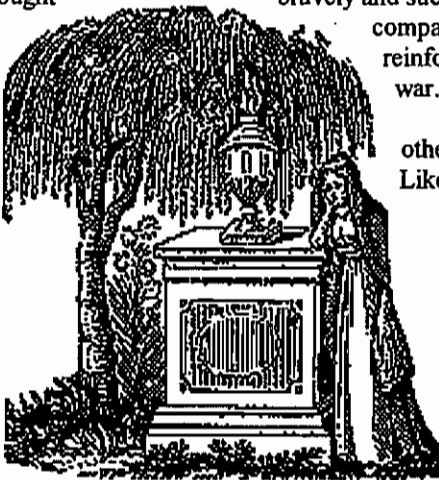
Even with tragedy and death surrounding her, **Elizabeth** would marry for a fifth time. On 16 March 1846, she married **Absolam Brown**, an attorney from New Market, Madison County, Alabama. After the wedding, **Absolam** and **Elizabeth** embarked on building her dream house on the lands purchased by **Alexander Jeffries** in 1817 and inherited by **Elizabeth**. The home was to stand on an Indian burial mound in the middle of 500 acres. In 1846 a carpenter slave and his assistants started on the construction that would last more than a year. The white exterior plantation house would face the east and overlook the cotton fields. It was a two-story structure with eight rooms and two stairways, built with the most modern conveniences available, and decorated and furnished impeccably. The grounds were lined with a myriad of flowers, trees and shrubs. However, **Absolam Brown** would not enjoy the new house for long. He too would soon join **Jeffries** and **High** in the graveyard out back. Sometime around December 1847, **Brown** contracted a mysterious malady, causing his body to swell, and to die a miserable death that night. Not wasting any time in burying **Brown**, **Elizabeth** called for her slaves to prepare for the burial at once. The story that circulated among the local people was that he was buried immediately by a crew of quaking darkies that dug his grave by lantern light, with the lady of the house officiating. Now the **Jeffries Cemetery** had acquired another resident, with no tombstone being erected.

With no time to loose, **Elizabeth**, at age 53 years, with teenage son, quickly entered her sixth marriage on 11 May 1848, to **Willis Routt**, who was eight years her junior. According to the Madison County 1850 census, **Elizabeth's** parents were residing in her home, and, **Routt** was listed as a native of Kentucky, and a farmer with property valued at \$12,000.

It was to be a sorrowful year for **Elizabeth**. On 14 October 1851 her father, **Adam Dale**, expired at her home in Hazel Green, at the age of 83, with interment in the **Jeffries Cemetery**, with a tombstone reading: In memory of **Adam Dale**, born July 14th, 1768 and died October 14th, 1851 aged 81. His obituary reads: "Died at his home in Madison County, Alabama on the 14th of October, Brother **Adam Dale** in his 84th year. He was born in Worchester County, Maryland 14th July 1768; married **Polly Hall** 24 February 1790; left Maryland in the spring of 1797 and settled in Davidson County, Tennessee, where Nashville is now situated; removed to Smith County, Tennessee October 1801 and united with the Presbyterian Church known as Craigheads; from Smith County he moved to Columbia, Maury County Tennessee in 1829, and realizing he had never been baptized, joined a church known as Miller's Church; from Maury County, Tennessee he moved to Madison County, Alabama in December 1840 ... Deacon in the Baptist Church ... left several children and grandchildren as well as an aged consort ... this aged wife he leaves behind is **Polly Hall**, daughter of **Jordan** and **Sophia Hall**, who resided in Sussex County, Delaware. Brother **Dale**, at the age of 15, years was a volunteer in a company raised in his county, consisting wholly of boys of his age, or near about it, to endeavor to arrest progress of **Cornwallis**; he commanded a company of volunteers raised in Tennessee and fought bravely and successfully in the Creek War and at the Battle of Horseshoe. He was wounded, his

company in the thickest of the fight, and stood whole force of enemy for 40 minutes until reinforced by **Jackson**. His son, **Thomas Dale**, was a volunteer with him in the same war." ... *Memphis Eagle*, 5 November 1851

A little over two months later, **Elizabeth's** sixth husband would lie amongst the others. On 16 December 1851, **Willis Routt**, died of unknown causes at the age of 50. Like **High** and **Brown**, he too was not afforded a tombstone.



¹ The age of death at 83 is from his dates of birth and death, per tombstone.

Abner Tate,¹ Elizabeth's feuding neighbor, became suspicious of all the death that surrounded her. Tate and Elizabeth had many disputes, one of which resulted in an 1840—chancery suit in which Elizabeth sued Abner Tate and Jacob H. Pierce for \$1,400² for unpaid cotton. In a letter written in 1843, Pierce wrote to Elizabeth regarding the suit, in which he stated, *"Madam, in the name of God, do you intend to ruin me? When I have protected your interest ever since the death of your late husband Alexander Jeffries, in thousands of instances? Lest your mind should be treacherous, I will name a few. After the death of Mr. Jeffries, when his children should have been your friends, but instead of that, they were your most inveterate enemies and even went so far as to say you were the cause of his death, which was reported from one end of the county to the other. Who were your friends ...?"* Due to his animosity towards Elizabeth, Tate publicly accused Elizabeth of murdering her late husbands; stating she kept a rack in her hallway that held the hats of all of her dead husbands as some type of macabre memento. With lack of evidence, the Huntsville, Alabama court dismissed the charges. However, Elizabeth and Abner were far from finished with each other. This was just the beginning of a bizarre feud that would last for years. In 1854 Abner Tate was shot in the stomach by one of his slaves and was seriously injured, but before the slave could be questioned, he was killed. Tate adamantly believed that Elizabeth was responsible for the attempted assassination.

At the same time, a Captain D. H. Bingham, a teacher from Meridianville, was investigating the disappearance of his friend, Jonathan K. Rice, a carriage maker, with the firm Briggs & Rice, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Bingham was interviewing the citizens of Hazel Green, seeking to obtain information and possible witnesses to Rice's 1841 disappearance—this included Elizabeth Routt. Bingham learned of a bizarre tale of murder and cremation in the small community from a Mrs. Barbara Hazel, a local midwife and nurse. While working for the Tates from November-December 1842, Mrs. Hazel stated that Tate introduced a young man at the dinner table, by the name of Rice, who was from Tuscaloosa. After dinner, both men retired to Tate's office. After settling Rice in for the night, Tate returns to tell his wife and Mrs. Hazel that their guest wants him to look after his money, which Mrs. Hazel recalled was a large amount. Later that night, Mrs. Hazel awakens to a powerful tumbling and scuffling in the office, preceded by the screams of *"Murder, Murder!!"* She jumped out of bed to summons Mr. Tate and tell him they were killing someone in the office, when she heard him call out *"God Damn you, stop that hallooing!"* She heard a severe blow being struck and heard a deep, heavy groan and a sucking of breath, like an dying animal; then someone said, *"He'll come to, or don't let him come to, someone replied no he won't,"* when another blow was struck, but lighter than the first; this blow sounded like striking an axe into the ribs of the back bone of a hog. Nothing else was heard, until Tate spoke and said; *"Well, Pleas, he held you, or gave you a pretty good scuffle."* *"Go on out of the gate, and if you think you can't get it done, call Smart to help you, and George,³ take your axe along, lay it in the ditch, and when you are done, wash it clean and lay it away."* In the morning Mrs. Hazel asked Mrs. Tate where Mr. Rice was and was told he left during the night. Slave folklore claims that Rice was buried under the apple tree on the Tate property.

Mrs. Hazel tells Bingham of a second murder she witnessed while visiting the Tate home on 2 March 1845. During her stay, a man came to call on John Gordon, a wagon driver, from Cannon County, Tennessee, who had been employed by Tate for nine years. The man, introducing himself as Charles B. Sawyer, of Coffee County, Tennessee, claimed Mr. Gordon owed him money. Mrs. Hazel recalled Sawyer staying for supper. In the morning after smelling a horrendous odor, Mrs. Hazel ventured into the old kitchen where she spotted Sawyer in the fireplace—his head split open, his feet resting against one jamb, and his shoulder resting against another. There was an old negro woman adding kindling to the fire in the act of burning him up. When Mrs. Hazel returned to the inside, she noticed ink had been rubbed on the wall of Tate's office in attempt to hide the blood. Fearing for her safety, Mrs. Hazel moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi, keeping the murders a secret.

Bingham contacts Mrs. Elizabeth E. Sawyer, of Coffee County, Tennessee, who had been searching for her missing husband. Mrs. Sawyer tells Bingham her husband, Charles B. Sawyer, born about 1808, had been missing since May of 1840, stating he left his home on 7 December 1839, with his wagon full of produce and a large amount of money. He was headed to South Alabama, never to be seen again. Nothing was heard of him for several years until Col. James M. Sheid received a letter from Henderson McGowan, of Memphis, Tennessee. In this letter was the tale of the murder of Charles Sawyer at the home of Abner Tate. The letter stated Sawyer had stopped at Tate's to call on John Gordon, who owed him some money. Mrs. Sawyer instilled Bingham with the power of attorney to handle the case of her missing husband.

¹ Born about 1802 in Logan County, Kentucky.

² This would have been \$29,166.67 in the year 2002. CJR inflation calculator, www.cjr.org.

³ Pleas, George and Smart were slaves on the Tate Plantation.

After collecting the information from these incredible stories, Captain D. H. Bingham charged Abner Tate, John Gordon and George, Tate's elderly servant, with the two murders. All three were arraigned and would stand trial for these crimes. The trial would take place on 31 December 1855 and continue until 4 January 1856. Presiding justices were M. K. Taylor, G. B. Strother and Z. P. Davis; attorneys for the defense were Messrs. Walker, Cabaniss, an in-law of Tate's, Robinson, Jones and Davis. The prosecuting attorney was Captain D. H. Bingham, and Mrs. Hazel was the star witness for the prosecution. She testified for two days, with the defense trying to discredit her at every turn, claiming she was insane and deranged. Their smear campaign must have worked, because the magistrates in Huntsville acquitted Tate, Gordon and George. The defeated Bingham intended to drop matter.

Tate was outraged when he discovered Bingham had become friendly with Elizabeth Routt and the fact that they had become engaged. Tate at once accused Elizabeth of instigating Bingham to file the charges, which Bingham and Elizabeth vehemently denied. With \$500, Tate hired a lawyer, Colonel Jeremiah Clemens, to write a pamphlet for him—*The Defense of Abner Tate, Against Charges of Murder, Preferred by D. H. Bingham*. Clemens would later deny writing the pamphlet, however, it was common knowledge that Tate was illiterate. When Bingham learned of Tate's plan, he had a column printed in his defense, in the *Athens Herald*: "I prosecuted Abner Tate because I believed him to be a murderer—I have proven him a murderer and if he keeps stirring the matter, somebody will yet hang him for his murders. I have no personal controversy with such a man as Abner Tate; I have no malice to gratify, no ill will to indulge, no rewards to expect, no ends to achieve, but the ends of justice. When the pamphlet came out in the papers, Elizabeth Routt was outrageously scandalized, abused, vilified, and persecuted, swindled in purse and reputation by Tate." The charges brought against Elizabeth by Tate were for murdering six of her husbands and attempting to kill Tate himself, claiming her "bridal chamber was a charnel house," and spoke of her as the woman "around whose marriage couch six skeletons were already hung." The following is a quote taken from Tate's pamphlet: "Poor soul—she is alone—she ought to have a husband, an industrious, sober husband like D. H. Bingham! She has not been particularly fortunate in that respect, heretofore, and in Bingham's opinion was entitled to all the consolation an industrious, sober man can bring to the bed around which nightly assembles a conclave of ghosts to witness the endearments that once were theirs, and shudder through their fleshless forms at the fiendish spirit which wraps the grave worm in the bridal-garment and enforces a lingering death with a conjugal kiss. The worst fate I could wish for Bingham would be the success of his undertaking, but I doubt whether the prize will ever be his. He is dealing with a shrewd, bad woman, and she may calculate that she can induce him to goad me beyond endurance on the ...day ...1856. I say for money, because I cannot believe even in him any amorous passion mingled with his feverish anxiety to get possession of the hand of Elizabeth Routt. He knew her past history. He knew that she offered herself as a reward to him only on the condition that he accomplish a murder. If he succeeded, every time her lips touched his, desire must have fled in horror, as if from the cold, clammy taste of a putrid corpse. He would indeed have waded through my blood and the tears of a heartbroken wife and a host of agonizing relatives, to the possession of her property, but her person he could not touch. The clasp of her arms around his neck would call up dreadful shapes to sit upon his dreary pillow and make his nights as fearful ...

*As if the dead could feel
The icy worm around them steal
And shudder as the reptiles creep
To revel o'er their rotting sleep."*

Bingham rebutted with:

A-bhor'd by God and Man! Still no pious thought,
B-rings repentance, for the ruin he has wrought.
N-ot once the pangs of conscience has guilty soul invade,
E-ven for the widows and orphans he has made.
R-epine in sorrow, for the "loved ones" slayed,

T-hat name! That odious name! To every virtuous eye,
A-s the beacon of all scorn, will hang on high.
T-hat body! Down to the dust! And as it rots away,
E-ven worms will perish, o'er its poisonous clay.



Elizabeth wasted no time and filed a \$50,000¹ defamation suit against Tate in 1857.² With all of the turmoil surrounding her daughter, Mary Dale, asked her son-in-law, Nathan Vaught, of Maury County, Tennessee, to have her late husband, Adam Dale, removed from the Jeffries Cemetery and reburied in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia. Vaught was in agreement and initiated the process. When Adam Dale was unearthed, his body was dark and petrified, thus, adding fuel to the rumor that Elizabeth had killed her father. Elizabeth, appalled by the circumstances, sold her plantation to Samuel Rownsend on 19 November 1855 and moved with her son, William, and his wife, Sallie Moore Jeffries, to Chulahoma, Marshall County, Mississippi. Records reveal a second sale for 500 acres on 22 December 1858 between Elizabeth Routt, William and Sallie Moore Jeffries,³ to Levi Donalson. These property sales netted a goodly fortune, as the family was listed on the Marshall County 1860 census with \$116,000⁴ in total assets. After establishing her new residence, Elizabeth decided to have her first husband, Samuel Gibbons, disinterred and reburied, with a handsome tombstone, at Rose Hill Cemetery, along with her father and other family members.

The Civil War took a devastating toll on the Jeffries' family, for they are listed in the Marshall County, Mississippi 1870 census with only \$3,200⁵ in total assets. Elizabeth was not included in this census, as she departed 7 May 1866 in Marshall County, with burial site unknown. William and Sallie Jeffries, along with their children, Percy b.1859, Eva b. 1865 and Matt b.1866, relocated to Proctor, Crittenden County, Arkansas, by 1880.

Apparently Elizabeth never married D. H. Bingham, who was last known living in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Elizabeth, even in later years, was a notably beautiful woman with dark eyes, raven hair and porcelain-like skin. No known photograph of Elizabeth exists, as her family reputedly destroyed them, perhaps in an attempt to forget all the scandal surrounding her. Only three of her marriages were recorded in the family journal, as a proper lady did not have that many [six] husbands. Whatever secrets Elizabeth possessed, if any, were taken with her to her grave. Was Elizabeth Evans Dale-Gibbons-Flanagan-Jeffries-High-Brown-Routt indeed a "black widow" or just an unfortunate widow??? You must be the judge!!

It is said that on stormy nights a ghostly image of a woman visits the graves of her long dead husbands resting in unmarked graves under the ancient holly tree.



¹ This would have been \$1,020,408.16 in the year 2002. CJR inflation calculator, www.cjr.org

² Mary Hall Dale died on 10 March 1859 in Columbia, and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

³ Sallie Craig Moore was born 1835 in Pennsylvania, and married William Jeffries in Madison County, Alabama on 10 February 1858.

⁴ This would have been \$2,521,739.13 in the year 2002.

⁵ This would have been \$43,835.62 in the year 2002.

Sarah E. Brewer.....

A Woman Misjudged?

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Tennessee newspaper readers of the late 19th Century may have thought that Sarah E. Brewer, who died in Nashville in 1895, was just a bossy, eccentric old woman determined to control the life of her grandnephew even from the grave. Stories regarding her unusual will appeared in various papers across the state when a Davidson County Chancery Court judge threw out a provision that would have revoked a \$5,000 legacy she left Robert W. McComas if he married "any one born in Madison County."¹



Unfortunately, Mrs. Brewer is probably better remembered for the unusual stipulations in her will than for the remarkable achievements and generous contributions to people and causes that marked the 82 years of her life. Born Sarah Elvira Greer in Lincoln County, Tennessee, in 1813, she was a member of a family associated with the state's early history. Her grandfather, Andrew Greer,² immigrated to America from Ireland, arriving in Philadelphia and settling in Virginia's Augusta and Albemarle Counties. He became a hunter and a trader, and in 1766, established a trading post in the Watauga section of North Carolina's Washington District.³ Andrew built a hut on the Watauga River as early as 1771.⁴ He signed the Watauga Petition of 5 Jul 1776 asking North Carolina to annex the area so citizens there could "share in the glorious cause of Liberty." Consequently, he and two of his sons—Alexander and Joseph—fought in the Revolutionary War and took part in the historic battle at Kings Mountain. The three received land grants in Tennessee for their service in the war, and in the fall of 1783, Alexander went to Bedford County and located the land granted them on both sides of the Elk River.⁵ Andrew represented Washington County in the 1789 North Carolina Constitutional Convention, and when Carter County, Tennessee, was formed from the Washington District in 1796, he was one of the first magistrates and served on the commission to select the county's seat of justice.⁷ Andrew died in Carter County in 1819.

Sarah's father, John Greer, was the second child of Andrew and his second wife, Mary Vance, whom he married in North Carolina in 1769.⁸ Born in 1775, John married Mary Rhea Buckingham in Carter County, Tennessee, in 1797. He opened an ordinary in Carter County in 1803 and was named a trustee of Duffield Academy in 1806. Shortly afterwards, John and family moved to Bedford County and settled in the area from which Lincoln County was created in 1810. Their home was about two miles west of Fayetteville near the mouth of Cane Creek. John quickly became a community leader, chosen to be a trustee of Fayette Academy in 1809, sheriff of Lincoln County in 1812, and a trustee of the school lottery in 1813. He was usually referred to as "General Greer," having been appointed a general in the militia⁹ by Andrew Jackson. In 1823 he and his brother Joseph built a dam on the Elk River, and in 1827 John was named trustee of the Fayette Female Academy.¹⁰

¹ Davidson Co., Tenn., Chancery Court, Order of Reference, issued 22 August 1898, in consolidated suits of Irvine G. Chase, Executor vs Mary A. Judson et al and Mary A. Judson et al vs Irvine G. Chase, Executor.

² He was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, in 1730.

³ Andrew lived on the north side of the Watauga River about three miles above Elizabethton near the mouth of the Doe. [Source: Williams, Samuel C.: *Early Travels in Tennessee Country*, Watauga Press, 1928, p.291.]

⁴ McBride, Robert: *Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly* (Preliminary No.38), Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, p.63, including information from Greer family records in Manuscript Section.

⁵ By his wife, Ruth Kincaid, of Albemarle Co., A. Alexander was born in 1752 and Joseph in 1754. Joseph won fame by personally delivering a dispatch concerning the victory at Kings Mountain to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Andrew and his first wife also had a daughter, Ruth, who was born in 1756 and married Thomas Talbot [Source: *Tennessee D.A.R. Genealogical Records*, Vol. 1, pp.742-743] and a son, Andrew, Jr., born 1763.

⁶ Helen and Timothy Marsh: *First Lincoln County Court Minutes*, Southern Historical Press, Easley, S.C., 1989, pp. 1-3.

⁷ Goodspeed's *History of Tennessee: Carter County*.

⁸ Andrew and Mary's other children were: Thomas (b.28 Nov 1770), Daniel B., Vance, Margery, Jane and Mary Greer. [*Biographical Directory of Tennessee General Assembly*, op. cit.]

⁹ John received 22 of the 38 votes cast in the election, defeating Cornelius Slater and Ethan Wells. He was re-elected several times and was still in office in 1820. [*First Lincoln County Court Minutes*, pp.5, 84.]

¹⁰ Acts of Tennessee, 1796-1830, Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville.

John and Mary died within seven weeks of each other in May and June respectively in 1837. Sarah, the last of their ten children, was about 14 at the time.¹ Details of her early life are sketchy, but she apparently married at a young age with her husband dying shortly after their marriage.² Although she had inherited a substantial estate from her father, she was in poor health at the time of his death, and her possessions soon disappeared. After a considerable time, she regained her health and found a job as a governess for a family that was moving to Cuba. Not long after arriving in Havana, Sarah again found herself in dire straits when her job ended suddenly. With an ingenuity inspired by desperation, she secured the idea of establishing a boarding house in Havana and raised enough money to get it started by obtaining advance payments from boarders. The venture prospered and after a time she bought a hotel—entirely on credit. She again was highly successful and accumulated a considerable fortune. Sarah was still residing in Cuba when the Civil War broke out. Horror-stricken over the calamity that had befallen her beloved South, she later wrote:³ *"I watched closely the unequal contest, the suffering and the bravery of our people with a yearning sympathy and a fire in my soul that almost consumed me... Our soldiers on many fields were outnumbered three or four to one, but their renewed endurance under the most terrible provocations illustrated a heroism that was never equaled on the battlefield. I saw the slain and [I saw] the defeated taken prisoners and led away to suffer and die among their enemies, and the cross weighted me to the earth."*

During and after the war, Sarah opened her home in Cuba to Confederate leaders and soldiers—giving them a refuge 'without money and without price.'⁴ Notable among them was former president Jefferson Davis, who with his wife, Varina, went to Mrs. Brewer's home in Havana after his release from prison, arriving the week before Christmas in 1867.⁵ Recalling his arrival, she said Davis was worn and pale and hardly recognizable after his prison trials, but "with the beautiful climate, the close attention of his charming wife, and the many devoted friends that surrounded him, he began slowly to rally to better health."

Among other eminent Southerners she entertained in her home were James M. Mason and John Slidell, the Confederacy's envoys to London and Paris, who were seized by the U.S. Navy on the high seas in 1861, but were released after the British protested that the action violated their neutrality. Another guest was Beverly Tucker, former U. S. consul at Liverpool, England and later the Confederacy's deputy commissioner for procuring commissary supplies in Canada. Confederate Gen. E. Kirby Smith⁶ was yet another visitor in the Brewer home. A West Point graduate, who had been cited for gallantry in the Mexican War, resigned from the U.S. Army to fight for the Confederacy, taking part in the battle at Bull Run and leading the Confederate advance into Kentucky. Mrs. Brewer also opened her home to many others less noted but, as she said, "equally true and brave."⁷

Some time after the war, she returned to Tennessee and bought a home on the east side of High Street in Nashville where she lived the remainder of her life.⁸ Through the years, she maintained a close friendship with the Jefferson Davises and, following his death in 1889, took a leading role in the drive to erect a monument in his honor in Richmond, Virginia. Not only did she contribute \$500⁹—which she called "the widow's mite"—but managed to secure additional funds for the monument by subscribing \$1,000 to a church in Nashville on the condition that its members, in turn, would subscribe \$300 to the monument.¹⁰

In the last years of her life, Mrs. Brewer was generous in dispersing her wealth to needy relatives and to church enterprises.¹¹ Described in her obituaries as "a zealous Christian," she was a strong supporter of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and gave thousands to the maintenance of churches at various places.¹²

¹ Sarah's nine siblings were: (1) Sophia Wilson Greer [m. Holmes Hopkins]; (2) Rebecca Cobb Greer [m. Henry Allen]; (3) David Alexander Greer [m. Lucinda D. Wiley]; (4) Jane Barrow Greer [m. John A. Wilson]; (5) Dr. John Rhea Greer; (6) Mary Vance Greer [m. William L. Petty]; (7) Eliza Greer; (8) Thomas Jefferson Greer [m. Harriet Adeline Redditt]; (9) Alfred Moore Greer [m. Susan Rosson].

² Some newspapers alleged her husband deserted her.

³ *Confederate Veteran*, Nashville, Tenn., Vol. 1, Jan 1893, p. 195.

⁴ *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 11 Feb 1895.

⁵ Strobe, Hudson: *Jefferson Davis, Tragic Hero, 1864-69*, New York, 1964, p.326.

⁶ After the war, Smith was chancellor of the University of Nashville from 1872-1875, and then was a professor at the University of the South Sewanee, from 1875-1893. [Source: *Columbia Encyclopedia*, 6th Edition.]

⁷ Among them was her nephew, John T. Greer, who died in Havana in 1871, and was removed to New Orleans and finally interred in Lincoln Co., Tenn., in 1872. [*Fayetteville Observer*, 19 Dec 1872.]

⁸ The house was situated on lot 101 in the original plat of Nashville. The 34-foot lot fronted on East Street and ran back 174 feet. [Sarah E. Brewer's will, Item 13, Page 4.]

⁹ Equivalent to \$ 9,614.24 in the year 2002 [Based on S. Morgan Friedman's Inflation Calculator, www.westegg.com.]

¹⁰ *The Confederate Veteran*, Vol.1 Nashville, Tennessee, 1893, p. 2.

¹¹ *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, op. cit.

¹² *Fayetteville, Tennessee Observer*, 14 Feb 1895 [Reprinted in the *Lincoln County Pioneer*, Vol. 24 No. 2, June 1995, p.57.]

Though feeble in the last few years of her life, she retained her sense of humor and continued to take pride in her Southern heritage. S. A. Cunningham, editor and manager of *Confederate Veteran*, noted in its first issue in 1893 that Mrs. Brewer "although rarely able to leave home" had sold 40 subscriptions to the new publication.¹ In an article she wrote for the magazine about Jefferson Davis, she said, "It is to be expected that old people will take license in speech, but bear with me; I must speak out—age gives me the right to do so, if not my patriotism." Mrs. Brewer lamented the indignities and slanders that had been heaped on the former president of the Confederacy when he was shackled and put in a Northern prison "to suffer indignities and slanders heaped on him in venomous hatred, and ridiculed by his captors with the most stupendous lies that the world ever heard." While he was in prison, she said she sat in her foreign home "with bowed head and folded hands, brooding over the ruin that had been meted out to the Southland." Noting that the South was blooming again with thrift and beauty, she deplored references then being made about 'the new Southland,' saying: "The very term is repugnant. Away with it. Phoenix-like, the Southland has risen from her desolation and her ashes without other aid than from her own sons' unflinching, indomitable will and energy ... we are the same people, have the same interests, the same chivalry and the same patriotism."

Two years later on 9 Feb 1895, Sarah E. Brewer died at her Nashville home in the 82nd year of her life. Her seven-page will, dated 22 June 1894, and two pages of codicils, dated 20 December 1894, were filed in Davidson County Court by Attorney Hamilton Parks on 11 Feb 1895.² At the time her will was written it included bequests totaling \$37,800. Adjusted for inflation, this would have been equivalent to \$726,836.92 in the year 2002.³ Her assets included her home and lot in Nashville and its furnishings, along with other real estate; her library, a carriage, horse and harness, a bronze statue, lamp and shade, a diamond pin and various mortgages and debts owed her.

Cash bequests ranging from \$300 to \$3,000 were left to:

Nieces, Mrs. Martha P. Steel, 'Mrs. Rebecca Jane Diemer and Mrs. Mary Caldwell, daughters of Sarah's brother, David A. Greer

Nephew, James Allen, son of Sarah's sister, Mrs. Rebecca Allen

Niece, Johnetta Palmer, daughter of Sarah's brother, John Rhea Greer, and wife of Charles Palmer, Robertson Co., Tenn.

Niece, Sophia Harper, daughter of Sarah's sister [probably Jane Wilson, who had a daughter named Sophia, according to 1850 Shelby Co., Tenn., census]

Nieces, Mrs. Mary Roberts and Mrs. Jennie Fernell, daughters of Sarah's brother, Thomas Jefferson Greer

Niece, Mrs. Julia Greer, wife of Dr. John R. Greer

Miss Mary Bickley of Hunter Co., Ala.

Elise G. McClintock, later Elise G. Farquar, daughter of Ada McClintock of Memphis, Tenn.

Hugh David Armstrong and Charles Edward Armstrong, sons of J. B. Armstrong, both under 17 years of age

Jefferson Davis Monument Association, \$500 to assist in erecting monument at Richmond, Va.

Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., \$4,000 to be invested in a permanent fund to be called Greer Memorial

Fund—to help prepare young men for the ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.⁴

Board of Ministerial Relief, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Ind., \$2,000 for the benefit of aged and

infirm Cumberland Presbyterian ministers—not to be paid until all other bequests have been paid in full.

Mrs. Brewer also bequeathed (1) her watch and piano to her niece, Elise Greer, daughter of John Greer; and, (2) all of her books in which the name of her grandnephew, Gautier Johnston, was written, with the remainder of her library going to her grandnephew, Robert W. McComas. She instructed her executor to sell her house and lot in Nashville, along with other property, and to foreclose any mortgages owed her and add the proceeds to her estate. Trustees of Elmwood Cemetery in

¹ *Confederate Veteran*, Vol. 1., Jan 1893, p. 131.

² Recorded in Will Book #32, p. 577; also Minute Book 2, p. 48 (The will and codicils were witnessed by Attorney Parks and Samuel N. Harwood.)

³ Based on Friedman's Inflation Calculator, op. cit.

⁴ Martha, 48, and her 19-year-old son, William A. Steele, were living with her sister, Rebecca Diemer, and brother-in-law, Dr. C.A. Diemer, in Fayetteville at the time of the 1880 census.

⁵ She authorized Rev. J. M. Hubbert of Lebanon to nominate young men to receive the benefit of the fund, requesting him to give preference to those who had completed the required course at Dick White College in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Rev. Hubbard was pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Nashville from 1888 to 1893 and became dean of the Cumberland Theological Seminary in Lebanon in 1894.

Memphis were to be given \$300 to set up a permanent fund for care of her cemetery lot there, and \$100 was to be given the minister of Nashville's First Cumberland Presbyterian Church to accompany her remains to Memphis for burial. She also directed that a car be chartered to convey her remains and carry any of her friends wishing to accompany her body to the grave. Her executor, **Irvine Greer Chase**, was to receive \$2,000 for his services. Any funds remaining after payment of all debts and charges against her estate, of all legacies, and erection of a tombstone for her grave were to go to her niece, **Elise Greer**. If there should not be enough money left to pay all legacies in full, her executor was to distribute the funds proportionately. The prime benefactors of Mrs. **Brewer's** estate were her niece, **Mary Ann Judson**,¹ and her grandnephew, **Robert W. McComas**.² The two were to divide or dispose of Mrs. **Brewer's** clothing and household furniture. **Mary Ann** was to receive annual interest payments during her life on a \$6,000 bequest³ which executor **Irvine Greer Chase**⁴ was to lend out and secure with a mortgage on real estate.⁵

More complicated were the legacies left young **McComas**. Under Item (3) of the will, he was to receive a \$5,000 bequest, which, like **Mary Ann's**, was to be loaned out by the executor with a mortgage being taken on real estate. The original will specified that the \$5,000, with accrued interest, was to go to **McComas** at age 26,⁶ provided (1) he had completed his studies in law and music, and (2) in the judgment of his mother, **Josephine Pearson**, he was deemed competent and worthy of the legacy. An additional \$2,500 was to be paid his stepfather, **Jonathan D. Pearson**, of Jackson, Tenn., to use for **McComas'** board and other necessary expenses in obtaining his education. Mrs. **Brewer** also directed that **McComas** read law in the office of her friend and attorney, **Hamilton Parks**, and under his direction. After completing his legal and musical education, **McComas** was to be given another \$500 to pay for a trip to England to visit his uncle [not named]. Item (22) of the will stated that **McComas** was not to receive the \$5,000 bequest in Item (3) if he married any one born in Madison Co., Tenn., and if he failed to finish his legal and musical education in Nashville. Six months later, the addition of a codicil to the will suggests that all was not going as anticipated in Madison County. The provision regarding **McComas'** completion of his law education was changed to allow him instead to graduate from **Draughon's Business College** at Nashville, and the prohibition against his marrying any one born in Madison County was amended to include the phrase "nor any person by the name of **Graham**."

At chancery court proceedings in late August 1898, Chancellor **H. H. Cook** noted that Mrs. **Brewer**, in the last year of her life, had lent considerable sums of money on real estate and taken mortgages to secure them. In order to collect the money due her, she had been forced to purchase several pieces of real estate. Saying that all of the legators appeared to be in need of their bequests, the judge ordered that all of Mrs. **Brewer's** property be sold as quickly as possible. Regarding the conditions attached to the legacies left **McComas**,⁷ Judge **Cook** ruled that the prohibition against marrying any person by the name of **Graham** was legal—it being the intention of the testatrix to restrain her grandnephew from marrying a Miss **Carrie Graham**. However, the judge stated the further condition that **McComas** not marry any person born in Madison Co., Tenn.—if intended to restrict him from marrying any one or every one born in the large and populous county—was in restraint of marriage and was illegal and void. Chancellor **Cook** therefore concluded that **McComas** did not deprive himself of the legacy by marrying Miss **Vincent** of Madison County.⁸

¹ **Mary Ann** was the daughter of **Sarah Brewer's** sister, **Rebecca Cobb (Greer) Allen** and now the wife of **T. H. Judson**, whom she married 23 July 1857 in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. **Mary Ann's** father, **Henry Allen**, and mother were married in Lincoln County in July of 1816.

² **Robert**, born 3 Jan 1873, was the son of **Sarah's** niece, **Josephine Wilson**, who was born in Memphis in 1847 and was the daughter of **John A. and Jane Barrow (Greer) Wilson**. First name of **Robert's** father was unconfirmed. He may have died in 1873 during the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis. **Josephine** later married **Jonathan Dudley Pearson** of Jackson, Tennessee, in a ceremony in Nashville on 3 September 1889. [*Davidson Co. Marriage Book 9*] **Pearson** died 15 April 1899 in Jackson and was buried in Brown's Church Cemetery, Madison County, next to his first wife, **Rebecca Holland**.

³ Equivalent to \$115,370.94 in the year 2002.

⁴ **Chase** was in the insurance business with offices at 301 Church Street in Nashville.

⁵ In Davidson County Chancery Court proceedings 23 August 1898, Executor **Chase** asked to be relieved of the responsibility of holding and lending the legacy. The court granted **Chase's** request and ruled that any surplus remaining from the legacy be invested in erection of a residence for Mrs. **Judson** on a 191 acre tract in Williamson County's 9th District. [Further details in *Davidson County Minute Book Record 53*.]

⁶ His 26th birthday would be on the 3rd of January 1899.

⁷ **S. N. Harwood** and **S. J. Everett** were **McComas'** attorneys.

⁸ Madison county records show **McComas** married Miss **Mary P. Vincent** on 3 February 1898, Rev. **G. T. Sullivan** officiating. According to the 1880 census for Madison County, **Mary** was born about 1847 and was the daughter of **Thomas S. and Lillie E. Vincent** of Jackson.

The judge also ruled that McComas had sufficiently complied with the requirement for completing his musical education by mastering the grand organ and singing in a choir for years. However, it was reported that since Mrs. Brewer's death, McComas had become afflicted with "inflammatory rheumatism," a permanent condition that often prevented him from using his hands, arms, legs and feet, all requirements for playing the organ. Chancellor Cook held that McComas would be required to complete his business course and receive a diploma from Draughon's Business College before he could receive his bequest. While newspaper accounts left the impression that the restrictions on McComas' bequests in Mrs. Brewer's will were solely her initiatives, a careful reading of the will indicates that she was guided by the advice of his mother, Josephine, Sarah's niece.



McComas' whereabouts over the next few years and the date of his death are unknown. When his mother, Josephine, applied for a Confederate pension [No. W4514], as the widow of Jonathan Dudley Pearson, on 12 April 1920, she stated in her application that she had no family but herself. Four years later, Josephine died in Jackson and was buried there in the Hutcherson-Pearson lot in Riverside Cemetery. No record of a McComas burial can be found in Riverside or other Madison County cemeteries.

Varina Davis' memory of her dear friend perhaps paints a more accurate picture of Sarah Brewer, than the distortion left by headlines of the late 19th century. In describing the woman she had known for three decades or more, Varina commented:¹ *"I have never seen a woman of more sterling, noble qualities than she had. As Mr. Davis affectionately said of her once, 'Had Mrs. Brewer been a man, she would have made a great and honorable name in the world.' As a woman, she labored for the good of those who needed her care and dispensed a wide charity not for ostentation or praises of mankind, but for love of humanity. No one could know her without feeling respect for her integrity."*

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¹ *Confederate Veteran*, Nashville, Vol. 3, February 1895, p. 48.



News From Memphis

Items found in

The Nashville Gazette, 4 December 1865.

A servant girl named **Margaret** recently disappeared very mysteriously from her home, the residence of **S. S. Lewis, Esq.**, near Memphis. She was lately from Minnesota.

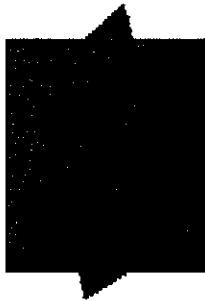
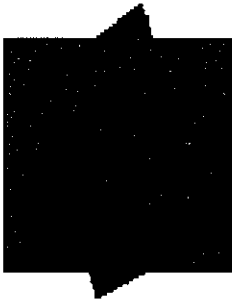
At a regular communication of South Memphis Masonic Lodge, No. 118, at their lodge room last evening, Brother **C. J. Phillips** was elected W. M.; Brother **J. C. Wurzbach**, S. W.; Brother **J. F. Sellers**, J. W.; Brother **R. Pnckett**, Treasurer; Brother **B. K. Pullen**, Secretary, and Brother **S. M. Thomas**, Tyler.

Edwin Edams and the Strakosch Opera Troupe are at Memphis.

The subscription fund to purchase the late residence of **Bishop Otey** for **Bishop Quintard** is being rapidly filled. The generosity of the people of Memphis knows no bounds.

After a well-conducted trial, which lasted three or four days, an impartial jury returned a verdict of "*not guilty*" in the case of the State against **John C. Creighton**, on Wednesday evening. Mr. **Creighton** was therefore relieved from his bonds and set free.

The office of Brig. Gen. **Bouton**, Provost-Marshal, was robbed Friday night. The thief got away with \$75, valuable papers, private and official, and several thousand dollars in counterfeit money.



Real Estate Transfers

Items found in

The Nashville Gazette, 27 December 1865

Rachel Ann Burnett to **Thos. J. McClendon**—land in county, \$1079

John W. Bryan to **James A. Stewart**—lot in Edgefield, \$587

John W. Bryan to **James H. Hales**—lot in Edgefield, \$762

John W. Bryan to **John C. Coleman**—lot in Edgefield, \$487

John W. Bryan to **Daniel C. Coleman**—lot in Edgefield, \$587

John W. Bryan to **Wm C. Parrish**—lot in Edgefield, \$525

Wm. S. Langdon to **Albert B. Spain**—lot out of city, \$1200

Wm. S. Langdon to **Alpha Young**, Attorney-in-fact to **Joshua B. Spain**—lot out of city, \$5500

Wm. S. Langdon to **Robert McKenzie**—lot out of city, \$4000

John A. Link and others to **Willis J. Sullivan**—land in county, \$700

T. E. Perrin to **John G. Parkhurst**—land in Michigan, \$2100

Wm. S. Eskin to **John Hugh Smith**—lot in 13th district, \$1000

Jas. M Boyd to **Zack Boyd**—lot in West Nashville, \$1500

John W. Bryan to **P. T. Eubanks**—lot in Edgefield, \$937

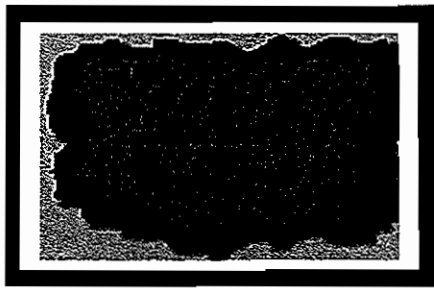
Charles A. Fuller to **H. B. Plummer**—deed, lot in Edgefield, \$9000

John Rains to **Charles A. Fuller**—deed, 11 acres land in Davidson County, \$2000

F. N. Hurst and others, trustees, deed to Missionary Society, **M. E. Church**, lot and **Andrew Chapel Church** in city, \$15,000

Alex Anderson and wife to **Jas. P. Johnson**, deed, lot in city, \$300

B. F. Nichol to **Bradford Nichol**—lot out of the city, \$400



Some Tennesseans Who Got Settlements For Civil War Claims

A list of some of the Tennesseans whose Civil War claims were approved by Congress appeared in the *Chattanooga Press* on 10 Mar 1899.

The largest settlement was \$10,000 awarded **James and Emma S. Cameron** "in full satisfaction" for occupation of their property and use of their fuel by Union General **W. S. Rosecrans** from September 1863 to the end of the war. A commission, Rosecrans appointed to adjust claims, determined the amount paid the **Camersons**.

Other Tennesseans and the amounts they were allowed:

- **W. S. Beck**, Hamilton Co., \$6,100
- **William C. Hale**, Hamilton Co., \$3,605
- **Ruth Heywood**, executrix of **H. B. Heywood**, late of Bradley Co., \$475
- **William Jones**, Marion Co., \$1,019
- **John M. Kimbrough**, Monroe Co., \$380
- **John D. Lowry**, McMinn Co., \$325
- **Elizabeth McIntyre**, Knox Co., \$198
- **Pleasant Owen**, Knox Co., \$311
- **Jess Pickett**, deceased, late of Sequatchie Co., \$4,700
- **John E. Bull**, administrator of **Wm. Reed**, deceased, late of Grundy Co., \$698
- **Elizabeth C. Staples**, administratrix of **Michael A. Staples**, deceased, late of Roane Co., \$280
- **Tobias Tenpenny**, Cannon Co., \$200
- **R. M. Brown**, Hamilton Co., \$105
- **Geo. W. Lewis**, Marion Co., \$168.75

James Cameron did not live long enough to receive his claim, having died in California 5 Jan 1882. A Scottish portrait and landscape painter, he came to the United States in 1839 and lived in Chattanooga in the 1850s. After the war, he became a Presbyterian minister, and moved to California. [*Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture*, Tennessee Historical Society, 1998.]

Decatur County's S. G. Harris Was a Unique Character

S. G. Harris, who was living about three miles from Parsons, in Decatur County, in 1898, was not an ordinary 81-year-old. For one thing, he had lived 77 of his 81 years in Decatur County. And, according to the *Parsons Enterprise*, **Harris** also:

- Had only taken one dose of medicine in his life—and that was a pill
- Had never bought a pound of bacon or a bushel of corn—he apparently grew his own
- Only gave one note in his life and that was during slavery when he purchased a Negro, and, lacking \$100 of the purchase price, borrowed that amount

Despite his age, **Harris** was still able to work on the farm in 1898.

[Source: *Nashville Banner*, 4 Aug 1898, p. 8, col. 5]

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Memphis Avalanche, 1 September 1874

News from the Knoxville Journal and Tribune 1899

April 1st

The police yesterday charged with beating a board bill in Roane County arrested **James Lucky**, white, aged about 22. He will be sent to Kingston and thence to the place from which he ran away unless he can adjust the matter here.

Misses **Alice Kuhnen** of Iowa, Miss **Mary Jackson** of Pennsylvania, Miss **Florence Adams** of New York and **Grace McCreary** were guests of the luncheon club with Miss **Mary Allison**, as hostess. The menu was prepared and served by the following ladies: Miss **Margaret Woodruff**, Miss, **Katherine Woodruff**, Miss **McMullen**, Miss **Allison**, Miss **Martha Rhea**, Miss **McClung**, Miss **White**.

Knoxville Medical College announces its graduates: **John Reuben** of Branscomb, Virginia; **David Brock**, **James Columbus Carter**, **John Willis Drinnon**, **John Edward Elder**, **James John Ellis**, **Thomas Randolph French**, **George Franklin Hannah**, **Henry Baldwin Lloyd**, **Samuel McCammon**, **William Clinton McCammon**, **Jacob Sevier Sharp**, **James Thornburg Turner**, all of Tennessee; **Thomas Brinton Kessler**, **Charles White Dancer** of Indianapolis; **Thomas O. Kirkpatrick** of South Carolina and **William Jefferson Walters** of Kentucky.

W. R. McArthur of Knoxville will open a music house in Bristol.

G. R. Randolph lost a valuable mule in a mud hole on the public road near Clarksville.

Robert Chapman of Nashville, while visiting is quartered at the Hotel Flanders.

April 2nd

News of surrounding towns

Judge **W.T. Smith** caught the largest owl on his place that has ever been seen in this country. He is as big as a turkey. -*Sparta*-

Mrs. **R. Hill** went to Nashville this week to undergo treatment by a doctor for a stomach disorder. -*Sparta*-

Mr. **Isaac Green** is lying at the point of death at his home east of Benton. He has been very low with consumption for some time. -*Benton*-

Mr. **J. L. Ross** has been quite ill for the past few days. -*Benton*-

On 31 March 1899, Miss **Fannie Cozart**, the worthy assistant teacher at the Bolivar Academy, will resume her work next Monday, after a three-month spell of sickness. -*Madisonville*-

Word has been received here that Sergeant **H. D. Bailey**, of the 4th Tennessee, is quite ill. -*Sevierville*-

Professor **Craig** and bride arrived last Saturday. They were treated to an old fashioned serenade that night. -*Sevierville*-

D.W. Trotter was in town last week looking after his telephone system. -*Sevierville*-

Miss **Rebecca Morton**, who has been ill for several months, is reported to be in critical condition at this time and hopes of recovery are gone. -*Maryville*-

All arrangements have been made for the execution at Sevierville next Wednesday of **Pleas Wynne** and **Catlett Tipton**. -*Maryville*-

Lieutenant of Police, **A. A. Goolshe**, of Knoxville, arrested **Mince Cousin**, colored, here Tuesday for blowing open a safe. -*Bristol*-

Chattanooga Society
Spring Festival Queens

Chattanooga

Miss **Ann Watkins**

Lookout Mountain

Miss **Cora Llewellyn**

Sherman Heights and East Chattanooga

Miss **Katherine King**

Mission Ridge

Miss **Julia Campbell**

Highland Park

Miss **Belle Bourgeess**

Ridgedale

Miss **Belle Whittice**

April 3rd

On 29 March 1899 in Lone Mount, wife of **David Jennings**, became suddenly insane. Her recovery is doubtful.

April 5th

M. Rosser lost a \$6,000 flouring mill by fire at Brentwood.

Tom Lawrence, a barber, who formerly resided in this city was arrested in Chattanooga yesterday by Lieutenant **Goolsbe** and brought back to this city. Lawrence was charged with assault and battery. He will be given a hearing today.

The town of Rogersville has responded to the call of the Chattanooga spring festival tournament committee, by selecting the following three knights:
J. S. Hunter, Knight of the Gilded Age
H. F. McClure, Knight of the Horseshoe Bend
G. P. Kyle, Knight of the Silver Cross

The court has appointed sixteen new notary publics:

J. M. Yarnell
W. W. Baird
Von A. Huffaker
F. L. Reagan
J. M. Johnston
J. R. Trent
A. D. Ingersoll
William C. Denton
John Richards
J. S. Rayl
D. W. Gentry
A. A. Frazier
W. A. J. Moore
Charles Nelson
J. R. Atlor
William C. Sheen

April 7th

Dr. C. W. Evans is the new register of Moore County.

Pitts Hazard of Dyer County is over seven feet tall.

N. B. Graham of Ducktown will open an ore mine in Kilpatrick, North Carolina.

William Vandergriff, who recently killed **Thorn Hill**, remains in the Clinton jail.

For The Record

Criminal Docket

The docket of cases given out yesterday by Clerk A. G. French:

Monday, May 1st

Horace Keith, **Mattie Jones** and **Charles White**,
Carrying Weapons
J. A. Bright, **A. W. Jones et al**, **Amanda Griffin et al**, and
Lillie Givens, Larceny
Al Richards, **J. Blaufeld**, **Henry**, alias **Harry Salmon**,
misdemeanor
J. E. Malcolm, forgery
Dan Moriarity, **Oney Cate**, **Mattie Jones**,
felonious assault
Ed Hale, drunkenness
Charles Sears, housebreaking and larceny
Rush Bennett, **Lillie Givens**, malicious stabbing

Tuesday, May 2nd

Alfred Grady, **Jake Harris**, **William Pugh**, **Dick Luttrell**, felonious assault
Allen George, **Flen Reynolds**, **James Reynolds**, **Jack Nelson**, carrying weapons
Will McClellan, **S. P. Condon**, trespassing
Roy P. Ragsdale, **J. H. Branch**, larceny
John R. Nelson and **Sallie McGhee**, lewdness
Fred Staples, profanity
William Tipton, murder
Mary Smith, **S. A. Sellers**, assault and battery
Alice Edwards, **Sallie Edwards**, disorderly house
Bud Henderson, housebreaking and larceny

Wednesday, May 3rd

Ed Householder, **Smoke Sanders**, housebreaking and larceny
Ed Householder, **Frank Blevins**, **Albert Carmichael**, **Levada Banks**, **Jack Nelson**, **Ed Montgomery**, **Gilbert Runyon**, **Henry Brazelton** (four cases), larceny
Oss Harris, **Charles Lyons**, **Martha Cogswell**, **Sanford Littleton**, felonious assault
Martha Cox, assault and battery
Mrs. Jane Clark, carrying weapons
Mary Delaney, disorderly house

Divorce Bill Filed

April 12th

A divorce bill was filed in the chancery court yesterday, entitled **Mary Harris vs Isham Harris**.

Probate Court

April 5th

An order of sale was entered in the cause of **G. W. Frazier vs William E. Mitchell et al.**

The commissioner to set apart a year's support for Mrs. **Martha Clapp** made its final report and was discharged.

April 6th

T. C. Bates, Esq., filed an application for license to practice law.

N. W. Hale made a final settlement as guardian of **Lillie Boyd** and **Wardell Williams**.

April 7th

Dr. J. S. Smith was registered as a practicing physician. The commissioners appointed to report a year's support for Mrs. **Prudence W. Martin** made their final report and were discharged.

April 12th

J. R. Ailer qualified as notary public.

James H. Moore was committed to the insane asylum.

W. C. Denton qualified as notary public.

April 13th

J. R. Martin qualified as guardian of **Simon B. Beatty**. **Dennis Leahy** qualified as guardian of **Frank** and **Agnes O'Connor**.

F. L. Reagan, Esq., was granted a license to practice law before the justice of the peace courts of the county

Headlines

April 5th

Ninety-Seven Years Of Age Mrs. Laura Culveyhouse Celebrates Her Birthday Today.

Today, Mrs. Culveyhouse, an inmate of Mount Rest Home for aged women, celebrates the 97th anniversary of her birth. She retains her faculties well and is in good health. She is a native of Virginia, but has resided in Tennessee since she was a little girl of four. While reminiscing, she spoke of her grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and she can tell things of that eventful period, talked by him. She has a daughter, Miss **Martha Culveyhouse**, now 70 years old, who is also an inmate of the home.

April 6th

Fire Near Maryville

Residence of Melville Seaton Destroyed by Fire.

On 5 April 1899 the residence of Melville Seaton, seven miles west of Maryville, was burned this morning, with its contents. The fire originated in the dining room from a defective flue. Mr. Seaton bought the house from Mr. J. O. Parsons several months ago. No insurance. This leaves Mr. Seaton to begin life anew.

April 9th

Miss Margaret Woodruff Selected Knoxville's Queen of May Festival

Knoxville's young lady representative to the Chattanooga May festival has selected. Miss Margaret Woodruff, beautiful daughter of Captain W. W. Woodruff, will act as queen in the flower parade. The committee of merchants voted Miss Woodruff in unanimously.

April 10th

Train Wreckers

Arrested in Lafayette, Ga., Confess Their Dastardly Crime.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, 9 April 1899, George Scribe and Duffy Morgan, are under arrest at Lafayette, Ga., for attempting to wreck a passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome and Southern Railway and they confessed their guilt. Section men found ties piled on the track and removed them. The locomotive struck the obstruction but was running cautiously. Only one car was derailed and no one was hurt. The criminals were caught hiding nearby.

April 13th

Y. M. C. A. Concert

Tonight's Event Will be the Best Patronized of the Season.

Tonight's concert at the Young Men's Christian Association arranged by Mr. Nelson will be sure to please everyone. Performing are the following: Mr. Frank Flenniken, Mrs. John Lamar Meek, Miss McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Miss Krutzsch and Miss Franz.

April 16th

Two Knoxville Girls Run in by the Police

Force at Morristown For Drunkenness. The Mayor and police ran in two young girls from Knoxville on Tuesday night, much worse for liquor and associates. The youngest could not have been more than 12 or 13 years old. It was very unfortunate that their companions, a dozen or so men and boys, could not have been secured for a 60-day contract on the streets.

Comings & Goings



Mrs. William T. Stark and little son, of Memphis, reached the city yesterday and will visit Mrs. Margaret W. McDermott.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

R. H. Sansom left last night for Nashville and will be absent from the city for a short time.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

Robert Chapman, of Nashville, while visiting, is quartered at the Hotel Flanders

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

Thomas McCulloch went up to Bristol yesterday where he will spend Easter with his family.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

Miss Louise Parsons of Seneca Falls, New York will be arriving in the city to visit Miss Mary Locke of Summit Hill.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

Miss Isabel Williams of Nashville, formerly a resident of this city, is being welcomed while on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Clapp, West Cumberland Street.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

D. W. Rapp of Tulahoma was numbered among the guests yesterday at the Hotel Flanders.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

News of surrounding towns

Mr. Dove of Pennsylvania has been in the city several days looking after some land investments. -Sparta-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. Frank Hardwick and family of Arkansas are visiting his brother, Mr. C. S. Hardwick, and intend making Cleveland their future home.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Miss Estella Patterson, who has been conducting the school at this place, will leave Monday for her hometown in Attala, Alabama.

-Benton-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Miss Creech of Three Springs is spending a few weeks here with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Henderson.

-Madisonville-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Miss Bessie Samuels of Wetumpka, Alabama is visiting her sister, Mrs.

J. O. Foree. -Charleston-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Boring have returned from Steubenville, Ohio and will take up permanent residence in this city.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Miss Myra Love of Sweetwater is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. St.

John. -Johnson City-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Ex-Mayor W. W. Faw and family have gone to Franklin, Tennessee, where they will reside. Miss Ethel Aiken accompanied them.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

James Waggoner of Mountain City has been a guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Faw this week. -Johnson City-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Joe L. Wade of Knoxville spent last Sunday here as the guest of his brother, W. D. Wade. -Clinton-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Tom Scruggs of Andersonville is in town this week testing the "grub"

at the hotels. -Clinton-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

T. A. Hill left Monday for Middle Tennessee where he will be engaged for this year in his line of business—selling fruit trees.

-Maryville-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. O. S. Baldwin has returned home from a visit to his old home in Virginia.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. Philip McDonough of Cincinnati was last week entertained as a guest of his sister, Mrs. John G. Duncan.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. T. C. Campbell of Roanoke, Virginia has reached the city and as the Knoxville agent of the Southern Express Company will make this city his home.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mr. Hayne Davis, formerly of this city, now of North Carolina, was among friends in our city last week.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Mrs. William T. Stark and son, of Memphis, are visiting in the city as guests of Mrs. McDermott and the Misses McDermott.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

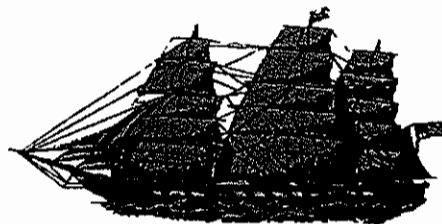
Mr. J. A. Stevens of Chattanooga was in Benton yesterday. -Benton-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Esquire W. W. Lindsay is down from Coal Creek. -Clinton-

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

Comings & Goings



Mr. W. E. Gibbs of Cleveland, Ohio is among the recent arrivals in this city. His family accompanies him. **Mr. Gibbs** visited Knoxville several weeks ago. He found things to his liking and returned home determined to move his family here. *Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899*

Miss Annie Childress, who is teaching school in Russell County, Virginia is at home on a visit to her parents. *Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899*

Mr. O. A. Owen of Wetmore visited Benton yesterday. *Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899*

Miss Mattie Sue Smith will leave soon for an extended visit to **Miss Berry** of Rome, Georgia. *Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899*

E. Falkner went to Westport Tuesday and sold the lands belonging to the **Alex Tucker** Estate. It was bid on by **P. A. Tucker** for \$1,120. The land comprised 117 acres of the best land in the 24th district. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

B. J. Williams and **Miss Sallie Medlin** have returned from the markets. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Miss Mollie Nance, the stylish trimmer for **McCracken & McLeod**, who has been in St. Louis since 1 March 1902, will be here in a few days with a full line of up-to-date millinery. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Bert Hill leaves tomorrow for Arkansas, where he will locate. He is a splendid young man and should do well. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

J. R. Brandon of Clarksdale was in the city Monday and gave us a pleasant call. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

George Turner of Vale was in the city yesterday on business. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Mrs. J. A. Grizzard is visiting **Mrs. W. T. Warren** at Paris. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

R. M. Phillips returned yesterday after a three-week compulsory absence at his home in Kentucky. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Miss Lula Lewis of Christmasville closed her school recently and returned to the University last week. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Miss Eunice Hardy of Medina is visiting the University people this week. She is thinking of taking work for a term. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Dr. J. S. Ramsey and daughter, **Miss Carrie**, spent Wednesday in Fulton. *Huntington Republican, Carrall County, 23 May 1902*

Miss Ivy Johnson is in Martin taking a special course in kindergarten instruction. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

W. B. Kirby of Buxter was here Saturday. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Miss Mamie McKinney of McLemoresville spent Tuesday in Huntington. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Alfred Cole of Martin came in Tuesday to enter school and make arrangements for his father, **A. A. Cole**, to move here. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

J. H. Hailey of McLemoresville spent Monday in Huntington. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

L. L. Spellings came over from Hollow Rock Sunday. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

J. T. W. Cole and wife of Paris came over Wednesday on a visit to **Mrs. Cole's** parents, **Ad Hilliard** and wife. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

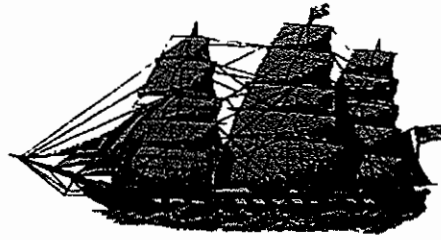
Miss Emma Belew returned to her home in Bradford Wednesday. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

S. E. Murray is in Lexington. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

Nat Hickey, private in Co. B, First Tennessee Regiment, from Columbia, is home from San Francisco on a 30-day furlough. He says the Tennessee boys are enjoying good health since their removal to Camp Merriam, and only one member of Co. B, Pvt. **A. Brown**, is in the hospital. *Nashville Banner, 31 Aug 1898*

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ramsey of Memphis, after a trip to New York and Niagara Falls, are visiting her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hite**, in South Nashville. *Nashville Banner, 30 Aug 1898*

Comings & Goings



W. H. Lyles and M. E. Batts have returned from Cheatham County where they have been engaged for a week surveying the line between Davidson and Cheatham counties, to be used as evidence in the case regarding the line as heretofore surveyed. While on this work, the surveyors killed three rattlesnakes having eleven, nine, and eight rattles respectively.

Nashville Banner, 26 Aug 1898

Capt. C. A. Lyerly yesterday, 18 Aug 1898, purchased the Lookout Inn property on Lookout Mountain at chancery sale for \$20,000 for the bondholders. The Chattanooga National Bank, of which Capt. Lyerly is president, owns \$15,000 worth of these bonds. The present lessees will continue to operate the inn until the end of the season.

Nashville Banner, 19 Aug 1898

Dresden, Tenn., will soon lose several prominent businessmen who are removing to Lexington, Oklahoma Territory. They are: C. D. Bowden, dry goods; Loyd & Reavis, groceries; E. T. Reavis and Kelley Bowden, clerks of C. D. Bowden, and Mr. T. T. Loyd, one of Dresden's oldest citizens and for many years a leading tobacconist. Bowden's stand will be occupied by Woods & Sandefer. Inasmuch as they are men of means and occupy a high position socially, their loss to the community will be much regretted. Others may follow later.

Nashville Banner, 19 Aug 1898

Miss Alice Trimble has returned to Oxford, Ohio to re-enter school after spending the holidays at home.

Chattanooga Press, 13 Jan 1899

Mrs. Washington Durando, nee Helen Whiteside, leaves this week for Ohio to join her husband.

Chattanooga Press, 13 Jan 1899

Mrs. Thida D. Moore, who has been spending her vacation here with her sister, Mrs. William H. Bumpas, left this morning to resume her duties as principal of a flourishing educational institution in Senatobia, Miss.

Nashville Banner, 18 Aug 1898

Prof. James F. Lipscomb, formerly of Nashville, but now of Waco, Tex., who has been for the last month mingling with his friends in this city, left yesterday for Waco.

Nashville Banner, 17 Aug 1898

Mrs. Sarah E. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Fred V. Bingham, have gone to Shreveport, La., where they will reside in the future.

Nashville Banner, 17 Aug 1898

Seven orphan children were taken from Gallatin to Nashville 10 Aug 1898 and turned over to Judge Ferriss, who has secured homes for them. They are the Underwood and Templeton children.

Nashville Banner, 11 Aug 1898

Bishop W. C. Gray of Orlando, Fla., preached to his old flock at the Church of the Advent here yesterday morning. While rector of the church, he was one of the most popular preachers of the city and yesterday was welcomed by a large audience. He is spending a few days in the city with his son, Joseph A. Gray.

Nashville Banner, 8 Aug 1898

Friday last, 5 August 1898, was the 57th anniversary of the marriage of Moses McNairy and Mary E. Ridley. The anniversary was celebrated at Old Mill Creek by a reunion of their children and grandchildren. The chief amusement was games upon the lawn. Music was a feature of the occasion and a basket dinner was served under a spreading oak.

Nashville Banner, 8 Aug 1898

Mrs. Bud Luker of the Frog Level neighborhood in Obion County has given birth to triplets, two boys and one girl. The mother is doing well.

Nashville Banner, 6 Aug 1898

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Andre of Mississippi are visiting the family of Mr. N. E. Peacock at Shelbyville.

Nashville Banner, 6 Aug 1898

Mrs. W. A. Powell of 201 Spring Street is about the happiest woman in Nashville today. After the battle of Santiago, she was notified that her son, William M. Powell, an old Nashville boy who has been in the regular army for 10 years, had been killed. But now all is changed. She has just received a letter from her boy saying, "Thank God I am still living. I've stood where bullets fell like hail and shells and minnie balls every minute and not a scratch. My gun was shot in two in my hand." Powell was once a baker at the Central Hospital for the Insane but lived at Nashville several years before enlisting.

Nashville Banner, 5 Aug 1898

Capt. and Mrs. L. T. Dickinson have returned to Chattanooga from Iowa where they spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Tucker.

Chattanooga Press, 13 Jan 1899

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutcheson of Mission Ridge left the first of the week for Mexico in the hope of benefiting Mr. Hutcheson's health.

Chattanooga Press, 27 Jan 1899

Comings & Goings

Mrs. N. H. Talbott left Tuesday for Atlanta where, after a visit to Mrs. **Thomas**, she will go to Manila, Ind., to make her future home with her mother. She has many friends here who regret her departure.
Chattanooga Press, 27 Jan 1899

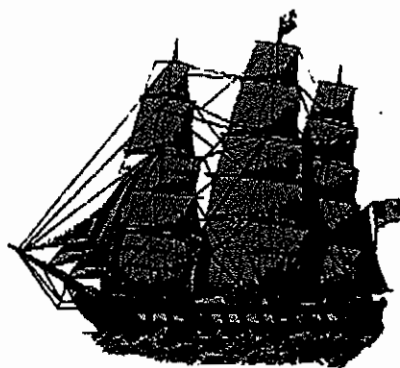
Leonidas B. Lock has been appointed postmaster at Lawrence, McNairy County.
Chattanooga Press, 10 Feb 1899

Harry O. Lane and wife have returned to the Klondike fields for another year. They spent last summer there in the restaurant business and prospered—also located several good claims for himself. They will locate near Atland this year.
Chattanooga Press, 17 Feb 1899

Nashville contains the most remarkable society woman in America. She is Miss **Jane H. Thomas**, born Sept. 3, 1800. Despite her proximity to the century mark, she is still the recipient of offers of marriage.
Chattanooga Press, 3 Mar 1899

Dr. and Mrs. **R. J. Trippe** left the first of the week for New York City. After a few days there, they will sail for Europe to be gone about three months.
Chattanooga Press, 3 Mar 1899

Dr. H. T. Drane, J. C. Kendrick, T. D. Lickett and **Julian F. Gracey** of Clarksville, the committee appointed by the Blue Wing Hunting Club, to superintend the erection of their new clubhouse at Reelfoot Lake, left today for the lake. They will be absent several days. The club purchased 50 acres at Reelfoot to provide its members a convenient place for hunting and fishing.
Nashville Banner, 18 Aug 1898



Edward Thayer left Monday night, 25 Sep 1899, for Porto Rico, where he will practice his profession.
Chattanooga Press, 29 Sep 1899

M. M. Mudge and wife left this week for Austin, Tex., to make their future home. **E. L. Mudge** will in the future have charge of the art gallery. Mr. **Mudge** and his wife will be greatly missed in art circles here.
Chattanooga Press, 10 Mar 1899

R. C. Graham has returned from Cincinnati where he graduated from a leading dental college last week.
Chattanooga Press, 21 Apr 1899

Capt. Champe Andrews has gone to New York where he will practice with one of the best-known law firms and make his future home.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899

Mrs. W. R. Meadearis, nee **Nannie Burton**, has returned to her home in Nashville after a visit to her mother on East Terrace.
Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899

W. B. Michael has sold his interest in the St. James Hotel to **W. J. Woodard** for \$5,000 and will leave for Tampa, Fla. Nov. 1.
Chattanooga Press, 29 Sep 1899

W. B. Smith of Nashville arrived in the city yesterday and will remain for a few days.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

Harley Hutchins of McMinnville has returned from Manila where he served in the army.
Chattanooga Press 13 Oct 1899

Miss **Mary Maynard** and Miss **Alice Pelham**, two of Tullahoma's most popular young ladies, passed through the city in route to their home from Lexington, Ky., where they have attended business college all summer.
Chattanooga Press, 20 Oct 1899

Dr. W. J. Trimble, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, 22 Oct 1899, to a large congregation of members and friends. Addresses were made by **Drs. McCallie, Monk and Bachman** on behalf of the pastors of the city. The service was an impressive one, the church being thronged to the doors by citizens and members of all churches. He had served the church for 20 years and six months, having erected two handsome church edifices for his growing congregation during that time.
Chattanooga Press, 27 Oct 1899

S. E. Howell, ticket agent of the N.C. & St. L. Railroad, and **J. H. Latimer**, traveling passenger agent of the same line, report they have a great many emigrating to Texas and the West. Quite a number from East Tennessee and North Georgia are driving to Chattanooga in wagons and securing their tickets from these gentlemen.
Chattanooga Press, 29 Sep 1899

Tennessee

Marriages

Delaney-King

Mr. W. O. Delaney of Bristol and Miss Lou Ella King were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Holston Valley Wednesday evening.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899

Gaylon-Flanders

The parlors of the Hotel Flanders will be the scene of the marriage of Miss Mabel Flanders and M. B. Galyon. Dr. Acree will perform the ceremony. After the ceremony the couple will leave for Cincinnati, Ohio.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 5 April 1899

McAdam-Colyer

Miss Ethel Colyer of Sunset Drive was united in marriage to E. W. McAdam, manager of the McAdam Printing Company. Rev. McNeely DuBose performed the ceremony.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 8 April 1899

Hudson-Hayes

On 12 April 1899 the marriage of Mr. Richard Henry Hudson and Miss Margaret Lewis Hayes will be solemnized.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 9 April 1899

Parker-Locke

The marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Locke was solemnized in the Second Presbyterian Church and the hundreds of friends of these two were present. The couple will reside in New York.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 9 April 1899



Bennet-Horton

Married by Wm. Tharpe, Esq., 23 January, Mr. Elisha Bennet and Miss Margaretta Horton, daughter of Wm. Horton, Esq., all of this county.

Huntington Advisor, Carroll County, 19 February 1840

Leeson-Todtenhausen

The home of Mr. A. Todtenhausen on Bridge Avenue was the scene of the marriage of Mr. John Leeson and Miss Todtenhausen. Rev. R. R. Acree performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Todtenhausen. The groom is a well-known mining engineer. He came directly to this city from London, England.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville 16 April 1899

Roberts-Howell

On 12 April 1899 at the residence of the mother of the bride, the marriage of Miss Cordie Howell and Mr. Franklin Roberts was performed. Mr. Roberts is the son of the late Henry Roberts of the eighteenth district and a brother-in-law of Mr. P. C. Kearnes of Corryton. Miss Howell is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Howell of the eighteenth district.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899

Franklin-Doughert

Married on the evening of 11 January 1870 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Court Street by the Rev. E. B. Crisman were Dr. S. W. Franklin of Columbus, Mississippi, and Miss Kate E. Dougherty, daughter of J. C. Dougherty of this city.

Memphis Commercial Appeal, 13 January 1870

Askew-Rayner

Married on 12 January 1870 at 3 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. S. H. Ford were Mr. Joe H. Askew of Columbus, Mississippi and Miss Ada Rayner, daughter of Eli Rayner of Memphis. Another flower plucked from the Bluff City to be transplanted elsewhere. With the lovely bride go heartfelt wishes of a large circle of warm friends for her future happiness. They left for North Carolina on a bridal tour yesterday.

Memphis Commercial Appeal, 14 January 1870

Wheeler-Pullen

Married on Thursday, 13 January 1870, at the residence of the bride's father at Glendale, Tennessee, by the Rev. Mr. White were Capt. C. N. Wheeler and Miss M. B. Pullen.

Memphis Commercial Appeal, 15 January 1870

Elder-Nye

J. W. Elder of Avondale was married Wednesday night, 29 Mar 1899 to Miss Mabel Nye of St. Elmo, Hamilton County. They were married at the Presbyterian Church by Dr. Bachman and will in the future reside at Avalon.

Chattanooga Press, 31 March 1899

Tennessee Marriages

Black-Chapman

At noon Tuesday, 18 Apr 1899, at the home of the bride's parents in St. Elmo, Hamilton County, Miss **Georgia Chapman** was married to Mr. **Robert C. Black**. After the ceremony, the couple left for a southern bridal trip.

Chattanooga Press, 21 April 1899



Eaker-Dunlap

On yesterday evening in the city of Paducah, Kentucky, Mr. **John V. Eaker** of Paris, Tennessee, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss **Jennielise Dunlap**, recently of this city. He is a member of the firm of **Eaker & Ellison** of this city and has many friends who extend him congratulations upon securing the hand of the beautiful bride he has won. Miss **Jennie** is well known in this city, having been reared here from childhood. She is the daughter of **Joseph P. and Rebecca J. Dunlap**, both of whom are now deceased. The bridal party will arrive in Paris this evening.

Post, Paris, Tennessee, 14 March 1884

Fitsworth-Matlock

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Mary Matlock** of Riceville and Capt. **Henry Duncan Fitsworth** on 4 Oct 1899 in Athens.

Chattanooga Press, 29 Sep 1899

Horton-Folwell

Married in this county by Rev. Wm. **Wamble**, Mr. **Needham Horton**, age 52, and Miss **Mary Folwell**, age 51.

Somerville Reporter, Fayette County, 12 February 1842

Marriage licenses were issued to the following persons of Carroll County.
The West Tennessean, Carroll County

4 February 1869

R. Phelps to **Susan E. Malone**
W. F. Bennett to **Martha B. Cobb**
T. Nash to **Newty A. Coble**
Ephraim Burrow to **Lu Briant**
M. A. Brandon to **Margaret C. Wilson**

Colored

John Howard to **Adeline Helms**
Henry Hargus to **Louisa Hampton**

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples of Carroll County.
Republican, Carroll County

23 May 1902

Stewart Huffman and **S. H. Mallard**
W. H. Carter and **Mrs. Winnie Barfoot**

Colored

Richard Willis and **Emma Roby**
Azariah Barksdale and **Mittie Herron**

Marriage licenses were issued for the following couples in the Knoxville area.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville

2 April 1899

John W. Murray and **Mary Eliza Patterson**
William F. Allen and **Annie Mary McPhetridge**
James N. Wright and **Cora Smith**

5 April 1899

Augustus A. Lyth and **Victoria Babino**
Junius Parker and **Mary Whiting Locke**
Marshal Binford Galyon and **Mabel Claflin Flanders**
Howard O'Neal and **Maud Young**

6 April 1899

Horace Perry and **Eva Long**
William A. Fogarty and **Pearl McHaffie**

7 April 1899

James Anderson and **Harriett M. Galyon**
Harry Claiborne and **Marie Longmire**

Brown-Harding

Wednesday, the 25th January 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents will occur the wedding of Miss **Med Brown** and Maj. **Harding** of Wilkes Barre, Pa. The ceremony will be performed in the presence of friends of the family, but will be followed by a brilliant reception to which several hundred invitations have been issued. Misses **Anita** and **Nell Evans** will come from Washington to attend the nuptials.

Chattanooga Press, 20 January 1899

Carroll-Adams

The wedding of Mr. **John Carroll** and Miss **Mary Adams** has been announced to take place at the Catholic Church, Wednesday, 12 April with Rev. **Father Tobin** officiating.

Chattanooga Press, 17 March 1899

Tennessee Marriages

Stahlman-Wert

The announcement of the engagement of **Frank C. Stahlman** of Nashville and Miss **Annie Laurie Wert** of Decatur, Ala., proves very interesting to the many friends of the contracting parties in this city. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents at noon, February 15.
Chattanooga Press, 27 January 1899

Dover-Ashley

Last Sunday, 21 Jan 1899, Miss **Lillie M. Dover** and Mr. **Grant Ashley** surprised their friends by getting married at Sherman Heights. They are both popular young people of that suburb.
Chattanooga Press, 27 January 1899

McQuade-Gates

The engagement is announced of Miss **Sarah McQuade**, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **H. A. McQuade** and Mr. **Jewell Gates** of Columbus, Ohio. The wedding will be solemnized at the Episcopal Church on April 4.
Chattanooga Press, 17 February 1899

Trotter-Snodgrass

Among the Easter weddings will be that of Mr. **Thomas O. Trotter** and Miss **Louise Snodgrass** at the Centenary Church, 15 April, Dr. **Monk** officiating. Mr. Trotter is senior member of the firm of **Trotter Bros.**, and Miss Snodgrass is the daughter of Chief Justice **Snodgrass**. They are both popular young people and will leave for New Orleans and other southern points on a bridal tour.
Chattanooga Press, 17 March 1899



Burroughs-Jones

Miss **Brownie Jones**, formerly of Chattanooga and now of Houston, Texas, was married last week to **James J. Burroughs** of Mexico. Their honeymoon is being spent in Mexico City, after which they go to Misantla, Mexico, their future home.
Chattanooga Press, 14 April 1899

Mulford-Grange

A beautiful afternoon wedding was that of Miss **Alice Grange** and Mr. **Frank S. Mulford**, which occurred at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Vine Street. Mr. and Mrs. **Mulford** will make their future home in Jacksonville, Fla. [Note: Date of wedding not included.]
Chattanooga Press, 21 April 1899

Hurley-McKeogh

Married on 4 January 1870 at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. Father **Fortune**, Mr. **B. Hurley** and Miss **Freddie McKeogh**, both of Memphis.
Memphis Commercial Appeal, 9 January 1870

Corey-Grawburg

George W. Corey, South Pittsburg, Tenn., and Miss **Beatrice Grawburg**, Henry, Ill., were married 11 October 1899, at the home of the bride's parents.
Chattanooga Press, 13 October 1899

Green-Richardson

Miss **Abbie Richardson** and Mr. **T. W. Green** were quietly married Wednesday night, 19 Apr 1899, at the home of the bride's parents on Fairview Avenue, Dr. **J. W. Trimble** officiating. Only the family and immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.
Chattanooga Press, 21 April 1899

Starns-Garrett

Miss **Mary Garrett** and Mr. **Cordie Starns** were married Saturday afternoon, 23 Sep 1899, at the home of the bride's parents in Hill City. This wedding caused quite a surprise, as both are very young.
Chattanooga Press, 29 September 1899

Fetterly-Allison

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss **Lizzie Lee Allison** and Mr. **John Phillip Fetterly**, 10 October 1899, at 8:30 o'clock at Centenary Church in Chattanooga.
Chattanooga Press, 29 September 1899

Fitsworth-Matlock

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Mary Matlock** of Riceville and Capt. **Henry Duncan Fitsworth** on 4 October 1899, in Athens.
Chattanooga Press, 29 September 1899

Carter-Cass

Rev. **J. M. Carter** and Miss **Mary Cass** were married Tuesday night, 21 Nov 1899 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hill City, Hamilton County. Dr. **David Sullins** of Cleveland performed the ceremony. The couple left at once for Mossy Creek where they will visit relatives.
Chattanooga Press, 24 Nov 1899

Hartline-Gamble

Last night at the parsonage of Centenary church, Miss **Dora Gamble** and Mr. **J. H. Hartline** were united in marriage by Dr. **Monk** in the presence of a few intimate friends. The young couple was attended by Miss **Ramsey** as bridesmaid and Mr. **Thomas** as best man. The bride is a niece of Mr. **John Fisher**. The groom has been connected for some time with **J. O. Williams & Co.**, grocers of Carter Street, and is a young man of splendid business ability.

Chattanooga Press, 29 September 1899

Frierson-Coleman

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. **Guy Frierson** and Miss **Frances Coleman** in Nashville on October 14th 1899.

Chattanooga Press, 13 October 1899

Russell-McClung

Miss **Madge McClung** and Mr. **Barton Russell** were married Monday morning at St. Paul's Church in the presence of a large host of friends. After a short tour of the East, they will be at home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Chattanooga Press, 20 October 1899

Bathman-Mills

Miss **Nettie Mills** and **Wallace Bathman** were married Tuesday evening, 24 Oct 1899, at the residence of the bride's father on Lookout Street. It was a home wedding that will be remembered for many days by the legion of friends of the young couple. After the ceremony, they were driven to a cottage home on Boyce Street, which was a gift of the groom's father.

Chattanooga Press, 27 October 1899

Tennessee

Marriages



Neese-Vest

A pretty wedding of the week and one of general interest was that of Miss **Fannie Vest** and Mr. **George Neese** which took place at the Walnut Street Christian church on Wednesday evening, 22 Nov 1899, Rev. **M. D. Clubb** officiating. Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal party was driven to a new home, which had been fitted up by the groom where they will go at once to housekeeping.

Chattanooga Press, 24 November 1899

Harrill-Prince

Tuesday night, 21 Nov 1899, 6 o'clock, Dr. **J. G. Harrill** and Miss **Cecil Prince** were married, Rev. Dr. **McGehee** officiating. Both are popular young people of Sherman Heights.

Chattanooga Press, 24 November 1899

Hudiburg-Rea

Last Monday morning, 28 Nov 1899, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Miss **Carlotta Rea** and Mr. **W. N. Hudiburg** were married, Dr. **William Pettis** officiating. Only the immediate families were present, with a representation from the *News* with which Mr. **Hudiburg** is connected. It was a very pretty home wedding; the house was elaborately decorated. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served after which the couple left for Cincinnati.

Chattanooga Press, 1 December 1899

Griffin-Wayland

Preparations are being made by many of the Knoxville people to attend the wedding of Miss **Annie Velmer Wayland** and Mr. **Demsy Alexander Griffin**, which is to take place at the Mt. Harmony Baptist Church near the home of the bride, Sunday April 23, at high noon. The ceremony is to be performed by Rev. **Hamsterd**. After the ceremony all-present will retire to the bride's home at Riverdale, where an elegant luncheon will be served.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899

Marriage licenses were issued in Knoxville, to the following couples.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune

23 April 1899

D. A. Griffin to Annie V. Wayland

Wade F. McDonald to Elsie Stevens

Louis A. Markwood to Annie B. Branch

Elijah Humphreys to Sarah Woods

Colored

William Tilson to Belle Matlock

Foster-Randall

Tuesday night, 5 Dec 1899, at the Methodist church in Hill City, Miss **Belle Randall** and Mr. **Fred Foster** were married, Rev. **James R. Burchfield** officiating. Attendants were Misses **Mabel Dove** and **Lela Condra** and Messrs. **Sam Randall** and **W. Brown**. The young couple will go to housekeeping on Forest Avenue.

Chattanooga Press, 8 December 1899



Tennessee Deaths

GRYDER

Virgo Gryder, age 7, drowned at Memphis while at play.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

FANZ

Funeral services were held at the residence of the father of the deceased on 9th St. yesterday for Miss Lucy Fanz. Rev. Francis Marron, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, conducted the service.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

PATTERSON

Pink M. Patterson of Sevierville died on 26 March 1899, of consumption at his home on West Main St. last Sunday.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

RATCLIFF

Miss Otsic Ratcliff of Charleston died Monday, 27 March 1899, after a two-month illness. Funeral services held at the residence Tuesday after which the body was taken to Athens for interment.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

COCHRAN, FAIR, CAYLOR

Matthew Cochran, an old citizen of Big Springs, died last Saturday, 1 April 1899, and Mrs. Ab Fair, near here, and Mr. Ben Caylor of Tuckaleechee died last week.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

HILL

James C. Hill, of Bristol who has been very ill with crebro-spinal meningitis, died Thursday, 30 March 1899. He leaves a mother and brother. Burial and interment followed this afternoon.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899



KIRK

13-year-old son of Calloway Kirk drowned at Union City.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 5 April 1899

DYE

Died at his home, 1002 Broad St., yesterday, Orlando W. Dye, age 57. The remains will be shipped to Troy, Ohio for interment.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 3 April 1899

STEWART

J. A. Stewart was found dead in his barnyard near Jackson, and his wife has just been murdered.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 5 April 1899

TUCKER

Mrs. S. J. Tucker, wife of J. D. Tucker Esq., and daughter of J. R. Hamilton, Bulls Gap, Tennessee. Died at Knoxville 27 March 1899. Burial will be at Drake Cemetery near Bulls Gap.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

CROZIER

Miss Kate E. Crozier died in the Harris building last Saturday, 25 March 1899 and was buried the following Sunday. Dr. Harrison, of her church—the Third Presbyterian, officiating. Daughter of Dr. Carrick W. and Elizabeth D. Crozier, now deceased. She was returning home with her sister, Mary Elizabeth, from New Orleans and Memphis, in which cities they had been visiting relatives. In Memphis lives her married sister Mrs. Dewitt Clinton. A family of eight members—only three now left, Mary Elizabeth, Carrick and Mrs. Dewitt Clinton.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

WILBUR

Will Wilbur, while on a trip from Chattanooga to Memphis, on top of a sleeping car, was found dead. He was supposedly killed by a bridge en route.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 5 April 1899

GRIGSBY

Sheriff Samuel W. Grigsby of Dickson Co. was shot and killed in the barroom of Warner and Jackson's Hotel, Nashville, by James C. Arledge of Winchester.
Noxubee Democrat, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, 9 November 1889

WILLIS

Heuse Willis was shot and killed by Robert Craighead, near Jasper. Willis, who had served two terms in the penitentiary for theft, got on a spree and going to Craighead's home became very boisterous. Craighead's mother, 50, ordered Willis to leave. He grew very angry and drawing a pistol shot twice at her. Her son, who was in the home at the time, seized a gun, rushed out and shot Willis through the abdomen twice, from the effects of which he died.
Noxubee Democrat, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, 9 November 1889

MORRISON

Nashville, Tennessee, 15 March 1887, Jas. Morrison, bookkeeper for the lessees of the penitentiary, was found dead in his chair, having shot a bullet through his head on account of intense suffering from Neuralgia. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the weapon was fired with suicidal intent. It is thought that the disease brought on derangement of the mind.
Mocon Beacon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, 15 March 1887

ADAMS

A boiler exploded near Dresden and killed Loyd Adams.
Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 8 April 1899



HANIFIN

Pat J. Hanifin, a detective of Nashville, was shot and instantly killed this morning by a Negro named Thomas A. Johnson. They were alone in Hanifin's office when Johnson shot him in the back of the head. It is reported they had a falling out over money.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 6 April 1899

PAINE

The body of John Paine was found in Polk Co. yesterday. When examined by a doctor it was found his skull had been crushed. John's father was quite active in the reporting of illicit distilleries in the area.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 9 April 1899

SPARKS

Mrs. William Sparks died 11 April 1899 at midnight, at her late residence, 817 Eleanor St. Funeral notice will appear later.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 12 April 1899

Mrs. Charity C. Sparks died Tuesday at her home, after a lingering illness. She was born in Franklin Co. Virginia, 19 March 1855 and came to Knoxville in 1871. In 1874 she married W. J. Sparks, and in the same year she made a profession of religion and joined the M. E. church, south at Church St. She leaves behind a husband, seven children, three sisters, and a brother. The siblings are: Mrs. P. L. Hunter, Mrs. James Angel, Mrs. W.C. McCoy and Mr. B. W. Akers. The funeral will be held at the residence this afternoon.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899

CHILTWOOD

The four-year-old son of L. H. Chiltwood was burned to death near Dyersburg.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899

BLACKLEY

Mrs. Margaret Blackley died 15 April 1899, at her home on East Main Street on Thursday at the age of 87 years.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899



Tennessee Deaths

HARRISON

Capt. William Harrison died Friday the 29th, at age 48. His funeral was attended on the following day by the Masonic Fraternity and large circle of friends.

West Tennessean, Carroll Co. 4 February 1869

EVERHART

The funeral services of Mrs. F. H. Everhart will be held at her home on 721 Union St. Thursday. Conducted by Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor of the First M. E. church. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Everhart was born in Upper Sandusky, Ohio 11 September 1862. She was the wife of Mr. F. E. Everhart of the firm of Walter and Everhart, contractors. Her husband and two children are left to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 13 April 1899

MCCLUER

Mrs. Rebecca McCluer died yesterday at the home of Mr. J. H. Walter on Sixth and Cottage Place. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. J. H. Walter and the grandmother of Mr. H. C. Burns. The funeral notice will appear later.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 11 April 1899

CROSS

Mr. Alfred Cross, an aged and respected citizen of Anderson County, died yesterday at his home, five miles west of Clinton. He was buried today.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899

NEWMAN

John Newman died at his residence, 421 Central Avenue, at 11:30 p. m. after long suffering from consumption. Funeral notice will appear later.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899



ISRIEL

A duel was fought on Wednesday, 23rd, at Donaldsonville, between a Mr. Clark, clerk in the land office, and a Mr. Isriel, a sugar broker, in which the latter was killed at the first fire. Weapons used were pistols.

Somerville Reporter, Fayette Co. 9 April 1842

PATRICK

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patrick of Mossy Creek died Monday, 10 April 1899, after a short illness.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899

HORNER

Mrs. Horner, wife of Mr. S. H. Horner, of this place, died of consumption, the 10th of this month. She was buried at Bent Creek cemetery in Hamblen County.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 16 April 1899

KINCAID

The remains of Mrs. Margaret C. Kincaid, 53, who died on Thursday, 12 April 1899, were taken to Fincastle yesterday for burial. The funeral was held at Fincastle. She leaves a brother, Mr. W.W. Scarborough.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 15 April 1899

SPAULDING

The funeral of Mrs. L. M. Spaulding, who died 13 April 1899, at the family home on Thursday, will be held today from the residence on Fourth Avenue, 1100 West.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 15 April 1899

MCALLISTER

S. D. McAllister, a prominent cotton merchant of Nashville, died yesterday.

Memphis Avalanche, Memphis, 8 February 1876

RIDDLE

Mrs. C. T. Riddle died at her home in this city on Monday, April 17, after a lingering illness of several weeks. The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday at one o'clock and were conducted by Rev. F. Y. Jackson of Knoxville.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899



LANE

The remains of Miss Emma Lane, a sister to Mrs. D. P. Rowe, Walnut Street, were taken to Midway yesterday for interment.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 15 April 1899

HOPE

The funeral of Miss Nora Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hope, 1017 Oak Street, was held yesterday. The interment was at Old Gray Cemetery.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 15 April 1899

JOHNSON

The funeral of Mrs. Alma Johnson will be held this afternoon from the residence of her mother, Mrs. G. W.

Turner, east of this city. The interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

TARWATER

Mrs. Nancy Tarwater, aged 70, died yesterday at French in the twenty-first district. The funeral will be held today. Interment at the family cemetery.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

MCBEE

The funeral of Miss Maud McBee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McBee, of Strawberry Plains, was held from the church here and the remains buried beside her sister, Cora, in the old cemetery.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 9 April 1899

GREEN

Mr. Isaac Green died Thursday, 6 April 1899, at his home near Benton. His remains were interred in the Baptist Cemetery at this place.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 9 April 1899

MILLER

Mrs. Rebecca Miller, 82, died 21 July 1877, at the home of her son-in-law, Andrew Drew. She was the widow of the late Charles Miller. Mrs. Miller was born in Pendleton, South Carolina and a resident of Memphis for thirty-three years.

Christian Observer, Louisville, Kentucky, 1 August 1877



Tennessee Deaths

STANLEY

Mrs. Stanley, living on the corner of Berry Street and Harris Avenue, in Edgefield, died Sunday, 9 March 1879. She was 79 years of age.

Daily American, Nashville, 11 March 1879

NELSON

Henry A. Nelson, 35, only son of Anson Nelson, died yesterday at the St. Charles Hotel. The Rev. Dr. Jones will hold funeral services at the First Baptist Church this morning.

Daily American, Nashville, 13 December 1879

WHITE

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. George W. White, 509 Woodland Street, Edgefield, are invited to attend the funeral of their son, William G. White, from the residence, today at Mt. Olivet by Rev. Dr. West.

Daily American, Nashville, 21 February 1879

JONES

The funeral of the late Hon. George W. Jones was preached today in the Methodist Church, at Fayetteville, Lincoln County, by Elder James G. Woods, of the Primitive Baptist Church, and listened to by a large audience, after which the remains were deposited in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Daily American, Nashville, 15 November 1884

CHESTER

Dr. John Chester, an eminent physician and prominent citizen of Jackson, Madison County, died this evening. Was also a zealous and active member of the Masonic order in its various branches.

Memphis Avalanche, 5 June 1877



FOUST

A particularly sad death was that of Mrs. Mamie Tyler Foust, wife of Thomas O. Foust, which occurred last Friday morning, 10 Mar 1899, after a brief illness of only five days. Mrs. Foust was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but had resided in Chattanooga since her childhood. She was a most popular and lovable young woman and her death was a shock to the entire community. She was a devoted member of the Second Presbyterian Church and a leader in church work. She was married on the 5th of last October. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Trimble at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler on Gillespie Street.

Chattanooga Press, 17 March 1899

SCOTT

Dr. J. E. D. Scott, a very prominent and wealthy citizen of Humboldt, died last night, after a short illness of malarial fever. He was vice-president of the Buggy and Wagon Company.

Memphis Avalanche, 30 March 1876

FAUCETT

News reached the city Friday of the death in Henderson, Tennessee of Mrs. W. A. Faucett, formerly Miss Marie, of this city. With her husband she removed to Tennessee about five years ago. She leaves two small children. Her mother is Mrs. Robert Hansen; her sisters, Misses Greta and Julia and brother, Robert, residing at 1820 West Tenth Street.

The Oklahoma News, Oklahoma City, 12 November 1915

LASSITER

Jake Lassiter, a white man, was killed near Picketsville, by the accidental discharge of his own gun on Wednesday afternoon, 26 August 1874.

Memphis Avalanche, 1 September 1874



PENDERGRAST

Kate Pendergrast died 1 April 1887 at her home on the corner of Rayburn and Clay. She was 39 years and 4 months of age. She leaves her husband John R. Pendergrast.

Memphis Avalanche, 2 April 1887

PIERCE

A man supposed to be J. Pierce, aged 55 years, was recently robbed and mortally wounded by a Negro on Hernando Road in Memphis.

Nashville Gazette, 2 November 1865

JONES

Capt. W. O. Jones, one of the most prominent citizens of Meigs County, died at his home near Decatur on 4 Mar 1899, of Bright's disease. Capt. Jones was well known all over East Tennessee, having run a steamboat on the Tennessee River for a number of years.

Chattanooga Press, 10 March 1899

MCCULLOUGH

Maudie McCullough, of 819 Madison Street, died 25 April 1887. She was 4 years of age, leaving her parents, Archie and Kate McCullough and grandparents, Arthur and Mary Dwyer.

Memphis Avalanche, 26 April 1887

WASHBURN, CHAMNESS, HARRIS

Three men of Savannah were killed and two injured today, 31 March 1899, at Shiloh National Park, while at work in a gravel pit. The dead are: Washburn, Chamness and Harris.

Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 1 April 1899

MOORE

Mrs. Agnes Jane Moore died at the home of her son, T. F. Moore, in West Sparta on her 74th birthday.

Chattanooga Press, 13 October 1899



Tennessee Deaths

SMITH

Col. W. C. Smith, of the First Tennessee, a resident of Nashville and well known throughout the state, died of apoplexy during the battle Saturday, 29 Jan 1899, at Manila. Col. Smith was a native of Virginia, served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, was active in Masonic work and was a successful architect. He has been colonel of the First Tennessee for three years.

Chattanooga Press, 4 February 1899

[The Press in its issue of 14 Apr 1899 reported that Smith's body had been brought back to Nashville where funeral services would be held 19 April. Col. J. P. Fyfe of Chattanooga was among a body of aides selected to participate in the services.]

KEARNEY

Memphis, 10 March 1879, a peddler named Kearney, who left here two weeks ago and has been mysteriously missing, is announced to have been murdered. His lifeless remains were found in a field ten miles south of Hernando, Mississippi, on Saturday.

Daily American, Nashville, 19 March 1879

CALDWELL

Mrs. J. L. [Margaret] Caldwell, daughter of Dr. J. W. Bachman, died Tuesday morning, 12 Dec 1899, at her home on McCallie Avenue after a long illness. Mrs. Caldwell was born at Rogersville, Tenn., in 1872 and has resided in Chattanooga for over 20 years. She was a pure-hearted, noble Christian woman and loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed from church and social circles. She and J. L. Caldwell were married in June 1899.

Chattanooga Press, 15 December 1899



HUNT

W. A. Hunt died last Sunday, 31 December 1899, at his home in Sherman Heights of general debility due from old age. He had been a resident of Chattanooga since 1858. He leaves three children, all of whom live in this city: J. J. Hunt, W. H. Hunt and Mrs. Tennie Watson.

Chattanooga Press, 5 January 1900

MANLOVE

John G. Manlove died 12 December 1879, at the residence of Albert W. Harris, near Nashville, of diphtheria. He was the son of P. H. and Anna G. Manlove, aged about 8 years. Funeral services at Mt. Olivet Cemetery today at 11 o'clock by Dr. A. J. Baird. Hacks will leave the house of M. S. Combs, No. 74 Cherry Street, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Daily American, Nashville, 13 December 1879

PIERCE

Sandy Pierce, a Union City Negro, died alone in his cabin from the result of burns.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899

RIGINS

As a result of a street fight with pistols, Bud Rigins lies mortally wounded and Gus Moody's chance to live is alarmingly slim. They are both men of fine standing and the fight is the outcome of an old business trouble. The battle was a bloody one, both men firing at each other until exhausted from bloodshed, on 17 April, in Clarksville.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899





BROWNING

William Browning, a well-known and highly respected citizen of the 21st district, died quite unexpectedly last Monday morning, 10 March 1902, at his home near Atwood. The summons came at some early hour of the morning, seemingly without warning, and his family was not aware of his demise until they arose. Mr. Browning went to bed Sunday night as usual, and at 3:00 a.m. he was heard to get up. At 5:30 a. m. the family arose and found Mr. Browning dead in the bed with the cover pulled over him. Mr. Browning was 69 years of age and left seven children, all grown. He was one of the oldest citizens in the county and an upright Christian gentleman. His sudden death was a shock to his community and to his many friends. The interment took place at the Bullington Graveyard Tuesday morning with services by Rev. J. A. Keaton. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 14 March 1902*

SMITH

Harry E. Smith, a Polk county pioneer, died at the age of 84. *Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

DILLARD

Died at the residence of **Henry Dillard**, in this County, on 7 February, was Miss **Martha B. Dillard**, age 23, of North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late **William Dillard** of Orange County, North Carolina. *Somerville Reporter, Fayette County, 12 February 1842*



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HARRISON

Capt. **William Harrison**, age 48, died in this place on Friday the 29.th The Masonic Fraternity and a large circle of friends attended his funeral the following day. At a called meeting of Huntington Lodge No. 106 of F. and A., **A. W. Hawkins**, **L. A. Williams** and **E. J. Kyle** were appointed to draft suitable resolutions in reference to the death of Brother **William Harrison**. *West Tennessean, Huntington, Carroll County, 4 February 1869*

BUSH

A Mr. **B.F. Bush** suicided Sunday, last 30 August 1874, at McMinnville. Disease of the heart is the cause assigned. *Memphis Avalanche, 1 September 1874*

HEADRICK

L. B. Headrick, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Chattanooga, died Sunday, 16 Apr 1899, at his late home on Oak Street. He had been in feeble health for some months though his death was sudden and unexpected, the immediate cause being heart failure. Mr. **Headrick** was born in Greene Co., Tenn., in 1836 and has resided in Chattanooga since 1874. He was one of the oldest members of the Chattanooga Bar Association and was a man of strong character. He leaves a wife and four sons, **W. E.**, **W. W.**, **Wayne** and **Norris Headrick**, all of whom are well known and reside here. The funeral was held at the residence Monday afternoon, conducted by Dr. **J. W. Bachman**. *Chattanooga Press, 21 April 1899*



BURTON

By the explosion of a boiler in **Fleming's** sawmill, near Tiptonville, Tuesday, **Sam Burton**, the fireman, was blown fifty feet and killed. **Tom Wiles** and a man named **Smith** were badly hurt. *Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902*

ARNOLD

A Mr. **Ephraim Arnold** died on Monday last, 7 February 1842, in Henderson County. He had left his residence in Perry County the day before and stopped for the night at a house of entertainment 10 miles from Lexington. After breakfast the next morning he ordered his horse to resume his journey. He appeared to be in fine health, and while seated in front of the fireplace conversing with the landlord, he suddenly threw his head back and expired in his chair. *Huntington Advisor, Carroll County, 12 February 1842*

COOKE

Judge **J. B. Cooke** died Tuesday, 18 Apr 1899, at his home on High street in the 81st year of his age. He was a lawyer by profession and one of the most widely known citizens of this section of the country. Judge Cooke was born in Greenville, S.C. but has lived in Chattanooga since before the Civil War. He was a Mason and a member of the Baptist church. He leaves four children: **Thomas H.**, Mrs. **W. B. Swaney** and Mrs. **J. L. Patty**, all of this city and **William Cooke** of Texas. The funeral was held at the residence Thursday morning, conducted by Dr. **Bachman**. *Chattanooga Press, 21 April 1899*

BUTLER

On 31 January, Miss **Phoebe Butler** died. *Huntington Advisor, Carroll County, 19 February 1840*



SEAGLE

Hon. James L. Seagle of St. Elmo, Hamilton County, died at the home of his mother last Wednesday morning, 27 September 1899, of hemorrhage of the lungs. The funeral took place Thursday morning; the burial being at Forest Hill Cemetery. The county court was in session when the announcement of 'Squire' Seagle's death was made and adjournment was taken until this morning. Mr. Seagle had been in bad health for several years; but has shown much spirit in taking an active part in public matters; having been justice of the peace and representing this district in the last legislature as flatorial representative for Hamilton, James and Meigs counties. Although a young man, 26 years of age, he had already become widely known in public affairs.
Chattanooga Press, 6 October 1899

SMITH

The remains of Colonel W. C. Smith, of the First Tennessee regiment, who died at Manila, will be buried at Nashville tomorrow.
Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899

FLEWELLIN

Mrs. Nancy Flewellin, age 86, died on 5 February, in this county
Huntingdon Advisor, Carroll County, 19 February 1840

TIPTON

Joseph Tipton was shot and killed by Tom Hines, Jr. at Tiptonville.
Maryville Journal and Tribune, Knoxville, 2 April 1899

BOYD

Mrs. George Boyd and thirteen-year-old daughter, former residents of Martin, died at the same time with meningitis at Paris, Texas.
Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899



Tennessee Deaths

SAMUEL

Mr. A. L. Samuel, well known in this city, died yesterday at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dyer, at 303 Prince Street, at 9:30 a. m., aged 84 years. The deceased leaves two children besides Mrs. Dyer: Mrs. A. D. Thornhug, of this city and Mr. R. L. Samuel of Nashville. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from 303 Prince Street. Last night the remains were taken to Nashville for interment at Mt. Olivet.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899

PRESLEY

Joseph, the six-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Presley, died yesterday morning at five o'clock of meningitis at the home of his parents, 221 West Front Street. The funeral services will be held at their home today at one o'clock. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899

OWEN

Mrs. Sofia Owen, relict of Richard Owen, died at her home one mile south of Buena Vista on the evening of the 7th of pneumonia. She was a member of the Christian church and leaves two children, Howard Owen and Mrs. I. D. Lowrance.

Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

TATE

Temporary insanity caused Taswell Tate to kill himself in view of his mother at Bolivar.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899



JUSTICE

A. E. Justice shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide Monday afternoon, 19 May 1902, at their beautiful home "Justice Heights," near Waverly. The couple had been married about three years. Twenty years ago Mrs. Justice, who was the daughter of A. M. Waddell, of Louisville, married J. G. Lucas. They had four children. Lucas died four years ago. Justice came to Waverly from Chicago as a real estate agent and not much was known of him. Mrs. Lucas was manager of her large estate. After about a year they were married. Mrs. Justice possessed considerable wealth, and it was thought he married her for her money. Last year they built a beautiful residence costing \$16,000 on Fort Hill overlooking the town. About the time the home was completed, Mr. Justice began to drink in excess and while drunk was abusive to his wife. Three weeks ago his mother-in-law forced him to leave home and the wife filed for a divorce. He tried to reconcile but it was in vain. He then became desperate. Entering the home from the back way he concealed himself in the large chicken brooder-house. Mrs. Justice came in shortly afterward to feed her chickens and Justice locked the door behind her. He then shot his wife twice in the body, killing her instantly. As he opened the door to escape, he encountered J. Lucas, Jr. and a Negro boy. Justice placed the pistol under his right ear and fired a bullet into his head. The reflex caused him to throw his arm out and shoot himself in the leg, breaking it. He lived about four hours. The town was greatly excited over the awful tragedy.

Huntington Republican, Carroll County, 23 May 1902



Century and Counting

Oldest woman in America, Mrs. Porch, lives in the mountains of East Tennessee and is 121 years old. She is blind, hearty and walks without assistance; her memory is unimpaired and she can recount many events of the Revolution.
Memphis Avalanche, 18 October 1866

Mrs. Mason Hobson, age 104, died 16 January 1873, at Pulaski.
Nashville Union and American, 24 January 1873

Mrs. Catherine Brady, 100 years, 7 months and 13 days, died yesterday, 10 February 1866, at the City Hospital in Memphis. She was buried at Elmwood Cemetery.
Memphis Avalanche, 11 February 1866

Rowland Ware, 102 years, 2 months and 2 days, died at Athens, Tennessee on 22 March 1863. He was a soldier in the American Revolution and drew a pension until the commencement of this war.
Nashville Dispatch, 23 April 1863

Barney Rogers of Sumner County is 109 years old.
Nashville Republican Banner, 2 March 1871

Asa Harper of Williamson County was 100 years old on 6 March 1899 and in good health.
Columbia Herald, 2 November 1899

William Glenn, age 106, died. He was one of the oldest citizens of the county.
Whig and Tribune, 27 January 1872

Joseph Lamb, 110 years old, of Hawkins County, died 10 October 1872.
Whig and Tribune, Jackson 16 November 1872

Thomas Parks, age 108, died 15 February 1873, in Marshall County.
Whig and Tribune, Jackson, 1 March 1873

Ellis Rambo, 105, died last week in Pulaski. He was a resident since 1807.
Whig and Tribune, Jackson, 27 January 1872

Dick Milam, colored, of Indian Mound, Stewart County, is 104 or 105 years old and still drives a team of oxen.
Houston County News, 7 October 1887

Martin Talley, 105, died near Readyville, Rutherford County, on 19 October 1875. He was born September 1770 in Virginia and came to Tennessee in 1796. He had twelve children.
Columbia Herald and Mail, 29 October 1875

Aunt Fanny Ferris, negress, died at age 107. She lived two miles out on Charlotte Pike and was born in 1762 in Virginia. She witnessed the Revolution, and was captured by the army of Lord Cornwallis and retained until the siege of Yorktown, when she went to the home of Mr. Ferris's father in Henry County, Virginia, and lived until he died 29 years ago. Although set free by his will, she chose to stay with **Joseph Ferris, Jr.** Aunt **Fanny** was buried in the family cemetery on the Ferris farm. She was a Baptist.
Nashville Republican Banner, 25 June 1869

Mrs. Powell, age 105, is the oldest person in Nashville. She was married three times: to a Mr. **Dennis**, a Mr. **Tibbetts** and a Mr. **Powell**. She had ten children.
Nashville Union and American, 21 December 1873

Mrs. Martha Vaughn died near Chattanooga recently. She was 103 years old.
Maury Democrat, 27 December 1894

Tobe Lewis in Hamilton County claims to be 137 years old. He has proof to show he is over 100.
Maury Democrat, 12 March 1891

Nancy James, 113, died in Nashville. Born a slave in Georgia, she came here after the Civil War. She was buried at Mt. Arrarat.
Nashville Banner, 3 May 1913

Jack Haynes, 103, member of the G.A.R. in St. Louis, was born in 1778 in White County; he served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, as an engineer of the gunboat "Sumpter" during the Civil War.
Maury Democrat, 7 May 1891

Hannah Jackson, colored, lived for over a century and was a trusted servant to Gen. **Andrew Jackson**, died one day last week at her home 1221 South Cherry Street, in Nashville.
Maury Democrat, Columbia, 6 September 1894

Joel Kerl will be 100 in a few days; he lives in Hickman County near Duck River and is one of the pioneers of the county.
Columbia Herald, 12 July 1895

Elethea Pope, 105, died 10 April 1901, in Dyer County. She was born in 1796 in Sampson County, South Carolina. In 1824 her parents emigrated to West Tennessee and settled within two miles of where she died. There were three children in her family.
Columbia Herald, 19 April 1901

Mrs. Nancy Twitty, 115 years old, died two weeks ago on Richland Creek in Marshall County. She was grown at the time of the Battle of Lexington in 1775 and up until her death had vivid recollections of the Revolutionary struggle.
Whig and Tribune, Jackson, 13 July 1872

Daniel Mayberry, over 100, of Rutherford County, received his pension yesterday in the mail.
Nashville Union and American, 11 June 1874

Daniel Mayberry, age 101, went to the polls in Rutherford County and voted on the Democratic ticket. He was born 12 August 1773 in Virginia and at an early age moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina, and in 1805 came to Rutherford County.
Nashville Union, 16 August 1873

Tips for Photo Hunters

As we search through attics, cedar chests and family albums, we are sure to become familiar with the history of photography. Those old metal, glass and cardboard photographs can actually give us the clues we need to put a date with our ancestors.

These types of photographs are linked with certain time frames that will help you identify and pinpoint your family photos.

Daguerreotypes

Invented in 1839 by Frenchman, **Louis-Jacque-Mande Daguerre**, the daguerreotype is an image produced on a silver-coated copper plate that ranges in size from a full plate of 6½" x 8½" down to a small plate of 1¾" x 1¾". These plates have a shiny mirror-like surface, and when held at an angle, the image will switch from a positive to a negative.

If you were wondering why the subjects looked so solemn in these old photos, it took several minutes to process, so holding a smile would have been painful. Daguerreotypes were popular between 1839-1860.

Ambrotypes

Invented by Englishman, **Frederick Scott Archer**, in 1854, and made popular by **James Ambrose Cutting** of America, ambrotypes were negative images produced on a glass plate, viewed as a positive by the addition of a black background of paper, velvet or black varnish. Ambrotypes were available in the same sizes as daguerreotypes. If the black background is removed, the image will disappear. These glass photographs were usually found in a case. Ambrotypes were popular between 1854-1865.

Melainotypes, Ferrotypes or Tintypes

Hamilton L. Smith, a chemistry professor, of Ohio, patented this process in 1856. Tintypes are a negative image produced on a thin iron plate, viewed as a positive due to undercoating of black Japan varnish. Tintypes were much more durable than the Ambrotype and Daguerreotype. They were quick, simple and inexpensive to produce.

Sizes came in whole plates of 6½" x 8½" to thumbnails of 1"x 1" or smaller. These images were given the named tintypes because tin shears were used to cut the photographs out of iron sheets. Tintypes were popular between 1856-1867.

Calotype, Talbotype

Invented by Englishman, **William Henry Fox Talbot**, who announced the first paper photographic process in 1834, talbotypes are a positive photographic image produced on salted paper from a negative produced in the same manner. These images will be quite rare because Talbot held a strict patent on the process, limiting the production. These images look embedded in the paper as opposed to smooth. Talbotypes were popular between 1841-1862.

Albumen Print

Invented by Frenchman, **L. D. Blaquart-Evrard**, around 1850, albumens were positive prints produced from a glass negative on paper coated with egg whites. The surfaces range from dull to glossy and the tones range from golden brown, reddish to dark gray. Unlike the Talbotype, these images are

smooth on the surface. Albumens were popular between 1850-1910.

Carte De Visite

Popularized by Frenchman, **Andre-Adolphe-Eugene Disderi**, these tiny cards were albumen prints 2½"x 3 ½" mounted to a card of 2½" x 4". Visitors left the small portrait cards, much like our business card today. Carte De Visite (visiting cards) were popular between 1854-1905.

Cabinet Cards

Made popular by Englishmen, **Windsor & Bridge**, in 1863, these photos on cardboard were much like the Carte De Visite, but larger. They measured 4" x 5½" on a card of 4½" x 6½". Cabinet cards were popular between 1863-1920.

Tax Stamps

As of 1 August 1864, the United States Government levied a tax on all photographs. A revenue stamp was applied to the back of the photo. Photographers had to hand cancel each stamp, listing the name or initials of the subject and date of sale. This law was repealed 1 August 1866.

When dating family photos, pay close attention to the clothing, hairstyle, background and any props that might be in the photo. When you come across unidentified persons, study the eyes, ears, nose and hairline to look for similarities. Always check the back of the photo for information. Look for a company or photographer's name.

Chester County Wills

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J. N. SIPES of Deanburg, Tenn.—*Will dated 13 May 1907*

To his six children—namely, Mrs. **Victory Gilden**, Mrs. **Icy Thornton**, **Macie Cooper**, **Ludda Thompson**, Mrs. **Ethel Hudson** and **Annie Sipes**—residence and lot in Deanburg where he now lives. Property is bounded on north and east by **Mays** and on south and west by **Owens**. Also leaves his new storehouse and lot in Deanburg to his children.

Witnesses: **W. T. Lindsay**, **J. N. Tillman**.

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JOHN A. DAVIS—*Will dated 15 June 1909* To wife **Hattie M. Davis**: his 60-acre farm and all his personal property.

Executrix—his wife. *Witnesses:* **T. M. Spencer**, **D. A. Maness**.

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J. L. McWILLIAMS—*Will dated 26 Jan 1903*

To niece, **Narcissus E. McWilliams**: all his real and personal property for her lifetime use or maintenance. At her death, property to be equally divided between Mrs. **Hellen Pare** and the children of his brother, **R. R. McWilliams**—namely, **Robert A. McWilliams**, **Willie S. McWilliams**, Mrs. **Mollie Cochran**, Mrs. **Kate Sneed** and Mrs. **Julia Wagginson**. To Mrs. **Hellen Pare**: \$333.33 from his \$2,000 life insurance policy with the Knights of Honor. Amount was originally designated to go to his sister, **Frances O. McWilliams**, who has since died. Filed with will is deed given to him by his sister, **N. E. McWilliams**, which he did not want recorded until after his death, this having been agreed upon between them. Asks that his executors attend to this matter after his death.

Executors—**W. T. Cason** and/or **W. A. Clement** (no bond). *Witnesses:* **J. F. Hearn**, **W. A. Clement**.

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MARY K. HAMILTON and **LUCY A. SMITH**—*Will dated 30 Jul 1898*

To their nephew, **George H. Smith**: their 10/11ths undivided interest in block of land deeded to them by Dr. **John D. Smith**'s heirs and where they now reside. Also all chattels and effects they own. It is understood that whichever one of them survives the other is to have the property for her natural lifetime, and at the death of both it is to become **George H. Smith**'s absolute property.

Executor—**H. D. Franklin**. *Witnesses:* **Millard F. Ozer**, **Jilson G. Williams**.

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H. C. SKINNER—*Will dated 30 Sep 1911*

To wife, **Wilsie Skinner**: all his real estate and personal property to be used for benefit of wife and two children, **William Taft Skinner** and **Jennettie Skinner**. At wife's death or remarriage, property to go to children and be equally divided between them when they become of age.

Executor—his wife (without bond). *Witnesses:* **W. T. Stewart**, **J. F. Thomas**.



F. E. GARLAND—Will dated 27 Mar 1912

To only child, **John William Wirt Garland**: all his land, but his wife, **Nannie**, is to have homestead and dower rights the same as if he died in testate. At her death, entire property is to go his son. If son dies without issue, lands and property to go to his brothers and sisters equally but not to affect his wife's interest. Direct payment of all his debts and burial expenses as soon as possible after his death. If personal estate not sufficient to pay his debts and interest, he wants enough timber to be sold off his land to pay them and, if that is not enough, his executor is to sell a block of his land to pay them.

Executors—J. P. Garland, his wife **Nannie Garland** (without bond). **Witnesses: J. A. Bain, E. W. Purdy.**

E. H. JONES—Will dated 10 Jan 1902

To three sons, **Albert Elkanah Jones**, **Miles Lee Jones**, and **Thomas Franklin Jones**, and daughter **Eliza J. R. Smith**: 110-acre tract he purchased from **Dr. John Arnold**, his 55-acre home tract on east side of Lexington-Purdy Road and 114¼ acre tract known as **Hellan Allen** tract, all in Chester County's 2nd District. To daughter, **Eliza Jean Rebecca Smith**—\$200 interest in above lands, with his sons having right at maturity to pay **Eliza** \$200 after which she will have no further claim or title in the lands.

Executors—his sons, A. E. and M. L. Jones, if they are 21 years of age at his death. If not, his brother, **Miles A. Jones**, is to be executor. **Witnesses: W. R. Jones, B. D. Wheatley, H. B. Jones.**

S. W. HEARN of Montezuma, RFD No. 1, Chester County—Will dated 6 May 1910

To his four heirs, **Laura Hearn Haltom**, **Annie Hearn Haltom**, **J. M. Hearn** and **W. T. Hearn** (deceased): all his property except \$5 which he gives to **Joe Cooper**, husband of his deceased daughter, **Lula**. Wants exact division of his land among his heirs except for **Cooper**, who is to get \$5 only.

Executor—J. A. Rush. Witnesses: E. M. Deberry, R. A. Morgan, W. P. Roby.

SAMUEL J. THOMPSON of Reagin, Chester County—Will dated 25 Dec 1911

To wife, **Nancy E. Thompson**: all his real estate during her natural life or widowhood. Also gives her their cow or cow and calf and five head of hogs which are to be exempt from sale by his executors. Directs that his daughter, **Vinna Thompson**, shall live with his wife, **Nancy**, and have support from his real estate while she remains single and with her mother. All his children—namely, **D. K. Thompson**, **W. W. Thompson**, **Mary Roby**, **Vinna Thompson** and **Eva Jowers**—are to have equal division with their mother in all monies on hand at his death, secured by executors' sale of personal property. Directs that his executors collect all debts due him and sell his personal property except that exempted above.

Executors—his son, Daniel K. Thompson and his friend, **A. M. Powers. Witnesses: J. F. Segerson, John Martin.**

J. M. SIMMONS of Henderson—Will dated 13 Nov 1912

To wife, **Anna L. Simmons**: homestead where he now lives, which adjoins properties of **J. D. Johnson**, **Mrs. Clara McCallum** and Church Street, and contains about 6½ acres. This includes all appurtenances during her

natural life with household and kitchen furniture, chickens, barn and all outbuildings. At her death, property with improvements—now valued at \$2,000—is to go to his heirs. To children, Mrs. Allie Halford, D. M. Simmons and H. B. Simmons: remainder of his real estate, which is to be equally divided among them.
Executrix--daughter, Bettie Simmons (oath and bond waived). *Witnesses*: J. S. Haltom, U. A. Cheatham.

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J. W. SWINK—At Chester County Chancery Court session 13 Sep 1906 at courthouse in Henderson, **Chancellor E. L. Bullock** presiding, the following proceedings in matter No. 51 (Mrs. M. A. Swink et al vs Mrs. Gertrude Stone et al) were heard: In Oct 1904, J. W. Swink died in Chester County where he resided. In 1900 he had made and duly executed his will, writing it on paper and signing it in the presence of J. R. McIntyre and J. T. Stone, subscribing witnesses. In the will, he purported to dispose of certain parts of his real and personal estate [set forth in Exhibit A attached to deposition of witness J. W. Stewart]. Paper remained in Swink's possession—unrevoked and uncanceled—until his death. Very soon after he died, his widow, Mrs. M. A. Swink, carried the paper to the courthouse and left it with Stewart, who was county court clerk but did not receive the paper in that capacity. Shortly after, an unsuccessful search was made in the office for the paper. Court ruled that the paper was permanently lost, stolen or destroyed without the consent of Mrs. Swink, Eritha Swink or Jessie Swink, legatees named in the paper, so that it could not be produced in court for probate. Court therefore decreed that the paper was J. W. Swink's last will and that in substance it stated as follows: Wife Martha Swink and two youngest daughters, Eritha and Jessie Swink, are to have his home tract of about 300 acres and a nearby 50-acre tract. His wife's interest is for her lifetime or widowhood, and his two youngest children to "have it forever." Eritha and Jessie are each to have \$500 for their education and a horse, bridle and saddle. His widow is to "have a plenty," and if she wants it, a horse and buggy. Also to have enough stock, tools and the mower to run the farm. Son, Albert Swink, is to receive only \$50 from the estate, "having already gotten enough of my money." Son, Will Swink, is to get \$200 less than the other children because of having left his father before coming of age (21 years). Debt owed by Hubert Mays to J. W. Swink (amount not remembered) is to be collected or taken into account without interest in settling his estate and is to be charged against the share of Mays' wife in the estate. Swink also called for: (1) collection without interest of payment on note or claim he has against __ Nesbit, (2) collection of judgment he has against Mr. Pacaud for a debt and it is to be accounted for in settling with his daughter, Mrs. [Ella B. Swink] Pacaud and (3) settlement of \$5 owed him by Mrs. Gertrude Stone.
Recorded in Minute Book 4, pages 216-218, on 25 Sep 1906, by Deputy Clerk H. D. Franklin.

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W. C. PRIDDY of Henderson—*Will dated 5 Mar 1913*

To two sons, Wash and William Priddy: \$5 each. To niece, Mrs. Susan Avendall: the home in which he now lives in Henderson [granted unconditionally]. To adopted child, Mattie Sue Moore: all his household goods and chattels and any money remaining after paying all his obligations.
Executor--nephew, W. H. Thomas. *Witnesses*: A. B. Campton, C. C. Jordan.

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JAMES T. MURCHISON—*Will dated 24 Sep 1909*

To two daughters, Ethel and Dessie Murchison: all his money and insurance policy. These are to be held by his brother, R. D. Murchison, and used for Ethel's and Dessie's education and support. When they come of age, any remainder of his estate is to be equally divided between them.

Executor--brother, R. D. Murchison. *Witnesses*: Hope Murchison, Martha A. Neil.

Codicil dated 23 Nov 1911: daughter, Ethel, is now living with him, but daughter, Dessie, is with her grandmother, Mrs. Martha A. Neil, in Arkansas. He wants his brother, R. D., and his wife, Hope Murchison, to bring Dessie to their home. Should he fail to do so for any cause, Dessie is not to receive her share of the estate until she arrives at age 21. Also directs that his brother be his executor without bond. Witnessed by Lucy Davis and T. H. Davis.

M. M. ROBBINS of Henderson—*Will dated 4 Nov 1911*

Directs that his children—all of whom owe him on accounts—pay these amounts with interest to his executor. These are to go into general fund of his estate. To son, **Estel Robbins**: his storehouse and lot on Main Street in the town of Henderson, valued at \$1,650, which is to be charged as part of his interest in the estate. Also gives him one suite of furniture, bed and bed clothing, two straight chairs, a rocking chair, with balance being divided after **Magrit** has out. Wants son, **F. E. Robbins**, of Jackson, Tenn., to be guardian without bond for granddaughter, **Sybl Robbins**, and wants **F. E.** to use and contract her interest in the estate for what he judges to be in her best interest. Suggests that any stock he owns at his death be divided or sold as they think best.

Executor--son, **F. E. Robbins** (waives bond and asks that he charges nothing for winding up the estate).

Witnesses: **J. A. Ward**, **C. M. Williams**. [Note: Signatures dated 4 Aug 1911; will dated 4 Nov 1911.]

HALCOMB ROBERTSON—*Will not dated*

All the effects he may die possessed of are to be equally divided among his children. He has given **J. W. Robertson**, **R. T. Robertson** (deceased) and **B. F. Robertson** individually, land evaluated at \$200. **J. L. Robertson** and **Clarissa Lou Robertson** (now **Clarissa Blankenship**) have not received the same, as he was unable to carry out his intention. Before any division of his estate is made, he directs his executor to pay **J. L.** and **Clarissa** \$200 each to make them equal with the others. His remaining effects are to be equally divided between all the children. If he should die before his wife, he directs that nothing be divided until after her death.

Executor--**B. F. Robertson**. *Witnesses*: **J. H. Davidson**, **George Johnson**.

DAVID M. TULL—*Will dated 23 Sep 1913*

After his debts are paid, his executor is instructed to purchase a monument costing not less than \$200 nor more than \$200 to mark his grave and that of his beloved wife, Mrs. **Mat Tull**. [Footnote: **Tull** married Mrs. **Mattie (Robinson) Crook**, a native of McNairy Co., Tenn., on 18 Jan 1877. Source: *Goodspeed's History of Tennessee*] To his wife: all his real estate, consisting of his farmlands in the county's 6th Civil District for her lifetime. At her death, land is to go to his children. If he should die before 1st Jan 1915, all of his stock, farming tools and implements (except his sorrel pony mare, **Lula**, and his milk cow which are to go to his daughter, **Alice Tull**) are to remain on the farm under his executor's management and control until 1st June 1915, when they are to be sold and proceeds distributed under terms of the will. All his personal property, except for a \$2,000 life insurance policy with the Postal Insurance Company, is to be equally divided among his children: **Earnest Tull**, **Alice Tull**, **Inez Harrison** and **Guy Tull**. The life insurance policy with all accumulations is to go to son **Earnest**, who has elected to take it in preference to any portion of the real estate **Earnest** also, is to have his piano which is valued at \$200. Daughter, **Alice**, is to pay son, **Earnest**, \$400 to make distribution of the estate equal. She is to have no more than four years after her mother, **Mat Tull**, dies to pay this amount without interest, as she will not get possession of her share of the estate until **Mat's** death. **Alice** also is to be given the 115-acre tract where he now lives (known as the **Jesse Crook** farm) and which he bought from **E. L. McCallum**. Tract is bounded on north by lands of record, on east by **Tull** and **F. B. Carroll**, and on south by **Johnson** and **West Ples Barham**. Daughter, **Inez Harrison** is to have for her lifetime parcel of land that begins at northwest corner of old home tract and adjoins properties of **K. O. Harrison**, **Carroll**, and south side of Henderson-Mifflin Road. She is not to take possession of it without her mother's consent or death. At **Inez's** death, land is to go to her children, if living, or if not living, to their representatives. If none of them are living, then it is to be equally divided among his living children or heirs. There being a difference in the valuation of lands given to **Inez** and those given **Gny Tull**, he is to give her \$300 within three years to equalize them. If the life insurance policy willed to **Earnest** cannot be collected after **Tull's** death, he is to receive the 150-acre tract known as the **Spencer** land which was bought for \$1,250 from **T. M. Spencer** and his sister, **Mary Spencer**. Tract adjoins **Jones**, **Trice**, **Steed** and **Davis**. In that case, each of his other children are

to pay **Earnest** \$400 to make him equal with them, but payment is not to be made until a reasonable time after their mother's death or until they have gotten possession of the lands willed to them. If insurance is collected by **Earnest**, the above described lands are to be owned and held in common by the four **Tull** children until 1st January 1925 when they will be at liberty to sell them and divide the proceeds equally, but if any of the children want to sell their interest before that date, they must sell the land to one or all of the other children. If any of the children should cut merchantable timber off the land for their own use, they must pay the others the pro rata value of the timber cut. None shall cut the timber for the market.

Executor--son, Guy Tull (no oath or bond required). Witnesses: W. B. Marsh, J. M. Fry.

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H. D. FRANKLIN—Will dated 15 Aug 1910

Desires that Dr. **G. M. Savage**, "our beloved pastor and devoted friend," conduct his funeral and be given a liberal remuneration for his services. Names wife, **Florrie B. Franklin**, sole beneficiary of his entire personal property, consisting of one typewriter, a few household goods and all certificates of cash and bank deposits which he may possess at his death. [Does not own any real estate.] She is to come into immediate possession of his personal property, and after settlement of all his obligations, the remainder is to go to her as remuneration for her loving and tender devotion to him in sickness and in health. [Signed by **H. D. Franklin**; no executor, no witnesses.]

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BETHIAH DEUDONA (B. D.) JONES WHEATLY—Will dated 2 May 1912

To heirs, **Christopher P. Jones**, **Malinda M. Shirly**, **James B. Jones**, **W. R. Jones**, **Margaret E. McNatt**, **Sammie T. Jones**, **Sary Ann Tackett**, **E. H. Jones**, **Miles A. Jones** and **Eliza J. R. Smith**: his property is to be equally divided among them with exception of **Samuel T. Jones**, son of **James B. Jones**, who is to have equal share with each one of **E. H. Jones'** three heirs.

Executors--brothers, W. R. and Miles A. Jones. Witnesses: A. E. Jones, H. B. Jones, H. E. Jones.

W. O. WARDLOW of Henderson—Will dated 29 May 1913

To his mother, four sisters and one brother [not named]: equal share in all his property, consisting of real estate, money and notes to **R. Y. Wardlow**: \$1,000 of stock in Hamburg Consolidated Mercantile Company.

Executor--brother-in-law, W. H. Pratt. Witnesses: J. M. McCorkle, C. M. Williams.



Coffee County Deeds

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Deed of Trust dated 17 Mar 1837: **Kinchin Mathews** and **Nancy Mathews** owe **Stephen Winton** two notes totaling \$1,643.45—one for \$1,000 and one for \$643.45—each dated 10 Mar 1837 and due 15 Mar 1837. **Winton** is willing to wait three months longer if his debt and interest are secured. To give him assurance that his money will be paid by end of three months, **Kinchin** and **Nancy Mathews** for consideration of \$1 paid them by **Thomas A. Brown**, convey to **Brown** six negro slaves—namely, **Robert**, one boy, **Jimmy**, one girl, **Bellda**, one boy, **Robert**, one boy, **Jefferson** and one boy, **Christopher**. If both notes and all lawful interest are not paid off by end of three months, **Brown** is to advertise sale for 20 days in newspaper printed at **McMinnville** and sell slaves to highest bidder for cash. However, if notes are paid by due date, deed is to have no effect. Witnesses: **John Bell**, **Alexander Coulson**. Deed of trust proved by witnesses before **Daniel McLean**, Coffee County court clerk, 20 Mar 1837, recorded 24 May 1837 by **J. A. Brantley**, county register.

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Deed dated 17 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$65, **Henry Powers** conveys to **Gabriel Jones** 50 acres in Coffee County on north fork of Barren Fork of Duck River adjoining southwest corner of original 245-acre survey running east to Duck River and **John Frashure's** line. All appurtenances are included. Witnesses: **William A. Hickerson**, **George Therd (?)**. **Powers** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 20 Mar 1837, recorded 24 May 1837.

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Deed dated 13 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$250, **Henry Powers** conveys to **John Frashure** 168 acres on north Barren Fork of Duck River adjoining east boundary line of **Powers' 245-acre tract**, and corner of 10-acre tract earlier deeded by **Sarah Berry** to **James Lockhard**. All hereditaments and appurtenances included. Witnesses: **Elijah Eathey** and **Permanns Williams**. Witnesses proved deed before county court clerk 13 Mar 1837, recorded 25 May 1837.

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Deed dated 22 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$700, **William S. Watterson** conveys to **Charles Moore** 150 acres in Coffee County District No. 2. Tract begins on south bank of **McBride's Creek** and adjoins **Mrs. McBride's** line, **Mrs. Stephens' line**, **Stephens** and **Watterson's** corner. It includes all land formerly owned by **Samuel Hannah** on south side of creek. Witnesses: **J. A. Brantley**, **Robert S. Rayburn** and **W. P. Harris**. Deed proved by **Rayburn** and **Harris** before county clerk 1st May 1837, recorded 26 May 1837.

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Deed dated 2 Jul 1836: For consideration of \$300, **Jane Dial** sells to **William Wilson** all of her right, title, claim and interest in estate of **James Wilson**, deceased. Real estate and personal property at this time is somewhat uncertain because of litigation pending in Chancery Court at **McMinnville**. Witnesses **Jonathan Wooton** and **Abram Wilson** proved deed before county court clerk ___ March 1837, and it was recorded 27 May 1837.

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Deed dated 24 Apr 1837: **Moses Matthews**, late of Coffee County, executed deed of trust to **Charles Coulson** of Warren Co., Tenn., to secure payment of \$867.04 with interest within four months. If debt not paid, **Coulson** to advertise and sell **Matthews' land** at public auction. **Matthews** failed to pay debt within specified time and **Coulson** on 4 Mar 1837 sold **Matthews' land** at courthouse in **Manchester** for \$1,145 to highest bidder, **Alexander Powell** of Coffee County. Land includes 320-acre tract that was conveyed to **David Bird** by **James Sheppard** on 28 Feb 1817. It begins at west boundary of 5,000-acre tract granted to **David Ross** and conveyed by him to **Sheppard**. Also sold by **Coulson** to **Powell** was 60-acre tract conveyed to **Bird** by **Sheppard** on 1 Aug 1823. It begins at southwest corner of 320-acre tract deeded from **Sheppard** to **Bird**, runs east to main road leading from where **A. & G. Hunt** formerly kept a store, to **Dial's Mills**, then to land where **Langston & John Cunningham** now live and to **Enoch Dial's 100-acre tract**. Deed acknowledged by **Coulson** before Coffee County clerk 23 May 1837, recorded 28 May 1837.

Deed dated 24 May 1837: For \$50 consideration, **Henderson Yoakum** conveys to **Dahney Ewell** two tracts in Coffee County described in grants from state of Tennessee to **Edward Hodges**. Grant No. 11243 is for 75 acres, and Grant No. 11229 is for 25 acres. **Yoakum** reserves 12½-acre rectangle on northeast part of second tract. **Yoakum** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 24 May 1837, and it was recorded 31 May 1837.

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Deed dated 1 May 1837: For \$75 consideration, **John W. Camden** conveys to **Elbridge J. Hollins** lot adjoining town of Hillsboro in Coffee County. It begins at southeast corner of lot sold by **Camden** to **Joseph Brattion** and adjoins Esq. **Jenkins'** line and Stage Road. **Camden** acknowledged deed before county court clerk 24 May 1837, and it was recorded 1 June 1837.

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Deed dated 31 Dec 1832: For \$75 consideration, **W. H. Murray** of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys to **William Daniel** of Bedford Co., Tenn., 200-acre tract in Bedford County. Tract begins at line dividing Bedford and Franklin counties, crosses Copperas Cave branch, then Gatewood branch. Thirty acres held by older grant against **Murray** are deducted from the 200 acres. Witnesses: **James H. Daniel**, **F. S. Worley** and **L. Donnell**. Deed proved by **Worley** and **Donnell** before Coffee County court clerk 25 May 1837, recorded 10 Jul 1837.

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Deed dated 12 Dec 1833: For \$250 consideration, **Andrew Paul** of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys to **Josiah Berry** of same county 71-acre tract in Franklin County on north fork of Barren Fork of Duck River. Tract begins on south line of 200-acre survey in name of **John Bradshaw** that is now owned by **Henry Powers**; runs south to north boundary of 5,000-acre survey in names of **John Gray** and **Thomas Blunt**; crosses small branch and north fork of Barren Fork and runs back to beginning. The 71 acres, originally granted to **George Dougherty** on 10 Sep 1808, was then thought to be in Warren County but has since been ascertained to be in Franklin County. Witnesses: **G. Jones**, **W. H. Murray**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County clerk 26 May 1837, recorded 10 Jul 1837.

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Bill of Sale dated 3 June 1835: For consideration of \$200, **Kinchin Matthews** of Warren Co., Tenn., sells to **Claburn Harp** of same place, **Esther**, a negro girl five years of age. Witnesses: **Alexander Harp**, **Henry Moody**. Bill of sale acknowledged by **Matthews** before Coffee County court clerk 26 May 1837, recorded 10 Jul 1837.

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Deed dated 12 Jan 1837: For \$135 consideration, **John F. Mason** conveys 45-acre tract in Coffee County to **Obadiah Templeton**. Tract adjoins lands of **Lewes Harrell**, **Thomas Brown**, and **William Con**. Witnesses: **Henry R. Green**, **James Mason**. Deed acknowledged by **John F. Mason** before Coffee County clerk 29 May 1837, recorded 10 Jul 1837.

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Deed dated 16 Sep 1836: For \$135 consideration, **Rebecca Brookshire** and heirs of **Thomas Brookshire**, deceased, of Coffee County, convey to **John F. Mason** 45-acre tract in Coffee County, bounded by land of **Lewes Harrell**, **Thomas Brown** and **William Con**. Deed is signed by **Rebecca Brookshire** [her mark], **Alfred Jacobs**, **Christopher Hoover** and **William Brookshire** [his mark]. Witnesses: **O. B. Templeton**, **Burgess Templeton**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 29 May 1837, recorded 10 Jul 1837.

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Deed dated 26 June 1837: For consideration of \$1,200, **Orphey [Orpha] Guthrie**, **Permelia Payne**, **Jedediah Payne** and **Berry Payne**, heirs of **Thomas Payne**, deceased, of Coffee County, convey to **John W. Camden** 252½ acres in Franklin Co., Tenn., on upper Bean's Creek of Elk River. Tract begins on east bank of creek at **Joseph Evant**'s corner and runs to **James Cunningham**'s line. Witnesses: **John Herriford**, **R. R. Price**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 11 Jul 1837, recorded same date.

Deed dated 9 Jan 1837: For \$150 consideration, **Benjamin T. Hollins** conveys to **Benjamin O. Nevill** Lot No. 25 in town of Hillsboro, Coffee County. Lot containing one-fourth acre begins on Stage Road at southeast corner of Lot No. 24, belonging to **John W. Camden** and runs to northeast corner of Lot No. 26, belonging to **William Morrow**, and on which his smith's shop is now situated. Witnesses: **John Herriford**, **Michael Stevens**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 4 Aug 1837, recorded 18 Aug 1837.

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Deed dated 27 Apr 1836: For \$50 consideration, **Thomas L. D. W. Shaw** conveys to **Thomas B. Moseley** 100 acres in Coffee County (formerly Bedford) on headwaters of Barren Fork of Duck River. Tract begins on north bank at branch, crossing 1500-acre survey and grant to Shaw and his brothers, and meanders to boundary line of 50 acres entered by **Joel H. Webster**, but, now owned by **P. Shaw**, then runs to Stuart's Creek and the Hunting Camp Spring. Witnesses: **William Norton**, **A. B. Routon** and **D. M. Ragsdale**. Deed proved by Norton and Ragsdale before Coffee County court clerk 29 Jul 1837, recorded 18 Aug 1837.

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Deed dated 18 Mar 1837: For \$91 consideration, **Richard Messick, Sen.**, conveys to **Isaiah Parker** 21 acres in Coffee County on waters of Barren Fork of Duck River. Tract is on west side of river and includes Big Spring. All improvements and appurtenances included. Witnesses: **Hannibal Perry**, **Isaac Cole**. Deed acknowledged by Messick before Coffee County court clerk 7 Aug 1837, recorded 21 Aug 1837.

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Deed dated 30 Mar 1837: For \$5 consideration, **Joseph Henry** conveys to **John Tarwater** one acre of land in Coffee County on waters of Bradley Creek of Elk River. Land is situated between Tarwater's dwelling and **William Charles'**. Witnesses: **George W. Richardson**, **Michael Stephens**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 15 Aug 1837, recorded 29 Aug 1837.

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Deed of Trust dated 1 Aug 1837: **Kinchen Matthews** owes **William M. Douglass** \$80 note dated 29 Jul and due 31st. **Douglass** is willing to wait four months longer if his debt is secured by deed of trust. To secure debt, **Matthews**, for consideration of \$1, conveys to **William Jones** a 7-year old sorrel mare and an 8-year old sorrel mare with a blaze face. If note is paid by due date, deed to be void. If not paid, Jones is to advertise and sell both mares at public auction to highest bidder and pay off note and interest. Witnesses: **Reuben Carden**, **Pleasant Jones**. Deed proved by witnesses before Coffee County court clerk 30 Aug 1837, recorded same date.

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Deed of Trust dated 4 Sep 1837: **John H. Clack**, for \$28 and other considerations, conveys to **Price & McFarland** one set of blacksmith tools, two beds and furniture, one chest and candle stand, one cupboard, one large kettle, half dozen chairs, one oven, two skillets, and four dollars' worth of crockery ware, all in Coffee County District No. 7. This deed of trust is to secure payment of \$28 account Clack owes Price & McFarland. Deed to be void if Clack pays debt by agreed time. If debt not paid, trustees, after giving 90 days notice, are to sell items at auction at courthouse and pay off debt and expenses. Any balance to be paid to Clack. Witnesses: **A. Rayburn**, **A. Downing**. Clack acknowledged deed before Coffee County court clerk 4 Sep 1837; recorded same date.

Deed dated 15 Mar 1837: For consideration of \$540, **John Epley** conveys to **John Brewer** 147½ acres with appurtenances in Coffee and Cannon counties on waters of Barren Fork of Collins' River. Acreage adjoins 25-acre tract belonging to **Thomas Howerton**, east boundary of Darnell's 200 acres and northwest corner of Darnell's 50 acres. Witnesses: **William Cunningham**, **Jonathan Taylor**. Deed acknowledged by Epley before Coffee County court clerk 7 Aug 1837, recorded 6 Sep 1837.

Deed dated 25 Apr 1837: For consideration of \$460, **Jonathan Webster** conveys to **Moses Hart** 200 acres in Coffee County on waters of Noah's Fork of Duck River. Tract begins on east side of branch running from **Goldman Green's** spring and from **Thomas Bell's**, meanders to Maple Spring, to high blough [bluff], to ridge immediately east of **Green's** house and point where **William Lasiter** now lives. It then runs north along extreme height of ridge to **Philomon Keele's** line, to south boundary of **Shaw's** 5,000-acre tract, west boundary of **Teel's** land, southeast corner of 60-acre survey in **Joel H. Webster's** name, west to corner of 50-acre grant (No. 13755) in name of **Jonathan Webster**, south to **Bell's** north boundary, to corner of 100 acres granted **John Patrick**, and back to beginning. **Hart** has agreed that **Jonathan Webster** is to cut and take from described lands any wood or timber he may think proper for support of farm where **Green** now lives. **Jonathan Webster** reserves for himself a spring, west of first named branch where **James McClouse** formerly lived (now called Locust Spring), with one square pole of land around it with privilege of a path to the spring. Witnesses: **G. Green**, **Sanford R. Shocklee**. Deed acknowledged by **Jonathan Webster** before Coffee County court clerk 7 Aug 1837, recorded 6 Sep 1837.

Deed dated 18 Jan 1837: For \$100 consideration, **Jonathan Webster** conveys to **Nathan W. Perry** 100 acres in Coffee County on waters of Nall's Creek, a branch of Noah's Fork of Duck River. Land granted **Webster** by the state of Tennessee on 10 Oct 1836 is on southwest bank of creek and is supposed to be in south boundary of land belonging to heirs of **Moses Sailors**, deceased. It is understood by **Webster** and **Perry** that all lands and improvements belonging to **Sailors's** heirs shall be deducted from this acreage, and any amount deducted by claims of said heirs shall be given by **Webster** to **Perry** from northern boundary so as to make complete 100 acres. Witnesses: **Joel H. Webster**, **Jonathan S. Webster**. Deed acknowledged by **Jonathan Webster** before Coffee County court clerk 7 Aug 1837, recorded 6 Sep 1837.

Bond dated 18 Jan 1836: **Thomas A. Brown** and wife **Mary** of Warren Co., Tenn., are bound to **Wm. M. Douglass** in penal sum of \$2,400. Condition of this obligation is that **Wm. M.** has purchased for \$1,200 **Thomas** and **Mary's** interest which they as heirs are entitled to in landed estate of **William Douglass**, deceased. **Wm. M.** has paid \$300 of purchase price in cash and remaining \$900 is payable 1 Jan 1837. The **Browns** have agreed to make quit claim title to their undivided interest in these lands and also to distribute share they have in all personal property and real estate in Christian Co., Ky. and Warren Co., Tenn., coming from **Bartholomew Wood**, deceased. They also agreed to make quit claim deed for their share of **Wood's** estate for above consideration. Chancery Court suit is pending in McMinnville for tract on which **Elizabeth Douglass** now resides with heirs of **William Douglass**, deceased, and **Thomas Hopkins**. **Wm. M.** also agrees to pay **Brown's** share of one other 13-acre tract. Witnesses: **Albert F. Hopkins**, **William B. Hopkins**. At Coffee County Court, August Term 1837, witness **Albert F. Hopkins** swore he witnessed the **Browns's** signing of bond and also attested to handwriting of witness **William B. Hopkins**. Bond recorded 7 Sep 1837.

Bond dated 12 Dec 1836: **Wm. M. Douglass**, **Benjamin Douglass** and **Marial Doyle**, guardian for children of **John Douglass**, deceased, are firmly bound to each other in sum of \$5,000. Condition of obligation is that **Wm. M.**, having **Browns's** share, and **Marial Doyle**, guardian for **John Douglass's** heirs, and **Benjamin Douglass**, all heirs-at-law of **William Douglass**, deceased, have mutually agreed to let court-appointed commissioners, **John W. Camden**, **Moses Guest**, **Nimrod Dotson** and **John Lusk** make final decision among heirs in landed estate of **William Douglass**, deceased, leaving out widow's dower. If either of heirs desists from decision, bond to be void. Witnesses **John W. Camden** and **Nimrod Dotson** proved bond in Coffee County Court, 7th Aug 1837, recorded 7 Sep 1837. Commissioners on 13 Dec 1836 reported total valuation of \$968 for 205-acre tract where **Wm. M. Douglass** now lives and 47-acre tract where **James McBride** did reside. An \$896 valuation was given tract where **Thomas A. Brown** now lives, it being his share, and making in all \$1,864 as **Brown's** and **Douglass's** share, with \$198 balance to come from **Benjamin Douglass** to **Wm. M. Douglass** on both shares. Combined \$760 valuation was placed on 136-acre tract where heirs of **John Douglass**, deceased, reside and on 43 acres opposite **Boyd's Grocery** on west side of Stage Road. Balance of \$271 to come from **Benjamin** to said heirs. Tract on Stage Road where **Elizabeth Douglass** and **Benjamin Douglass** now reside, valuation to **Benjamin**; 212½-acre tract valued at \$1,500. Recorded in Coffee County Court 7 Sep 1837.

Shelby County Deeds of The Early 1840's

Transcribed by Jean Alexander West from Microfilm of Book O, Installment 3

Page 72, Deed dated 27 Apr 1842: For consideration of \$300, **John C. McLemore** conveys to **John H. Carr**, of Kentucky, Lot No. 23 in Square No. 55 on plat of town of Fort Pickering. Lot fronts 30 feet on Walker and runs back 177½ feet to 15-foot alley. Witnesses: **C. Baumgartner**, **John C. McLemore, Jr.** Deed acknowledged by **McLemore, Sr.** before county court clerk 27 Apr 1842, recorded 19 May 1843.

Page 73, Deed dated 26 Apr 1842: For consideration of \$1,275, LaGrange & Memphis Railroad conveys to **Anderson B. Carr**, Lots No. 1, 2 and 12 in town of Fort Pickering. Lots No. 1 and 2 are in Square 11 of town plat, and each is 24 feet wide by 100 feet deep. Lot 1 corners on Broadway and Third Streets. Lot No. 12 in Square 6 is 25 feet wide by 116½ feet deep and fronts on Alabama Street. Deed, signed by **Eastin Morris**, as president of railroad, witnessed by **J. M. Walker** and **John C. McLemore, Jr.** Deed acknowledged by **Morris** 26 Apr 1842, recorded 18 May 1843.

Pages 74-75, Deed of trust dated 6 May 1843: For consideration of \$305, **Anderson B. Carr** conveys to **W. A. Bickford** part of Lot No. 124 in town of Memphis with appurtenances. To secure payment, **Bickford** executed several notes to **Carr** for \$61 each and one for \$1,218.24, due with interest at Farmers and Merchants Bank in 12, 18, 24, 30 and 6 months. To further secure payment of purchase money with interest, **Bickford**, for consideration of \$5, conveys above property to **George W. Winchester**, in case of default or failure of payments. In that event, **Winchester**, after giving one month's notice, may sell property to highest bidder at public auction, execute deed and pay debts. Any surplus remaining after payment of costs and expenses is to go to **Bickford** or his representative. If notes are paid by due date, this trust power is null and void. Witnesses: **M. B. Winchester**, **J. W. Fowler**. Trust deed acknowledged by **Bickford** 13 May 1843, recorded 18 May 1843.

Pages 75-76, Deed of trust dated 17 May 1843: For consideration of \$5 and two cows, one horse, one cart and harness, two yokes of oxen and one wagon, **John Dalzell** conveys to **John Todd** his title to negro man, **Pompey**, whom he hired until 1st Jan 1844 from **W. W. Whitsitt**, agent for **Sanbourne**. Also conveyed is his interest in negro boy, **Hanny**, and negro girl, ____, [name not filled in] hired until 1st Jan from **H. Alexander**; also three feather beds, bedsteads and bedding, ten chairs, two tables, two ovens, two pots and two skillets. **Dalzell** makes deed to secure payment of following debts he owes: \$150 note to **W. Wiley**, dated 16 May 1843, and payable one day after date; \$55 to **Carter and Crawford**; \$130 to **W. W. Whitsitt**, agent for **Sanbourne**, with **N. G. Curtis** and **M. Leonard**, securities, due and payable 1st Jan next; \$60 note to **E. F. Watkins**, agent for ____, [first name not given] **Vaughan**, due 1st Jan next with **J. S. Curtis** security; \$89 note to **H. Alexander** due 1st Jan next with **W. Speckinegle** security. If above debts are paid within 30 days and others on due date, this deed to be null and void. In case of default, **John Todd** is to advertise and sell above property to highest bidder for cash. Any surplus after payment of debts and expenses is to go to **Dalzell**. Witnesses: **L. P. Hardaway**, **J. S. Curtis**. Trust deed acknowledged by **Dalzell** 18 May 1843, recorded same day.

Pages 76-77, Deed of Gift dated 17 Jan 1843: For love and affection, **George H. Wyatt** conveys to his cousin, **Martha T. Boothe**, daughter of **Thomas Boothe**, the following four negro slaves: **Adeline**, aged about 40 years; **Nancy**, aged about eight years; **Bob**, aged about six years; and **William**, aged about two and one-half years. Also gives her a carriage, harness and two horses which he purchased at sale of **Thomas Boothe's** property. Deed acknowledged by **Wyatt** before **Jarman Koonce**, Fayette Co., Tenn., court clerk on 17 Jan 1843; recorded 21 Jan 1843 in Fayette County by **S. H. Walker**, register, and in Shelby County on 20 May 1843 by **W. L. DeWoody**, deputy register, on behalf of **W. P. Reaves**, register.

Page 77, Deed of gift dated 17 Jan 1843: For love and affection, **George H. Wyatt** conveys to his cousin, **Arabella J. Maclin**, wife of **Sackfield Maclin**, Esq., for her sole and separate use, the following six negro slaves: **Simon**, aged about 40 years; **Ralph**, aged about 25 years; **Emily**, aged about 20 years; and **Emily's** three children—**William**, **Joe** and **Litton**. Also gives **Arabella** four beds and their furniture; four tables, two bureaus, one sideboard, two dozen chairs, two carpets, five looking glasses, with all other furniture he purchased at several execution sales of **Thomas Boothe's** property. Wyatt states that property conveyed shall not be subject to control of or liable to debts, contracts and engagements of **Sackfield Maclin** but be held for maintenance and support of **Arabella** and her family. Deed acknowledged by Wyatt before **Jarman Koonce**, Fayette Co., Tenn. court clerk, on 17 Jan 1843; recorded 21 Jan 1843 in Fayette County by **S. H. Walker**, register; and in Shelby County on 20 May 1843 by **W. L. DeWoody**, deputy register, on behalf of **W. P. Reaves**, register.

Pages 78 -79, Power of Attorney dated 3 Apr 1843: **Charles Manly**, of Raleigh, Wake Co., N.C., appoints **William Battle** of Shelby Co., Tenn., his lawful attorney to sell in whole or in part 1,000-acre parcel of land founded as Military Warrant No. 462 in District 11, Range 5, and Section 4, Grant No. 18650, Entry No. 664 on north side of Loosahatchie River. Property adjoins **M. B. P. McNairy**, and **Butler and Phillips'** southwest corner. Witnesses: **Jos. T. Marriott**, **S. Whittaker**. Power of attorney proved before Judge **Matthias E. Manly** of North Carolina Superior Court of Law & Equity, Wake Co., N.C., on 7 Apr 1843, and certified by **Richard P. Finch**, Superior Court Clerk, on same date. Recorded in Shelby County, Tenn., 20 May 1843.

Pages 79-80, Deed dated 11 Nov 1832: For consideration of \$105, **James J. Carriger** (one of heirs of **Godfrey Carriger, Jr.**, deceased) of Carter Co., Tenn., conveys to **John R. Carriger** of same county, one-tenth of 640-acre parcel of land in Shelby County. Land is on north side of Loosahatchie River, Range 4, Section 4 and was originally granted to **Godfrey Carriger, Jr.**, by Grant 17194 dated 3 Jan 1822. Witnesses: **Christian Carriger**, **Daniel S. Carriger**. Deed acknowledged 11 Aug 1834 by **James Carriger** before **George Williams**, clerk of Carter County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. Certified and recorded 20 May 1843 in Shelby Co., Tenn.

Page 80-81, Deed dated Dec 1842: For consideration of \$600, **Cesario Bias** and **Isaac W. Moon** convey to **Seth Wheatley** part of original lot No. 501 as laid out on plat of Shelby County. Land adjoins town of Memphis and is situated between Poplar Street Extended and Overton's new avenue (33 feet wide), being continuation of Adams Street. It adjoins **John D. Graham's** plan of eight country lots laid off on south side of Poplar St. Extended on 23 Jan 1835, and contains 2¾ acres. Witnesses: **Jephtha Harrison**, **Thomas H. Allen**. Deed proved by witnesses before deputy county court clerk 20 Apr 1843, recorded 22 May 1843.

Page 81-82, Deed dated 20 May 1843: For consideration of \$3,000, **George G. Allen** conveys to **William M. Irwin** 640 and 56/100ths acres situated in Shelby Co., Tenn. and in DeSoto Co., Miss., lying in Section 13, Township 1, Range 9 West. Parcel is part of land **Allen** was entitled to out of lands ceded by Chickasaw Nation to U.S. by treaty concluded at Pontotoc on 20 Oct 1832 and entered as No. 1162 on abstract of reservations under 5th Article of Treaty of 24 May 1834. Witnesses: **B. Barker**, **J. R. Irwin**, **Sam'l L. Irwin**. Proved by witnesses 22 May 1843 before Shelby County court clerk, recorded same day.

Page 83-84, Deed dated 22 May 1843: For consideration of \$600, **John S. Claybrook**, acting executor of last will and testament of **John Overton**, deceased, and by virtue of power of attorney vested in him by **Overton's** will and by virtue of power and authority vested in him by decree of Chancery Court for Western Division of Tennessee sitting at Franklin in Williamson County, conveys 10 acres to **Charles A. Leath**. Property adjoins southwest corner of **James T. Leath's** 60 acres on east side of town reserve on Raleigh Road. Witnesses: **A. J. May**, **D. Park**, **Sam W. Gates**. Deed acknowledged by **Claybrook** before Shelby County court clerk 22 May 1843, recorded 23 May 1843.

Page 84-85, Deed dated 6 Feb 1843: For consideration of \$415, Shelby County Sheriff **D. P. Hardaway** conveys to **Richard D. Starr** lot in town of Memphis beginning 450 feet east of southwest corner of Ragan's Bayou lot, adjoining Adams Street and **John's** line. In June 1842 term of Shelby Circuit Court, **Benjamin Williamson**, executor of **William Hines**, deceased, recovered two judgments—one against **William H. Montgomery**, **John C. Montgomery**, **Lemuel Austin** and **Joseph T. Crawford** for debt of \$288.13 plus costs of \$10.18 and one for \$513.66. Writs of *fiere facias* were received by sheriff on 12 Nov 1842 on sufficient amount of defendants' personal property to satisfy judgments. Sheriff levied writs 8 Dec 1842 on above described lot and, after advertising according to law, offered land for sale at courthouse in Feb 1843. **Richard D. Starr** was highest bidder. Witnesses: **George W. Smith**, **W. M. Darden**. Deed acknowledged by Sheriff **Hardaway** before county court clerk 3 May 1843; recorded 23 May 1843.

Pages 85-86, Deed of Trust dated 16 May 1843: For love and affection for children of **James Abernathy**—namely, **Martha Ann**, **Virginia J.**, **William S.**, **John W.** and **S. H. Abernathy**. **E. J. Eastham** gives following items to **James Abernathy** in trust for his children's sole use and benefit: eight beds, bedsteads, one secretary, bookcase with books totaling about 100 volumes, maps, one chest of drawers, one press, table furniture, two dozen tablespoons, one-half dozen teaspoons, one ladle, two tables, two candlestands and sticks, two dozen chairs, two looking glasses, two carpets, rugs, two pair brass andirons, c. trunks, two cribs, one safe, knives and forks, kitchen furniture, one barouche and harness, two horses, and two cows and one calf. Deed acknowledged by **Eastham** before Shelby County court clerk 23 May 1843; recorded 24 May 1843.

Page 86, Bill of Sale dated 22 May 1843: For sum of \$550 cash, **Frazor Titus** sells to **John O. Greenlaw**, a male slave named **Charles**, aged about 17 years. **Titus** warrants **Charles** to be "sound, healthy, and sensible and a slave for life." Witnesses: **William J. Woods**, **J. H. Lawrence**. Bill of sale acknowledged by **Titus** before Shelby County court clerk 22 May 1843; recorded 24 May 1843.

Page 87, Deed dated 5 Sep 1842: For consideration of \$10,000, **Jeptha Fowlks** and **Jesse J. Finley** of Memphis convey to **Jesse Isler** of Fayette Co., Tenn., residence where **Fowlks** lives and 57 acres. Property is particularly described in deed of conveyance from **Fowlks** to **Finley** dated 16 Jul 1842 and recorded in Shelby County on 21 Jul 1842; it being same estate **Finley** conveyed to **Fowlks** by mortgage deed dated 6 (?) Jul 1842 and recorded in Shelby County. Mortgage is hereby cancelled and fully satisfied and paid off. **Fowlks** and **Finley** acknowledged deed 5 Sep 1842 before Shelby County court clerk and it was recorded same day.

Pages 87-90, Deed dated 17 May 1843: **Frederic P. Stanton**, **Jeptha Fowlks**, **Charles D. McLean** and **Marcus B. Winchester**, as commissioners appointed by court, convey to **Willoughby Williams** of Davidson Co., Tenn. and the **John C. McLemore** lands in Western District. **McLemore** had mortgaged several tracts and parcels to **William Donelson** and others, and Circuit Court for Western District, sitting at Franklin for its Oct 1842 term, ordered mortgage to be foreclosed 4 Feb 1843. After required advertising, court-appointed commissioners (named above) sold property at public sale in town of Fort Pickering. Included in sale were:

(1) Undivided portion of Fort Pickering tract conveyed to **McLemore** in division of State Grant No. 19060 to **John Ramsey** and **John Overton** for 5,000 acres.

(2) **Pillow** division of said grant, being same land bid off by **Williams** at sale 4 Feb 1843 subject to streets, roads and sales that **McLemore** previously laid out and made. Sales were in Fort Pickering tract which begins on bank of Mississippi River in center of Jackson Street, being southwest corner of 208 acres **McLemore** conveyed to LaGrange & Memphis Road Company, runs to center of Bayou Gayoso, meanders to 208-acre tract's east boundary, then to south boundary of **John Overton's** 180-acre allotment from division of grant, then to corner of **Robert Fearn's** 414-acre allotment that now belongs to proprietors of South Memphis, [next line blurred], to northwest corner of 252-acre allotment to heirs of **James Winchester**... to southeast corner of **Pillow** division... to corner of **John Trigg's** line. Excluded are sales made by **McLemore**, tract contains 1,224 acres.

(3) Two thousand acres that are undivided half of 5,000-acre state grant [No. 21781] made to **McLemore** and **Anderson B. Carr** on 12 Jul 1825. Land is on the Mississippi and Loosahatchie Rivers and adjoins **John Rice's** 5,000-acre grant on which town of Memphis is situated.

(4) One thousand acres granted by state of North Carolina to **Thomas Talbot** by Grant No. 386 dated 27 Nov 1793 and conveyed by him to **McLemore**. [It adjoins tract described in preceding paragraph.]

(5) Undivided half of 1,000-acre tract in Shelby County entered in 11th Surveyors District in name of **McLemore** and **Joseph H. Bryan** [Entry No. 215 founded on Warrant No. 934].

(6) **McLemore's** interest estimated at about one-third of 760 acres in Lauderdale County granted by state of Tennessee to **James Ireland**, [? - surname blurred], **Nathan Barrow** and **McLemore** by Grant #21036 on 1st Jan 1826(?) [lines blurred].

Deed acknowledged by Commissioner **Frederic P. Stanton** 18 May 1843 before Fayette Co., Tenn. deputy court clerk, **R. A. Westbrook**, acting for clerk **Jarman Koonce**. Acknowledged by Commissioners **Fowlks**, **McLean** and **Winchester** before **James Rose**, Shelby County deputy clerk, on 24 May 1842. Recorded 26 May 1843.

Pages 91-92, Deed of Trust dated 18 Nov 1842: **Charles Stewart** conveys to **George A. McCall** Lot No. 10, Block 17, in South Memphis, part of county lot No. 491. Deed is made to secure five bonds **Stewart** made to **McCall** on 18 Nov 1842--namely, \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1844; \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1845; \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1846; \$50 bond and \$500 bond, both due 21 Aug 1847. If **Stewart** pays bonds by due date, deed to be null and void--otherwise to remain in full force. Deed of trust acknowledged by **Stewart** in Shelby County court clerk's office 1 Nov 1842; recorded 27 May 1843. **Stewart's** payment of bonds and full discharge of mortgage acknowledged by **Topp & McCall** on 20 Dec 1843. Deed of relinquishment acknowledged by **Robertson Topp** 20 May 1843. Recorded 27 May 1843.

Pages 92-93, Deed of Trust dated 20 May 1843: **Charles Stewart** conveys to **George A. McCall** Lot No. 94 fronting 24 feet and 9 inches on Promenade and 66 feet on north side of Union Street, on which is a brick storehouse. Deed made to secure five bonds **Stewart** made to **McCall** on 18 Nov 1842--namely, \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1844; \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1845; \$50 bond due 21 Aug 1846; \$50 bond and \$500 bond, both due 21 Aug 1847. If **Stewart** pays bonds by due date, deed to be null and void--otherwise to remain in full force. **Stewart** acknowledged deed of trust in Shelby County clerk's office 20 May 1843 and it was recorded 27 May 1843.

Pages 93-95, Deed of Trust dated 24 May 1843: **Thomas R. Herron**, of Shelby County, conveys to **Andrew H. Herron** and **Levi Lorance**, both of Shelby Co., **Joel E. Wynn**, of Marshall Co., Miss. and **William G. Wynn** of DeSoto Co., Miss.; negro boy, **Willis**, about 20 years of age, the woman, **Anna**, about 40, the girl, **Phillis**, about 12 or 13, the boy, **Isham**, about 8; about 20 beds, bedsteads and furniture, together with all other household and kitchen furniture now belonging to **Thomas R. Herron**, and one gray horse and a bay filly. **Andrew Herron** and **Levi Lorance** are bound as accommodating endorsers for **Thomas Herron** on \$312 bill of exchange he drew 8 Jul 1842 on **Frierson Dale & Co.** which is due 11 Jan 1843. **Joel** and **William Wynn** are bound as accommodating endorsers for **Thomas Herron** on two bills of exchange--one for \$280 due 7 Jan 1843 and other for \$800 due 4 Jan 1843. Farmers and Merchants Bank of Memphis now owns the three bills of exchange. To secure payment, **Herron** conveys above named property to his endorsers. Deed to be null and void if bills paid by due date. **Ulyssis Roy** named trustee to secure payment of certain debts in deed of trust to **James Green**. Deed acknowledged by **Thomas Herron** before county court clerk 26 May 1843 and recorded 29 May 1843.



TENNESSEE CONNECTIONS IN "REMINISCENCES OF PUBLIC MEN IN ALABAMA THIRTY YEARS"

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The reminiscence book was written by **William Garrett**, late Secretary of State, for Alabama, and published in 1872. Many of the early legislators and state officials of Alabama originated or had connections in Tennessee. The following are excerpts from the book:

"**Jesse Beene** was a Tennessean and came to the state of Alabama early in its history, settling in Cahaba--elected to the House from Dallas [County]--then the Senate--delegate Democratic Convention in 1839--."

"**Gen. George W. Crabb** was also a Tennessean and brother of Judge **Henry Crabb**, who so long adorned the bench of the Supreme Court of that state--removing to Alabama when young--he settled Tuscaloosa--elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate--Comptroller of Public Accounts--elected to Congress--died 1847--."

"**James B. Wallace** likewise came from Tennessee to Alabama and settled in Lawrence County--Judge of the County Court--elected to the Senate--Clerk of the Supreme Court--1853--died suddenly--."

"**Samuel B. Boyd**--was a Tennessean--contested election in Sumter County in 1839--Mr. Boyd held Sheriff's certificate of election upon a majority of seven votes--committee, reported in favor of Mr. Payne--minority report opposing--Senate voted seat vacant--Mr. Boyd defeated by four votes in next election--in 1846 he returned to his old home in Knoxville, East Tennessee--elected Judge of the Circuit Court--."

"**John D. Phelan**--represented Madison County, 1833-1839--elected a Representative in the Legislature, from Tuscaloosa County--chosen Speaker of the House--1841 appointed Circuit Judge--Judge Phelan now connected with the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.--his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Phelan, was a daughter of Gen. Thomas K. Harris, sometime member of Congress, from the Sparta District of Tennessee, and granddaughter, on the mother's side, of Rev. John Moore, one of Bishop Asbury's earliest ordained Methodist preachers in Virginia, who died at venerable age of ninety-two years in Limestone County, Alabama--."

"**William P. Chilton** is a native of Kentucky, brother of the Hon. Thomas Chilton, who was a Representative in Congress from that state in 1827--Mr. W.P. Chilton settled in Talladega--was elected as a Whig--1848--elected a Judge of the Supreme Court--married to Miss Mary Morgan, the accomplished daughter of Mr. George Morgan--citizen then of Athens, Tennessee--."

"**Matthew W. Lindsay** came from Tennessee and was a Representative from Morgan County in 1835, 1836 and 1838. He married a daughter of Constantine Perkins--he afterwards removed to Aberdeen, Mississippi, where he died--."

"**William Garrett** was born in East Tennessee--his father, William Garrett, Sr., his father, who was for thirty-three years Clerk of the County Court of Cocke County--in January 1833, he came to Alabama and settled in Benton county--elected Principal Clerk of the House--elected Secretary of State--."

"**Samuel Gordon Frierson**, Treasurer, was born in Tennessee and came in early life with his father, who settled in Tuscaloosa County--1840, when he was elected State Treasurer--."

"**Jefferson C. Van Dyke** was also a native of Tennessee and settled in Dallas County--in 1828 represented the county in the Legislature--1835 elected Comptroller--"

"**Gideon Blackburn Frierson** was born in Tennessee, and when a boy, accompanied his father to Alabama, who settled in Tuscaloosa County--elected Clerk of the House--1842, he was elected Judge of the County Court of Sumter--Mr. S. G. Frierson, a brother of G. B. Frierson--**Rufus K. Anderson**, Esq., formerly of Tennessee, resided in Pickens and was Senator in the Legislature from 1829 to 1833--he had previously killed his own brother-in-law, Thomas P. Taul, of Franklin County, Tennessee--defended by Col. Felix Grundy--acquittal by the jury--it was reported he had beaten one of his slaves to death in his barn--among those who looked in for discovery was Mr. Frierson--when Mr. Anderson was informed--he declared vengeance and set out in pursuit of Mr. Frierson to take his life--Mr. Frierson held his ground--Anderson picked up a chair--Mr. Frierson struck a blow with his gun which shattered the chair--and came down upon the head of Anderson--he fell to the ground and died in a few minutes--thus the bloody encounter terminated, fatally to the aggressor and much to the relief of the community--no steps were taken against Mr. Frierson for the homicide--."

"Felix Grundy McConnell was a Tennessean by birth and settled in Talladega, as a lawyer, about 1834—in 1836 elected Clerk of the County Court—1838, a Representative—Senator in 1839—in 1842 he was elected a Major-General—1843 Democratic candidate for Congress—1845 re-elected—committed suicide in September 1846—."

"Solomon C. Smith, of De Kalb, came from Tennessee—member of the House—died in 1846—."

"George Hill, of Talladega, came from Tennessee to Alabama when a young man. He served in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson—1831 he was elected to the House—died in January 1867. While a widower, in 1856, he married Miss **Caroline M. Henry**, sister of **George G. Henry**, of Mobile—."

"William M. Inge was a Representative in Congress from Tennessee in 1833-35, and after the expiration of his term removed to Sumter County, Alabama—law partner of **Robert H. Smith**, Esq., at Lexington, whose first and second wives were sisters of Col. Inge—represented Sumter Co. in the House—married Miss **Marr**, of Tuscaloosa—Gen. **Crabb** married one of his sisters—brothers were Dr. **Richard Inge** and Major **Francis Inge**, of Greene County—the Inge brothers were born and raised in North Carolina—."

"Benjamin Reynolds, of Franklin County, Alabama, was a member of the Tennessee Legislature in 1827—served in the army under Gen. Jackson—President Jackson appointed Mr. Reynolds, agent of the Chickasaw Indians—he removed to Alabama—elected to the House in 1839—."

"Milton McClanahan, a native of Tennessee—represented Morgan County in the House from 1836 to 1841—served five years in the Senate—removed to Texas—."

"John Steele, of Autauga, was born in Tennessee, and settled in Alabama soon after the formation of the State Government—served in the Legislature several years—."

"John Cochran is a native of East Tennessee and settled in Jacksonville for the practice of law in 1835—in 1837 he was elected a trustee of the University—candidate for the House—in 1839 he was elected—married a daughter of Gen. **William Wellborn** of Eufaula—."

"William H. Musgrove, of Blount—served alternately in Senate and House—he was from Tennessee and removed to Alabama about the time of its admission into the Union—."

"William O. Winston, of De Kalb, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, in the year 1804 and came with his father to Hawkins County, East Tennessee in 1812—removed to Alabama in 1830—served in both branches of the Legislature for fifteen years—."

"Felix G. Norman, of Franklin, was born and educated in Tennessee—represented Franklin for the first time at the session of 1841—."

"Col. Richard B. Walthall, of Perry, was born in Amelia County, Virginia, in 1793. When about eight years of age, he accompanied his father who settled near Franklin, in the Middle District of Tennessee—educated at Cumberland College—removed from Giles County to Alabama in 1819—many years before 1842 in one or the other branches of the Legislature—."

"Isaac H. Erwin, of Mobile, was a native of Tennessee and a son of **Andrew Erwin**, Esq., a prominent citizen of that state, and a brother of **James Erwin**, Esq., of New Orleans, who married a daughter of the Hon. **Henry Clay**—Mr. Erwin married a sister of Col. **Lorenzo James**, of Clarke County—member of the House as early as 1838—."

"John Jackson, of Barbour, a merchant, was somewhat an extraordinary character—he could at any time give rates of exchange between New York and Liverpool, for twenty years, or the dividends of the United States Bank, the amount of Treasury Notes—receipts from customs, from the public lands—and what measure of policy produced a stringency in the money market—what precise form every account presented for settlement at the National Treasury had to pass—could even tell who were the stockholders in the Bank of the United States—what transactions the Government had with the banks—scale of exchange—his mind seemed to be a perfect commercial dictionary—he was well acquainted with political affairs, with the history of leading men from the foundation of the Government—he had doubtless been a spectator for many years—of the proceedings in Congress—Mr. Jackson was at all times ready for the tournament, and ten to one his rival was unhorsed—his hostility to the banking system was openly declared in his speeches and by his vote—after the session of 1842-3, Mr. Jackson did not appear in the Legislature—I believe he was a native of Pennsylvania, [actually Massachusetts]—his life was terminated by a melancholy accident in 1850, or thereabout. He had started with family for Texas, and while crossing the Gulf from Mobile to New Orleans, the steamer on which he had taken passage was burned—he perished in the flames or was drowned

in the sea--." [Mrs. Jackson and all their children but one, escaped and returned to Alabama. Mr. Jackson's great great-grandson, Thurman Jackson, removed from Alabama to Tennessee in the 1940's.]

"William B. Martin, of Benton, was born and educated in Tennessee and is a nephew of Gov. J. L. and Judge Peter Martin. He came to Alabama and settled in Benton County, about the year 1832--first elected to the House in 1838--1847 and in 1849 served in the Senate--resides at Gadsden--."

"James W. McClung, of Madison, was born and raised in East Tennessee--nephew of the Hon. Hugh L. White--he came from Knoxville to Alabama, soon after the State Government was organized--first wife of Col. McClung was a daughter of Gov. D.B. Mitchell, of Georgia--elected a Representative from Madison County, about the year 1830--."

"John Morrisette, of Monroe, was born in Rogersville, East Tennessee, in October, 1793. He enlisted and served throughout the entirety of the War of 1812-15--after the close of the war, he removed to St. Stephens, the seat of the Territorial Government of Alabama--1821 married Miss Frances Gaines, a relative of Gen. E.P. Gaines--first elected a Representative in 1829--more than twenty years connected with the Legislature--."

"James Robinson, of Madison--served only this session as a Representative--resides in Huntsville--he is a Tennessean by birth and education--."

"George W. Stone is a Tennessean by birth and education--and settled in Talladega about 1835--changed residence to Lowndes County--elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court--."

"Abraham Joseph Walker was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, eight miles from Nashville. His ancestors were among the early settlers of the county--graduated at Nashville University in 1838, when in his nineteenth year--in 1841 he obtained license to practice law--soon afterward he came to Alabama--in 1845 he was elected to the House of Representatives--1855, he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court--."

"Hon. John Gayle, a South Carolinian, came to Alabama when a young man--his second daughter, Amelia, married Gen. J. Gorgas, the distinguished Chief of Ordnance of the late Southern Confederacy. He is now Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee--."

"John M. Jarnigan was a son of the Hon. Spencer Jarnigan, a Senator in the Congress from Tennessee, in 1843-47--he left Alabama and joined the expedition to Sonora on the Pacific coast, and was a member of the *paper* cabinet of President Walker--."

"William Graham, of Autauga, was a native of North Carolina, and a brother of Daniel Graham, who was many years Secretary of the State of Tennessee. Mr. Graham was State Treasurer for a period of ten years."

"Matthew J. Turnley came from East Tennessee--settled in Cherokee County--1840 elected Judge of the County Court--afterwards United States Attorney--."

"William M. Byrd, of Marengo, a native of Tennessee--elected 1851--position in the House--removed to Selma--1865--elected to a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court--."

"Gen. Jacob Tipton Bradford, of Talladega, elected in 1853--Senate--was a Tennessean by birth. His family, the Tiptons and Bradfords, held a leading position in the State--born in the vicinity of Morristown and grew up there and in the vicinity of McMinnville. About the year 1830 he married Miss Taul, an accomplished and intelligent lady, daughter of Col. Micah Taul, formerly a member of Congress from Kentucky--one son represents him, the Hon. Taul Bradford--."

"Abram Martin was born and educated in South Carolina, whence he removed to Tennessee and afterward to Alabama--1837 elected Judge of the Circuit Court--."

"William Pinckney Jack, a native of East Tennessee and connected with large family influences, was elected to the House from Franklin County in 1857--."



Gleanings

Mentions of Tennesseans in our exchanges

TEN GENERATIONS of Bossons in America are listed in the *Melting Pot*, Vol. XXVI, #2. The generation that migrated to Tennessee began with Charles Thompson Bosson, second son of William & Susanna Bosson, b. 17 April, 1791, at Roxbury, Mass., d. 25 Nov. 1864, at Murfreesboro, Tn., married Sarah Belle Reid, of Lexington, Ky. He graduated from Harvard College in 1811 and received his law training at America's first law school in Litchfield, Connecticut. James Reid Bosson, the only survivor of eight children born to Charles Thompson Bosson & Sarah Reid Bosson, was born in White Co., Tn., on 17 April 1846, m. 7 October 1868 Amanda Dillon, daughter of Carter Dillon & Caroline (Sparkman) Dillon. She was born 10 February 1848. Edward Everett Bosson, son of James & Amanda, was born 20 June 1871, in Walling, Tn., d. 30 Sept. 1936, in Hot Springs, Ark., m. Lucinda (Bounds) Fisher, 22 November 1896. The next generation, Roy Leothel Bosson, b. 15 September 1911, at Walling, Tn., m. 1st Lottie Lee Richardson and 2nd wife was Eva Elizabeth Rose.

FOLLOWING are former Tennesseans listed in the *Platte Co., Missouri Historical & Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Vol. 56, #3 as *Patrons of the Atlas of Platte Co., Missouri*, when the illustrated *Historical Atlas* was published in 1877 by Edwards Brothers. The names and birthplaces listed are: Mike Harrington, Bedford Co., Tn., W. T. Galbraith, Anderson Co., Tn., Geo. M. Larkin, Hawkins Co., Tn., Dr. Jos. Holt, Greene Co., Tn., J. B. Dean, Warren Co., Tn., C. H. Lamar, Jefferson Co., Tn., Jno. H. Hall, Rutherford Co., Tn., J. K. Lamar, Jefferson Co., Tn., Jas. Pennington Wall, White Co., Tn., A. J. Lovelady, White Co., Tn., Jno. Bigham, Franklin Co., Tn., C. C. Graves, Jackson Co., Tn., Thomas B. Lovelady, White Co., Tn.

THE SAME ISSUE of the *Bulletin* names soldiers from Tennessee in the War of 1812, who lived in Platte County. Listed were: Robert Pierce, b. Greene Co., Tn., 15 May 1795. He married Mary Campbell and came to Platte Co. with the earliest settlers. The family lived near Waldron. Captain William Ussary was born in Tennessee, and married Phoebe Snodderly and came to Platte County, settling near the town of New Market.

THE FAMILY history of John H. Slatton of Tn. & his six Kentucky soldier sons is reported in Vol. 38, # 1, *Of Kentucky Ancestors* was born circa 1812, in Hawkins Co., Tn., m. Matilda___, b. circa 1814, in Tennessee, and died circa 1859. John & Matilda had the following children, all born in Tenn: James, b. circa 1834; William, b. circa 1838; Thomas J., b. circa 1841; Madison, b. circa 1844; John, b. circa 1846; Benjamin Franklin, b. circa 1848; Joshua, b. circa 1849; Mary, b. circa 1852; Emaline/Permella Ella (?), b. circa 1854 & Matilda, b. circa 1858. Slatton's obituary stated his father, also named John H., served as a Captain in the War of 1812, and his grandfather, also named John, fought in the Indian War.

A LITTLE KNOW FACT about the Civil War is that many men from western North Carolina, Tennessee & Virginia either enlisted in the Union Army, were deserters, switched sides, or were captured and forced to serve as Union soldiers. Matthew Bumgarner has written a book entitled *Kirk's Raiders*, with a subtitle *A Notorious Band of Scoundrels and Thieves*. George Kirk, b. 1837, in Greene Co., Tn., was their Captain and the recruiter for Kirk's Raiders. The complete story can be found in *The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly*, Vol. 44, #188. These recruits, some from Tennessee, made up the 2nd & 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry. Typhoid fever was the greatest killer of these men and they were hit hard in the summer of 1864 at the Cumberland Gap and again by the spring of 1865. The Tennessee recruits and their home origins are listed as follows: James Anderson, Hawkins Co.; John L. Bartley, Greene Co.; William H. Bartley, Greene Co.; Samuel Bird, Greene Co.; William H. Boleypaw, Cocke Co.; Marion Bradford, Greene Co.; George W. Brady, Greene Co.; Joseph Brady, Cocke Co.; Marion Brady, Greene Co.; Henry Brown, Carter Co.; Henry R. Buckner, Cocke Co.; Thomas Buckner, Cocke Co.; William H. Buckner, Cocke Co.; Charles Burgan, Greene Co.; Alexander Burkey, Greene Co.; Henry Butler, Jefferson Co.; Newton Canon, Greene Co.; David Coatney, Hawkins Co.; Walter B. Cook, Claiborne Co.; Thomas Crum, Greene Co.; George Daniels, Grainger Co.; John Davis, Cocke Co.; Martin Davis, Greene Co.; William C. Doak, Hamilton Co.; Martin Dyer, Sevier Co.; Tillmond Edmond, Jefferson Co.; John Eleason, Cocke Co.; David A. Ellison, Greene Co.; Alford Fann, Greene Co.; John Ferguson, Anderson Co.; Crisley D. Hagans, Jefferson Co.; Robert F. Haire, Greene Co.; Armstrong Haris, Washington Co.; Andrew Hartman, Greene Co.; Charles A. Hartsell, Washington Co.; Linch Hatfield, Claiborne Co.; James F. Hensley, Greene Co.; Kensley Hensley, Washington Co.; John E. Holden, Greene Co.; Elza Houston, Greene Co.; James Hnff, Cocke Co.; Stephen Hnff, Cocke Co.; William Riley McNew, Greene Co.; James P. Mercer, Greene Co.; John Mercer, Knox Co.; William Miller, Jefferson Co.; Henry Mooneyham, Cocke Co.; James Mooneyham, Cocke Co.; Simon P. Presley, Cocke Co.; Hiram Proffitt, Greene Co.; Andrew M. Reaves, Greene Co.; James S. Reeves, Greene Co.; Green B. Rollins, Greene Co.; George D. Ruble, Greene Co.; John C. Ruble, Greene Co.; Hiram E. Runnion, Washington Co.; Draton Sexton, Greene Co.; John Sexton, Greene Co.; Samuel Sexton, Greene Co.; William Sexton, Greene Co.; John Slagel, Greene Co.; Manon (Marion) Smith, Cocke Co.; George W. Squibb, Washington Co.; Larkin Stanton, Greene Co.; James Thomas, Hancock Co.; James Underwood, Greene Co.; John Underwood, Greene Co.; Thomas Underwood, Greene Co.; Wesley Underwood, Greene Co.; Charles Williams, Claiborne Co.; James Williams, Cocke Co.; William P. Winters, Greene Co.; Polton Woody (Talton), Cocke Co.

TWO MEN named James Lynch have been found to have Tennessee connections according to information contained in *The Backtracker*, Vol. 32, #4 published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. The first James Lynch was born 1780-1786 in Virginia or North Carolina. Sometime before 1804 he married Deborah "Debbie" Jane, maiden name unknown. He and his wife had one daughter who was born in 1817, in Maury County, Tn. This James Lynch migrated to Washington Co., Arkansas. The second James Lynch never went to Ark., but his widow and all but two of their children did. He was born 1794-1800 in Va., possibly the son of Jesse Lynch, and died 1847-1848, in Claiborne Co., Tn., probably buried in Ford's Chapel Cemetery, Claiborne Co., Tn. He married, circa 1816, Phoebe Duncan, daughter of Revolutionary War soldier, Jesse Duncan, and his wife, Hannah Paschall, probably in Russell Co., Va. Phoebe was born 15 Feb 1794, probably in Va. and died after 1870, in Arkansas. Children of James Lynch and Phoebe Dnncan are: Sarah J. Lynch, m. Ransom Cupp; Jesse Wesley Lynch, m. Lavinia Louise Ford, daughter of Rev. George Wasbington & Elizabeth (Cupp) Ford; William C. Lynch, m. (1) Sarah Jane "Sally" Trease, in Jefferson Co., Tn. and, (2) Mary Mahala White, thought to be the daughter of Philemon & Elizabeth (Grissom) White; Nancy Lynch, m. Greenberry Ford in Claiborne Co., Tn.; David Duncan Lynch, m. Nancy Linch, daughter of Joseph Linch, in Claiborne Co., Tn.; John Lynch, m. Elizabeth Kesterson; Phoebe Celia Lynch, m. John Jackson Trease, in Claiborne Co., Tn.; Wilson Lynch, m. in Washington Co., Ar. to Nancy Hansen, b. ca 1835, in Tn.; Abraham Lynch, m. Margaret Jane Hubbard, daughter of Matthew & Susan (Wolfe) Hubbard, in Benton Co., Ar.; Mary Jane Lynch, m. James Horton, son of Isaac & Sarah Horton, in Benton Co., Ar.; Isaac Lynch, m. Sarida Mytilda Mayfield, daughter of William & Nancy (Liggett) Mayfield; and Jacob Lynch, m. Cynthia Ann Hubbard, daughter of Matthew & Susan (Wolfe) Hubbard.

Tennesseans are among the World War I American soldiers buried in Flanders Field, Waregen, Belgium, according to the *Ohio Records & Pioneer Families*, Vol. XLIV, #4. Those listed are: Pvt. William C. Logan, 119th Inf., Leipers Fork, Tn.; Pvt. Fred C. Guth, 119th Inf., Evensville, Tn.; Pvt. 1st Class Thomas E. Kearney, Signal Corp.?[may be Signal Mountain], Tn.; Lt. James Aaron Pigue, 117th Inf., Nashville, Tn., b. 1884.

THE LAUDERDALE Co., Alabama Deed Book A-2, Page 336, shows a bill of sale dated 22 Sept. 1824, in Wayne County, Tn., from Randolph Crenshaw to John Austen, for the sale of "one negro boy, Andrew, for \$400. Said servant is warranted to be 'well in body and mind.' Crenshaw also warrants a good title to the slave." The bill of sale appeared in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 38, #2. The same issue contains the last will & testament of Daniel Meals, dated 11 Sept. 1868, in Carroll Co., Tennessee. The will lists his heirs as: Samuel H. Meals, Rebecca Gaston, Samuel M. (Coffman?), Nancy E., Lewis M. Meals, Sarah A. McGill, Elizabeth L. Pearce and William M. Meals. Samuel M. Coffman and Nancy E. Coffman are to receive the full share of their deceased mothers estate. A codicil to the will dated 15 May 1869 names his sons-in-law, A. H. Gaston and E. T. McGill, as heirs to portions of the estate, and bequeaths his house and lot in the town of Clarksburg to his two sons, S. H. Meals & L. M. Meals.

AN ARTICLE entitled *Missouri Natives in Dallas County, Texas in 1850* published by the *Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal*, Vol. XXIII, #4, lists several individuals whose birthplaces are shown as Tennessee. Among those listed are: Pleasant M. Smith; Manerva Mathews; Mary A. Sprowls; William T. Stewart; Jane Tarnell, wife of William Tarnell and one child, Eliza Tarnell; E. C. Thomas; John Thomas; John & Martha Thompson and their children, Emily Margaret, Cely, & James; Elizabeth Wilson, wife of George Wilson, and their children, Thomas, Joseph, Nancy, Avritia, & Jane; Charles B. Wilson, seven year old son of William B. & Martha Wilson; and John Young.

THE PENSION Application #21771 for W. M. Gardner states he was born in Giles Co., Tn. and had resided in Ellis Co., Tx. since Oct. 1877, according to *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. 26, #4. The article shows his occupation as carpenter, and that he served in Co. K, 11th Tennessee Cavalry. He was 68 years old when he applied. The widow's Application for Pension #30263 lists his wife's name as Mary F. Gardner, 65 years old, born in Giles Co., Tn., and married in Giles Co., Tn., on the 10th day of December 1868. The application shows his full name as William M. Gardner, and that he served about four years under Captain James Rivers, 11th Tennessee Cavalry, with General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

MARRIAGES, Deaths, Legal Notices and Other Matters of Interest from *The Greensboro Patriot* published by *The Guilford Genealogist*, Vol. 30, #4, dated 22 September 1849, lists the marriage in Fayette Co., Tn., on the 21st of August, of Rev. J. A. W. Shelton, of Greensboro, N. C., to Miss M. A. Cross, of Tennessee.

Looking for an Ancestor? Check Patent Medicine Ads.

Endorsements of over-the-counter medicines were commonplace in Tennessee, as well as in other states in the 19th Century, and names and addresses of numerous residents can be found in newspaper ads of the day. Whether they were real or fictional Tennesseans have yet to be proved.

Under the heading "Pouring Oils on the Troubled Waters," an ad by the Drs. Reynolds, claimed their medicinal oil was a sure cure for cancer, eczema, catarrh, fistula, ulcers, piles, or any disease of the skin or mucous membranes. Their ad, which ran in the *Nashville Banner*, in August 1896, claimed they had 1,600 "references" or endorsements, citing of some of their recent cures. Among Tennesseans cited and the diseases "cured" by the Reynolds' oils were:

Mrs. W. E. Baskette, Murfreesboro, Tenn., lupus-both lower limbs

John Conner, Nashville, Tenn., catarrh

Mrs. Ed Wells, Nashville, Tenn., ulcerated hand

Joseph Peach, Franklin, Tenn., fistula

J. M. Dardis, Franklin, Tenn., fistula

J. A. Jenkins, South Pittsburg, Tenn., cancer

Rev. J. L. Cooper, Roakville, Tenn., lupus

Hon. Atha Thomas, Franklin, Tenn., lupus

Mrs. J. S. Brown, Springfield, Tenn., lupus

What it Does

"My children inherit scrofula, but by the help of Hood's Sarsaparilla we have almost entirely eradicated it. Nothing gives an appetite and promotes digestion like this medicine. We have used it in our family for years, and believe it to be the best tonic and blood purifier we can get."

Norah Hughey, Hughey Tennessee
Hood's Pills give strength even while their cathartic qualities are at work.

Easy to take...

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 29 April 1899

Pre-digested oils, described as "the greatest tonic ever compounded," sold for \$1 per bottle. Brown oil, for all skin diseases, was \$1 a jar. Oil suppositories for rectal disease and constipation were priced at 50 cents and \$1 per box; and oil pastiles for female diseases were \$1 per box. Druggists wishing to stock the oil were advised to call or address the Oil Cure Laboratory at 325 Church St., Nashville.

In an ad on the front page of the *Chattanooga Press*, on 13 Jan 1899, and in subsequent issues, Miss Cora Edna Chambers, Jackson, Tenn., claimed to have used Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine for two years. Added Cora, "It is the best medicine I ever used for sick headache and liver complaint. I think one package of it is equal in strength to four of Black Draught." Miss Lizzie Smith, also of Jackson, was another of Dr. Simmons' happy customers. She had used his liver medicine four years and found it "invaluable" for headache, dyspepsia and constipation. In contrast to Miss Chambers, who thought Simmons' potion was four times as strong as Black Draught, Miss Smith believed it was only twice as strong.

In the same issue, Miss Lillie Wood, of Powell's Station, Tenn., confides she used Planters Nubian Tea and that "it did me more good than anything I ever tried." The label on the bottle described the tea as "the finest liver regulator in the world." But, it also was said to cure dyspepsia, constipation and indigestion and "ward off disease during spring and summer months." The tea costs 25 cents a bottle, but samples could be obtained free from the New Spencer Medicine Company in Chattanooga.

- Mrs. **Rose Allison**, Cross Plains, Tenn., was a great believer in **Hood's Sarsaparilla**. She said her little girl had sore eyes for three years ... was nervous and all run down ... and had to stay in a dark room because her eyes were so weak she could not bear the light at all. "We decided to give her **Hood's Sarsaparilla** and **Hood's Pills**," Mrs. **Allison** stated, "and before she finished taking the first bottle, her eyes began to improve. Thanks to **Hood's Sarsaparilla**, she can now see to read and write and do almost any kind of work."
- Another believer in **Hood's Sarsaparilla** was Mrs. **Eliza Moore**, Perilla, Tenn., who credited the medicine with curing a painful sore on her left ankle that was caused by milk leg. "We were told there was not much that could be done for it," she said. But after reading the testimonial of a lady who suffered from the same trouble and had been cured by **Hood's**, Mrs. **Moore** decided to try it herself. "I continued its use until the sore was entirely healed. I am now able to do all my housework." Mrs. **Rindie York**, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., also vouched for the efficacy of **Hood's**, asserting it cured her rheumatism and she had never felt any more symptoms since. Mrs. **V. J. Marshall**, Bedford, Tenn., had been a user of the liver medicine for five years. She wrote, "I suffer with sick headache, drowsiness, biliousness and constipation, and it is the only medicine that will relieve me."
- **Lydia E. Pinkham** not only provided women throughout the country with her magical Vegetable Compound but also offered them the benefits of her wisdom. Among her enthusiastic supporters was Mrs. **Ida Peters**, Milan, Tenn. Mrs. **Peters**, who described herself as "a great sufferer" when she first wrote Mrs. **Pinkham** for advice, (apparently ailing from every ill known to woman), said she followed all of **Lydia's** instructions and now is cured. "I owe my recovery all to Mrs. **Pinkham's** advice and her wonderful remedies."

Dr. **Hoofland's** Celebrated German Bitters, prepared by Dr. **C. M. Jackson**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will effectually cure liver complaint, dyspepsia, jaundice, chronic or nervous debility, diseases of the kidneys and all other diseases arising from a distorted liver or stomach. Testimonies from Tennessee, *West Tennessee Democrat*, 16 May 1855:

Dr. **H. E. Scarborough**, Dover, Tenn., 23 August 1853, says, "I have sold all the German Bitters you have sent me, and if the preparation continues to do as much good as it has done, it will be the best medicine ever sold here."

L. Snodgrass, Sparta, Tenn., 20 August 1853, says "I am pleased to state that your German Bitters has given satisfaction in every person that has used it."

B. T. Hollins, Hillsborough, Tenn., 20 August 1853, says, "I am pleased to state that the German Bitters have given general satisfaction."

Dr. **P. Fatio & Brothers**, Knoxville, Tenn., 9 April 1851, said, "Your Bitters are now selling very fast, and every person that has used it, so far, as we have been able to learn, has been benefited."

J. W. Franklin & Company, Gallatin, Tenn., 30 December 1850, said, "The new firm will want more of your Bitters soon, as one of the partners thinks it is a great medicine."

R. S. Hardy, Bolivar, Tenn., 15 September 1853, said, "There is great demand for your Bitters here—please send another lot soon."





This is a mystery letter from a brother to his sister. It is not signed, however, there are enough names and places mentioned that perhaps someone might benefit from it. This letter was purchased at an Estate Sale, in Arkansas, from the estate of Rev. Isaac B. Day, of Henderson, Tennessee.

Decatur County
Dec 26th, 1868

Dearly Beloved Sister,

Your very welcome letter was received this day-a week ago. I am sorry to hear that little Allie is so afflicted and deeply grieved to hear that your cough is so much worse. I guess you have been exposing yourself too much in bad weather and working a great deal too hard for your little stock of strength, and not taking any medicine or anything to build up and strengthen your self. Wilson's Remedy is good and I have a very high opinion of the Juniper Tar. It cured a man near the Sulphur Springs just a short time ago. And one remedy you need above everything else is the great Tobacco Antidote. I intend to send to New Jersey for a box for you, and if you love your husband or child or me you will take it. It cures Tobacco chewers and smokers and I sincerely hope it will help you to let snuff alone as long as life lasts. It is doubtless the cause of your bad health. You can see an account of the Tobacco Antidote in the "Advocate" December 10th, 1868. I have been trying Bennett's great Life Regulator, which is a good thing for the stomach and bowels. It so strengthens the stomach that you can eat anything you wish without any inconvenience whatever. It acts the most gently and naturally on the bowels of any medicine I ever took. I have not had a letter from Leannah in a long time. I heard indirectly that Mr. Parker would have come here in the fall but could not leave Leannah, it being near the time of her confinement. I wish I could hear from them. They are living in Columbia. I had a letter not long since from Mr. Talbot. He seems very anxious for me to take Kittie. But Mr. Coats is not at all willing, and I can only pray for her that the God of the orphan may so order all the events of her life that she may see her errors before it is forever too late. Tell little Allie that his little bell was found in the kitchen cellar. I have put it away for him, and will send it if ever I have a chance. I got disappointed about going to Spring Creek, if I had got that far I should have tried to see you before I came home. I think I should be very thankful if I could live near enough to you to see you every day and I scold you a little and make you take care of yourself and let that poisonous snuff alone and learn to trust the Great and the Good Being above to take good care of sister Mary and her children and all other loved and absent ones and be deeply thankful that you have such a dear good husband and sweet little boy and good little home in such a beautiful world. The state of our souls makes the lovely earth either a Paradise or a Hell.



A Soldier Writes Home from Santiago...

Sgt. Will P. Waters, of Co. H, 20th U. S. Infantry, wrote the following letter home during the Spanish-American War. It was published 8 Aug 1898, in the *Nashville Banner*. Waters was the son of Col. and Mrs. Thomas Waters, formerly of Nashville, and later residents of Greenbrier, Tennessee.

*On the hills over Santiago
July 9, 1898*

My own precious Mother,

Both of your letters were received yesterday. Am so glad to hear from you. I am sick and tired of this horrible warfare in which we are engaged. We had our first fight on the first day of July. We had to assist the 25th Infantry in charging a blockhouse, fort and town (El Caney). It was terrible, as we had been on the go since 3 a.m., June 30, without sleep or anything to eat except raw bacon and hardtack. We were under fire for more than four hours before we got in sight of the real fight. We had to charge through an open field of corn, about knee high, for 400 yards in plain view of the enemy before we got to the foot of the hill. Then we went up that hill in a hurry, for the bullets and shells were flying and bursting all around us. I don't see how we ever got through that field alive, as the Spanish were strongly entrenched, far exceeded us in numbers and had artillery besides. There was scarcely a stalk of that corn left standing. We got everything in sight—their flag, artillery, etc.—and strange to say, my regiment lost only two killed and 15 wounded. May God in his mercy and wisdom see fit to stop this horrible war! I never want to see, or rather, participate in another such. I have seen so many killed and wounded. Three hundred and seventeen of my regiment are sick; and no wonder, as we were going three days and nights with no sleep to amount to anything, wading creeks, etc, and then going into the fight without any rest; and besides, we have no clothes except what we have on, and we are dirty and ragged and barefooted. I had men killed and wounded on both sides of me, but escaped unhurt. Our army has lost, so far, 1,500 killed and wounded. Of course, we don't know how many the Spaniards lost. We have them hemmed in after being under fire three days and nights. Since then we have been laying around here and working all night—building up our entrenchments. We are in plain sight of the enemy. They are on one hill, we on another, and we can hear them working at night and also hear their dogs barking. It only took us one day to run them into Santiago. To do this there were six blockhouses to be taken and about 20,000 Spaniards to fight. They are not cowards, by any means, but they haven't any sense. When we got through our fight and charge at El Caney, my company and three others got orders to charge another blockhouse about 400 yards from the one we had just captured. When we were about to start, our commander was shot through the neck. I think it a special Providence that he was wounded, for it would have been nothing short of murder to have us charge a second time on a day as hot as that, with only 150 men against 1,000 Spaniards protected by a blockhouse. But we would have gone—tired, wet, hungry, ragged and dirty; we were full of fight still. You should have heard us yell when we pulled down the Spanish flag and let our own dearly beloved old banner unfurl itself before their eyes. It seemed as if everyone went crazy all at once. Those colored soldiers of the 25th Infantry went wild with joy. The four regiments of colored troops are heroes to a man. May God bless them. One of them was shot in the head, but when he heard us

yelling, he raised himself up and saw "Old Glory" floating on the breeze; he tried to cheer, too, and the tears ran down his poor, bloody cheeks. First the Spaniards had sharpshooters up in the coconut trees, killing the doctors and nurses under the Red Cross flag, but the Ninth Infantry (colored) were sent after them and they shot and hung about 50 or 60 of them and stopped it. The flag of truce has been up since the 3d, and we are lying here still, waiting. I wish they would surrender, for all of us are sick and tired of this hot country. The very day you wrote about the pastor of our church speaking of me during service, I was down on the beach where the soldiers were unloading the ships. I noticed another group of them and heard someone talking so I went over and saw the old, gray-haired chaplain of the New York preaching. I pulled off my old campaign hat and stood there and heard a splendid sermon. I couldn't keep back the tears when he prayed for "our loved ones at home far across the sea." About 40 of us stood there listening to him with our heads bare in the bright sunshine. On the beach, soldiers were busy at work and high up on the mountainside; we could see others burying the poor fellows who were killed in our last battle. When the chaplain said, "We will sing one stanza of that grand old hymn, 'America,' before the benediction," the few of us who were near him started it and, before it was well begun, it was taken up by everyone in sight or hearing. I wish you could have heard it. The soldiers in the water dropped their burdens; off came every hat, and from the very depths of their brave, loyal hearts came that dear, sweet, old familiar air, "America." I was told that the poor wounded, dying soldiers in the hospital sang their best, regardless of pain. It was just simply grand to see thousands of soldiers standing bareheaded, heels together, heads erect, shoulders thrown well back, singing of that dear homeland of ours for which everyone of us was ready and willing to "do and die" at any time and place. Santiago, Cuba, July 14, 1898--"We have met the enemy and they are ours," for which I sincerely thank God. The Spaniards have surrendered to us at last, but we had to give them some hard old knocks before they did. I am very glad of it, too, as most all my company, including my Captain, are sick with fever. I have had it and it is anything but desirable. I am much better, but my head still swims. We had a pretty hot fight two days ago which lasted several long hours. However, we are on an equal footing this time, as we had worked all night throwing up entrenchments. Our intention was to bombard the city and then charge on it full force. Maybe I wouldn't be writing to you now if we had made the final charge. I have been in all the fighting done yet, and have been lucky, as has been our regiment. I have prayed that I might be faithful and do my duty to my country and to my God. I hope to do so always; but, mother, those shells will make nine out of ten dodge. I despise them. You should hear them whistle. I can see father laugh now. I laughed, too, when I saw the boys dodging, but afterward found I wasn't above it myself. Tell _____ I had to stop writing her before I wanted, as the bullets began to fly all around me and I had to take my gun and go shooting back at them. I tried to make it hot for them--the very idea, trying to keep me from writing to my sweetheart!

Your loving boy,

WILL P. WATERS

Company H, 20th U. S. Infantry





Clifton Lodge No. 54

The regular meetings of Clinton Lodge, No. 54, are held on the first Monday of every month at 6 o'clock, p.m., from October until March and at 7 o'clock p.m., from April until September, and on the anniversary of St. John. The following are its officers for the present year:

T. B. McDowell, W. M.
A. T. Robertson, S. W.
L. B. Adams, J. W.
R. S. Hardy, Sec.
A. Warren, Treasurer
D. I. Wells, S. D.
T. B. Adams, J. D.
W. H. Fewel, T.



Bolivar Chapter No. 34

The regular meetings of the Bolivar Chapter, No. 34, of Royal Arch Masons, are held in Bolivar on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in every month at 7 o'clock, p.m.

The following are the officers for the present year:

G. B. Peters, Most Excellent High Priest
E. C. Crisp, Excellent King
A. T. Robertson, Excellent Scribe
D. I. Wells, Captain of the Host
John H. Bills, Principal Sojourner
T. B. Adams, Royal Arch Captain
T. B. McDowell, Recorder
A. Bright, Treasurer
W. B. Hicks, Master of the First Veil
Alvin Warren, Master of the First Veil
T. B. Adams, Master of the Second Veil
William Nuckolls, Steward
Levin Savage, Chaplain

Bolivar Council No. 16

The regular meetings of Bolivar Council, No. 16, of Royal Arch and Select Masters, are held in Bolivar on the second Monday in the months of March, June and September, at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following are the officers for the present year:

C. B. Peters, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master
E. C. Crisp, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master
D. I. Wells, Principal Conductor of Work
W. C. Harkins, Treasurer
T. B. McDowell, Recorder
W. H. Fewel, Captain of the Guard
R. S. Hardy, Conductor of Council
T. B. Adams, Marshal
Alvin Warren, Steward



Berlin Lodge No. 170

The lodge meets in the town of Berlin on the first Friday of every month, at 10 o'clock a.m., from the first of November to the first of April and at 9 o'clock a.m., from the first of April, until the first of November.

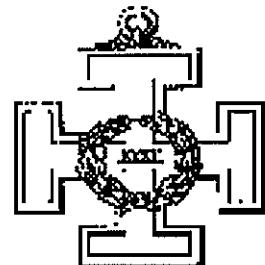
The following are officers for the present year of Berlin Lodge No. 170 of Free and Accepted Masons:

Boling Branch, W. M.
E. E. Low, S. W.
Hiram Hines, J. W.
J. K. Ferguson, Treasurer
W. R. Robertson, Tyler
J. C. Prewett, Secretary
W. H. Crawford, S. D.
E. O. Humphrey, J. D.
D. C. Arbuckle, S.

Hatchie Lodge No. 151

Meets in Middleburg, in the Masonic Hall, on the first Saturday of every month at 10 o'clock a.m. The following are its officers:

Flynt, W. M.
J. P. Beasley, S. W.
W. B. Beasley, J. W.
J. J. Polk, Treasurer
L. W. Foster, Steward
H. Black, Secretary
T. Lax, S. Deacon
M. C. Usseed, J. Des.
H. G. Walpole, Tyler



From The "Bolivar Bulletin," 24 February 1866

Bolivar Lodge, No. 27, I.O.O.F.

Bolivar Lodge, No. 27, I.O.O.F., meets every Tuesday night. Officers present for the term:

Wm. Montgomery, N.G.
W. H. Carruth, V.G.
J. C. Fleming, R. S.
T. A. Osborn, P. S.
A. S. Coleman, T.
R. G. Crawford, W.
J. J. Neely, R. S.
R. H. Walton, L. S.
J. R. Wood, C.
H. W. Powell, R. S. S.
M. R. Parrish, L. S. S.
J. T. Graham, R. S. to V. G.
R. L. Fobes, L. S. to V. G.
R. G. Crawford, D. G. M.



Books Up for Review

LAND DEED GENEALOGY OF BEDFORD CO., TENN., 1807-1852, By *Timothy R. & Helen C. Marsh*. 2003 reprint (originally published 1988). Hardcover, 6" x 9", surname index, 482 pp., \$42.50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 738, Easley, SC 29641-0738.

This reprint of a classic—first published 15 years ago—will be of interest especially to beginning genealogists seeking information on their ancestors in Bedford County. Fire, floods and the Civil War all took their toll on the county's records, and the fact that its land deeds from 1807 to 1852 are intact makes this book a mainstay for researchers. All too often, many researching their family history overlook the importance of deed books—and the variety of information they contain. The authors attempted to correct this oversight by gleaned genealogical information from deeds, land grants, and powers of attorney contained in Bedford deed books. In the process, they uncovered family relationships and other enlightening details not found elsewhere. For instance, in Deed Book B, is an 1809 power of attorney from William Galbreath, of Adam Co., Pa., (later of Bedford Co.) to Mathew Cunningham, which reveals that his father (also named William) died in Orange Co., N.C., in 1800, owning land in Tennessee. His father left seven children whose names, along with those of their spouses and their children, are in this one document. It also lists the owners of land adjacent to Galbreath's property on the Duck River southwest of Shelbyville in 1809.

FIRST LAND GRANTS OF SUMNER CO., TENN., 1786-1833, by *Timothy R. & Helen C. Marsh*. 2003. Softcover, 5 1/4" x 8", full-name index, 166 pp., \$25 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602.

The first major influx of settlers into the area that eventually became Sumner County arrived seven years before it was created by the North Carolina legislature from Davidson County, N.C., in 1786. Reflecting the area's gradual transition to Tennessee, the first grants refer to the county as "Sumner County, N.C.," and subsequent grants refer to "Sumner County south of the Ohio River," then "Sumner County, District of Mero," and finally in 1796 "Sumner County, Tenn." In this book, the authors have abstracted the first grants issued by North Carolina for land in Sumner County "for the relief of officers and soldiers in the Continental line." The first such grant, dated 14 Mar 1786, was for 3,840 acres to Capt. William Walton "for signal bravery and zeal." The tract was on the north side of the Cumberland River opposite the mouth of Caney Fork. Persons seeking information on their Revolutionary War ancestors may be able to find some good clues from this book. About half of Sumner County Book I contains land grants from the state of North Carolina, and the remainder takes up early deeds between individuals involving sales of land, slaves, and various possessions. Book II features abstracts of land grants from the state of Tennessee "in consideration of military service to the state of North Carolina," in addition to some more North Carolina grants and even a few from Kentucky.

SMITH CO., TENN. DEED BOOKS, B-M, 1800-1835, by *Thomas E. Partlow*, Lebanon, Tenn. 2003 reprint (originally published 1993). Softcover, 5 1/4" x 8", full-name index, 340 pp., \$38.50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Southern Historical Press, Inc., 375 West Broad St., Greenville, SC 29602.

Tying in nicely with the Sumner County book reviewed above, is this book on Smith County deeds, since Smith was created from Sumner in 1799—three years after it was formed from Davidson County, N.C. Twelve of Smith County's earliest deed books—located in the register's office in Carthage—are abstracted in this one volume. The author notes in a foreword that many of the records are difficult to read, and, if there are any doubts as to accuracy, copies of the originals can be obtained from the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville. Perhaps because of this difficulty, information in many of the deeds is restricted to names of the parties involved, amount of acreage conveyed and consideration paid. Land descriptions as to location and adjoining owners are sparse. Genealogical relationships are not in abundance, but occasionally a deed does turn up that reveals a gratifying amount. For instance, an 1830 deed reveals that the maiden name of one Thomas Hart's wife was Mary M. Croughton, and she was the daughter of Charles Croughton. The Harts were former residents of Caroline Co., Va., and Thomas' name appears on a bill of sale in Smith County as early as 1810. With a 93-page index, you can quickly find out if any of your ancestors are in this book.

JOSEPH J. HAMLIN'S ACCOUNT BOOK, ASHEBORO, N.C., transcribed by *Gary D. Reeder*. Softcover, 8 1/4" x 10 1/2", 152 pp., full-name index. \$20. Pioneer Publishing Co., P.O. Box 408, Carrollton, MS 38917, (662) 237-6010.

This North Carolina doctor's account book, primarily covering the period from about 1865 to 1874, reflects a time when patients frequently paid by barter instead of cash and doctors generally prescribed a quart of whiskey or quinine for most ailments. Initial entries in the ledger indicate that Dr. Hamlin, in addition to his medical practice, operated a combination general store and boarding house that did a flourishing business during court sessions. Helpful to genealogists is the fact that his customers and patients (except for wives and children) are referred to by full names with the dates of their purchases or treatments. Dr. Hamlin's services ranged from delivering babies (fee \$5) to extracting teeth (fee 50 cents). Sometimes the doctor took unusual items in return for his work. In one instance he gave a man credit for two banjo screws, a gun, and a watch, and in another he took two puppies for his pay. Besides medical records, the book also contains some court papers and family correspondence.

INDEX TO VIRGINIA ESTATES, 1800-1865, VOLUME IV, by *Wesley E. Pippenger*, Compiler Virginia Genealogical Society xxviii, 634 pp., cloth; 2003, \$44 (includes shipping). Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 W Broad St. #115, Richmond, VA 23230 (804) 285-8954.

This index is the fourth in a series of Virginia Estates that includes all items recorded in will books created by a city or county between 1800-1865. The 37, 871 entries come from wills, appraisals, inventories, sales, accounts or bonds, bills of sale, deeds, guardianship records, surveys or plats, military certificates and records of dower. Each citation includes the person, name of the county, type of document, year and reference(s). The counties included are: Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Fluvanna, Highland, Nelson and Rockbridge.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF SCIOTO CO., OHIO, 1803-1860, by Caryn R. Fuller Shoemaker and Betty J. Sisler Rudity, 2003 reprint (originally published 1987), softcover, 8 1/4" x 5 1/2", surname index, 195 pp., \$22.95 plus \$4.00 p&h. Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, (410) 625-9004, www.genealogical.com.

Scioto County was formed on 1 May 1803 from the Northwest Territory and borders Pike county on the north, Jackson County on the northeast, Lawrence County on the east, the state of Kentucky on the south, and Adams county on the west. The county seat of Scioto is Portsmouth. This book contains 9000 marriages compiled from every available source in the county—courthouse affidavits, letters of consent, ministers' returns and marriage records of the county clerk. The records are listed in alphabetical order by groom's name; brides and all others are listed separately in the index. Each record contains the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage, a source citation, and often ages, places of residence and names of the parents. This would be a great reference for someone working on his or her Ohio area roots.

INTESTATES AND OTHERS FROM THE ORPHANS COURT BOOKS OF MONMOUTH CO., NEW JERSEY, 1785-1906, by Judith B. Cronk, 2002, softcover, 8 1/4" x 5 1/2", surname index, 236 pp., \$25.00 plus \$4.00 p&h. Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, (410) 625-9004, www.genealogical.com.

Monmouth County, named after Monmouthshire, England, was established in 1683 from the Province of East Jersey, and was first settled in 1664 by migrant New Englanders, the county seat is Freehold. The records in this book were abstracted from volumes A through I, K through S, and I through 8 of the Orphans Court Books of Monmouth Co., with the focus on intestates, their heirs and family members mentioned in estate papers. Volume J is missing. More than 12,000 intestates, heirs and associated individuals are mentioned. This book is a must for any researcher of this county.

FRENCH COLONISTS AND EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES, by J. G. Rosengarten, 2002 reprint (originally published in 1907), 2002 softcover, 8 1/4" x 5 1/2", surname index, 234 pp., \$21.95 plus \$4.00 p&h. Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, (410) 625-9004, www.genealogical.com.

This work focuses on French pioneers and settlements established in the United States during the early 18th and 19th centuries. This work includes chapters on the Huguenot settlers, French soldiers in the United States, French plans of education, French settlements in: Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, South Carolina and all over the country. This work includes memoirs of French travelers, the Bonapartes, and other famous exiles, and a list of French sites and namesakes in America. This is very interesting reading for anyone, not just those researching their French roots.

NEIGHBORS ALONG THE WOLF, The History of Bethany Christian Church, Eads, Tennessee, by Jane Howles Hooker, 2004, University of Memphis, Tiger Graphics Printing Company, 11 1/4" x 9" faux leather hardcover, 569 pp., full name index, over 500 illustrations. \$45 plus \$9 p&h includes a CD.

J. Hooker, 9824 Woodland Run, Cordova, TN 38018, jrhooker@memphis.edu.

Jane Howles Hooker, of Cordova, Tennessee, and member of the Tennessee Genealogical Society, has worked on this labor of love for many years. Along the Wolf River, in eastern Shelby County's

9th district is the Bethany community, the focus of this work. This book begins with the first settlers of West Tennessee and the founding of the Bethany Union Church, built about 1833. The Bethany Church and cemetery are located a few hundred yards south of the Old Stage Coach Road that ran from Raleigh to La Grange, Tennessee, about eight miles north of Collierville. Mentioned in the book are the Houston, Rutledge, Hooker, Hamner, Strong, Teague, Keough, Stark, Bryan, Kirk, Wiseman, Harris families, and many others. Also listed are the interments in Old Bethany Cemetery founded in 1847, Willis Cemetery, Bolivar Cemetery, Fisherville Cemetery, Cordova Presbyterian Cemetery, Hooker Family Cemetery, Reid Family Cemetery and a partial listing of Magnolia Cemetery. This book includes many photocopies of newspaper obituaries post 1900, hundreds of photos, tax lists, maps, poems, copies of letters, deeds, dates of marriages, births, deaths, pension applications, and so much more. Everything you would ever want to know about this community is in this book. Great job, Jane!!

RICHARD JERNIGAN "THE FAMILY" 1120-1996, Edited by Warren Hamilton Jernigan, Jean Roberts, and Kay Stone, 2003, 11" x 9" paperback, 336 pages, more than sixty pages of indexed surnames. GRAFXPRESS, 553 Tarklin Oaks Circle, Pensacola, Florida 32506. \$34.95 plus \$4.95 p&h.

If you are searching for family connections to the surnames of Creighton, Hamilton, Jernigan, Jarnigan, Jernigan, Keyser, Shell, Stewart, Whitmire and a number of others, here is a new compilation you should review. The book was begun by the late Richard E. Jernigan in collaboration with Kay Stone and others, and compiled by Warren H. Jernigan. The book begins with a listing of the ancient Jernigans, originating with Sir Hubert Jernigan, and progressing to the early Jernigans in America. Later on there is a time chart that graphically displays the life span relationships of the early Jernigans. You will find extracts from deed and census records. Additionally there are family "Octopuses" giving a graphical representation of how people are related to each other and to the family as a whole.

PIONEERS, PATRIOTS, AND PLANTERS, A Historic Narrative of a Woolfolk Family, by Elizabeth Carrow Woolfolk, 2004. 6" x 9" paperback, 676 pp., full name and place index, maps, illustrations. \$39.50 plus \$7.50 p&h. Wynnnton Publishing, 6524 San Felipe, No. 94, Houston, TX 77057. Phone (713) 468-2505 or www.woolfolkbook.com.

Here is a book that is more than the history of a family—most impressive! It places the family in the context of the times in which they lived, and in the process, provides the reader with a history of the settlement of Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia. The author, a language specialist and researcher, admits she got "hooked on" genealogy when she set out to determine whether her husband was, as family legend claimed, an actual descendant of George Washington. (He was.) Part I of the book begins with one Richard Woodford, who was listed as a headright in York County, Va., in 1651, and carries the family through several surname variations that eventually evolved into Woolfolk. The Tennessee branch of the family originated with William Woodfolk, who bought land in Smith County in 1802, and later in Jackson, Haywood and Obion counties. Part II of the book focuses on the life and family of John Woolfolk, of Augusta and Columbus, Ga., from 1781 to 1880. This well-documented, highly readable book sets a new benchmark for those who aspire to write their own family histories.

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB C. & JANE (EPPERSON)

TURNMIRE OF PUTNAM CO., MISSOURI, by Gary G. Lloyd, 2003. 8 1/2" x 11" hardcover, 412 pp., full name and place index, photographs, maps. \$50. Order from the author at 7 Center Rd., Kirksville, MO 63501-2762, (660) 627-2140, glloyd@socket.net. The marriage of North Carolina native, Jacob C. Turnmire, to Jane Epperson, of Hawkins Co., Tenn., apparently took place about 1839 and over the next quarter of a century produced 17 children (eight of whom lived to adulthood). Besides caring for their own children, the couple took care of two others for a time. Their first child, John Turnmire, was born in Hamilton Co., Tenn., in the fall of 1840. During the next decade, the family lived in several East Tennessee counties. In the early 1850s they migrated to Putnam Co., Mo., where they remained the rest of their lives. The couple's living descendants now number in the thousands—none of whom has the surname "Turnmire." The book is devoted to family charts, family narratives, family photographs, with notes on Jacob's ancestors, land location plat maps, and accounts of life experiences of two family members.

PASSENGER ARRIVALS, at the Port of Philadelphia, 1800-1819, transcribed by Elizabeth P. Bentley. General Editor, Michael H. Tepper. Reprinted 2003 (originally published 1986). Paperback, 913 pp., \$65.00 plus \$4.00 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 625-9004.

"Baggage lists" originated from an act intending to exempt incoming passengers from paying duty on their personal belongings. The ships' captains were instructed to draw up cargo manifest with the names of passengers carrying baggage. The only major collection of lists remaining is from Philadelphia, with about 40,000 passengers listed. Lists in other cities were either not maintained or destroyed, with the exception of a few from New Orleans and Alexandria. Apparently there was no standard for the list. As a result, information ranges from part of a person's name, the name of the ship, and its port of embarkation, to the passenger's age, nationality, former residence, occupation, destination, family members and date of entry. The transcriber has divided the data into two sections. In the first section, all passengers are arranged alphabetically with comments, if any, their ship's name, and date of entry. In the second section, all of the ships are arranged alphabetically, with the ports of embarkation and dates of entry. Most of those listed were from Great Britain and Germany.

ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI CONNECTION: Historical and Biographical Sketches of Families on Both Sides of the Tombigbee River, by Judy Jacobson. Reprinted 2003 (originally published 1999). Paperback, 304 pp., name and subject index, \$29.95 plus \$4.00 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 625-9004.

The book focuses on some families who settled along the Tombigbee River. In Alabama, these are the counties of Marion, Fayette, Lamar, Tuscaloosa, Greene, Pickens and Sumter. Mississippi counties are Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, Webster, Clay, Choctaw, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Winston and Noxubee. Mrs. Jacobson gives a brief history of the founding of each of these counties. Of greater interest are her genealogical and biographical essays on the following families: Adair, Bagwell, Blaikie/Blackie, Blaylock/Blailock, Bolton, Carson, Duke, Gamble/Gammill, Goachy, Holland, Lampkin, Lavender, Lincecum, Mangum, Meek/Meeks, Pitchlynn, Richey, Sellers, Starnes, Stevens, Walser and Weeks. In addition, one of the appendices contains information on the Garrigues, Crenshaw-Martin and Gullede families. Eight pages of cited literature are given at the close of the book.

FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, 1771-1825, Compiled and Edited by Eliza Timberlake Davis. 2003 reprint of 1941, '73, '75, '89, '96 editions. 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" paperback. 129 pp., male surname & bride listing. \$18.00 plus \$3.50 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 625-9004.

These records of marriages in Frederick County, beginning with the earliest, 1771, and continuing to the year 1825, are of special interest to genealogists. Because of the transitory nature of many of the early settlers, these marriages are the only records that remain. Frederick County was formed in 1738 from a portion of Orange County, VA, and Augusta County, including territory west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In 1763, by the treaty with France, its western boundaries were limited by the Mississippi River and it embraced what are now the states of West VA, KY, OH, IN, IL, MI and WI. Two streams of migration flowed through Frederick County, the first coming from NJ, PA and MD. Among these were the German, Dutch, Welsh and Scotch-Irish. The second wave were English from the Tidewater of VA.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS: POLL LIST FOR 1846, compiled by Marion Day Mullins. 2003 reprint of 1974 and 1982 editions. 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" paperback. 189 pages of surnames in alphabetical order. \$22.50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 625-9004.

In 1836 Texas gained its independence from Mexico, but the Republic had two major problems—sparse population spread over thousands of acres—and little revenue. After unsuccessful attempts in getting emigrants, several private companies were contacted to bring people to Texas. The lack of revenue, however, continued to be a problem, and when Texas became a state in 1846, a poll taxing system was enacted. This poll tax became the nearest thing we have to a complete census of the period. A "Poll" tax on one dollar was applied to every white male resident over the age of twenty-one and to women who were heads of households. Two copies were made by assessors, in alphabetical order; one for the local sheriff (thus the county of resident is listed); and one for the state. Spelling of names was rendered according to sound, so the researcher is advised to try all possible variants of a name.

MARYLAND, INDEX TO THE WILLS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, 1662-1960, and SOMERSET COUNTY, 1664-1955, Edited by Joan Hume; reprint of 1970, 1996, editions in 2003, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" paperback. Full name index: \$28.50 plus \$3.50 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 625-9004.

All will records for the colonial period in MD were preserved in a central probate office in Annapolis, and after the war, they were sent to the various counties to be recorded. While there was a master list prepared when the wills were returned to Annapolis, some names were left off, as some wills were lost in the transfer. Perhaps the most important point about this book is that none of the wills for the post colonial period have been worked on at all, with an exception of some work on St. Mary's County. This work rectifies shortcomings from earlier lists by providing a complete index to the wills recorded in those counties. The index to St. Mary's County wills is arranged alphabetically by the name of the testator and gives the date and source of the original will. The Somerset index is arranged chronologically and alphabetically. The record for St. Mary's County contains listings of about 5,000 wills and over 7,500 wills for Somerset County, many of them dated prior to 1800.

AN INDEX OF PIONEERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS to the WEST, Especially the State of Michigan, compiled by Charles A Flagg, 2003 reprint of 1915 original, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" paperback, 86 pp., alphabetical surname, both male and female listings. \$12.50 plus \$3.50 p&h, Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 625-9004.

This work, extracted from 73 MI county histories, consists of an alphabetical list of more than 5,000 persons who moved west from MA to NY, PA, OH, MI and other states of the Middle West. The list consists not only of pioneers from the above states, but their out-of-state relatives as well. The book supplies name, date, birthplace, date of migration, and state where settled, and includes name of spouse, date of marriage, and the identification of sources.

EARLY RECORDS, HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Now West Virginia, compiled by Clara McCormack Sage and Laura Sage Jones; 2003 reprint of 1939, total 170 pp., indexed, paperback 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", \$25.00 plus \$3.50 p&h, Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 625-9004.

Hampshire County, VA was the first county wholly in the territory that is now West Virginia. While the documents are carefully compiled, the reprinted text was photocopied, thus making reading difficult. Nevertheless, these are the earliest records of West VA. Alphabetically arranged abstracts are: deeds; leases; mortgages, etc. from the 1760's-1780's; state census of the county, 1782-1784; Revolutionary pensioners in the county, 1835; marriage bonds, 1824-1828; wills and estates, 1770's-1860's. Nearly 11,000 names are indexed, and where possible, both maiden and married names are indexed.

VIRGINIA CLAIMS TO LAND IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, published with AN ACCOUNT OF THE DONATION LANDS OF PENNSYLVANIA, Excerpted from Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd series, Volume 111, Edited by William Henry Egle, originally published as pages 483-771 of Pennsylvania Archives, Harrisburg, PA, 1896, reprinted 2001, 2003, 288 pages, two sections, each indexed, paperback 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", \$29.50 plus p&h, Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 625-9004

The first section of the book is from the *PA Archives*, entitled "Virginia Claims to Land in Western PA." It contains a complete listing of VA land entries in (now PA), between 1779-1780. For each of the 1,300 entries with date of entry, the name(s) of parties, amount of acreage, and a landmark to use in locating the land; the listings are in chronological order, covering 30 years of dispute between the two colonies/states. The second section details "An Account of the Donation Lands of Pennsylvania," concerning the March, 1780, statute enacted by the PA state legislature granting land in western PA to soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, who served in the Continental Army. The lists of the 3,000 soldiers of the PA line that were granted land in parts of nine western PA counties include name, rank, regiment, acreage awarded, and sometimes, whether the individual claimed or relinquished his right to the land, or was killed in action. The names are listed alphabetically, so it is very easy to use. Both sections contain a concise account of the history leading up to the dispute and the use of donation lands.



Family Reunions

The Chapman Family Association will hold its Fourth Annual Convention and Reunion May 14-16, 2004, at the Kansas City, Missouri Airport Hilton. For more information, please contact the Chapman Family Association Data Central at P.O. Box 1586, Florissant, Missouri 63031 or Gil Alford, CFA Corresponding Secretary, at (314) 831-8648, or the web site at www.chapmanfamilies.org.

The Lampley family will hold its Twelfth Annual National Reunion on 12 June 2004, from 10 a. m. until ... at the Fairview Recreational Center on Highway 100, Fairview, Tennessee (outside of Nashville). The reunion is not limited to the Lampley family, but also includes the Sullivan, Tidwell, Mangrum, Hudgin, King, Lankford, Green, Barnhill, Richardson, Cunningham, Stinson, Martin, Garton, Hall, and Buttrey families, and many others. For more information please contact R. Rose at (785) 537-8495 or C. Allen at (615) 368-2052.

The Babb Family Reunion will be held June 17-19, 2004, at the General Morgan Inn, located in the Appalachian foothills of Northeast Tennessee. The Inn and Conference Center are located in Greenville, twelve miles off interstate 81, between Knoxville and the Tri-Cities area. Many activities are planned for the weekend. For information, please contact Judy Babb, 1631 Red Barn Drive, Cordova, Tennessee 38016.

Yellow Pages From the Past

Attorneys

Thomas W. Averill, of Bolivar

West Tennessee Democrat, 16 May 1855

J. H. Dortch, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

John J. Dupuy, of Bolivar

Bolivar Bulletin, 24 March 1866

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George W. Talbot, of Spring Creek, Jackson

West Tennessee Democrat, 27 June 1855

D. C. Whitthorne, of Bolivar

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Joseph S. Williams, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 12 February 1842

Barbers

James Findley, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Blacksmiths

Eddie Wall, of Somerville

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Books and Stationery

C. C. Cleaves & Co., Monroe and Second Streets,
Memphis

Bolivar Bulletin, 5 May 1866

M. Howard, 306 Clinch Street, Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899

Clothing

F. J. Callan, 427 Gay Street, Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 27 April 1899

Lieber Brothers, 181 Gay Street, Knoxville

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Benjamin F. Shields, of Nashville

Nashville Union, 3 January 1843

Coppersmith

I & J. W. Siler, of Nashville

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Dentists

F. H. Badger, of Nashville

Nashville Union, 3 January 1843

R. M. Mayes, of Bolivar

Bolivar Bulletin, 10 February 1866

J. W. Nelson, of Bolivar

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W. A. Small, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Druggists

R. W. Creighton, of Memphis

Bolivar Bulletin, 5 May 1866

W. A. McBath & Company, of Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 18 April 1899

Doctors

Dr. William Brown, 1124 North 4th Avenue,
Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899

Dr. Thomas Menees, 47 Church Street, Nashville

Nashville Gazette, 26 November 1865

Dr. J. S. Robertson, of Whiteville

West Tennessee Democrat, 16 May 1855

Fencing

W. H. Bowman, 405 Broad Street, Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899

H. O. Nelson, of Knoxville

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Funerals

D. R. Cleaves, of Mason

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S. P. Corn, 721 North Central Avenue, Knoxville

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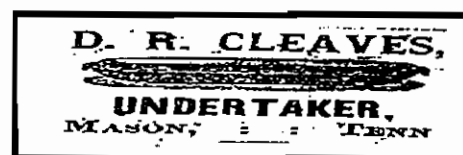
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S. F. Woodruff, of

Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888



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Bolivar Bulletin, 5 May 1866

Orr Brothers, of Nashville

Nashville Gazette, 19 November 1865

Taylor, Guy & Rutland, of Memphis

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West Tennessee Democrat, 13 September 1854

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J. E. Craighead, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 12 February 1842

John L. Eichberg, 191 Main Street, Memphis

Bolivar Bulletin, 3 February 1866

J. W. Grizzard, of Carroll County

Huntington Advisor, 19 February 1840

Hotels

John M. Duffy, Duffy's European Hotel, corner of Main and Adams, Memphis

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Jas. A. Rawlings, of Murfreesboro

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Insurance

H. P. Hobson, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Rood & Olson, 523 Gay Street, Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899

Jewelers

H. W. Curtis, 529 Gay Street, Knoxville

Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899

J. N. Mulford, 294 Main Street, Memphis

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Fred Goosmann, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Lumber

James H. Lacy, of Somerville

Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1888

Marble And Stone

Coleman & Okeefe, of Nashville

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James E. White, successor to H. R. Bayley, of Jackson

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Optometrist

H. J. Cook, 433 Gay Street, Knoxville

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W. T. Newton, 207 Gay Street, Knoxville

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Queries

Weathington-Bryant-Davis

I'm looking for information on the parents of Mary Alice Weathington, who married Leroy Newton Bryant, on 8 January 1880, in Dyer County. She was born 15 December 1859. Her mother's (Mary) maiden name is unknown. She had a sister, Martha, and possibly two other sisters, Laura and Nelly. Her father is unknown. Mary, and her second husband, W. P. Davis, are in the 1880 census. Did Mr. Weathington die in the Civil War?

Judy Brown, 780 T Street, Springfield OR 97477, judyb7@mindspring.com

Hix-Briton-Baines-Hodge-King-Pullen-Smith-Forrest-Ogles-LaFont-Wilson

Ancestors and descendants needed for Napoleon B. and William B. Hix, of Ashland, Mississippi; Briton/Brittain Baines/Baines, John R. Hodge, Jas H. Forrest and Jas M. Ogles, all of Benton County, TN. Benjamin King Pullen and wife, Minerva A. Smith, living in Memphis in the 1860's. Eloise LaFont of Mississippi County, AR., daughter Napoleon B. LaFont and Viola V. Wilson.

Richard Bain and Janet Lewis Hix, 4707 Mill Creek Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034-3646

King-Gilbert

Searching for the King and Gilbert families of Montgomery County, Tennessee, pre 1860.

Dorothy V. Barth, 8230 South 100th E. Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133-4544

Cruse

Looking for an obit for Clifford Nelson Cruse, who died 17 March 1976, in Memphis. Any help would be great.

George Twigger, 152 Fagerberg, Asbury, MO 64832

Humbard-Fine

Researching Wilson and wife "Patsy" Fine, who were in McNairy County, Tennessee in early 1850's and then moved to White County, Arkansas, before the 1860 census there. Need McNairy County info for proof of birth of several children.

Neva King Barnhart, 2240 Mohigan Way, Las Vegas, NV 89109-3374

Rodes

Date and place of birth needed for Moses R. Rodes, who is listed in the 1820 Pendleton District, South Carolina census. Gifford Rhodes, 669 Creighton Road, Orange Park, Florida 32003-7006

Pewitt

Seeking information on Winna Pewit/Pewitt, who was married to a Mr. Wright, in Middle Tennessee, ca 1820. Children: Laurie, Hubbard, Franklin, Wiley D. and Louisa.

Will correspond with anyone researching the Pewitt name.

Hal Pewitt, 909 Cottonwood, Woodland, California 95695-4314, hpewitt@hotmail.com

Fleming

Searching for information on David Love Fleming and his second wife, Mary Davis Fleming.

Mrs. Mary L. Hudspeth, 1909 Madison Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714-2910

Hust-Hampton

Seeking information on the Hust and Hampton lines.

Jane Buntrock, 434 East Main, Perham, MN 56573-1714

Grindstaff

Seeking information on the wife of Michael Grindstaff, who was born between 1715-1723 and died before 1790 in East Tennessee.

Carol R. Basile, 852 N. Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22205-1129

Owens

Looking for Ezekill Brooke Owens, son of Hunter Owens. Ezekill was born 1806, in Bedford Co. I would like to hear from any Owens researcher.

Carolyn M. Haisty, 802 Crestwood St., Springdale, Ark. 7262-5119

Jones- Cannon -Daniel

Information needed on Blount, Isaac, and Lovey Jones of Carroll County; Clark, Archibald, II, and Susan Ann Cannon of Gibson County; Loyd/Lloyd and W. Daniel, who married in 1861, Hardin County.

Sunny Daily, 3013 FM 21, Pittsburg, Texas, 75686-7659

Johnson-Elliott

According to *Goodspeed*, Martha Johnson was b.1815, in Franklin Co., and married in Coffee Co., to Henry Elliott, b. 1812, in Franklin Co. Info needed on Martha's family, especially her sisters. Henry and Martha spent part of their young married life in AL. Did the Johnsons also go there?

Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901

Beaty-Bond-Marrs

Looking for info on Dr. Abel E. Beaty, of Shelby Co., who married Mary Lucinda Bond, in 1856. Family legend says Beaty's father married a Miss Marrs.

Any info about this family would be appreciated.

Nina S. Bell, 1809 South Club Drive, Wellington, Florida 33414, nsbell@bellsouth.net

Capps-Moulton-Vick-Light

Searching for the parents and siblings of Benjamin Capps, who married Sally Moulton, in early 1800's, Davidson Co. Looking for the husbands of Dinah Vick. Info also needed on Robert P. Light, born 1802, TN. Possible father was George Light. This line migrated back and forth from AL to TN.

Dorothy Light Allen, 111 Gordon Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087, tnmoon@prodigy.net

Rogers/Rodgers-Bouten

Seeking info on William Wesley Rogers, b. 1807, in Georgia, and raised in Chattanooga. He married Elizabeth Bouten, in 1831, Davidson Co. Their children were Catherine and Polly. Elizabeth and her children died in 1849, Saline Co., Illinois. William died 1889 in Gallatin Co., Illinois. His parents were born in NC.

Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, California 91786-7141

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Armstrong-Temple-Moseley-Davidson-Gant-Marshall-Dobbins-Vance

Researching families of: Dr. James Loudon Armstrong (1782-1868), his wife, Mason Potter Temple (1793-1860); Dr. Thomas Bedford Moseley (1788-1866); Hugh Davidson (1768-1841), his wife, Jane Vance (1777-1858), their son, Samuel Leander Davidson (1812-1870); Jesse Bobo Gant (1794-1844); Robert Marshall (1784-1850), his wife, Sarah (Sally) Dobbins (1786-1835); in Bedford, Coffee, Sumner, Madison and Hardin Co.'s. Will exchange info.

Betty S. Carr, 3212 56th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413-4811

Dillahunt

Searching for information on a slave named Graundy Dillahunt, owned by William L. Dillahunt, of Henry Co. William's family and his slave family moved to Desoto Co., Mississippi in 1845 and remained until 1873. Rev. John Dillahunt and family came to Davidson Co., around 1795, moving to Henry Co., ca 1820.

Curtis L. Dillahun, 9156 Anderton Springs Cove, Memphis TN 38133-0900

Martin-Scott

Looking for any information on John Calhoon Martin, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Martin, who married Sarah Jane Scott, daughter of Sally Sarah Scott.

Mary Ann Hollifield, 203 The Pines, Robbinsville, North Carolina 28771-9211

Spain

Seeking information on Tazwell Spain (1790-1865), his ancestors and descendants. He moved from TN to MO in his later years.

Archie C. Thompson, 137 Teeling Trail, Whitney, Texas 76692-5068

Sprinkle-Thomason

Seeking info on Samuel Thomason, whose daughter married Moses Sprinkle, about 1788, in NC. Samuel was said to be full-blooded Cherokee. Sarah died in Maury Co.

Betty Russell, 318 South Iron Street, Ironton, MO 63650-1403

Burnett-Bayless

Looking for Lewis Burnett, who was in VA prior to and during the Revolution, then to Rutherford Co., NC until the 1790's. The 1801 Hawkins Co. Tax list shows Lewis Burnett and his brother-in-law, Eldridge Bayless. By 1811, Lewis and Eldridge are in Adams Co., Ohio. They served in the War of 1812. Need proof of Lewis's parents (Jesse and Judith) and his wife Lucinda's (Ruthy) maiden name.

Robert A. Fetters, 215 Dun Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1173

Watkins-Snead

Seeking info on Rev. War Vet, Samuel Watkins, s/o William Watkins and Keziah Snead. Per Samuel's pension record, he was b. 1760, Anson Co., NC and resided in Richmond Co., NC, before moving to Stewart Co., TN, in 1819. Samuel served as a substitute for his brother Thomas. He is listed in the 1830 Humphreys Co. census and the 1840 Benton Co. census. Where and when did he die?

Sean Garren, 2204 West Moss, West Peoria, Illinois 61604-5444

Grisom-Grisham-Gresham

Information needed on the parents and siblings of Jeremiah "Jerry" Grisom, born 1795, in North Carolina, and died 1886, in Henderson County.

Mrs. Joe D. Nichols, 3600 Minot Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133-3023

Te(i)nney-Wiseman

Information needed—especially children of William Te(i)nney, born about 1785, in SC. He is listed in Marshall Co., MS in the household of John and Nancy Wiseman, of Newbury Co., SC; married in AL. John was the tax assessor in Oktibbeha Co., MS in 1833.

Jacqueline H. Claxton, P.O. Box 636, Paris, TN 38242-0636

Ferguson-Ferguson

Need any information on William M. Ferguson, who was b. abt. 1827, in TN, and d. 1869-70, in AR. Lived in Red River Co., TX, in 1850 and Hopkins Co., TX in 1870. His wife, Martha, was b. 1830 in Mo.

Charles N. Ferguson, 811 S. Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

Hale-Hail-Friend

Seeking info on Frederick Hale/Hail, prior to 1793, when NC at Newburn granted him 200 acres in Greene Co. He died 1825 in McMinn Co., married Jane Friend. Their children were: Margaret, Mary "Polly", William, Christopher, Sarah Jane, James, Joseph, George, Frederick, Elizabeth, Samuel. Jane died 1832 and is buried in Mars Hill Presbyterian Cemetery, Athens, TN.

Josephine S. Sanders, 6726 South 1000 E, Lafayette, IN. 47905-9443

McMillan-Allen

Need information on Edward McMillan, b. 1826, in AL, married Caroline Allen. He practiced medicine in Memphis. Died in the yellow fever epidemic of 1883.

Charlotte W. White, P.O. Box 18257, Memphis, TN 28181

Ricketts

Seeking information on Robert L. Ricketts, of Arlington, in the early 1900's. What was his mother's name?

Peggy Feathers, P.O. Box 63, Somerville, TN 38068, pacocke@aol.com

Calvert-Peacock-Murray

Information needed on James Calvert, son of Martha Peacock and William Calvert, and husband of Kizzie Jane Murray. They married on 30 Sept. 1906, in McMinn Co. James lived in the Pond Hill area of Niota, TN.

Yvonne Young, 12642 East 36th Street, Yuma, AZ 85367

Adams-Mooney

Any information needed on John Quincy Adams, b. 1830, in TN, married Parmilia Mooney, in MS. Lived in TN, MS and TX. Children were: Rosa, Jefferson Davis, Minnie and Florence.

Charles N. Ferguson, 811 S. Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

Queries

Grace

Information needed on George Washington Grace, b. 1792, TN. and wife, Martha J., b. 1798, NC. He died 1858-59, in Hopkins Co., TX. Children were: James, Matilda, Sarah C. and Mary.

Charles N. Ferguson, 811 S. Market, Shawnee, OK 74801

Barefoot-Barfoot-Smedley

Researching any Barefoot/Barfoot in TN. Also looking for Henry King Smedley, b. 1812. He was in the 1838 Bradley Co. tax list. In 1840 he was in Dade Co., GA and in TX in 1852. Children's names needed.

Betty Nelson McDougald, 9903 Kemp Forest Dr., Houston, TX 7708-2650

Dunagan-Buchanan

Looking for John C. Dunagan, b. 1812, in NC. He married Mary Ann Buchanan, in 1836, in Williamson Co. They moved to Gibson Co. in the 1850's. Died in Crockett Co. after 1881.

Robert L. Dunagan, 6811 Seaside Dr., Cordova, TN 38018, dunagan@prodigy.net

Oldham-Chadeayne

Searching for Harold Anderson Oldham, "Cooter" or "Slim," b. 22 October 1901, in Crockett Mills, Crockett Co., and died 29 October 1963, in St. Louis, MO. He married 2 Dec. 1933 to Lucille Clara Chadeayne, in St. Louis.

Susan Oldham Craig, 367 Trilorama Dr., North Point, FL 34287

Russell-Hogan

Looking for any information on Tillman Gates Russell, b. 1812, NC, and d. 1856, in IL. He married Martha Hogan, b. 1818, in TN, and d. 1873, in IL. They married abt. 1839, in Stewart Co., TN. Children were William and Christopher Marion. By 1855 they had moved to Williamson Co., IL.

Catherine Van Tubbergen, P. O. Box 391, Silver Creek, GA 30173-0391, Cathy848@Comcast.net

Thomas-Polk

Seeking information on Samuel H. Thomas, son of Samuel Y. Thomas and Sarah C. Thomas. He was born 17 April 1845, in Gibson Co. and married Harriett E. Polk 9 Feb. 1871. Samuel was Postmaster of Dyer Co., abt. 1875, and served in the Conf. Army 1862-1864. Date of death and burial needed. Juanita Cook, 438 N. Roselawn, West Memphis, Ark 72301-1960, juancook16@aol.com

Daughtry-Howell

Information needed on Thomas Howell and Mary Daughtry, of NC, who moved to Sumner Co., TN by 1795. Both died there after the 1820 census. Children were: Josiah; Thomas, who died bef. Feb 1844, in Christian Co., KY, but still owned slaves in Sumner Co., TN; Rachel, who married Alexander Rasco/Roscoe; Mary, who married Henry Harrison; James Odom and Alexander Rasco. Other surnames connected with this family are: Prince, Wren, Spiers, Carloss, Rice, Williamson, Combs, Fleming and Crane. Frances Dodd Intravia, 2704 Carroll St., North Las Vegas, NV. 89030-5419

Tucker-Stapp

Seeking information on Sarah "Elizabeth" Tucker, b. abt. 1852, in TN. She married Jessie Levi on 20 Oct. 1872, in Bradley Co. Children were: Robert, Henry, Adeline, Nellie Maude, Thomas Levi, Jessie William, Ruthie Virginia and Margaret Leona, who was b. 23 Nov. 1894, in Alba, Wood Co., TX.

Nellie D. Tomlin, 2311 Starr Lake Dr., Acworth, GA 30101, nellied@earthlink.net

Atkinson-Adkinson-Dunn-McClaren

Seeking confirmation on John Atkinson, who came to TN, about 1800, possibly from VA. It is said he was elected Magistrate and was a member of the State Legislature for a year. He was b. 9 July 1773 and d. 9 March 1829 in Bedford Co., TN. He first married Mary Dunn, who d. by 1821, and second wife was Nancy McClaren.

Betty Hagen, 1801 Rocky Ford Circle, Manhattan, KS 66502-7219

Rogers/Rodgers

Looking for information on Coleman C. Rogers family. He was born abt. 1816, in TN or IN. He might have married Caroline, abt. 1839. His second wife, Lematine, was b. abt. 1846, in TN. They are in the 1880 Giles Co. census. Children: William, John J., Benjamin, Edward, Delia and Joseph.

Ione R. Neal, 10161 Pleasant Ridge Road, Arlington, TN 38002, ionatorv@aol.com

Brown-Thompson

Death and burial info needed on Leonard Brown, b. 1804, in TN. He was in Carroll Co., with his wife, Elizabeth, 1840-1853, and then in Henderson Co. Elizabeth was b. 1806 in NC and d. 31 March 1868, buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Their tenth child, Charles Granville, or Grant Brown, b. 13 Jan 1845, married Sarah Drucilla Kathryn Thompson, 21 Oct. 1869. She was daughter of James V.(?) Thompson, b. abt. 1808, in TN and Margaret, b. abt. 1808, in SC who were living in Carroll Co. Any information on these lines would be great.

C. Sue Hames Wilson, 3402 Steeplechase Trail, Arlington, TX 76016-2325

Allen-Barton-Withers

Need information on George Allen, b. abt. 1738, in Fauquier Co., VA. He married in Rockingham Co., NC to Nancy, and he died abt. 1795, in Greenville Co., SC. Nancy might have been a Barton. An Ursula Withers left a will in Stafford Co., VA. She was married to a George Allen. Did these folks come from England to Jamestown, VA? If so, what ship?

Nora Iona Mahry, 125 Wayne Massie Road, Como, MS 38619-2674

Moore-Peters

Information needed on William Moore and wife, Elizabeth, possibly of Lenoir Co., NC. William died 7 May 1818. Their son, James Moore, b. 26 May 1777 and died 20 Aug. 1859, in Madison Co., married Mary Peters, b. 3 May 1775 and died 6 Sept. 1852 in Madison Co. Her parents were Etheldred Peters and Elizabeth (?).

Mrs. C.C. James, 236 State Route 152 West, Humboldt, TN 38343

O'Daniel-Branch-James

Seeking Information on Stephen O' Daniel, b. 5 Dec 1812, in NC. He married Clarkie Branch. They lived near Rutherford, Gibson Co., TN. Their daughter, Hepsey, b. 22 June 1842, d. 25 Aug 1886, married Dr. Francis Marion James from Murfreesboro. I would like to correspond with anyone working on these lines.

Evans Nelle, 6194 Biota Trail, Joelton, TN 37080



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