

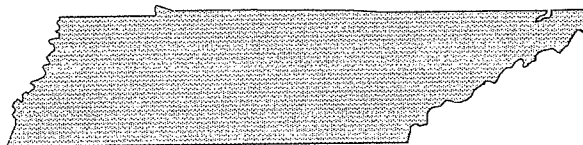
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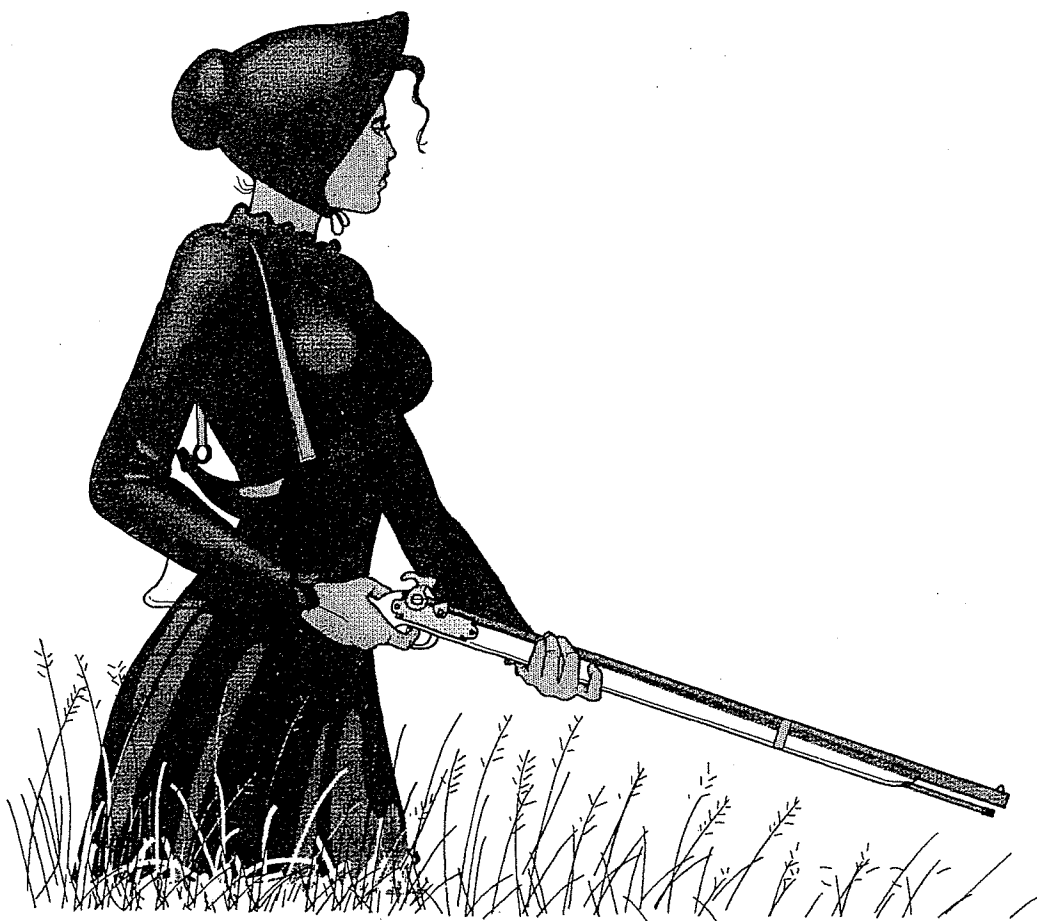
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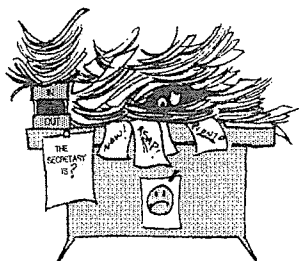
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free query with your renewal. To put it mildly, we were *INUNDATED*.

As an editor, I can't think of anything I'd rather be inundated with ...unless it's genealogical data, money (old or new), or autographed pictures of Clark Gable. Needless to say, we can't run all the queries we received in one issue, but are running a hunk in this issue and will run another big bunch in the Fall. They appear in the order in which they were received ... and if yours doesn't appear in this edition, be patient. We'll run it just as soon as possible. And thanks for your great response. Queries are vital to a top-notch genealogical magazine ... and we appreciate your help in our efforts to provide one for TGS members!

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**WHO WAS SHE?** *The Memphis Public Ledger* of 10 June 1880 carried the following intriguing little story:

"There is now living in Morrillton (Conway Co.), Ark., a woman who has been married 14 times. Only 65 years old, she has been remarkably successful matrimonially speaking. Her 14th husband is now living but it is not known how soon he may drop off. Considering the epidemic that has raged among his predecessors, his position is one of extreme danger.

"In the hall of the house where she now lives, 13 pegs have been driven in the wall on which hang 13 hats labeled John, Tom, Abe, Bill and so on. The lady is well connected; in fact, has been extensively connected. She has a great many relatives living in Conway County and some are leading men of that section.

"Supposing that each husband was 6 feet high and weighed 100 pounds and that all had been molded into one. She would have had a husband 84 feet high and weighing 2,240 pounds. It was best no doubt to take them piecemeal and no doubt they were easier to manage by detail."

The puzzle is whether the item was fact or fiction. If fiction, it must have been a slow news day. If fact, pity the poor genealogical-minded descendant who today is trying to unravel the marriages, births, deaths, and burials of this century-ago family!

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**A HEARTFELT THANKS** goes to **Dr. Douglas Heffington**, assistant professor of geography at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, for the fine article he contributed to this issue about migrations to the Copper Basin in Polk County starting in 1840. Towns involved are chiefly Copperhill, Ducktown, and Isabella. The article, which begins on Page 17, may help you turn up some ancestors you didn't know you had ...and provide you with information as to whence, whither, and why they came.

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**ANOTHER ROUND** of applause also is extended to our wonderful benefactor, **Dardanella McCandless** of Memphis. Last year, you may recall, she contributed 150 volumes to the TGS Library --probably establishing a record for individual book donations. This year, she beat her own record -- adding some 447 books to our collection and 167 rolls of microfilm containing such goodies as census records and census indexes. It all adds up to a major boost to TGS' resources.

Dardanella's gifts combined with those from like-minded souls over the years ...*plus* the recent addition of two CD-Rom computers and some 28 CDs of data (most of them purchased with contributions from individual TGS members) ... are truly helping us convert from a mere library to a sure 'nuff Genealogical Research Center!





## 1857 IN SHELBY COUNTY --

# When "Old Folks" Made A Difference

Probably not many people in Shelby County today know it ... but there was a time when "Old Folks" made a big difference in the life of the community. "Old Folks" -- shortened from the original "Old Folks at Home" -- was the name of an organization that had its beginnings before the Civil War and was reorganized a couple of times after the war. It was something of an early-day historical society, having been formed by older residents who wished to preserve the history of

Memphis and Shelby County for future generations. However, the group also took positions on various issues, and provided leadership in some needed civic projects. All active members were required to have been residents of Shelby County for at least 20 years. This requirement, as one member put it, meant that "none but our oldest and therefore best citizens" can join the Society. Honorary memberships were open to non-residents except clergymen.

The idea for forming the Society came from an article in the *Eagle and Enquirer* newspaper in April 1857, and the next month the group was organized with **Nathaniel Anderson**, president; **William D. Ferguson**, vice president; **John B. Moseley**, secretary; **Thomas F. Peyton**, treasurer; and **Eugene Magevney**, historian. At a follow-up meeting 16 May at the Commercial Hotel, a resolution was passed recognizing **J. H. McMahon**, **J. P. Pryor**, **N. B. Sanders**, **Daniel Hughes**, **Davis Cockrell**, and **William F. Hughes** as new members.<sup>1</sup> **Cockrell** was appointed to prepare the association's first annual dinner. **William O. Lofland** was named to select a member to be the speaker for the first celebration, and **Benjamin Wright** was authorized to secure 200 membership badges. Serving on the arrangements committee for Old Folks' first annual celebration were **J. O. Greenlaw**, **R. K. Turnage**, **Robert Banks**, **E. Dashiell**, and **G. B. Locke**.

The event was held at the Fair Grounds on the 20th of June. Typical of the gatherings of that era, the celebration included an oration by a prominent citizen -- in this case, Eagle Publisher **F. S. Latham** -- followed by dancing and a picnic or barbecue. The Society grew and flourished until the war broke out, and it temporarily disbanded. Soon after the war, however, it was reorganized in 1866 with **Charles D. McLean** as president and **John B. Moseley**, secretary, and a celebration followed.

In 1867, the Society held its annual celebration on 25 July at Buntyn's Station on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. **Col. J. H. McMahon** was the orator of the day. On 23 July 1868, the Society's annual meeting and barbecue took place at Bartlett Station on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad 11 miles from the city and drew a crowd estimated between 3,000- 4,000. A description by one member follows:<sup>2</sup>

"At an early hour, the county people began to assemble in a beautiful oak grove near Bartlett and soon after the railroad trains from the city began to arrive laden with people of old-fashioned Shelby County stock, worthy specimens and descendants of a gallant ancestry. By 10 o'clock about 3,000 people had assembled. The officers of the Society, orators, members of the press, and band were seated on a platform and in front of it was a sawdust arena intended for the use of dancers. At 11 o'clock the ceremonies of the day were opened

<sup>1</sup> *The Memphis Appeal*, issues 12 April, 16 May, 7 June 1857

<sup>2</sup> *Old Folks Record*, Vol. 1, No. 8, May 1875

OLD FOLKS (continued)

by **Col. McLean**, president of the Society, and **Col. W. T. Avery** presented a tribute to **Major John Burley Moseley**, late secretary."

In his tribute, Avery noted that Moseley was over 50 when he died the previous fall of yellow fever. Born in Buckingham Co., Va., Moseley had come to Memphis in 1837. He was a printer by profession, having learned the trade at the *Richmond Enquirer* under **Thomas Ritchie**. In 1844, Moseley with **Col. Jesse H. McMahon** bought an interest in the *Memphis Enquirer*. A short time later, Moseley married the daughter of **Col. Samuel Leake**, an old Virginia gentleman. In 1847 Moseley was elected by an overwhelming majority as Shelby county sheriff, an office he held for several terms. Following Avery to the podium, Memphis lawyer **Col. Edwin M. Yerger** delivered the day's oration, painting an optimistic outlook for the city and county despite the ravages of war and yellow fever. As was customary at the Society's annual meetings, Yerger read a list of members who had died since the 1867 meeting. On the list were:

**James B. Thornton**, who came to Memphis in 1846; **Rufus K. Turnage**; **Smith F. Lewis**, who arrived in 1842; **Robert Banks**; **H. M. Grosvenor**, a merchant who came in 1842; **Paul C. Kay**, a mechanic; **Stephen Bond**, who came in 1830; **Dr. A. Dayton**, "a good Mason;" and the wife of former mayor **John Park** (her name not given).

In 1870, the Society again reorganized and adopted a new constitution and system of by-laws. For several years, the organization advanced and progressed in usefulness. At its annual celebration on 12 Sep 1872, **Col. Waldran** --as the orator of the day -- recalled coming with his father to the Western District as a young boy in 1825 and described life as it was at that time. (See Page 10). Citing the list of members who had died since the last annual meeting, the colonel called the names of **John S. Clayton**, **Davis Cockrill**, **Thomas R. Smith**, **Dr. Taylor, Sr.**, **Mrs. Sue R. Taylor**, **Dr. McGinnis**, **John Leslie**, **R. Black**, **Joseph H. Mosby**, **F. Y. Rockett**, **John Bullock**, **J. M. Corwine**, **George Golliday**, **Rev R. Frayser**, **A. J. Edmondson**, **S. W. Jefferson**, **Fletcher Talley**, **John H. Bowen**, **Dr. Taylor, Jr.**, **Dr. W. R. Chandler**, **B. F. Boon**, **William R. Hunt**, **Stith M. Nelson**, **J. B. Sharpe**, **George Grainger**, **Colonel Dawson**, **R. M. Anderson**, **William Kehoe**, and **John H. Bills**.

By the time the Society convened for its 1871 celebration, membership exceeded 100. The orator of the day, **Major George W. Winchester**, recalled a little known occasion in April 1821 when the newly appointed governor of Florida, **Gen. Andrew Jackson**, visited the Bluffs. He was accompanied by his wife; his trustee and friend **Andrew J. Donelson**, Esq.; his adopted son, **Andrew Jackson, Jr.**; and **Col. Stokely Hays** and his accomplished daughter **Narcissa**. The party descended the river in the steamboat *Cumberland*. Only nine years earlier, the first steamboat had been tested in the Mississippi River, Winchester recalled. In citing the deaths of members since the preceding annual meeting, Winchester named attorney **Edwin M. Yerger**, **Squire James Rose**, **Col. J. J. Worsham** who had settled in Memphis in 1836 and was among the earliest members of the Old Folks; **Dr. David Coleman**, an 1812 soldier who was a native of Georgia and settled in Raleigh about 1835; and **Aguila Redditt** who died at an advanced age after residing in Shelby for 42 years. During its business session, the Society passed a resolution calling on the U. S. government to establish -- with international cooperation -- a telegraphic crop reporting system that would include meteorological observations.<sup>3</sup>

At the Society's 1873 meeting, **Judge John T. Swayne** took the podium as orator of the day, remarking, "It must not be thought that we are old folks. Most persons do not prefer to be thought old. They would rather be old."

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<sup>3</sup>*Old Folks Record*, Vol. 1, No. 4, pp. 163-190

## OLD FOLKS (continued)

He noted that only four persons had died in the interval since their last gathering, identifying them as **James Banks, Ed. R. Harris, J. H. Bills, and M. E. Cochran**. He said Bills was an honorary member -- "though a very worthy one" -- from Hardeman County.<sup>4</sup> Swayne then read a record of members' deaths that he had kept yearly, beginning in 1863 and including "those of the 'Cruel War' that hastened the death of so many." Swayne's record, which differed somewhat from those read at the annual meetings (including his own report at the 1873 gathering), follows:

**1863:** John Houston, Wm. Armour, Wm. Strong, Josiah Horne, Judge Wm. T. Brown, John Trigg, Thos. James, Sr., Jas. Boyd, Judge Wm. Thompson, J. Knox Walker, Dr. H. T. Thumel, Gabe. Smither, Miles Temple, and Dr. Walker

**1864:** Dr. Jephtha Fowlkes, Joseph Keller, Duncan Frierson, Wm. A. Blythe, Ed. McGhee, R. A. Parker, Sr., Wm. Thomas, Thos. James, Jr., Jos. H. Shepherd, John W. Todd, John O. Greenlaw, John C. McLemore, George W. Saffarans, David McComb, S. B. Curtis, James Armour, James Boro, Hiram Volintine, David M. Currin, James F. Johnston, M. Bloom, F. M. E. Faulkner, Claib. Deloach, H. M. Lusher, John Swayne, Judge Sylvester Bailey, Charles Miller, Q. C. Atkinson, H. D. Small, and W. H. Stratton.

**1865:** Simon Bradford, Jno. R. McClannahan, Levi Prescott, Judge Jno. Nooe, Watt C. Bradford, Col. Jno. Pope, and Lyman Bills.

**1866:** B. F. Dill, James Wickersham, W. K. Poston, B. F. McKeirnan, Barnett Graham, S. T. Costen, Dr. W. C. Bryant, Dr. Geo. F. Jones, Henry Lake, Thos. Crider, and C. C. Cleaves.

**1867:** Col. George L. Holmes, Nathaniel Anderson, Wm. D. Ferguson, John V. Baugh, Wm. R. Smith, N. H. Stout, John L. Morgan, Col. Ed. Puckett, Ed. E. Porter, R. K. Turnage, J. B. Thornton, Dr. Wm. Jones, Rev. Dr. C. A. Davis, John L. Taylor, Judge Thos. G. Smith, Col. Jesse H. McMahon, Major John B. Moseley, O. H. Lyde, M. R. Hill, George Shroder, Dr. T. J. Sale, and Paul Kay.

**1868:** Robert Banks, George Philler, John O. Drew, and Jasper C. Griffing.

**1869:** Jesse Waldran, Samuel B. Williamson, Dr. Samuel Gilbert, and H. P. Woodward.

**1870:** Dr. George R. Grant, Col. Frazer Titus, Maj. James Penn, John H. Temple, Hume F. Hill, and John Glancy.

**1871:** Judge E. W. M. King, Dr. D. Coleman, N. A. Van Pelt, R. R. Pitman, James Rose, Judge E. M. Yerger, Malcolm McCollum, John Ralston, C. K. Holtz, Wardlow Howard, George Grainger, and J. F. Green.

**1872:** Davis Cockrell, John S. Clayton, S. W. Jefferson, A. Delap, Judge Thos. R. Smith, John H. Bowen, Wm. R. Hunt, Louis Selby, J. Patton Anderson, Wm. R. Chandler, P. H. Davie, J. J. Worsham, Byrd Hill, J. M. Provine, Dr. W. T. Irwin, Hezekiah Cobb, P. B. Glenn, Sterling Fowlkes, Judge Wm. C. Dunlap, John F. Sale, R. C. Antwine, Dr. Wm. C. Taylor, and James Banks.

**1873** (up to 11 Sept.): R. D. Star, G. D. Johnson, Lewis Ammis, Marcus E. Cochran, James Phelan, R. A. Pinson, Stephen A. Norton, S. M. Webb, D. M. Leatherman, H. R. Pugh, S. S. Loyd, and John G. Finnie.

"And this record does not contain all of our dead in those years," Judge Swayne added.

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<sup>4</sup>Old folks in the 1870's were not unlike those of the 1990's as far as memory is concerned. Both Waldran and Swain cited Bills' death as having occurred during the past year.

OLD FOLKS (continued)

Besides these men, Swayne identified the following as those still living who also helped build Memphis and Shelby: Eugene Magevney, Ethel H. Porter, William A. Bickford, Charles Jones, David Greer, Charles D. McLean, William B. Greenlaw, William B. Waldran, Josiah Deloach, Henry G. Smith, Thomas C. Bleckley, J. T. Leath, T. C. Bettis,<sup>5</sup> Henry T. Jones, George R. Powell, Armstead Morehead, Joseph Lenow, J. M. Patrick, J. Halstead, R. C. Brinckley, M. Mageveny, Wm. Park, L. R. Richards, John Newsom, J. D. Davis, S. M. Allen, Wm. Chase, Jefferson Messick, C. B. Church, M. C. Cayce, G. W. Gift, J. G. Lonsdale, E. McDavitt, Jno. J. Murphy, E. F. Risk, J. P. Trezevant, Ed. Dasheil, W. W. Coleman, Eli Rayner, Amos Munson, T. S. Ayers, Robertson Topp, H. L. Guion, K. J. B. L. Winn, A. Wallace, J. D. Williams, A. Woodruff, Tobias Wolf, B. R. Thomas, W. M. Perkins, Patrick Flynn, George Pattison, the Cubbins, S. M. Pickerill, Cyrus Johnson, N. B. Holt, F. Lane, Henry Maddox, Father Davidson, and the learned and devoted Drs. Steadman, White, Watson, Sam. Mosby, Dr. Fraim, and R. C. Hite.

During a one-year period from 1874-75, the organization published *Old Folks Record*, a monthly magazine containing numerous articles on the city's early days. Editors of the publication were Leon Trousland, Society president W. B. Waldran, and William T. Avery. Serving as business manager was J. P. Prescott, the Old Folks' recording secretary. R. C. Hite published the magazine in his print shop at No. 12 West Court Street. Other officers at that time were J. Halsted, vice president; J. G. Lonsdale, treasurer; B. Richmond, financial secretary; and James D. Davis, historian.

In August 1877 the Society obtained a charter, elected James S. Wilkins president, and organized a board of managers. By this time it had 73 active and 26 honorary members. *The Memphis Public Ledger* editorialized that the society was "about as lively an old institution as can be imagined." In September, the Society staged its annual celebration at Estival Park which glowed for the occasion with "grassy lawns, beds of plants and flowers, a rustic fountain with spray shining like diamonds, and a beautiful open pavilion."

Beginning at an early hour, some 400 people began assembling at the park to enjoy the annual reunion and barbecue. Reported *The Ledger* in its 21 Sep 1877 issue:

"Three generations of people faced each other. There were the talking aged, whispering lovers, and prattling children. The day's exercise was introduced by Arnold's band. A quartet composed of Misses Jenny Jones, Marie Hitzfeld, and Messrs. Petersen and Hollenberg sang "Old Folks At Home," "Auld Lang Syne," and other reunion songs in quite an effective manner. Rev. Dr. Landrum of Central Baptist Church delivered an eloquent prayer, and President J. S. Wilkins introduced the orator of the day, R. Dudley Frayser, Esq. His lengthy oration blended personal and historical allusions together in a happy manner. At the close of the address, barbecue was served. Old Folks supplied the meat, which had been prepared by Mr. Charles Kney in an artistic manner. As is usual in such cases, some got too much while others did not get enough. When the repast was over, dancing was commenced in the pavilion, Professor Handwerker's orchestra furnishing the music."

In its coverage of the event, *The Appeal*<sup>6</sup> noted that Col. Charles M'Lean, one of the old founders occupying a position on the stage, was "as spry and active as a middle-aged man." Orator R. D. Frayser pointed out that 50 years earlier Memphis was composed of a few wooden houses, "quaint and brown" at the mouth of the Wolf River while all around were dense thickets and wild woods. Since that time, he said, leaders had "built a city ... that had risen all the brighter from its combats with war and epidemics."

<sup>5</sup>Swayne noted that Bettis, born in 1827, was said to be the oldest living person born in Shelby, and Mrs. W. W. Ware, born in 1830, the next oldest.

<sup>6</sup>Issue of 20 Sep 1877

## OLD FOLKS (continued)

Frayser, in recalling members who had died since the last meeting, went further than his predecessors and included some biographical information about each:

**“James G. Simpson** - a member of the Howard Association<sup>7</sup> during the great scourge in 1873. Born in Philadelphia in 1833 of Irish parents who had but a short time previous emigrated to this country. James came to Shelby when a mere boy, and grew to manhood among us. He married the daughter of one of our old residents, and lived a respected and useful citizen. He died 7 Dec 1876, aged 44.

**Asa Wallace** - came to Shelby from Connecticut almost 30 years ago. Went West from here with some other Tennesseans to join the war against Mexico and was connected with **Gen. Haskell**’s regiment. At the close of the war, he returned to his adopted state and resided here until his death 29 Mar 1877. Wallace, with **M. C. Cayce**, was the king auctioneer of this city for 20 or more years. Wallace had no peer at an auction sale and would draw crowds who came just to hear him talk over the things he auctioned off.

**William “Billy” Park** - one of our oldest and most valued citizens. He came to the United States in 1832 from Ireland, and stopped in Nashville for about a year before settling in Memphis. A “pure-blooded Irishman,” not a word did he utter but what sparkled with the peculiar witty brogue of his people. He soon won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came acquainted. Billy married one of the prettiest girls in old Shelby. His home was always a retreat of generous hospitality. ....For years during the latter part of his life he was an invalid, having been stricken with paralysis. He died on 3 Apr 1877 at his residence on Adams Street.

**Thomas E. Hills** - died 22 Jul 1877. He came from Virginia near Alexandria, married in 1833 to **Elizabeth Lanphier**, daughter of **Dr. William Lanphier**; settled here in 1846 and made a quiet, unobtrusive, and good citizen. He raised a family of affectionate and interesting children some of whom reside with us now.

**Judge Thomas Leonard** - came to Memphis 26 years ago from Kentucky and occupied the position of probate judge during the early years after the war, giving satisfaction to all with whom he officially came in contact. He died 19 Aug 1877.

**William T. Bettis** - died 4 Sep 1877. **Tillman Bettis** landed 22 Feb 1819 at the mouth of the Wolf River from what is now known as Middle Tennessee in a flatboat or broadhorn with his family, among whom was his son William T., a boy of 8 or 9 years old. Tillman settled about two miles east of where Memphis now stands and remained two or three years when he made a permanent settlement about two miles south near the race track and near his friend, **Anderson D. Carr**, where he remained. Twelve or 15 years afterward, his son William T. reached manhood, married, and settled near his father and started in life as an industrious, quiet, sober man. From that time to his death, he pursued his occupation as a farmer. One of our best citizens, known by all the old settlers and neighbors as an honest, Christian gentlemen. His only son William received a death-wound in the war at the battle of Missionary Ridge by a Federal sharpshooter while carrying a wounded comrade from the field of battle. At the time of his death, William T. was the oldest inhabitant.”

Frayser also named other departed citizens who, though not members of the Society, were identified with the rise and progress of the city and county:

**“John Connovan** - came to Memphis over 30 years ago, leased a large number of city and suburban lots, built houses on them, then rented them out, and sold some. He accumulated quite a large fortune, but the war with its ravages and depreciation of values, left him comparatively poor when he died 20 Oct 1876.

**G. Falls** - died 19 Dec 1876. One of our careful, pure-minded, and upright cotton merchants. He had a reputation for honest and fair dealing.

**Dr. P. P. Fraim** - rough and uncouth in outward appearance but within a heart with the tenderest of feelings. If no act of his life had exhibited these hidden chords of his heart till the great scourge of 1873, then proof of his kind heart would have been discovered. He had abandoned his profession and, although past 70, his age did not curb his zeal to relieve suffering or minister to the stricken. He died where he had lived 30 years or more on old Pigeon Roost Road now called Marshall Avenue on 11 Feb 1877.

**John D. Danbury** - came here in 1845 as a blacksmith. He first established a shop on the southwest corner of Main and West Court streets where **Barnum**’s jewelry store was kept in the late years. Then he moved to an old rickety frame shop

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<sup>7</sup>A group formed to provide aid in the yellow fever epidemic

OLD FOLKS (continued)

just opposite **Bro. Specht's** ice cream saloon. He was among the first firemen in our city. In time he came to be an alderman and was sent by the city to purchase a steam fire engine which after its arrival was called "The Danbury" after the founder, you might say, of the Memphis fire department. A member of the Order of Odd Fellows, he filled from the lowest to the highest office in the state. He died 31 Mar 1877.

**Amos Munson** - died 19 Apr 1877. He came here in 1840 as a carpenter, and accumulated a sufficiency to purchase a large and fine tract of land near where Bartlett now lies, to which he retired and lived till his death.

**Henry C. Dollis** - died 2 June 1877. Came here in 1840, was a trader in the river where stores were kept on flatboats in the river. He left Memphis for California during the gold fever many years ago, but came back like many who left us then. Having once got his foot in Memphis mud, he was sure to get it in again. He died in his 60th year.

**John F. M'Kinney** - also died 2 June 1877. He came here in 1825 and was commander and owner of a flatboat -- below he kept produce, above he stored furniture or kept furniture rooms. Soon after settling here, he opened a furniture store near the mouth of the Wolf River where our town then mostly lay. Soon after he established a furniture manufactory which was worked till the late War between the States. The furniture trade of our city was long connected with the name of M'Kinney.

**A. N. Edmonds** and **James Monroe Williamson** - both died on 16 June 1877, one the rushing, striving trader and good honest man; the other the shrewd, learned student and pure upright man. Williamson represented our district in the State Senate many years ago and for a long time was president of Memphis Gas Company. Both were trustees of Elmwood Cemetery at the time of their death.

**John Morrison** - another of our oldest citizens, he died 1 Jul 1877. Lived for many years in South Memphis in Old Fort Pickering. He was a merchant and devoted father.

**George Pattison** and **G. W. Jones** - both following soon one after the other. One a painstaking, easy, and fatherly man; the other - silent, modest, and a Christian worker.

Frayser then cited some worthy women who had died in the interval:

**Mrs. Susan Holland**, widow of the late **Rev. Jack Holland**, a kind and good lady who died 8 Oct 1876

**Mrs. Emily Felts** who died 28 Nov 1876 and was the widow of **James E. Felts**, once county sheriff. She was 63 and a representative of old Shelby's most worthy and virtuous matrons.

**Mrs. Cynthia Redditt** died 10 May 1877, a widow. One of the oldest female inhabitants of the county at her death, she came to Shelby from Sumner County in 1825.

**Mrs. Eliza A. Grant** died 21 June 1877 at the age of 65. She was the widow of the late **Dr. George R. Grant** -- an effective Christian worker, pious, and a lovely woman.

**Mrs. Mary E. Williamson**, a good Samaritan lady, died 11 Aug 1877. She came here as a young girl and later married one of the city's leading and most enterprising merchants, the late **Samuel H. Williamson**.

**Jane R. Park** - died in September after residing in our county 37 years. She leaves behind the virtues and excellent features of her life which she instilled into three generations of her own family who, we are glad to say, are mostly residents of our county.

Frayser also read a list that had been handed him of other old residents who had died since the last reunion: Oct. 12, 1876 - **Ella Guerrant**, aged 56; Oct. 16 - **Annie Taylor Bickford**, wife of **W. A. Bickford, Jr.**; Oct. 29 - **Anna Eliza Cochran**, wife of **Bro. R. L. Cochran**; Oct. 31 - **D. S. Wright**, aged 60; Nov. 12 - **Mrs. M. E. Robinson**, aged 58; Nov. 28 - **Francis R. Vanhorn**, aged 64; Dec. 17 - **Mrs. Nancy Robertson**, aged 73; Dec. 30 - **Mrs. C. E. Grider**, aged 79 (in Dickson, Ala.), mother of **W. H. Grider**; Jan. 22, 1877 - **Mrs. L. E. Cairnes**, aged 65; Feb. 10 - **H. T. Tomlinson** - killed by the great railroad accident at Ashtabula, Ohio; Feb. 21 - **Capt. E. C. Hastings**, 50; March 13 - **Mrs. Jane W. Madding**, aged 65, and **Mrs. W. C. Woodruff**; May 11 - **John C. Kimbrough**, 48; May 12 - **Horace N. Stickney**, 45; May 16 - **Mrs. Blanche T. Hanmer**, 72, mother of **Mrs. George Gantt**; June 8 - **Mrs. S. M. Dobbs**, 53, wife of **N. H. Dobbs**; June 13 - **Dr. R. P. Bateman** in Hot Springs; July 1 - **Elder Daniel Bates**, 74; July 3 - **Mrs. W. M. Brown**, widow of **Richard Brown**; July 9 - **Mrs. Julia E. Young**, 82, mother of **W. W.** and **J. M. Young**; July 19 - **John H. West**, 65; July 21 - **Mrs. Rebecca Miller**, 81, widow of **Charles Miller**; July 31 - **Mrs. C. Quentel**, 50, wife of **C. Quentel**; July 1 (?) - **John W. Stuart**, 76; Aug. 30 - **Rhoda Stout**, 80; Sept. 3 - **Esq. T. L. Giles**.

## OLD FOLKS (continued)

In 1880 the Old Folks acquired control of Winchester Cemetery "inspired by the respect which is due the honored dead lying therein."<sup>8</sup> The cemetery was located on an 11-acre plot on High Street which had been donated to the city by Marcus B. Winchester and the Proprietors of Memphis. In about 1874 when the city limits were extended, few burials were made there and the cemetery had become unkempt. Old Folks' sole purpose in taking over the cemetery was to provide a proper enclosure and put it in order. They made a public appeal for contributions, and **J. S. Wilkins, Henry E. Goodlett, Owen Lilly, L. H. Dunscomb, S. H. Lamb, and B. Richmond** were named as a committee to receive funds. Contributions proved inadequate, and Old Folks assessed themselves \$6 a year to pay for keeping up the walks and shrubbery and maintaining a superintendent. **Jesse P. Prescott** served as long-term custodian for the cemetery. Eventually, most of the graves were moved to Elmwood. Even so, Old Folks' efforts did much to arouse indignation at the ruthless destruction of cemeteries and brought about legislation in regard to their preservation.<sup>9</sup>

As more and more of the "Old Folks" passed away, the Society's membership gradually dwindled and the job as caretakers of Shelby's history fell into younger hands. ■

## A. M. Lambeth, Sr.: Among Hardeman County's Earliest Settlers

Memoirs of **A. M. Lambeth, Sr.**, printed by the *Bolivar Bulletin* in its issue of 11 Oct 1877, make for interesting reading. Born in 1803, Lambeth came to Hardeman County's Middleton community area in 1826 from Davidson Co., N.C., and was one of the area's first settlers.

In that early day, he traded with the Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes and amassed quite a fortune. The Indians sold immense quantities of deer hides at 14 cents apiece in trade for sugar, coffee, and whiskey. The hides were baled much as cotton later was and shipped by way of New Orleans to Philadelphia where they brought 50 cents each. At that time there were about 10 deer to one squirrel.

Lambeth described grazing of that era as "splendid," and said hogs and cattle of all descriptions were wintered at large in the woods.

Working as a collecting officer in his native state of North Carolina, he was sent by **Jesse Hargrave**, Lexington, N.C., merchant, to collect money due him by settlers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He made two such trips on horseback and saw frontier life in all its wild vicissitudes.

*The Bulletin* reported that Lambeth gave interesting accounts of the old revolutionary times as told to him by his uncles who actively sponsored and espoused the cause of the colonies.

"He tells of the celebrated Miss Jane Devereux who died a few years since in this county at the advanced age of 112 years. She came from Pleasant Garden on Catawba River, N. C. During the war with the mother country, she served as a courier, carrying dispatches by night through the lines, riding sometimes 40 to 60 miles to reach the American force. The famous Col. Carson of North Carolina before he died committed to keeping the history of the exploits of this devoted and fearless defender of our colonial fortunes."

In the prime of manhood, Lambeth was one of the most active and industrious men of his day. Unaided and alone each season he planted, worked, and picked 10 bales of cotton besides raising 40 barrels of corn and other crops. *The Bulletin* reported, "At the break of day, his plow was at work and -- excepting a rest at noon -- continued until the night shades forced him to stop."

Lambeth, who was 77 at the time of his interview with the local paper, commented: "Young men now don't half work. They love play not labor." Despite his age, Lambeth was still superintending his large farming interests. He raised 19 children, 11 of whom were living in 1877. They include five sons -- **C.M., A.M., Jr., F. C., and J. K. P. Lambeth**; and six daughters, **Mrs. Cader Cox, Mrs. William Siddons, Mrs. Needham Simpson, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. J. E. Jenkins, and Miss Florence Lambeth**.

<sup>8</sup> *The Appeal*, 25 Apr 1880 issue

<sup>9</sup> Judge J. P. Young: *Standard History of Memphis, Tenn.*, published by H. W. Crew & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., 1912, p.564





Published under the title, "Old Folks at Home Anniversary Addresses," by Hite, Crumpton & Kelly in Memphis in 1873, it is available at the Memphis/Shelby County Library, Peabody & McLean.)

## This Is the Way It Was Ca. 1825 in Tennessee's Western District

(The following description of early days in Tennessee's Western District was given by **Col. W. B. Waldran** in an address to the Old Folks Society on 12 Sept 1872.

"In 1825 my father settled in this county about 10 miles northeast of the village of Memphis, upon government land that had not been sectionalized. After we crossed the Tennessee River, we saw but little sign of civilization -- very few settlers. The whole country was heavily timbered. There were no hostile Indians but every other obstacle that settlers of a new country ever had to contend with was met with in the Western District of Tennessee.

"In 1827-28 the tide of immigrants increased, but a very large portion of the newcomers were very poor. Many would have retreated but were not able, and it became with most of them a question of life and death while they were unable to move away.

"They had to subdue the forest and bring it into cultivation before they had the promise of bread. And you who think cutting down to trees is bringing land into cultivation should follow a shovel plow with a jumping coulter through a rooty, new piece of ground to know what a virtue patience is. The killing of bear, deer, and turkeys saved many a family from suffering. For all other supplies, they had to draw on the Chickasaw Bluffs and to reach Memphis -- only 10 miles distant -- was no small job. Think for a moment. Surrounded by unbroken forest, no roads, no bridges, no mills, no schoolhouses, no church. There was but one wagon road to Memphis and that a poor one, though it was called the Great Alabama and State Line Road.

"Memphis was a small town in 1827, the year the first newspaper started here. What town there was lay well up toward the mouth of the Wolf River. The 11th number of the first volume of the *Advocate and Western District Intelligencer* was published in Memphis on 29 Mar 1827 by **Parras & Phoebus**. Among its ads were the familiar names of **Ro. Lawrence, Littleton Henderson, Anderson B. Carr, Isaac Rawlings, M. B. Winchester, W. D. Ferguson, and F.A. & T. Young**.

"The town of Raleigh was laid out in 1827 and the road to Somerville through Raleigh was cut, soon after which **James Brown & Co.** started a line of four-horse post coaches. This

was a greater epoch in our history than the opening of the Memphis - Charleston Railroad.

"Almost everyone had chills and fever. The whole country was infested with mosquitoes, buffalo gnats, and all manner of flies and snakes. Our common suffering made us 'wondrous kind.' It is refreshing to think of the universal hospitality of those days. Every man's house was a free hotel to the full extent of his ability. People 'were careful to entertain strangers.' A man would take his horse from the plow and ride around to help a newcomer select a home. They would walk miles to assist each other raise a house or roll logs. They were for years 'a law unto themselves.' They were moral, sober, and industrious; there was no fighting or stealing.

"Women of that day bore their full share [of privations and hardships], and men were as much indebted to the women for success as they were to their own exertions. There was less repining among women than among men. Women have more hope than men. They will struggle longer and harder with difficulties than men will; they never abandon a man or a cause because success is doubtful.

"To give you a faint idea of the trials endured by women in the early history of this county ... I will state that I have often seen them walk for miles to church and carry their shoes and stockings in their hands and sit down on a log just before reaching the church and put them on ... and, in like manner, after they started home, they would take off and carry their shoes and stockings. This is but one item of the rigid economy it was necessary to practice in that day. These things may appear to be somewhat extravagant. I refer you to **Brother Tom Davidson** who rode our circuit in 1826-7 and preached in our economical churches which consisted of 'bush arbors.' His circuit was about 150 miles along a bridle path and often no path but through the woods, governed by his knowledge of courses. Still I never heard him complaining of hardships or getting to a house or camp but what he was welcome.

"After Raleigh was laid out and made the county site, the building up of it and the opening of courts was termed and thought to be 'progress in civilization.' But with the sheriff, lawyers, and courts came court cases, drinking saloons, drunken men, fighting, and all manner of evil communications. Notwithstanding all of this, Raleigh flourished until the grasping propensity of Memphis seized and moved all the courts. Then Raleigh would have gone under but for the timely discovery of the health-giving property of its mineral springs which have now acquired such a reputation as to promise soon to make it a wonderful resort, to accommodate which a narrow-gauge railroad is now being built to connect Raleigh with Memphis. "■



**TENNESSEANS** who relocated to Missouri crop up in various records abstracted in the *Prairie Gleaner*, (Vol. 28, No. 1) published by the West Central Missouri Genealogical Society, Warrensburg. Listed in the 1884 Bates County directory as residing in Homer Township were: **A. A. Malone**, born in East Tennessee in 1855, and his wife, **M. Rogers Malone**, born in Illinois in 1858; **I. Malone**, born in Tennessee in 1860; **Mrs. J. L. Scribner** (nee **M. Boils**), born in East Tennessee; and **Mrs. G. Thomason**, nee **M. Armstrong**, born in Tennessee in 1826.



'**A RUNAWAY MATCH**' was how the *Thomasville, Ga., Times* reported the marriage of **Miss Mattie Hall** of Florida to **Mr. J. C. Reeps** of Tennessee on 17 Sep 1879. The couple married in Bainbridge, Ga., and left on the steamer *Moore*, according to an excerpt in *Origins* (Vol. 6, No. 4), published by Thomasville Genealogical, History, and Fine Arts Library.



**TINTYPES** of a couple believed to have been former Tennesseans **Jacob Pile** and his wife, **Evangeline Williams**, are reproduced in *Bluegrass Roots* (Vol. 23, No. 4), genealogical quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort.

Jacob, born in North Carolina on 16 Apr 1785, came to Tennessee with his family in 1791. He and Evangeline were married in Fentress Co., Tenn., on 16 Sep 1806. (She was born 16 Apr 1788). The couple moved with Jacob's brother, **Daniel Pile**, to Indiana in 1818, and later relocated in Illinois. Their daughter, **Susan**, married **William W. Ward** in Brown Co., Ill., on 12 Oct 1864. Jacob and Evangeline are buried in Sargent Cemetery, Adams Co., Ill.



**A CIVIL WAR DIARY** kept by Confederate soldier **Evan Atwood** contains autographs of five Tennesseans who were among his fellow prisoners in an unidentified Union prison. The five were: (1) **1st Lt. Thomas T. Bouldon** of the 60th Tenn. Infantry, captured at Big Black Bridge on 17 May 1863, home - Newport, Tenn.; (2) **Lt. W. C.**

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**Lotspeich**, Co. I, 60th Tenn., captured at Big Black River, Miss., 17 May 1863, home - Newport, Tenn.; (3) **Col. L. Adams**, 23rd Tenn., captured 26 June 1863 on Tenn. River, home - Troy, Tenn.; (4) **1st Lt. David T. Barnes**, 42nd Tenn. Volunteers, captured in West Tenn. 18 April 1863, home - Morning Sun, Tenn.; and (5) **Capt. J. B. (I. B.?) Austin**, Co. I, 4th Ky. Cavalry, captured 27 Oct 1863 in Dickson Co., Tenn., home - Charlotte, Tenn.

Information from the diary was published in the *Arkansas Family Historian*, Vol. 34, No. 4.



**A FEATURE STORY** about former Tennessean **Augustus Hill Garland** appeared in the *Texarkana USA Quarterly's* Vol. XXIII, No. 3-4. Born in Tipton Co., Tenn., on 11 June 1832, he moved in 1833 with his parents, **Rufus** and **Barbara Hill Garland**, to Miller Co., Ark., where his father died shortly afterward. (Rufus, the son of **Josiah Quincy Garland**, was born in Snow Hill, N.C., on 7 Feb 1798.)

Augustus and his mother then moved to Washington, Hempstead Co., Ark., where in 1837 she married **Thomas Hubbard**. Augustus married **Francis Holliday**, a native of Tipton Co., Tenn., and they had 10 children. Francis died 10 Mar 1867 and Augustus died 23 Aug 1871. Both are buried in the Lee Family Cemetery.



**A GIBSON CO., TENNESSEAN** who loomed large in Mississippi history is the subject of an article in *Chronicles & Epitaphs* (Vol. 1, Issue 4) published by the Tishomingo Co. (Miss.) Historical and Genealogical Society. **John Marshall Stone**, born 30 Apr 1830, moved to Iuka in 1857 where he was depot and railroad express agent. During the Civil War, he was captain and later colonel in the Second Mississippi Regiment's Co. K, and

fought in all the major battles of the Army of Virginia.

After the war, he served as state senator and was chosen speaker of the Senate in 1876. He was elected governor of Mississippi three times, and then served as president of A&M College at Starkville until his death on 26 Mar 1900.



**LORENZO D. OVERALL** was a Kentuckian with Tennessee roots, according to a story in *Kentucky Family Records* (Vol. 21, Page 25). Born in Tennessee ca. 1836, Overall appears in census records of Daviess Co., Ky., and may have moved there with **Henry Vanover** and his family in 1844.

He married **Spicy Malinda Vanover** on 11 Oct 1853. She also was born in Tennessee and was the daughter of **Thomas Vanover**, who was born in Virginia about 1800.

Lorenzo and Spicy had at least five children, **William**, **Malinda**, **James**, **Mollie**, and **Matilda**. After Lorenzo's death in 1868, his widow married a **Mr. Minton (A.A.?)** and later **Thomas Jefferson Vanover**.



**A CONFEDERATE PENSION** application filed by the widow of Tennessee-born **Montgomery Dickson Parker** is summarized in *Chickasaw Times Past* (Vol. XV, No. 3), published by the Chickasaw Historical and Genealogical Society in Houston, Miss. Parker, born 8 Mar 1834 in Washington Co., Tenn., was the son of **William Parker** (b. ca. 1799 in the Carolinas) and **Cintha Gaines**. The family moved to Chickasaw Co., Miss., after 1850.

M. D. married **Nancy A. Goins** ca. 1860 in Chicksaw County. His wife, born in April 1845 in Alabama, was the daughter of **Henry** and **Elizabeth Goins**. The couple had eight children, **William**, **Leada**, **Henry G.**, **Bettie**, **Ella**, **Maggie**, **Mary F.**, and **Leona**.

They moved to Drew Co., Ark., in the 1870s. M.D. died there on 18 Oct 1902 and Nancy died two years and one day later.

Additional family information was supplied by **Frances Fleming** of Carthage, Mo.

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**THE NICKENS FAMILY** of Texas and Illinois descended from **James William Nickens**, an Irishman who came to the U.S. about 1825 and settled in Wilson Co., Tenn. The family history is traced in the *Garland (Tex.) Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 8, No. 1. James' daughter **Sarah** married **John Clark**, and later the couple with their four children moved to Texas near Jasper.

James' son, **James W., Jr.**, born in 1827, married (1) **Jane Frances Bass**, and (2) **Doretha Bass**. He served with the Union's 120th Illinois Infantry Volunteers during the Civil War and fought at the Battle of Vicksburg. He died from food poisoning in a Memphis hospital and was buried in the National Cemetery there in 1863. His family did not know where he was buried until 128 years later when his great-grandson, Minor Nickens, located and visited the grave.

**THE PENSION RECORD** of **Cornelius Carmack, Sr.**, of Overton Co., Tenn., is published in *The Holston Pastfinder* (Vol. 15, No. 3), quarterly of the Holston Territory Genealogical Society of Bristol, Va.-Tenn. Carmack, born 8 Jan 1759 in Frederick Co., Md., voluntarily entered America's military service in the summer of 1776. At that time he lived in Montgomery Co., Va., now Washington County. Carmack, whose brother was **Henry Livingston** of Overton County, applied for a military pension in 1832.

**EZEKIEL STONE BLAIR** and his wife Jane Henry did not move from Tennessee to Texas in the early 1830's, as recorded in a book on Tennesseans, but migrated instead to Cherokee Co., Ala. The correction is reported in a paper by one of their descendants which is printed in *Northeast Alabama Settlers* (Vol. 35, No. 4), publication of the Northeast Alabama Genealogical

Society, Gadsden. Ezekiel and Jane were married in Blount County, Tenn., on 28 Jul 1831. They moved to Alabama in an area now known as Blairtown in rural Cherokee County and lived there the remainder of their lives. Three of their sons, William, John, and Rev. Samuel H. Blair, moved to Texas. Two sons, Rev. Thomas Blair and John Spencer Blair, along with two of Ezekiel's daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, remained in Alabama. After Jane's death on 25 May 1867, Ezekiel married Mrs. Cynthia Allsop Sheridan on 12 Dec 1868. He is buried in Providence Baptist Church Cemetery at Blairstown between his two wives.

**A TEXAN** whose grandparents were Tennesseans became an internationally known wildlife conservationist and one of the "fathers" of Smokey Bear, the famous symbol of forest fire prevention. **Homer C. Pickens**, the subject of an article in the *Hopkins County (Tex.) Heritage* (Vol. 14, No. 1), was the grandson of William M. Pickens (b. 1824) of McNairy Co., Tenn. William, a furniture maker and farmer, moved to Hopkins Co., Tex., shortly after the Civil War. His son, William Matthew Pickens (b. 1851) married Nancy Belle Jones (b. 1879) and Homer was their second child. Born 5 Jul 1903, Homer was originally named Calvin Homer Pickens but later changed his name because he disliked Calvin. ■

### **A Real Stuart Clan**

Henderson County has a venerable old citizen now in his 91st year who is living with his old spouse to whom he was wedded more than a half century ago. His name is **Elias Stuart**. He is the father of six children, 76 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. - *Bolivar Bulletin*, 19 Apr 1872

### **Careful There!**

"Don't locate your grandfather in 'the front rank' in the Concord and Lexington fight. That was the one that retreated."

-*The Commercial & Legal Reporter, Nashville, Tenn., 30 June 1875*

## **If You Lived In 1881, This Was the Outlook**

The following item appeared in *The Murfreesboro Free Press* on 20 July 1881:

### **Average of Human Life**

Calculated in years and hundredths, the expectation of the duration of life at birth is:

**Males - 39.91**

**Females - 41.85**

## **A Fearless Editor**

The term "fearless editor" could have originated in regard to **M. R. Parrish**, who headed the *Bolivar Bulletin* during Reconstruction days. On 23 Jan 1869, he carried the following story:

"A carpetbagger now in Tennessee wrote to his father lately in the North. 'Come down here, father, mighty mean men get in office now. You could be elected to the U.S. Senate without any trouble.'"

## **As Fred Allen Put It ...**

"Every man serves a useful purpose: a miser, for example, makes a wonderful ancestor."

## **A Will Roger-ism**

"My folks didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they were there to meet the boat."

## **Virginia-Style Humor**

On Page 165 of Orange County, Va., Deed Book 18 is the following comment:

"Henry Pendleton his hand and pen, he may right good butt god knows when ..."

(Quoted by Ruth and Sam Spacracio in *A Digest of Orange Co., Va., Will Books 1734-1838*.)

## **Don't Miss Out**

To be sure you don't miss out on a single issue of *The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine*, take time now to look at your address label and see when your subscription expires. Renew early!

## *Between CENSUSES*

**MRS. MARY A. SANDERS**, wife of **Jesse B. Sanders** and eldest daughter of the late **Benjamin** and **Nancy Lillard** of Rutherford County, died 23 March 1881. Aged 65 years, 10 months, and 11 days, she was born 12 May 1815 near Lexington, Woodford Co., Ky. For the last two years, she suffered nervous chills and had two attacks of pneumonia during the last winter which, complicated with asthma, ended her life. She leaves a kind husband, one son, four daughters and one son-in-law, two brothers, three sisters, and a large number of kindred and friends to mourn for her. She was the mother of seven children, two little sons having preceded her to the world beyond the skies. As she was the eldest of a large family, the younger members looked upon her as a second mother. For about a half century, she was an exemplary member of the Primitive Baptist Church. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 8 April 1881*



**MR. HENRY ARNOLD**, aged 65 years, died in Bedford County on 25th July. A brother of **Capt. Ed Arnold** of Murfreesboro, he served in the 23rd Tennessee Confederate Regiment during the war and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 29 July 1881*



**FINIS E. CLARK**, born 2 Oct 1851, died 29 Jan 1882, aged 30 years, 3 months, and 27 days. He became a member of the Strangers Refuge Lodge No. 14, I.O.O. F., on 16 Feb 1875 and was an upright, consistent member. He was the son of **John L. Clark**, Esq., and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 3 Feb 1882*



**MRS. LEVINIA SINGLETON**, aged 87, died at the residence of **J. L. Vaughn**, Esq., in the 7th District on the 28th January. She was the mother of **Mr. S. H. Singleton**, and had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for more than 60 years. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 3 Feb 1882*



**MRS. VANDA L. FORD**, wife of **Thomas S. Ford**, died at the home of her son-in-law, **Johnson McDowell**, in Murfreesboro 26 Jan 1882. Born at Beech Grove, Coffee Co., Tenn., on 30 Nov 1832, she was 49 years old at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Mr. T. S. Ford on 25 Mar 1852. The family moved to this town in 1875. She made a profession of faith at a meeting held at Beech Grove in 1850 and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Out of a family of nine children, the youngest of whom is 10 years old, this is the first death. She lived to see all her children married except four without a single death. She was taken sick about 12 months before she died. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 3 Feb 1882*



**WITH DEEP REGRET** we chronicle the death of **Major J. L. Parham** who died in Jackson on the 20th inst. He lived in our midst for many years, enjoying the esteem of all who knew him. He was an active, energetic business man and held a position of honor and trust. He was 62 years of age and through those long years was a member of the Methodist Church and a faithful Christian. He was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery by the Masonic Order of which he was a member in high standing. - *West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 26 July 1884*



**MRS. MARGARET JOHNSON** of Jackson left Thursday the 17th inst. to visit friends at Baldwyn, Miss. After being there only a few days, she died suddenly of heart disease. She was a very estimable lady, and a member of the Episcopal Church. Her death was a great shock to her family and friends. Her remains were interred at Riverside Cemetery. - *West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 26 July 1884*

**DIED** at his home in Franklin Sunday morning, June 2, surrounded by friends and relatives, **Moses R. Buchanan**, well known to almost every man, woman, and child in Middle Tennessee. He had been sick for some time and several days ago his case was pronounced hopeless... There are few men in the State whose histories have been so full of stirring events. In the celebration of his 81st birthday, which came not long ago, were gathered his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relations in great number. Perhaps no man in Middle Tennessee had so extensive a connection. In years gone by it has been a common saying that everybody was kin to Buchanan or his wife. .. In 1820 he settled on a magnificent farm lying on Stones River in Rutherford County and built in that year Buchanan's Mill which is still standing. On Stones River, then a navigable stream, he built at his mill the first lock and dam ever constructed in Tennessee. His wife, whom he married in 1827, was **Miss Sallie Ridley**, sister of **Mark Ridley** now living at Donelson's Station. She died about 10 years ago. The deceased leaves 11 children (six daughters and five sons), all living in Tennessee. One of his daughters is the wife of **County Judge Caldwell**. His remains will be brought here this morning on 8 o'clock accommodations and will be taken out to Mill Creek Cemetery where, according to his request, they will be laid by the side of his wife. **Dr. Strickland** will conduct services at the grave. - *Nashville American*, 30 May 1887, reprinted in *Free Press, Murfreesboro*, 3 June 1887



**THE HON. A. B. HAYNES** died suddenly and unexpectedly at his place eight miles from Memphis at an early hour this morning. He had an attack of malarial fever about 10 days ago, but was able to sit up until yesterday morning. At 6 o'clock last evening, he was suddenly taken worse ... and at 6 this morning he was deceased. A native of Giles County, he came to Shelby County when a young man to practice law but married Miss Buntyn, daughter of Geraldia Buntyn, soon afterward and turned his attention to farming at which he was highly successful. A member of the Baptist Church, he was an upright and respected citizen, greatly esteemed by neighbors and the community at large. He was elected to the lower house of the legislature on the Democratic ticket in 1872 and was elected to the Senate in 1874, making both times an efficient and influential member. Since then, he has not taken part in politics but has been active in promoting the interests of the Granges. For some time, he has been master of the State Grange. He died at the age of about 46. The funeral will be tomorrow at Elmwood Cemetery. - *Memphis Public Ledger*, 30 Aug 188



**SOME 1890 DEATHS** in Rutherford County reported by **T. H. Wood**, undertaker: Nov. 13- **B. M. Miles**, Florence; Nov. 14- **James B. Haynes**, **Nannie Randolph**; Nov. 16 - **Walter E. Haynes**; Nov. 17 - **John Smith**, **Tom Monroe**; Nov. 18 - infant of **John Holloway**, infant of **W. O'Keefe**, 13th dist., **Ella Jordan**; Nov. 19 - **Catherine Lawrence**, **John Webb**. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro*, 21 Nov 1890



**ON TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 1890**, the dark-winged messenger of death visited our neighborhood and took from us our beloved friend, **Mrs. Mary E. Bell**. Her death was quite a shock to one and all and has cast a shadow over the entire community. Aunt Mary was a devoted member of the church and was 54 years of age at her death. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro*, 21 Nov 1890



**DR. JOHN MORGAN**, former resident of Murfreesboro, died Thursday, Feb. 12, at Clarksville, Texas. He had been sick for a long time and his death was not unexpected. Dr. Morgan was formerly a druggist in Rutherford County and was connected with a number of leading families here. He married a **Miss Fletcher**, sister of **Squire James F. Fletcher** of the 18th District of this county. At the time of his death, he was a widower and left no children. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro*, 20 Feb 1891

BETWEEN CENSUSES (continued)

**MRS. NANCY BROWN**, wife of **Mr. Wiley Brown**, died Saturday, Feb. 14, at the family residence near Smyrna in Rutherford County. Her remains were interred last Monday at the family burial ground. She was 70 years of age at her death. - *Free Press, Murfreesboro, 20 Feb 1891*



**“UNCLE JIMMY” PARK**, aged 90 years four months and two days departed this life Saturday morning [8 July] at 2 o'clock. He lived for 82 years on the farm where he succumbed. When he came here in 1817, the dusky warrior of the forest was yet making his abode. The home in which he lived at that time is preserved almost intact and the portholes in the walls carry with them the traditional curiosity. Never in his life had he taken a dose of professional medicine. He reared a family of seven children, four boys and three girls, all but one boy survive. His family have ever been revered for their industry and sound judgment. Obsequies were held at the home by **Rev. Sanders** Sunday morning with interment the same day in Oak Grove Cemetery. - *East Tennessee News, Greeneville, 13 July 1899*



**ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, Mr. Joell Knipp** died at Ferrell, Texas. Well known in some parts of Greene County, he was born and raised near this place, and lived as a consistent member of the Lutheran Church for more than half a century.. - *East Tennessee News, Greeneville, 13 July 1899*



**MRS. MARY T. ALLEN**, oldest daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown** of Greeneville and widow of **W. A. Allen** who died in Knoxville some 18 months ago, breathed her last at her home in this city at 11:15 Wednesday morning [5 April]. Mr. Allen, it will be remembered, was for some time collector of internal revenue and died suddenly in November 1891. Before her husband's death, Mrs. Allen was broken in health and when the terrible shock of his death was posed, it was more than she could endure and since that time she had gradually declined. She leaves four children and many loving friends. Funeral services will be Friday morning, with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery. - *East Tennessee News, Greeneville, 6 April 1893*



**HENRY V. SEVIER**, brother of **Charles L. Sevier** of Bristol and well known in Greeneville, having been connected with a newspaper here at one time, died at Jacksonville, Fla., March 31, of pneumonia. - *East Tennessee News, Greeneville, 6 April 1893*



**GEN. J. C. N. ROBERTSON**, a man full of years and crowned with many honors, quietly breathed his last in the neighboring town of Hernando, Miss., at the close of New Year's Day 1880. No particular disease carried him off: the vital powers of life were exhausted and life's candle went out. He came of a good old Revolutionary stock, took an active part in public affairs, and was a useful and honored citizen. He was born in Washington, (then N.C.) on 20 Feb 1792 and was nearly 88 at his death. His father, **George**, was the youngest son of **Col. Charles Robertson** of Revolutionary fame, who was a major in **Col. John Sevier's** regiment at King's Mountain. Both grandfathers and four uncles of Gen. Robertson were engaged in that battle. One uncle, **Capt. Robert Sevier**, fell in that engagement and another uncle, **Julius Robertson**, was wounded. Gen. Robertson was reared in East Tennessee but in 1812 removed with his father to Overton County where he became one of the soldiers known as **Gen. Jackson's** old Tennessee Volunteers. He was with Jackson throughout the Creek War and was promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant. After the war, he was elected captain in the 35th Tennessee militia and subsequently filled various offices in the militia up to Brigadier General. This was in a period when such offices were sought and filled with men of highest character and qualifications. In the spring of 1823 he moved with his family to the Western District and in the fall of that year was elected the first sheriff of Hardeman County. He served in that position 15 years. In 1834 he was elected a member of the constitutional con-

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vention which framed the Tennessee Constitution. In 1835 he was elected senator for Hardeman, Fayette, and Shelby counties and served in the arduous sessions of the legislature in 1835-36 and in the called session of 1836. In 1843 he removed to Mississippi where he lived the rest of his life. His Masonic career dated back to 1825 when he joined Clemons Lodge 51 in Bolivar. In 1836 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He married **Miss Margaret Reagan** of an old East Tennessee family on 28 May 1818. She yet lives, a hearty old lady of 84. She is a cousin of Congressman Reagan of Texas. Gen. Robertson has three sons living, numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. **Henry J. Lynne**, **Asa Livermore**, and **Sidney Lewis** of Memphis and **John B. West** of Hernando married his granddaughters. The funeral will be from the residence of his son, **C. H. Robertson**, in Hernando on Saturday the 3d. There will be a special train from Memphis to accommodate all of his friends who may wish to attend. - *Public Ledger, Memphis, Friday, Jan. 2, 1880*



**DIED** at Greenbrier Creek 3 Nov 1894 of pneumonia, **Mrs. Paralee McMillin**, aged 45 years, three months, and 30 days. She was married to **J. P. McMillin** on 9 Mar 1871, and was a member of the Christian Church. She leaves her husband and several children. -*Camden Chronicle, 9 Nov 1894*



**AFTER AN ILLNESS** of several days from malarial fever, **Mrs. Sara A. McAuley**, who resided one mile northeast of Camden, died Sunday evening. She was 75 years of age and the widow of **Martin McAuley**, long since dead but well known to the old citizens of the county. She was the mother of **J. D., E. M.,** and **Harris McAuley**, and **Mrs. Andrew Sykes**, and two sons who are residing in Texas. Burial was in Camden Cemetery. -*Camden Chronicle, 9 Nov 1894*



**MRS. ANNIE COWELL**, wife of **C. H. Cowell** and daughter of **S. T. and E. C. Presson**, died 13 Nov 1894. She was born in Benton Co., Tenn., on 3 Aug 1858, was married 18 Oct 1885, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Cowell's Chapel on 15 Oct 1888. She had no children of her own, but was a mother tried and true to Bro. Cowell's children. Burial was in Cowell's Chapel Cemetery.

-*Camden Chronicle, 21 Dec 1894*



**MR. ELI BARKER** died at Gardner on Feb. 4 at the advanced age of 90 years, one month, and 10 days. A native of Cheatham Co., N.C., he was born 25 Dec 1805. In 1823 he removed to Tennessee where he has since resided except for two years spent in Missouri. He leaves five sons, two daughters, and many relatives, some of whom reside in this county. Burial was at Gardner Cemetery. -*Camden Chronicle, 15 Feb 1895*



**MRS. CHARLES J. McKINNEY** died at her residence Friday, August 8, after a protracted illness. She was a sister of **Dr. Joseph R.** and **Mrs. Ella Walker** of this place and **Margaret Walker** of Chattanooga. She leaves four daughters -- **Mrs. J. M. Phipps** of Rotherwood, **Mrs. W. G. Nice** and **Mrs. Fannie Logen** of this place, and **Mrs. Howard Smith** of Brooklyn, N.Y. -- and one son, **Charles J. McKinney** of Knoxville. -*The Herald, Rogersville, 6 Aug 1890*



**MRS. MALINDA JOHNSTON**, wife of Harvey Johnston, died at her home about one mile west of town last Sunday evening, aged about 41 years. She leaves her husband and eight children, the youngest of which are twins about nine months old. Interment was in the family burying ground. - *The Herald, Rogersville, 23 July 1890*

**GEORGE W. BROOKS** died at his home in the 11th District on Sunday night July 20, aged about 70 years. He was well known in Rogersville and throughout the county. -*The Herald, Rogersville, 23 July 1890* ■

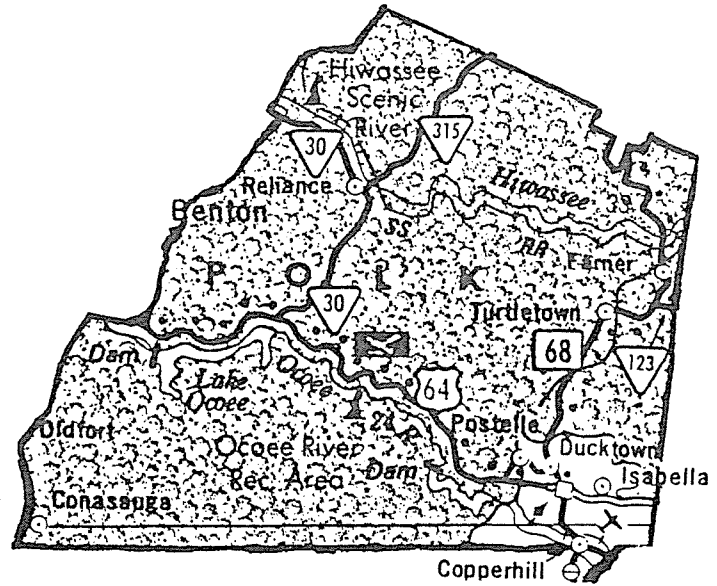
# Tennessee's Copper Basin - An Ethnic Overview

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The Copper Basin occupies a portion of southeastern Tennessee in Polk County near the area where Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee state lines meet. This area entered the pages of America's industrialization history when copper was discovered there in the 1840s, spurring a rush of mining activities. By the 1850s the Hiwassee Mine was opened, and smelting furnaces and other mines were developed in the following years.

Mining and its associated activities remained a focal point for the area except for two brief periods of mine closings -- the first during the Civil War, and the second in the late 1870s into the 1880s while a rail line was being constructed to make mining operations economically viable once again. In 1987 mining activities in the area ceased because they were no longer deemed profitable. Today the Hiwassee Mine chimney stands in mute testimony to the industry that once ruled the region. The Ducktown Basin Museum, located on the historic Burra Burra Mine site, preserves the area's history.

Between 1840 and 1920 significant immigrations were made into the Copper Basin, especially to the principle mining communities of Ducktown, Isabella, and Copperhill. The immigrants, drawn to the United States by westward expansion, economic development and diversification, and the promise of freedom, settled first in the large eastern seaboard cities. Some stayed there, but many ventured farther into the "new" America. One of the first groups of Europeans arrived in the Copper Basin in the 1840's and became known as "the Dutch Colony," although most were of German ancestry. The colony failed because the area was not suitable for agriculture, and the people's self-imposed isolation from other communities proved detrimental. Some who left the colony later settled around Ducktown where



they were soon joined by others seeking work in the copper mines.

Immigrants who came to the Basin in the 1850s were largely from England, France, and the German nations. England's industrialization was in full swing and, as machines replaced many workers, wages fell. At the same time, population was increasing at an extremely high rate. In 1801, the population of England -- including Wales and Scotland -- was about 9.5 million. By 1851 it was over 21 million and growing. This large work force often meant lower wages. In addition, the 1846 repeal of the Corn Laws, which opened up England to free trade, reduced the significance of its own agricultural products and farmers often found they could no longer get the same price for their products.

France, on the other hand, faced different internal problems in the 1850s. Its 1848 revolution, brought on by economic depression and growing socialistic tendencies among the working class, acted as a catalyst throughout Europe. Napoleon, after being elected president, allowed the people to vote to reinstate the Empire and named himself emperor. The constitution that followed left little room for freedom of speech or any political activity against the Empire.

Central Europe, unlike England and France,



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lacked a strong central state. Germany was divided into small principalities such as Hesse, Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, etc., and the German princes' inability to quell demands for reform had resulted in the formation of a loose confederation. These forces of change interacted, motivating many Europeans to migrate to America.

The period of 1850-1870 saw a tremendous increase of immigrants into the Copper Basin. More than 200 families arrived from England during this time. The Irish who arrived were not only seeking to escape English domination and oppression, but also famine and hardships resulting from the potato blight. Ducktown and the Copper Basin were logical choices for many former citizens of the United Kingdom, and particularly those from Wales since many had been mining coal and were accustomed to the hard labor of extractive industries. The Germans arrived for a variety of reasons, including political oppression and spreading economic downturns. Some worked in the mines, but many set up shops and mercantiles or became doctors and educators -- all important to the area's growing secondary economic sector. Among the last groups to arrive during this period were small numbers of French, Belgian, Italian, and Austrian families.

The period from 1880-1900 saw a drop-off in immigration to Ducktown and the Basin due to the temporary closing of the mines, as mentioned earlier, and the increasing mechanization of mine operations. The immigrants who did arrive were from England, Germany/Prussia, Austria, and Holland.

After 1900 immigration rose again, but there was a shift in the mix of nationalities. Increased numbers came from Eastern Europe and the Middle East, while the ratio of English immigrants decreased because of improved living conditions at home. Among the new settlers were Italians, Greeks, Hungarians, Russians (particularly Russian Jews) and Turks (Syrian/Lebanese). Small groups of West Europeans continued to trickle in from France and Sweden. Like their

predecessors, many came in search of personal and religious freedom.

The combination of "push-pull" factors was at work here. Possible "push" factors can be seen in Syria, for example, which at this time was a province of the Ottoman Empire and signs of Islamic solidarity were often directed toward Christian inhabitants. Various wars that shattered the Balkan Peninsula also played an important role in these migrations.

Among "pull" factors were the thriving status of the copper business and the fact that some type of work could be found for almost all family members. Not all of the streets in the Copper Basin communities were "paved with gold," however. Many of the immigrants were given little more than menial jobs. Managerial positions went primarily to Western Europeans (even though many "English" are simply listed as miners). Segregation also occurred within the communities, whether based on socio-economic status or ethnic background.

In summary, the Copper Basin and its communities were and are to this day a wealth of ethnicity. Today many of these people simply consider themselves Tennesseans, yet they cling to the rich heritage their ancestors brought to the Basin. This small microcosm truly reflects America as President John F. Kennedy described it: "a nation of immigrants." It is this rich heritage that makes the Copper Basin the cultural mosaic it remains today.

## **COPPER BASIN ETHNICITY:** **1850-1920 DATA**

(The following material was collected by the author at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, and the Todd Library at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro)

### **I. CENSUS DATA**

These data were compiled by examining census records from 1850 until 1920, primarily in Polk County's Eighth Civil



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District - Ducktown. Other civil districts are indicated with the appropriate number preceding the name. Particular attention was given to the communities of Ducktown, Isabella, and Copperhill, although it was often impossible to tell in which community the enumerator was operating. Therefore, census data from the three communities have been combined based on occupation, country of origin, etc., of the census responders. Each name is listed under the country of

## 1850 CENSUS

### ENGLAND

(4) Warren,	John	Farmer
(25) Tilker,	Wm.	Farmer
(5) Brown,	Wm. (I)	Farmer
Nash,	Patrick (I)	Farmer

### ITALY

(5) Framesgiamulia	?	Farmer
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### GERMANY

(1) Smith,	John	Physician
(1) Smith,	Harry	Farmer
(3) Miller,	Wm.	Farmer
(4) Finster,	F A	Farmer
(5) Sochules,	?	Farmer
(5) Webber	Andrew	Cabinetmaker

### FRANCE

(5) Guenon,	N C	Farmer
(5) Malone,	Francis	Farmer

### POLAND

(1) Naistronsky,	N	Farmer
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## 1860 CENSUS

### ENGLAND

(Ireland)	(1) Ghormley,	Harry	Brick mason
	(1) Carrol,	Michael	Farmer
	Chadwick,	John	Mine capt.
	Walford,	George	Miner
	Oxley,	Samuel	Miner
	Herve (?),	James	Miner
	Geoffrey,	John	Miner
	Row,	William	Miner
	Burns,	Patrick	Miner
(Wales)	Williams,	William	Miner
	Lydecoat,	George	Miner
	Travithick,	John	Miner
	Nankivell,	James	Miner

origin, followed by the person's profession. Only heads of families are listed. Because spelling of surnames was often difficult to determine due to illegible handwriting, some of the following names and their spellings are based on best judgment. Immigrants under the heading of England include those from Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and the distinction is made wherever possible sometimes using the initial S, I, or W after the surname. The 1890 census was destroyed by fire.

## 1860 (Continued)

	Terel,	William	Miner
	Hanover,	James	Miner
	Carmick,	Samuel	Miner
	Hoskins,	Edward	Miner
	George,	Joseph	Miner
	Lydecoat,	Thomas	Miner
	Quintrell,	John	Miner
	Burnett,	W.H.	Miner
	Foy,	John	Miner
	Warren,	Joseph	Miner
	Warren,	Thomas	Miner
	Pascho,	Thomas	Miner
	Bailey,	James	Miner
(Wales)	Edwards,	William	Blacksmith
	Mitchell,	George	Miner
	Hopkins,	Robert	Miner
(Wales)	Thomas,	Richard	Miner
	Morgan,	William	Miner
	Menhent,	William	Miner
	Menhent,	R.D.	Miner
	Oliver,	John	Miner
	Lengoning,	John	Miner
	Jackson,	William	Miner
	Jackson,	John	Miner
	Scoble,	Manuel	Miner
	Code,	Samuel	Miner
	Hunter,	Timothy	Miner
	Linwick,	Thomas	Miner
	Thomas,	R.	Miner
	Connor,	J.	Miner
	Hodge,	Harry	Miner
	Bolt,	William	Miner
	Million,	William	Miner
	Sabey,	James	Mine Capt.
	Champin,	H.	Miner
	Hitching,	Joseph	Miner
	Salone,	Henry	Miner
	Mitchell,	Samuel	Miner
	James,	Charles	Miner
	Harvey,	William	Miner
	Harvey,	D.	Miner
	Stevens,	Joseph	Eureka miner
	Estabrook,	T. J.	Supt.
	Trewith,	Ralph	Assayer

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Trewith,	George	Eureka capt.
Trewith,	Richard	Miner
Donevan,	William	Miner
Loomey,	John	Miner
Williams,	J.W.	Merchant
Richards,	Thomas	Miner
White,	Thomas	Miner
Davis,	R.	Butcher
Hooper,	James	Miner
Trullins (?),	John	Miner
Blackmore,	John	Miner
Williams,	Henry	Miner
Richards,	Peter	Miner
Uetell,	John	Miner
Corsick,	Ezekial	Miner
Stephens,	John	Miner
Leavey,	Henry	Miner
Stephens,	Samuel	Miner
Scotland,	John	Miner
Gray,	William	Miner
Gird,	William	Miner
Pill,	William	Miner
Hoena (?),	Charles	Miner
Mitchell,	William	Miner
Nankival,	J.	Miner
Ford,	Thomas	Miner
Prisk,	Thomas	Miner
Davis,	Richard	Miner
Richards,	Joseph	Miner
Andrew,	James	Miner
Andrew,	Richard	Miner
Gribble,	John	Miner
Thompson,	J.	Asst. supervisor
Thompson,	John	Mine clerk
Hopper,	Henry	Miner
Adams,	W.	Miner
Wenney,	William	Miner
Connish,	(?)	Miner
Nile,	R.	Miner
Adams,	William	Miner
(10) Johnson,	Thomas	Miner
(10) Roberts,	John	Miner
(10) Wicks,	William	Miner
(10) Scaklin,	Thomas	Miner
(10) George,	Isaac	Miner
(10) George,	Nathanial	Miner
(10) Williams,	James	Miner
(10) Connell,	James	Miner
(10) Sincick,	Arthur	Miner
(10) Row,	Charles	Miner
(10) Monday,	William	Miner
(10) Tenell,	James	Miner

## 1860 (Continued)

(10) Glowar (?),	William	Miner
(10) Rice,	John	Miner
(10) Richardson,	James	Miner
(10) Jory,	James	Miner
(10) Gill,	(?)	Miner
(10) Charwork,	John	Supt.
(10) Walforn,	R.	Miner
(10) Wooford,	G.	Miner
(10) Exley (?),	Samuel	Miner
(10) Pheby,	John	Miner
(10) Harris,	Samuel	Miner
(10) Richards,	Joseph	Miner
(10) Wright,	John	Miner
(10) Burthley,	William	Miner
(10) Baskin (?),	Thomas	Miner

TOTAL- 124

## GERMANY

(5) Newton,	C.	Farmer
(5) Bakery (?),	L.	Farmer
(5) Lindren,	M.	Farmer
(5) Gedrenarel (?),	M.	Farmer
(7) Miller,	Theodore	Doctor
Rumple,	Jacob	Miner
Jnon (?),	Vonn	Miner
Trodack (?),	Jacob	Merchant
Muhowell,	Emanuel	Clerk
Gattinger,	Augustus	Physician
Menko,	Jasper	Merchant
Menko,	Martin	Merchant
Smith,	Jacob	Miner
Lateaz,	Captain	Supt.
Smith,	Phillip	Miner
Reden,	John	Miner
Miller,	John	Miner
Morgan,	Edward	Miner
Wagonham,	Simon	Miner
Leonothe,	Adolphus	Merchant
Kinfer,	Charles	Miner
Trisch (?),	Henry	Miner
Trisch (?),	H.W.	Miner
Peck,	Henry	Miner
Michael,	Daniel	Miner
Howheder,	Joseph	Miner
Adams,	Charles	Miner
Stoulund,	Martin	Farmer
(10) Bumkle,	James	Miner
(10) Lewis,	Charley	Miner
(10) Baldmir,	James	Miner
(10) Bush,	James	Miner
(10) Ubikon (?),	Jacob	Miner

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(10) Smith,	Matthew	Miner
(20) Smith,	George	Miner
(10) Bostenno,	William	Miner
(10) Bartin,	Ambrose	Miner
(10) Finkell,	?	Miner
(10) Cooper,	Chris	Miner
(10) Roberts,	William	Miner
	TOTAL: 40	
	FRANCE	
(5) Ensin?,	N E (colored)	Vineyard
(5) Millun,	John	Farmer
	BELGIUM	
Gaussoin,	Eugene	Civil engineer
	SWEDEN	
Trippel,	Alexander?	Minerologist
	AUSTRIA	
Flos?,	Hollner	Wagoneer

## 1870 Census

	ENGLAND	
Martin,	William	Miner
Hooper,	James	Miner
Delbridge,	Abel	Miner
Peters,	Joseph	Miner
Qeimtell,	John	Miner
Quick,	Matt	Miner
Farell,	Henry	Miner
Spurgo,	John	Miner
Rowe,	John	Miner
Bailey,	James	Miner
Hoskins,	Samuel	Miner
Veal (?),	Thomas	Miner
Trevethan (?),	N.	Miner
Rowe,	Abraham	Miner
Bonlase,	James	Miner
Worfolk,	Richard	Blacksmith
Moyle,	William	Miner
Jeffrey,	John	Miner
Woolcock,	John	Miner
Hord (?),	Henry	Miner
Thomas,	Henry	Miner
Maughn,	Michael	Stone mason
Maughn,	Joseph	Stone mason

## 1870 (Continued)

Jory,	Henry	Mine clerk
Vellenowith,	John	Miner
(Ireland) Conley,	Felix	Miner
Faull,	William	Miner
Faull,	George	Miner
(Ireland) Beordin,	Dennis	Smelter
(Ireland) St. Clair,	James	Miner
Frevena,	Charles	Miner
Grubb,	Franklin	Miner
Bane,	Alfred	Miner
Harry,	N C	Miner
Smith,	Samuel	Miner
Brown,	William	Miner
Oats,	E J	Drygoods merchant
(Scotland) Arthur,	William	Miner
(Scotland) Lang,	John	Mine clerk
Ralph,	Joseph	Drygoods merchant
Allen,	John	Miner
Allen,	John	Carpenter
Osborn,	Thomas	Miner
(Scotland) Gray,	William	Miner
(Scotland) Long,	John	Clerk
	TOTAL - 45	
	AUSTRIA	
Grill,	John	Smelter
Buldoff,	Peter	Miner
Martin,	O.	Miner
Lang,	Jacob	Mine clerk
(10) Smith,	Andrew	Bricklayer
	TOTAL - 5	
	PRUSSIA (Ger.)	
(2) Raht,	William	Drygoods merchant
(Wurtemberg) (2) Weber,	Andrew	Farmer
Schuy (?),	Jacob	House carpenter
(Baden) (5) Beckler (?),	Benedict	Farmhand
(Baden) (5) Beckler (?),	Ferdinand	Farmer
Upperman,	William	Miner
Upperman,	Agustus	Miner
Breckley,	Agustus	Miner
Breckley,	Henry	Miner
Breckley,	Fredrick	Miner
Breckley,	Christopher	Farmhand
Breckley,	William	Miner

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## 1870 (Continued)

	Brookey,	Charles	Miner
	Wise,	Jacob	Smelter
(Tyrol)	Hughiester,	Jacob	Miner
(Baden)	(10) Huller,	Edward	Engineer
(Tyrol)	(10) Holehouse,	F. (?)	Miner
(Tyrol)	(10) Gracener,	John	Smelter
(Tyrol)	(10) Fredel,	Simone	Smelter
(Tyrol)	(10) Clousner,	John	Miner
	(10) Knipper,	Charles	Miner
	(10) Smith,	H	Miner
	(10) Zisch (?),	Henry	Copper refiner
(Tyrol)	(10) Gerale,	Joseph	Miner
(Tyrol)	(10) Rush,	Lewis	Miner
(Tyrol)	(10) Gisler,	Andrew	Brickmason
(Tyrol)	(10) Riffmaller,	John	Miner
(Tyrol)	(10) Stimmer,	John	Miner
	(10) Speck,	William	?
	(10) Raht,	Augustus	Miner

TOTAL - 30

### BELGIUM

Genalley,	Louisa	Housekeeper
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### MEXICO

Baddirious,	N.(?)	Smelter
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## 1880 CENSUS

### ENGLAND

Trevethan,	Nicholson	Miner
Ralph,	Joseph	Miner
Thomas,	June	Housekeeper
Martin,	William	Miner
Blackenly,	Thomas	Schoolteacher
Bolitho,	John	?
Mitchell,	William	Drygoods merchant
Jeffrey,	John	Miner
Villenoweth,	John	Miner
Jory,	William	Miner
Bailey,	James	Miner
Marachent,	Michael	Real estate
Marachent,	Joseph	Farmer
Spengo,	James	Machinist
Maugham,	Michael	Stonemason
Jory,	James	Drygoods merchant
(unknown),	James	Blacksmith
(7) Bray,	Josiah	Farmer/miner
(9) Eustice,	John	Farmer
(10) Jarvis,	John	Farmer

TOTAL - 20

### PRUSSIA (Germany)

Beckler,	Simon	?
Lindner,	Frederick	Court clerk
Mueller,	O.W.	Farmer
(unknown),	Andreas	?
Finsterer,	F. A.	?
Schmidt,	Justus	Miner
	TOTAL - 6	

### AUSTRIA

Floriel,	Joseph	Smelter
Geisler,	Andrew	Stone mason

### FRANCE

Meolane,	Cooper	?
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### MEXICO

Baddirious,	Nashau	Miner
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### ITALY

Nockarena,	L.	Miner
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## 1900 CENSUS

### ENGLAND

Roach,	Thomas	Mining contractor
Runwick,	Charles	Asst. mining mgr.
Browning,	Henry	Treasurer (?)
(Ireland) Dow,	Richard	Bookkeeper
(Scotland) Freeland,	William	Mines manager
Coffman,	?	Music teacher
Nankiville,	J.	?
(Ireland) Golden,	Mike	Railroad foreman

### HOLLAND

Heun,	Henry	Blacksmith
Kruit,	Georges	Carpenter

### CANADA

Young,	James	Railroad
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### SWEDEN

Skulman,	Charles	Miner
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### GERMANY

Krummal,	E.	Copper roaster
(Austria) Wurtheim,	?	Merchant
(Austria) Wurtheim,	Louis	Merchant

## 1910 CENSUS

### ENGLAND

Crager,	T.	?
Brag,	Peter	Miner
Beurice,	George	Ore inspector

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## 1910 (Continued)

### ENGLAND (cont.)

	Hattam,	William	Miner
(Australia)	Thompson,	Harry	Miner
(Canada)	Kalisatin,	T.	?
	Redwick,	?	Miner
	Hendly,	?	Miner
	Hicks,	?	?
	Curr,	?	Office
	Rouvinor,	Clauslour	Copper mine
(Ireland)	Leahy,	Mike	?
(Ireland)	Mahoney,	Daniel	Rock quarry
(Wales)	Jardin,	Edwin	Retail
(Scotland)	Favil,	Andrew	Chemist (acid plant)

### GERMANY

Collector,	Joseph	Retail
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### AUSTRIA

	Micus,*	Joseph	Miner
	Strual,*	?	Miner
(Germany)	Doyle,	John	Miner
	Sarcilisse,*	F.	Miner

\* (Native language and parents' birthplace listed as Italian)

### ITALY

	Mosillia,	Auturio	Miner
	Valenta,	A.	Miner
	Tinilia,	A.	Miner
	Caslus...,	J.	Miner
	Radulo,	T.	Miner
	Burauso,	M.	Miner
	DeRosa,	F.	Miner
	Rodalfino,	C.	Miner
	Sefodo,	?	Miner
	Niccio,	?	Miner
	Rico,	Tarrey	Laborer
	(Unknown)		Miner
	(Unknown)		Miner
	(Unknown)		Miner
	(Unknown)		Miner
	(Unknown)		Miner
	(Unknown)		Miner

TOTAL - 17

### RUSSIA

(Polish)	Urbaw...,	John	Miner
(Polish)	Chossacu,	J.	Miner
(Polish)	Gurzie,	M.	Miner
	Meranull,	Joseph	Miner
	Onoprechut,	N.	Miner

### SWEDEN

	Sandquest,	Andrew	Miner
	Skulman,	Charlie	Miner
	Nardin,	Arvid	Mech. engineer

## 1920 CENSUS

The 1920 Census required all new citizens to list date of entrance into the U.S. These dates are recorded after each individual's name.

### ENGLAND

	Brodie,	John, (?)	Research engineer
	Cross,	A. M., (?)	Lead burner
	Bernie,	George (1884)	Mine watchman
	Trugear,	Harry (1896)	Teacher
	Hattman,	William (1902)	Foreman
	Bennett,	Abraham (1889)	Superintendent
(Scotland)	Clark,	William (1905)	Acid Plant
	Headley,	John (1909)	Clerk
	Noon,	James (1898)	Foreman
	Murray,	Charles (1885)	Mechanic
(India)	Cochlam,	Francis (1895)	Painter

TOTAL - 11

### GERMANY

	Nolde,	Augustus (?)	Furnace supr.
	Geisler,	Theresa (?)	None
(Austria)	Dahas,*	Julius (1905)	Painter/mines
(Austria)	Kausky,**	Steve (1892)	Janitor
	Guenther,	Norman (1910)	Painter
	Kaufman,	August (1871)	Laborer
(Austria)	Hevart**,	John (1900)	Painter
(Austrian Jew)	Black,	Nathan (1907)	Drygoods merchant
	Unknown,	Daniel (1852)	Hotelier

TOTAL - 9

\*\* (Both native language and parents' birthplace listed as Slovak.)

### MEXICO

	Padilla,	Brano (1907)	Miner
	Enriques,	Franco (1907)	Miner
	Sega,	Romane (1903)	Miner
	Renages,	Joseph (1911)	Miner

### \*RUSSIA

(All listed as Russian Jewish)

	Alerimss	Sam (1911)	Drygoods merchant
	Somulian,	Isaac (1908)	Novelty store sales
	Collector,	Joseph (1872)	Merchant
	Rushman,	Max (1903)	Drygoods merchant
	Black,	? (female) (1907)	Sales

### ARMENIA

Armenian,	Thomas (1909)	Miner
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## 1920 (Continued)

### SYRIA

Maloof,	Asid (1906)	Grocery merchant
Maloof,	Akel (1905)	Drygoods merchant
Maloof,	S. (1912)	Drygoods merchant
Maloof,	John (1914)	Drygoods merchant
Maloof,	William (1914)	Grocery sales
Maloof,	Joe (1910)	Grocery sales

### GREECE

Grevia,	Gus (1907)	Restaurateur (?)
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### BULGARIA

Haravianoff,	B. (1900)	Chemist
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## CENSUS SUMMARY: 1850-1920

(Listed below are the decade, country, and numbers of heads of households.)

<u>1850</u>		<u>1880 (cont.)</u>	
England .....	4	Mexico .....	1
Germany ...	6	Italy .....	1
France .....	2		
Italy .....	1	<u>1900</u>	
Poland .....	1	England .....	8
		Holland .....	2
<u>1860</u>		Canada .....	1
England .....	124	Sweden .....	1
Germany ...	40	Ger/Aus .....	3
France .....	2		
Belgium .....	1	<u>1910</u>	
Sweden .....	1	England .....	15
Austria .....	1	Germany....	1
		Austria .....	4
<u>1870</u>		Italy .....	17
England .....	45	Russia .....	5
Austria .....	5	Sweden ....	3
Germany ...	30		
Belgium .....	1	<u>1920</u>	
Mexico .....	1	England .....	11
		Germany ...	9
<u>1880</u>		Mexico .....	4
England .....	20	Russia .....	4
Germany ...	6	Armenia ....	1
Austria .....	2	Syria .....	6
France .....	1	Greece .....	1
		Bulgaria ....	1

## ATROCIOUS MURDER; SWIFT JUSTICE

(From the Memphis Gazette, 22 Sep 1835)

On the 16th inst., Esq. George Roberson, formerly of Tipton Co., Tenn., was shot on St. Francis Road 30 miles from this place by a fellow whose name was William C. Johnson.

These were the circumstances:

Roberson, who resided in Jackson Co., Arkansas Territory, had come to this place to make some purchases. He fell in company with Johnson who said he was going to pass through the Territory and would be glad of his company.

Roberson had a wagon in care of a white man and Negro. Roberson and Johnson traveled in front of it for a mile or two. Johnson, perceiving a good opportunity while Roberson was a little in front, drew his pistol and shot Roberson in the back of the head with two bullets and three buckshot. Roberson fell dead.

Johnson took his saddle and blanket and \$120, and hid Roberson's body on the side of the road.

Roberson's horse ran back to the wagon and Johnson was pursued forthwith and overtaken 100 miles from the place and brought back, positively denying everything until carried back to the fatal spot where he confessed. Johnson told where he put Roberson's body, saddle, big coat, hat, pocketbook, and how much money he got.

Citizens -- about 60 of them -- were so enraged at the atrocity of the act that they held a council and determined to hang him.

When he was told of this, Johnson said it was right -- he ought to die. They then drew down a sapling and tied a rope's end to the top of the sapling and hung him until he was dead! dead!! dead!!!

(P.S. Johnson said his father lived in the state of Illinois -- that himself and his brother sold goods in Illinois until recently. He said his age was 21.)

## 1843 Deaths from over the State..and Elsewhere

**IN FRANKLIN** on Monday the 30th inst., **Mr. Michael Doyle**, native of the county of Kildare Ireland, parish of Newbridge, aged 52 years. - *Nashville Union*, 7 Feb 1843

**IN NASHVILLE** on Sunday morning the 12th of February, **Mrs. Nancy Taylor** in the 46th year of her age. - *Nashville Union*, Friday 17 Feb 1843

**NEAR SHELBYVILLE** in a melancholy accident, **Mr. John Street**, a citizen of Lincoln County, was drowned on Tuesday evening last [14 Feb] in Norris' Creek which, in consequence of the rain which fell during the day, was unusually high. In attempting to cross, Mr. Street's horse washed down. The gentlemen who were with him being unable to rescue him, he was drowned. - *The Lincoln Journal*, reprinted in the *Nashville Union*, 21 Feb 1843

**IN GALLATIN**, departed this life on the 2nd inst. of April, **Bartholomew Watkins**, elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was a man universally beloved for the tenderness of his heart and his amiable disposition. He was one who made it the rule of his life to do to others as he would they should do to him. - *The Gallatin Union*, Apr 1843

**AT MURFREESBORO**, departed this life on the 31st of March in the 35th year of her age, **Mrs. Martha M. Moore**, consort of **James C. Moore** and daughter of **General Robert Purdy**. She had been in declining health for some years, being threatened with pulmonary affection. - *Murfreesboro Jeffersonian*, reprinted in the *Nashville Union*, 14 Apr 1843

**IN JASPER** on the 21st of March, **Major John W. M. Brazeale** of bilious pleurisy. - *Nashville Union*, 14 Apr 1843

**AT THE RESIDENCE** of Judge **James Rucks** in Jackson, Miss., on the 2nd inst., **Elizabeth Craighead**, eldest daughter of **David Craighead, Esq.**, of Nashville in the 20th year of her age. She had been making a delightful visit of some months with friends in Jackson. - *Nashville Union*, 14 Apr 1843

**IN NASHVILLE** at the residence of his son-in-law, **James Walker, Esq.**, on Thursday night the 2nd inst., **Lipscomb Norvell, Sr.**, an officer in the American Army of the Revolution, aged 87. - *Nashville Union* 7 Mar 1843

**IN DAVIDSON COUNTY** at the residence of his nephew, **Col. J. C. Bowers**, on Saturday morning the 15th, **James Bowers**, a soldier of the Revolution. - *Nashville Union*, 18 Apr 1843

**IN NASHVILLE** on Sunday night at 3 o'clock in the 38th year of her age, **Mrs. Catherine Ann Anderson**, wife of **Nehemiah S. Anderson**. She was a beloved and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. - *The Whig*, reprinted in the *Nashville Union* 21 Apr 1843

**AT SHREVEPORT, LA.**, on 14th May, **John O. P. Charter, Esq.**, of Franklin, Tenn., in the 25th year of his age. - *Nashville Union*, 2 June 1843

## 1843 DEATHS (continued)

**NEAR NASHVILLE** on Friday the 7th inst. at the residence of **William Reed** on Franklin Turnpike seven miles from here, **David Caldwell**, aged 90 years. A pensioner for his services in the Revolutionary War, he was from near Talladega and had been for many years before his death a professor of religion.- *Nashville Union*, 14 Apr 1843

**ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST** in Nashville, **Mrs. Catherine Badget**, daughter of **Thomas L. Robinson** of Franklin, aged 38 years. She left her home but a week previously, slightly indisposed, in hopes that a change of air and skillful medical attendance would effectually restore her, but the time of her departure had arrived and no mortal arm could save her. She was an interesting, intelligent, and accomplished woman, the only child of aged parents whose house is now truly desolate. - *Nashville Union*, 6 June 1843

**NEAR McMINNVILLE** at Woodlawn, the residence of her father, on the 20th April in the 25th year of her life, **Miss Sarah Maria Lawrence Smartt**, eldest daughter of **Col. George R. Smartt**. This amiable and interesting young lady was well known to many in Nashville who became acquainted with her at the Bersheba Springs of which her father is the proprietor. Early last fall, she professed religion and became an exemplary member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She had been ill for seven weeks. - *Nashville Union* 5 May 1843

**IN NASHVILLE** on the night of the 22nd inst., **James Hensley Pilcher**, young son of **Capt. and Mrs. Merrit S. Pilcher**, aged 5 years.- *Nashville Union*, 19 May 1843

**AT A CALLED MEETING** on June 8 of the Erosophian Society of Nashville University a resolution was unanimously adopted paying a tribute of respect to the memory of one of its members, **James C. Patterson**, cut off in the bloom of his youth. - *Nashville Union*, 16 June 1843

**IN SMITH COUNTY**, departed this life on Monday, the 28th of August, **Thankful Lowe**, consort of **Green B. Lowe**, in the 57th year of her age. She died at her own residence and, according to her desire, was there interred. Her illness was of short duration. She was attacked in the early morning and hours ere the sun went down, the lamp of life was extinguished. The attention of friends and the skill of a physician were all in vain, the disease being of a nature generally incurable - a stroke of apoplexy. She had for a number of years been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. - *Nashville Union*, 12 Sep 1843

**IN OBION COUNTY**, **George W. Gibbs, Jr.**, died at Stockwood, the residence of his father, **George W. Gibbs, Esq.**, on the 5th inst. after an illness of 13 days. He was a young man of high promise and bid fair to be an ornament to his profession. - *The Whig*, reprinted in *The Union* 15 Sep 1843

**IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY** on Sunday evening the 10th inst. at the residence of his mother, **Edmond R. Read** in the 27th year of his age, leaving a large circle of relations and friends to mourn his loss but not to mourn as those who mourn without hope. - *Nashville Union*, 19 Sep 1843

**IN JACKSON, MISS.** on the 10th inst., **Col. Andrew Hays**, formerly of Tennessee, for many years a residence of Jackson. - *Jackson (Miss.) Southern* reprinted in the *Nashville Union* 26 Sep 1843



## 1843 DEATHS (continued)

**ANOTHER PIONEER GONE** - Died on Friday night 8 Sep 1843 after a lingering illness, **Mr. William Wray** in the 83rd year of his age. He was among the first settlers of Davidson Co., having settled over 50 years ago in Neely's Bend on the farm on which he died. When he first settled in the Bend, the Red men of the West were possessors of the soil and he in common with all the early settlers had to repel by force the depredations of the Indians, and hold himself in readiness at all times for attack. He lived to see the "wilderness blossom as the rose" and the region which was then almost uninhabited spring into a state which is honored for her chivalry and respected for her intelligence. The decease of Mr. Wray adds another name to the list of departed pioneers. -*Nashville Union 26 Sep 1843*

**IN THE PARISH** of St. John the Baptiste, La., on the 22nd ult. after a brief illness, **Dr. Thomas Norvell**, late postmaster of that parish, brother of **C. C. Norvell**, editor of the *Nashville Whig*, and of **John Norvell**, ex-U.S. senator from Michigan. -*Nashville Banner* reprinted in the *Nashville Union 26 Sep 1843*

**IN HENRY COUNTY**, **Col. Solomon Copeland** departed this life on the 20th ult. in the 43rd year of his age after an illness of 13 days of fever. He left a large family. -*Nashville Union 26 Sep 1843*

**IN REDFIELD, MAINE**, died very suddenly, **Mrs. Elizabeth A. Very**, daughter of **Mr. E. C. Stodder**, formerly of Nashville. Her mother and sister died two years ago. -*Nashville Union 26 Sep 1843*

**IN NASHVILLE**, died on Thursday evening last, **Mrs. Rachael N. Overton**, consort of **Mr. John Overton**. -*Nashville Union, Tuesday 26 Sep 1843*

**IN CENTERVILLE**, died at his residence on Sunday the 10th inst., **R. A. Huddleston, Esq.**, sheriff of Hickman County. He has been for many years a public officer and has as few enemies as any other men in his status. He left a wife and four small children. -*Nashville Union 29 Sep 1843*

**IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY**, a resolution was adopted at the October term of county court as a mark of respect for the memory of **Gen. William Martin**. Born in Stokes Co., N.C., in 1778, he emigrated to Tennessee about 1812 or 1813 and settled in Williamson where he resided up to the day of his death which occurred 28 Sep 1843. He commenced a career of usefulness in the early stages of the Creek war under Gen. Andrew Jackson, and was an efficient officer in the battles of Talladega, Tallahatchie, and Horse Shoe. At the battle of New Orleans, he commanded a company many of whom can testify to the skill and bravery he exhibited on that occasion. At Pensacola, he acted as a major and carried cannon into the very face of the enemy. On his return home, he was elected to the state legislature which place he filled on several successive occasions. In 1842 he was elected county trustee, an office he held up to his death. -*Franklin Weekly Review, reprinted in the Nashville Union Tuesday, 10 Oct 1843*

**IN WARREN COUNTY**, **Mrs. Sarah Laughlin**, consort of **Mr. John Laughlin**, died in the 71st year of her life after a long and painful illness on Sunday the 5th Nov at Hickory Hill, residence of her son, **Col. S. H. Laughlin**. - *Nashville Union Thursday, 9 Nov 1843* ■

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## Letters to the Editor

### ABOUT THOSE BURNED VETERANS' RECORDS

The article titled "State Collecting Information on World War II Veterans" in *Ansearchin' News* (Vol. 43, No. 4) is not totally correct. The arson fire in the St. Louis warehouse did not destroy all of the records. From personal experience, when I prepared to retire from the Army Reserve, they reported that my records were destroyed in that fire. I contacted my Congressman and raised holy-hell that the building was fireproofed. Then, knowing that there are three parts to a record, I again wrote St. Louis. (Part I, the cover jacket, is the personnel record with orders, letters, and Form 23 which has duty assignments, dates, and events; Part II, the finance records, contains pay records from Day 1 to discharge; Part III, the medical records, contains all of the physicals, at least every four years).

In my case, when I wrote St. Louis and inquired as to the whereabouts of the Finance Records, they furnished an address at Pensacola, Fla. Six months later I received a reply from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., which included copies of finance records for almost 20 years. Because I was in the National Guard and was given a reserve commission, there is a set of records in the state office for that time period, too. I had three service numbers (an enlisted service number, an officer service number, and my Social Security number) and three difference prefixes (ER, FR, and NG). When my brother-in-law was the chief civilian employe under the Coast Guard, I understand he microfilmed all of their records and they were stored in the mountain at Salt Lake.

*The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val D. Greenwood repeats this myth about the records burning. There is a difference! Every service member received a DD-214 form upon discharge. DD stands for a Department of Defense form. Dischargees were told to file the DD-214 with their Home County Clerks at their home station upon return. Some did and some didn't. I hope this will help those doing military research.

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*Thanks, Larry, for taking the time to set the record straight. Your experience should prove beneficial to many researchers, and we appreciate the opportunity to pass along this info to our readers. -Editor*

### EVER HEARD OF THE SABINE FRONTIER?

I have the military record for a Tyner Corbitt. Muster rolls indicate he was a private in the Cherokee War, enrolling on 24 June 1836 in Dallas, Hamilton Co., Tenn., for 12 months. This was in Capt. Cannon's Co., 1st Reg't Tenn. Mounted and Infantry Volunteers. This same company's muster roll indicates he was discharged on 31 Jul 1836. Now, there is a second company muster roll for Cannon's Company of the Tennessee Mounted Militia (Cherokee War crossed out), and a star leading you to the stamped sentence- "Called out for the protection of the Sabine Frontier - 1836 - under authority of General Gaines, approved by the War Department R. & P. 380401." The company muster roll was dated 19 Aug 1836. Tyner enrolled on 25 Jul 1836 at Athens, Tenn., for a period of six months to travel 100 miles. It appears that Tyner was discharged on 19 August 1836. My question is - what was this "protection of the Sabine Frontier?" I can find no one who knows anything about it.

Jeri L. Corbitt  
4912 Sussex Rd.  
Birmingham, AL 35242-3006

*The action was related to the Texas War of Independence. It just so happens that a story relating to the "Sabine frontier" was in "Ansearchin' " News' birthing room when your letter arrived. See "Tennesseans Rallied to Texas Cause in 1835-36," beginning on the next page. -Editor*

### HELP WANTED ON WHITEHAVEN'S OLDEN DAYS

Where exactly is the Eason House (or Plunkett Place) in Whitehaven (Shelby Co.), Tenn., mentioned on page 87 of *The Romance of the Episcopal Church in West Tennessee*, written in 1964 by Ellen Davies Rodgers? Is the building still standing? I do have a few clues to offer. *Tales of Old Whitehaven* by Anna Leigh McCorkle (1967) has a map showing the Plunkett property of 580 acres located at the corner of Hernando Road and Holmes Road. This book also contains a map from 1865 showing that Col. Anderson's 180-acre property was adjacent to that of the Plunkett family. I am a descendant of Nathaniel Anderson, a Memphis pioneer who is buried at Elmwood Cemetery. In the possession of my family are diaries and pre-Civil War letters which refer to Richland, the farm owned by Nathaniel Anderson in what is now Whitehaven. Only in recent years, however, have we traced the general location to Whitehaven. Any help you or your readers can give me will be greatly appreciated.

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*Now here's a challenge for all present and former residents of Whitehaven. Any help you can give will be doubly appreciated. - Editor* ■

## Tennesseeans Rally To Texas In Its Fight For Independence

"When liberty is invaded in any country, it is only necessary to point out to Tennesseeans the way in which they can render service to the oppressed and the work is done."

Thus wrote the editor of *The Nashville Union* on 24 Nov 1835 -- a decade before Tennessee earned the epithet of "Volunteer State."

"Much public spirit and much liberality has been evinced by our fellow citizens generally in the cause of the people of Texas," he noted.

And it was little wonder.

Tennesseeans felt a strong bond with the people of Texas because many of their relatives and neighbors had migrated there over the last decade or so -- along with such widely known state figures as **Sam Houston** and **Davy Crockett**.

"Texas fever" had swept the American frontier in the early 1820s when **Stephen Austin** founded a colony along the Brazos River just west of what is now Houston. It soon became a settlement of some 300 or so families, and within 15 years there were far more Americans or "Anglos" in Texas than there were Mexicans. Friction developed. The Americans demanded a greater voice in Texas government as guaranteed by Mexico's 1824 Constitution. In 1832 when General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna seized power in Mexico and determined to bring the colonists in line, a showdown was inevitable.

On 2 Oct 1835, fighting broke out in Gonzales -- referred to as 'the Lexington of Texas' -- and the province's war for independence was under way. News from Texas was slow in reaching even the border states. *The Nashville Banner* on 23 Oct published a letter that Sam Houston had written to the *New Orleans Union* on 13 Oct. He advised that war in Texas "in defense of our rights, our oath, and our constitution" was inevitable, and called for volunteers "each with a good rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition to come and come soon."

Houston's plea did not fall on deaf ears. Meetings on the subject were held in Nashville and other cities in the state as well as in New York,



New Orleans, Louisville, and Lexington. On 17 Nov 1835, at meeting in Nashville, **George C. Childress** (who later was to write the Texas declaration of independence) was called to the chair and **William K. Hill** was appointed secretary. Named as a committee to receive funds in the Davidson County area for the "Texians" were **Thomas J. Read, John L. Brown, L. L. Loving,** and **John Estell**. Designated to receive names of prospective volunteers were **C. H. Saunders, S. Nye, W. H. Hunt, Q. D. Gibbs,** and **F. P. Wood.**

**H. R. W. "Harry" Hill**, described by the *The Union* as "one of Nashville's most respectable merchants," agreed to advance \$5,000 to support the cause of oppressed Americans on the Mexican side of the Sabine River.<sup>1</sup> **Dr. John Shelby** was singled out as another generous contributor, along with hundreds of other unidentified patriotic citizens who also donated freely to the cause.

But the greater sacrifice came from "spirited" young men--completely armed, equipped, and furnished -- who left Nashville on 23 Nov aboard the steamboat *Native* as volunteers for Texas. Comprising the first group of Texas-bound volunteers were: **John F. Beck, John M. Hays,**

<sup>1</sup>The Sabine River formed the eastern boundary between the U.S. and Mexico.

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**William M'Cabe, James Cox, James M'Donnell, Stephen Bowers, A. L. Atkins, L. Stansberry, J. Rice, and John Kornicky**, a Polish emigrant.

The effort on behalf of the Province of Texas was just beginning. It was announced that a rendezvous for volunteers had been opened at the corner of Market and Union streets in Nashville where all those disposed to aid the service could either join as volunteer soldiers or contribute arms, money, clothing, or ammunition.

In December, a second group of volunteer soldiers left Nashville for Texas. The 18 in this group were reported "completely equipped for any kind of service in which they may engage on arrival at their destination." Leaving on board **Captain Miller's** steamboat *Randolph* on 28 Dec were: **William C. Sybert, C. W. Lang, John S. Rood, John Smith, H. M. Swift, D. Hogan, Jackson Bosworth, Jno. Cross, S. P. Ford, B. B. Bradley, H. Ravey, George M. Deaderick, Jacob Reader, J. Buttersworth, D. W. Smith, G. W. Browning, M. H. Denham, and J. H. Robertson.**

Meanwhile, a **Capt. Peacock** from the state's Western District -- who was said to have headed volunteers from Tennessee and Mississippi -- was reported killed in battle at San Antonio.

On 24 Feb 1836, the Alamo -- an old mission at San Antonio that had been converted into a fort -- came under siege by some 4,000 Mexican troops led by Santa Anna. On 6 March after a bitter day-long fight in which the men of the Alamo drove the Mexican army from the walls, the Alamo finally fell ... and all of its 183 defenders, including Davy Crockett, lay dead. The story of their brave stand had a powerful psychological impact around the world, and "Remember the Alamo" became Texans' battle cry.

On 8 April, **Major Gen. Edmund P. Gaines**, commander of the Western Department at Camp Sabine near Natchitoches, La., sent a requisition to **Tennessee Gov. Newton Cannon** for a brigade of volunteers to protect the U.S. western frontier and preserve neutrality between

## *Patriotic Sons of Tennessee*

to the

## **RENDEZVOUS!**

**T**he young men of Tennessee who are desirous of joining and accompanying the patriotic band now forming in Nashville are informed that they have a chance of doing so by calling at the Rendezvous, corner of Union & Market Streets. within the space of 10 ays.

The citizens of Nashville, of Davidson county and all parts of the State are informed that any contributions such as *Rifles, Tomahawks, Pistols, Knives, Blankets, Brogans, Powder, Lead, Linen, Shirts or any kind of Clothing or ammunition of war or money* will be thankfully received and registered at the Rendezvous.

We would suggest to the Smiths of Nashville and its vicinity, the propriety of making a quantity of good Rifles, Tomahawks & Knives, as they are much wanted and will command a ready sale at the Rendezvous.

**Rendezvous, Nashville, Ten. Dec 1 1835**

The above ad ran in the *Nashville Union*.

the U.S. and Mexico. Gaines advised the governor to furnish the men "as speedily as practicable." The general said Santa Anna had already induced a number of Indians east of the Sabine to cross the boundary with the intention of taking part in the struggle, and, if this continued, a collision was not

improbable. "Should the war in Texas be brought to a close without the apprehended Indian hostilities, the volunteers in that case will be discharged forthwith."

On 28 April, Gov. Cannon issued a proclamation for 30 companies of volunteers. Companies of mounted men would be required to supply their own horses and necessary clothing for a six-months' tour of duty unless sooner discharged. The time and place of rendezvous was set for 1 June in Memphis. The infantry in Middle Tennessee would assemble at Nashville, and those in East Tennessee at Knoxville or at convenient points on the Holston and Tennessee rivers. The infantry of the Western District was to march directly to Memphis.

Gov. Cannon applied to the Union Bank for funds necessary for the volunteers' transportation and other expenses, offering to pledge as security "the whole of his real and personal estate." Rallying to the cause, the bank refused to require security for the loan and authorized the governor to choose whatever sum he thought necessary on his own personal responsibility.

Meanwhile, rallies were staged across the state to raise volunteers and funds. *The Memphis Enquirer* in its 12 April issue proclaimed its pride in seeing so many friends of "bleeding" Texas. "Purses are being opened with great liberality and were our own firesides invaded, a greater sympathy could scarcely manifest itself," the paper declared.

In Jackson, **Joshua Haskell** presided over a meeting with **Joseph H. Talbot** serving as secretary. **Judge Read** made an eloquent plea for the defense of his "brothers and sisters," and equally eloquent presentations were made by **Milton Brown**, **Major Joseph Chalmers**, and **Texas Col. Robert Chester**. A total of \$750 was subscribed to the cause, and a committee consisting of **Gen. A. B. Bradford**, **J. S. Lyon**, **William Taylor**, **John Freeman**, and **Col. J. H. McMahon** was named to solicit additional funds

to arm and equip volunteers.

A similar meeting at Covington on 20 April was presided over by **Col. G. D. Searcy** with **C. G. Fisher** acting as secretary. Appointed as a committee to draft a resolution were **J. W. Jones**, **J. T. Collier**, **R. Smythe**, **J. McKee**, **S. Holliday**, **J. D. Holmes**, and **G. W. Becton**. Their resolution stated in part that they "most heartily concur with our friends of Madison County that the independence of Texas as a nation ought to be recognized by the U. S. government and all legal and constitutional efforts be made to prevent military despotism from being established upon our border." Named to receive donations were: **J. T. Collier**, **John W. Jones**, **R. Smythe**, **P. B. Collier**, **H. T. Pollard**, **J. McKee**, **S. A. Holmes**, **M. Calmes**, **W. Hunt**, **L. W. Deloach**, **J. Postlethwait**, **D. R. Whitley**, and **Tyre Rodes**.

In Dyer County, **Col. J. B. Fiser** presided over a citizens' meeting at the courthouse in Dyersburg, with **Major W. Harris** acting as secretary. Speeches were made by **J. B. Crenshaw**, **Dr. A. Parsell**, and **T. D. Moseley**. Contributions totaling \$300 were immediately collected, and 10 young men signed on as volunteers.

Henry County honored its volunteers at a dinner attended by 200 or more ladies. **Col. James T. Dunlap**, captain of the company, and **Willis L. Williams, Esq.**, delivered eloquent and patriotic orations. **John H. Dunlap** acted as president of the gathering, and **S. M. Hankins** and **William Fitzgerald, Esq.**, as vice presidents. Texas was toasted as 'the land of promise.' A similar dinner was held in McMinnville County for the company of mounted volunteers that had been raised there. **B. L. Ridley** acted as president of the day, assisted by **Gen. A. Shields** as vice president. Toasts saluted the volunteers for going to war "for the dearest rights of man." In Warren County, officers and soldiers also were reported as "promptly and nobly" responding to the call.

In Texas, meanwhile, Sam Houston had ta-

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ken command of the Army of Texas. On 21 April he gathered his men on the banks of the San Jacinto River and pulled a surprise attack on Santa Anna and his troops during their afternoon siesta. The Texans won a signal victory, even taking Santa Anna prisoner.

On 16 May, Gov. Cannon received a letter from Gen. Gaines dated 28 April. It confirmed the capture of Santa Anna and his men at the San Jacinto battle. Two days later, the governor announced he was suspending the movements of volunteers at the request of the general. The war was over (at least for the time being), and many of Tennessee's volunteers were said to be disappointed when the suspension order came.

While the names of all the Tennessee volunteers are not available, the *Nashville Republican* in its issue of 4 June 1836 carried the following list of officers of the volunteer companies that had been given to the state's Executive Department or Inspector General:

**DAVIDSON CO.'S 3 VOLUNTEER COMPANIES**The State Guards (86 men)

Captain - James P. Grundy; 1st Lt. - Wm H. Chandler;  
2d Lt. - A. B. Burgess; Ensign - A. M. Hays

The Independent Highlanders (69 men)

Captain - John K. Rayburn; 1st Lt. John J. Chandler;  
2d Lt. - W. S. M'Nairy; Ensign - W. G. Shirley

The Davidson Mounted Blues (73 men)

Captain - Joel A. Battle; 1st Lt. - Robert L. Saunders;  
2d Lt. - Guilford Johnson; Cornet - Addison B. Howlett

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**RUTHERFORD CO.'S 2 VOLUNTEER COMPANIES**Company of Mounted Men

(Name of company not given -- 64 men)

Captain - John W. Jetton; 1st Lt. - E. A. C. Norman;  
2d Lt. - Henry M'Culloch; Cornet - William Prewett

Murfreesboro Sentinels (64 men)

Captain - H. Yoakum; 1st Lt. - John Maclin;  
2d Lt. - A. B. Morris; Ensign - Charles Watts

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**ROBERTSON COUNTY'S COMPANY**Robertson Co. Mounted Volunteers (65 men)

Captain - Lemuel J. Henry; 1st Lt. - Gilbraith F. Neil;  
2d Lt. - Pinckney Gann; Ensign - Monroe W. O'Brien

**WARREN COUNTY'S COMPANY**Warren Co. Mounted Volunteers (122 men)

Captain - John B. Rodgers; 1st Lt. - George W. Jewell;  
2d Lt. - Samuel M'Gee; Ensign - John Graham

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY'S TWO COMPANIES**Mounted Volunteers

(Name of company not given - 69 men)

Captain - J. H. Roberts; 1st Lt. - John M. Morrow;  
2d Lt. - Philip Roberts; Ensign - John G. Barrows

Another Mounted Company

(Name not known - 75 men)

Captain - Hopkins L. Turney; 1st Lt. - W. S. Oldham;  
2d Lt. - Benjamin F. Gibson; Ensign - Saunders Faris

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**HENDERSON COUNTY'S COMPANY**The Henderson Invincibles

(Mounted - number of men not given)

Capt. - Nicholas H. Darnell; 1st Lt. - Wm. H. M'Kissick;  
2d Lt. - Augustus Williams; Ensign - Samuel Leslie

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**MADISON COUNTY'S TWO COMPANIES**The Madison Grays (mounted - 63 men)

Captain - A. B. Bradford; 1st Lt. - J. H. M'Mahon;  
2d Lt. - W. O. Butler; Ensign - W. K. Cook

The Jackson Blues (mounted - 65 men)

Captain - Samuel J. Hays; 1st Lt. - Henry W. M'Corry;  
2d Lt. - M. B. Stewart; Ensign - William Willis

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**HENRY COUNTY'S COMPANY**Henry County Volunteers

(Company name not given - 81 men)

Captain - James Dunlap; 1st Lt. - William Wright;  
2d Lt. - Joseph Hughes; Ensign - James Edmonds

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**BLED SOE COUNTY'S COMPANY**Mounted Volunteers

(Company name and number of men not given)

Captain - Scott Terry; 1st Lt. - John Lamb;  
2d Lt. - James B. Cathey; Ensign - J. T. Nanney

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**CARROLL COUNTY'S COMPANY**Mounted Volunteers

(Company name not given -- 64 men)

Captain - Benjamin C. Totten; 1st Lt. - Newton E. Wright;  
2d Lt. - J. A. Noell; Ensign - J. C. Barbee

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**HAMILTON COUNTY'S COMPANY**Mounted Volunteers

(Company not complete, consisting of only 52 men)

Captain - B. B. Cannon; 1st Lt. - N. N. Rawlings;  
2d Lt. - E. H. Travis; Ensign - John T. Teener



## TENNESSEANS RALLY (continued)

Numerous other companies reportedly had been formed in East Tennessee and the Western District, and many more had been prevented from organizing by the "Suspending Order." A full company in Williamson County was immediately discharged when it was ascertained that their services would not be needed, and it also was reported that a company could have been easily formed in Maury County. Wrote the *Nashville Republican*: "Tennessee would have furnished at least 2500 men, mostly mounted, under the call by Gen. Gaines."

President Andrew Jackson, in a letter from the Hermitage to Gov. Cannon dated 6 Aug 1836, stated, "I deeply regret that Tennessee volunteers whose prowess and patriotism are displayed so promptly on all occasions that threaten the peace and safety of this beloved country have been called out on this occasion without proper consideration. They can for the present only be mustered into the service and discharged."

Ten years later, Tennessee volunteers would again have an opportunity to go to war against Mexico. So many volunteered in 1846 that the service of some regiments had to be declined.

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### The Stork Was Busy...

## Here's How Carolina Simmons Had Four Sons in 17 Months

Remember the little story, "Figure This One Out," in our Spring issue? It was from the 21 Jan 1875 issue of the *Paris Weekly Intelligencer* telling about **Mrs. Abraham Simmons** presenting her husband with four boys in the space of 17 months.

**Mary Jo (Adams) Appling**, 10837 - 53rd Place West, Mukilteo, WA 98274-4439 was quick to send us an explanation. It just happens that one of her great-great uncles (**Francis M. Adams**) married Mr. Simmons' sister (**Emily A.**) and another of her great-great uncles (**Jasper N. Adams**) married Mrs. Simmons' sister (**Alabama America Swor**).

Mary Jo reports that Mrs. Simmons -- nee **Carolina Amanda Swor** 16 Jul 1840 in Henry Co., Tenn.-- had twin sons, **Anthony** and **William Arthur** who were born 20 Jul 1873. The following year, on 28 Dec 1874, she had another set of twin boys - **Levi** and **Isaac**. Anthony lived to the age of 69, dying on 9 Apr 1942. The date of William Arthur's death is unknown. Levi died at age 31 (on 11 Aug 1905), and Isaac was less than two years old when he died 26 Oct 1876.

Mary Jo also provided some family background information:

Abraham Simmons, born 14 Mar 1842 in Henry County, was the son of **Justice of the Peace Levi Simmons** and his wife **Elize**. Both of his parents were born in North Carolina, Levi in 1815 and Elize in 1817. During the Civil War, Abraham served in the 5th Tennessee Infantry's Co. A and was taken prisoner in the battle at Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga.

After the war, on 2 Nov 1865, Abraham married Carolina Amanda Swor, daughter of **William C.** and **Elizabeth (Fowler) Swor**. Abraham farmed in Henry County.

In addition to having two sets of twin boys, the Simmons had six other children, all born in Henry County and all died in Tennessee::

- (1) **Martha Jane Simmons** - b. 27 Jul 1866, d. 25 Aug 1871
- (2) **Eliza Elzarine Simmons** - b. 21 Aug 1876, d. 17 Jul 1910
- (3) **Charley Henry Simmons** - b. 2 Sep 1879, d. 17 June 1966
- (4) **Flora Simmons** - b. 7 May 1882, d. 20 Aug 1964
- (5) **George Washington Simmons** - b. 16 Aug 1883, d. 19 Nov 1961
- (6) **Edwin Simmons** - b. 25 Jan 1885, d. 19 Mar 1960

After Abraham died on 29 Dec 1886, Carolina remained on the farm and seven of her children were living with her in 1900.

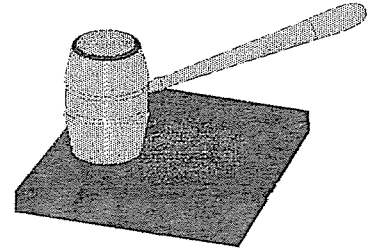
Mary Jo believes there are probably a lot of descendants of Abraham and Carolina Simmons living in Henry County and other parts of Tennessee today. ■



# CARROLL COUNTY WILLS

*(continued from Spring 1997 issue)*

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## PAGES 41-42

**ROBERT B. PAYNE** -- Will dated 7 Mar 1833. Witnessed by **James A. Wilson, Harrison Ezzell, Martin Maxwell**. Codicil dated 3 May 1833. Proved in county court June 1833 term. Recorded 31 Aug 1833. Executors wife **Salley** and **Moses Green**.

Wife - **Salley**

Children -- mentioned but not named

Stepson -- **William P. Hill**, my wife's son, to share equally with my children in my estate

Negro man - **Brandy**

## PAGES 43-44

**JAMES GREER** -- Will dated 16 Oct 1820. Witnessed by **Hugh Whitesides, John Cooper**. Proved in county court June 1833 term. Recorded 31 Aug 1833. Executor - son **James Greer**

Wife -- **Sarah**

Sons -- **James, Robert**

Daughters -- **Susannah, Elizabeth, Margaret, Ginney, Eloner**

Grandchildren -- Four children of **John** and **Mary Hammeil**, deceased. (Their oldest child, **William Jonathan Hamill**, is the only one whose name is stated in the will)

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**NANCEY WOODS** -- Will dated 11 Nov 1834. Witnessed by **James W. Drake, David Spain**. Proved in county court December 1834 term. Recorded 7 Mar 1835. Executor - my friend **L. (Levi) S. Woods**

Heirs:

**John Woods'** daughter **Margaret**

**John Woods'** son **John**

**Dysert Woods'** daughter **Nancy Rachel Woods**

**John Herron's** daughter **Heister**

**Nancy Herron**

**Jane Woods**

**Archibald Adams'** daughter **Nancy**

**L.S. Woods'** daughter **Nancy** and son **William**

**Polley Holmes**

**L.S. Woods**

**William W. Herron**

**Salley Woods**

**Dysert Woods**

**John Woods, Sr.**

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**SOLOMON PUTMAN** - Will dated 18 Aug 1834. Witnessed by **Absalem Knox, W. B. Howard, Cullin McMullin**. Proved in county court December 1834 term. Recorded 7 Mar 1835. Executor - **John Howard, Sr.**

Wife -- **Harriett**

Daughters -- **Nancy Glass**. Mentions but does not name five other daughters who are to receive their share of his estate as they marry or come of age

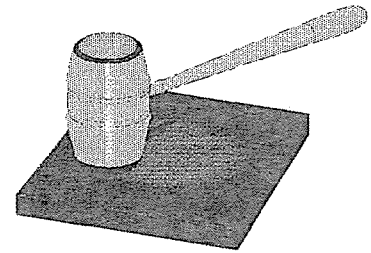
Sons -- **John Thomas Puttman** and **William Howard Putnam** (both under age)

## PAGES 49-50

**WILLIAM FLEWELLIN** - Will dated 16 Jul 1827. Witnessed by **L. G. Sayle, W. P. Sayle, Olivia W. Sayle**. Codicil dated 20 May 1834, witnessed by **Robert B. Gordon, John Morgan**. Will and codicil proved in county court June 1835 term. Recorded 10 Aug 1835. Executor - son **Shaderick Flewellin**

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Wife - **Ann Flewellin**  
 Sons - **Shaderick Flewellin, Harbert Flewellin**  
 Daughters - **Elizabeth Boren, Nancy Nace**  
 Grandson - **Nicholas H. Darnell**  
 Granddaughter - **Milberry Shackelford**  
 Negroes: Girls - **Harriett, Mary, Charity**; Boys - **Henry, John, Alfred**

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**JOHN B. ADAMSON**<sup>1</sup> - Will dated 31 May 1835. Witnessed by **Charles Q. Kennedy, Robert W. Sheffield**. Proved in county court June 1835 term. Recorded 15 Aug 1835. Executor - **William Neighbours**

Wife - **Rebecca**  
 Sister - **Delila Belcher** (referred to as "my only sister")

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**ROBERT WOOD** - Will dated 10 Jul 1834. Witnessed by **William McCutchen, George Wood**. Proved in county court Mar 1836 term. Recorded 23 Mar 1836 by **J. M. Smith**, deputy clerk. Executors - wife **Anna**, sons **Allen** and **George**

Wife - **Anna**  
 Son - **George**  
 Daughter - **Frances**  
 Other children - Four oldest: **James, Polly, Tamblin, and Allen**  
 Four youngest (all under 21) - **John, Elizabeth, Avelina, Robert**

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**WILLIS W. MAINARD** - Will dated 14 Feb 1836. Witnessed by **Joseph T. Dudley, G. Baty**. Proved Mar 1836 court term. Recorded 23 Mar 1836.

Wife - mentioned but not named  
 Sons - **James, John, George**. Refers to "balance of my children" but does not name  
 Brother - **James Mainard**

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**WILLIAM LORANCE/LOWRANCE** - Will dated Dec 1835. Witnessed by **J. G. Williams, William Gabbard**. Proved in Mar 1836 county court term. Recorded 23 Mar 1836. Executrix - wife

Wife - **Sarah**  
 Children - mentioned but not named

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**SELETHA C. McMAHAN** - Will dated 23 Aug 1835. Witnessed by **Samuel Winn, James M. McKinzie, Jno. McKinzie**. Proved Jul 1836 county court term.

Son - **Richard McMahan** (only child)  
 Brothers - **A. A. McKinzie, Jeremiah Wall (?) McKinzie**  
 Slave - **Maria** (now about 17)

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**JOHN M. DIGGS** - Will dated 16 Aug 1836. Witnessed by **Joab Brooks, Henry Kerby**. Proved Oct 1836 court term.

Wife - **Penelope**  
 Sons - **James** (eldest), **Dudley, John D.**, and two youngest sons **Michael** and **Henry**  
 Daughters - **Nancy Permenter, Selah Diggs, Sarah (?) Wilson**

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**REBECCA MARSHALL**<sup>2</sup> - Will dated 24 Feb 1836. Witnessed by **Beverly Bonner, Abraham White**. Proved Mar 1836 county court term.

Deceased husband - **David Marshall**  
 Sons - **William B. Marshall, David Marshall**  
 Daughters - **Polly** (wife of **Robert Smith**); **Nancy** (wife of **Morris Hallum**); **Patsy** (wife of **James M. Hart ?**);  
**Machal ?** (wife of **Albert H. Wynn**); **Betty** (wife of **William Lowry**)  
 Grandchildren - **Nancy's** children (not named); **Marion Bartee**, daughter of **Rebecca**■

<sup>1</sup>The deceased is listed as Joseph R. Adamson in the heading of this will, but is referred to as John B. Adamson in the body of the will.

<sup>2</sup>This will did not photograph well on microfilm, and is extremely difficult to read. Names of some legatees may be omitted or misspelled.

## Missing Puzzle Pieces

**NOTICE:** **Deborah Williams**, born in Morgan Co., Tenn., was raised and married in North Alabama, then moved to West Tennessee. The name of her husband is not recollected. She is a daughter of Reuben Williams, deceased. Her brothers, **Joseph M.**, **Assie**, and **Reuben Williams** are not supposed to be living. Her whereabouts are requested by **Meshack Stephens**, Wartsburg, Morgan Co. A small estate may be recovered for said heirs. -*Daily Memphis Avalanche*, 3 Jul 1878

**NOTICE:** If **Ellen Clarke** who was married to **Irwin** in Augusta, Ga., during the early part of the war will communicate with the Postmaster of Memphis, it may be to her advantage. -*Daily Memphis Avalanche*, 9 Jul 1878

**MRS. ELIZABETH WHITMIRE**, a lady with three children and in straightened circumstances, is exceedingly anxious to hear of **William Duckworth**, her grandfather, or **William D.**, her uncle, the latter a carpenter by trade. Word left at the police station will be conveyed to her. - *Memphis Ledger*, 2 Jan 1880

**A REWARD OF \$200** has been offered for the apprehension of **Joacim Lindsey**, noticed in our last issue as having murdered his wife in Giles County in this state. He is described as being about 27 or 28 years of age, about 6 feet 3 inches high, with black hair, fair complexion, a dark hazel eye and thin visage; and had on a blue cloth coat, black pantaloons, and a pair of booties, considerably worn. The reward is offered by **Elizabeth A. Philips**, who is the mother of the deceased lady. -*The Sparta Review*, 20 Jul 1825

**INFORMATION WANTED:** **John L. Welsh** left his family in the month of March 1826 in the town of Burgoinville, Tenn., and went to North Carolina from which place he wrote in Jan 1828 and has not been heard from since. It is feared that he is dead. If any person in the U.S. knows anything of him and will give information to the subscriber, they will do her a great kindness and add much to her happiness. John is a shoe and boot maker, spare frame, about 5'10" high. Printers in the U.S. will confer a favor on a distress'd family by publishing the above. **Rebecca Welsh**, Burgoinville, Ten. 27 Oct 1826 -*Western Intelligencer*, Shelbyville, Tenn., 29 Aug 1828

**SON LOST & INFORMATION WANTED:** Some time about the middle of May 1826, **Nathan Abbott**, a merchant in Bellefonte, Ala., sold out and departed for the south in search of a home. He wrote his mother, **Frances Abbott**, from Weedville, Miss., and stated he had started to make a fortune and probably would not stop short of Texas. He has not been heard of since. When he left home, his mother with her son **James** were living in comfortable circumstances. They moved to Memphis and he became a small contractor and died of cholera at La Grange June 4, 1833. Mrs. Abbott then had no one left to support her declining years but a grandson and he died shortly afterwards of the same disease, which has left her lonely and destitute. Nathan Abbott is now about 30 years of age and if he knew his mother's situation would immediately come to her relief. If any person in the South or Southwest knows the residence of said Nathan he would perform a most worthy act if he would communicate that information to Mrs. Abbott at La Grange, Fayette Co., Tenn. Notice dated 30 Sep 1835. -*Nashville Banner*, 2 Nov 1835

**INFORMATION WANTED:** If **William Stephens**, formerly of Madison or Oglethorpe Co., Ga., if living, or any of his legal representatives will apply by letter or otherwise to **Thomas A. Brewer**, attorney at law, Post Master at Brookline, Madison Co., Ga., they may hear something to their advantage. P.S. Mr. Stephens removed to Bledsoe Co., Tenn., in ca. 1826. Editors who copy the above may be of essential service to a widow and family of orphans. - *Nashville Banner*, 5 Feb 1836

# Book Reviews

**THE SOURCE, A Guidebook of American Genealogy, Revised Edition** edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. 1997. Softbound 8-1/2 x 11," 846 pp. \$59.95 plus \$4 shipping from Ancestry Incorporated, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0476, 1-800-531-1790.

First published in 1984, *The Source* received the American Library Association's coveted "Best Reference" Award and today is considered a standard reference in the field of genealogy and family history. Because of the big changes that have occurred in genealogical research in the intervening years since the book made its debut, some chapters that appeared in the original version have been completely revised for this new edition. All have been updated and fine-tuned. A new chapter, "Tracking Twentieth-Century Ancestors" has been added, along with "Databases, Indexes, and Other Finding Aids" that addresses the influence of computer-linked aids and explores the growing collection of source material available in print and electronic format. Of special interest to some will be the chapters dealing with ethnic origins, including "how-to" information on tracking the family history of Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Jewish-Americans. In all, some 20 experts contributed their specialized and current information to this highly impressive book, and each chapter has been independently peer-reviewed.

**GRUNDY CO., TENN. EARLIEST DEEDS 1852-1867** abstracted and indexed by Charles A. Sherrill, Nashville, 1996. Softbound 8-1/2 x 11-1/2." 132 pp., full-name index, place name index, landmarks index. \$24.50 postpaid from the author at 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Grundy County was created in 1844 from Warren and Coffee counties, but its very earliest deed book apparently was lost many years ago. Books A, B, and C cover deeds registered from 1852 to 1867. The author appears to have succeeded in his efforts to draw out all information of genealogical and historical significance from each entry, covering deeds, gifts, land grants, court sales, estate divisions, slave sales, and other records in the three books. Also included are a civil district map of Grundy, a map and sales history of Altamont town lots, and state laws establishing and changing the county boundaries. Limited corrections have been made in spelling due to the fact that the register of deeds apparently did not know how to spell his own name correctly -- it appearing repeatedly in at least three variations. Readers are cautioned to use the index with care since some surnames show up in as many as four different spellings.

**FORGOTTEN SOLIDERS: HISTORY OF THE 2ND TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT (USA) 1861-1865** by Eddie M. Nikazy. 1996. Paperback 5-3/8x 8-1/4", 272 pp., full name index. \$26 postpaid from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716. .

In the summer of 1861 after Tennessee seceded from the Union, thousands of loyalist East Tennesseans took off for Kentucky to form military units there with the hope of returning home and relieving those left behind. The 2nd Tennessee, composed of 1,401 men, was one such unit. It began forming in August 1861 near Louisville at Camp Dick Robinson. Most of the men were from Tennessee's Morgan, Hamilton, Anderson, Campbell, Fentress, Sevier, and Claiborne counties. On 6 Nov 1863 when the 7th Ohio Cavalry was attacked and routed on the road outside Rogersville, Tenn., the 2nd Tennessee Regiment was ordered to hold the position while the cavalry fled to Morristown. The Tennessee unit was surrounded and captured, and many subsequently died in Confederate prisons at Richmond and Andersonville. While there were numerous accounts of the men's escapes and super-human efforts to make their way back to the regiment -- some traveling hundreds of miles on foot through rebel territory -- almost half of those who served with the regiment died. The book is based almost entirely on the *Official Records of the War of Rebellion* and muster rolls in the National Archives. The first third of the book presents the background, history, and organization of the regiment, and the remainder summarizes the service records of the 1,401 men.

**MORE PSYCHIC ROOTS** by Henry Z. Jones, Jr. 1997. Paperback 6"x8", 274 pp., indexed. \$20.45 postpaid from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone 1-800-296-6687.

Subtitled "Further Adventures in Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy," this book is a followup to *Psychic Roots* which was published in 1994. Like its predecessor, it contains a collection of stories and experiences contributed by some 225 genealogists from the U.S. as well as countries from around the world. The collection bears out the author's amazement at how often hunches, intuition, or the unforeseen play a role in the research process. Whether it's luck, coincidence, or our ancestors asking to be understood and have their stories told, Jones says whatever it is can't be ignored since so many genealogists have experienced it in one form or another. Whatever, the book makes for interesting reading -- and even a few goosebumps.

# Book Reviews (continued)

**ROOTS FOR KIDS** by Susan Provost Beller. 1997. Softbound, 8-1/2"x11", 128 pp., indexed. \$20.45 postpaid from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone 1-800-296-6687.

The lack of genealogical materials at a level appropriate for young people led the author to develop this special genealogy guide. Based on a 12-week course she taught her fourth grade class, the book devotes the first five chapters to explaining how to fill out genealogical charts, collect oral history from family members, and put it all together. The remainder of the book explains how to (1) research local, state, and national records; (2) use libraries and historical societies; and (3) further research through carefully planned field trips. Some 35 pages of appendices include samples of family group sheets; a five-generation chart, deed and will abstract forms, and 1790-1910 census forms. A native of Burlington, Vt., Mrs. Beller has been involved in genealogical research for more than 16 years and, besides teaching young people, instructs advanced genealogy courses to adults.

**FINDING YOUR HISPANIC ROOTS** by George R. Ryskamp. 1997. Softbound, 5-7/8"x8-12", 306 pp., indexed. \$23.45 postpaid from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone 1-800-296-6687.

This updated version of the author's 1977 book, *Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage*, includes such new topics as computers, impediments to marriage, microfilming, family history centers, centralization of parish records, and numerous reference book titles. In his introduction, Ryskamp makes an important distinction between genealogy and family history, noting that the genealogist builds a pedigree composed of related family units whose individual members are identified by specific names, relationships, dates, places, and events. "The family historian begins with the information the genealogist assembles, places it within the broad sweep of national and regional history, and then searches to include even the details of daily living where registers, mementos, and old buildings permit him to do so," he states. After outlining basic research principles and techniques, the author discusses language and handwriting, Hispanic surnames, methods of tracing Hispanic immigrants in U.S. records, and how to conduct Hispanic genealogical research in LDS Family History Centers. It guides the researcher over some of the roughest terrain in genealogy, examining types of records found in the U.S., Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain.

**ITALIAN-AMERICAN FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. 1997. Paperback, 6x9", 142 pp., indexed. \$12.95 plus \$3.50 P&H from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

What makes researching Italian ancestry different from German, Russian, English or Irish? The author, who is half-Italian by birth but was not raised in an ethnic environment, found that Italian Americans have customs, folkways, beliefs and behaviors unique to their culture. Familiarity with this culture is essential as is knowledge of the family's original Italian name and the family's place of origin in Italy. Name changes can cause problems for genealogists who don't have family stories or other sources to lead them to the original name. For instance, Frank White could have been the Americanized version of Francesco Bianco or Joe Green may have been translated from Giuseppi Verdi. It also helps to know that most of the Italians who migrated to America before the mid-1800s were from northern Italy, and the majority of those who came beginning in about the 1870s were from southern Italy. Many came as seasonal migrants, with 30 percent going back to Italy within five years of their arrival in America. This is just a small sample of the many helpful tidbits that make this book essential for anyone doing Italian-American research.

**TURBO GENEALOGY: An Introduction to Family History in the Information Age** by John and Carolyn Cosgriff, 1997. Paperback 5-1/2"x8-1/2", 206 pp., indexed. \$17.95 plus \$4.00 S&H from Ancestry, Inc., P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0476, phone 1 (800) 262-3787.

In addition to providing basic instruction for tracing your family tree, this primer gives pointers on making effective use of a personal computer to keep track of your research, communicate with other researchers, and electronically access information from remote sources. Compiling an electronic research database has convinced the authors that computers can help topple the "brick walls" that seem to be almost inevitable to individual researchers. Linking individuals and families together as integral parts of their respective and surrounding "family tree forests" allows going beyond conventional research methods to resolve complex genealogical questions, they say. The book also discusses basic computer hardware, genealogy software, telecommunications, and CD-Rom resources. Included in the appendix is an explanation of the Soundex for U.S. census records, and two glossaries -- one covering legal terms and the other computer terms.

# Book Reviews (continued)

**THE HISTORIAN'S GUIDE TO LOUDON COUNTY, VIRGINIA; VOL. I Colonial Laws of Virginia and County Court Orders 1757-1766** by John T. Phillips, II. 1996. Hardback 6x9", 618 pp., acid-free paper, full-name index, places and subjects index, glossary. \$43.20 postpaid from author, P.O. Box 776, Leesburg, VA 20178-0776.

If Virginia's colonial laws sound like dull or heavy reading to you, then read this book. It'll give you a lively explanation of the state's laws as they developed from Jamestown through 1766, interlaced with some amusing anecdotes that portray some of the happenings in northern Virginia during that first decade. Phillips, one of Tidewater Virginia's native sons and a noted historian, has gleaned information for his highly readable book from the official and private records of the colonial governors and the House of Burgesses, surviving editions of colonial publications, Loudon County Court Order Books, plus other primary and secondary sources. His research revealed that thefts accounted for fully half of the criminal prosecutions in the county in the decade studied, with the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor conviction being 39 lashes "well laid on" the bare back. He also notes that the Virginia Assembly exhibited special concern for stealing or killing hogs. Under the law in effect during Loudoun's first decade, a person convicted of stealing a hog was subject to 25 lashes "well laid on" at the public whipping post for the first offense. Those convicted of a second offense had to stand in the pillory for two hours on a court day with their ears nailed to the pillory, and any person convicted of hog-stealing for a third time was to "suffer death." While the book's focus is on Loudon County, genealogists with no connection to that particular county should still benefit greatly from this insight into Virginia's colonial laws.

**HENDERSON CO., TENNESSEE, A Pictorial History** by Dr. Emily Clifton Davis & Brenda Kirk Fiddler. 1996. Hardbound, 8-1/2x10", 368 pp., full-name index. \$49 postpaid from Brenda Fiddler, 331 Eastern Shores Dr., Lexington, TN 38351, phone (901) 968-7739.

Because few official records are available for Henderson County due to courthouse fires in 1863 and 1895, this book may provide long-lost family connections for some. It contains more than a thousand photographs which local residents found after digging in their trunks and attics in response to the authors' requests for pictures of general interest. Included are photos of some early settlers, memorable houses, churches, school pictures, family portraits, city and rural scenes, and countians in military service. Also pictured are such county disasters as the 1913 and 1956 tornados, and the 1921 Wildersville fire. If proof was ever needed of the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words, this book provides strong testimony. It's one thing to read about a mercantile store operated by G. W. Florence in 1903, but quite another to view a picture of that store with the proprietor and 10 of his customers out front posing for the photographer. Of the same era is a shot of Lexington's postoffice with Postmaster J. L. Murray and his mail carriers seated in their horse-drawn delivery buggies.

**DUNKLIN COUNTY CEMETERIES, Dunklin Co., Mo., and Box Elder, Ark. 1845- 1995** by Dunklin Co. Genealogical Society. Paperback 8-1/2 x 12." \$35 postpaid from Mrs. Patsy Fisher, 1101 N. Ricky Rd., Kennett, MO 63857

This new book includes gravestone information from eight cemeteries in Dunklin Co., Mo., -- Cockrum, Cude, Horner, Hornersville, Lulu, McGrew, Mt. Gilead and Silverdale -- as well as the nearby Box Elder Cemetery about a half mile below the state line in Mississippi Co., Ark. Names are alphabetized in each of the nine cemeteries, making it user friendly. Each cemetery is identified as to location, and names of the persons who copied the information from the gravestones are included.

**GRUNDY CO., TENN., SPECIAL CENSUS RECORDS 1850-1880** compiled by Charles A. Sherrill. 1996. Softbound 11-1/2 x 8-1/2." Fully indexed, 236 pp., \$24.50 postpaid from the author at 1023 Water's Edge Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

More than 1,400 names are included in the index of this book which contains special census records for a 30-year period in Grundy County history. These records, often overlooked by researchers, provide insight into the life and times of the people living in these periods. While the federal government did not retain the originals of these non-population census records, many schedules for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 have survived. Duke University Library in North Carolina holds the originals, and Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville has microfilm copies. The agricultural schedules list every farmer in the county, the amount of acreage on the individual farm and how much of it is improved or unimproved, the number of livestock, and details about crops and other items produced on the farm. Slave schedules show the number and age of all slaves owned, and mortality schedules give personal information on each person who died during 1850, 1860, and 1880 census years. (The 1870 mortality schedule is missing.) Mills, blacksmith shops, and the like are in the manufacturing schedules.

# Book Reviews (continued)

**VIRGINIA IN 1760: A RECONSTRUCTED CENSUS** by T.L.C. Genealogy. 1996. Paperback, 9x12", 384 pp., full-name listings. \$35.00 postpaid from TLC Genealogy, P.O. Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369.

Based on primary records, this book is an alphabetical listing of Virginia inhabitants, their county of residence, and sources of information about them. It includes 46,772 names of people from every county in the state in 1760 having a minimum of 100 records. In the case of burned record counties, the compilers dredged up any wills, deeds, court records, church records, and other primary records they could find. (King William County was the worst with only 26 individuals being found.) Wherever possible, the compilers used court records because they appear to contain the best cross-section of the populace and are used very little by most genealogists. A list of 89 reference sources is included, with individuals' names keyed to page numbers in the reference material.

**GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF THE U.S.** by Christina K. Schaefer. 1997. Cloth, 6x9", 406 pp., \$28.50 postpaid from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, (800-296-6687).

Since any court of record can process naturalization papers, records relating to them can be found in a bewildering array of courts. This book attempts to provide a guide to naturalization records, indicating the types of records held (declarations of intention, petitions for naturalization, case files, indexes, etc.), their dates of coverage, and the location of original and microfilm records. It also pinpoints the whereabouts of federal court records in National Archives facilities and in the Family History Library System, including the call numbers used by each. The book also has a section on U. S. territories and possessions, and an overview of the history of naturalization and citizenship. Each section has a reading list for further research with addresses and phone numbers of the major repositories in each state. Unfortunately, the section on Tennessee mentions only 13 of the state's 95 counties. Noticeably lacking is a mention of Shelby County naturalization dockets which are available on microfilm at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and have been running in *Ansearchin*' News.

**OTIS BUTLER & ORA EUGENIA FUQUA** by Anne Butler Miles Black. 1996. Hardcover 6x9", 535 pp., full-name index. \$60 postpaid from author at 507 W. 19th St., El Dorado, AR 71730

If the purpose of a family history is to give your descendants a true-to-life picture of their ancestors, then this book succeeds admirably. Otis and Ora come alive in the author's well-written introductory chapter, "Remembrances of My Parents," and the reader emerges with the feeling of having come to know a delightful couple. Family photos, newspaper clippings, and genealogy charts are interspersed with family stories, jokes, and sayings. Otis' irrepressible humor shines throughout the book, evoking many a chuckle. Both Otis and Ora had Tennessee roots. The Butlers migrated to Tennessee from North Carolina between 1820 and 1825 and were among Shelby County's earliest settlers. Coleman Butler -- Otis' grandfather -- was born in Tennessee between 1829 and 1832 and married Nancy Thomason of Benton Co., Tenn., who was born in the state in 1834. Otis' mother was Aldra Frances Neisler, born in Henderson Co., Tenn., in 1871. Other Tennesseans in Otis' line were the Rowlands of Carroll County, the Bucks and the Thomases of Henderson County. Ora's parents were Eugene Fletcher Fuqua, born in Rutherford Co., Tenn., in 1861, and Priscilla Ann Stroud, the daughter of Tennessean Leonidas Ruffin Stroud of Warren County and Angelina McWilliams Bell of Limestone Co., Ala.. Other Tennesseans in Ora's line included the Scotts of Maury Co., the Nunns of Sumner and Lawrence counties, and the McWhirters of Lawrence County.

**WILKES CO., GA., DEED BOOKS A-VV, 1784-1806** by Michal Martin Farmer. 1996. Hardcover, 6x9", acid-free paper, 974 pp., full-name index. \$50 postpaid from author at P.O. Box 140880, Dallas, TX 75214-0880, phone (214) 324-4508. (Texas residents add \$4.13 sales tax.)

This valuable book contains abstracts of deeds in Wilkes County over a 22-year period. Included are names of all grantors, grantees, adjoining landowners, witnesses, and justices of the peace. The abstracts were made from microfilm copies made available by the Georgia Department of Archives and History in Atlanta. The work constitutes a significant contribution to Georgia genealogical resources since the original Wilkes County encompassed what is now Elbert, Lincoln, and Taliaferro counties, plus most of Oglethorpe, Madison, Taliaferro, and Warren counties, half of Hart County, and parts of Greene, Clarke, Glascock, McDuffie, and Hancock counties. Some 40,000 entries -- including persons as well as localities, businesses, confiscated estates, and churches -- are contained in the 140-page index. Publication of the book was made possible by a grant from the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation. ■

In Middle Tennessee...

## Maury County Schools List Graduates in 1855

Few if any towns of comparable size in the Southwest could equal Columbia, Tenn., when it came to school facilities. Or so it was stated in the town newspaper, *The Democratic Herald*.

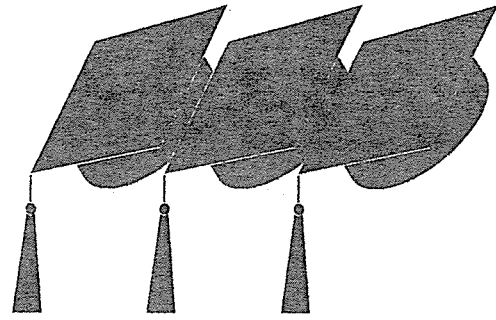
In the 1855 scholastic year, the town had four schools with enrollment totaling close to 600. Students came from as far away as St. Louis, Mo., and San Antonio, Texas. June was graduation month in Maury County, and appropriate ceremonies were staged at each school.

### Graduates of the Tennessee Conference Female College, Thursday, June 21st, 1855:

1. Eugenia Susan Cooke, Caddo Parish, La.
2. Fannie H. Bainbridge, Columbia
3. Eliza Kincaid Fussell, Columbia
4. Susan Caro Fussell, Columbia
5. Lizzie Fidelia Koger, Florence, Ala.
6. Martha McMurry, Savannah, Tenn.
7. Sue Josephine Murphy, Decatur, Ala.
8. Ann Maria Ray, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
9. Martha Rains, Nashville
10. Mollie Rutland, Hernando, Miss.
11. Sallie S. C. Scales, Pulaski, Tenn.
12. Flora D. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
13. Sarah A. White, Hampshire, Tenn.
14. Sallie C. Winn, Caney Spring, Tenn.

### Graduates of Columbia Female Institute Thursday, June 28, 1855

1. Mary Louisa Akin, Maury County
2. Sophie M. Baylor, San Antonio, Tex.
3. Maria Naomi Hays, Columbia<sup>1</sup>
4. Louisa H. Harden, Maury County
5. Ellen Jane Douglas, Maury County
6. Martha W. Pillow, Maury County
7. Jennie W. Porter, Williamsport, Tenn.
8. Susan W. Watts, Carroll Parish, La.
9. Susan M. Wilcox, Maury County



### Graduates of Columbia Athenaeum Friday, June 29, 1855

1. Hester Ann M. Agnew, Moline, Tenn.
2. Mary Ann Bailey, Columbia
3. Sarah M. Bradshaw, Columbia
4. Jane Bryson, Viney Grove, Tenn.
5. Mary Ann Cayce, Fulton, Miss.
6. Mary Anna Isabella Davis, Nashville
7. Margaret A. Fitzpatrick, Pleasant Grove
8. Frances Ann Fell, Columbia
9. Quintilla Gordon, Lawrence Co., Tenn.
10. Mary Louisa Mackey, Maury County
11. Mary Rebecca Mayes, Ashwood
12. Mary Eliza Moore, Columbia
13. Mildred Spillman Payne, Louisville, Miss.
14. Mary Pillow, Columbia
15. Josephine Esselman Smith, Nashville
16. Sydney M. Wingfield, Maury County

### Graduates of Jackson College June 25, 1855

1. William James Frierson, Ashwood, Tenn.
2. William James Reed, St. Louis, Mo.
3. DeWitt C. Gordon, Cornersville, Tenn.
4. Gabriel Jones Buchanan, Camargo, Miss.
5. David C. B. Dunlap, Spring Hill, Tenn.
6. Thomas J. Flippin, Somerville, Tenn.

The A. M. degree was conferred upon **Thomas D. Spindle** and **Robert P. Griffith**, and the honorary D.D. degree upon **Rev. Schuyler Seager**, president of Genessee Wesleyan Seminary, New York.

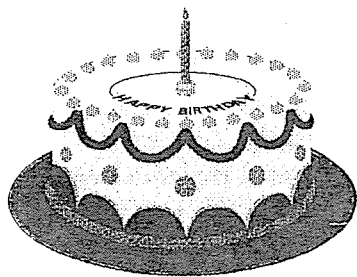
### **Grand Junction Bought By Memphis Man**

**Josiah DeLoach, Esq.**, formerly of Memphis, purchased in 1857 the site on which the town of Grand Junction was located at the crossing of the Memphis & Charleston and Tennessee & Mississippi Central railroads in Hardeman County, according to *The Memphis Appeal* in its 2 Apr 1857 issue. "The price paid for this property is low considering its great advantages and prospects," the paper stated. "It is fast becoming an important depot." The price paid was \$29,000.

<sup>1</sup>Miss Hayes was class valedictorian, and her address was printed in the 14 Jul 1855 issue of *The Democratic Herald*, Columbia, Tenn.



## Mr. Ellis Jones Celebrates His 79th Birthday



When **Ellis Jones** of Williamson County celebrated his 79th birthday on the 11th of October, 1875, he was not alone. Eighty-seven of his descendants and about 200 of his old friends and neighbors gathered at his home near Thompson's Station to celebrate with him. On hand were 57 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and nine of his 11 children -- **Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Decatur, Robert, Martha, Charles, Callie, Lucie, Nannie, and Ellis, Jr.** The two absent offspring -- **Mrs. Furguson** and **Mrs. Chancy** -- were living in Texas. Also there to celebrate with him was his only sister,

**Mrs. Mary McDaniel**, who was in her 90th year. *The Columbia Herald* doubted if another man in Tennessee ever did -- or ever would -- see that many people on his birthday.

All of Ellis' children sent birthday presents, some of which amounted to \$500 each, according to *The Franklin Review and Journal*. A fine table was set. And although his children were scattered and lived in different states, each one brought a large and beautiful cake with which the table was decorated. The spoons used at the refreshment table were 150 years old and had never been out of the family. The Rev. Mr. Gray of the Presbyterian Church at Spring Hill was said to have preached one of the most eloquent and appropriate sermons ever delivered on an occasion of this kind.

A native of Nelson Co., Va., Ellis was the son of **Capt. Charles G. and Elizabeth Jones**. His father served faithfully under Gen. George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Ellis in 1819 married **Lucy Lavender**, daughter of **George and Nancy Lavender**, and they all migrated to Middle Tennessee in the spring of 1820 and located at Franklin.

When he settled there, Ellis found only seven acres of cleared land on his farm and a house that was surrounded with cane thickets and plenty of wild turkey and deer. He recalls sometimes hearing wolves howl. Ellis, considered in 1875 to be the oldest pioneer for miles around, toiled and tilled the soil for 56 long years while also raising the seven daughters and four sons who survived their mother. Lucy died on the 6th of May 1847. ■

### Can You Fill in the Blanks?

The *Humphreys County News* in 1884 reported there were two mothers living in the 15th District whose experiences could be described as exactly parallel.

- Each was about the same age.
- Each married about the same time.
- Each had borne 10 children, five boys and five daughters.
- Each had lost by death four of the five daughters.
- Each had five sons living in 1884, four of whom in each family bears the same given name of counterparts in the other family.

The paper identified the two only as a **Mrs. Holloway** and a **Mrs. Hunt**.

Now who can enlighten us on this brain-baffler? ■

FOR 1866 AND BEYOND --***Some Shelby County Naturalization Records****(Transcribed from microfilm at Memphis-Shelby County Main Library)*

All persons issued naturalization decrees in Shelby County in late 1866 and thereafter were required to show that they (1) had come to the United States as minors under the age of 21, (2) had resided in the U.S. for at least the last five years and in Tennessee for at least the past year, (3) had for the last three years the bona fide intention of becoming a U.S. citizen, and (4) had obtained oaths of two good witnesses attesting to their good moral character. The following data were extracted from the first 19 pages of Shelby County naturalization records, beginning with the last three entries of 1865, continuing through the year 1866, and then concluding with erratic dates up to 1876.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Home Country</u>	<u>Date of Naturalization Decree</u>
1. H. L. Fox	Great Britain/Ireland	3 Nov 1865
2. John Ainslie	Great Britain/Ireland	19 Dec 1865
3. Michael Farrall	Great Britain/Ireland	20 Dec 1865
4. Isaac Schwab	Bavaria	10 Jan 1866
5. Thomas Berrigan	Great Britain/Ireland	10 Jan 1866
6. Charles Fagan	Great Britain/Ireland	13 Feb 1866
7. Frank Felay	Great Britain/Ireland	13 Feb 1866
8. Martin Grace	Great Britain/Ireland	17 Feb 1866
9. Matthew O'Hern	Great Britain/Ireland	26 Feb 1866
10. Thomas Tighe	Great Britain/Ireland	19 Mar 1866
11. John Waters	Great Britain/Ireland	27 Mar 1866
12. Patrick Butler	Great Britain/Ireland	29 Mar 1866
13. D. S. Johnson	Great Britain/Ireland	17 Apr 1866
14. Sidney Cook	Great Britain/Ireland	12 June 1866
15. John Peter Hoffman	Prussia	14 June 1866
16. Thomas Pruett	Great Britain/Ireland	16 June 1866
17. Patrick Welsh	Great Britain/Ireland	24 June 1866
18. Patrick Mullowney	Great Britain/Ireland	27 June 1866
19. Timothy Kenney	Great Britain/Ireland	29 June 1866
20. Martin Kelly	Great Britain/Ireland	3 Jul 1866
21. Phillip Barrow	Great Britain/Ireland	6 Jul 1866
22. Albert W. Roehms	Wurtemberg/Germany	7 Jul 1866
23. John Glancy	Great Britain/Ireland	7 Jul 1866
24. Henry Kilen	Great Britain/Ireland	9 Jul 1866
25. Thomas Callhan	Great Britain/Ireland	12 Jul 1866
26. Michael Collins	Great Britain/Ireland	17 Jul 1866
27. Edward Brennan	Great Britain/Ireland	17 June (Jul?) 1866
28. J. B. Hatchett	Great Britain/Ireland	19 Jul 1866
29. Richard Doherty	Great Britain/Ireland	19 Jul 1866
30. Edward Maguire	Great Britain/Ireland	19 Jul 1866
31. H. W. Lippald	Hanover/Germany	24 Jul 1866



# NATURALIZATION RECORDS (continued)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Home Country</u>	<u>Date of Naturalization Decree</u>
32. William Jehle	Baden/Germany	27 Jul 1866
33. Charles Jehle	Baden/Germany	27 Jul 1866
34. Michael Cody	Great Britain/Ireland	30 Jul 1866
35. Martin Glynn	Great Britain/Ireland	30 Jul 1866
36. Daniel Cunningham	Great Britain/Ireland	30 Jul 1866
37. Ferdinand Hennigen	Prussia	31 Jul 1866
38. James M. (W?) Schools	Great Britain/Ireland	4 Aug 1866
39. John Cosgrove	Great Britain/Ireland	6 Aug 1866
40. Frank Brennan	Great Britain/Ireland	11 Aug 1866
41. Patrick Mallowney	Great Britain/Ireland	11 Aug 1866
42. James Tipping	Great Britain/Ireland	11 Aug 1866
43. James Sullivan	Great Britain/Ireland	13 Aug 1866
44. Edward Stack	Great Britain/Ireland	11 Oct 1866
45. Joseph B. Friedman	Russia	11 Oct 1866
46. George Hicks	Great Britain/Ireland	12 Oct 1866
47. Michael D. Holahan	Great Britain/Ireland	26 Nov 1867
48. William J. McKeon	Great Britain/Ireland	14 Feb 1867
49. Solomon Hurfronan	Austria	4 Mar 1867
50. John E. Forcle	Great Britain/Ireland	18 Mar 1867
51. Frederick C. Schaper	Prussia	14 June 1874
52. Cornelius Meechan	Great Britain/Ireland	6 June 1870
53. Daniel Casey	Great Britain/Ireland	18 Feb 1874
54. Robert Belcher	Great Britain/Ireland	22 Dec 1874
55. R. Buchignancci (?)	Great Britain/Ireland	3 Dec 1873
56. Audens/Anders Waldo	Norway/Sweden	26 Apr 1876
57. Andrew McMahon	Great Britain/Ireland	30 Oct 1876 ■

## ~~ Obituaries ~~

### MOULTRIE

**William Moultrie**, respectable citizen of Obion County, came by his death on the 26th of last month in the following deplorable manner: He was picking up a gun from a canoe, the cock of which caught at the side of the canoe and discharged the whole contents of the gun, being heavily charged with Swan shot, in his right arm and side, killing him instantly. He was 51 years of age and was a native of South Carolina. He lived six or seven years in Lauderdale Co., North Alabama, from whence he emigrated about seven years ago to Tennessee. He left a widow and two infant children. -*The Mill Point Herald*, reprinted in the *Nashville Union* 13 Jan 1842.

### BROWN

Died on 23 Feb at his residence near Nashville in the 83rd year of his age, **Dr. Morgan Brown**, father of the late **Judge William L. Brown** and present **Judge M. W. Brown**. The deceased was a native of Anson Co., N.C., from which he removed into South Carolina and resided near the Cheraws on the Peedee River until emigrating into this state in 1795. He served in various capacities during the Revolutionary War, including serving as a volunteer under **Col. Thompson** during which time he helped defend the city of Charleston from attack by the British fleet under Sir Peter Parker. - *The Nashville Union* 9 Mar 1840.

### MATHES

In Dandridge, Jefferson Co., Tenn., **Mrs. Rachel Porter Mathes** (nee **Balch**), grandmother of **Capt. J. Harvey Mathes**, editor of the *Evening Ledger*, died a few days since in her 87th year. She came of a long-lived family. Her father, **John Balch**, was over 90 when he died. A brother of hers over 75 yet survives hale and hearty; also a cousin, **Rev. T. B. Balch** of Virginia who is 84 and whose sister, **Mrs. General M'Comb**, about the same age, died only a few years ago in Washington City. Mrs. Mathes is survived by two children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. - *Memphis Daily Appeal* 12 Aug 1877

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## Queries

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*(Please type or print query submitted and limit length to five lines or less. All queries will be edited for length and clarity, and will be used in the order received. Counties and towns referred to in queries are in Tennessee unless otherwise indicated. TGS members are entitled to one free query each year and may run additional queries for \$3.00 each. Non-members pay \$5.00 for each query submitted.)*

**JOHNSON, HIGHFILL, SCOTT, McFARLAND, SALSMAN:** Can anyone provide names of parents of Margaret Slater Johnson? Margaret b. 30 Jan 1828 N.C., m. Bennett Highfill on 29 Dec 1846 in Hardeman Co., Tenn., d. 8 Feb 1898 in Nashville, Kansas. Family legend says she was Pres. Andrew Johnson's first cousin. Bennett, son of Jeremiah Highfill and Artemicia Scott, b. 22 Oct 1825 in Ill., moved to Tenn. by 1828. Artemicia, who died ca 1852 near Bolivar, Tenn., may have been daughter of Robert Scott who married second wife Rebecca McFarland Salsman/Saltman on 31 Mar 1831. Hazel J. Hayes, Box 77, Blair, OK 73526, hhhayes@intellisys.net.

**PERRY, SMITH, STAINBACK:** Seeking parents of Asa Perry (born 1822 N.C.) and wife Lydia Smith (b. 1823 N.C.). They married in Gibson Co., Tenn., in 1843, and both died in Fayette Co. before 1900. Large Smith family in Gibson Co. includes Lydia's brothers Owen, Ervin, and others. Also need info on Stainback family of Va. and Tenn. Elizabeth G. Stoddard, 4174 Oak Road, Bartlett, TN 38135-1872.

**BRINDLEY, DeROSSETT:** Does anyone have info on a Brindley who married a DeRossett in Tenn.? Their son Stephen born ca. 1852 Smith Co. Stephen's sons were Asa and Elijah Brindley, and his daughter Martha Emeline married Isaac M. Robinson and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Winston Co., Ala. Helen Brindley, 4579 Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019.

**JONES, WAGNER:** Seeking info on John W. Jones, b. 1804 Va., d. ca. 1890 in Franklin Co., Tenn.. Married ca. 1830 to Margaret Wagner, who was b. 1812 Franklin Co., d. 1865. Children: Amanda, William R., Mary, Sarah, Eliza, Nancy, Westly E., and George W. Jones. Family lived in Franklin Co. abt. 60 years. Kenneth Robinson, 5472 Timmons, Memphis, TN 38117.

**TIPTON, BAKER:** Seeking info on Tipton Baker who m. Susan Billingsley in Claiborne Co. on 25 Nov 1847. Was he married before to Sarah Sharp? Did he have children Julia, Isaac, and James? Also need info on Priscilla Tipton and husband, Love Baker, in Washington Co. in 1830 and 1840. Was Tipton their son? Jean B. Baswell, 4300 Burns Drive, Bessemer, AL 35023.

**HOLLOMAN, DUNAVANT:** Need info on Joseph W. Holloman and Mary Jane Dunavant who married in Lauderdale Co in 1844, and then lived in Gibson Co. Also seeking info on Mary "Polly" Thompson who married George Brown in Wilson Co. in 1806. Biffle Owen, 2948 Pangbourne Cove, Germantown, TN 38138.

**REDDEN:** Searching for parents of Ida Frances Redden/Reddin, born 4 Nov 1876 in Tennessee. Carolyn L. Grooms, 642 Sagewood Drive, Collierville, TN 38017-6134.

**DEAN:** Who were children of Joel Dean, Jr.? He was b. 26 Apr 1796 in Spartanburg, S.C., d. in Feb 1836 in Washington Co., Ga., married Eliza Bobo (b. 8 Feb 1802 in Spartanburg, d. 20 June 1882 in Spartanburg.) Seeking parents of Joseph Chandler Dean (b. 31 Dec 1825 in Washington Co., Ga., on Oconee River; d. Feb 1836 in Camp Co., Tex.; m. Frances Elizabeth Powell on 13 Jan 1861 in Skipperville, Ala.). Believe Joseph was orphaned when Joel died. Mrs. Winifred Drane, 2859 Redwing Rd., Memphis, TN 38118, phone (901) 363-3883.

**JARNIGAN, BLEDSOE:** Seeking info on parents and ancestors of my great-great grandparents, James Russel and Ann (Bledsoe?) Jarnigan. Both b. Tenn., he ca. 1815, she ca. 1825. Can't find marriage record. Living 1850 in Gibson Co., 1860 in Madison Co., can't find in 1870 census. Ann was widow living 1880 in Z.S.A. Mitchell household Crockett Co. Daughter, Mary Asenath Jarnigan, m. Abraham Prince Taylor in Crockett on 23 Feb 1876. Don L. Porter, 183 Trails Lane, Waverly, TN 37185.

**McDONALD, CLARK, DOBBS:** Seek lineage of Virginia McDonald, wife of Andrew Clark, Allen Co., Ky. area ca. 1800. One of their children, Susan Clark, m. Sidney Dobbs of Allen Co. on 24 Sep 1857. Martha Hodges, 1837 Dorrie Lane, Memphis, TN 38117.

QUERIES (continued)

**COOPER, SULLIVAN, WAGONER:** Seek info on F. M. Cooper and Deborah Sullivan of Allen Co., Ky., parents of Tabitha Censada Josephine Cooper who m. David Wagoner. Martha Hodges, 1837 Dorrie Lane, Memphis, TN 38117.

**OWENS:** Need info on Joseph L. Owens, b. Hickman Co. 7 Apr 1845. Had at least two brothers, Andrew Jackson "A.J." and "Muff" Owens. Married Emily Broadaway on 3 Jul 1864. Children - Kaeziah Lae b. 1865; Mellisa Emmeline b. 1868, d. 1870; and Aramintha Letha b. 1870. Joseph moved to Henderson Co. after Emily d. 1873; m. Eliza Jane Azbill in Nov 1883. Children - John, Magnolia, James, Riley, and Ethel. Carol Gudvangen, 2675 Overlook Dr., Germantown, TN 38138.

**ROBERTS:** Seeking siblings of Charley Roberts, wagonmaker, who moved to Tenn. from N.C. ca 1820. May have come from Albermarle Sound area. Wife Mary "Polly" (Roberts) was cousin. Had at least three brothers -- Green who d. in Civil War, Mark who lived in Henderson Co. area, and another whose name is unknown. Had seven children: Sarah, John Duncan, James, William Roy, Charles, Nancy, and Lemuel. Carol Gudvangen, 2675 Overlook Dr., Germantown, TN 38138.

**BOYD:** Ella Pierce Boyd b. ca. 1870, m. Walter Boyd who was buried in Tate Co., Miss. Her father was Robert Pierce, mother unknown. She lived in hotel in Memphis before moving to Little Rock, Ark., with daughter in late 1930's. Half sister, Elizabeth Green Pierce Nail of DeSoto Co., Miss. Elizabeth N. Manning, P.O. Box 311, Hernando, MS 38632-0311.

**MADDREY:** Would like information on Peter Maddrey who was living in Sumner Co. in 1830s. Mrs. Jack Hudson, 310 Lattawood, Dyersburg, TN 38024.

**FAMILIES SOUGHT IN CARROLL, MADISON:** Will exchange info on Freeman and Russ families in Carroll Co. in early 1800s; John W. Estes who m. Sara Ann Culbertson in Madison Co. Nancy McGee, 8925 Fulton Cove, Cordova, TN 38018.

**NOLIN, BLITHE, TUBB, WEST:** Seeking parents or other relatives of Abraham Nolin who m. Elizabeth Blithe on 5 May 1797 in Davidson Co., d. 25 Apr 1815 possibly at Battle of New Orleans. Son Philip B. Nolin, b. 1796, m. (1) Karenhappus Tubb, (2) Sara L. Outlaw West on 30 Aug 1839 in Stewart Co. Pat Jones, 5015 B Sun Valley Rd., Oakwood, GA 30566.

**CLEMENT:** Need parents of William Riley Clement who was b. ca 1834, probably in Pickens Co., Ala., m. Beady Davis, d. 2 Feb 1911 in Savannah, Tenn., buried Mt. Hermon Cemetery. Was in Union Army, Co. A, First Ala. Cavalry, transferred to Co. B in March 1863. Lived in Franklin or Marion Co., Ala., before war. After war, bought land in Mississippi and later moved to Hardin Co., Tenn. Janie Haynes, 942 N. Perkins St., Memphis, TN 38112-2950, phone (901) 683-5761.

**BURTON, EDWARDS, LADD, SMITHSON:** Seeking info on descendants and ancestors of Peter Burton (d. 1834 Haywood Co.), William (d. 1850) and Jane Edwards of Williamson Co., Noble Ladd (b. ca. 1792 N.C.) or Samuel C. Smithson (d. 1837) of same county. David A. Gwinn, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011.

**GREEN, BALLARD:** Need info on Isaac Green, b. in Va., came to Smith Co., Tenn., in late 1700s. Daughter Nancy b. ca 1800, m. John Ballard. Frances Ballard Bruch, 1370 Reed Hooker Rd., Eads, TN 38028-9763, phone (901) 853-3587.

**COX:** Trying to locate parents of my great-great-grandfather Benjamin Cox, b. ca. 1790-1795 according to 1840 Gall. Co., Ill., census. Married 14 Mar 1816 in Lebanon (Wilson Co.) Tenn., to Nancy Bean (b. 1800 N.C.). His brother William was m. to a Holland. Benjamin bought 40 acres from federal government in Saline Mines in Gall. Co. in May 1831. Not sure which brother went there first. Other Coxes came earlier to Gall. Co., and believe they are related to ones in Posey Co., Ind. Judy Cox Batteiger, 709 Kingston Rd., Lexington, KY 40505-1810.

**WOOLEY:** Wish to correspond with anyone knowing of or having data on any Wooley who lived in Tennessee from 1820-1900. Will pay for copying and postage. Mrs. Movaline Hartt, 24950 Liberty School Rd., Sedalia, MO 65301-0857.

**BLOUNT COUNTY RELATIVES SOUGHT:** Seeking info on Wilson, Tedford, Dickson, and Caldwell families of Blount Co., Tenn., formerly of Virginia. Newton A. Wilson, 2579 Madrid Way S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712-3933.

**O'NEIL:** Seeking info on Benjamin O'Neil, b. ca. 1730, m. Elizabeth Ross O'Neil, lived in Johnston and Anson counties, N.C. Lois L. Moore, 261 River Commons Circle W., Memphis, TN 38120-2676

QUERIES (continued)

**PEARCE:** Seeking parents of Lewis Pearce, b. ca 1785 in Greene Co., d. ca. 1862 in Bradley Co. (?), m.(1) Sallie Graham in Greene in 1807, (2) Christina Fite in McMinn Co. - named in Peter Fite's will. In Greene Co. 1812 tax list, McMinn Co. 1830 census, and Bradley Co. 1850-60 censuses. Any Pearce/Pierce family info appreciated. Angela Groenhout, 7490 Overcreek Lane, Bartlett, TN 38733, E-mail: BGROENHOUT@aol.com.

**GREEN:** Seeking parents of Abel Nelson Green, b. Tenn. in 1815, m. Mary McGee, Itawamba Co., Miss., in 1840. Lived in old Tishomingo Co., Miss., until moving to Wise Co., Tex., where they died. Marjorie Moore Green, 8093 Cinders, Bartlett, TN 38133-2021.

**WEAVER:** Seeking maiden name and parents of Mary \_\_\_\_, wife of Hartwell Weaver (b. 20 June 1811 N.C.). They married ca. 1829 in Montgomery Co., Tenn., and both buried in Weaver Cemetery, Hackberry. Sam Weaver, 140 Liberty Lane, Mountain Home, AR 72653-6745 E-mail: sweave@centuryinter.net

**TAYLOR:** Need info on parents of William Thomas Taylor, b. 6 Dec 1806 N.C., lived in Carroll Co., Tenn., m. Catherine Horn, d. 1865 Carroll Co. Had son, James Franklin Taylor, b. 1844. Any info on this family appreciated. Joyce Wilkinson, 314 Layne St., Tullahoma, TN 37388-2438, Fax or phone (615) 455-9500, E-mail: joycewilkinson@juno.com

**KING:** Jesse King (b. 1789 Orange Co., N.C., d. 1869 Barry Co., Mo.) and wife Martha (b. 1786 N.C., d. ca. 1873 Barry Co.) moved to Franklin Co., Tenn., ca. 1808. Had 10 children b. 1809-1829; moved to Barry Co. ca. 1843. Who were Martha's parents and siblings? When and where did Martha and Jesse marry? Alice King Foley, 6730 Messick Rd., Memphis, TN 38119.

**BAKER:** Willam Baker, believed b. in Va. abt. 1755, d. in Pickens Co., S.C., 1837. Known children: Jonathan (m. Jane), and William, both b. 1770's; Margaret (m. Garret Fitzgerald) and Reason, both b. 1780s; Isaac (m. Margaret and may have had earlier wife) b. 1788; Frances (m. Elisha Lawley) b. 1790s; four other daughters, names unknown. Jim Foley, 6730 Messick Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, phone (901) 754-0353.

**ARENDALE:** Who were parents of William Hampton Arendale, b. 1837 Charleston, Miss.? Also need to verify date of his death which is estimated at 1920. He has CSA tombstone, and it would be very helpful to learn who placed it and where. George H. Burrows, 5111 White Cliff Drive, Memphis, TN 38117-2131, FAX (901) 363-3187.

**MISENHEIMER, BRYANT, McCLUSKY:** Searching for info on my great-great aunts, Emma Misenheimer, Maley Bryant, and Edna Misenheimer McClusky, who were b. in 1880s in Tipton Co. to John and Sarah Cryer Misenheimer. Emma and Edna living in Memphis in 1948. David Misenheimer, 119 Kelsie Ct., Georgetown, KY 40324.

**HUDSON, DOUGHTY:** Interested in corresponding with any one researching surnames of Hudson and Doughty in Middle Tennessee area. John A. Leo, 5344 Cristfield Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032-3809.

**NORMAN:** Seek info on Daniel Norman b. ca. 1803-08 N.C./Tenn. and apparently same one listed in both Franklin and Marion Co., Tenn., 1830 censuses. In 1840 in Russellville Twp., Franklin Co., Ala; in 1850 in Jackson Co., Ala., with wife Litta and sons James, Henry, Riley and Dennis A.; in 1860 back in Franklin Co. with above family plus two other children, David (my great-grandfather, b. Oct 1852), and Mary "Polly" Ann (b. Dec 1854). Orphanage records indicate Daniel was federal soldier who d. before 1863. Litta brought children to Nashville 1863 and died four days later. Mary L. Solomon, 2076 Valley View Rd., Joelton, TN 37080, FAX 615-876-7501, E-mail: solomonmar@aol.com

**HELP WANTED:** Will exchange info on Logan, Ellis, Dickey, Gray, and Keeling families in Va., N.C., Tenn., and Ark. Also researching Jones and Slater families in N.C., Ala., and Miss. Mrs. Marvin Lee Moore, 1123 Elmdale Pl., Dallas, TX 75224.

**WILLIAMS:** Researching Stewart Co. for parents of Thomas R. Williams b. 2 Oct 1818. Would like to contact anyone researching Williams families in Stewart, Henry, Montgomery, or Weakley counties in that early period. Joseph R. Williams, 1105 Houston St., Austin, TX 78756

**MASSENGILL, LAND, DEBERRY:** Names of Henry Massengill and Benjamin Land were changed to Henry Deberry and Benjamin Deberry in Northhampton, N.C., 1801-04. Massengill/Massengale family later found in Tennessee. Any info appreciated. Marilyn Bressler, 3374 Forest Hills, Livingston, TX 77351

## QUERIES (continued)

**KENDRICK:** Who were children of Edom Kendrick, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth Fine of Tenn.? Was one of them Edom Jackson Kendrick/Kindrick? Margaret Deal, 3450 Hoover St., Redwood City, CA 94063-4349.

**McSPADDEN, STARRET, BAYNE:** John Newberry McSpadden, b. 1793 Davidson Co., m. Cynthia Starret, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Brown McSpadden. Need death dates for both McSpaddens. Their son, Dr. William Brown McSpadden, b. ca. 1818, lived in Raleigh, Tenn., m. Caroline Bayne in Shelby Co. in 1848. Need proof he died in 1873 and place of death. Alice Gray S. Houston, P.O. Box 327, Bay Springs, MS 39422-0327, (601) 764-3367, E-mail: agh@teclink.net

**JOHNSON, SCOTT, CHAPMAN:** Seeking parents and siblings of Etta Johnson, b. 27 Nov 1868, m. Manson B. Scott, had sister Lina who m. a Dr. McPherson. Was her father Ike or Issac Johnson who lived in Alexandria, DeKalb Co., Tenn.? Also need info on Sampson Chapman, b. 1820, m. Lucinda who was b. 1822 in Dismal area of DeKalb Co. Margaret S. Atchley, 913 Shauna Dr., Nashville, TN 37214, E-mail: ScottieAt@MSN

**GOODE:** Need info on Joseph Hawkins Goode, b. 1787 Rutherford Co., N.C., d. Mar 1832 Tipton Co., Tenn., son of Thomas Jefferson Goode and Sarah Hawkins. Married Margaret Goode (daughter of John Goode and Janie Hawkins) on 18 Feb 1813 in Christian Co., Ky. Joseph was Methodist minister. Children: Thomas Jefferson b. Ky; Maranda b. Ala., John Hawkins b. Ala., twins Fletcher and Wesley b. Tenn. Mrs. Dorothy B. White, 4338 Audubon Park Ln., Jackson, MS 39211-6142.

**ANDERSON:** Seek info and burial site for Harrod Jones Anderson b. 22 Apr 1795 in Hanover Co., Va., son of John Anderson and wife Mary Trevilian. Died 10 Nov 1861 in Haywood or Lauderdale Co., Tenn. (estate settled 20 Apr-15 Jun 1869 Haywood Co.); m. 6 Nov 1817 in Hanover Co. to Matilda Woodson Hope (b. 28 Jan 1800, Hanover Co., daughter of Richard Hope and wife Fanny Terrell). Did she die in Haywood or Lauderdale Co., and when? Children: Mary Francis, Virgilia Sophia, Harodine M., Lucy Ann, Dr. Harrod Clopton, Tom, Edmond, John, Dr. Horace Franklin, Dr. Monroe W., and Cornelia Anderson. Catherine Porteous-Sutton, P.O. Box 412, Pittsboro, NC 27312-0412, phone (919) 742-5740.

**CLARK:** Seek burial place of Keziah Clark, wife of Silas, in Warren or Smith Co. between 1830-1836. Likely relatives: Stroud, Bond, Moore, Stubblefield. Nona Reed Williams, 4160 Dunhaven Rd., Dallas TX 75220-3740.

**LOGAN:** Need date and place of birth for David Logan who d. 16 May 1849 Greene Co. Also need parents' names. He married twice in Greene Co. (1) Peggy McPherson on 10 Aug 1803, (2) Priscilla Cole on 28 Oct 1806. Suzanne M. Froede, 3930 N. Placita de la Escarpa, Tucson, AZ 85750

**CARROLL, COX:** Need parents of Delilah Carroll (b. ca. 1813 Va., d. 26 Jan 1874 Claiborne Co., Tenn.) m. William Cox (b. ca. 1807 N.C.). Children b. 1835-57 in Claiborne: [1] Sarah (m. James Hale, Wm. Cox, cousin), [2] Mary (m. James Chick, Jr., [3] Newton A. (m. Martha Murphy), [4] Wiley (m. Mahala Cox, cousin), [5] Eliza, [6] Martha, [7] Emily, [8] Elizabeth (m. John Bull), [9] Surelda (m. Hire England), and [10] John. 1850 census shows Henry Carroll, b. 1810, living with family. Dorothy Hale Amis, 8730 Ferncliff Ave. NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2940.

**CARTER, HELLEN:** Who were parents of Mary E. Carter, wife of Edward S. Hellen? She was b. 17 Apr 1841 in Gibson Co., lived with husband in Crockett Co., died ca. 1917-18. Where? Have no info on parents, but think they are James Carter and Jane Hart. Gail Wood Campbell, 225 Westover Dr., Clarksdale, MS 38614.

**BRIDGEWATER, WRIGHT:** Need ancestry and location for Benjamin Phillip Bridgewater, b. 7 Mar 1808 Halifax Co., Va., d. 5. Jan 1887 Haywood Co., Tenn. Lived in Fayette Co. 10-20 years. Married Mary E. Wright, b. 9 June 1818 in Halifax Co., N.C., d. 16 Mar 1881 in Haywood Co. Kathryn Dickerson, 2335 Lovitt Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-7228.

**DRUMMOND, CHITWOOD:** Seek info on Nancy Drummond, b. 1832-33 Tenn., m. ca. 1850 to Josiah Chitwood, Franklin Co., Va. In 1860, '70, '80 Dyer Co., Tenn., censuses. Nancy and Josiah both buried Rehobeth Methodist Cemetery. Kathryn Dickerson, 2335 Lovitt Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-7228.

**WEBSTER:** Searching for father of John Webster b. 1819/20 in Ala.; m. Nancy Helmick in Giles, Marshall, or Lincoln Co., Tenn., ca 1840/41. Unable to find marriage record. They are in 1850 Marshall Co. census. Mrs. Jule M. Julich, 2510 Sherwood Dr., S.E., Decatur, AL 35604.

QUERIES (continued)

**BARNETT:** Who was first wife of James Jordan Barnett, b. Waynesboro, Tenn., 14 Oct 1829? He married second wife, Sarah Ann Wilson Dobbins, in Corinth, Miss., in 1865. K. C. Fitzgibbons, 1508 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206

**DUNN, DENT:** Need info on Susan Dunn, first wife of Josiah Dent (b. N.C. 1797, d. Lawrence Co., Ark., 1879). Believe she d. 1851-1854 possibly in Shelby Co. One reference states she was from Germantown. Children: Henry Giles, Thomas, James T., Charles G., Sarah Virginia, Susan, Ellen, Nancy, George, Cora, and Giles. Margie B. Landon, 4 Leewood Drive, Humboldt, TN 38343-6444.

**FURGERSON/FERGUSON:** Joel and Thomas Furgerson/Ferguson came from Va. (where?) to Tenn. and resided in Rutherford Co. 1811-24. Moved to Haywood Co. 1824. Thomas administrator of Joel's estate in 1828. Thomas d. Dyer Co. 1855. How were Joel and Thomas related? Who were their parents, siblings, descendants? Lanier Ferguson, 1280 Elm St., Martin, TN 38237-9704.

**KIRBY, GREENE:** In 1850 Tarrant/Tarrence Kirby (b. 1794 S.C., d. 1876 Ky., son of Leonard) was neighbor to Isom/Isham Greene in Sumner Co., Tenn. In 1854, Tarrant's daughter, Frances Charlotte Kirby (1833-1897) m. Isom's son, Levi Washington Greene (1833-1875). Moved to Spencer Co., Ind., where my great-grandmother was born and Levi died. Tarrant and wife Louisa Jane Woodall lived next door to Sarah Kirby, his brother John's widow and Sarah's sister. Another brother Leonard Kirby also lived in area. At some point Kirbys lived in Warren Co., Ky., and it is thought Frances Charlotte b. Richmond Co. Betty Z. Suber, P.O. Box 125, Holly Hill, SC 29059.

**JOHNSON, TUCKER:** Need ancestry for William Johnson, Va. farmer who came with his three sons to Tenn., m. Rebecca Tucker who d. 3 Aug 1852. He died ca. 1861-64. Both buried Trinity Cemetery, Nutbush, Haywood Co. In 1850 Fayette Co. census and 1870 Haywood Co. census. Son was Alex. A. Johnson, COD - 7th Tenn. Cavalry, CSA. Kathryn Dickerson, 2335 Lovitt Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-7228.

**STEPHENS:** Seeking info on William A. Stephens, b. 1802 Henry Courthouse, Va. In Hickman and Perry counties, Tenn., by 1840. Children: Hardin, Monroe, Julia A., William F., John R., Sarah E., Louisa, James Polk, George Sydney. Joyce Mayberry, 634 American Rd., Nashville, TN 37209-1633.

**DeLOZIER:** William P. DeLozier, son of Jesse and Nancy Crow DeLozier, b. June 1885, Morgan Co. Had sister Maude and brother Harry. Last whereabouts 1925. Worked for railroad in Chattanooga. He was my maternal grandfather. Would appreciate any help. Patricia H. Briel, 401 Roxy Ave. Melbourne, FL 32901-5939.

**ALEXANDER:** Seeking descendants of Frank P. and Elizabeth Frances (Gibson) Alexander who moved from Maury to Gibson Co. ca. 1891. She d. 1916, buried Bells Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Ch. cemetery. Frank not in 1920 Tenn. census. Where did he and daughter Roxie M. go? Other known children: sons Oliver, A. M., and W. P.; daughter Louella. Oliver d. 1910 Gibson Co., m. Annie (?), and had 4 sons: William, J. M., Lonnie, and Edgar Howard. Where are they? Carolyn Alexander Simpson, 243 Sherry Circle, Gallatin, TN 37066.

**BEVERLEY, LIPSCOMB, STUBBLEFIELD:** Seeking ancestors/descendants of Sarah Lipscomb, b. 12 July 1812 (where?), d. 10 Feb. 1893, Henderson Co. Was m. 10 Aug 1835 Maury Co. to Thomas Major Stubblefield, b. 22 Jan 1813 Wilkes Co., Ga., d. 10 Sep 1898 Henderson Co. He was great-grandson of Catherine Beverley and George Stubblefield, Spotsylvania Co., Va. Will answer all correspondence. Faye Weber, 7822 Ferguson Rd., Dallas, TX 75228-6352.

**PATTERSON, VINEYARD:** Seeking info on Young Patterson (possibly a Jr.) b. 7 Dec 1818 Tenn., father unknown, mother Ester b. ca. 1790 N.C. Probable siblings, all b. Tenn.-- Lewis ca. 1804, Fanny ca. 1810, Parmela ca. 1815, Absolom ca. 1817, Jackson ca. 1825. Also need info Stephen Vineyard b. Tenn/Ga. ca. 1807, m. Patience, mother Nancy b. ca. 1785 in Va. or S.C. Children, all b. Tenn.: Martha Ann (12 Jan 1831), Nancy J. (6 Apr 1832), Susannah (ca. 1838), and David (ca. 1839) Donna K. Miller, 3596 Berryhill Rd., Johns Island, S.C. 29455-8163 (803) 559-9280.

**HUDGINS, VAUGHAN:** Seeking info on James Augustus Hudgins, b. ca. 1800 Va., and Nancy Vaughan, b. ca. 1810 Va., m. 15 Dec 1831 in Williamson Co., Tenn. My great-grandmother, Mary B. Hudgins, had 5 brothers and 3 sisters, all born in Williamson Co. Jewel J. Jarratt, 1042 S. Duquesne Dr., Tucson, AZ 85710-4751, (520) 747-1159, jarratt@concentric.net



QUERIES (continued)

**SMITHEY:** Seek info on ancestors/descendants of John Smithey who m. second wife, Elizabeth Sharp, 9 Jan 1825 in Hardeman Co. In 1820 census, he had four sons, four daughters by first wife. Also need info on ancestors/descendants of Reuben Smithey (b. ca. 1777) who m. Mary "Polly" Roberts 19 May 1802 in Caswell Co., N.C., and is on 1830-1850 Tenn. censuses. Wayne Smithey, 400- 64th Ave., Apt. 802-W, St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706.

**SOWARD:** Need maiden name and death date of Henry Soward's wife Mary, b. ca. 1780 N.C. (Anson Co.?), d. after 1850 census probably in Knox Co., Tenn. Also seeking descendants James Soward (b. ca. 1809) and wife Mary L., Lauderdale Co. Eight known children: William P. (m. Susannah R. Eison), Sarah Ann (m. M. M. Faulkner), Susan C. (m. Simmons D. Alsobrook), Virginia T. (m. M. L. Nearn), Mary Martin (m. Isaac L. Parker), Saben J. (male), Lewella G. (m. J. S. Sharp), and Violet. H. Martin Soward, III, 5215 Dove Nest, San Antonio, TX 78250-4708 (210) 680-8929.

**McCORMICK:** Who were parents of John McCormick, b. Va. ca. 1824/31? He m. Harriett \_\_\_\_ ca. 1850, was Confederate soldier, d. ca. 1862 from war wounds. Would like any info about John, his wife, and siblings. All of his children b. Tenn. Norma Keller, 13527 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR 97233-1752.

**CORBITT, GANN:** Need parents of Elisha Corbitt (ca. 1790-ca. 1850) and his spouse, Mary Gann (b. ca. 1790, removed to South Ga. in 1855). Elisha and Mary m. 1817 in what was then Rhea Co.; lived in Harrison, Hamilton Co., Tenn. Children: Calvin, Thomas, Allen, Eliza, Nancy, Colonel W., Monroe, Henry, and Wealthy. Also seeking info on Tyner Corbitt who served in military in late 1830's. Jeri L. Corbitt, 4912 Sussex Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242-3006.

**HOUSTON, MILLER:** Who were parents of Nancy Ann Houston, b. 11 Jan. 1845, Tenn., d. 27 Aug 1894 in Belgrade, Washington Co., Mo.? Family story: she m. (1) a Lacky who d. in Civil War (2) James Francis Miller ca. 1868. In 1880 Warren Co., Tenn., census. Children: Thomas Alexander, Laura Susan, Lucy, Celisa, Samuel, Rosa (my grandmother), Martha, and William. Betty L. Russell, 318 S. Iron St., Ironton, MO 63650-1403.

**GILLIAM, WEBB, LAWLER, HUFF, CARDIN, CANTWELL:** Will exchange info on Gilliams of Va. and Sumner Co., Tenn.; Webbs of Va. and Henderson Co., Tenn.; Lawlers, N.C. and Henderson Co.; Huffs and Cardins, Giles Co., Tenn.; Cantwells, Hawkins Co., Tenn., and allied lines. Nancy Webb Wood, 408 Lilac Dr., El Dorado, AR 71370, phone 501-863-6585, nwood@esd.scsc.k12.ar.us

**HARVEY:** Need info on parents of Dudley Harvey, b. 1810 unknown place in Tenn., lived on two 80-acre grants in Red Hill, Bradley Co., until death in 1884, buried Red Hill M.E. cemetery. Wife Hannah. Children: Elizabeth Jane, Thomas Jefferson, Sarah, Mary Arminda, Hannah, Eliza, Martha Emaline, Lucinda Katherine, John C., and Andrew Jackson Harvey, residents of Tenn., Ga., and Ala. at time of deaths. My grandfather, the youngest, died in Rockwood, Tenn., mine explosion in 1903. Fred Harvey, P.O. Box 1734, Valdosta, GA 31603-1734.

**KING, MOORE, McFARLEY, HAZELWOOD:** Seek parents of [1] Francis King who m. Edward Easley (b. 1791 S.C.) in Tenn. in 1820's, [2] Jane Moore, b. 1809 Ky., m. 1820's Tenn. to Thomas Branch b. ca. 1790, was sister of Sarah Moore who m. Benjamin Branch, [3] Cassondra McFarley, b. 1826 Lincoln Co., m. 1842 Benton Co. to Daniel Waggoner b. ca. 1815 Tenn., [4] Mary "Molly" Hazelwood, b. 1841 Miss., m. Fayette Co., Tenn., as second wife to Robert E. Branch b. 1828 Moscow, Tenn. Ruth Easley Branch, Betty Branch Waggoner, P.O. Box 263, Imboden, AR 72434.

**SIMS/SIMMS, MARTIN:** Researching Sims/Simms in Warren and Grundy counties. Also seeking birthplace of John M. Martin 1821-1853, b. somewhere in Tenn. First son, William Barkley Martin, in Ala. in 1860. Mildred A. Jones, 706 La Plata Dr., Farmington, NM 87401, phone (505) 325-4613.

**HINSON, WILSON:** Seeking Ella Nora Hinson's parents, date and place of birth, and first marriage. She m. (1) \_\_\_\_ Wilson, (2) on 24 Nov 1842 in Marshall Co., Robert Alexander Wilson, who was b. 1822 in College Grove, Williamson Co., Tenn. Children of her second marriage: Thomas Jefferson, Florence, and Rev. James William Wilson. Kathryn Schultz, 2182 Gorham, Germantown, TN 38139, phone (901) 754-2419.

**McCLUSKEY:** Seek info on family of Elizabeth McCluskey who m. John D. Cunningham in Marion Co., Tenn., ca. 1835. McCluskey family known to be living in area around Marion Co., including Jackson Co., Ala., in early and mid-1800's. Herbert Cunningham, 13809 E. 87th Place N., Owasso, OK 74055-2077.

QUERIES (continued)

**GRINDSTAFF:** Seeking parents of Mary "Polly" Grindstaff who m. Wright Moreland in Carter County 1819. Carol R. Basile, 852 N. Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22205-1229.

**OLDHAM:** Need info on William "Will" Brown Oldham, b. 8 Dec 1887 in Friendship, and his brother, Virgil Samuel Oldham b. 28 Jul 1893 in Bells. 1900 census lists Will in household of father, Pierce F. Oldham, Bells township. 1910 census shows Virgil in father's household in Crockett Co. (no incorporated place). Father's name was Franklin Pierce Oldham, b. Oct 1852 Lauderdale Co. Mother was Martha Ann Elizabeth "Bettie" Brown, b. 15 May 1860 in Bells. Susan Oldham, 5410 S. Sycamore, Springfield, MO 65810. oldham@getonthe.net

**ARMSTRONG:** Who were parents of Dida Mira Armstrong who m. 1811 Williamson Co. to Berkley/Buckley Donaldson? Berkley b. 1780 Caswell Co., N.C., reportedly son of Robert Armstrong and Martha Walker, daughter of Moses Walker of Augusta, Va., and Person and Orange counties, N.C. Berkley and Dida moved from Williamson Co. ca. 1820 to Wayne Co., then to Hardeman by 1830/40. Children: John Berkley (b. 1811), Martha Walker (b. 1813, m. Wm. Fulghum), Robert Grundy b. 1817), Caswell H. (b. 1821), Calvin K. (b. 1826). Bettie Parker Gustafson, 8348 Rosemark Rd., Millington, TN 38053-5724.

**BELUE/BELEW:** Who were parents of Anna Belue (b. 1811 Union Co., S.C., m. David Howard b. 1814 Union Co., son of Thomas and Nutty Bullington Howard) and Reuben Belue (b. 1810 Union Co., m. Harriet Hale Spain)? Reuben moved after 1836 to Lawrence Co., Tenn., then to Miss. After Anna's husband d. 1854, she moved to Tishomingo Co., Miss., 1858 to live next door to her brother. Father probably was Jesse Belue listed in 1810/20 Union Co., S.C., censuses. Believe there is connection with an Elliott family as both Anna and Reuben named daughters Elliott Jane. Also possible Eleanor Belue, Wm. Bullington's wife, was Anna and Reuben's sister. Bettie Parker Gustafson, 8348 Rosemark Rd., Millington, TN 38053-5724.

**JACKSON:** Seeking ancestry of William Jackson, b. Tenn. 22 Sep 1815, m. Nancy Ann Vanderville on 8 Jan 1845 in Davidson Co., d. 1 Feb 1870 Sumner Co. Children: John Sumner (b. 1846), Elizabeth Ann (b. 1848), Thomas Jefferson (b. 1851), Mary Lee (b. 1853), Martha Lockey (b. 1858), George Washington (b. 1862, was Davidson Co. commissioner), Henry Clay (b. 1864), Ida Porter (b. 1867). John Sumner Jackson named one son Porter W. Jackson. Is Porter his wife's maiden name? John D. Jackson, P.O. Box 66, Wing, AL 36483-9518, phone (334)-572-4246.

**GRISSOM/GRISHAM:** Seeking parents and siblings of Jeremiah "Jere" Grissom/Grisham, b. Oct 1795 in Tenn. or Ala (?). Settled in Henderson Co., Tenn., by 1830 or before; d. same county 1886. Jenny Nichols, 3600 Minot Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133-3023.

**FORD, CUPP:** Any info re Ralph Ford welcome, especially proof of marriage to Elizabeth Cupp in 1787 in Md., and proof that George Washington Ford (b. 1789 Md.) was their son. Ralph lived in Salisbury, N.C., and Rowan Co. in 1790, Grainger Co. 1804, 1805, 1812. Myrtle Smith Harwood, 9001 Fanita Rancho Rd., Santee, CA 92071-3949, phone (619) 258-9007.

**BRUTON:** Who were parents of Philip Bruton (b. 1810, in 1850 Bedford Co., Tenn., census)? Wife Frances b. ca. 1815, d. 16 Mar 1893. Children: Elizabeth (b. ca. 1832), Thomas (b. ca. 1840), Berryman (b. ca. 1842, d. 28 Sep 1864); George W. (b. 5 Nov 1844, d. 7 Oct 1929), James B. (b. ca. 1847, d. 8 Feb 1875), Cassadine A. (b. ca. 1849), Abigail, and Mary. George W.'s death certificate shows his mother as Trucie Ray. Who were her parents? Where did Thomas go after Civil War? Who were his wife and children? Where are Philip, Trucie, and Frances buried? Kenneth Bruton, Rt. 2, Box 135B3, Sherman, TX 75092.

**LOCK/LOCKE:** Need parents and siblings of William Henry Lock/Locke who m. (1) Rhoda Boyd Jones in 1850, (2) Martha Ellen Thomas ca. 1860. Had son Charles Henry Lock. Lived in Tenn., Ky., and Mo.; d. Mo. 1886. Martha M. Miller, 9023 Central Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613-5087.

**PEARCY, AYERS:** Need ancestors Allen Percy, b. N.C. 1787, wife Clarkey Ayers b. N.C. 1792, lived Caldwell Co., Ky., ca 1810. Land became Lyon Co. in 1854. Known children: Thomas, John, Henry, Mary Ellen, Allen, Nancy, Sally. Did Allen d. 1848? Inventory, sale bill among 1849 Caldwell Co. court records. Joan Piercy, 4611 Jonathan, Nesbit, MS 38651-9302.

**CONYERS:** Looking for parents of Mordecai Conyers and his wife Elizabeth. They moved to Henry County between 1830-1840 from Barren Co., Ky. Would like to correspond with anyone on this family and also on the family of Abraham Reed Newport who married their daughter Phoebe. Suzie Ball, 7410 Craigleith Drive, Duluth, GA 30155.

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**REESE:** Seeking info on Solomon Reese (b. 1794/1800), lived in Lincoln and perhaps Carroll counties. Second wife's name Mahala. Parker C. Sams, 1301 Fox St., Findlay, OH 45840-2628.

**MOODY:** Charlotta Moody b. 1805 Tenn., father killed before her birth, mother d. not long after. Foster parents started for Missouri Territory but turned back by earthquakes. Went on when it was safe. First year they fattened buffalo calves to sell to military. Moody is possibly foster parents' name not birth name. Connected names: Roberts, Mason, Pierson, Trammell, Redman. Mrs. Fristoe Mullins, 9828 Old Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124-1066.

**LORE, REAL:** Would like info on parents of W. A. Lore, b. ca. 1820 in Tenn., according to 1880 census. Married Talitha Real on 18 Dec 1864 in Pontotoc, Miss. Lorrayne Vick Donnell, 7603 Rockpoint Dr., Austin, TX 78731-1415.

**DAVIS, BATTEN:** Seeking parents, siblings of C. Hommer Davis b. near Malden, Mo., 23 Sep 1867. Her family believed originally from either Benton, Carroll, or Decatur Co., Tenn. Married James Riley Batten in Decatur Co. 27 Dec 1887. Only 2 of her 6 children who lived to maturity: Claud C. Batten and Glenn Day Batten. Would be glad to exchange info. Glenn T. Batten, 9689 East Cinnabar, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, E-mail BATTEN1120@AOL.COM

**WILLIAMS, JOHNSON:** Need info on James McHenry Williams, b. 24 Dec 1827 in either Tenn. or Va., and Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Johnson b. 2 Mar 1834 in Tenn. They m. 24 Dec 1849 Shelby Co., Tenn., lived in northwest corner of Fayette Co. His will filed in Tipton Co. Both buried Burrow Cemetery, Fayette Co. Perhaps related to McKnight and Burrow families in that area. Anne W. Batten, 9689 East Cinnabar, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, E-mail BATTEN1120@AOL.COM

**GRAY:** Jefferson Gray, b. N.C. 1798, settled in Arlington area, Shelby Co., 1845, d. 8 Aug 1887, buried New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church between Brunswick and Bolton. Wife, Leah Francis, may have been a Stewart. Anne W. Batten, 9689 East Cinnabar, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, E-mail BATTEN1120@AOL.COM

**HOLLAND, PATTERSON, MEADOWS:** Margaret (Patterson) Holland, b. 10 Oct 1848 in Jackson Co., d. 20 Mar 1914 Bledsoe Co., m. Thomas M. Holland. Death certificate shows her parents were Whitney Patterson, b. in Ill., and Peggy Meadows, b. Jackson Co. Need info on parents. Sara Agee Goins, P.O. Box 333, Dunlap, TN 37327, E-mail sarag@voy.net

**BRUMIT:** Early Brumit (all spellings) families in Ky., N.C., S.C., and Tenn. had given names of Caswell, Hartwell, Payton, Pearson, and Spencer. As there were families with these surnames living concurrently, there may have been some connections by marriage, etc. Seeking to determine and identify these connections where possible. Joseph L. Brumit, 12947 Blue Bonnet Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375-2517, phone (602) 584-2212

**DACUS:** Wish to correspond with anyone researching Dacus or who has a Dacus in their line. Terry L. Dacus, 369 Hartsway Cove, Collierville, TN 38017, E-mail: tdac@MSN.com

**BINGHAM/BIGHAM:** Seeking info on Bingham/Bigham Photographers Studio, located in Memphis before and after Civil War. Ben or Thomas Bingham. Sybil Scott Graham, 1500 Sylvan Dr., Apt. 105, Hurst, TX 76053

**DIXON, JOHNSON:** Seeking name of Winton Dixon's wife of McMinn County. Daughter was Mary J. Dixon b. 10 Mar 1843, d. 13 Jul 1881, m. Elias Presnell Johnson 28 Feb 1865. Mary J. Ward, P.O. Box 1500, Corinth, MS 38835-1500

**MORGAN:** Looking for parents of John Morgan (b. 1784 N.J.) and mother of his 10 children b. 1810-30. Family Bible lists their names and birthdates. John in Habersham Co., Ga., 1832; in Walker Co. 1840 with female age 30-40; in Walker 1850 with wife Parina Hamilton (age 42) and her 14-year old son. He m. in Franklin Co., Ga., in 1842. John's children: Lucinda (Cannon), William, Nancy (Vickory), Richard, James J., Samuel J., Emma (Adams), Lodoisky (Boss), John Bush, and Deidamy (Jackson). Eudine M. Britton, 133 Kingwood Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37412-1627.

**ALLRED, WALKER:** Seeking info/ancestors of Jonathan Allred, b. 16 Nov 1772 Randolph Co., N.C.; d. 29 Mar 1850 Overton Co., Tenn.; m. ca. 1802 Nancy Walker (b. 22 Mar 1785 in N.C., d. 13 Apr 1860 Overton Co.). Her brother, Reuben Walker, d. 18 Apr 1876 and is buried beside them in C. M. Allred Cemetery in Allred, Overton Co. Lynn Looper Seesock, 510 Villa Crest Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, phone (423) 694-8392, lseesock@delphi.com

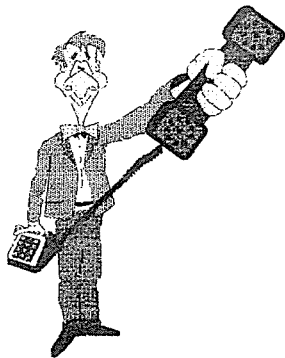
# Researching With CDs

Contributed by Lynn Appling  
1687 Ronda, Memphis, TN 38108-2935



Several years ago, I received five genealogy CDs for my birthday. These and others I have purchased since have saved hours of time and gallons of gasoline. Now I no longer have to run to the library for census indexes, but have them in my home to check as needed. Various information is now on compact discs. The ones I use the most are the Social Security Death Index CDs. In 1963, the Social Security Administration began computerizing their death records. The first set of SSDI CDs went through about 1993. If any of your ancestors died between 1963 and 1993, you can probably find them in these CDs. From them you can learn a deceased person's date of death (normally only the month and year), full date of birth, Social Security number, and the state where the SS card was issued. Some records also provide the zip code of the person's last known residence and/or place where the death benefits were sent. There also is a way to search by the zip code to learn the city, county, and state. When I know the city and state, I use the SSDI CD to find the correct name of the county. Data on SSDI CDs now extend through the year 1995.

Makers of various CDs have changed their formats since I purchased mine several years ago. Now instead of lumping several states on each CD for one census year, they divide the information by census years. I have tried to purchase CDs of the census years and states that local libraries don't have. The best way to find what is offered on CDs is to check the latest issue of *Genealogical Helper*, which is usually available at most genealogical libraries. If you have internet access, you may be able to link up with people who will check the CDs they own for any person you request. You can find this list of people under USGENWEB. I also have found phone book CDs useful for locating living relatives to correspond with for current information on my family tree. (See review below.) Tennessee Genealogical Society's Research Center recently acquired two computers with CD-ROM drives, and, with member contributions, has purchased a series of CDs with census indexes for colonial America from 1607-89 and for selected states and counties from 1790 through 1880. TGS also has marriage index CDs for 38 states, Social Security records for 1937-93, and two volumes of World Family Tree from before the 1600's to the present. In all, the Society now has 28 CDs. To make a contribution to the CD collection, contact President Mary Ann Bell or Business Manager Jim Bobo.



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data to your word processor for safe keeping. It's an ideal tool for genealogists seeking to locate lost family members, or track down relatives for family reunions. The set of three CDs is available for \$19 from Parsons Technology, One Parsons Drive, PO Box 100, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233-0100, phone (888) 883-0791 or fax (319) 395-1002. Requires IBM or compatible PC with 80386 or better processor, Windows 3.1 or Windows 95. ■

# 1897 Obion County Court Supplemental Inventories

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(NOTE: All of the following supplemental reports were approved by Obion County Judge W. H. Caldwell.)

**Estate of Georgie and Leonie Hailey, minors:** Filed 23 Jan 1897 by their guardian, N. A. Bryan, as to the amount received of John Bell, county court clerk, in the case of R.D. Hailey et al vs. Clarence Hailey et al, \$32.12.

**Estate of Lurline and Ruby Browder, minors:** Filed 23 Jan 1897 by their guardian, L. C. Browder. Amount received for rent for these wards for 1896, \$62.75.

**Estate of Mamie Enloe, minor heir of A. B. Enloe:** Filed 29 May 1896 by J. G. Smith, guardian. Proceeds of Moffatt land sold by court decree. In 1896 received at a different time the rest on the Everett place from Melson. Oct 20 and Nov. 25 - received rent on home place rented to Gunes; Dec. 22 - from L. B. Harrison on proceeds of Everett land sold to said Harrison in private sale. Total receipts - \$220.46. Bond was given Harrison that Miss Mamie will ratify sale when she arrives of age. J. G. Smith, 7 Jan 1897.

**Estate of Mary Johnson, minor:** Filed 22 Jan 1897 by L. F. Edwards, guardian. For 1896 rent of land for wheat - \$17.30; 1895 rent of land for corn - \$37. 90; 1896 rent of land - \$29.40, interest to 15 Jan 1897 - \$2.53, total = \$87.13.

**Inventory of Rogers & Co. Lumber:** Filed 5 Feb 1897 by H. W. Miles, assignee. Coming into hands of assignee - \$456.22 from cash sales and accounts collected. (Miles was the assignee of J. M. Moore and C. J. Rogers doing business under the name of Rogers & Co.)

**Estate of W. W. Hutchison, deceased:** Filed 28 Nov 1897 by S. F. Howard, administrator, as supplemental to report filed 28 Nov 1896. . Rents collected on farm in 1894, 1895, and 1896; note on J. E. Hutchison, insolvent; one lot of checks, one afec. (?) on J. H. Burress. Total - \$515.95.

**Estate sale of John Hester, deceased:** Filed 14 Jan 1897 by his administrator, L. D. Bryant. Sale held 5 Jan 1897. Buyers: Mrs. Hester, E. Holomon, A. L. Griffin, W. E. Griffin, J.W. Collins, J. W. Cullins, C. Box, G. W. Mitchell, C. G. Thomas, W. Thraughber, D. Corum, J. Ferguson, I. Robinson, G. Harrison, C. Hester. Total = \$87.45 Buyers: C. Box, Mrs. Hester, John Demgens, M. F. Reid, J. M. Faulks, J. W. Collins, Z. Robinson, B. Johnson, J. Chambers, W. E. Griffin, A. L. Griffin, J. M. Morris, J. C. Griffin, W. W. Hardy, J. Wilson, J. D. Myers, S. Giles, C. Hester, H. M. Lancaster, C. S. Hester, M. Hardy, C. G. Thomas, E. Hollomon, E. I. Nailling, Griffin & Parrott, M. J. Reid, W. W. Hardy, John DeMyers. Total = \$652.09.

**Inventory of all property and assets of John Hester** which have come into the hands of Administrator L. D. Bryant. Filed 14 Jan 1897. Total \$1,252.35 in payments on notes by N. J. Hester, W. B. Morgan, B. Martin, Woody Bros., W. E. Griffin, L. D. Bryant, B. F. Hester, C. C. Hubbs.

**Sale and inventory of estate of Mrs. Mary McConnell, deceased:** Filed 15 Feb 1897 by her administrator, Charles W. Miles. Buyers at sale: G. G. McMurry, R. Y. McConnell, W. C. Martin, A. E. Brevard, Jim Prewitt, E. D. Wallace, W. R. Hughes, James H. Carter, W. R. Bowen, A. K. McConnell, C. G. Alexander, George Threlkild, J. A. Prewitt, W. J. Mayes, George Porter, J. E. Sammons, Dr. F. White, G. R. Burford, M. V. Carter, W. J. Stephenson, J. Harris, Tom Cirley, Jim Albritton, John Maddox, J. M. Glenn, S. E. Johnson, A. Morris, Bob Clays, J. J. Jones, R. C. Prather, Jno. M. Alexander, W. J. Maddox, R. T. McConnell, Isham Jennings. List of notes: F. M. McRee, W. R. Bowen, J. M. Park. Securities: T. W. and M. W. Ownby, J. M. Ownby. Total - \$1,382.49.

**Inventory of the estate of P. A. Kelley, deceased:** Filed 11 Feb 1897 by administrator, L. T. Browder. Amount received for sale of wheat and corn produced at farm in 1895 and 1896 = \$158.85.

**Estate of G. E. Rush, deceased:** Filed 1 Mar 1897 by J. A. Hargett, administrator. \$4.05.

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**Estate of Dr. W. S. Waters, deceased:** Filed 1st March 1897 by **R. F. Cunningham**, administrator. Bills collected from **Grant Crosby** (col.), **Bill Richards**, **Rale Ervine**, **Doke Ferguson**, **Audy Burton**, **G. R. Minnick**, **Mrs. L. Cravens**, **A. B. Woody**, Esqr. **Barker**, **Peter Bland** (col.), **Will Barry**, **Tom Cheatham**, **Mr. Ragsdale**, **W. D. Stull**, **O. H. Scoggins**, **Bill Hampley**, **H. C. Deal**, **Mrs. T. Harris**, **A. J. Carver**, **Albert Tate**, **Jep Campbell**, **Jim Luker**, **Bill Bingham** (col.), **Guy Revell**, **Bass Grinder**, **D. M. Wright**, **Tom Marshall**, **Dave Long**, **Whit Huffstutter**, **Mat Brannick** (col.), **Jo. L. Wright** (note), **Ben Hicks**, **Jo. Foster**, **White Flemming**, **Fitzgerald** (blacksmith), **Tom Jordan**, **John Loyd**, **John Crockett**, **Dave Woody**, **Bud Tinnon**, **John Rigsby**, **G. P. Wright**, **Gep Luker**, **Huston Luker**, **Lee Rickard**, **Mrs. Ruth McAfee**, **Harris Martin**, **Arch Harris**, **Robt. Scoggins**, **Wiley Wiggins**, **Frank Furguson**, **John Luker**, **John Stone**, **J. M. Campbell**, **M. Revell**, **J. C. Revell**, **M. P. Puckett**, **Jo. Beadles**, **J. J. Foster**, **Lee C. Roberson**, **Robt. Foster**, **Geo. Green**, **Jack Guinn**, **Joe Dean** (bal.), **Will Hogan**, **Joe Erby**, **Shoat Boon**, **John Adkins**, **Sam Simpson**, **J. M. Duthy**, **Phil Lippard**, **J. L. Hooker**, **Ray Brown**, **Willis Woods**, **Henry Fuzzell**, **Mrs. Lucy Allen**, **Bill Mathews**, **R. C. Phillips** (judg.), **Mrs. Rome Luker**, **Dan Jackson** (bal.), **Jack Jackson** (col.), **Geo. Lee**, **E. L. Cain**, **King Tedford**, **Ramsey Terry** (bal.), **Simon Jeffries** (bal.), **Ed Watson**, **J. B. Moore**, **Ed Knot** (col.), **Jim Carver**, **Miss Mat Woody**, **Bud Beard**, **Mrs. Emily Dobbins**, **Jess Finney**, **John Abbott**, **Gabe Greenfield**, **Dan Hogan**, **John Dean**, **Bill Clark**, **Mrs. Joe Wells**, **Marvel Johnson**, **J. H. Willis**, **Jim Ferguson** (note), **Will Woody**, **Bob Tate**, **F. L. Lemmons** (bal.), **John Rogers**, **Bass Andrews**, **Bill Worley**, **Harris Wallace**, **John Jordan**, **W. H. Hughey**, **Mr. Thornton** (butcher), **J. T. Childs** (bal.), **O. H. Boon**, **Dave Pates** (bal.), **Edwin Matlock**, **Rome Barnett**, **Jack Goodman**, **R. O. Lee**, **W. H. Luley**, **Dave Stewart**, **John Heskett**, **Rich Oliver**, **Andy Burton**, **D. Cunningham**, **Joe Crisswell**, **Tobe Timmons**, **P. A. Wright**, **Will Holloway**, **Wm. Nunn** (Munn?), **Geo. Lon**, **John Fitzgerald**, **C. H. Haze**, **Wm. Burton**, **Tom Banks**, **Tom Dobbins**, **J. A. Beasley**, **Mr. Sowell**, **Chas. Dean**, **E. C. Steinman**, **Tom Stover**, **Cal Underwood**, **Al. Scoggins**, **Doc Thurman**, **Munro Sanders**, **J. W. Wimperly**, **D. S. Bliss**, **J. W. Thompson**, **Frank Campbell**, **W. T. Moore**, **John C. King**, **Henry Austin** (bal.), **C. S. Brown**, **Jim Wawson**, **S. Burton**, **Geo. McClellan**, **Nick Carter**, **Jim Cochran**, **Ed. Andrews**, **W. W. Hutcherson**, **Jim Abbott**, **Bill Heath**. Total collections = \$2,134.87. Cunningham personally appeared before County Court Clerk John Bell on 1 Mar 1897 and swore the above was a true inventory of accounts coming into his hands as administrator.

**Sales Bill and Inventory of Estate of T. T. Key :** Filed 4 Mar 1897 by **S. A. Key**, administrator. Sales made to **W. H. Hudson**, **T. H. Sammons**, **I. Harpole**, **L. F. Powell**, **J. W. Harrison**, **D. M. Chambers**, **J. M. Samons**, **Kelly Murrell**, **J. T. Powell**, **J. B. Bruer**, **L. T. Powell**, **S. A. Key & Chambers**, **S. A. Key**, **Mrs. S. A. Key**, **W. P. Nash**. Note owed by **J. D. Kennedy** due 28 Jun 1897. Total = \$1,462.00.

**Estate of J. H. Rucker, minor child of G. W. Rucker, deceased:** Filed 1 Mar 1897 by **J. M. Rucker**, guardian. Amount received since last settlement 19 Sept 1894 = \$38.08. Includes amount collected to 28 May 1895 in rent, balance on 1892 note, interest to 1 Mar 1897.

**Estate of Ollie, Harry, Jesse, Nannie and Linnie Threlkeld, minors:** Filed 6 Mar 1897 by **J. M. Honeycutt**, guardian. Amount of rent collected for these wards - \$214.30.

**Estate of Joseph S. Brown, minor child of J. T. Brown:** Filed 17 Mar 1897 by **A. K. Wells**, guardian. Received of **C. S. Brown**, administrator of **J. T. Brown**, deceased, on 16 Sept 1896 = \$ 140.00; received for rent for 1896 = 19.00; interest on same to 12 Mar 1897 = 4.65. Total- \$163.65.

**Estate of John, Lawrence, and Bera Lancaster, minors:** Filed 17 Mar 1897 by **H. M. Lancaster**, guardian. Amount rec'd by Weakley Co. Court Clerk in the case of **Lizzie Forester** et als vs. **H. M. Lancaster** et als on 11 Nov 1896 = \$97.54; amount rec'd from Obion Co. Clerk in the case of **C. E. Cobb** et als vs. **John Yates** et als on 6 Dec 1896 = \$63.00; interest on \$97.54 from receipt to 18 Mar 1897 = \$2.06; interest on \$63.02 from receipt to 18 Mar 1897 = \$1.12; rec'd of **T. J. Lancaster**, adm. of **S. A. Lancaster**, dec'd, on 15 Feb 1897 \$28.29 plus interest; total rec'd = \$192.15.

**Estate of Horace Davis, minor:** Filed 20 Mar 1897 by **R. P. Morris**, guardian. Dec. 1 rec'd for 1896 rent - \$33.50; rec'd from **Bruce Cardwell**, adm. of Cardwell estate - \$ 22.25; interest to 24 Feb 1897 - \$ 1.30; total = \$57.05.

**Estate of Edna V. Sparkman, minor:** Filed 23 May 1897 by **F. B. Sparkman**, guardian. Amount rec'd of Central Benefit Association on 1 Sept 1893 - \$1,817.96.■

## Gravestones For Deaver Family Of Tennessee Found In Texas

### Much Of Family's History Is Provided By Contact On Internet With Georgian

The discovery of three infant graves in a back corner of Squaw Cemetery piqued the curiosity of **Betty Gosdin**, member of the Somervell Co., Tex., Genealogical and Heritage Society of Glen Rose.

With a toothbrush, she removed the dirt and moss from one of the stones and discovered the family name, "**Deavers**." A search of the 1870 Hood Co., Tex., census revealed **John Chester Deaver**, a 25-year old teamster and his wife **Elvira**, 20, both from Tennessee. A month old child also was listed but not named. John's father **Gabriel "Dever,"** 55, also was on the census as a farmer born in North Carolina. John's mother may have died before the move to Texas as 25-year old **Mary**, born in Arkansas, was "keeping house." Other children were **Fred M.** 14, **Susany** 16, and **Porter** 12, all born in Tennessee. **Manurva**, 8 months old, was born in Texas and could have been the youngest of the lot or perhaps Mary's child.

According to an article in the *Somervell Settler* (Vol. II, No. 1, pages 3-5), Betty Gosdin mentioned the children's graves to her husband's cousin, **Don Gosdin**, an Internet surfer.<sup>1</sup> He made contact with **Scott McKay** of Roswell, Ga., who happened to be researching the 10th Texas infantry and looking for descendants of those soldiers. McKay came up with this information:

**Pvt. John C. Deaver** -- age 15 upon enlistment with Co. I, 10th Texas infantry at Kimball, Bosque Co., Tex., on 16 Jan 1862. A native of Tennessee and the brother of **Levi N. Deaver**, he was admitted to General Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., with an illness on 8 Jul 1862. He was captured at Arkansas Post, Ark., on 11 Jan 1863, and arrived at Camp Douglas Prison on 29 Jan. Pvt. Deaver was paroled from prison for exchange on 1 Apr 1863 and then was exchanged on 7 Apr at City Point, Va. He was severely wounded in the hip at Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn., on 25 Nov 1863, and was granted a 40-day sick furlough on 4 Dec "to his uncle's at Forge of Pigeons at North Carolina." Pvt. Deaver took the oath of allegiance to the Union on 23 May 1864 at Knoxville and then was sent to Indiana.

McKay also found a passage in **Thomas Ewell's Hood County History**, published in 1855, which mentions two sons of Gabriel Deavers who had enlisted in Co. C of the 10th Texas. Another book, *Cemeteries of Hood Co., Texas*, by **Mildred Truman** and **Gayle Murphey** tells of finding the gravestone of Gabriel and **Rebecca Cathey Deaver** in Mitchell Bend Cemetery:

**Gabriel** - b. in N.C. on Sept. 1, 1810

**Rebecca** - b. N.C. Apr. 19, 1815

Children - **Nancy C. (Isaac)** - July 16, 1833 N.C.

**Levi N.** - Oct. 17, 1835, died in Civil War

**Fannie E.** - Feb. 14, 1837 Tenn.

**Sarah Anne (McDonald)** - May 1, 1840 Tenn.

**John Chester** - Oct 31, 1846, Tenn.

**Nicey E. (Mabery)** - Sept. 10, 1848 Tenn.

**James H. (Doc)** - Aug. 14, 1848, Tenn.

**Rebecca Jane (Crites)** - 1850 Tenn.

**Louramie (Kincaid)** - Dec. 19, 1852 Texas

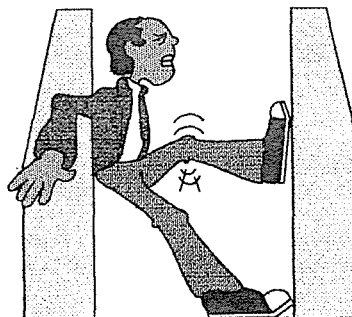
**Frederick Marion** - Feb. 15, 1856 Texas

**Dolphus Porter** - 1859 Texas

Gabriel Deaver died in 1873, and his wife Rebecca in 1863. Both are buried in the Mitchell Bend Cemetery just inside Hood County near the Somervell County line. John's brother Levi died in Little Rock on 13 Oct 1862 from an illness. Two of the three young children whose tombstones were found in Squaw Creek Cemetery were identified. One (not named) was born in the 1870's. **Levi F.** (named for John's brother) was born in January 1873 and died two years later. **James P.** was born 11 Feb 1870 and died 2 June 1873.

Also buried in Mitchell Bend Cemetery is **William C. "Charley" Deaver**, who was born in Polk Co., Tenn., on 29 Jul 1849, the son of **Louis** and **Mary Deaver**. (Louis' parents were **Richard** and **Mary Chandler Singlston Deaver**.) Charles at 15 was a soldier of the South, serving with the Tennessee Battery, Wheeler's Cavalry. He surrendered at Augusta, Ga., then returned to Tennessee. He later moved to Arkansas and in 1876 to Bell Co., Texas. He married **Christine Sims** in Bell County on 6 June 1877. They moved to Mitchell Bend in 1880 where he farmed 200 acres of Brazos River bottomland. Charley and Christine were the parents of **Nora L.** and **Dora B.** (twins), **William Hubbard**, **Monroe S.**, **Charles S.**, and **Jesse Earl Deaver**. Charley died 2 Feb 1917. ■

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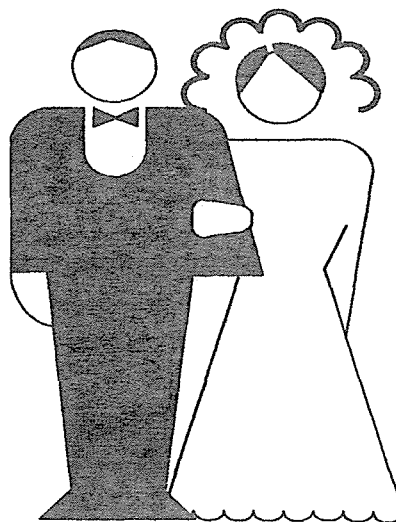
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## Weddings Reported In Tennessee Papers



*(From The Nashville Banner, 8 Jan 1836)*

- Married on 18th of December [1835], **Mr. Robert Rochelle**, merchant of Humphreys County, to **Miss Phoebe Anderson** of Stewart County.

*(From The Nashville Union, 14 Apr 1843)*

- Married on Wednesday evening the 20th ult. at the residence of the **Hon. Miller Brown** in Jackson, Tenn., by **Rev. B. H. Hubbard**, **O. W. Totten, Esq.**, to **Miss Harriet Hurt**, all of that place.

*(From The Nashville Union, 25 Apr 1843)*

- Married at Greeneville, Tenn., on the 13th inst., **William H. Sneed, Esq.**, of Murfreesborough to **Miss Eliza Williams**, daughter of **Dr. Alexander Williams** of Greeneville.

*(From The Nashville Union, 27 April 1843)*

- Married in Henry Co., **Col. John M. Fenner** of Jackson, Ten., to **Miss Miriam Williams**.

- **Mr. George Arnett** to **Miss Nancy Matthews**.

- **Rev. Wright Tyson** to **Miss Maria Wade**.

- **Mr. Matthew Manning** to **Miss Elizabeth Pitts**.

- In Maury County on the 16th inst., **Mr. James P. Oakley** to **Miss Elizabeth Martin**.

- **Mr. Powel Perry** to **Miss Alice Groves**.

- In Bolivar, Ten., **Mr. Eli Whitaker** to **Miss Emeline Davenport**.

- **Mr. E. Barker** to **Mrs. Voris**.

- **Mr. R. Lewis** to **Miss Mary Thomas**.

*(From The Nashville Union, 29 April 1843)*

- Married on Sunday, 20 April, in Maysville, Ky., by **Rev. Richard Tidings**, presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, **Dr. John C. Gunn**, late of Knoxville, East Ten., to **Clarissa H. Jarnagin**.

*(From The Nashville Union, 2 May 1843)*

- Married on Wednesday the 26th ult. by **Rev. Peter H. Owen**, **Mr. Yandel S. Patton** of Gallatin to **Miss Francis M. Moore** of Davidson County.

*(From The Nashville Union, 5 May 1843)*

- Married on Sunday morning the 30th ult. by **Dr. W. H. Wharton**, **Mr. James M. Chilton** to **Miss Caroline M. Smith**, all of Nashville.

*(From The Nashville Union, 16 May 1843)*

- Married on the 20th ult. in Franklin Co., Miss., **Mr. Walter Overton** of Nashville to **Miss Mahala B. Calcote**.

*(From The Nashville Union, 19 May 1843)*

- Married on Tuesday the 16th inst. by **Rev. Mr. Elliott**, **Mr. Alexis J. Robert** to **Miss Mary Anna Stevens**, formerly of Nashville, N.C.

*(From The Nashville Union, 6 June 1843)*

- Married on Thursday evening the 4th inst., **Mr. Hiram White** to **Miss Louisa F. Kimbro**, all of Davidson County.

*(From The Nashville Union, 23 June 1843)*

- Married on Tuesday evening the 20th inst. by **Rev. T. J. Wheat**, **Alexander R. Nichol, Esq.**, merchant, and **Miss Sarah Osborn**, stepdaughter of **Thomas Washington, Esq.**, all of Nashville.

*(From The Nashville Union, 30 June 1843)*

- Married at Biloxi on Wednesday evening the 21st of June by **Rev. Mr. Labbe**, **Col. J. H. McMahon**, editor of the *Memphis Enquirer*, to **Miss Carolina Rosalia Morejan**, daughter of the late **Col. Francisco Uvaldo Morejan** of the Island of Cuba.



## WEDDINGS (continued)

*(From the Columbia Democratic Herald, 4 Aug 1855)*

- Married on the 28th (?) ult. by **Rev. Mr. Ellis, Joseph H. Miller**, postmaster at Mt. Ophir, Calif., and eldest son of **H. A. Miller, Esq.**, postmaster at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., to **Miss Ann Johnson** of the former place.
- In Florence, Ala., on the 26th ult. by **Rev. H. W. Mitchell, Mr. James Simpson** to **Miss Cornelia A. Foster**, daughter of the late **Hon. E. H. Foster**.

*(From the Columbia Democratic Herald, 11 Aug 1855)*

- Married on the evening of the 2nd inst. at the residence of the **Hon. Elijah Walker** by **Rev. Mr. McCracken, Mr. Joseph N. Baker** and **Miss H. Augusta Saunders**, all of Savannah, Tenn.

*(From the Rutherford County Free Press, 29 Jul 1881)*

- Married on the 25th inst., **Mr. Robert Morrison** and **Mrs. Mary A. Haley**.
- On the 28th inst., **Mr. J. M. Mosely** and **Miss Mary J. Allen**.
- At the residence of the bride's father in Murfreesboro on the morning of the 28th inst., **Mr. Moses Horton Bonner** of Fayetteville and **Miss Annie Harrison Burton**, daughter of **Judge John W. Burton**.
- **Frank Jordan** to **Josephine Seay**.

*(From The Hawkins County Herald, Rogersville, 19 Dec 1894)*

- **Miss Anna Mae Gerstle**, charming daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. L. Gerstle** of Chattanooga, was married Tuesday morning the 18th inst. to **Mr. Samuel M. Chambliss**, talented young attorney of that city. She will be remembered by many of our people as having attended the College here for several sessions and afterwards paying visits to the family of **Mr. J. M. Carson**.

*(From the Athens Republican, 10 Sept 1868)*

- Married on Sunday the 31st of August by **Rev. G. W. Coleman, Mr. J. E. Long** of Bradley County to **Miss Phebe Cassidy** of Cedar Springs.

*(From the Athens Republican, 30 July 1868)*

- Married on the 28th inst. at the residence of the bride's father by **Rev. J. W. Mann, Mr. A. R. Byington** to **Miss Fatie C. Johnson**, all of McMinn County.

*(The Athenian, Athens, Tenn., 18 Jan 1892)*

- Married: **J. K. Moore** and **Laura Culpepper** on 24 Dec 1891 at the residence of **William Shamblin** in the 16th District of McMinn County, **Rev. T. Only** officiating.
- **James Starkey** and **Julia Frank** on Sunday, 27 Dec 1891, at the residence of **J. W. Slaughter** in Calhoun by **Rev. T. Only**.
- On Sunday 3 Jan 1892, **J. T. O. Smith** of Meigs County and **Miss Josephine Butler** at the residence of the bride's father, **T. H. Butler**, of the 3rd District of McMinn County, **J. T. Spradling, Esq.**, officiating.

*(The Athenian, Athens, Tenn., 30 Dec 1887)*

- Christmas was celebrated at **Capt. Jacob Zeigler's** home in the 3d District in royal manner by the wedding of his charming daughter, **Miss Susie E. Zeigler**, to **Thomas Tuell** of Athens, **Rev. Janerray** officiating. A splendid dinner was served and a joyous reception was given in the evening.

*(From the Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 3 Jan 1890)*

- The following licenses to marry were issued since our last report: **S. L. Baker** and **H. J. Nobles**; **A. G. Norden** and **Bell Ellis**; **John A. Holland** and **Martha A. Hollingsworth**; **A. N. Lindsey** and **Lucy Rushing**; **S. E. Ellis** and **B. F. Mathews**; **H. W. French** and **L. D. Travis**; **P. W. T. Potts** and **Martha Dudley**; **J. I. Bradley** and **Zona Agnew**; **W. A. Bateman** and **Francis Oxford**; **E. C. Summers** and **Jennie Durdin**; **John Simons** and **George Silas** (c.); **B. F. Collier** and **H. A. Wheatley**; **A. S. Robinson** and **Mary B. Bryant**; **Richard McAuley** and **Mary Taylor** (c.); **Edwin Bevill** and **Mary Holland**; **Allen Waggoner** and **Claude Mathews**.

*(From the Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 20 Dec 1889)*

- Married near Faxon last Sunday at the residence of the bride's mother, **Homar Parker** and **Miss Addie Wheatley**, daughter of the late **J. K. Wheatley** and one of the most accomplished young ladies of that part of the county. The groom is a well known, noble-hearted young man who has many friends that wish him and his beautiful bride success along the uneven journey of life. ■

## What's **NEW** In GENEALOGY

### Andrews, Keil, Cochran Families To Convene

June 29 is the date of the **Andrews, Keil, and Cochran** families' reunion at Cape Girardeau County Park in Missouri. Tennessee cousins are urged to attend. Contact is **Grace L. Maglione**, 776 Seven Hills Lane, St. Charles, Mo., 63304-1437.

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### Washington Family Reunion Coming Up 21 September

The **Washington** Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, 21 September, at Thaxton Park in Thaxton, Miss. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until late afternoon. Copies of the family book, *Washingtons of Pontotoc Co., Miss., Our Ancestors, Our History, Our Kinfolk*, will be available.

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### Photo Restoration Offered

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### Ark-La-Tex Association Sets Seminar for August

**Mrs. Desmond Walls Allen**, editor of the *Arkansas Historical & Genealogical Magazine* and genealogy columnist for *The Shreveport Times*, will conduct a seminar for the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association 9 August at Ramada Inn Shreveport. Topics include Arkansas research, creative problem solving, and map resources. For details, call **Ethel Krause** (318) 746-3125 or **Charles Pratt** (318) 868-4210.

### Dallas To Be Conference Site For Nation's Genealogists

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Dallas Genealogical Society will sponsor the 1997 national conference 3-6 September at the Hyatt Regency Hotel complex in downtown Dallas. Lectures will center on the theme "Unlock Your Heritage with Creative Problem Solving," and **Elizabeth Shown Mills** will deliver the keynote address. Convention goers will have 146 lectures to choose from, and more than 140 exhibit booths to browse. Contact FGS, P. O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220, telephone/fax 972-907-9727.

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### Arkansas Group To Sponsor Seminar In October

The Arkansas Genealogical Society will sponsor a seminar in Little Rock on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4, at Holiday Inn Airport-East. A book fair and classes are scheduled at 6 p.m. Friday with **Mary Hall, Russell P. Baker, Jan Eddleman, and Bill Hilles** speaking on African-American and Native American research, census records, and computer mapping programs.

Scheduled Saturday is nationally known genealogist **Christine Rose** speaking on courthouse research, estates, military records between the Revolution and the Civil War, and use of little known and neglected sources. For details, write AGS Fall Seminar, P.O. Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908.

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### Tribe Research Guide Published in Oklahoma

**Vickie L. Herron-Luster** is the author of a new book entitled, *A Research Guide to the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma*. The 100-page softbound book gives step-by-step instructions for researching the index and rolls of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole Indian tribes of Oklahoma.

The book can be ordered from the author for \$23.50 postpaid at P.O. Box 644, Tishomingo, OK 73460-0644.

## Some 1881 Deaths In Greene County

(From the *Greeneville, Tenn., Herald*)

### Feb. 24

**Mr. Jordan Smith**, father of **Dr. E. B. Smith** and an old and most estimable citizen of Campbell County, died Friday night after a lingering illness, aged about 80 years.

**Dr. W. W. Haws** died at his residence in Midway on the 22nd ult. of consumption. He leaves a wife and several children.

**Capt. W. T. Lowry**, who for a number of years has been railway mail agent on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia R.R. died at his home in Loudon on the 25th ult., leaving a wife and small children.

**Mrs. Catherine E. Hankins**, widow of the late **W. P. Hankins**, died last Sunday of breast cancer, aged about 49 years, leaving a son and daughter.

### March 24

Died in Greeneville on March 21, **Mrs. Margaret Temple**, wife of **Mr. M. S. Temple**, in her 65th year. She was ill but a few days and the news of her sudden death will fall with harrowing effect upon her absent husband and son who are at this time in the Washington Territory. Her remains were buried Tuesday in Mt. Bethel graveyard. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for 30 years.

**Mrs. Lizzie McGaughey**, wife of **Mr. G. B. McGaughey**, formerly of this place, died in Atlanta, Ga., last Saturday evening of consumption. An invalid for a year or longer, she leaves three little children.

**Mrs. Nannie Conn** died at Rheatown on the 14th inst. of consumption. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at that place the following day. She was a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

### April 7

**Mrs. Callie Hannah**, wife of **Mr. J. W. Hannah**, died at her home near Tusculum on the 30th ult. of consumption. ■

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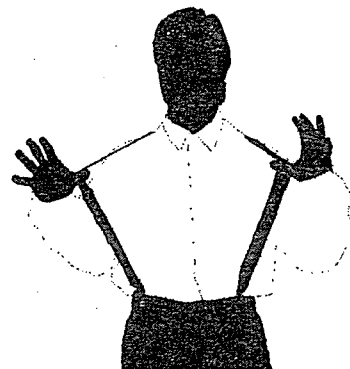
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