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## In Memoriam

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### LINCOLN JOHNSON

(1919 - 1998)

President, Tennessee Genealogical Society

It was not surprising that when Lincoln Johnson was struck by an illness that required a trip to the hospital emergency room in October, he was at home preparing the *Term-Gen Newsletter* for mailing to the local membership. Before undergoing major surgery that evening, he asked his wife to see that someone got the newsletter in the mail since it contained a notice of the Society's upcoming general meeting. As it turned out, Lincoln himself was unable to make the meeting. He suffered a stroke after the surgery and that, coupled with other complications, culminated in his death 4 November 1998.

To say that we in the Society will miss him is an understatement. As one member put it at the general meeting, "Lincoln is the force that drives this organization."

And so he was. He devoted many hours, much thought, and tremendous effort to improving and strengthening the Tennessee Genealogical Society. No task was too big for him ... nor none too small. He was not above printing labels ... sticking on stamps ... folding brochures ... or doing any of the countless tasks that come with a volunteer organization. Whatever needed doing, Lincoln did. His multiple contributions over the years have been major ... and will be long and gratefully remembered.

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### OBITUARY

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Lincoln Johnson, born 12 Feb 1919 in White Co., Ark., died 4 Nov 1998, at a Memphis hospital. A retired history teacher and businessman, he was president and former librarian of the Tennessee Genealogical Society. He served on the Shelby County Historical Records Committee and was honored by the Shelby County Court with a lifetime appointment as the county's official genealogist. He was a member of the West Tennessee Historical Society and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and served in the Coast Guard during World War II. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Josephine (Vaughn) Johnson of Memphis; a brother, Andrew Johnson, Quincy, Wash.; and a sister, Mrs. Vivian M. Bradburn, Union Co., S. C. Funeral services were 8 Nov in Bald Knob, Ark., with burial in Carter Cemetery, Russell, Ark. ■

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## THE EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by Dorothy Marr Roberson

**BEGINNING** with this issue is a three-part series developed from an unfinished manuscript written in 1950 by the late **Susan Winchester Powel Scales** and entitled *My Mother: A Biography*. Susan's mother, **Malvina Gaines Winchester**, was born 16 Dec 1823 in Virginia, and was the daughter of **Thomas L. and Lucy Henderson Gaines**. The Gaines family migrated to Nashville, Tenn., where Malvina spent her childhood. She later married **George Winchester**, youngest son of **Gen. James Winchester**, and went as a shy young bride to live at Cragfont in Sumner County. It is a fascinating story that not only provides an interesting character study of her mother, but also gives a view of life on a Southern plantation during the Civil War.

Susan's grandson, **Dabney Scales Wellford** of Memphis -- a TGS member and long-time colleague of mine -- found the unfinished manuscript among his mother's papers in 1989. He was not aware of its existence until then.

It's too bad Susan didn't write an autobiography as well. She was an equally fascinating person. It seems that she wrote the manuscript just before her 98th birthday with the hope of getting it published so the proceeds could help support her two maiden nieces who lived in Washington, D.C. For reasons unknown to her family, she never completed the manuscript. Susan died in January 1954 at the age of 101 and was physically and mentally active until the last two or three months of her life.

Married twice, she had two children by her first husband, **William Powel**, who died in the fall of 1882. In 1886 she married **Dabney Minor Scales**, a Memphis lawyer who had served in the Confederate Navy. They had three children. About 1911, two of her children -- daughter **Susan** and son **Dabney** -- contracted tuberculosis. She and the children moved to Denver where the dry climate offered the only curative measure known at the time. Her husband stayed behind to continue practicing law in Memphis, but visited the family as often as possible. When their son **George** opened a Ford dealership in Sheridan, Wyo., in 1913, the family followed him there. The two children with tuberculosis died in 1915. Susan and daughter **Ann** (Dabney Wellford's mother) took up homesteads near Sheridan, living in tents on the homesteads for the required number of months each year for three years until they were "proved up." They spent the winters in town. After her daughter Ann moved back to Memphis, Susan divided her time between Sheridan and Memphis ... making the long train trip by herself until she was in her mid-90's.

Dabney Wellford remembers that his grandmother Susan read aloud to the family a great deal. "I recall hearing her read *Gone With the Wind*," he said. "She would 'censor' some of the racier passages.

"She walked a quarter to a half a mile nearly every day on the country road where we lived until her final illness in late 1953. She used a light, gold-headed cane to be sure of her footing since a cataract had taken the sight of one eye by the middle 1930s. A cataract on the other eye was removed and

she wore glasses with a thick lens. "Grandmother had a wide range of interests and read the newspaper thoroughly. She frequently led conversation over meals and quite often the subject was political issues. I remember her as a very loving, supportive member of our family, and my life was greatly enriched by her presence." Susan's account of her mother's life is highly interesting and well worth reading. The unfinished typescript has been donated by Dabney Wellford to the Tennessee Genealogical Society library ... and will be available just as soon as the editorial "we" gets through abstracting it.

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**TWO FOLLOW-UPS** on obituaries in the summer issue: **Bennett H. Henderson**, whose obituary appeared on Page 43, was survived by a wife whose name was not given in the story from the 1849 *Memphis Enquirer*. According to **Howard S. Galloway's** out-of-print book, *The Shelby Family* (lent to us by **Jean Alexander West**) Bennett's wife was **Lucinda Shelby**, daughter of **David and Sarah (Bledsoe) Shelby**. She was born 24 Mar 1795 in Sumner County and died 10 Aug 1886 in Fayette Co., Tennessee.

**William Chase**, whose obituary was on Page 41, was born in Washington Co., Pa., in 1806 rather than 1809 as stated in a Memphis newspaper, according to **Mrs. William Chase [III]** of Memphis. When he was 28, he came to Shelby County with his brothers, settling first in the Lucy-Woodstock area. He was for many years a magistrate in the Shelby County Court and in the 1840's served two terms as an alderman in Memphis. Shelby County marriage records show he was married 3 Oct 1839 to **Mary Ann Joiner** by Presbyterian minister **Jeptha Harrison**. They lived on Second Street facing Poplar, and their son **William J. Chase** became a leading grain merchant and civic leader. Mrs. Chase III has a lily and a fig tree that have been propagated from the originals the family brought here from Pennsylvania.

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**TGS MEMBER Howard Bailey** was intrigued by a tombstone he saw in the ghost town of Custer, Idaho, this past summer. Its inscription:

**H. Sprague**

Age

55 or 60

Overdrunk

The town of Custer was established in 1879 as a support center for gold mines on the Custer Mountain (named after the famous **Gen. George Armstrong Custer** who had the richest claim in the area). But by 1910 the mines had played out, and Custer became a ghost town.

*The Treeshaker* of Odessa, Tex., comes up with this tombstone inscription from Ruidoso, New Mexico:

*Here lies John Yeast*

*Pardon me for not rising*

If you've seen an unusual inscription, tell us about it! ■





## Pre-Civil War Days

*Life at Cragfont*

(Excerpts from the typescript, "My Mother - A Biography" by Susan Winchester Powel Scales, 1950. Provided by her grandson, Dabney Scales Wellford, 7488 Dexter Rd., Cordova, TN 38018.)



**Malvina "Mallie" Henderson Gaines** was the youngest of ten children born to **Col. Thomas Lewis Gaines** and his wife **Lucy Paterson Henderson**.<sup>1</sup> Born 16 Dec 1823 at her parents' home in Albemarle Co., Va., Mallie was only six months old when her family moved to Davidson Co., Tenn. As a girl, she attended primary school in Nashville, and then Porter Female Academy at Spring Hill where she developed her musical talent and other skills. On 9 March 1841, Mallie

married **George Winchester**, youngest son of the late **Gen. James Winchester** and his wife, **Susan**, and a recent graduate of Nashville University.<sup>2</sup> George was only three when his father died, and a strong bond had developed between him and his mother who were constant companions. Following George and Mallie's wedding at the Gaines' home and a honeymoon at Mammoth Cave, Ky., they headed for Cragfont<sup>3</sup> where his mother awaited their coming. Writing of this meeting, **Susan Winchester Scales**, says:

"That the meeting and introduction were trying, I am sure; but I am equally certain that it was accomplished with dignity and cordiality, if not enthusiasm. What a beautiful house it was! What lovely surroundings -- locust trees in bloom near the house cheered her with their beauty and perfume, and the broad front hall, extending to another hall which crossed it at its end, all with open doors, seemed to say 'Welcome to Cragfont!' The conversation, if any, must have been constrained, and Mother, I am sure, was relieved when a servant came to conduct her to a room upstairs with the cheerful comment, 'Dis room fo' you an' Marse George' who, naturally, had lingered with his mother."

After a few days, George left for Gallatin to read law in **Judge Gould's** office.

"Mother has told me that she felt absolutely desolate that March morning, although the sun was shining brightly and the birds were singing a chorus to the morning and to the young bride. While she stood disconsolate at the window, there came a timid knock at the door which opened at once and a comely young Negro girl came to her, saying, 'Ol' Miss say she gi' me to you.' Of course, Mother was astonished, both by the apparition and announcement and was very glad to be interrupted just at that time, so she said, 'What is your name?'

'My name Fanny. My Mammy name Phillis. Her house right by de big gate I open yestiddy fo' you an' Marse George.' So, Fanny became Mother's personal maid and devoted friend and, as time passed, she nursed first one and then another of us until I made my advent some 12 years later. Fanny was intelligent and sympathetic to a remarkable degree and there grew between Mother and her sincere affection and loyalty which lasted through life."

<sup>1</sup>Thomas (1858-1777) was the son of **Francis Moore Gaines**, and Lucy (1787-1854) was the daughter of **John Henderson** of Albemarle Co., Va.

<sup>2</sup>George was born 14 May 1822.

<sup>3</sup>Built by Gen. James Winchester from 1798 to 1802, the 14-room home is located on State Highway 25 a few miles east of Gallatin in Sumner County. The general named his home Cragfont because it stands on a rocky bluff above a big spring. Restored by the Sumner County Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, it is now open to the public from mid-April to mid-October.

As she adjusted to her new surroundings and came to know the servants, Mallie began taking part in family life at Cragfont. She was shy with a sensitive nature and this made the effort take longer. Mallie was especially interested in her husband's mother, observing Susan every morning from the long gallery upstairs as she mounted her horse Zephyr and rode off -- erect and confident -- to overlook the work on her beautiful farm.<sup>4</sup> The older woman's apparent capabilities were almost too much for the young bride.

"A few weeks after the arrival [of George and Mallie], Grandmother sent up her caps, fresh from the ironing board, asking that her new daughter pleat and put the lace-edged ruffles in place again. Mother told me this with a smile, but her efforts had caused tears when she tried and tried, again and again, to perform the task -- with no success. When Father came home where did he find his wife? Under the big four-poster bed -- bathed in tears!"

As the days and weeks went by, Mallie spent as much time with her mother-in-law as she could and soon learned to supervise numerous household chores that were routinely done on the farm each fall.

"Long scaffolds were made in the yard on the west side of the house. Apples and peaches were peeled and spread, piece by piece, on the boards of the scaffolds where young Negro girls from the 'quarters' were stationed with fly brushes of boughs broken from nearby bushes, which they plied as they walked up and down. At night the fruit was covered with mosquito netting to protect it from insects. Crushed wheat was poured into a big tub of water where it soaked until the hulls rose to the top and were skimmed off. Then the starch, a mushy mass, was poured on the planks where it dried after so many days. Tallow must be melted and poured into the molds and left to harden. The fruit -- when the juices were congealed by the hot sun -- must be put away carefully ..... and in a day or two the starch (for the next year's petticoats, dresses, and shirts) was ready for service. All this supervision -- this careful work -- was done by Mother, and Grandmother proudly approved."

Mallie learned to ride and soon had a horse of her own which she named 'Pathfinder.' This opened up a new avenue of pleasure for her ... and as each day passed she realized a strength and capacity which had never dawned on her. Soon other interests were pending for head, heart, and hands -- and when Mallie made the next visit to her parents' home, she was carrying in her arms the tiny baby she and George had named **Alice Laurene** [later known as "Alcy."]<sup>5</sup>

When Mallie's maid Fanny and the slave man **Patrick** decided to marry, the wedding was held in the parlor of the big house. Fannie's bridal costume was provided by different members of the family. A white minister officiated at the ceremony, and a fine supper was provided with a beautiful and huge wedding cake iced and dotted with little red candies. After the supper, the wedding party adjourned to the quarters for dancing. Later Fanny and Patrick were married by a Negro preacher and set up housekeeping. Young Susan -- named after her grandmother -- began early to take notice of what was being said and done around her. Among other things she noticed that her mother was very sensitive.

"Father's sisters, who visited often, were much given to sharp repartee. Mother was many times provoked to righteous indignation which may have resulted in a flood of tears, but she kept it all to herself, never burdening our father with a recital of such woes..."

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<sup>4</sup> It was an activity she began after General Winchester died in 1826 and continued until her death.

<sup>5</sup> She was born 25 Dec 1841. George and Mallie's other children were: (2) **Napoleon B. Winchester** - b. 1 May 1842, d. 6 Feb 1871, wounded at Shiloh, prisoner of war at Johnson's Island; (3) **George W. Winchester II** - b. 9 Mar 1846; (4) **Lucy Lenora Winchester** - b. 6 June 1848, d. 6 Dec 1854; (5) **Thomas Pendleton Winchester** - b. 13 Sep 1849; (6) **Susan Black Winchester** - b. 9 Dec 1852, d. Jan 1954 at age of 101 [author of 'My Mother, A Biography'] (7) **Malvina Henderson Winchester** - b. 1 Apr 1859/60; (8) **Virginia Lee Winchester** - b. 22 Aug 1862, d. 1 Feb 1877

"After I was grown, my mother told me that one summer when father's two sisters and their families were visiting Grandmother, Fanny came upstairs and told her that 'Miss Laura come in from ridin' with her whip in her hand and when little Georgie was cryin' jes' like the rest uv 'em, she hit him wid her whip.' When Mother told me, she said this was a very trying state of things, that it was so hard to keep it to herself when Father came home that evening and she had to put on a smile to meet him and go down to supper with the family. But she made herself remember that he would be hurt and angry, too, if he knew. A long time after, in my thinking, I put two and two together and wondered if such experience -- maybe oft repeated -- had not, by supreme self-control, really built up a strong character later displayed under trying circumstances."

Young Susan herself was the subject of another very trying situation for her mother. Her long, beautiful, golden hair -- braided in two plaits that hung down her back -- was the pride and joy of both her parents. Every morning as her father left the room he would tell Fanny, "Be careful and don't break a thread of that child's hair." Susan's grandmother didn't approve of her namesake's hair, saying the child was delicate and weak because all her strength was invested in that quantity of hair. Finally the older Susan could stand it no longer and, when her granddaughter came into the room, she said to someone standing nearby, "Hand me those shears. I am going to cut that hair off before it kills the child." And she did, cutting it quite short.

"In a while I went up to Mother's room, quite innocent of the effect my trip to the 'barber' would have on her. I do not like to recall the expression on Mother's face when she caught the first glimpse of her shorn lamb, nor the tears she shed over what was a tragedy in her eyes. She wept without restraint for the longest time, and ever after said that I was never the same child whose beauty she had so cherished and enjoyed.

"I did not then understand the seriousness of this situation -- what discipline it required on Mother's part, nor what heroism she displayed in 'keeping it all to myself' as she did. Such was my mother's Christian spirit all along the way. She never gave tit-for-tat nor argued to the point of being disagreeable, no matter how strong her feeling on the subject in question."

Much company was entertained at Cragfont, with evenings being spent in singing, with Mallie at the piano, putting on plays, giving readings of popular poems, and various other activities. The biggest occasion of the year was the County Fair where people gathered from far and near to have a good time and show their fine stock and the handiwork of the ladies.

"I am sure that the fair where Mother took the premium on butter and Father got only the red ribbon on his horse was the last ever held before the fateful War Between the States. From that time on, Mother's faith, her courage, and her nerves were put to the extreme test, and she carried on valiantly and gallantly to the end.

"Until 1859 there were six children only to be watched over and provided for; then on the 9th day of April, a little sister was born; and in September of that year the eldest of us was ready for college. (Maybe I should say finishing school as it was called in that day.) Much preparation was made, and finally, when Father with his young daughter started on the long trek to Baltimore, tears were shed by all of us who realized that we would not see her again for at least two years; and those of us who were old enough to understand were conscious of increasing anxiety on the part of our elders."

Then came John Brown's insurrection. South Carolina seceded. Fort Sumpter's cannon smoke rolled across Southern skies ... and the young gentlemen who had come one day to greet and congratulate Alcy came now to talk of war and the drills they were having each day.

"Our 18-year old brother [**Napoleon B.**] was one of them. Father had forsaken his office and was here and there over county and state making speeches for secession, and Mother was at her post keeping order in the midst of such turmoil as far as possible and, I am sure, often in prayer. Poor Grandmother [**Susan**], who had already paid the price of such times, just sat on the gallery and looked back into the bloodstained past, and forward into -- what? She had this one treasured, beloved son and at least a dozen grandsons and knew that every one of them would volunteer; and in her heart she said, 'So must it be.' The father of her 14 children was with Washington at Valley Forge. In the War of 1812, her eldest son was with his father, and another son was in the Mexican War. She was used to conflicts, trained part of the time in a fort where her widowed mother took refuge from the Indians.

"Valley Forge, War of 1812, Mexican War, and now Shiloh. Mother counted them over and over. The blood that flowed in her veins and in Father's had been shed in each of these -- 'So must it be' ... she knew the mettle of the man she married and felt as if she were already widowed. We were near enough to Shiloh to hear the cannonading<sup>6</sup> and she could not content herself as to her son's safety, so Father mounted his horse and made the trip, to find the boy safe. Then he rode back home to say goodbye. He had volunteered and enlisted, riding in at 2 a.m.<sup>7</sup> As he sat talking with Grandmother, one of the Negro servants ran to say, "Marse George, de Yankees comin' after you!" Others of them had saddled his horse. Father jumped from the porch to the horse and with a wave of his hand was gone. Several days passed. No word, no sign. Then one morning, Patrick came early to the door and said the horse had come home. When they unsaddled the horse, there under the saddle blanket was a penciled note [from Father] which said that, hearing voices and sounds of horses, he abandoned his mount, put this note under the blanket, and turned the horse toward home."

Finally came word that all was well. But the experience knit together the hearts and souls of Mallie and her mother-in-law who had both been temporarily bereaved of their provider and protector.

"The carnage at Shiloh was terrible. Company K, 2nd Tennessee Volunteers, was literally cut to pieces -- the Captain and three of his relatives killed, his brother badly wounded, all our beloved neighbors<sup>8</sup> ... then on the march to Murfreesboro where another encounter covered the ground with dead and wounded. After Shiloh the first act in the tragic drama of Mother's life was staged. She decided to go to Murfreesboro for a last glimpse of husband and son .... [and] notified neighbors. A number of these ladies gathered at Cragfont where they worked day and night making garments for sons or brothers which Mallie hoped to deliver. The big parlor with the big fireplace and the big chimney was the workroom. Irons were heated by coals on the hearth. There they sat, these mothers -- day and night, night and day -- snatching a bite of food at long intervals and gulping hot coffee when handed them, many sewing, some cutting out, some pressing. Fortunately, **Miss Ann Huffman**, who had made many a garment for these boys, was head worker. She knew how to save time."

Young Susan was the lookout, sitting on the horse block at the gate. Whenever she heard anyone coming, she would run as fast as she could and tell the ladies. Once when she gave the alarm, the work was bundled, thrust up the wide-mouthed chimney, and the ladies were peacefully knitting when in walked -- one of the ladies' husband! When all was ready, Mallie left her year-old infant with an aunt, and set out for Murfreesboro with 13-year old **Tom** and "**Sister**" in **Mrs. Boyson's** buggy for what all felt would be a hazardous journey.

*(To be continued in the next issue)*

<sup>6</sup> Since Shiloh was more than 100 miles away, it is more likely they heard the firing of canons in a nearby vicinity

<sup>7</sup> George became adjutant with the rank of major on **Gen. Wm. B. Bate's** staff

<sup>8</sup> She apparently is referring to **Capt. Humphrey Bate**, who was killed along with his brother-in-law **Capt. Tyree** and a cousin **James McDaniel**. The captain's brother, **William** [then a colonel], suffered a severe leg wound but later returned to the army on crutches as brigadier general in command of the 2nd Tenn. Regiment. Another cousin, **Dr. Humphrey Bate**, was wounded. [Source: *Historic Sumner County* by **Jay Guy Cisco**, Nashville, 1909.]

In 1814 --

## Dickson County Salutes Its Soldiers At 'Barbacue'

*(Abstracted from microfilm of the 5 Jul 1814 issue of the Nashville Clarion produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives)*

CHARLOTTE, Dickson Co., June 1814 -- Saturday the 18th inst., being the day fixed upon to give officers and soldiers of this county a dinner -- one somewhat emblematical of a soldier's life was prepared under management of Messrs. **Nesbett, Crumpler, Shropshire, Robertson, Caldwell, and Eniss** in the skirts of a wood near Charlotte, adjacent to a fine spring.

An elegant barbacue of flesh and fish, of all the various kinds which the county affords, was handsomely served up in rural style. Never did greater harmony pervade any circle nor guests of any entertainment appear to enjoy more social ease than did the numerous concourse present. **Mr. John Read** was appointed president and **Mr. Alex. Martin**, vice president.

Dinner being over, the Patriotic Greys under command of **Capt. Nesbett**, who, during the whole time, with but short intermission, had been under arms in complete uniform, handsomely formed around the table when toasts were drunk to (1) **Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson**, (2) **Gen. Coffee**, (3) **Col. Carroll**, (4) **Capt. Gordon** of the Spies, (5) the memory of our countyman **Lt. Adams**, (6) the memory of **Lt. Molton**, (8) the Volunteers and Militia of Tennessee, (9) the memory of our brethren who fell in the Creek war, (10) the heroes of '76, (11) the memory of the Immortal **George Washington**, (12) the American Government, (13) the Tree of Liberty, (14) **James Madison**, (15) our delegates in Congress, (16) his excellency **Willie Blount**, (17) the American Navy, (18) the American fair women -- "with smiles they greet the hero, with petticoats the coward." Toasts to Jackson and the volunteers and Tennessee militia were each followed by two-gun salutes and nine cheers (the most accorded during the evening).

Volunteer toasts -- each followed by a one-gun salute and three cheers -- were made by **Maj. Irwin, Maj. Hogan, Ensign T. B. Young, A. Caldwell, R. Crumpler, M. Crumpler, R. Bowen, C. Robertson, Joseph Larkin, and C. Spencer**.

After the officers retired, ten other toasts were given by sundry people.

*[Editor's Note: The occasion may have marked Dickson County's noisiest celebration ever. In all, it appears there were 37 toasts, 48 gun salutes, and 150 cheers.]*



## LEGAL NOTICES

*(From the Nashville Clarion of 1814)*

I shall with a lawful surveyor proceed to procession the first Monday in July next, agreeable to law, a tract of land lying on both sides of Yellow Creek in Dickson County, containing 224 acres and 100 poles, part of a 640-acre tract granted by the state of North Carolina to **Mills Ramsey** and from him descended to his heir, **John Ramsey**, and sold at sheriff's sale for taxes to **Howel Tatum** and by him transferred to **William Outlaw** and by him to present holder. All persons owning adjoining lands or otherwise interested are desired to take notice that I shall begin at a red oak, the beginning corner of said tract which is also the beginning corner of **Israel Harmon**'s guard right tract.

-**Joseph Kimbell**, April 25, 1814



Whereas my wife **Catherine Passmore** has eloped from my bed and board without any just cause, all persons are forewarned from contracting any debts with her on my account as I am determined not to pay them.

-**David Passmore**, May 17, 1814



## 25 CENTS REWARD

Ran away, an apprentice boy named **Eli Littleton**, about 18 years of age, dark complexion, dark eyes, and dark hair, about 5'4". All persons forewarned from harboring, employing or dealing with said boy as law will be strictly enforced against such.

-**Daniel Hausbrough**, May 17, 1814



Wanted immediately, one hundred and fifty complete stand of muskets in good order, for which a liberal price of CASH will be given.

-**Joseph Woods**, Nashville, March 7th, 1814



**House of Entertainment** - The subscriber having lately moved to Murfreesborough and rented the possessions of **Majr. Dyer** in that place proposes to keep a House of Entertainment for accommodation of travellers and others who may favor him with their custom. Please call and try your humble servant.

-**James S. Rawlings**, Jan. 24, 1814

*(From the Nashville Clarion of Tuesday, 24 May 1814)*

**NOTICE:** Friends and relatives of **Mrs. Ann Hay**, dec'd, are requested to attend her funeral sermon on 9th of June at her late dwellinghouse near the Middle Ferry.

Dated May 23d, 1814

**WHITEHORN**

Died in Carroll County on 7th Oct 1868, **Mr. George Whitehorn** in the 89th year of his age. He lacked only 10 days of having completed 89 years and having been for more than 30 years a citizen of Tennessee. Born in Sussex Co., Va., on 17 Oct 1779, he removed to Tennessee in April 1818. During the War of 1812, he gallantly bore arms in defense of his country and during the recent civil convulsion remained true to the Union cause and lost no opportunity to speak a word of encouragement to his supporters. He leaves a family of descendants, including five children, 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

-*West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 15 Oct 1868*

**MILLER**

Died near Germantown, Tenn., on 10th Feb 1853, **Mr. R. A. Miller** in the 45th year of his age. A native of Prince George Co., Va., at an early age he moved to Cumberland Co., Ky., thence to Shelby County in 1832.

-*Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 23 Feb 1853*

**ELDRIDGE**

Died on 22 Feb 1853 at the residence of her brother, **Thomas Chambliss**, near Memphis, **Mrs. Mary G. Eldridge**, consort of **Richard K. Eldridge**, in the 45th year of her age. She was a native of Sussex Co., Va., and lived with her family there during the past 16 years. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her funeral is at 10 o'clock this morning. (Petersburg, Va., papers please copy.)

-*Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 23 Feb 1853*

**WATKINS**

Died Tuesday morning, 1 Jul 1879, at her residence in Bartlett, Tenn., of congestion, **Mrs. Hortense Watkins**, mother of **Fred T. Anderson**, in the 52nd year of her age. Her remains will be brought to Memphis on the Louisville railroad Wednesday on the 8 o'clock train. The funeral will take place from the depot, with services at Elmwood Cemetery.

-*Memphis Public Ledger, 1 Jul 1879, Page 1*

**Obituaries****GAMMON**

**Samuel Rhea Gammon**, born in Blountsville, Sullivan Co., Tenn., on 26 Jan 1837, died on 20 Aug 1879 near Rogersville in the 43d year of his age. He spent his childhood and early manhood in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia where he was educated. He graduated from Lebanon law school and began law practice in Arkansas in partnership with **Major Lee Ramseur**. At the outbreak of the war, he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Fayetteville, Ark., and was in the battle of Springfield, Mo., under **Gen. [Ben] McCullough**. Some time later he went to his native East Tennessee and raised a company of infantry in the 60th Tennessee Regiment where he served as captain until taken prisoner at the battle of Big Black, Miss., on 17 May 1863. He was in military prison until 28 Feb 1865 when he rejoined his command and continued in the service until the end of the war.

Soon after the war, he located in Illinois where he taught school. In 1866 he removed to Memphis where he resided the last 13 years in the practice of his profession. In 1872 he was appointed assistant attorney general of Shelby County Criminal Court, serving in this capacity for six years. He left Memphis six to eight weeks ago as a refugee from the yellow fever epidemic to spend the summer in East Tennessee. His funeral was 21 Aug 1879 in the yard of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church.

-*Memphis Public Ledger, 12 Sep 1879*

**BASKETTE**

**Dr. William Turner Baskette**, aged 62, departed this life at his residence in Murfreesboro at 6 a.m. 27 Feb 1867. A native of Virginia, he moved to Rutherford County in 1826 and located in the town of Middleton where he resided until 1850 when he came to Murfreesboro. He practiced medicine for about 40 years.

-*Murfreesboro Monitor, 9 Mar 1867*

**OTT**

Died on Saturday evening the 28th ult. at 5 o'clock, **William T. Ott**, one of the proprietors of this paper, in the 32d year of his age. He has long been known in this city as a printer and no one ever knew him but to esteem him. When the *Nashville Union* started in 1862, Mr. Ott became one of the proprietors and continued to retain his interest till the day of his death. He leaves two sisters in Murfreesboro and one who is the wife of the Hon. Mr. **Hawkins**, member-elect of Congress from the Memphis District. His mother died near Murfreesboro some months since.

-*Murfreesboro Monitor, 4 Nov 1865*

**MCDOWELL**

**James McDowell, Sr.**, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night, 23d Sep 1865. He was among the first members of Mount Moriah Lodge of which he acted as Tyler for nearly half a century. His days on earth, compared with the time usually allotted to man, were many. He lived to see the descendants of his children's children and was when he died about 90 years majority. He was buried with full Masonic honors.

-*Murfreesboro Monitor, 4 Nov 1865*

**LAWRENCE**

**Mrs. Eliza Lawrence**, widow of **William Lawrence**, died in Prairie Co., Ark., at the residence of her son-in-law, **Dr. John S. Williams**, on 14 Feb 1875 in the 73rd year of her age. She was one of the oldest settlers of Memphis, having removed to the then village about 1820 with the family of her father, **Daniel R. Brown**. She married Dr. Lawrence in 1821. He died nine years later, leaving her to rear their four children, two of whom -- **William Lawrence, Jr.**, and **Mrs. Frances Sophia Williams** -- lived to adulthood. William, Jr., died in 1854 at age 31 and Frances a few years later. Their home at the corner of Court and Third Sts. is now the High School for girls. Eliza was born in Knoxville and lived in Memphis 36 years before moving to Arkansas in 1856. She was quiet, trusting, amiable, and gentle.

-*Old Folks' Record, Vol. 1, No. 7, Apr 1875*

NYE

Died in Caracas, South America, on 27 Oct last, **Dr. Shadrack Nye** for many years a citizen of Nashville and well known throughout the state as the proprietor and publisher of the *Nashville Banner*. His last illness was of but a few days' duration and his decease took place at the house of his brother-in-law, the Hon. **A. A. Hall**, minister in residence of the United States in Venezuela.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 5 Jan 1844

TITUS

Died at his residence in Red River Co., Tex., on 21st November last, **Col. James Titus**, father of **F. Titus** of this city. He was one of the oldest and most respectable residents of this county previous to his removal to Texas and was well known both in this state and in Alabama where he had a large circle of warmly attached friends.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 12 Jan 1844

READ

Died at her residence near Athens on the 2nd inst. of consumption after an illness of two months and four days, **Mrs. Elizabeth Read**, wife of **Mr. Simeon W. Read** and daughter of **Thomas L.** and **Catherine Guthrie**, in the 23d year of her age. She was a member of the Christian church for nine years. She leaves a husband and one child.

-*Athens (Tenn.) Post*, 13 Apr 1855

KILLEN

Died 25 miles from LaGrange in Fayette County on his way home from Memphis, **Samuel M. Killen**, Esq., postmaster at LaGrange, following a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was described as a gentleman and honest man.

-*Nashville Banner*, 11 Nov 1835

PARKER

**Benjamin F. Parker** died at his residence in Chattanooga on 6 Jul 1873 in the 44th year of his age. He was a victim of cholera. A native of Georgia, he came here in September 1859. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, an only child.

-*Chattanooga Daily Times*, 19 Aug 1873

## Obituaries

HUGHES

Died at Jacksonville, Tex., on the 7th March of typhoid dysentery, **John Hughes**, aged. 45. A citizen of Ocoee country in its early settlement, he removed to Texas five years ago where he engaged in a prosperous mercantile business until the day of his death. He left a wife to whom he had been for only three years united, one son, a father, and brothers and sisters.

-*Athens (Tenn.) Post*, 13 Apr 1855

HARDEMAN

Died in Rutherford County on Monday night, 26th Aug, **Mr. Constant Harde-  
deman**, aged about 72, esteemed citizen and one of the old settlers on Stewart's Creek. His father [**Thomas Hardeman**] emigrated to Tennessee in 1786, the deceased being at that time but eight years old.

-*Franklin Weekly Review*, 6 Sep 1850

PRESCOTT

**Sylvester D. Prescott** of Memphis was killed by the explosion of the steamer *Louisiana* at New Orleans on 15 Nov 1849. He was identified from a due bill found in his pocket. The boilers exploded at the levee.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 20 Nov 1849

WEBB

Departed this life on Friday evening 9 Oct at the residence of his father in Williamson County, **Dr. Henry Y. Webb**, and on the Sabbath morning his remains were mournfully conducted to the tomb. He was born in Caswell Co., N.C., on 23 Jul 1808. In 1812 his father, **Dr. William S. Webb**, emigrated to this state and located in Williamson County where his son **Henry** received the first rudiments of his education. Afterwards he was a student at Harpeth Academy in the town of Franklin where he gave evidence of a sprightly genius. In 1832 he completed his medical education in Lexington, Ky., since which time he has resided among us as an acceptable, practicing physician -- esteemed and loved by all who knew him.

- Reprinted from the *Western Methodist*  
in *Nashville Banner*, 2 Nov 1835

PRICE

Died of consumption at the residence of his brother in the vicinity of Memphis at 4 o'clock on the morning of 4 Jan 1844, **William R. Price**, formerly of Richmond, Va., and for many years a resident of this city as one of the firm of **Anderson, Walker & Company**, in the 27th year of his age. His remains were interred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with military honors by the Memphis Blues of which company he was a member.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 5 Jan 1844

CAMPION

Died on 8 Feb 1861 after a long and painful illness, **Mrs. H. Campion** at the advanced age of 81 years 6 months 17 days. Her funeral takes place at the residence of her son, **Mr. R. H. Brockway**, at 10 o'clock this morning with **Rev. J. B. Ferguson** conducting the service.

-*Nashville Union & American*, 9 Feb 1861

ISELL

Died on 22 Sep 1843, **Jesse M. Isbell**, Esq., aged 43 years, highly respectable citizen of this county, leaving an amiable wife and seven children to lament his death. He was for many years a professor of religion and a consistent and worthy member of the Baptist Church.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 6 Oct 1843

HENDERSON

Died in this city at an early hour yesterday morning [8 Feb 1844], **Joseph Henderson**, Esq., aged 32 years. He was a native of Donegall, Ireland, but for many years resided in Memphis and was one among her early and enterprising merchants.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 9 Feb 1844

McKNIGHT

Died in the vicinity of Dyersburg on 23d June of a congestive chill, **Mr. James McKnight**, aged 60 years. He was a native of Laurens District, S.C., whence he emigrated to West Tennessee 27 years ago. There are few men who have lived more respected or died more lamented by his neighbors, friends and acquaintances.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 8 Jul 1853



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## Dispatch from Rogersville, Tennessee

[ EDITOR'S NOTE: During the 1879 yellow fever epidemic, about 250 Memphians took refuge at Rogersville in Hawkins County. The following article, signed with the initials "J. H. M.," was among a series of dispatches from that area to *The Memphis Public Ledger*. Most likely the writer was **J. Harvey Mathes**, long-time editor of *The Ledger*, who was among the refugees. Mathes was born near Dandridge in Jefferson Co., Tenn., in 1841. His paternal grandfather was the first white child born in the area where Jonesboro now stands. This article (abstracted here) was dated 20 Sep 1879, and appeared on *The Ledger's* front page of 25 Sep 1879.]



Rogersville was founded in 1786 by an Irishman named **Joseph Rogers** who kept the first tavern in town. The old Rogers mansion, remodeled, is occupied by hale and respected **Col. Heiskell**, father of the two Memphis Heiskells. Nearby is a splendid spring and just west of this in the middle of the valley is a neatly enclosed and well shaded burying ground of the Rogers family, some of whose descendants live here and are prominent people. One tombstone reads:

**"Joseph Rogers, born in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, Aug. 2, 1764, came to the U.S.A. in 1781, settled here and founded the village of Rogersville in 1786 where he lived until his death Nov. 6, 1833."**

The next slab reads:

**"In memory of Mary Rogers, daughter of Thomas Amis and consort of Joseph Rogers. Born in the county of Duplin, N.C., Aug. 22, 1770 and died Nov. 30, 1833."**

It is a coincidence that they were both born in the month of August though six years apart, and both died in the same month and year. When they were married is not set forth on these slabs, but they were together in life and death. Grand old elms keep watch over them where they sleep side by side and a murmuring brook nearby, named after **Davy Crockett's** father, sings their perpetual requiem. This is not the first burying ground of the neighborhood, yet it appears from another tombstone that one of the Rogers children died in 1809.

The village's second settler was **Richard Mitchell**, a member of the first convention and an intimate friend of **Governors William** and **Willie Blount**. It was at Rogers' tavern that **Gen. [Andrew] Jackson** forced the dandy who insisted on a separate room and bed to himself when the house was full to take a quilt and sleep in the log corn crib.

*The Rogersville Gazette*, the first paper ever issued in Tennessee, was started in 1791, and *The Railroad Advocate*, issued in 1832, was the first paper devoted exclusively to the railroad interests ever published in the United States. It did not live long, but was a bold and creditable effort.

Hawkins County was one of 11 counties in the State when it was organized and furnished one of the two senators first elected to the U. S. Senate from the state of Tennessee. At that time, it had the largest population and, with the exception of Knox County, by far the largest slave population of any county in the state.

One of the first Masonic Lodges -- if not the first -- in Tennessee was organized at Rogersville under a dispensation granted at Raleigh under the seal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina by the Hon. **John Lewis Taylor**, grand master. It is dated 14th Dec 1805. **Robert Williams** signed as grand secretary. The name of the lodge was "Overton" which it still retains. Its first officers were **Samuel Powell**, master; **Jonathan Spryker**, senior warden; and **John Johnston, Jr.**, warden. In 1820, **Wilkins Tannehill**, master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, issued a regular charter to the lodge designating it as Overton Lodge No. 5. Prominent men who have been members of the lodge: **Judge Jacob Peck**, **R. L. Carothers**, **Absolem Looney**, **Judge Seth**, **J. W. Luckey**, **Judge James M. Howry** (a native of this county and subsequently a distinguished citizen of Mississippi), the **Hon. John Blair** (who withdrew in 1824 and afterward was the Congressman from the district above here), **Orville Rice**, **Peter Parsons**, **Henry Rutledge**, **Dr. William E. Cocke**, **Sterling Cocke**, **James P. McCarty**, **William Young** (father of the late **Gov. Young** of Missouri), and **John A. Rogers**. The present master is **Smith E. Mooney**, and the secretary is **W. H. Watterson**, relative of the journalist of that name and a prominent local lawyer.

The solid red brick courthouse at Rogersville is comparatively new, having been built about 1836. During the Civil War, nearly all records of the County Court Clerk's office were lost or wantonly destroyed. In the register's office, however, may be found records dating back to 1775. Many are of great interest and throw much light upon the early history of what was in early times a wilderness under nominal and legal jurisdiction of North Carolina. Several books contain nothing but land grants from the state of North Carolina to early settlers entitled to land for service in the Continental line. Privates usually received 640 acres each. There were numerous privates in those days, and but few officers. **Capt. John Craddock** received 3,840 acres of land on the north side of Bledsoe's Lick (Nashville) for his "signal bravery, perseverance, and zeal in said line." A sergeant received 1,000 acres in the County of Tennessee. **Lt. Beniah Turner** received 2,500 acres in 'Middle District' and the only chaplain to be found -- **Adam Boyd** -- received in 1786 a splendid domain of 7,200 acres of the best Middle Tennessee land for his service. Men were well paid in those days for engaging in skirmishes with the British and the Indians. They only had a taste of war yet succeeded in making their descendants for some generations think they were the greatest heroes and warriors that ever spoke the English language.

Beginning on Page 147 of one of these old books is a record of a remarkable transaction scarcely mentioned in any of the histories of North Carolina or Tennessee. It is nothing less than a verbose and wordy deed to an immense tract of land made in 1775 by Cherokee chieftains to a company of white men. The document sets forth in stately phraseology that Cherokee aborigines have been owners of the land from the mouth of the Tennessee river up the Ohio to the mouth of the great Kanawha river from the beginning of time. The land is said to have included all of what is now known as East Tennessee if not more. The consideration was 10,000 pounds -- lawful money of Great Britain -- or about \$50,000, the payment of which was duly acknowledged. As the Indians could not read or write and had no attorney present, it was just as easy to insert 10,000 pounds as 10 pounds. Our patriot ancestors were shrewd enough in making a bargain and in presenting their side of a question to the world. I have no idea that the Indians received anything more in this transaction than a few blankets, beads, guns, and kegs of whiskey or rum.

The purchasers of the land were **Richard Henderson**, **Thomas Hart**, **Nathaniel Hart**, **John Williams**, **John Luttrell**, **William Johnstone**, **James Hogg**, **David Hart**, and **Leonard Headley Bullock**, all of the province of North Carolina. The head chief and first representative of the Cherokee nation or tribe was **Qequistoto**. The others were **Allacutuihah** and **Gowanook**, otherwise **Cororoh**, appointed by the warriors and other head men to convey for the whole nation.



The chiefs all made their marks with ability and doubtless went off like Penn's Indians -- as we have seen them in picture books and standard school histories -- highly delighted. The transaction failed to hold and the speculators doubtless came to grief. North Carolina recognized no such titles and claimed all public lands until Tennessee was admitted to the Union in 1796. The names of **Andrew Jackson**, **John Overton**, and **John Rice** figure largely in these old records. Transactions involved the transfer of immense bodies of land in the Western District and other parts of the state. Twenty-five thousand acres lying on Big Hatchie River in the Western District were conveyed in a single deed registered 8 Jul 1795.

This was a land office for a great many years established by the state of North Carolina. About 1851 by an act of the legislature, many of the records of this office were removed to Knoxville where they were transferred into other books for greater convenience and are doubtless to be found yet. A few of the North Carolina records and land grants, etc., were left here, perhaps by accident. They do not properly belong to the office of the county register though they are in good hands and well preserved. **Mr. L. L. Poats**, present register, takes great pride in these and all of the records of his office and is very obliging to the wandering journalist or curious investigator who may desire to look through the treasured archives coming from the last century.

Among the institutions here is the Rogersville Female College which flourished long before the war. For the last four years, it has been under the presidency and personal management of **Rev. A. W. Wilson**, a Presbyterian minister of fine scholarship. He is a native of this section and was principal of Westminster Select English & Classified School before the war. He was on [**Gen. James**] **Longstreet's** staff in the engineer's department during the fatal East Tennessee campaign, and is one of few receiving the A. M. degree from the ancient University of East Tennessee who was not graduated there. Although scarcely 45 years of age, he has few superiors in the South as a man of letters.■

### Seven from Davidson County Perish When Steamboat Sinks Near St. Louis

Thirty persons -- including seven from Davidson County, Tenn. -- died when the steamboat *Shepherdess* ran upon a snag while descending the river some 10 miles below St. Louis and instantly sank in 60-feet of water, according to a report in *The Memphis Appeal* of 5 Jan 1844.

**Levi Craddock** lost three children. He was saved, along with his wife and two other children.

**Hansel Green** lost his wife and three children, and was said to be left with two infants -- the youngest of whom is but a few months old.■

### Thomas W. Gamewell Dies in Madison County

Departed this life 6 Oct 1865 at his residence in Jackson, Tenn., **Thomas W. Gamewell** in the 47th year of his age. He was born in South Carolina and came to Jackson while yet a young man. He was a resident of Jackson for more than 30 years. Having engaged in business, he soon became quite successful. For 20 years he was clerk of Madison County Court, and was one of the best and most popular clerks in the state of Tennessee. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

-*West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, Saturday Oct 28, 1865■

## A Census Taker's Belief?

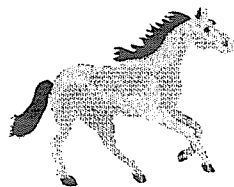
**"I hold that a man haz az much rite tew spell a word as it iz pronounsed az he haz tew pronounse it the way it ain't spelt."**

**- Josh Billings**

*In 1843 --*

## Strays Taken Up in Shelby County

The following names and addresses of persons who took up strays in Shelby County were run in *The Memphis Appeal* of 27 Oct 1843 by T. Lea Smith, county ranger:



**-John Park**, living 10 miles east of Memphis near State Line Road, one sorrel mare mule ...

**-John O. Greenlaw**, living two miles west of Raleigh on Stage

Road, one roan mare ...

**-Tilman Bettis**, living three miles east of Memphis on State Line Road, one black horse ...

**-C. F. King**, living two miles from Memphis on State Line Road, one black mare ...

**-Thomas W. Hunt**, living in Memphis, one chestnut sorrel mare...

**-David H. Bentley**, living about five miles southeast of Raleigh, one clay brown horse ...

**-John B. Person**, living nine miles north of Raleigh, one chestnut sorrel horse ...

**-D. G. Jones**, living in 10th District, one mouse colored mule

**-E. S. Powell**, living 12 miles east of Memphis on State Line Road, a dark bay horse ...

**-Thomas Ethridge**, living nine miles east of Raleigh on Stage Road, one sorrel horse ...

**-William P. Matthews**, living seven miles south of Memphis, one bay roan horse ...

**-A. H. Luckin**, living in Germantown, one bay horse mule ....

**-William H. Grigory**, living 11 miles east of Memphis on State Line Road, one bay horse ...

**-Robert McBride**, living in the 4th Civil District, one sorrel mare ...■

## Virginians Emigrate to Tennessee in '49

While thousands of Tennesseans flocked to California in the Gold Rush days of 1849, some Virginians were emigrating to the Volunteer State.

In its issue of 3 Oct 1849, *The Daily Enquirer* of Memphis carried this paragraph from *The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette*:

"The families of Messrs. B. W. Macras and W. W. Wallace of Fauquier County and Lucien Dale of Prince William have started in company to seek new homes in Tennessee. We understand that the emigration numbers 140, white and colored, all told."■

## Jonesborough Cemetery As Seen By Newspaper Writer In 1854

(Abstracted from microfilm of *Rail-Road Journal & Family Visitor*, Jonesborough, East Tennessee, 7 Jan 1854, produced by Tennessee State Library & Archives and on file at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library, Peabody & McLean)

The Jonesborough Graveyard prior to 1849 was an irregular plot of land -- three-fourths of an acre -- on a hill east of town, rudely fenced in and without any order in its arrangement. In July of that year, its size was increased by the purchase of over two acres from the Brothers **Blair** and conveyed by them to **Seth J. W. Luckey**, **James Brown**, and **William G. Gammon** as trustees to hold the land for exclusive use as a burial ground. It was laid off into walks and squares, and planted with trees.

When the air is still and the sun is out, it is a pleasant afternoon stroll to ramble through its walks and grounds and gaze upon the simple memorials erected over the departed. **Washington Irving** says he never entered and strolled through a graveyard without returning a sadder and better man. The tombstone which meets the eye almost at the gates of the churchyard is a memorial to two infant children and bears the following inscription:

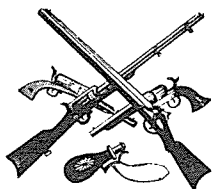
*"All is not here of our beloved and blessed,  
Their spirits have ascended with their God to rest."*

In the old part of the graveyard is the tombstone of **Thomas B. Emmerson** which states that he was born in Greenville (then Brunswick Co., Va.) on 23 June 1773 and died here 22 July 1837 aged 64 years. We believe Emmerson came to Tennessee in his youth, studied and practiced law for a while in Knoxville, but finally located here where he published the *Washington Republican*. At one time he was on the Tennessee Supreme Court and, toward the close of his life, established the agricultural paper, *Tennessee Farmer*. (His son published it for two years after his father's death with **M. F. Deaderick** editor.) In visiting the graveyard, no one can fail to be impressed with the beautiful and touching memorial which **T. A. R. Nelson** erected to the memory of his wife and father. In the centre of the new part of the cemetery, it is enclosed with a neat iron railing constructed with great taste and elegance by **Samuel Davison** of this place.■

## J. F. Dowdy Obituary

**J. F. Dowdy** died at Little Rock on the 25th March 1895. For many years, he was a well known and respected citizen of Memphis. A native of Tennessee, he was born in Williamson County 81 years ago. His youth and early manhood were spent in Mississippi where he married **Miss Mary J. Puckett** who survives him. He later returned to Tennessee and became a successful planter and merchant at Pochahontas. A strong advocate of states' rights, when his state seceded, he went with her heart and soul. When the war was over, he settled in Memphis and was a successful cotton factor. He retired several years ago and in 1892 removed to Little Rock to be near his children in his declining days.

*-Memphis Appeal, 26 Mar 1895*



## Civil War Pension Files Might Help You Scale That Stone Wall in Your Research

If you've an ancestor who was in the Civil War<sup>1</sup> and you've never perused pension files for soldiers and widows, don't put off checking them out. Chances are you'll be surprised at the wealth of genealogical material that lurks in those files. Even if you believe your ancestor or his widow never applied for a pension, it's still a good idea to check the list of applicants. They may have applied and you just didn't know about it. Most public libraries have reference books or directories of applicants by states. The lists are usually printed in separate books -- one for soldiers, and one for widows. Check them both. In some instances, you may find both your soldier ancestor and his widow applied for pensions. A soldier's widow had to file her own application because her husband's pension did not automatically transfer to her when he died.

Surnames in the directories of applicants are arranged alphabetically, along with the date of the application, the place it was filed, and the application number assigned. Be sure to jot down the application number. Many of the larger libraries in Tennessee have all the applications for the state on microfilm. (If not, you may have to acquire it via an interlibrary loan or purchase the roll containing your ancestor's application from the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville.) That's one reason the application number is so important. The other is that once you get the microfilm, you can sit down at the microfilm reader and go right to your relative's application by tracking down the number of his or her application.

What information can you expect to find? Birth date, birth place, length of time lived in the state, date and place of marriage and by whom performed (some files even contain copies of the marriage certificate), wife's maiden name, date and place of soldier's enlistment, company and regiment in which he served, his rank, his medical record, when and where discharged. The widow's application will provide the date and place of her husband's death. Sometimes it is possible to tell the date of her death. If a pension check has been returned by the post office, for instance, there will be a letter in the file to the postmaster or the widow's next-of-kin inquiring as to her whereabouts. The reply giving information about her death also will be enclosed. Or if she is still living but has moved to a different address, you can find out where she relocated.

Each application is stamped across the front with "Accepted" or "Rejected." But even if an application was rejected, chances are it still has a gold mine of information inside.

A good example of the wealth of information that can be found in the application files is Tennessee Confederate Widow's Application #1906, filed 15 April 1908 by **Martha Coffee** of the town of Livingston in Overton County.

From reading her application, it can be determined that:

Her maiden name was **Martha Wright**. She was born in 1809 in Green Co., Ky., and moved to Hart Co., Ky., with her parents when she was a small child. She has lived in Tennessee since 1853.

Her husband's name was **Richard N. Coffee**. He was born in Overton Co., Tenn., in 1824. They were married 15 March 1853 at Monroe in Overton County by **John Goad**, justice of the peace. They had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The ages of their five girls and one boy, respectively, are 54, 52, 50, twins 45, 40. Their names aren't given, but at least it reveals the number of children and allows an approximate birth year for the six who grew to adulthood.

Martha was unable to give the exact date of her husband's enlistment. She thought it was prior to February 1863 or perhaps in the fall or winter of 1862. She said he made up a company and commanded

<sup>1</sup> Similar files are available for the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War 1848  
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Company F of **Col. O. P. Howell's** battalion. Richard served until November 1863 when he was captured in Overton County and carried to Johnson's Island, Ohio, where he was kept for 18 months until February 1865 when he was discharged upon taking the loyalty oath on account of feeble health. Because of his physical condition, he was unable to come home immediately, but stayed near Jeffersonville, Indiana. He wrote Martha telling her where he was, that he was sick and unable to travel, and expressing doubt as to his recovering sufficiently to come home.

"I went to see him under great difficulties, being some time on the journey and found him quite feeble, looking like a corpse. He told me that he was advised by his prison surgeon and by **Lieut. A. L. Weidle/Windle** that he could not live if he remained in prison longer and urged him to take the oath which he did after being opportuned so to do for months. After careful nursing and medical treatment, he was able to travel and I took him some time in June 1865, as I remember, to my relations in Kentucky and from there we came home in September 1865. My husband was never a strong man physically and after the war was feeble at best and much of the time was an invalid. He was slightly wounded twice by gun shot, being shot through the hand at one time. Lt. Weidle has gone to his reward, having died some two years ago."

Richard died in November 1892, leaving her little property other than their home. Martha had a life interest in their farm which was valued at about \$1,000. [Enclosed with her application is a statement from **T. J. Ray**, county trustee, saying the property is assessed at \$1,200.] Her daughter and son-in-law and their children were living with her, and her son-in-law worked the farm.

In the file are two letters Richard wrote from Johnson's Island -- one to his sister **Louisa** and the other to Martha. The following letter to his sister was written about two months after his capture:

Depot of Prisoners of War  
Johnson's Island near Sandusky, Ohio  
Jan'y 23d, 1864

Dear Sister Louisa -

I rec'd your highly esteemed favor of the 15th inst. ...Was highly gratified to hear from you for many reasons. On yesterday I addressed a letter to you containing substantially the same as the one addressed to you by me in the last part of December last. ....

You request that I make some statement as regards the condition of Martha in the way of means to live on. She had on the 18th November aplenty the day before I was captured. I purchased and took home salt enough to do my family 12 months and had laid in a sufficient quantity of pork for the same length of time. I also left with Martha about \$500 in Bk notes, principally Planters Bk Tenn. which at that time was worth at Louisville, Ky., 70 cents to the dollar against green Back.

I also left with her some Confederate Treasury notes and about two hundred and thirty dollars in specie and notes and a/c on various good and solvent men in my county. At the commencement of this cruel and unhappy war, I was making money easy and upon the whole was doing well.

**John** and **Alphonso Coffee** are in a company which was formed by **J. W. McHenry**. **Thomas Coffee** is in my company which leaves mother without any help. I have not saw or heard from Thomas since some 15 days after the Battle of Chickamauga. He was in the battle. My 1st Sgt., **William I. Dale**, was killed in that fight. I have lost but two men killed out of my company. The other is **Sgt. C. L. Armstrong**. **Mrs. Grace** and **Mrs. Armstrong** are deceased. I can only write one page. I have been shot through the hand.

Yours, etc.  
**R. N. Coffee**

His letter to Martha was written nine months later from Johnson's Island.

September 19, 1864

My Dear Wife:

Your highly esteemed and very welcome letter of the 4th of this month was rec'd on the 16th by me, containing two dollars. I was truly glad to hear from you and the children. Have not words to express the anxiety I feel in your wellfare.

My health has been much better for the last two months than since my arrival at this place. I have a hope that I will yet see home and all those to whom I am bound by the tie of blood, etc. I often think of the remarks of **Alexander Selkirk** while on the Isle of Juan Fernandez<sup>2</sup>, which I remember to have read while quite young.

**There is mercy in every place, and mercies encouraging thought will give even afflictions a grace, and reconcile man to his lot.**<sup>3</sup>

Martha, I would hope that the time is not far distant when peace will be restored to the whole land, that the angel of peace, with his pinions dipped in the fountain of love, may visit our land and calm the terrible black waves that now shake it from centre to circumference, that all who are separated from kindred and all that seemeth near and dear to them may be permitted to return and remain in peace. I look back to many things with regret but none, if any, can look into futurity. Man is liable to war ... to go astray from the path of unity.

I have a great dread of the coming winter. The cold weather in this clime goes very severe with me, though for prisoners of war, we are tolerably well situated. I shall be very uneasy about your condition as regards fire wood, among many other things. I will write you once a week. I desire that you write when convenient. I have heard nothing lately from our kindred on Green river. My love to all the children.

Your devoted husband, **Rich'd. N. Coffee**

Also in the file are supporting statements from **J. A. Estes** and **James W. Hall**, both of Overton County. These provide additional details. From Estes' statement of 13 Apr 1908 it is learned that Richard was born near Monroe in Overton County, that he enlisted in early 1863, that he was captain of Company F of Hamilton's Battalion, and was captured in late 1863 by an Indiana regiment. Estes stated he had known Martha for about 50 years, and Richard for about 40. "I knew the family intimately, and we had no better citizens. They raised a family of good repute." Estes also stated that Martha was no longer able to walk without a cane or crutches, had no property except a life estate in the home left by Capt. Coffee, and only small income or profit from the farm.

Hall, in his statement said he was a resident of Livingston and would be 60 years old next June. He lived across the street from R. N. Coffee before, during, and for some time after the war. He said Coffee enlisted in the army late in 1862 or early in 1863, being then a man in ordinary health "spair and thin but resolute and greatly in sympathy with the Confederacy." Hall said he was told that Coffee came near dying while in prison. He added that Coffee was quite feeble for months after coming home, and was never afterwards a man of good health. "I saw my father (a Union man) and Mrs. Coffee prevent **Beaty's** men from killing Capt. Coffee at his house after he came home from prison in the fall of 1865, long after the surrender. Capt. Coffee was a man of high character, both as a soldier and a citizen."

A letter from the Adjutant General's office of the War Department, dated 18 April 1908, to the Board of Pension Examiners in Nashville advised that there were no rolls of Co. F, Hamilton's Bn., Tennessee Cavalry on file in that office nor any record of any person named Richard N. Coffee of that organization. "Prisoner of war records show one R. M. Coffee (or Coffey), Capt., Co. F, 4th Tenn. Inf., CSA, was captured in Livingston, Tenn., on 18 Nov 1863 and confined at Johnson's Island, Ohio, on 7 Dec 1863 and released on amnesty oath on 28 Feb 1865. The name R. N. Coffee has not been found on the rolls of Co. F, 4th Tennessee Inf., CSA, on file in this department."

Martha Coffee's application for a widow's pension was rejected.■

<sup>2</sup>A Scotsman who had a quarrel with the captain of the ship while sailing on a pirate expedition in the South Seas in 1704. He was left on the island about 400 miles west of Valparaiso, Chile, and remained there alone for 52 months. His experiences inspired the story of Robinson Crusoe.

<sup>3</sup>Richard apparently wrote over these words two or three times, giving them a bold-face effect.

**THE GOODPASTURE FAMILY** of Missouri is traced back to Tennessean **Madison Goodpasture** in *MoSGA Journal*, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, published by the Missouri State Genealogical Society, Columbia, Mo. Madison, the son of **James Goodpasture**, was born ca. 1810 in Overton Co., Tenn., and was reared by his uncle **John Goodpasture**. James moved to Illinois in 1828, relocated in Holt Co., Mo., in the 1850s, and later settled in Louisiana (Pike Co.), Mo. Madison married three times, fathered eight children, and died in Pike County in 1891.



**A TIME LINE** of the **Frazier** family, printed in *Our Heritage*, Vol. 39, No. 1-2 p. 36, published by the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society, shows some of the family in Franklin Co., Tenn., as early as 1806. **Robert Frazier** witnessed a deed there 28 December. Earlier he lived in Surry Co., N. C. His relative **William Frazier** got a Tennessee grant for 100 acres in Franklin Co., on 12 June 1811. Frazier descendants later moved to Mississippi and then Texas.



**ZACHARIAH SULLIVAN** and family are among those featured in *The Melting Pot*, Vol. XXI, No. 1, published in Hot Springs, Ark. Sullivan was born in Bedford Co., Tenn., 16 Mar 1814 and married **Nancy Robertson** ca. 1834. They moved to Howard Co., Ark., settling with other Bedford Countians in the Nashville community. Nancy died there 17 Feb 1877 and Zachariah died 17 Mar 1895. Their six children born in Tennessee were: (1) **George W.**, b. in Lynchburg, married **Sarah Elizabeth Hale**, (2) **John G.**, b. 1837, (3) **Matilda**, b. 1840, (4) **Nancy Ann**, b. 1842, m. **James T. Stone**, (5) **Sarah E.**, b. 1845, m. **Will Dorsey**, and (6) **Ledric Robertson Sullivan**, b. 23 May 1849 in Bedford Co., m. **Sarah Frances Jones** on 24 Dec 1876, d. 5 Jan 1912. Their seventh child, **William Preston Sullivan**, was born 3 May 1853 in Pike Co., Ark., m. **Mary Ann Anderson** on 16 Sep 1880, d. 1 May 1835.

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**NASHVILLE-BORN Dr. William Wallace McDonald** of Ray Co., Mo., is the subject of an article in *Ray County Reflections*, Vol. VII, No. 1, published by the Ray County Genealogical Association, Richmond, Mo. The son of **William McDonald** and **Saphronia Campbell**, he was born in 1818 and went to Ray County after completing medical school. On 23 June 1842, he married **Judge Daniel Parker's** daughter **Sarah Jane**. They had four sons: **Alexander Campbell McDonald** (b. 1843), **James Emmett McDonald** (b. 1845), **W. W. McDonald, Jr.** (b. 1850), and **Henry Harrison McDonald** (b. 1852). Sarah died of complications from childbirth, and Dr. McDonald wrote a sorrowful letter to his parents in Tennessee wondering if he should sent the two oldest boys to live with them. However, in 1852 he married a neighbor's daughter, **Martha Thompson**. They had four children: **P. John Wallace McDonald** (1854), **Sarah J. "Sally" McDonald** (1856), **Mary E. McDonald** (1859), and **Daniel McDonald** who was born in 1861 after his father died.



**GOWER LINEAGE** in Williamson and Johnson counties, Ill., is traced back to Davidson Co., Tenn., in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Vol. XXV, No. 2, published by the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Carterville. The Illinois Gowers descend from **Abel Gower**, who was killed by the Indians at Clover Bottoms (Nashville) in 1780, and **Mary Robertson** (1722-1778). The children of **Robert** and **Agnes (Burnley) Gower** are believed to have left Tennessee for Williamson Co., Ill., ca. 1836 or 1838. **Robert's** oldest son **Russell** was the first person listed in that county's 1840 census. **Russell** married **Nancy Boyte** on 21 Dec 1826 in Nashville, Tenn.

**THE GRAVE** of Tennessee-born **Susan Catherine Massey McIlwain** is listed in the column "Unmarked Graves" in *Hopkins County Heritage*, Vol. 15, No. 1, published by the Hopkins County Genealogical Society, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Born 14 Oct 1871, Susan died 6 Jul 1957 and was buried in Mahoney Cemetery.



**THE DEATH** of **Mrs. Martha Taylor**, Brownsville, Tenn., as reported in *The Christian Neighbor* of 6 Apr 1871, was reprinted by *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2. Mrs. Taylor, born in Anson Co., N.C., in 1791, died 22 Feb 1871. Her maiden name was **Alexander**. She was the relict of **Rev. John Y. Taylor**.



**THE 1870** Jackson Co., Miss., census shows two native Tennesseans, according to the *Journal of the Jackson Co., Miss., Genealogical Society*, Vol. 14, No. 3-4. One is **James Powell**, 30, who was working as a laborer. Living with him was his wife **Susan**, 18, who was born in North Carolina. The other Tennessean was **T. J. Dean**, 59, a farmer. His wife **Jane** (?), 61, was born in Virginia. Living with them were **M. J. Dean**, 31-year old white female, and **F. P. Dean**, 29-year old white laborer, both born in Alabama.



**THIRTEEN** former Tennesseans were among those attending a Confederate veterans' reception in Rogers, Ark., on 13 Oct 1908. The event was hosted by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, according to an old newspaper clipping copied in the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society's quarterly, *The Backtracker*, Vol. 27, No. 2. The former Tennesseans and their ages at the time of the reception were: **H. B. Horsley**, 79; **William M. Keith**, 73; **T. A. McSpadden**, 80; **R. R. Carson**, 72; **A. Verhine**, 64; **E. F. Hendrix**, 65; **John H. Hegwood**, 68; **J. K. Stephens**, 64; **W. E. Gould**, 80; **J. C. Puckett**, 64; **W. A. McNeil**, 66; **E. P. Oakley**, 62; and **W. H. Cocke**, 79.

**DUDLEY HAILE** of Bedford Co., Tenn., is among ten Tennesseans found in Mecklenburg Co., Va., Deed Book 24, according to an article by **J. Christian Kolbe** in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 36, No. 3. Haile in 1829 gave a power of attorney to **Richard Russell** to receive for him and his wife, the former **Martha "Patsy" Carter**, anything due from the estate of **Mathew Carter**, deceased, and the dower of his wife **Sally**. Other Tennesseans listed in the article are: **Henry S. Goldsberry** of Giles Co., Tenn., and his wife, **Lucy**, daughter of **Thomas Allen**; **Elizabeth Wright** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., daughter of **Robert Wright**, deceased, of Mecklenburg Co., Va.; **James D. King** of Rutherford Co., Tenn., and his wife, the former **Nancy Davis**; **James Rodgers** of Warren Co., Tenn.; **David Bridgeforth** of Giles Co., Tenn.; **Grief G. Burton** and wife **Polly** (former widow of **William Moss**) of Lincoln Co., Tenn.; **Hame F. Hill** of Davidson Co., Tenn.; **Martha Abernathy** of Giles Co., Tenn.; **Daniel Fraser** of Stewart Co., Tenn.; **George Watkins** of Montgomery Co., Tenn.; **Abraham K. Green** and his wife **Martha F.** of Davidson Co., Tenn.; and **Drury A. Bacon, Jr.**, of Roane Co., Tenn.

**THE CIVIL WAR** experiences of **George Huffman**, who lived at Crooked Creek near Huntingdon, Tenn., are related in *The Guilford (N.C.) Genealogist*, Vol. 25, No. 2. Huffman was born 30 Dec 1844 in Guilford County and moved with his parents, two brothers, and four sisters to West Tennessee ca. 1856. His father farmed and also operated a saw and grist mill. In 1862 the family moved to Southern Illinois where George enlisted in the 14th Illinois Cavalry, Co. G. He was captured and imprisoned at Andersonville where he met some friends who were in **Col. Hawkins'** Regiment of the 8th Tennessee Cavalry. Among them were **Jessie Lowry**, **Bose Hutchinsonson**, **Tom Pastures**, and **Dave Cox**.

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**THREE TENNESSEANS** were in the 1918 graduating class of the Eighth District Agricultural School in Athens, Ala., according to *Limestone Legacy*, Vol. 20, No. 3.

They were **James Turner Barrow**, Lebanon, Tenn.; **Grady Paul Gaston**, Bethel, Tenn.; and **Ruth Bryant**, Frankewing, Tenn.

**JAMES BARCLAY** who was born 11 Feb 1816 in Tennessee is the subject of a story in *Yellowed Pages*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 2, published by the Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society of Beaumont. His parents were **Walter Barclay** and **Elizabeth McQueen** who were married 9 Jan 1804 in Madison Co., Ky. (Walter's surname was spelled **Barkley** on their marriage record.) They later moved to Tennessee and when James was 20, relocated in Texas. James was in the Army of the Republic of Texas in 1836. He later established a homestead southwest of Woodville, Tex., in Tyler County. In 1841 he married **Virginia Ann Foster**. They had 12 children. James was the county's first tax assessor-collector, served on the commissioners' court and in the Texas legislature, and also was sheriff and county judge.

**TENNESSEE-CONNECTED** families not in the Soundex for the 1880 Benton Co., Mo., census are listed in *Prairie Gleaner*, Vol 29, No. 3. All Tennessee-born, they include: the **Bird** brothers and sisters -- **Emanuel** 33, **Lemuel** 28, **Martha** 34, **Wm. A.** 27, **John W.** 23, and **Nancy E. Bird**, 18; **Mary O. Breshears**, 56, homemaker, whose Missouri-born son, **Francis**, 20, was living with her; and **Amy Williams**, 50, homemaker, whose children, **George W.**, 24, and **Melissie**, 23, were both born in Missouri.

**MARIA S. LYNN** and her husband, **Rev. Andrew Davis**, are featured in *Searchers and Researchers*, Vol. XXI, No. 2, published by the Ellis Co., Tex., Genealogical Society. Maria was born 12 Sep 1828 in Carroll Co., Tenn., the daughter of **Judge Benjamine F.** and **Juliette F. Lynn**. The family moved to Texas in 1834, and in 1845 settled on Pecan Bayou, where Maria married **Rev. Davis** on 14 Jan 1847. Andrew's father, **Daniel Davis**, was born in Tennessee.

At the time of Andrew's marriage, he was serving Bonham Mission on the Texas frontier with an annual salary of \$26.25. The couple had 11 children. Maria died 19 Jan 1906.

**PEDIGREE CHARTS** in *Somervell Settlers* ( Vol. 2, No. 2) published in Glen Rose, Tex., show several transplanted Tennesseans. One is **Thomas Parvin**, born 4 Sep 1820 in Hawkins Co., Tenn., the son of **Ephram Parvin** (b. 1799 in Maryland) and **Maria Carden** (b. 1804 in Virginia). Thomas married **Elizabeth Ann Robertson**, born ca. 1833 in Alabama.

They migrated to Texas, settled in Somervell, and had six children: **Eliza J.**, **James M.**, **Thomas**, **Ephraim**, **Jessey**, and **Julia A.** Elizabeth died there 19 Jul 1878, and Thomas 9 Apr 1893.

The same issue also shows the following Tennessee-born residents in the 1870 Hood Co., Tex., census:

-**William Massey**, 30, and his wife **Lucile**, 24;

-**James Kinsay**, 35, and his wife **Mary**, 30;

-**John Berry**, 64, his wife **Sarah**, 60;

-**Joel Wineth**, 55, his wife **Martha**, 45, and their oldest son **James**;

-**Josiah Sanfield**, 45, his wife, **Martha E.**, 40, and their three children, **Wilbern L.**, 18; **William B.**, 15; and **Mary H.**, 13. ■



## ***Between* CENSUSES**

*Tennessee Deaths  
And Marriages  
In the 1880s and 1890s*

**William M. Perkins**, an old and respected citizen, died Sunday, the 13th inst., of pneumonia at his residence at Forrest Hill in Shelby County. Born in Grayson Co., Va., in Sep 1815, he was in his 66th year. He joined the Methodist Church when he was 16. Educated at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, he came to West Tennessee in 1840 and married **Mrs. Lochie A. Henderson** in this county in 1841. They settled in Memphis in 1844. For a time, he was a merchant and served as alderman for a term of one year. In about 1849 he went to California where he had fair success in the gold mines for a year and then returned. He leaves his widow and a family of grown children, two of whom live in Virginia. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

*-Public Ledger, Memphis, 22 Feb 1881*

**Robert J. Kirkpatrick** and **Helene Quertier** were married in Knoxville on the evening of 5 Jan 1891 at the bride's palatial home on Broad Street. The bride was dressed in brocaded satin from Worth's and wore diamonds valued at \$50,000. The ceremony was performed first by **Rev. E. O. Elmore** and afterwards by **Alex Alleson**. After the ceremony, guests (only a few select friends) were ushered into the dining hall where it is said the most elaborate and expensive dinner ever served in Knoxville was enjoyed. The dinner was prepared by a French chef. Guests were at the table for three hours during which time 12 different wines -- all the finest import brands -- were served. The groom is formerly from Middle Tennessee and more lately from Chattanooga. The bride is formerly **Mrs. Samples** of Knoxville. She has a magnificent home and is said to be worth more than a million dollars. The couple will reside in Knoxville.

*-Chattanooga Times, 6 Jan 1891*

**Mrs. Maggie Davis**, wife of **George B. Davis** and daughter of **Wilson and Marinda Johnson**, died 29 Mar 1889. She was born 29 Feb 1865 in Hawkins County. After her marriage, she moved to Clinch. At the age of 16, she joined the Baptist Church at Klepper's Chapel and lived as a devoted Christian until her death. She leaves little children: **Gains, Jessie, and Charlie**.

*-Rogersville Herald, 20 Apr 1889*

**Mr. R. P. Hudson** and **Miss Nannie Hickerson** were married on Sunday last, 22 April, at the residence of the bride's father at Summitville by **Rev. J. O. Blanton**.

*-Manchester Times, Friday, 27 April 1888*

**Mr. M. O. Ray** and **Miss Minnie C. Wiley** were married at the residence of **Rev. S. E. Wilson** on Wednesday, 22 February.

*-Manchester Times, 24 February 1888*

**Mr. J. L. Frazier**, former citizen of this county, was married on the 12th inst. to **Miss Maud Gryden** of Sherman, Texas.

*-Manchester Times, 24 February 1888*

**Miss Eunice Farris**, formerly of Coffee Co., Tenn., who now has charge of a school near Bolivar, Tex., and **Mr. J. E. Kimbrough** were married a few days ago. She is quite an accomplished young lady, and Mr. Kimbrough is from one of our best families and is a well-to-do energetic young man.

*-Bolivar, Texas, Exchange quoted in the Manchester, Tenn., Times, 3 Feb 1888*

**Mr. Joseph Yates** died at his home near town on Wednesday [1 Feb 1888] of heart disease. He was eating breakfast, apparently in good health, when he suddenly fell over and was dead in a few minutes.

*-Manchester Times, Friday, 3 Feb 1888*

Married 22 April at the residence of the bride's father in the Fifth District, Coffee County, by **Rev. J. O. Blanton**, **Mr. R. B. Curl** and **Miss Laura Morrison**.

*-Manchester Times, Friday, 27 April 1888*

## ***Some 1889-1890***

### ***Marriages***

*From the Chattanooga Times, 5 Jan 1890*

#### **1889**

-In Trenton, Dec. 31, **Husie Morse** and **Susie McDearman**

-In Camden, Dec. 31, **Allen Waggoner** and **Claudie Mathews**

-In Pulaski, Dec. 31, **Mark Buford** of New York and **Alice Osborn**

-In Memphis, Dec. 29, **Michael Roach** and **Nellie Winters**

-In Athens, Dec. 31, **W. C. Pennington** and **Martha L. Martin**

-At Milan, Dec. 31, **J. T. O'Neal** of Chester County and **Ora Pennington** of Beach Bluff, Tenn.

#### **1890**

-At Trenton, Tenn., Jan. 1, **Ras Hicks** to **Fannie Hill**

-In Nashville, Jan. 2, **Howard Black** of Gainesville, Tex., and **Bettie Morgan**

-In Nashville, Jan. 1, **William W. Farnsworth** and **Maria Hanley**

-At Chatata, Tenn., Jan. 1, **Eben Knox** of Charleston, Tenn., and **Florence Wheeler**

-In Cleveland, Tenn., Jan. 1, **B. A. Edwards** of Charleston, Tenn., and **Rebecca McNelly**

-In Nashville Jan. 1, **Rev. L. B. Ellis** of St. Louis, Mo., and **Mattie Holt**

-In Loudon, Tenn., Jan. 1, **C. E. Moore** of Nevada, Tex., and **Emily Payne**

-In Knoxville, Jan. 1, **Charles J. Pratt** and **Florence Keeler**

-At Knoxville, Jan. 1, **William L. Mangum** and **Lillie Wilkinson**

-In Jackson, Jan. 2, **Moses Todd** of Henry County and **Maud Booker**

**Mr. A. E. Rogers** of Texas died at the residence of his father in the Ninth District of Coffee County on Tuesday of last week. The young man had come home to spend the holidays and died after an illness of only one week.

*-Manchester Times, Friday, 13 Jan 1888*

# Obion County Court Clerk Minutes

Continued from Fall, 1998 issue

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **James Thomas**, **William Haislip**, **A. A. Calhoun**, **William Caldwell**, **C. M. Wright**, **Cage Hale**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**.

**Benjamin F. H. Hutchinson** brought to court one wolf scalp and proved it was killed in Obion County. State to pay bounty. Court appointed: (1) **D. S. Lacy**, **Reuben Anderson**, and **W. J. Wynn** a committee to lay off one year's support for widow and family of **Joab W. Babb**, dec'd; (2) **Willis Jones**, **C. H. Bird**, **B. F. Becham**, **D. D. Pollock**, and **Richard Marr** to mark a road from fork of slough near **Dr. Bird's** and follow best route to **B. F. Becham**, where state line strikes Mississippi River; (3) **Allen S. Hord** commissioner to sell slaves belonging to estate of **Burwell S. Tanner**, dec'd. Hord posted \$2,170 bond with **B. L. Stovall**, **J. B. Hogue**, **Jno. Crockett**, and **John Harper** as securities.

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Court appointed: (1) **B. F. Becham**, **Richard Clark**, **J. B. Burnett**, **T. J. Nolen**, **William Craig**, and **John Marr** to mark a road from state line at Mississippi River at **B. F. Becham's** and east along state line to **T. J. Nolen's**, then up river to intersect road leading from **Mrs. Meriwether's** landing to state line in direction of Mills Point, Ky.; (2) **W. T. Shelton** overseer on Dyersburg Road from 8 to 12-mile posts with same road hands as before; (3) **George Roberts** overseer on road leading from **F. Langley's** old place to **S. A. Harvey's**, with road hands to be **C. Bell**, **Shelby Hendrix**, **W. W. Bell**, and **G. W. Hamner**; (4) **William Curry**, **J. G. W. Jamerson**, **G. W. Hamner**, **W. W. Brown**, and **G. W. L. Marr** to mark a road from branch west of **W. S. S. Harris'** to branch at **W. P. Williams'** meadow or to Mill Creek; (5) **Warren World** overseer on road from Reelfoot bridge to Indian Creek, with hands to be **Benjamin Roney**, **Tyree Tanner**, **John Johnston**, **Jessee Whuston**, **Caswell Thor**, **John Hamit**, **Try Gantlett**, and **William Gantlett**; (6) **W. L. Norrid** overseer on Hickman Road, from 4-mile post to **C. H. White's**, with hands being those living west of said road, running west with Lake Road by **Marcus Glover's** then by **B. Garrison's** place where **Isaac Park** now lives and including **Park's**; by **Caldwell's** old mill, including **William T. Brown**, **John R. Brown**, and **Austin Brown's**; then to Davidson Creek running with **Harrison's** line; then up creek to **Col. White's**.

Court ordered recording of report from commissioners appointed to lay off one year's support for widow and family of **Henderson C. Pickard**, dec'd.

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Court appointed: (1) **Willis Jones**, **Coleman H. Bird**, **David Pollock**, **William W. Craig**, **Reuben Anderson**, **Dennis Flood**, and **Robert C. Nall** to mark road from **Calvin Bell's** to intersect Troy Road at **Meriwether's** landing; (2) **Thomas Anderson**, **G. W. Mosier**, **Allison Howard**, **Alfred Howard**, and **Lee Howard** to mark and change Lake Road near **John Cloar's** house; (3) **Philip Wright** overseer on road from **Eber Jenne's** mill to **John Miller's** with hands to work on road being **John Timberman**, **Joseph Hogan**, **James Miller**, **A. Wall**, **W. Simpson**, **M. Walker**, **Isaac Stephenson**, **Robt. Stanell**, **J. W. Miller**, **Irishman David Miller**, **Robt. Miller**, **Wm. King**, **Wilson Wright**, **Wm. Stover**, **J. G. Walker**, **J. Sandford**, **Stephen Sandford**, **Benj. Sandling**, **Samuel Carman**, **Mans Burton**, **Joseph Sandford**, **Wm. Gibson**, and **Benj. Meed**.

**John Crosnow** brought to court three wolf scalps and proved killing of same by oath of **Silas Osburn**. Court ordered recording of settlement with **Thomas P. Cooper**, guardian of minor heirs of **Wiley Crockett**, dec'd. **Berton L. Stovall** posted \$1,844 bond for common school fund with **Jno. Crockett**, **John Harper**, **W. S. S. Harris**, **A. S. Hord**, and **J. B. Hogue** as securities.

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Court ordered that principal election ground in District #4 be moved to forks of slough near **Willis Jones'** plantation. Court appointed: (1) **John Harper** guardian of **George**, **Sarah**, **Susan**, and **James Caldwell**, minors, and he posted \$2,000 bond with **Berton L. Stovall**, **A. S. Hord**, and **Jno. Crockett** as securities; (2) **Robert Martin**, **George Birdwell**, **Irvin Cox**, **James Powell**, and **I. W. Caldwell** a jury to change road from **Standley's** bridge on Obion River to **Matson's** lane on state line, and report at October term.

**Moses S. Marshall** asked court to appoint **Robert Marshall** his guardian. **Marshall** posted \$300 bond with **James R. Parnell** as security. **Lafayette Farley**, guardian of **Masouni**, **Solen**, and **Mary A. Herring**, renewed \$800 guardianship bond with **R.**

Farley and B. L. Stovall securities.

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Last will of **William Brown** was produced in court and proved by witnesses, **James P. Ward** and **James I. Moffatt**. **Elizabeth Perry**, administratrix of estate of **John Perry**, dec'd, returned estate inventory. Hearing on petition from **Sarah Houser** et al regarding her dower rights was continued to next term of court. **William B. Gleason** and **James M. Taylor** appointed administrators of estate of **Nancy Gleason**, dec'd, and posted \$200 bond with **Jno. Crockett** and **Henry Philips** as securities. **Samuel C. Henry** recorded his stock mark.

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Court appointed **Wm. B. Gleason** and **James M. Taylor** administrators of estate of **Stephen H. Gleason**, dec'd, and they posted \$600 bond with **John Crockett** and **Henry Philips** as securities. **James Lane** asked court to bind **Gilbert Oar** and **James Hawkins** to him and posted \$300 bond with **Reuben Hamit** and **James M. Wilson** as securities. Court allowed: **James H. Meacham** \$5.50 to furnish circuit court offices with paper for one year from 1 Aug 1850, and allowed **S. S. Calhoun** \$15 for collating Book A of register's office.

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **James Thomas**, **Cleber M. Wright**, **William Haislip**, **Jessee W. Webb**, **Cage Hale**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**. Court ordered recording of settlement with **Norton Oaks**, administrator of estate of **Elijah Robbins**, dec'd, along with inventory and account of sale.

Court appointed **Allen Oliver** to replace **David Stephens** as overseer on Dresden and Mills Point Roads from **John Chambers'** **James B. Harper** was named overseer on Troy road to Mills Point road by way of **James Brown's**, intersecting Mills Point Road near **Archibald Crockett's**. Hands to work on road include **James Robinson**, **William Robinson**, **Samuel Robinson**, **Benjamin Robinson**, **Polley Robinson's** hands, **Napoleon Brown**, **Rosannah Harper's** hands, **William R. McAlister**, **John M. Lane**, and **James Marshall**.

Last will of **Allen Hood**, dec'd, was brought to court and proved by witnesses, **John Buchanan**, **Alexander Buchanan**, and **James S. Moffatt**.

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Court received copy of **B. J. Jackson's** commission as Justice of the Peace, dated 13 Aug 1850 and signed by Gov, **W. Trousdale** and Sec. of State **W. B. Ramsey**.

Court appointed: (1) **Joseph Taylor** overseer on Dresden road from North Fork bridge to 11-mile post, working same hands as before; (2) **Charles Williams** to replace **Branch Keithly** as overseer on Dyersburg road and work same distance with hands - **Lindsey Wilson**, **Sinclair Taylor**, **Green Vincent**, **Nathaniel Dickson**, **James Wilson**, **Watson Vincent**, and **John Pettyjohn**; (3) **James Reeves** overseer on road from Mrs. **Meriwether's** landing to Mills Point road and to **William Isler's** old place, with hands **Robert C. Nall**, **E. W. Nevil**, **Anderson Cates**, **William B. Isler**, **Joseph A. Fowlkes**, **John Flint**, **James Boyd**, and **C. H. Bird**. Court appointed **Reuben Anderson**, **R. N. Nall**, **Joseph A. Fowlkes**, **W. Donaldson**, and **D. S. Lacy** commissioners to lay off one year's support for **Joab W. Babb's** widow and family, and report next term.

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Court appointed: (1) **Wm. J. Wynn**, **B. B. Barker**, **Samuel Reeves**, **Robert Thompson, Sr.**, and **William W. Wynn** commissioners to examine Blue Bank Bayou and determine cost of a bridge on road crossing it near **B. B. Barker's**; (2) **Edward Box** overseer on Madrid Road from **Crockett's** woods pasture to Blue Bank Bayou with same hands that worked under **James Hubbard**; (3) **Henry Walker** overseer on road from **Meriwether's** landing to Blue Bank Bayou with hands to be **W. Donaldson**, **J. Tipton**, **Lacy R. Bard**, **Gullett Thompson**, **Griffin C. Baley**, **Thomas Wynn**, **H. Smith**, **Thomas Shelby**, **Wash Shelby**, **B. Barker**, **Thomas Agnew**, **T. D. Miller**, **Isaac Larman**, **Robert Wilson**, **Mrs. Meriwether's** hands, **Joshua Williams**, and **F. Griffin**.

Court allowed: **John T. Abington** and **Mathew Jackson** 65 cents each as amount of poll tax wrongfully charged them, and **Joseph Bone** \$5 for furnishing coffin and shroud for **Elijah Wynn**, pauper. Court appointed: (1) **Wm. Harpole**, **John B. Tatum**, **Luke N. Cloys**, **Jacob Yoacham**, and **Wm. A. Chambers** commissioners to lay off one year's support for **John Brockwell's** widow and family; (2) **Hugh Wilson**, **Walker Jones**, and **Jas. M. Cole** commissioners to lay off one year's support for **Robert Black's** widow and family. **L. P. Pickard** returned bill of sale and estate inventory of **Henderson C. Pickard**.

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Regarding **John W. Janes** and **Elizabeth M. Davis**' petition, **Allen Janes** reported he sold land mentioned in petition at public sale to **John W. Janes**, highest bidder, for \$150 on 12-month credit. Court allowed **Josiah Bond** \$15 for keeping **Elijah Wynn**, a pauper, for five months. Court appointed: (1) **James Davis** and **Samuel C. Henry** commissioners to settle with court clerks and trustee for year 1850; (2) **Martha H. Black** and **Allen Janes** administrators of estate of **Robert Black**, dec'd, and they posted \$100 bond with **James Caldwell** as security; (3) **James Polk** as overseer on Trenton road from **John Moffatt**'s to edge of river bottom at **Polk's** farm, working hands between said road and Davidson Creek, and opposite **John Moffatt**'s.

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Report dated Aug 1850 was received from commissioners appointed to set apart to **Mrs. Sarah Hauser**, widow of **Anthony Hauser**, dec'd, her dower in 193 acres valued at \$166.66 and adjacent to **H. E. Hauser**'s. Remainder of acreage is to be divided among children thusly: **Harman E. Hauser** - 77 acres; **Louisa J. Hauser** - 27 acres; **Lewis B. Hauser** - 27 acres; **Anthony A. Hauser** - 22 acres; and **David W. Hauser** - 22 acres. Report was signed by **B. K. Harper**, **Thos. J. Harper**, **C. Pleasant**, and **W. S. S. Harris**, commissioners.

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On motion by **James B. Holloman**, court indicated it is satisfied that **John W. Bird** died in 1843 in Obion County. **Thomas I. Bird** was administrator of his estate and has since died. In his place, **James B. Holloman** was appointed administrator and posted \$1,500 bond with **James Davis**, **E. H. Verhine**, and **James Heubles** as securities.

Supplemental petition signed by **S. W. Cochran** was submitted in connection with earlier petition from **Sarah Hauser**, widow, **Harman E. Hauser**, **Louisa J. Hauser**, **Lewis B. Hauser**, **Anthony A. Hauser**, and **David W. Hauser** for dower in 193 acres owned by **Anthony Hauser**, dec'd.

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**Thomas G. Anderson**, who was named executor of will of **Allen Hood**, dec'd, posted \$5,000 bond with **James S. Moffatt** and **John Buchanan** as securities. Court appointed: (1) **Robert M. Brown** executor of will of **William Brown**, dec'd, and he posted \$100 bond with **John M. Brown** and **David McDaniel** as securities; (2) **Daniel St. John** administrator of estate of **John M. Brockwell**, dec'd, and he posted \$200 bond with **Jacob Yoacham** as security.

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **James Thomas**, **Cleber M. Wright**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**. Court appointed (1) **Samuel J. Guy** overseer on Dresden Road from 3-mile post to North Fork bridge, (2) **Samuel Scott** overseer on Totten Road from Grove Creek to lane where **E. Y. Shuck** formerly lived, and instructed to work same hands as **Allen White**.

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **James Thomas**, **Cage Hale**, **Thomas P. Cooper**, **James M. Wilson**, **Wm. Caldwell**, **Alfred Hargett**, **James Mathews**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, Clerk **Allen S. Hord**. Court appointed **Richard Keithly**, **Jessee Caraway**, **W. W. McNeely**, **James M. Taylor**, and **A. H. McNeely** commissioners to build bridge over Rutherford Fork of Obion River on road from Dyersburg to Dresden. **W. H. Sample** produced a wolf scalp in court and proved wolf was killed in Obion County. State to pay bounty. Court allowed Sheriff **John B. Hogue** and Clerk **Allen S. Hord** \$50 each for ex officio services due them for 1850. **Hord** also was allowed \$16.12 for issuing road orders up to 7 Oct 1850.

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Court allowed: **Allen S. Hord** \$10 for attending to common school business for 1850, and \$10 for issuing jury tickets; and **Dr. S. Medaris** \$40 for attending 77 cases of smallpox in 1849 and 1850, and \$49 for arresting progress of small pox.

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Court allowed: \$49 to **J. N. Mathews** and \$24 to **Nancy Brockwell** for nursing services they provided to persons with smallpox, and \$12 each to **S. Medaris**, **J. W. Mathews**, **W. P. Mathews**, and **Jno. Dees** for burying those who died with smallpox. Inventories and accounts of estate sales returned by **D. St. John**, administrator of **Jno. M. Brockwell**'s estate, and **Thos. J. Nolen**, administrator of **Napoleon Mitchell**'s estate, were ordered recorded. **Wm. W. Brown** was appointed overseer of road from Mill Creek to **G. W. L. Marr**'s. Pauper **Hannah Boston** was let out for 12 months to **Thomas Alison** for \$43.

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Reports from commissioners who marked road from **B. F. Becham's** along state line to **T. J. Nolen's**, then up river to road from **Mrs. Meriweather's** landing to state line in direction of Mills Point, Ky., were ordered recorded. Court ordered work stopped by commissioners appointed to mark road from **Calvin Bell's** to Troy Road at **Meriwether's**, and appointed **C. H. Bird, J. A. Fowlks, R. Anderson, Isaac Larman, E. Wynn, B. B. Barker**, and **Dennis Flood** to mark best route for same road. It also ordered that road from **King's** to **Edmond Carroll's** be divided, and appointed **Austin Edwards** overseer from **A. Hamilton's** to Dyersburg Road. Hands to work on road: **J. R. King, B. F. King, L. D. King, R. King, P. King**, and **W. King**.

Court appointed: (1) **Henry Pryor** to replace **David McDaniel** as overseer from **John Moffatt's** to old turnpike gate and instructed him to work same hands; (2) **W. W. Edmonds** to replace **F. Janes** as overseer on Dyersburg Road from 12 to 14-mile posts; (3) **H. Carroll** overseer on road from Troy to new ferry, and from **A. Hamilton's** to **Edmond Carroll's**, with hands to be **A. Hamilton, R. Wilson, J. Killbreath, E. Killbreath, W. Rogers, \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon**, and **A. Gibson**. Settlement with **William S. Scate**, executor of estate of **William Scate**, dec'd., was ordered recorded.

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Court ordered recording of settlements with: (1) **W. R. Hogan**, guardian of **Nancy C. Stokes** and **S. M. R. Stokes**, minors; (2) **Joseph Sandford**, administrator of estate of **J. F. Hill**, dec'd; (3) **William Taylor**, guardian of **George Taylor**; and (4) **Thomas G. Anderson**, executor of estate of **Allen Hood**, dec'd. Court appointed: (1) **Brinkley B. Barker, Samuel Reeves, William J. Wynn, W. W. Wynn**, and **Robert Thompson** commissioners to superintend building of bridge over Blue Bank Bayou; (2) **John Mosier** to replace **John Carpenter** as overseer on Dyersburg to Hickman Road and to work same hands; (3) **Tandy O. Mills** overseer on Dresden Road from **James Mills'** to Reelfoot Creek with same hands.

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Court ordered recording of inventory and account of sales from: (1) **S. H. Glisson** and **N. Glisson**, administrators of estate of **Stephen Glisson** and **Nancy Glisson**, dec'd; (2) **C. H. Black** and **Allen Jones**, administrators of estate of **Robert Black**, dec'd.

Appointed were: (1) **Elgin C. White** overseer on road from Standley's bridge to **Matson's** lane, with hands to work on said road being \_\_\_\_\_ **Applegate, Prather C. Lally, J. Barham, Gentry Glenn, James Mills, William C. Edwards, Forrist, Gwinn, Cox, R. T. Caldwell, Widow Caldwell's** hands, **C. Stafford**, and **J. E. Applegate**; (2) **Abner Davis** as overseer on new Trenton Road from **Standly's** bridge to county line; (3) **Thomas P. McNeely, Harvey McNeely, W. W. McNeely, John McNeely**, and **John Dixon** to mark road from turnpike to **McNeely's** bridge near **Thos. Caton's** farm; (4) **George Curtner, James Box, R. J. Hill, Wm. Wynn**, and **Thomas Wynn** to mark road beginning at ferry on Reelfoot Lake and running by **John Hill's** to **Rubin Anderson's**.

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Court appointed: (1) **Michael Peacock**, guardian of **T. F. Bruce**, minor and heir of **Thomas F. Bruce**, dec'd, and he posted \$200 bond with **Thomas P. Cooper, J. M. King** and **John M. Marshall** as securities; (2) **F. M. Wright**, guardian of **Daniel, Francis**, and **Louisa Wright**, minors, and he posted \$100 bond with **James Thompson** and **J. B. Hogue** as securities; (3) **John T. Neal**, guardian of **Richard, Sidney, James W.**, and **Lavinia Neal**, minors, and he posted \$500 bond with **John B. Hogue** and **W. S. S. Harris** as securities; (4) **J. M. Marshall**, administrator of estate of **J. J. Marshall**, dec'd, and he posted \$400 bond with **Michael Peacock** and **Thomas P. Cooper** as securities.

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**G. W. Lanier** and **Elijah G. Ephland** were appointed administrators of estate of **Wm. P. Williams**, dec'd, and they posted \$200 bond with **L. H. Meadows** and **F. Carpenter** as securities.

**Tuesday, 8 October 1850**

Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, James Thomas, James Mathews, Thomas P. Cooper**, Deputy Sheriff **Pleasant H. Marberry**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**.

Court appointed: (1) **John W. Janes** to replace **Thomas Sailes** as overseer on new Totten Road from **Mark Hubbs'** to Haus-er Creek and to work same hands; (2) **Madison Phillips** to replace **W. Atkinson** as overseer on Trenton Road from Troy to **John Moffatt's** and to work same hands; (3) **Emanuel Spain** appointed overseer on Dresden Road from Troy to 3-mile post with hands to be **Thomas G. Anderson**, hands on **Allen Hood's** old place, **John Buchanan, Alexander Buchanan, Robert Adams, Randolph Moon**, and **Willis A. Hogue**.

Court allowed **James H. Meadows** \$6 for settlement with revenue commission.

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**Samuel Leopard** was appointed overseer on new Totten Road from Hauser's bridge to Dresden Road at **M. D. Harper's** farm, with hands to work on road being **Austin Maupin, James Maupin, James B. Harper, T. J. Harper, and B. K. Harper**

Court allowed: (1) **Allen S. Hord** - \$15 for office rent; (2) **Samuel C. Henry** costs in State of Tenn. vs: **David Lawson and Henry Lawson** - \$10.63; **Jerome Cooley** - \$8.51; **R. D. Linsey** - \$7.47; **Thomas J. Brown** - \$9.38; **Wilkerson Moon** - \$14.50; **James L. Mills** - \$16.87.

**I. Y. Wilbourn**, administrator of estate of **Jonas B. Meadows**, dec'd, reported that estate was insolvent.

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Court allowed **Samuel C. Henry** costs in State of Tenn. vs: **Richard H. Marshall** - \$5.75; **Henry K. Brown** - \$5.75; **James Caldwell** - \$10; **Alexander Buchanan** - \$7.87; **William H. Caldwell** - \$5.75; **Henry Pryor** - \$8.12; **James Cary** - \$8.38 (two cases); **Jeremiah Bullock** - \$7.37 (two cases); **William Gibbs** - \$8.25; **John J. B. Camp** - \$8.25.

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, James Thomas, William Haislip, William Caldwell, Cage Hale**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**.

Court ordered recording of inventory and account of sale from: (1) **Thomas G. Anderson**, executor of estate of **Allen Hood**, dec'd; (2) **G. W. Lanier** and **E. G. Ephland**, administrators of estate of **William P. Williams**, dec'd.

Settlements with: (1) **Wm. Nedry**, administrator of estate of **John Nedry**, dec'd, and (2) **David St. John**, guardian of **William M. , Catherine**, and **Rebecca Wilson**, minors, also were ordered recorded..

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**Nancy Hood**, widow of **Allen Hood**, dec'd, appeared in court and entered into record her discontent with husband's will presented at September 1850 term, stating its provisions were not satisfactory with her.

Court appointed: (1) **Dr. S. Medaris** administrator of estate of **William Reed**, dec'd; (2) **Martin Vance, Caldwell Pleasant, William Hickman, Thomas G. Anderson**, and **Willis A. Hogue** to change road from North Fork bridge to Hickman, Ky., from **Shuck's** old still house to **Fairfield's** near **Jonas Bedford's**; (3) **William Esury** overseer on Mills Point Road from Troy to 4-mile post with following hands to work on road: **John Crockett, John Harrison, Alfred Bruer, Martin Vance, James McLemail, James Dickey, Matilda Hogue's** hands, **William Hickman, Samuel Hugin, and William P. Smith**

Court ordered recording of report from **Ezekiel Heraldson**, who was appointed at March term to open road from east bank of Grove Creek to Moscow Road near **William Hale's**.

Jurors, by district, for February term 1851: #1 - **D. St. John, Mark Hubbs**; #2 - **George Haislip, Charles S. Tally**; #3 - **Joseph Mosier, Calvin Cloar**; #4 - **Robert C. Nall, Williamson Price**; #5 - **Jos. F. Hogan, Robinson King**; #6 - **S. Guy, William Caldwell, Hiram Reeves, William Calhoun**; #7 - **William Taylor, Richard Nelms**; #8 - **Baptist Boyett, John Dickson**; #9 - **Wm. E. Edmonds, Samuel Simpson**; #10 - **George Roberts, C. L. Stephinson**; #11 - **Logan S. Davis and William Robinson**. Named to act as constables: **G. W. Brown and John B. Harrison**.

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Inventory of **Joseph S. Marshall's** estate was returned by **John M. Marshall**, administrator, and ordered recorded. Court appointed: (1) **Bennett Marshall** overseer on road from **Standley's** bridge to **Matison's** lane on state line; (2) **John Wheeler, E. G. Miles, Walter McDaniel, T. P. Mills**, and **Claibourn Chumly** to mark road along state line from **E. G. Miles** to **John Wheeler's**; (3) **Frederick M. Wright** overseer on Moscow Road from **Shuck's** old place to state line, with hands to be **George White, Clairbourn Chumly, Edward Jones, Frederick Leak, Nichols Leap, Charles Tally, Frank White, James Barham, William Hale, Wilson Hale, and John B. Hale**.

Court allowed: **S. S. Calhoun** \$10 for a record book for register's office; **Allen S. Hord** \$1.50 for a certificate book; and **William Haislip** \$6 for serving as one of quorum for four days up to 5 Nov 1850.

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In matter of petition from **James Caldwell** and **Robert T. Caldwell**, administrators of estate of **Willis Caldwell**, dec'd, vs. **Isaac W. Caldwell et al**, court appointed **William Caldwell** as guardian ad litem to answer petition for **James M. Caldwell**, it appearing that he is a minor under 21 with no regular guardian. Case continued until next term.

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Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **C. M. Wright**, **Thomas P. Cooper**, **William Haislip**, **James Thomas**, **Alfred Hargett**, **William Caldwell**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord**.

Petition to sell land filed by **James Caldwell** and **R. T. Caldwell**, administrators of estate of **W. [Willis] Caldwell**, dec'd, vs. his heirs. Court granted **James Davis**' request to file answer to petition on behalf of **John C. Caldwell**.

Appointed revenue commissioners in their districts for 1851: #1 - **James Thomas**; #2 - **William Haislip**; #3 - **James Caldwell**; #4 - **R. W. Baird**; #5 - **James M. Wilson**; #6 - **William Caldwell**; #7 - **Benj. (Bens) Jackson**; #8 - **Baptist Boyett**; #9 - **Cleber M. Wright**; #10 - **F. C. Brown**; #11 - **Alfred Hargett**. Court ordered recording of settlement with **Bennett Marshall**, administrator of estate of **Green Forrest**, dec'd.

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Court appointed: (1) **Jacob C. Faulk**, **Samuel Shores**, **Jonathan Whiteside**, and **John Buchanan** commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow of **Allen Hood**, dec'd; (2) **David Bright**, **S. W. Cochran**, **James B. Harper**, **W. J. Jimmerson**, and **G. W. L. Marr** commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow and family of **G. W. Tanner**, dec'd.

Court ordered recording of inventory and account of sales by **Benjamin Hutchison** and **J. D. Hutchinson**, executors of estate of **William Hutchinson**, dec'd; and **Berton L. Stovall**, administrator of estate of **David Hogan**, dec'd.

Court appointed: (1) **M. L. Glover** to replace **James Caldwell** as overseer on Mill Point Road from **Col. White's** to 11-mile post with hands **Austin Brown**, **Dr. Scott**, **James Davis**, **Thomas Lannon**, **John Good**, **Samuel Parker**, **James Park**, and **John Killion**; (2) **Sinclair Taylor** to replace **Charles Williams** as overseer on Dyersburg Road and to work same distance with hands **Lindsey Wilson**, **James Wilson**, **Arthur Smith**, **Watson Vincent**, **Joseph Gleason**, **S. J. B. Martin**, **Branch Keithly**, and **Hiram Canady**; (3) **John A. Sanders** to replace **Thomas Babb** as overseer on North Fork Bridge Road from **S. S. Calhoun's** to **Charles H. White's** with hands **J. J. Harris**, **Benjamin Blake**, **Samuel Calhoun**, **James Bedford**, **Hiram Elkins**, **Benjamin Pullum**, **George W. Haislip**, and **Claton D. Sanders**.

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Court appointed: (1) **J. F. Daugherty**, **James H. King**, **S. P. Wright**, **George Cartner**, and **Thomas P. Cooper** to mark road from **Stones'** old ferry to county line in direction of **George Meriwether's** old place; (2) **Calvin Nichols** to replace **D. F. Hargett** as overseer on Trenton Road from south end of turnpike to Gibson County line with hands being **C. M. Legate**, **H. J. Davis**, **Woodard Howell**, **Jonathan Nichols**, **Harris Hargett**, **Ezekiel Garrison**, **Wm. Boyett**, **A. B. Hargett**, **D. F. Hargett**, **Harrison Reeves**, **John Bates**, **W. B. Boyett**, **Lafayette Garrison**, **B. Boyett**, **Stephenson Adams**, and **R. L. Adams**.

**William Gleason** and **J. M. Taylor**, administrators of estate of **Nancy Gleason**, dec'd, returned estate inventory. Court appointed: (1) **Lewis Huffstutter**, **John M. King**, **Meredith Carroll**, **James Stephens**, and **Thomas P. Cooper** commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow and family of **Howell Stroud**, dec'd; (2) **James Reeves**, **J. B. Harper**, and **Hiram Reeves** commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow and family of **William P. Robinson**, dec'd.

Court made following allowances: **William Kitchen** \$6 for attending to **Moses P. Clark** while he was sick; **John T. Abington** \$15 to rebuild bridge over Cane Creek on road from Troy to Dresden; **Nancy Dunegan** \$10 for caring for **Delilah Dunegan**, pauper, for last 12 months. **Delilah** was ordered to appear at Jan 1851 term to be let out as pauper for 1851.

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Court appointed: (1) **Archibald Crockett** administrator of estate of **William P. Robinson**, dec'd, and he posted \$100 bond with **J. P. Crockett** and **James Robinson** as securities; (2) **Elisha Parker** administrator of estate of **Thomas J. Bird**, dec'd, and he posted \$100 bond with **John S. White** and **Shelly Teater** as securities; (3) **Sidney A. McCollum** administrator of estate of **G. W. Tanner**, dec'd, and he posted \$1,200 bond with **J. B. Hogue**, **William Haislip**, and **A. Crockett** as securities; (4)



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**Malinda Stroud** and **James H. Stroud** administrators of estate of **Howell Stroud**, dec'd, and they posted \$200 bond with **James G. Walarope**, **Almon Case**, **Thomas P. Cooper**, and **James Robinson** as securities.

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Court ordered **B. F. Cloys** released from payment of 69 cents, amount of county tax on land wrongly listed to him for 1850. In regard to petition from **Burton S. Stovall**, administrator of estate of **Ephraim B. Caldwell**, dec'd; **John P. Morgan** and **Mary Ann Morgan**, his wife and former widow of **Ephraim Caldwell**; **John B. Harper** and **Caroline Harper** his wife; **George Caldwell**, **Sarah Caldwell**, **Susan Caldwell**, and **James Caldwell**: **Ephraim B. Caldwell** died owning three slaves, **Ned**, **Abram**, and **Annice**. **Ned** was sold two years ago to pay debts. **Ephraim** left his widow, **Mary Ann**, and his heirs **Caroline**, **George**, **Sarah**, **Susanna**, and **James**. **John Harper** is guardian of minors **George**, **Sarah**, **Susanna**, and **James**. Court ordered **Watson R. Hogan** and special commissioners to sell slaves at auction after publication.

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Petition from **Charles Crittendon**, **Sarah Huchinson** and others: **Lewis M. Huchinson** died intestate leaving his widow, **Sarah**; his heir **Elizabeth B. Hogan**, wife of **Wilson R. Hogan**; and minor heirs **Amanda**, **Richard**, **Mary**, **Helen**, **Pinckney**, **John**, **Miles**, and **Lewis M. Huchinson**. Court ordered **Charles Crittendon**, administrator of estate, to sell slave woman **Viney** and her child at auction and report next term.

List of insolvencies by districts: #1 - **Robert Farle**, **A. J. Nox**, **C. K. Parham**, **Wm. Reed**, dec'd, **Lewis Williams**; #2 - **John C. Barham**, **Calvin Birdwell**; #3 - **Purney Barber**, **Burgess Griffin**, **John Bresk**, **Melvil Cargill**, **Thos. F. Daugherty**, **Barney Duff**; #6 - **Thomas N. Buchanan**, **John Johnston**, **John W. Janes**, **Hiram Morgan**, **G. Nichols**, **Nathan Pinson**, **Hugh Robinson**, **Spencer Janes**; #11 - **Richmon Hair**, **Peter Wynn**; #5 - **Elijah Herod**, **Caroll Herod**; #6 - **Samuel McJohnston**; #8 - 90 acres listed to **Lucinda Garrison**, **William Akinson**, overage, **Thomas Brock**, **William H. Harris**; #9 - **L. M. Bird**, **R. Clark**, **John E. Price**, **S. Riddle**, **H. Sharon**, \_\_\_ **Usry**, **A. Williams**; #11 - **Elizabeth Jones**, 196 acres listed and no such land; #3 - 640 acres listed to **T. J. Nolen**; #8 - 640 acres listed to **Mrs. Allison**, also listed to him in #3. Revenue collector **N. Oaks** reported he had used lawful means to collect taxes and believes they cannot be collected.

**3 DECEMBER 1850**

Present: Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper**, **Jas. Thomas**, **C. M. Wright**, Sheriff **John B. Hogue**, Clerk **Allen S. Hord**. **Sidney A. McCollum**, administrator of estate of **G. W. Tanner**, dec'd, returned estate inventory. Last will of **Amanda Totten**, dec'd, produced in court at May 1847 term and proved by oaths of **E. H. Verhine** and **Allen S. Hord** as to signature of **Benjamin Totten**, witness, was again produced in court by **N. S. Allen** and **Sarah A. Maxwell**, witness, who signed in presence of **Benjamin Totten** and **Elias Edwards**, other witnesses.

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Court appointed: (1) **John W. Chambers**, **William A. Nailing**, **B. E. P. Mathews**, **John Huzza**, and **E. H. Verhine** to mark road from Jackson Ville to Nailing's mill on Harrison's fork and intersect new road at Standley's bridge; (2) **Wm. White** overseer on Moscow Road from **Charles White's** to east end of Shuck's lane. Court allowed following amounts for quorum of court: **Moses D. Harper** - \$28.50; **James Thomas** - \$25.50; **C. M. Wright** - \$10.50; **Thomas P. Cooper** - \$3.

In matter of petition from **Sarah Hutchison**, **Elizabeth B. Hogan**, wife of **Wilson R. Hogan**, and others: **Lewis M. Hutchison**, late of this county, died intestate leaving said **Sarah** his widow; and **Elizabeth B. Hogan**, **Amanda Hutchison**, **Richard Hutchison**, **Mary Hutchison**, **Helen Huchison**, **Pickney Hutchison**, **John Hutchison**, **Miles Huchison**, and **Lewis M. Hutchison** his heirs. **Wilson R. Hogan** is guardian of last eight named minors. **Charles Crittendon** was appointed administrator. **Lewis Hutchison** died owning 13 slaves. Court appointed **Burton L. Stovall**, **John T. Abington**, and **John Harper** commissioners to divide slaves, with **Sarah Hutchison** and **Elizabeth B. Hogan** getting their share. Minor heirs **Amanda**, **Richard**, **Mary**, **Helen**, **Pickney**, **John**, **Miles**, and **Lewis M. Hutchison** to hold remainder of slaves in common. Commissioners to report next term. ■

*Whom God Hath Joined Together*

During the progress of a marriage ceremony in a church at Collierville (Shelby County) on 13 Jan 1880 when **Mr. Peter Perkins** and **Miss Swift** were about to be indissolubly united, the floor in the center of the church suddenly caved in from one end to another and fell a distance of about three feet. The noise and shock produced a great commotion as the crowd was suddenly precipitated toward the center of the church. Many persons were considerably jostled but none seriously hurt. About this time, the minister proceeded to say, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." This was understood to refer to the couple before him and not the crowd in the central aisle of the church.

- Memphis Public Ledger, 14 Jan 1880

## Tennessee's Senior Citizens of 1870's and '80's Were Few But Hardy

An increasing number of people are taking up genealogy to get some idea of what they might expect healthwise as a result of the genes that might have been passed on to them. In the 1870's and '80s when 40 was considered old and 80 practically unheard of, there were a few hardy souls who were the marvels of their day. [Some would still be regarded as marvels.]

For instance, the editor of *The Bolivar Bulletin* wrote these sketches<sup>1</sup> of some elderly citizens living in Hickory Valley in Hardeman County in the fall of 1877:

"We had the pleasure of meeting that well known and most exemplary Methodist patriarch, Esq. **David Woods**. This venerable man is 80 years of age and now lives upon the land where he located 52 years ago when he came thither from Orange Co., North Carolina. He says only one old settler survives who came here earlier than he did and that is our esteemed and valuable citizen, **Major E. P. McNeal**. Esq. Woods is in fine physical health and his uniform temperate habits we hope will give him many more useful years in the land of the living."

Another subject was **Mrs. Mary Cheairs**.

"We met this venerable and intelligent lady under the hospitable roof of **Reuben Scott's** family where we were most kindly entertained. Mrs. Cheairs is 71 years of age and came to this county in 1835 from Wadesborough, Anson Co., North Carolina. She is well connected on both her maternal and paternal side with many of the best people in Carolina. For one of her years, her conversational vivacity is remarkable. In referring to her early school life in her native state, she described with great zest the coronation of herself as Queen of May at the close of the sessional exercises of the school she attended at Wadesborough in 1818. In reproducing studies of her youth, she quoted freely from Virgil's *Aeneid* and Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* with a translation of such rendered line upon line. Other interesting characters in the neighborhood are **Judge Harris** and the father of **Dr. Pegram** who is now 91 years of age."

*The Manchester Times* in its issue of 16 March 1888 carried this article about some of Tennessee's old folks:

"**Rhoda England**, colored, died recently near Athens, McMinn County, aged 120 years. She had been blind for three years.

**Jesse Carr** of Claiborn County has joined the silent majority. He was 92 and well known throughout East Tennessee.

**Mrs. Miriam Whitfield**, widow of **Joseph Whitfield**, died of apoplexy at her home on Spring Creek in Montgomery County several days ago. She was 80 years of age.

**Mrs. Lydia Hall**, resident of the 17th District in Greene County, died. She was 83 and leaves six children, one of whom is clerk and master of Greene County court. She was a church member for 60 years.

**Mrs. Lucy (Aunt Lucy) Twig**, is the oldest resident of the state, being 110 years of age. She lives in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, and is able to walk about sometimes. Her birthplace is unknown. She has 66 great-grandchildren living.

**Matthew Simpson**, a native of Henry Co., Va., died at his home near Knoxville last week. He was a resident of Tennessee for 69 years. He married **Ellen Crawford** in 1830, and was for many years a justice of the peace.

**Mr. Lamastus**, who resides on Yellow Creek, is the oldest white citizen of Dickson County. He was born in November 1792 and is over 96 years of age. He weighs 90 pounds and frequently rides on horseback from Yellow Creek to Dickson and back, a distance of 14 miles. He has used tobacco during the past 84 years and expects to indulge in it as long as life lasts. He has two sons."■

<sup>1</sup> Reprinted in *The Public Ledger*, Memphis, in its 18 Sep 1877 issue

# Elmwood ... A Place of Peace For the Living and the Dead

By Sue McDermott and Dorothy Roberson



On 28 August 1852, fifty prominent Memphis businessmen formed a corporation with a capital stock of \$25,000 for the purpose of establishing Elmwood Cemetery. Each man gave \$500 for a single share in the corporation. At the stockholders' first meeting on 11 September, **Dr. Ayres Phillips Merrill**<sup>1</sup> was named chairman. Shortly afterward, the corporation purchased 40 acres between old Fort Pickering and the LaGrange Railway and Walker Avenue for the new cemetery. It was two and a half miles southeast of the city proper. Lots on the circles were priced at 75 cents a square foot, and at 25 cents for those on third-class ground.

*The Memphis Appeal* in its issue of 12 July 1853 commented that the grounds selected for the cemetery were beautifully indulating and "sufficiently remote from the city to be quiet and private." It also reported that the rural burying ground would soon be ready for interments. Ironically, the very next day, the first funeral at Elmwood took place. It was that of **Mary Elizabeth Berry** who was interred in Lot No. 93. She was the wife of **Dr. R. B. Berry** and had lived in Memphis only a few years. They had come here in 1850 from Kentucky, and Dr. Berry soon had a profitable practice. Two years after his wife died, he fell victim to the yellow fever epidemic that hit the city in 1855 and was buried next to her. Their graves are marked by a heart-shaped stone. (The couple's son died from yellow fever the same summer as his father, coming down with the disease while serving as a volunteer nurse in the Norfolk, Va., epidemic.)

In 1860 graves from the old Winchester Cemetery on North Main and the Morris Cemetery at Main and Union were moved to Elmwood to make more land in downtown Memphis available for commercial use. These graves, plus the burials of a thousand Confederate soldiers at Elmwood, prompted the need for more space, and in 1874 another 40 acres were added to the original cemetery. Today Elmwood is operated as a non-profit organization served by a volunteer board and a volunteer staff. **George Crone**, president of the Elmwood Cemetery Board, says of the cemetery, "It is a place of love, family history, art, and nature."

Under brooding angels, obelisks, and simple stones, some 70,000 souls sleep<sup>2</sup> -- slaves and masters, governors and farmers, Civil and Vietnam war soldiers, businessmen and farmers, wives and children. With arching trees, dancing wildflowers, graceful azaleas, and other flowering plants, Elmwood invites the visitor to come and stroll her pathways and to sit on Victorian-style iron benches in the dappled shade. When the "garden cemetery" was established, a bandstand was erected and concerts were held on the weekends for the enjoyment of families who came to care for their family plots, visit with friends, and enjoy a picnic in the bucolic atmosphere. The wide paths that once allowed carriages access to the cemetery have been trimmed to walking paths today. And in keeping with a tradition begun in 1870, each burial is still signaled by the tolling of a bell which hangs at the north entrance to the cemetery.<sup>3</sup>

Elmwood's collection of Victorian cemetery art is said to be the largest in the South. In contrast to

<sup>1</sup>A veteran of the 1812-15 wars, he was an army surgeon at the age of 21. **Davidson M. Leatherman**, former Giles Countian and a prosecuting attorney in Memphis, was first president of the Elmwood Association and owner of Lot No. 1.

<sup>2</sup>Cemetery officials say there is room at Elmwood for 20,000 more graves.

<sup>3</sup>The bell was originally at the State Female College on McLemore.



# ELMWOOD (continued)

early churchyard burial plots which were necessarily small, garden cemeteries like Elmwood allowed room for elaborate monuments and statues proclaiming the status of the deceased. **J. P. Robertson**, first secretary of the Howard Association, is depicted in a statue with his hand resting on a stack of books. He died 15 May 1874 at the age of 26, and his memorial is inscribed, "*A philanthropist, a true friend, and a faithful Christian.*" The most famous portrait statue at Elmwood is that of **Wade H. Bolton**, slave trader and founder of Bolton College, who stands eternally with untied shoelaces and a crookedly buttoned vest.

Portrait statues of children are especially touching. One is of a perky little girl sitting atop a tombstone inscribed "*born on earth to bloom in heaven.*" The legend shows little **Laura Agnes**, the daughter of **Frank W. and Florence G. Taylor**, was born 14 Nov 1883 and died 6 Jul 1886. Other children's graves here and there are decorated with a cherub or a lamb representing youthful innocence ... a dove signifying purity ... a tree stump indicating a life cut short ... and a rising sun or blooming flower symbolizing the Resurrection. Statues of Christ overlook numerous family burial plots. One with the cross overlooks the **Joseph N. Oliver** family graves. Joseph, founder of Oliver, Finnie & Company, a wholesale grocery business, was born 14 Aug 1828 in Newark, N.J., and died 19 Mar 1912 in Memphis. His wife, **Ella Grear**, who was born 14 Oct 1840 in Cincinnati, survived her husband by six years, dying 31 Mar 1918. They were married in 1860. The only other grave in the plot is that of **Gurdon Coit Oliver** [relationship unknown] who was born 2 Apr 1850 in New York City and died 5 May 1872 in Memphis.

An interesting and historic monument is that of Revolutionary War soldier, **Col. John Smith** (1765-1851) a native of Botetourt Co., Va., who was an ensign in the Sixth Virginia Regiment of the Continental line and later migrated to Rutherford County, Tennessee.<sup>4</sup> Each side of the monument has a bas relief ... one depicting the colonel in colonial attire with a boy in the Continental uniform holding aloft an American flag ... another a sculptured face of his wife **Chinoe Hart** (1779-1870) with lace cap. Below is a carving of a rude log fort with the inscription, "*She was in infancy sheltered in the log fort at Boonsboro, Ky., during the Indian attacks in one of which her father was killed in 1782.*" On the other two sides are sculptured likenesses of their two daughters, **Lucretia Hart Smith** (1798-1871) and **Anne E. Guion** (1818-1896). Col. Smith is the only known Revolutionary War soldier buried at Elmwood.

The largest family memorial at Elmwood is the **William Greene Thomas** monument that was erected in 1926. The pink granite shaft is 55 feet tall, weighs 20 tons, and took 200 men and 20 mules to put into place. Thomas, who died 14 Dec 1925 at age 64, was president of Pidgeon-Thomas Iron Company in Memphis. His monument is inscribed, "*A dutiful son, self-sacrificing brother, steadfast friend, and upright citizen.*" Born in Panola Co., Miss., he came to Memphis as a young man and worked his way to the top. He never married, but provided a home and cared for his three sisters -- **Lyda G., Mamie M., and Carrie Thomas** -- who all survived him and are now buried in the family plot. Mamie's marker -- which bears no dates -- indicates she was "*the last of the family to pass away.*" On the back of the marker is the name of William's father, **Rev. Albert Hiram Thomas**, who was born 28 Aug 1828 in Gibson Co., Tenn., and died 9 Jan 1894 in Memphis after serving as a Methodist minister for 43 consecutive years. Another inscription states that **Eliza Greene Thomas** (apparently William's mother) was born 3 Feb 1838 near LaGrange in Fayette Co., Tenn., and died 17 Jan 1917.

A unique memorial is that of **Ralph Lewis Laukhuff**, whose stained glass creations adorn many of the city's churches, homes, and other structures. His monument, erected in 1993, is inset with two arched stained glass windows, each with over a thousand pieces of hand-beveled, jewel-cut glass. One is

<sup>4</sup>Smith's Rutherford County connection is cited in the DAR Annual Report to the Smithsonian.

centered with his portrait, and the other with that of his wife, **Martin "Mickey" Laukhuff**, who is still living. Ralph's marker is inscribed, "*He personified what a man should be.*"

Among other unusual tombstones is that of **Prof. Herman Frank Arnold** which is inscribed with the original score of "*Dixie*" which he orchestrated and conducted at **Jefferson Davis'** inauguration.

Many names prominent in Memphis and Tennessee history appear on Elmwood tombstones, including **John C. McLemore**, one of the city's founders, and **E. H. Crump**, one of 22 Memphis mayors entombed there.<sup>5</sup> Also reposing at Elmwood are:

- Two of the state's governors -- **James C. "Lean Jimmy" Jones** (1809-1859), president of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad who was governor from 1841-45 after twice defeating **James K. Polk** for the office, and later became a U. S. senator; and **Isham G. Harris**, Tennessee's chief executive when the Civil War began and later a U. S. senator for four terms.
- Five U. S. senators -- **Thomas Battle Turley**, **Stephen Adams**, who succeeded **Jefferson Davis** in the Senate; **Kenneth Douglas McKellar**, who served for 36 years, with the last seven as Senate president pro tem ), plus **James Jones** and **Isham Harris** as noted above.
- Thirteen veterans of the Wars of 1812-1815: **Maj. Nathaniel Anderson**, **Geraldus Buntyn**, **James T. Crofford/Crawford**, **Andrew Jackson Donelson**, **Capt. Andrew J. Edmondson**, **W. D. Ferguson**, **Judge Thomas James**, **Dr. A. P. Merrill**, **Maj. William Ruffin**, **Daniel Saffarans**, **Col. James Trezevant**, **Dr. William V. Taylor**, and **A. B. Taylor**.
- Eighteen Confederate generals<sup>6</sup> and one Union general, **William J. Smith**. (**Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest** was originally interred at Elmwood but was removed in 1904 to Forrest Park in the city's Medical Center.)

Other familiar names marking Elmwood tombstones: **Dorothea Spotswood Winston**, **Patrick Henry's** eldest daughter who was born 2 Aug 1778 in Albemarle Co., Va., and died 17 June 1854 in Memphis where she had come in the 1840's to live with a daughter ... **Jefferson Davis'** son **William** who died of pneumonia in 1872<sup>7</sup>... **John R. Trice**, the steamboat pilot who steered the burning ship *Caroline* to shore, saving many lives but losing his own in the process ... **Kit Dalton**, member of **Jesse James'** gang who died 5 Apr 1920 in Shelby County at the age of 79 ... **Virginia Bethel "Ginny" Moon**, who won fame as a Confederate spy ... **Robert M. Anderson**, lieutenant-governor of California .... **Robert Church**, the South's first black millionaire ... and **Blair T. Hunt**, prominent black educator.

Major events in the life of the city come to mind in walking about Elmwood. For instance, there's "No Man's Land" -- the site where yellow fever victims were buried in the 1878 epidemic. It contains no individual tombstones, but -- contrary to popular belief -- each body's resting place is recorded in the cemetery office along with the victim's name, says cemetery historian **Sara Holmes**.<sup>8</sup> The site is marked by a statue of **Mattie Stevenson** who came to Memphis from her home in Towanda, Ill., as a volunteer nurse during the 1873 epidemic. She appeared in the city some time in September and died 18 October, a victim of the disease she had come to fight. Her marker is inscribed, "*The Martyr.*" In another area, a



<sup>5</sup> The other 20 mayors: **Sylvester Bailey**, **Enoch Banks**, **Willam D. Bethell**, **Thomas B. Carroll**, **Walker Lucas Clapp**, **Addison H. Douglas**, **David Par Hadden**, **John Johnson**, **John W. Leftwich**, **Gardiner B. Locke**, **George C. Love**, **James H. Malone**, **John Overton, Jr.**, **Rowlett Paine**, **John Park**, **Dr. D. T. Porter**, **William Spickernagle**, **Frank T. Tobey**, **John T. Trezevant**, **Seth Wheatley**, and **Joseph J. Williams**.

<sup>6</sup> For their names and biographies, see Page 37.

<sup>7</sup> Another son, **Jefferson Davis, Jr.**, who died in the 1878 yellow fever epidemic, was first buried at Elmwood but was removed to Richmond, Va., in 1895.

<sup>8</sup> The cemetery still has original records and interment dates for every person buried in Elmwood.

simple monument marks the resting place of more than 300 slaves who were buried in nameless graves at Elmwood between 1852 and 1865.

The growth of the city and the infusion of citizens from far-off places is reflected in diverse tombstones. One stone, for instance, bears the name **D. O'Connor** ... born 25 Apr 1845 in Cork, Ireland, and died 2 Nov 1877 at Mason in nearby Tipton Co., Tenn. The inscription says the marker was erected by his affectionate wife, **Mrs. Nellie O'Connor**. On the south side of the stone is the name **Samuel Giffin** ... born in County Antrem, Ireland; died 2 Jan 1883 in Mason at age 43 ... and on the north side is **P. Madan** .. born in Cork, Ireland; died 21 May 1876. In another section, a marker indicates that **Joseph Elliott**, born 3 June 1829 in Northampton, England, died 12 Sep 1899 in Memphis. More than a hundred or so tombstones bear inscriptions in Chinese, and multiple other markers tell their legends in Greek letters and are distinguished by traditional inset porcelain portraits of the deceased.

The historic cemetery, a rarity and a treasure in today's world, is shaded by hundreds of magnificent old oaks, sycamores, elms, magnolias, and other handsome trees -- some 800 in all, representing 62 different varieties. Adding to the beautiful setting is a newly created flower garden just inside the cemetery gates that honors **Cathy Miller**, wife of Memphis neurosurgeon **Dr. Joseph Miller** .. and a rose garden that still has some of the original bushes from the garden of the late **Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gooch**, noted philanthropists who had no children of their own but provided college scholarships for numerous students in the Mid-South. The cemetery office is housed in a Victorian carpenter Gothic cottage that was built on the grounds in 1866, and is the only example of that type architecture still to be found in Shelby County. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as is the arched bridge entrance that was designed by City Engineer **J. A. Omberg, Jr.**, and built in 1903.

In the words of **Frances Crawford Catmur**, cemetery administrator, "Historic Elmwood is a place for the living as well as the dead. It is a place for contemplation of history ... of nature ... of life and death ... and of *peace*."■

### *Elmwood's Original Owners in 1852*

Thomas H. Allen	John W. Fowler	John Martin	David Park	Samuel Tate
W. T. Avery	J. D. Goff	C.C. Maydnell	O. S. Parker	Thos. J. Turley
T. S. Ayres	B. Graham	A.P. Merrill	Vernon Rhodes	Henry C. Walker
Sylvester Bailey	J. H. Gray	W. B. Miller	William Ruffin	Samuel P. Walker
Fred Baxter	J. C. Griffing	J. B. Mosely	J. L. Saffarans	E. P. Watkins
W. A. Booth	H. L. Guion	A. J. Montgomery	John Shelby	Anson Whipple
R. C. Brinkley	A. W. Hopkins	Richard E. Orne	F. W. Smith	T.W. Wilkerson
James A. Carnes	J. M. Howard	Miles Owen	Geo. W. Smith	Joseph R. Williams
Thos. Chambliss	D.M. Leatherman	George Pattison	E. P. Stewart	Josiah D. Williams
Chas. B. Church	Joseph Lenow	James Penn	D. H. Townsend	J. M. Williamson■

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- **Charles W. Adams (1817-1878)** - Born in Boston, Mass.; removed at early age to New Albany, Ind., where he later worked as a mercantile store clerk. In 1835 he relocated in Helena, Ark., and took up law practice. When war began, he recruited the 23rd Arkansas Regiment. In 1864 was commander of Northern Sub-District of Arkansas with rank of acting brigadier-general. After war, settled in Memphis and formed law partnership with **Gen. Albert Pike**. Adams died in Memphis of yellow fever. He was grandfather of **Helen Keller**.
- **James Patton Anderson (1822-1872)** - Born in Franklin Co., Tenn., practiced medicine in Hernando, Miss., commanded Mississippi Rifles' 1st Battalion in Mexican War. Served one term in Mississippi legislature, was appointed U.S. marshal for Washington Territory. In Civil War, was colonel under **Gen. Braxton Bragg** at Pensacola. Promoted to brigadier general in Feb 1862, and major general in Feb 1864. Recognized for distinguished service at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga. Was severely wounded at Jonesboro, Ga. After war, was state tax collector in Shelby County. Died in Memphis.
- **Smith Pyne Bankhead (1823-1867)** - Born at Fort Moultrie, S.C., attended Georgetown University and University of Virginia. Was captain in Mexican War. In 1851 settled in Memphis, edited Whig newspaper, and then became city attorney. At start of war, he raised a battery of artillery for Confederate Army. At Shiloh, commanded artillery of Polk's Corps and rendered distinguished service. On 30 May 1863 was assigned to command Northern Sub-District of Texas as acting brigadier general. Resumed law practice in Memphis after war. Was killed by unknown assailant on streets of Memphis in what was believed to be a case of mistaken identity.

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### *Confederate Generals Buried at Elmwood*

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- **Thomas H. Bradley (1808-1864)** - Born in Williamson Co., Tenn., and became leading merchant in Franklin. Was major of Tennessee volunteers in 1835-36 Seminole War. Moved to Crittenden Co., Ark., and established large plantation. Often resided in Memphis where he was president of Jockey Club. In 1861 was appointed brigadier general of Arkansas state forces by secession convention. Army was dissolved later that year and aged Bradley dropped out of war. Relocated in Memphis where he died three years later.
- **William Henry Carroll (1810-1868)** - Born in Nashville, eldest son of Tennessee Gov. **William Carroll**. Operated plantation in Panola Co., Miss., moved to Memphis in 1848 and became postmaster. Entered war as colonel of 37th Tennessee Infantry, promoted to brigadier general in Oct 1861. Was at Knoxville and battle of Fishing Creek. Following court of inquiry hearing regarding his competency and behavior, he resigned his commission in 1863 and went to Canada where his family had relocated after occupation of Memphis. Died in Montreal in 1868 and remains brought to Elmwood following year.
- **James Ronald Chalmers (1831-1898)** - Born in Halifax Co., Va.; graduated from South Carolina College at age 20; practiced law at Holly Springs, Miss., and became district attorney. Was colonel of 9th Mississippi Regiment and commander at Pensacola before being named brigadier general in Feb 1862. Fought at Shiloh, led brigade in Kentucky invasion and battle of Murfreesboro, then headed division under **Gen. Forrest**. After war, elected four times to U.S. Congress from Mississippi. Removed in 1888 to Memphis and practiced law until his death.
- **John Calvin Fiser/Fizer (1838-1876)** - Born in Dyersburg, Tenn., son of merchant Matthew D. Fiser. Moved to Panola Co., Miss., as child, and about 1845 relocated in Memphis where worked in mercantile business. At outbreak of war, helped organize 17th Mississippi Regiment and became its adjutant. Elected lieutenant-colonel after first Battle of Bull Run and Ball's Bluff, and distinguished himself at Fredericksburg. Wounded three times at Gettysburg, fought at Chickamauga, and lost arm as result of wound sustained at Knoxville. Later assigned command of brigade in South Carolina. His commission as brigadier general reportedly was issued in last days of war but was not delivered until after war. Returned to Memphis and rose to partnership in cotton brokerage firm. President of Confederate Historical Association. Died in Memphis at age 38.
- **William Montgomery Gardner (1824-1901)** - Native of Augusta, Ga., graduated from West Point in 1846, wounded in Mexican war and brevetted for gallantry. Resigned from U.S. Army in 1861 and went to Virginia as lieutenant colonel with first troops from Georgia. Leg shattered by ball at First Manassas. Promoted to brigadier general in Nov 1861, commanded Middle Florida District, and then military prisons east of Mississippi River. Spent last years of life at home of his son in Memphis.
- **George W. Gordon (1836-1911)** - Born in Giles Co., Tenn., graduated from Western Military Institute in Nashville, worked as civil engineer. Entered 11th Tennessee Regiment from Humphreys County in June 1861 and soon transferred to Confederate service where he advanced to captain, lieutenant-colonel, and colonel. In battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta. Appointed brigadier general in Aug 1864. Was captured three times. After war, studied law and practiced in Mem-



- phis. Was state railroad commissioner. Elected to U. S. Congress in 1906, re-elected twice. Is said to have been last Confederate general to sit in U. S. House of Representatives.
- **Colton Greene** (1832 -1900) - A South Carolinian by birth, removed to St. Louis where was partner in wholesale grocery business. Active in secessionist movement. Commissioned captain under **Gen. Sterling Price**, later commanded cavalry brigade. One source says he was brigadier-general at 31, but petitions were sent to **Gen. Kirby Smith** asking for Greene's promotion to general as late as March 1865. *Official Records* gives no indication of promotion. After war, eventually returned to Memphis, established insurance firm, founded State Savings Bank, led movement to build municipal waterworks, and organized Memphis Mardi Gras. Was instrumental in founding Memphis Public Library. Never married.
  - **Elkanah Brackin Greer** (1825-1877) - Born in Paris, Tenn., moved to Mississippi as young man and served in Mexican War under **Col. Jefferson Davis**. Moved to Marshall, Tex., where he was planter and merchant. Commissioned colonel in 3rd Texas Cavalry and was in action at Wilson's Creek and Elkhorn Tavern, Mo. In Oct 1862, was promoted to brigadier general and appointed bureau chief of conscription in Trans-Mississippi Department. Died in DeVall's Bluff, Ark., while visiting sister.
  - **William Young Conn Humes** (1830-1882) - Born at Abingdon, Va., graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1851. Moved to Memphis where he practiced law. During war was captured at Island No. 10. After being released on a prisoner exchange, he became **Gen. Joseph Wheeler's** chief of artillery. Commissioned brigadier general in Nov 1863 and was assigned a calvary brigade. Participated in Atlanta campaign and accompanied Gen. Wheeler on raid in North Georgia, Tennessee, and North Alabama. After war, resumed law practice in Memphis. Later died in Huntsville, Ala.
  - **Gideon Johnson Pillow** (1806-1878) - Born in Williamson Co., Tenn.; graduated University of Nashville in 1827, was law partner of future president **James K. Polk** in Maury County. Was major-general in Mexican War and twice wounded. Appointed brigadier general in provisional army of Confederacy in 1861. Passed command at Fort Donelson to **Gen. Buckner** during Grant's siege, was later relieved from duty and assigned to volunteer and conscript bureau in Tennessee. After war, was law partner of former **Gov. Isham Harris** in Memphis. Died near Helena, Ark.
  - **Robt. Vinkler Richardson** (1820-1870) - Born in Granville Co., N.C., moved to Hardeman Co., Tenn., in early life and to Memphis in 1847 where he practiced law. Was associated in business with **N. B. Forrest** and **Gideon J. Pillow**, and was attached to their commands as generals in Civil War. At Shiloh and Corinth. After the war was in levee and railroad construction business with Forrest. Killed by unknown assailant in Dunklin Co., Mo., while on business trip.
  - **Preston Smith** (1823-1863) - Born in Giles Co., Tenn., practiced law in Waynesboro and then Memphis. As colonel leading 154th Tennessee Regiment, was badly wounded at Shiloh. Took command of **Cleburne's** division during Kentucky invasion, and was promoted to brigadier general in Oct 1862. Killed at Chickamauga. Interred first in Atlanta, then moved to Elmwood.
  - **John Louis Taylor Sneed** (1820-1901) - Born Raleigh, N.C., removed to Memphis in 1843 and admitted to bar. In Mexican War was captain of volunteers in one of Tennessee's regiments. Returned to Memphis and was district attorney, then state attorney - general. Appointed brigadier-general in Provisional Army of Tennessee and put in charge of troops assembled at Randolph during summer 1861. When Tennessee forces turned over to Confederacy, did not receive Confederate general's commission but continued to serve in army under command of **Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston**. After war, on Tennessee Supreme Court eight years. Was law school founder and chancellor. Died in Memphis.
  - **Alfred J. Vaughan, Jr.** (1830-1899) - Born in Dinwiddie Co., Va., graduated from VMI in 1851, was civil engineer and lived on farm in Marshall Co., Miss. Entered Confederate service as captain of Dixie Rifles of Moscow, Tenn., and was later lieutenant colonel of 13th Tennessee Infantry. After having eight horses shot from under him without being injured, he lost his leg during Atlanta campaign. Commissioned brigadier general in November 1863. After war, farmed in Mississippi and in 1872 removed to Memphis where he became Shelby County Criminal Court clerk. Died in Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - **Lucius M. Walker** (1829-1863) Born in Maury Co., Tenn., nephew of **President John K. Polk**. Graduated from West Point in 1850, resigned from Army two years later to enter mercantile business in Memphis. Entered Confederate Army as colonel of 40th Tennessee Infantry, and assigned to command of post at Memphis. Promoted to brigadier general in March 1862. Was at Corinth, Tupelo, Farmington, and Helena. Died as result of duel with **Gen. John S. Marmaduke** at Little Rock, Ark. ■



## *Thousands Flock to Elmwood to Dedicate Monument to Confederate Soldiers*

An estimated 5,000-6000 people gathered at Elmwood Cemetery on 5 June 1878 for the unveiling of a monument to Confederate soldiers.

The memorial had been a long time coming. There was a time during the Reconstruction era when the city government refused to allow any type of memorial services honoring the Confederate dead.

Not to be outdone, the soldiers' mothers, wives, and sisters formed a Ladies' Memorial Association, and it was this group who originated the idea of a monument to commemorate their loved ones. They raised \$1,148.40, and then the Confederate Relief and Historical Association, chaired by **Major W. A. Goodman**, took up the cause. This group raised \$1,921.50, and the two collections -- combined with interest -- added up to \$5,452.35 for the monument and base.

The day of the monument's dedication began with the forming of a procession at Court Square on the city's main street and a march to the depot where cars awaited to take the crowd to the cemetery. Joining the families and friends in the procession were members of the Bluff City Grays, the Chickasaw Guards, the Memphis Light Guard, and the Bluff City Artillery.

At the cemetery in front of the hillside where the Confederate dead were resting, a grandstand had been erected and enveloped in evergreens, flowers, wreaths, and festoons. In front, a weather-beaten Confederate flag and the battle flag of **Gen. William Joseph Hardee's** corps were suspended.

"The folds of silk -- faded, torn and tattered -- were recognized by many old soldiers who had followed them to where "the fight was hottest and the death shafts flew thick and fast," the *Memphis Public Ledger* reported in its issue the following day.

Not a grave went unrecognized. Those of 28 members of the Bluff City Grays, Co. B of the 154th Tennessee (senior) regiment of the infantry, and Company A of **Gen. Nathan B. Forrest's** old regiment of the Cavalry were decorated by surviving members of the companies.

The Bluff City group did not forget the brave and gallant **John Stokes** who was shot dead on Jefferson Street near the post office building during the **Forrest** raid into Memphis. and buried at Calvary [Catholic] Cemetery.

His living comrades placed a floral decoration on his grave, and others on the graves at Elmwood of **Major Phil T. Allen**, **Lt. J. R. J. Creighton**, **J. G. Rives**, **D. J. Doyle**, **Lt. James South-erland**, **Capt. T. F. Pattison**, **O. G. Pattison**, **S. H. Rawlings**, **J. H. Craft**, **R. H. Flournoy**, **C. P. Wooldridge**, **Fred Wherie**, **J. B. Drake**, **W. P. Walker**, **W. Park**, **George A. Falls**, **James T. Titus**, **John F. Titus**, **R. C. Jones**, **C. W. Wilkins**, **James W. Spicer**, **William Webb**, **I. M. Anderson**, **J. C. Anderson**, **James W. Grice**, **John E. Eanes**, **C. R. Dillon**, and **W. C. Heiskell**.

At the base of the new monument was a magnificent display of flower arrangements with a sign, "*In Memory of the Mississippi Dead.*" In the midst of the display was a framed photograph of the late **Gen. Forrest**. A tribute from Jackson, Miss., had been sent by **Miss Cola A. Barr**, daughter of the late **Col. James Barr** of the 10th Mississippi Regiment, **Miss Mollie Mizell**, **Miss Louise Taylor**, and others of Jackson.

When the ceremonies began, the **Rev. D. C. Kelly** of Nashville, a former colonel in **Forrest's** regiment who became known as the "fighting preacher," delivered the opening prayer. It was followed with music by **Arnold's** brass band and a song, "How Sleep the

Brave," rendered by a choir under the direction of **Prof. J. E. Perring**.

**L. B. McFarland**, secretary of the Monumental Association, made the presentation of the monument and **Gen. W. Y. C. Humes**<sup>1</sup> took the podium to deliver the day's oration.

"In their death, they knew no defeat," he said. "This monument of granite we have brought from the quarries of Virginia and erected here is not to keep alive that spirit of hatred engendered by the war toward the people of the North .... Our purpose is to give permanent expression to the gratitude we feel and the admiration we cherish for the patriotic devotion and courage of the Southern soldiers who gave up their lives for the independence of the South."

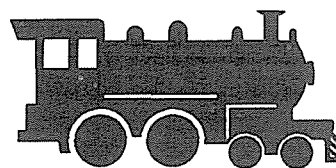
The services were closed with a benediction by the **Rev. C. C. Parsons**, rector of St. Lazarus and Grace Episcopal Church who was the chaplain of the Chickasaw Guards. ■

### **Kit Cawthon, 19, Dies On Kentucky Battlefield**

**Christopher Columbus "Kit" Cawthon**, son of **John L. and Martha C. Cawthon**, Mifflin, Tenn., born 8 Sep 1842, died 7 Nov 1861 in the battle opposite Columbus, Ky. He was one of the first to volunteer in the Forked Deer Company, which was the first Henderson County sent out. A second sergeant, he fell early in the action and breathed his last in the arms of brave comrades who picked him up when they first saw him fall.

*-West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 15 Nov 1861*

<sup>1</sup> He would be buried at Elmwood four years later, leaving a wife (nee **Elder**) and several children. Born in Abingdon Va., he was a leading young lawyer in Memphis before the war. Was captain of heavy artillery at Island No. 10, imprisoned, then later distinguished himself as a cavalry leader with **Gen. Joseph Wheeler**.



**Memphis-Charleston  
Railroad, 1853**

## Western Division Open to LaGrange

### 50 Miles

On and after Wednesday, 29 June 1853, the Passenger Train will run daily until further notice as follows:

Leave Memphis at 6 a.m., arrive at LaGrange at 9 a.m.  
Leave LaGrange at 11 a.m., arrive Memphis at 2-1/2 p.m.

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At Lafayette, the train will connect with **L. Sims & Brothers'** daily line of Four-Horse Post Coaches for Holly Springs, Ripley, Jacinto, Tuscumbia, and Decatur.

At Moscow, the train will connect with **J. J. Wiley's** Tri-Weekly line of Four-Horse Coaches for Somerville and Brownsville.

At LaGrange, the train will connect with **L. Sims & Brothers'** Daily Line of Four-Horse Post Coaches carrying U.S. mail via Jacinto to Tuscumbia, connecting at Tuscumbia with the Eastern Division of this road, 43 miles to Decatur.

Passengers leaving Memphis at 6 o'clock a.m. by this route will arrive at Decatur at 2-1/2 p.m. the next day, thence by steamboats on the Tennessee river daily to Chattanooga. Between Memphis and Decatur, 93 miles of this road is completed, making only about 96 miles travel by stage over a good road.

Also, the Trains will connect at LaGrange with a Daily line of Four-Horse Post Coaches for Bolivar, Jackson, Huntingdon, Purdy, Columbia, and Nashville.

Passengers must purchase their Tickets from the Agents at the Stations or an extra charge will be made if paid on the Train.

☞ Passengers getting on the Train between Stations will pay fare from the next back Station, and getting off between Stations they will pay fare to the next Station in advance.

☞ Negroes must have a permit to be delivered to the Conductor naming the point to which they are to go and specifying that they are to travel on the Railroad without which they will not be carried.

-**B. A. Williamson,**  
Supt.

## Names & Salaries of Teachers In Memphis Schools For 1855

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
#1	<b>J. H. Combs</b>	\$800
#2	<b>Miss E. S. Bowdoin</b>	800
#3	<b>W. T. Baxter</b>	800
#4	<b>W. C. Munson</b>	700
#5	<b>Miss M. L. White</b>	550
#6	<b>J. P. Harlow</b>	500
#7	<b>Miss Harriet Black</b>	500
#8	<b>W. Z. Mitchell</b>	500
#9	<b>Mrs. L. H. James</b>	500
#10	<b>William A. Bowers</b>	500
#11	<b>Miss Rachel Rawlings</b>	500
#12	<b>A. J. Ward</b>	450
#13	<b>Mrs. Mary Gallagher</b>	450
#14	<b>Mrs. Henrietta Hampton</b>	450
#15	<b>Mrs. F. T. Jobe</b>	450
#16	<b>Miss J. Plunkett</b>	400
#17	<b>Mrs. Mary Alexander</b>	400
#18	<b>Mrs. M. L. Mackie</b>	400
#19	<b>Miss E. A. Rudisill</b>	400
#20	<b>Miss Rosina Yancey</b>	400
#21	<b>Miss Mary Mabson</b>	400
Ass't in Sen'r Dept	<b>Miss E. K. Brown</b>	500

**S. H. Toby,** Supt. - Salary \$1,200

The Catholic Free School at the rear of St. Peter's Church has 126 pupils under supervision of the pastors with **Mary Hope,** principal. (Rainey's *Memphis City Directory*, 1855)

## Murfreesboro Opens Female Academy

The Female Academy -- later renamed Soule College in honor of **Bishop Soule** of the Methodist Episcopal Church -- was established at Murfreesboro in 1825, with **F. N. W. Burton, Dr. W. R. Rucker, M. B. Mufree,** and **Dr. James Maney** the first trustees. The school offered classes in rhetoric, philosophy, belles lettres, painting, needlework and music, in addition to ordinary courses. Its first faculty was headed by **J. R. Finley,** president; **J. Hoffman,** and the Misses **Jane** and **Phoebe Raymond,** **Julia Knopp,** and **Jane DeWolf.**

In 1852 **Rev. Thomas Madden** led a move to expand the institution's scope. Trustees at that time were **L. H. Carney, B. W. Avent, D. D. Wendel, Levi Wade, W. R. McFadden, Joseph Watkins, William Spence, W. S. Huggins,** and **W. F. Lytle.** A new building was erected at a cost of \$25,000. During the Civil War, the school was used as a hospital and was alternately occupied by the Confederates and the Federals. The building was considerably damaged by shot and shell. In the early 1900's, **N. D. Overall** bought the school and **Mrs. Alice F. Glascock** became principal. Two years later, Soule College came under the management of **Miss Martha A. Hopkins,** daughter of **J. T. Hopkins** and a teacher at Nashville's Ward Seminary for 14 years. ■

# DYER COUNTY WILLS, 1858-63

*Abstracted from microfilm by Jean Alexander West*

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**J. NOAH PERRY** - Dated 13 Jan 1858. Witnesses: **R. L. Hinton, L. P. Stallings**. Proved in March 1858 term of county court by witnesses. Executors: **John F. Sinclair** and **James H. Perry** who posted \$24,000 bond with **David Bowen** and **J. P. Davis** as securities.

Wife - **Milly**

Sons - **James H., Noah T., Simon S., John A., Franklin P., Buckhannon**

Daughters - **Louisa Ann Harris, Milla Jane Stallings, Elizabeth Stallings, Sarah Francis, Margaret Louisa, Marcela, Adelad/Adline, Mary E. Riddick**

[Seven youngest children identified as Simon, Margaret, Marcela, John, Adline, Franklin, and Buckhannon]

Slaves: **Jorden** (man), **Marina** and **Emiling** (women), **Denis** and **Lock** (boys)

Leaves land and slaves to his wife, \$500 each to his daughters, and 700 acres worth \$10 per acre to be divided among his sons.

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**JOHN D. ALGEA** - Dated 1 Jul 1857. Witnesses: **Smith Parks, D. P. McCorkle**. Proved in July 1858 term of county court. Executors: his sons **Robert H.** and **J. S. B. Algea**.

Wife - **Sarah**

Sons - **Robert H., J. S. B., J. F., Abner H.** (minor), **James G.** (deceased)

Daughters - **Margaret L. Franklin, Eliza P. Williams**

Wife to receive household and kitchen furniture, stock and farm utensils, along with slaves **Frank, Pheby, Jenny** and infant child, **Vend**, and **William** during her natural life. After her death, the six children of deceased son **James G. Algea** are to be counted as one heir in equal division of her estate. Land adjoining that of **W. H. Franklin** and **E. Woods** is to be equally divided between sons **Robert H.** and **J. S. B.** Son **Robert** also is to receive the slave boy **Elisha**; and son **J. S. B.** the slave woman **Amanda** and her child, **Barbary**. Daughter **Margaret** is to receive the slave girl **Mary**, daughter **Eliza** the slave girl **Harriet**, son **J. F.** the slave girl **Isabel**, and son **Abner H.** the slave boy **Jim** and other legacies to make his portion equal.

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**CHARLOTTE WILKINS** - Dated 3 Sep 1858. Witnesses: **R. H. Davis, S. A. E. Davis**. Proved Dec 1858 court term. Recorded 6 Dec 1858. Executors not named in record.

Sons - **Newton B. Wilkins, John N. Wilkins**

Leaves son **Newton** \$100 and furniture, and son **John** furniture and 10 hogs. Balance of her property is to be sold and proceeds after payment of debts are to be equally divided "between all my children."

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**NARCISSA McCARROL** - Dated 30 Nov 1858. Witnesses: **I. J. Tucker, R. W. Tucker**. Proved in April 1859 term of county court. Executor: her "esteemed friend, neighbor and relative," **Robert Campbell**.

Son - **James McCarrol**

Leaves son her land in Benton Co., Tenn., near Camden; one yearling colt, one mule, certain furniture. Remainder of the estate, consisting of stock and household furniture, to be sold with proceeds after paying debts to be applied to her son's education.

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**SHADRACK R. SUDBURY** - Dated 28 Feb 1857. Witnesses: **J. J. Davis, G. W. Walker, Elias Parish**. (Proof of will not shown in record.) Executors named in will: sons **Jeremiah W.** and **John B. Sudbury**.

Wife - **Susan**

Children - **Jeremiah W., John B., and Sarah Frances**

Leaves slaves **Mary** and **Jane** and their children to his daughter. In codicil dated 10 May 1859 and witnessed by **F. B. Smith, Americus Adock**, and **B. S. Wilcox**, **Shadrack** gives his two sons the 275 acres where he now lives, and his daughter 100 acres where she now lives. He bequeaths to his daughter the 100 acres deeded to him by his son **John B.**, and in exchange bequeaths to **John B.** her interest in the land where he [**Shadrack**] now lives, saying this will give **Jeremiah** two-thirds of the 275 acres.

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**WILLIAM PARKER** - Dated 3 Jan 1859. Witnesses: **A. J. Harris, J. N. Haynes**. Proved at Aug-Sept 1859 court term. Executor: **Dr. A. Harris**.

After debts paid, estate to be divided among nieces and nephews: **Mary Anna Harris, Daniel E. Parker, Stephen Wood, Mary Fowlkes**, and **Pheby Mahan, Isaach Parker, Mary Ann Walker, Frances Parker, Martha Parker, James Dickey, Daniel Dickey, Isaach Dickey, Willis Dickey, Martha Dickey, Terry** and **Pheby McGeehy**. Leaves **Samuel Walker** a \$25 note against **Thomas Dickey**. Gives \$1.00 to heirs of **John Parker**, deceased, of Missouri.

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**ELIZABETH HODGE** - Dated June 1857. Witnesses: **S. Rice, Lovell J. Coffman**. Proved Sept 1859 court term. Executor not named in will.

Nephews - **Nelson Allen, Austin Stanley**

Niece - **Sarah Ann Murry** (deceased)

Great-nephews - **George Henry Murry**, son of her deceased niece **Sarah Ann Murry**,  
**George A. Stanley**

Great-niece - **Elizabeth Ann Murry**

Sister - **McDaniel Stanley** (?)

Slaves - **Harry**, old Negro woman **Rachel**, **William**, **Aaron**, boy **Matthew**, **Rachel** and her child, **Tennessee**

Leaves Tennessee land and slaves to nephew **Nelson**. Leaves 400 acres, part of a league of land in McLennan and Bell counties, Texas, to **George Henry Murry**, 400 acres from same league to Sarah Ann's daughter **Elizabeth Ann Murry**. If either should die before age 21 or before marrying, land is to be divided among the living children of her sister **McDaniel**, with 300 acres to go to nephew **Austin** and 300 acres to his son, **George A. Stanley**.

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**THOMAS TALLEY** - Dated 28 Sept 1859. Witnesses: **R. W. Peacock, W. J. Mahan, H. W. Vaughan**. Proved at June 1860 court term. Executors: **Lorenzo Watkins, George W. Talley, Permelia C. Talley**. Registered 8 June 1860. **William W. Watkins**, county court clerk.

Wife - **Permelia C. or Amelia**

Children - mentioned but not named

Slave - **Nancy**, Negro woman aged 28

Gives wife "free and unreserved control" of all his property until youngest child becomes 21 at which time she is to have one-third value of all the lands he owns and a child's part of his personal property for her use and benefit during her natural life.

At her death, real and personal property to be equally divided among their children and/or their children's children. If wife remarries before their youngest child becomes 21, she is to have one-third value of his land and a child's part of his personal property for her natural life. His one-half share of 536 acres which he owns as tenant in common with **Lucy Morris** which is near where he now lives in Dyer County is to be sold at a private sale --"if it can be sold for a good profit" -- and proceeds vested in other land suitable for a home for his wife and children.

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**THOMAS H. WILLIAMS** - Dated 18 Nov 1860. Witnesses: **A. G. Harris, M. O. B. Gauldin**. Proved at December 1860 court term by witnesses. Executor - his brother **Louis M. Williams**. Recorded 6 Dec 1860.

Mother - mentioned but not named

Brother - **Louis M. Williams**

Sisters - **Martha A. Westbrook, Susan S. Williams**

Leaves mother his interest in tract where she now lives which was purchased and is now jointly owned by him and his brother, **Louis M. Williams**. After her death, he wants the land to be sold and proceeds divided between his brother and his sisters. Leaves mother his present crop, all stock, and farming implements.

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**JAMES G. TINSLEY** - Dated 21 Sep 1860. Witnesses: **Thomas Nash, Thomas Shelton**. Proved Feb 1861 court term by witnesses. Recorded 7 Feb 1861. Executrix - his wife, who also is designated in will as guardian of his children without bond.

Wife - **Francis Mason Tinsley**

Wife to have full possession and right to his land, notes, and all other property.

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**[REV.] ALLEN A. JUSTICE** - Will not dated. Witnesses: **M. O. B. Gauldin, Thomas M. Harrell**. Proved April 1862 court term. Executors - **Smith Parks and William Parks**.

Wife (not named)

Children (not named)

Slaves - Negro woman **Manda** (who was a gift to his wife from her father); **Sarah** - to be sold

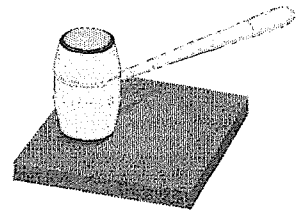
Wife is authorized to sell his land and use proceeds to buy a comfortable home for her and their children.

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**HIRAM WELLSBURGER** - Dated 18 Jul 1861. Witnesses - **M. V. Richardson, R. C. Parr**. Proved August 1861 court term by witnesses. Executrix - wife.

Wife - **Anna**

Leaves all of his estate to his wife.



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**JOANNA B. WILLIAMS** - Dated 5 Oct 1861. Witnesses: **Guy B. Douglass, Mary A. Bell**. Proved Jan 1862 court term. Recorded 6 Jan 1862. Executor - friend **Guy Douglass**.

Daughter - **Susan L.**

Sons - **George M., Peter W.**

Slaves - Negro men **Lafayette, Richard**

Leaves daughter slave **Lafayette** and \$200; son **George** slave **Richard**, and son **Peter** proceeds from sale of her house near Newbern and its contents.

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**JAMES L. SMITH** - Dated 8 June 1861. Witnesses - **Hugh T. Hanks, W. I. Mahan**. Proved Jan 1862 court term by witnesses.

Sister - **Mary Ann Smith**

Leaves entire estate to his sister.

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**LEWIS WARREN** - Dated 20 Jan 1862. Witnesses - **Joseph A. Crews, Steven Howard**. Proved Feb 1862 court term.

Son - **William Simon Warren**

Leaves son 100 acres in Civil District 3 adjoining **Joseph Shearon's, Rutherford's, and Poston's** lands.

Pages 108-109

**DAVID BAIRD** - Dated 12 Jan 1862. Witnesses: **Nathaniel Porter, Richard Heath**. Proved Feb 1862 court term by **Richard Heath**. Recorded Mar 1862. Executor: son **J. W. Baird**.

Wife - **Mary**

Two sons - **J. W. (William) Baird, Andrew R. Baird**

Four daughters - **Rebecca** (wife of **A. Jones**), **Martha, Elisabeth, and Mary**

Slaves - **Joseph** (man), **Patsy** (woman), **Joe** (boy), **Eliza** (girl)

Leaves wife **Mary** 50 1/2 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances and two adult slaves. At her decease, son **William** is to receive land left to **Mary** along with slave boy **Joe**. Also instructs that mountain land he owns in Middle Tennessee is to be sold after **Mary's** death. Daughter **Rebecca** is to receive lot in Newbern valued at \$550 separate from anything else coming to her and her husband jointly. Daughter **Mary** is given note he holds against her deceased husband (not named). Daughter **Elisabeth** is given slave girl **Eliza**, and son **Andrew** has already been given \$1100.

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**THOMAS FORD** - Non-cuperative (oral) will made at his home at Chestnut Bluff, where he had resided for about two years, before **Robert Johnson** and **Reading Williams** on 15 Apr 1862. Made out and signed by **Johnson** and **Williams** on 22 Apr 1862. Proved at June 1862 court term. Executor: **Robert Johnson**.

Mother - **Amy Ford**

Sisters - **Mary and Julia Ford**

Estate to be divided equally between mother and two sisters.

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**SAMUEL C. HENDERSON** - Not dated. Witnesses: **John R. Foster, William R. Prichard**. Proved by **Prichard** at June 1862 court term and by **Foster** at Aug 1862 court term. Legator names **R. G. Henderson** and **E. A. Henderson** as agents to finish any pending matters and give his estate to his wife "without any schedule rendered by the county court."

Wife - **Martha**

Wife is given all real and personal property for 14 years, and property is then to be divided equally between her and their living children (not named).

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**SUFFIELD FUMBANKS/FURNBANKS** - Dated 17 Mar 1863. Witnesses: **Christian S. Cobb, Edward H. White, Joseph H. Moore**. Proved in Apr 1863 court by **Cobb** and **White**. Executors - sons **Andrew** and **John**.

Wife - **Mary Ann**

Sons - **Andrew Lewis Fumbanks/Furnbanks, John Calvin Furnbanks**

Daughters - **Magdelane King** (wife of **Jethro King**), **Martha Ann Cobb** (wife of **Jacob Cobb**), **Caroline King** (may be same person as **Magdelane King**)

Granddaughter - **Elmira C. King**, daughter of his daughter **Caroline King**

Leaves estate to his wife for her lifetime, then to be divided equally among children

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**ALFRED P. O'NEIL** - Dated 27 Nov 1862. Witnesses: **John E. Bell, F. Albritton**. Proved by witness **John E. Bell** at Jan 1863 court term. Witness **F. Albritton** having moved from state, will was proved at April 1863 term by **Alexander B. Stallcup**,

**William C. Vail**, and **W. C. Doyle** who swore to **O'Neil's** signature. Executor and guardian of his children - **Henry W. O'Neil**.

Wife - **Margaret**

Children - mentioned but not named

Leaves entire estate to his wife with stipulation that after her death it is to be equally divided between his "bodily heirs."

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**MARY EDWARDS** - Dated 20 Dec 1862. Witnesses: **W. F. Nash**, **L. J. Moore**. Proved by witnesses at June 1863 county court term. Executor - son **James**

Sons - **James W.**, **Alva**, **William G.**, **David K. Edwards**

Daughters - **Elizabeth Ann**, **Elva Jane**, **Mary Jemima**

Leaves all of her land (78 acres) and personal property to son **James**, and instructs him to pay \$190 to **Mary Jemima** and \$5 each to the other children.

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**JOSEPH W. ELLIS** - Dated 30 Nov 1861. Witnesses: **Albert G. Pierce**, **David P. Pierce**. Proved in June 1863 county court term by witnesses. Executor - **Charles H. Ledsinger**.

Wife - not named

Children - **Nancy Ellis**, **Almedia Ellis**, **Margaret Eveline Ellis**, **William W. Ellis**, **George Washington Ellis**, **David T. Ellis**, **Martha A. Seals**, **William H. Ellis**, and **Francis J. Ellis**

Leaves wife one-third of his real estate including residence for her lifetime. After her death, property is to be divided between **Nancy**, **Almedia**, **Margarette Eveline**, **William W.**, and **George W. Ellis**. Other children to receive \$1 each.

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**HENRY CHERRY** - Dated 1 June 1863. Witnesses: **W. B. Stallings**, **Henry Jones**. Proved by witnesses at July 1863 court term. Executor - **J. S. Fanner**.

Wife - **A. M. F. Cherry**

Five children - **R. A. Cherry**, **E. S. Cherry**, **A. E. Cherry**, **G. W. Cherry**, **D. H. Cherry**

Leaves wife his livestock and one year's provision for herself and family. Mentions notes he holds on **J. H. Moss** and **E. G. Stallings** for \$600-700, and on **William Singleton** for \$11. Instructs that balance of his property is to be sold and equally divided between his wife and children.

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**ALEXANDER McCULLOCH, SR.** - Dated 14 Jul 1846. Witnesses: **J. H. Doyle**, **A. Benton**. Proved by witnesses Sep 1846. Executors - wife, son **James C. McCulloch**, and son-in-law **Nathaniel Benton**.

[Note: This will was recorded 17 Sep 1846 by **J. H. Doyle**, Dyer County court clerk. It was ordered to be again recorded at July 1863 court term. - **S. D. Whitten**, Clerk]

Wife - **Frances F. McCulloch**

Sons - **James C.**, **Alexander**, **John A.**, **Benjamin**, and **Henry Estice McCulloch**

Daughters - **Elizabeth Tarrant**, wife of **Robert Tarrant**

**Mary Ann Mitchell**, wife of **William S. Mitchell**

**Sarah M. S. Cobble** (deceased)

**Adelaide Pierce**, wife of **Albert G. Pierce**

Grandsons named in will - **Benjamin Estice Benton** and **Alexander McCulloch Pierce** (Adelaide's eldest son)

Slaves - **Lucy**, woman aged about 50; **Kate**, woman aged about 18 and her 18-month old child [name not stated], and

**Ned**, a boy about 10 years of age

Leaves slaves to wife. Instructs that all of his real estate and stock be sold as soon after his death as practicable, and that son **James** and son-in-law **Nathaniel** are to move his wife to Texas, purchase a 200-acre tract of land, and settle her upon it. After her death, the Texas land is to go to son **James**. All of his other property, money, and slaves are to be equally divided between **James** and his two grandsons, **Benjamin E. Benton** and **Alexander M. Pierce**, and \$500 is bequeathed to his daughter **Elizabeth**. He states that his sons **Alexander**, **John A.**, **Benjamin**, and **Henry Estice McCulloch** are "all men and able to provide for themselves." Nothing is left to heirs of his deceased daughter **Sarah** who received her share before her death.

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**WILLIAM R. PRICHARD** - Dated 1 Dec 1863. Witnesses: **George W. Prichard**, **Thomas J. Finch**. Proved Dec 1863 county court term. Executor - **Joseph Prichard**.

Wife - **Sarah Ann**

Two children - **Louisa A.**, **Mary F.**

Leaves all of his estate to his wife during her lifetime so long as she remains in widowhood. If she remarries, estate to be divided equally between her and the children. ■

# Shelby Co., Tenn., Survey Book B

*Abstracted by Jean Alexander West*  
(Continued from Fall 1998 issue)

The following transcript of Survey Book B does not include Pages 89, 92, 253, and 254 of Survey Book B which were missing from the photocopy of the original book. Plats are included with each entry. Unless stated otherwise, all surveys through September 1849 were certified by **John Wherry**. Photocopies are available at the Memphis/ Shelby County Archives, 33 S. Front, Memphis, TN 38103.

Page 54, #165 - 19 Mar 1845: **B. Hallum**, 39 acres in Range 8, Sec. 4 including occupant's claim as assignee of **T. D. Dalby**, adjoining **Philip A. Dalby, George Doherty, Robert Young**. From original survey 28 Oct 1839 by **John Ralston**.

#161 - 27 Feb 1845: **John Appleberry**, 102 acres in Range 5, Sec. 5 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Charles Isam**, adjoining **Elizabeth Nelson, McGavock, Bowers/Bowen**.

Page 55, #181 - 3 Aug 1845: **James Gillaspy**, 322 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3 adjoining **E. Herring, Powell Busby**, and **Gillaspy's** 18 acres.

#138 - 27 Jan 1845: **Alex Dowell**, 17 acres in Range 7, Sec. 2 adjoining **Wm. A. Keer [Kerr], Reynolds, Wilson A. Sanderlin**, 13 June 1845 plat and certificate transferred to **Wilson Sanderlin**. Certified 26 June 1845.

Page 56, #137 - 27 Jan 1845 - **Alex Dowell**, 80 acres in Range 7, Sec. 2 adjoining **C. E. Reindhardt, Wilson Sanderlin, James Cross, John Dickens, James Hunt**; 25 June 1845 transferred to **Wilson Sanderlin**. Certified same date.

#176 - 25 June 1845 - **Graves Pennington**, 350 acres in Range 4, Sec. 2 including and excluding **M. J. Pennington's** 50 acres. Adjoins **William Sigler's** northeast corner. Plat and certificate from the original.

Page 57, #182 - 5 Sep 1845: **C. C. Branch**, 288 acres, including and excluding 100-acre grant to **John E. Doss** (no range and section given), adjoining **John E. Doss, John D. Harbison, James Hunt, Tyree Roads, William Griffin**. Certified 5 Sep 1845. [Marked "Void."]

#164 - 15 Mar 1845: **John B. Cornelius**, 326 acres in Range 4, Sec. 1, adjoining **Wilson Sanderlin, P. Peterson**, south bank of Wolf River. Certified 14 May 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

Page 58, #175 - 13 June 1845: **B. C. Strouther**, 82 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 adjoining **Travis Owens, Job A. Lewis**.

#154 - 28 Jan 1845: **Robert I. Chester**, 120 acres in Range 8, Sec. 2 adjoining **McLemore & Carr**, eastern margin of Mississippi River. (Marked "Void." See Page 117)

Page 59, #155 - 28 Jan 1845: **Robert I. Chester**, 160 acres in Range 8, Sec. 2 adj. **McLemore & Carr**, east margin of Mississippi River (meanders with river), **John D. Graham**. Resurveyed 19 Sep 1845. Plat and certificate Jan. 1845.

#186 - 7 Oct 1845: **John B. Eckles**, 27 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2 adjoining **James Graham, E. Wilson, Wade & Graham**. Surveyed 3 Sep 1845 by **M. A. Kerr**, chain carriers **John B. Eckles, Wm. Blain**.

Page 60, #188 - 20 Oct 1845: **Jesse Lynn**, 200 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3 adjoining **Frances Gillispie**. From original survey made 5 Apr 1832.

#201 - 7 Nov 1845: **Thomas Anderson**, 200 acres in Range 5, Sec. 5 adjoining **A. Redditt**. Certified 6 Apr 1845.

Page 61, #194 - 15 Oct 1845: **William Wash**, 88 acres in Range 5, Sec. 5 adjoining **Henderson & McLemore's** 640 acres, **Zach Badgett**. Certified 17 Apr 1845.

#183 - 11 Sep 1845: **Richard Wallice**, 200 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2 including occupant's claim as assignee of **G. Rhea**. Adjoins **Allen Smith**, heirs of **Joseph McDowell, Deason**, church and schoolhouse 10-acre lot, **Fletcher's Creek, B. Robins**. Certified 1 Apr 1845.

Page 62, #187 - 7 Oct 1845: **William Sale**, 11 acres in Range 7, Sec 2, adjoining **Graham's** 23 acres, **L. Banks, Wade & Graham**. Certified 15 Sep 1845 by **M. A. Keer [Kerr]**.

#189 - 26 Oct 1845: **Gold A. Griffin**, 425 acres in Range 5, Secs. 3 & 4 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Weatherhead, Bledsoe, Reddit & Griffin**. Adjoins **David Redditt, Bledsoe, William Vaughan, Frances Bradley**.

Page 63, #195 - 3 Nov 1845: **L. Henderson**, 1,333 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 including occupant's claim as assignee of **James Jarrett, E. Ferguson, Joel Coward, R. Mayfield, G. Higganbottom, Robert Glidewell, E. Warren**. Adjoins **James Jarrett, William Brown, Thomas Brooks, Rob Carr, H. & D. Scott, J. M. M. Cornelius, Howard Owens, Robert Fearn**, crosses Wolf River twice, **L. Henderson's** 70 acres, **Thomas Person, Seth Wheatley, T. Moody**. Certified 15 Mar 1842.

Page 64, #185 - 7 Oct 1845: **John M. Davis** heirs, 165 acres in Range 7, Sec. 2 adjoining **Epps**. Certified 31 Oct 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

#186 - 7 Jul 1845: **John Thompson**, 16 acres in Range 6, Sec. 1 adjoining northeast corner of state on section line. Certified 23 Sep 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

Page 65, #179 - 7 Jul 1845: **John Thompson, Sr.**, 30 acres in Range 6, Sec. \_\_, on Wolf River adjoining **Bunch**. Certified 23 Sep 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

#197 - 3 Nov 1845: **William Davis**, 150 acres in Range 7, Sec. 1, adjoining land of **John M. Davis** heirs, **Samuel Keys**. Certified 31 Oct 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

Page 66, #188 - 20 Oct 1845: **John M. M. Corneleus**, 50 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 adjoining **Mason Nails**. Certified 26 Oct 1842.

#167 - 7 Apr 1845: **Highland Bland**, 68 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 including occupant's claim as assignee of **B. H. Owen**. Adjoins **Sarah Owen, Wilson Lurry, Strouther & Gooch, R. M. Rogers**. Certified 16 Nov 1840.

Page 67, # 212 - 10 Jan 1846: **Robertson Topp** and **A. R. Herron**, 118 acres in Range 9, Sec. 2 on island in Mississippi River known as Old Hen. Adjoins **R. C. McAlpin's** 320 acres, **Milton Kerr**. Certified 23 Oct 1845 by **M. A. Kerr**.

Page 68, #213 - 10 Jan 1846: **Robertson Topp**, 229 acres in Range 9, Sec. 1 on Island #46 or President's Island in Mississippi River. Adjoins **A. B. Carr**, eastern chute of Mississippi and meanders with chute, **William Person's** 123 acres. Certified 8 Jan 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. [Written at top of plat: "Taken out by **A. Dowell** 24 Mar 1846."]

Page 69, #153 - 6 Feb 1845 - **Richard Turner**, assignee of **Alex Dowell**, 40 acres in Range 8 Sec. 4; adjoining **George Doherty's** 3500 acres, **Moses Hickerson**. Plat and certificate dated 24 Mar 1846 by **A. Dowell, Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **A. Dowell, T./F. Dowell**.

#225 - 9 Feb 1846: **A. R. Herron**, 40 acres, fraction of Range 9, Sec. 1 on President's Island in Mississippi River, adjoining **William Person, R. Topp**. Certified 15 Jan 1846 by **M. A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, John Cruse**.

Page 70, #224 - 9 Feb 1846: **A. R. Herron**, 60 acres, fraction of Range 9, Secs. 2 and 3 on waters of Mississippi, adjoining **Robert I. Chester**. Plat and certificate sent to Memphis by mail as per order of **A. R. Herron** 5 Mar 1846. Certified 5 Mar 1846. Chain carriers: **Johil Jones, A. Holly**.

#226 - 9 Feb 1846: **A. R. Herron**, 156 acres, fraction of Range 9, Sec. 1, Island #46 or President's Island in Mississippi River, adjoining **A. B. Carr, R. Topp, William Lawrence's** 356-acres, **John Overton**. Certified 14 Jan 1846 by **M. A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **W. C. Causey, F. Fiskheart**. [Plat and certificate sent to Memphis on order of **A. R. Herron** 5 Mar 1846].

Page 71, #193 - 20 Oct 1845: **Clemment Hackens**, 100 acres in Range 7, Sec. 2 beginning at line of Secs. 2 and 3. Adjoins **William Miller, Josiah Alexander, M. Kerr**. Certified 29 Sep 1845 by **M. A. Kerr**.

#196 - 3 Nov 1845: **William S. Twyford**, 28 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2 adjoining **Twyford's** occupant's entry, **Joseph McDowell**. Certified 11 Dec 1845 by **M. A. Kerr**.

Page 72, #170 - 17 Apr 1845: **V. Quenichet** heirs, 200 acres in Range 6, Sec. 1 including occupant's claim as assignee of **John H. Russell**. Adjoins **James L. Hurt, H. Haralson, Cornelius Snider**. Copy from 1826 survey by **Wm. Lawrence**.

#203 - 25 Nov 1845: **Richard Jones**, 177 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Nathaniel Barker**. Adjoins **Stephen Jones, James Gillaspay, Thomas Wortham, A. Redditt**. Certified 7 Mar 1846 by **John Wherry**.

Page 73, #204 - 15 Dec 1845: **Stephen Jones**, 200 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Miles Measles**, adjoining **James M. Weatherhead's** occupant's claim. Certified 16 Mar 1846.

#199 - 3 Nov 1845: **R. Eldridge**, 106 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Cross**. Adjoins **Joel H. Hall, S. H. Roberts**, Winchester state line. Certified 12 Mar 1846.

Page 74, #200 - 8 Nov 1845: **Josiah DeLoach**, 200 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Allen James**. Adjoins **Richard Ramsey, Peterson** heirs. Certified 10 Mar 1846.

#208 - 15 Dec 1845: **John DeWitt** and **Wyatt H. Montgomery**, 109 acres in Range 8, Sec. 3, including occupants' claim as assignees of **William** and **Robert Montgomery**. Adjoins **McLemore & Carr, Green, William Bradshaw, Pillow**. Surveyed by **John Ralston**, no date given.

Page 75, #211 - 2 Jan 1846: **Jesse Wylie**, 198 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Redding Busby**,



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adjoining **Jesse Lynn, Stephen Jones, James Gillaspy**; from original survey 8 Nov 1832 by **H. Bate**. Two acres for common school land included in survey and excluded from complement. Certified by **John Wherry**.

#231 - 5 Mar 1846: **Pascal Rayham**, 200 acres in Ranges 9 & 10, Sec. 5 on towhead of Island #40 in Mississippi River including his occupant's entry. From original survey by **Milton A. Kerr**. Certified by **John Wherry**.

Page 76, #33 - 29 June 1845: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 282 acres in Range 8, Sec. 3 adjoining **James Overton, John McIver, A. Baylis, Carr & McLemore**. Certified 14 Apr 1846.

#35 - 1 Jul 1843: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 239 acres in Range 4, Sec. 2 adjoining **Philip Mason, Graves Pennington**. Certified 14 Mar 1846.

Page 77, #36 - 29 June 1843: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 646 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2 adjoining **Stephen Relph, John M. Shelby, Cobb, A. G. Jones, B. Williamson, James Warren, McDowell, Hillis, Wylie Roberts, Joseph Graham, H. F. Jones**. Certified 14 Apr 1846.

#124 - 12 Dec 1846: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 160 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 adjoining **Wilson Lurry, William Gipson, Strouther & Gooch**. Certified 14 Mar 1846.

Page 78, #232 - 15 Mar 1846: **R. Topp and A. R. Herron**, 195 acres in Range 9, Sec. 4 on waters of Mississippi River, adjoining **H. Bate, Carr & Ferguson**, bank of Mississippi River, **J. Terrell, Zach Edmonds**, and towhead. Certified 11 Mar 1846 by **M. A. Kerr**.

Page 79, #144 - 3 Feb 1845: **Alex Dowell**, 200 acres in Range 8, Sec. 3 on Loosehatchie River, adjoining **Dunlap, Ford, A. Bayles**. Certified 2 Jul 1845 by **M. A. Kerr**.

#237 - By law passed 11 Jan 1842, Chapt. #34, **H. B. S. Williams**, 33 acres in Range 8, Sec. 2 adjoining **Douglas'** 426 acres, **Francis McGavock, Thomas Hickman, J. D. Martin**. Certified 13 Apr 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

Page 80, #43 - 3 Jul 1843: **Milton A. Kerr**, 30 acres in Range 10, Sec. 4 on Island #40 in Mississippi River adjoining **Royster & Bransford, Spurlock**, to river's edge then meandering with river. Certified 6 Feb 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **Nicholas Gregory, Rufus Hinds**.

#122 & #156 (consolidated) - 2 Dec 1844: **Benjamin J. Dowell** #122 [blur], #156, 260 acres (597 in all) in Ranges 5 & 6, Sec. 4, adjoining **John B. Hale, Starkey Fleetwood, Thomas Yblood [Youngblood], Pope**. Certified 9 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **R. B. Goodwin, G. Dowell**.

Page 81, #177 - 3 Nov 1845: **Thomas Holeman**, 40 acres in Range 7, Sec. 1 adjoining **J. C. Lundy, Clingman & Poindexter**. Certified 7 Jul 1845.

#199 - 3 Nov 1845 (?): **Frances Cross**, 100 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1, adjoining **James Titus** on Winchester state line, **George Titus, Joel H. Hall** on Winchester state line. Certified 3 Nov 1845.

Page 82, #191 - 3 Nov 1845: **Andrew B. Howell**, 200 acres in Range 4, Sec. 3 including occupant's claim as assignee of **J. W. Royster**, adjoining property of Cumberland College, **Joseph Vaulx, James M. Lewis**. From original survey 3 Aug 1833 by **S. B. Choat**.

#190 - 3 Nov 1845: **William Rutledge**, 100 acres in Range 4, Sec. 1, including occupant's claim as assignee for **John M. Neely [McNeely]**. Adjoins **Phillip Mason, John Houston**, trustees of Cumberland College. From original survey 10 May 1830 by **John D. Graham**.

Page 83, #173 - 8 May 1845: **J. H. M.** [name not printed] in Range 5, Sec. 4 including occupant's claim as assignee of **John G. Adams**, adjoining **James M. Newsom**, president & trustees of Cumberland College, **George Doherty**. Certified 15 Sep 1839 by **John Wherry**.

#217 - 5 Jan 1846: **S. S. Rembert**, 27 acres in Range 7, Sec. 4, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Sarah W. Smith**, adjoining **Elijah Robertson, Wilson Sanderlin, David Ross, William Alston**. From original survey 15 Aug 1836 by **John Ralston**.

Page 84, #191- [no date] - **H. B. S. Williams**, 50 acres in Range 9, Secs. 1 & 2 on Island #46 (President's Island) in Mississippi River, adjoining **William Laurence, John Overton, R. P. Currin**. Certified 21 Apr 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

#241 - 8 May 1846: **A. Dowell and W. C. Dunlap**, 60 acres in Range 9, Sec. 4, adjoining **Ferguson & Carr**, bank of Mississippi River, **John Overton**. Certified 12 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **A. Dowell, B. F. Dowell**.

Page 85, #240 - 8 May 1846: **Alex Dowell** and **W. C. Dunlap**, 93 acres in Range 9, Secs. 3 & 4 on east bank of Mississippi River, adjoining **Richard Blackledge's** 3,000 acres on lower end of chute of Island #40, **Joseph H. Talbot**. Certified 12 May 1846 by **M. A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **A. Dowell, B. F. Dowell**.

#243 - 30 June 1846: **Alex Dowell**, 8 acres in Range 9, Sec. 3 on Mississippi River opposite lower point of Island #40, adjoining **Richard Blackledge, Joseph H. Talbot**, meandering with river. Certified 10 Feb 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **Richard Gregory, M. A. Kerr**.

Page 86, #250 - 5 Mar 1846: By order of Commercial Court, **James** and **James D. Ruffin**, 12 acres in Range 8, Sec. 2, adjoining **G. R. Ramsey**, southwest corner of **John Rice's** 5,000 acres in name of **John Ramsey**, to river and meandering with river.. from original survey 22 Dec 1821 by **William Lawrence**. Certified 25 Jul 1846

#210 - 1 Jan 1846: **Mary Bennett**, 198 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Samuel Bourland**, adjoining **John Donelson, Daniel Tradewell**. Certified 4 Sep 1838 by **John Ralston**.

Page 87, #245 - 11 Jan 1842: **William Battle**, 198 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5, adjoining waters of Beaver Dam Creek, **James P. Taylor, William Battle's** line of **Hill** tract, crossing Beaver Creek twice. Certified 20 May 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **J. Neal, G. L. Douglas**.

#223 - 2 Feb 1846: **D. & J. M. Fayden**, 128 acres in Range 6, Sec. 1, adjoining **Baylis & Davis**, running with Winchester line to **C. F. Bond, Marinda Eisenschmidt, David Dawson**. From original survey 19 Nov 1833 by **H. Bate**.

Page 88, #75 - 30 June 1844: **Ira Gaines**, 97 acres in Range 4, Sec. 1. Certified 8 May 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

#251 - 30 June 1846: **William B. Horn**, 34 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3, including his occupant's claim, adjoining **James Busby, James Irwin**. From original survey 9 Dec 1833 by **Henry Bate**.

Page 89, #239 - 6 Apr 1846: **Solomon Smith**, 50 acres in Range 8, Sec. 4, adjoining **James Moanasco, George Doherty**. From original 1837 survey by **Ralston**.

#233 - 5 Jan 1846: **John M. Cornelius**, 200 acres in Range 4, Sec. 1 adjoining **John Hotchkiss, James Irwin, Loyd DeLoach**. From original survey 24 Feb 1836 by **P. M. Tipton**.

Page 90, #252 - Mar 1846: **James** and **James D. Ruffin**, 114 acres in Range 8, Sec. \_\_, adjoining southwest corner of **John Rice's** North Carolina Grant #283 for 5,000 acres dated 25 Apr 1789, Mississippi River, **William Lawrence**. Plat and certificate 12 Aug 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**.

Page 91, #209 - 29 Dec 1845: **William Owen**, 582 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 including occupant's claim as assignee of **Lewis Stockton** and **Travis Owen**. Adjoins **Lewis Stockton, Travis Owen, Sarah Owen, B. C. Strauther**. From original survey 11 Nov 1832 by **H. Bate**.

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Page 93, #253 - 14 Apr 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 21 acres in Range 9, Secs. 1&2, adjoining **John Ramsey**, Mississippi River. Certified 29 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Causey, Samuel Cannon**.

#254 - 11 Jan 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 45 acres in Range 9, Sec. 2 on Mississippi River. Adjoins west boundary of **John Ramsey** and **Overton's** 5,000 acres, **H. B. S. Williams' 21** acres, to river and meanders. Certified 29 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, Samuel Cannon**.

Page 94, #255 - 11 Jan 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 50 acres in Range 9, Secs. 1&2, adjoining Mississippi River, **Ramsey & Overton**, a **Williams** survey at lower end of Fort Pickering Bluff, **John Overton**, Mississippi River. Certified 29 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, Samuel C. Cannon**.

Page 95, #256 - 14 Apr 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 29 acres in Range 9, Secs. 1&2 on Mississippi River, adjoining west boundary of **Ramsey & Overton's** 5,000 acres, **H. B. S. Williams' 50** acres, **John Overton** division to Mississippi River, meanders south. Certified 29 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, Samuel Cannon**.

#257, 14 Apr 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 31 acres in Range 9, Secs. 1&2 on waters of Mississippi River, northeast corner of his 29 acres. Adjoins **Overton & Ramsey's** 5,000 acres, **John Rice's** 5,000 acres, west with river. Certified 29 Mar 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, Samuel Cannon**.

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Page 96, #258 - 22 Apr 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 471 acres in Ranges 9 & 10, Sec. 1 on Mississippi River adjoining old state line. Certified 20 Apr 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, S. Henies**.

Page 97, #92 - 4 Mar 1844: **Robert C. Ledbetter**, 70 acres in Range 6, Sec. 1, including occupant's claim as assignee of **R. B. Po** \_\_\_\_\_, adjoining **John D. Graham, John Thompson**. Certified 16 Sep 1846.

#182 - 4 Mar 1844: **Charles C. Branch**, 248 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3, including and excluding from complement 41 acres granted **John Doss**. Adjoining **Curtis I. Berry, John D. Harbison, James Hurt, Tyree Rhoades, William Griffin**. Certified 5 Sep 1845.

Page 98, #141 - 5 Sep 1845: **Curtis I. Berry**, 41 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2, including and excluding from complement 58 acres granted **John E. Doss**. Adjoining **Thomas Henderson, Charles A. Branch**. Certified 5 Sep 1845.

#230 - 17 Feb 1846: **Major Whitesides** and **John K. Robinson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 155 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5, including occupant's claim of **Samuel Robinson**, deceased. Adjoins **Samuel Beavor**, middle Beaver Creek. Copy of original survey 14 Mar 1834 by **James H. Graves**.

Page 99, #229 - 17 Feb 1846: **Jon K. Robinson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 200 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5 adjoining **Samuel Robinson** heirs. Certified 10 Aug 1843.

#207 - 13 Dec 1845: **Betsy Wilson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 37 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 adjoining **John Morgan**. Plat and certificate from original notes [no date].

Page 100, #227 - 19 Feb 1846: **Nathaniel Sanders** by 1842 Occupant Law, 207 acres in Ranges 4 and 5, Sec. 1 adjoining **J. S. (?)** and **A. Irwin's** 640 acres, **John Hotchkiss, George Gillispie**. Certified 25 Jan 1844. Chain carriers: **James Corbitt, Ira Sanders**.

#259 - 10 Apr 1846: **Newton Bond** by 1842 Occupant Law, 62 acres in Range 6, Sec. 3 including occupant's claim as assignee of **James Duff**. Adjoining **Lewis Williams, James Duff, P. M. Mays, Richard Smith**. From original 1833 survey by **S. B. Choat**.

Page 101, #236 - 24 Apr 1846: **David Baxter** by 1842 Occupant Law, 210 acres [plat states 200 acres] in Range 5, Sec. 1, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Frederick Counts**. Adjoining **Niles A. West, T. J. Simmons'** 14 acres. From original survey 10 May 1830 by **John D. Graham**.

#1 - 1 Jul 1842: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 200 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Joseph Choat**. Adjoins **William Twyford, Joseph McDowell's** 5,000 acres, **Frances Wright**. From original survey 29 Aug 1833 by **S. B. Choat**.

Page 102, #99 - 6 Apr 1844: **Wilson Sanderlin**, by 1842 Occupant Law, 983 acres including occupant's claim as assignee of **John B. Cornelius**. Adjoins **Green B. Rogers, Job A. Lewis, Major Thompson, John M. M. Cornelius** (assignee **Patsy Dublin**), crosses Wolf River twice, **Thomas Nutt** heirs, **William Hammon/Hamner, Jack H. Langham, Major Thompson**. [Marked across page and "Incomplete" written in.]

Page 103, #273 - [no date] Order from Circuit Court, September term by 1842 Occupant Law for **James Seawell**, 620 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 on Wolf River, adjoining **John Martin, William T. Brown, Seth Wheatly**. Certified 10 Nov 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Preemptory mandamus case.

Page 104, # \_\_\_\_\_ - 14 May 1846: **Henry B. S. Williams** by 11 Jan 1842 law, 270 acres in Ranges 9 and 10, Sec. 1, President's Island or Island #46 in Mississippi River. Adjoins **Robert B. Currin's** 780 acres #92, **William Laurence**, middle chute, end of Bray's Islands at water's edge, and meanders. Certified by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **James R. Kerr, Tweedle**.

Page 105, #221 - 12 Jan 1846: **George C. Furber**, 60 acres, Range 10, Sec. 1 on Bray's Island or Island #46 in Mississippi River; adjoining **James Bray**, bank of middle chute. Certified 28 Jan 1845.

#220 - 12 Jan 1846: **George C. Furber**, 108 acres, Range 10, Sec. 1 on Bray's Island or Island #46 in Mississippi River. Adjoins **Henry T. Shoemaker**, meanders on bank of middle chute. Certified 28 Feb 1845.

Page 106, #216 - 5 Jan 1846: **William Davis** by 1842 Occupant Law, 100 acres in Range 7, Sec. 1 adjoining **James M. Key, Joel H. Hall**, dividing line of Ranges 6 & 7 to stake in Nonconnah Creek, **Robert I. Chester**. Certified 5 Jan 1846.

Page 96, #258 - 22 Apr 1846: **H. B. S. Williams**, 471 acres in Ranges 9 & 10, Sec. 1 on Mississippi River adjoining old state line. Certified 20 Apr 1846 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers: **William C. Cawsey, S. Henies**.

Page 97, #92 - 4 Mar 1844: **Robert C. Ledbetter**, 70 acres in Range 6, Sec. 1, including occupant's claim as assignee of **R. B. Po** \_\_\_\_\_, adjoining **John D. Graham, John Thompson**. Certified 16 Sep 1846.

#182 - 4 Mar 1844: **Charles C. Branch**, 248 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3, including and excluding from complement 41 acres granted **John Doss**. Adjoining **Curtis I. Berry, John D. Harbison, James Hurt, Tyree Rhoades, William Griffin**. Certified 5 Sep 1845.

Page 98, #141 - 5 Sep 1845: **Curtis I. Berry**, 41 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2, including and excluding from complement 58 acres granted **John E. Doss**. Adjoining **Thomas Henderson, Charles A. Branch**. Certified 5 Sep 1845.

#230 - 17 Feb 1846: **Major Whitesides** and **John K. Robinson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 155 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5, including occupant's claim of **Samuel Robinson**, deceased. Adjoins **Samuel Beavor**, middle Beaver Creek. Copy of original survey 14 Mar 1834 by **James H. Graves**.

Page 99, #229 - 17 Feb 1846: **Jon K. Robinson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 200 acres in Range 4, Sec. 5 adjoining **Samuel Robinson** heirs. Certified 10 Aug 1843.

#207 - 13 Dec 1845: **Betsy Wilson** by 1842 Occupant Law, 37 acres in Range 5, Sec. 1 adjoining **John Morgan**. Plat and certificate from original notes [no date].

Page 100, #227 - 19 Feb 1846: **Nathaniel Sanders** by 1842 Occupant Law, 207 acres in Ranges 4 and 5, Sec. 1 adjoining **J. S. (?)** and **A. Irwin's** 640 acres, **John Hotchkiss, George Gillispie**. Certified 25 Jan 1844. Chain carriers: **James Corbitt, Ira Sanders**.

#259 - 10 Apr 1846: **Newton Bond** by 1842 Occupant Law, 62 acres in Range 6, Sec. 3 including occupant's claim as assignee of **James Duff**. Adjoining **Lewis Williams, James Duff, P. M. Mays, Richard Smith**. From original 1833 survey by **S. B. Choat**.

Page 101, #236 - 24 Apr 1846: **David Baxter** by 1842 Occupant Law, 210 acres [plat states 200 acres] in Range 5, Sec. 1, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Frederick Counts**. Adjoining **Niles A. West, T. J. Simmons'** 14 acres. From original survey 10 May 1830 by **John D. Graham**.

#1 - 1 Jul 1842: **Wilson Sanderlin**, 200 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Joseph Choat**. Adjoins **William Twyford, Joseph McDowell's** 5,000 acres, **Frances Wright**. From original survey 29 Aug 1833 by **S. B. Choat**.

Page 102, #99 - 6 Apr 1844: **Wilson Sanderlin**, by 1842 Occupant Law, 983 acres including occupant's claim as assignee of **John B. Cornelius**. Adjoins **Green B. Rogers, Job A. Lewis, Major Thompson, John M. M. Cornelius** (assignee **Patsy Dublin**), crosses Wolf River twice, **Thomas Nutt** heirs, **William Hammon/Hamner, Jack H. Langham, Major Thompson**. [Marked across page and "Incomplete" written in.]

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SURVEY BOOK B (continued)

Page 107, #265 - 15 June 1846: **John B. Cornelius** by 1842 Occupant Law, 350 acres in Range 4, Sec. 1 on both sides of Wolf River, adjoining **William Harall's** 600 acres #90, crossing Wolf River twice, **Snow & Doty, Bowen Snow, L. H. Coe** to Shelby- Fayette County line. Certified 15 June 1846.

#255 - 5 Apr 1846: **Lewis Edwards** by 1842 Occupant Law, 27 acres in Range 6, Sec. 3, adjoining **William Davis, John V. Williams, Richard Fenner's** 5,000 acres. Certified 29 Dec 1846.

Page 108, #265 - 6 Jul 1846: **W. G. Strauther** and **Lewis Edwards** by 1842 Occupant Law, 291 acres in Range 5, Secs. 1 and 2 on north side of Wolf River, including occupant's claim as assignee of **John Powers**. Adjoins **William Twyford**, trustees of Cumberland College, **M. P. Scott, Travis Owens, Job A. Lewis**. Certified 6 Jul 1846.

#260 - 15 Jan 1846: **Eliza Scott** by 1842 Occupant Law, 200 acres in Ranges 4 & 5, Sec. 4, including occupant's claim as assignee of **J. W. McMahan**. Adjoins **James Erwin, Francis McGavock**. Certified 29 Dec 1846.

Page 109, #106 - [no date]: **Charles Crenshaw**, 123 acres in Range 6, Sec. 4 on south side of Big Creek adjoining **Samuel H. Williams, Bowen & Wilson**. From original survey 25 Mar 1833 by **John Ralston**.

#103 - [no date]: **Charles Crenshaw**, 141 acres in Range 6, Sec. 4 on both sides of Big Creek adjoining **Joseph M. Daniel/McDaniel, Samuel H. Williams, Charles Crenshaw's** 123 acres, **John Dawson**, crossing Big Creek three times. Certified 25 Jul 1844 by **John Ralston**.

Page 110, #105 - 14 June 1844 - **William W. Carwile**, 100 acres in Range 5, Sec. 4 on Big Creek adjoining **George Gray, Solomon Waters**, crossing Big Creek. Certified 5 Jul 1844 by **John Ralston**. [Plat and certificate transferred by assignee Wm. W. Carwile to **Thomas J. Cloar** 14 Nov 1844.]

#274 - 15 Sep 1846: Heirs of **Benjamin Robins**, 100 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Nancy Roberts**. Adjoins **Benjamin Robins' 200 acres, Shaw & Craig**. Included in survey and excluded from complement are 100 acres in name of **Benjamin Robins**. Certified 31 Mar 1830 by **John D. Graham**.

Page 111, #261 - 6 Apr 1846: **Silas Wherry** by 1842 Occupant Law, 24 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3 adjoining **Thomas Wortham, James T. Scott, Thomas C. Horn, Wherry's** 99 acres. Certified 9 Apr 1840 by **John Wherry**.

#269 - [no date]: **Henry T. Jones** by 1846 Occupant Law, 100 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Benjamin Halbrook**, adjoining **Shaw & Craig, Benjamin Robins, McDowell, Thomas Garratt**. Certified 1838.

Page 112, #214 - 7 Jan 1846: **Howard Owen**, 215 acres in Range 5, Sec. 2 adjoining **Mason Nails, James F. West, John M. M. Cornelius, Henderson**. Certified 1840.

#234 - 15 Jan 1846: **George W. Randle**, by 1842 Occupant Law, 74 acres in Range 4, Secs. 1 & 2, including his occupant's claim as assignee of **Sampson Nutt**. Certified 13 Nov 1838.

Page 113, #66 - 5 Dec 1845: **Thomas C. Horn**, by 1842 Occupant Law, 48 acres in Range 5, Sec. 3, including occupant's claim as assignee of **Jas. T. Scott**. Adjoins **Jas. Busby, Jas. Irwin, Wm. R. Horn**. From original survey 9 Dec 1833 [?] by **H. Bate**.

#266 - 11 Jul 1846: **John Wood** as assignee of **Phebe Deason**, 30 acres in Range 6, Sec. 2 adjoining **Deason, Fletcher's Creek, George Doherty, A. Powers**. Certified 12 Jul 1846 by **M. A. Kerr**.

Page 114, #132 - 20 Jan 1845: By entry of **B. F. Dowell**, entered in name of **Alex Dowell**, 194 acres by consolidation in Range 9, Sec. 4 [?] on east bank of Mississippi River opposite Island #40. Adjoining **Wm. Bateman, Bailey Anderson, John Ralston, Thomas H. Blount's** 2,500 acres. Certified 20 Sep 1845 by **Milton A. Kerr**. Chain carriers **Charles Marsh, B. F. Dowell**.

Page 115, #99 - 6 Apr 1844: **Wilson Sanderlin**, by 1842 Occupant Law, 983 acres in Ranges 4 & 5, Sec. 1 on Wolf River, including occupant's claim as assignee of **William Webb**. Adjoins **John M. M. Cornelius** as assignee of **Patsy Dublin; Thomas Nutt's** heirs; **William Hamner, Wylie Langham, Stephen Spears, William Mimms, Minnus [?] & Webb, Thomas Brooks**. Certified 26 Sep 1836. [See Page 102].

Page 116, #64 - 4 Dec 1845: **Green B. Bateman**, 50 acres in Range 9, Sec. 5 on bank of Mississippi River, adjoining **Bateman's** 160 acres, **Jesse Benton's** 424 acres, **Samuel Walker, Simeon Bateman**. Certified 9 Nov 1837. Chain carriers: **William Bateman, H. W. Bateman**.

#70 - 1 Jan 1844: **G. B. Bateman** by 1842 Occupant Law as assignee of **Zach Davis**, 200 acres in Range 8, Sec. 5. Adjoining **Jefferson Jarmon's** mill claim, **George Doherty's** 2,500 acres. Certified 8 Nov 1837. Chain carriers: **G. B. Bateman, John Wherry**.

*(To be continued in next issue)*

## Letters to the Editor

### Ezekiel Polk Article

The "Epitaph" article in *Ansearchin' News*, Fall 1998 issue was very interesting. As a descendant of **Ezekiel Polk** and his wife **Mary Wilson**, through their fourth child, **John**, we have enjoyed researching this branch of the family along with a cousin, **Burney Parker** of Brenham, Tex., who has many family documents.

**John Polk** (1774-1809) is not well documented, as noted in your article on page 5. His birth in 1774 is correct, but his death date is July 9, 1809. His only son, **John Armstead**, was born December 14, 1809, five months after his father's death. The elder **John Polk** was a hatter by trade, married **Nancy Barnett**, and is buried in the Providence Presbyterian Church cemetery in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina. It is about six miles east of the **James K. Polk** memorial at Pineville. His tombstone is in good condition. This venerable country church and cemetery now find themselves surrounded and threatened by super highways and wealthy subdivisions from the urban expansion of Charlotte, North Carolina.

In 1989 we visited the Polk Cemetery at Bolivar, Tenn., and photographed the historic sign and the monument to Ezekiel. I regret we didn't focus on the epitaph stone for detail. I believe the reference to the "camp brawling Methodists" was included.

**John Armstead Polk** and wife, **Ann Laura Alderson Polk**, moved in 1852 to Bastrop, Tex., from Mississippi and before 1860 to Corpus Christi where they operated the Virginia Hotel. Only three of their 12 children lived past 70 years of age: **Milas**, **Mary B.**, and **Annie Laura**. **John A.** died in 1883 at 74 and **Ann** died two years earlier in 1881 at 73. She is buried in the **Parker** lot of the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, Texas.

**Mary Bowden Griffin**  
1602 Russell  
Lufkin, TX 75904-4430  
(409) 634-3753

Editor's Note: Thanks so much for all the additional information on **John Polk** and his family. The family chart you included has been placed in our vertical file for researchers' use. Sharing information is what the Tennessee Genealogical Society is all about, and folks like you keep us going. May your number increase!

### Obion Court Minutes

**Jane Paessler's** abstracts from the Obion County Court minutes are much appreciated, given my roots in the county. I look forward to the continuation of her series.

The Summer issue of *Ansearchin' News* was one of the best ever. The story of the mounting terror of the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis was gripping in its detail. I couldn't put it down.

**Ray F. Huffstutter**  
1900 Leonidas Trail  
Marietta, GA 30064

Editor's Note: **Jane Paessler** spends many, many hours laboring over a microfilm reader and then on a computer to bring our readers this information which, to our knowledge, has not been transcribed previously. We hope to offer it in book form in the coming year. Jane also does a super job as director of our ancestor certificate program, and those of us at TGS headquarters value her contributions highly. Thanks, too, for your comments on the yellow fever story. Thoughtful people like you make it all worth while. ■

## Missing Puzzle Pieces

### McHALE

If any person knows anything of the whereabouts of **John McHale** who formerly belonged to the First Tennessee Cavalry, he will confer a favor by leaving word at this office or sending through the Post-office to **E. E. Jones**. His sister has not heard from him since a year ago last June.

(Nashville Daily Gazette, 30 Dec 1865)

### WILLIAMS

Information wanted of **Lewis Williams** of Blount County who was conscripted at Knoxville in April 1863 and sent to Vicksburg. He has not been heard of since the rebel retreat from Big Black river. Any information given as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his friends at Friendsville, Blount County. - **James B. Cochran**.

(Knoxville Whig, 5 Mar 1864)

### STREET

"Am anxious to learn the whereabouts of **Whiting P. Street**, 20, 5' 10-1/2" tall, and sandy complexion. Has been left about \$150,000 by recently deceased relative and his presence here is much desired. The last intelligence from him states he left Cheyenne for New Orleans and, thinking he may have stopped in your city, I take the liberty of addressing you.

- **D. F. Perkins**, Holyoke, Mass.

[Included in letter to the mayor of Memphis, 17 Aug 1878.]

## Scarlet Fever Takes Four Siblings

The deaths of the four children of **John P.** and **Virinda Charles** of Hawkins County were reported in *The Rogersville Times* of 18 Jan 1855. All four, who died over a four-month period, were victims of scarlet fever. They were:

**Dulcena M. Charles**, aged 5 years 9 months and 3 days, died 14 Oct 1854.

**Mary Darcus Charles**, aged 12 years and 17 days, died 29 Nov 1854.

**Matilda H. Charles**, aged 4 years 6 months and 17 days, died 2 Dec 1854.

**James D. Charles**, aged 9 years 7 months and 20 days, died 10 Jan 1855.

All were remarkably healthy until stricken by the fever, it was reported. The four were buried next to a little sister who preceded them some nine years earlier. [Her name and the exact date of her death were not given.]■

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**QUERIES** *(continued)*

**REYNOLDS:** Seeking death date/burial for Cornelius Reynolds. Last record was 1880 census which shows him living at Crossville in Cumberland Co. Judith D. Mayfield, 2402 Longwood, Pearland, TX 77581-5818

**BIRD/BYRD, GALLOWAY:** Looking for Vardeman Bird/Byrd and his daughter Louisiana or Lucy (Byrd) Galloway. Paul & Marie Goslow, 6123 Sedgwick Rd., Columbus, OH 43235-3318

**WILLIAMS:** Seeking descendants of Woodard W. Williams, b. Tenn. in Jul 1860, son of Francis W. Williams (b. ca. 1830 Tenn., d. Aug 1860-65 Tenn.) and Anna Eliza Burns (b. ca. 1838, d. Tenn.). After Francis died, Anna m. Rueben Thompson and had 3 children. Woodard living with mother and family in Henderson Co., Dist. 12, in 1870. May have lived near Pinson at one time, possibly went to Texas. His brother, James Wesley Williams, b. Oct 1854 Tenn., d. 1924 Gibson Co., m. Margaret Dovie Henderson. Annie M. Emrich, P.O. Box 3, Kenton, TN 38233-0003

**DAVIS, LOWRY, GILBREATH:** Need info on John Davis, b. 1740 Va., d. 1797 Jefferson Co., Tenn., m. before 1773 to Rebecca Jane (?), who d. at 95, was buried at Mt. Harmony, McMinn Co., by daughter Nancy Davis Lowery (b. 15 Jan 1773, d. 19 Oct 1851 McMinn Co., m. James Lowery ca. 1794 Jefferson Co.). Also John Fisher Gilbreath (b. 30 May 1796 Blount Co., d. 6 Apr 1877 Monroe Co.) m. 25 Dec 1815 to Isabella Eddington (b. 16 Jan 1798 Blount Co., d. 26 May 1874 Monroe Co.). Betty T. Benson, 3210 Lindbergh Dr., Dallas, TX 75228-5439, E-mail: btb@bens.com

**CONLEY/CONNELLY, LOVE:** Searching for family of Phoebe Conley/Connelly, b. 1 Jan 1793, East Tenn., m. Isaac Love, d. 18 Sep 1867 in Mo. Who were her parents and siblings? Mrs. Walter Germann, 814 Skyline, Junction City, KS 66441

**GRANT:** Need parents, grandparents, sibling for each of following who d. in Memphis 1878 yellow fever epidemic: Geo. Meek Grant (child), b. 9 Mar 1876, d. 11 Sep; Geo. Meek Grant (adult) interred Elmwood 12 Sep; Martha Grant, b. 5 Aug 1872; Jennie and Martha Grant, 106 Market St., d. 30 Sep; William Grant m. Mary Louise Noel 11 Feb 1852; G. H. Grant, Jr., 6th St., d. 12 Sep; Mrs. L. S. Grant and Louisa L. Grant, both d. 31 Aug. Also seeking parents and other info about Thomas Grant, plasterer, b. Tenn., but 1850 census shows him at age 25 residing in St. Louis with Geo. Meek Grant and wife, Margaret Travers (Travis). Will exchange info. Frances Grant Loring, 3723 Hwy. 51 N., Memphis, TN 38127-3729

**FRANKLIN BELL:** Born ca. 1833 Ky., taught at Hunnycutt Academy ca. 1853 in Morgan Co., Ala., at age ca. 20 m. 13-year old student Mary Elizabeth Rebecca Austin whose family lived in Austinville, Morgan Co. 1850 census shows her mother Nancy head of household. Need Nancy's maiden name and husband's first name. All family from N. C. Who were Franklin's parents? Boyce E. Morris, 195 Edenberg Dr., Collierville, TN 38017-4205

**DAVIS:** Need info on forebearers and early life in Tenn. of Samuel Dillon [S. D.] Davis, believed b. Boonville, Tenn., 13 Mar 1817. Arrived at Bayou Sara, La., before 20 June 1842, buried 5 Apr 1854 at St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish. Father's reputed name John S. Davis. Any connection with John Stone Davis, b. 27 Mar 1815 in Giles Co., Tenn., son of John and Milly Davis? Rev. Henry Gautreau, 3852 E. Brookstown Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70805-4791

**SAMPLE:** Seeking parents/siblings of Joseph M. Sample, b. 1825 Monroe Co., Tenn., m. 1856 to Mary Frances Hill in Monroe, d. 1895 in Franklin Co., Ill. 1850 Missouri census lists Mary Sample 64, widow, b. N.C.; Jane 30, b. Tenn.; Marry 27, Elizabeth 25, Joseph 24, Wm. 17, Samuel 4. Joseph's parents possibly Charles and Mary Sample. Need more proof than 1830-50 Monroe Co. censuses. Theresa M. Sample, 14578 Short Rd., Sesser, IL 62884-2426, E-mail: tmsample@my choice.net

**DILLIARD/DILLARD:** Felix G., b. Jul 1838, Pickens Co., Ala., son of Lunsford L. and Eleanor who lived in Tenn. Lunsford's father was Joel. Does anyone else need info on this Dilliard line? K. Schwend, HC 3 Box 31, Millboro, VA 24460

**CARDEN/CARDIN, MORROW, STUBBLEFIELD, HUDGENS/HUDGINS:** Will be happy to exchange info on these names. Jacqueline Mollenhauck, 3108 S. Independence, Ft. Smith, AR 72903-5950, E-mail: jacquiem@fspl.lib.ar.us

**DEWOODY, MANGUM, SETTLE:** Will exchange info on Settles/Armours in Fayette County or Nashville area, and Dewoody or Mangum families in Shelby Co. 1840-1900. Also on Cooper, Mayfield, Wooten in DeSoto Co., Miss. Mary Lou Cooper Thesmar, 4067 Wildwood Dr., Memphis, TN 38111, E-mail: lthesmar@iximemphis.com

**KIMBROUGH:** Trying to locate birthplace and parents of Pleasant Kimbrough who resided in Dunklin Co., Mo., by 1870. Peggie Hurteau, 100 Burns Farm Blvd., Edwardsville, IL 62025-2496



QUERIES (continued)

**FARMER, CHISM, DAVIS, DYER:** Seeking info on Fred Farmer, d. ca. 1907 Lauderdale Co.; Mollie Chism in Lauderdale 1870-1909; Wade H. Davis in Union Co. 1832-1912; Sarah Dyer in Knoxville, 11 Feb 1844-22 Jan 1919. Walter J. & Betty Parker Martin, 101 Stone Creek Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71913-7154

**NEWMAN, COX:** Seek info on Wm. Newman (b. 1777 in N.C.) and wife Naomi Cox (b. 1777 Pa.). Children, b. Tenn., were Elizabeth Caslin (b. 17 Oct 1801) and Ann Cumberland (b. 6 Oct 1804). Lived "one day's journey from Cumberland River." Moved 1804 to Montgomery Co., Ohio. Dr. & Mrs. Francis F. Fountain, Jr., 5360 Sycamore Grove Ln., Memphis, TN 38120

**BOWLES, SLOAN:** Need info on Absalom and Mary Bowles of Ala. (b. late 1700s). Daughter Sarah m. Absalom Wooten, Independence, Miss., 1851. Other children: Linden and Susie Bowles Potts. Where did they live before Ala.? Also researching Wm. E. Sloan who m. Susan Marr in Haywood Co., Tenn. Both d. in Eudora, Miss. Wm. b. in Ky. in 1804. Was pioneer river captain. His father, Alexander Sloan, d. in Savannah, Tenn. Esther S. McDaniel, 1025 Craigwood Dr., Memphis, TN, 38116-8205

**McMAHAN:** Need info on William S. McMahan, b. 27 Feb 1842 at Grayson, Carter Co., Ky., m. 24 Dec 1868 in Weakley Co., Tenn., to Victoria I. Nanney (b. 23 Mar 1842). His father Alexander (b. 1802 in Lee Co., Va.) was son of James McMahan. Mother was Eve Williams, daughter of John Williams, N.C. Iva Davis, 16549 County Rd. 248, Terrell, TX 75160-0521

**DeGROFF:** Need parents of William Degroff/Degrofft, b. 3 Sep 1796 in Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa. With N. Y. militia in War of 1812; m. Margaret Myers on 11 Feb 1821 in Gettysburg. Moved to Stark Co., O., ca. 1823/24. Settled in Williams Co., O., where he d. 29 May 1872. Joan Titus DeGroff, 351 Delozier Ln., Rockwood, TN 37854

**MAY, LOGUE, WIGGS, HEASLETT:** Seeking info on following in Wilson Co.: Frederick May (b. 1802, m. Eunice Cochran), Joseph Thomas May (b. 1874, m. Tennessee Love Logue), Cairnes Logue (b. 1786, m. Margaret Brandon), and Tapley Logue (m. Nancy Ann Bass). Also need info on Henry Wiggs (b. 1818, m. Margaret Lucinda Lockhart) and Henry Milton Wiggs (b. 1852) of Franklin Co., and William Heaslett, Knox Co., who m. Mary Clark and d. 1818. Joyse Ann Evans, 695 W. Olive St., Colton, CA 92324-1753

**WALKER:** Who were parents/siblings of Wilson Y. Walker (b. 5 Feb 1815 Tenn.) and wife Sarah Carter, (b. 1817 Tenn.)? Children: Elizabeth Sophronia (b. 1841), Sarah (b. 1843), Elisha (b. 1846), Alethia A., W. Bevely, Mary A., Amanda Jane, William B., and John James. Living in Smith Co. in 1850, in Obion Co. in 1860. Leslie C. Lindsey, 3800 Russell Hurst Dr. W., Bartlett, TN 38135-1967

**O'DANIEL, KEATHLEY, BRANCH:** Alexander O'Daniel (b. ca. 1790) m. Annie Keathley. One of their 9 or more children, Steven O'Daniel, b. 5 Dec 1812, m. Clarkie Branch (b. 1 Nov 1819). They lived in Gibson Co. in mid-1800s, and also had 9 children. Their third child was my great-grandmother. Where were these two couples buried? Any other info about Annie Keathley and Clarkie Branch welcome. Velma D. Evans, P.O. Box 926, Joelton, TN 37080-0926

**ELLIS, MANGUM:** Who were parents of Moses Ellis, C.S.A., who lived in Granville Co., N.C., and m. Mary Mangum of Granville? Both buried at Primitive Baptist. Church, Goess Rd., Durham, N.C. Cornelia Ellis Lee, 3653 Arsenal St., Memphis, TN 38128-3708

**PRICE, ANDERSON:** Need spouse of Mrs. Sarah Price who is on 1830 Jackson Co., Ala., census with 5 children b. somewhere in Tenn. May have been daughter of Gabriel Anderson who is on 1810 Bedford Co., Tenn., tax list. Her children: John "Jack" (b. ca. 1814); Betsy (b. ca. 1815), Robert "Bob" (b. ca. 1817-19), David (b. ca. 1822), Margaret "Peggy" (b. 1825). They all d. before 1880. Bob's son Michael and other descendants may have moved to eastern Ark. ca. 1900. Janis P. Lindemann, 1809 Bradley Lane, Russellville, AR 72801-4747, E-mail: jlinda@cei.net

**WHITWORTH:** Who are parents of William Whitworth, b. 5 Jul 1797 in Va., d. 5 Nov 1838 in Tenn., m. Mourning Brantley 25 Sep 1820? His siblings: Jane (b. 27 Oct 1790), Thos. B. (15 Feb 1793), Nancy (b. 5. Mar 1795), Sophia (b. 11 May 1799), Elizabeth (b. 9 Oct 1801), Edmond (b. 17 Jan 1803), Daniel (b. 19 Feb 1806), and John (b. 2 Jun 1808). Mrs. Lu Whitworth, CMR 420, Box 502, APO AE 09063

**HELP WANTED:** Seeking info on Cranwell, Billingsley, Rankin, and Worthington families anywhere. Mrs. Harold L. (Dorothy) Ball, P.O. Box 360308, Melbourne, FL 32936-030

QUERIES (continued)

**GALE/GAYLE:** Need info on Cumberland Presbyterian minister Wm. Gale/Gayle b. ca. 1800 in Va., m. (1) Sarah Harris 1823 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., (2) Demaris France. In Lincoln, Franklin cos. 1830-50; Jackson Co., Ala., 1860 until d. in 1873. Children: James A. (m. Margaret Rodgers), Mary Ann (m. James Bates), Elizabeth (m. Alvin Bates), Leroy (m. Caroline Bates, Eliza Yeager), Frances (m. Wm. Campbell), Wm. Martin (m. Mary Jane Wright), Henry Larkin (m. Lizzie McCain). Some went to Johnson and Erath Cos. in Texas. Jean W. Gayle, 124 Riverpark Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780, E-mail: jeaneliza@aol.com

**WEBB, BLACK, ALSTON:** Need any info on marriage of Methodist minister M. M. (Monroe) Webb to Sarah/Sally Black, daughter of James W. Black and first wife (need name), 1840 census Haywood Co., Tenn. James m. (2) Nancy Comer Alston in Fayette Co., Tenn., 1848. Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire, Memphis, TN 38117-5647

**LEDBETTER, JONES:** If you have any info about Jonathan Ledbetter who m. Anna Jones in Lumpkin Co., Ga., on 25 Jan 1842, please contact Phyllis Rasmussen, P.O. Box 98, Blue Lake, CA 95525.

**McBRIDE:** Seeking info on James McBride and wife Mary, listed in 1850 Carroll County census along with their 8 children. Eldest was my great-grandfather, Thos. McBride, b. 17 Oct 1833. Henry Mayers, P. O. Box 143039, Irving, TX 75014

**ROBERTSON:** Seeking info on Charles Robertson, b. Maryland 1768, moved to Madison Co., Tenn., 1825. Relocated in Texas in 1841 with his two sons, John Newton Robertson and my g-g-grandfather, William Miles Robertson. Henry Mayers, P. O. Box 143039, Irving, TX 75014

**BOYD, GORIN:** Trying to locate info about my ancestor Hugh Boyd and wife Lavinia/Vina Williams Boyd. Cannot find them after their marriage in Carter Co. in 1816, but their son Robert Winchester Boyd was married in Roane Co. in 1839. Will exchange info on Boyd or John Gorin family. Hugh Barnes, 3801 Smith Ln., LaGrange, KY 40031, phone (502) 222-1282

**GERELDS:** James Gerelds and Drucilla Greer (both b. ca. 1820) were last seen in Lincoln Co. 31 Jan 1842, on occasion of their marriage. Where did they go after 1842? When and where did they die? Betty Davis, 3137 N. 68th, Kansas City, KS 66109-1342, E-mail: bmdavis@swbell.net

**SANDERS:** Looking for descendants of David H. E. Sanders, b. 11 Apr 1795 in Wake Co., N.C., m. Martha D. Lane 1 Sep 1825 in Madison Co., Tenn., d. 21 Sep 1861 in Des Arc, Ark. Jack W. Sanders, 14305 Longtree Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212

**BUSBY, WATKINS, BARTON:** Seeking info on Cynthia Busby, listed at age 14 on Cross Co., Ark., 1850 census. What is her connection with James Barton family of Tipton Co., Tenn., in 1850 and with Watkins and Busby families of Tenn.? Will pay all costs for copying, postage. Mrs. Frank F. Sloan, 602 W. Oak, Jonesboro, AR 72401-3902

**WISEMAN:** Seeking info on parents, siblings of Eleanor Wiseman who m. Jacob Smith on 17 Aug 1841 in Tipton Co. Believe she is daughter of William Wiseman and Sarah McBride but have no proof. Mark Adkinson, 5832 NW 62nd Terrace, Warr Acres, OK 73122-7348

**BRAMLEY:** Looking for info on Thomas Bramley/Brumley who migrated from Va. to Tenn. ca. 1780. Also need info on Benjamin Amonet's father Charles who d. ca. 1789 in Powhatan Co., Va. (Benjamin m. Nancy Hubbard of Powhatan in 1793.) Ron Bramley, 2649 Overlook Dr., Germantown, TN 38138-6113

**FORTUNE:** Patrick Fortune, b. ca. 1854 Hardeman Co., son of Nicholas W. and Rachael (Paschall) Fortune is on 1860, 1870 Hardeman Co., census, then disappears. What happened to him? Die? Move? Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901

**DRIVER, GILLESPIE:** Need parents, siblings of James DeMoss Driver, b. 2 Jan 1830 in Tenn., and Sarah LaDoska Gillespie, b. 17 Nov 1840, Lauderdale Co. They m. 21 Nov 1860 in Lauderdale then moved to Arkansas. Children: Abner, Minerva Tennessee, James Skelton, Sarah Savilla, William Walter, Edward Ely, John Lee, Jettie DeMoss, Martha May, and Lillian Driver. Elizabeth Shippen, 913 W. Semmes, Osceola, AR 72370-2345

**HICKS, TERRY:** Seeking info on Elizabeth A. Hicks (1836), wife of Edmond R. Terry. Am interested in identifying her parents/grandparents and their vital statistics. Loretta A. Lay, 6801 Connell Rd., Yale, MI 48097, E-mail: lorgl@greatlakes.net

QUERIES (continued)

**DUNCAN:** Seeking info on family of Enoch Benson Duncan (b. 1803/04 in Greenville, S.C.) and wife Nancy Fincher (b. 1807 S.C.). In Gwinnett Co., Ga., 1830-1840; Cobb Co., Ga., 1850; St. Clair Co., Ala., 1860; and then Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., Tenn. Nancy d. 24 Nov 1890 and is buried at Stewart Creek Cemetery in Lincoln. Seeking death info on Enoch and also looking for his siblings. Nellie D. Tomlin, 2934 Paces Lake Dr., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30339-4209

**MOREFIELD:** Need info on Morefield families who moved ca. 1855/65 from Johnson Co., Tenn., to Estill Co., Ky. Interested in parents/grandparents of Vincent Morefield, Margaret Netherly, James and Jane M. Morefield, Henry and Martha Morefield, parents of Sarah J. Morefield who m. Alexander Morefield in Estill Co. in 1874. Earl Tipton, 6 Carlyle Ct. NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547-1704  
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**MANGRUM ET AL:** Need info on Mangrums, Sullivans, Green, Anglin, Smith in Williamson Co. in early 1800s. Also interested in surnames of Grissom, Rhodes, Witt, Phifer, Miller, Moore, Mitchell in early Warren/White counties. Bonita (Bratcher) Mangrum, 1727 Pigeon Hill Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110 phone (931) 939) 2154

**SIMS ET AL:** Seeking info on Jesse Sims, b. ca. 1798, came to Lewis Co. from N.C., m. Jemima Hutchison. Their son Benjamin m. Rachel Kirk. Grandson Ben, Jr., m. Della Naylor, daughter of Nicholas Woodfin Naylor and Hannah Ashbrook and granddaughter of John Naylor and Sarah Woodfin who came to Bedford Co., Tenn., from Va. Jeann Sims, P.O. Box 244, Murchison, TX 75778

**HERRING:** Seeking ancestors, descendants of Lewis Herring, Joel Herring, and Ann Herring-Witherington-Glisson who came from Sampson Co., N.C., to Arlington, Tenn., in 1830. Especially interested in Lewis who m. Persis Westbrook in N.C. in 1812. Wish to correspond with descendants and exchange info. Alice Sexton, 6583 Heatherwood Dr., Memphis, TN 38141-0768, phone (901) 365-9527

**BERNARD:** Who was wife of Luke Bernard who d. 1760/62 in Frederick Co., MD.? Had 7 known children. Also seek info on wife of his son John Bernard. They were m. in Frederick Co. and John d. 1780 in Davidson Co., Tenn. Son Walter Bernard, b. 13 Feb 1758 in Frederick Co., m. Ruth Hill 6 Apr 1782 in Henry Co., Va., d. 5 Feb 1841 in Franklin Co., Va. Oldest of their 9 children, Thomas Hill Bernard, m. Elizabeth Susan Barksdale and their children settled in Tate Co., Miss. Charlotte Williams, 7863 Hummingbird Cove, Olive Branch, MS 38654, E-mail: softpatches@worldnet.att.net

**SORRELLS:** Seeking ancestors/descendants of Thos. Sorrells, b. 1793 N.C., d. Apr 1870 Lincoln Co., Tenn. Children: Elizabeth Gibson, Malinda Nichols, James Edward, Thomas, Adaline Young, Sarah Catherine Gibson, Wm. Harvey, John S., Mary Jane Hazelett. Sherry Sorrells Finchum, 1291 Ashwood Dr., Jefferson City, TN 37760-5350, E-mail: finchums@usinternet.com

**PIERCE/GREER:** Seeking parents, siblings, etc., of Hiram Pierce (1806-1886) and his wife Kizziah Greer (1814-1881), both of Big Sandy, Benton Co. Hiram was possibly full- or half-blooded Indian. Knox Martin, 1176 Dearing Rd., Memphis, TN 38117-6148

**ERWIN:** Am searching for a document on William and Polly Cathy Erwin's children that I can use as proof of this line. They came to Sumner Co. first, then Maury, and finally McNairy. Died after 1850 census. Rea G. Collins, 2501 Westerland Dr., F-115, Houston, TX 77063-2244

**SHELTON:** Looking for parents of Lillie Mae Shelton, b. 10 Aug 1894 in Texas, m. 1911 to Walter Grady Birdsong in Elkton, Tenn., d. 4 Jan 1977 in Elkton. Death certificate lists her parents as Etta Claud and James Shelton, both b. Tennessee. She had a sister Bessie and a brother James. Kathryn A. Stevenson, P.O. Box 366, Gustine, CA 95322-0366

**BARNETT:** Seeking parents of William Barnett, b. 31 Mar 1811, d. 27 Feb 1885, m. 10 May 1837 to Ruth Hampton, who was b. 8 May 1814 in S.C. and d. March 1862 in Tenn. I think her father was Wade Hampton. Doris R. DeBord, Rt. 2, Box 27, Pikeville, TN 37367-9509

**SLAUGHTER:** Looking for any Slaughter relative with photos of Cora DeMar Slaughter, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emma (Stuart) Slaughter of Shelby County, or her siblings. Will share copy of her paternal grandfather's photo. I am her paternal granddaughter. Brenda Carpenter O'Steen, 2951 North Star, Bartlett, TN 38134, (901) 372-3129 or 1-800-380-9921.

**QUERIES** *(continued)*

**WILL EXCHANGE INFO** on these families of the late 1700-early 1800s: Crockett, Crotchett, Redkin, Eldridge/Eldredge, Dyer, Cowan, Stidham, Clark. Dee Doyle, 515 N.E. 5th, Abilene, KS

**CLAXTON, MARTIN:** Need parents, children, and other info on James Claxton and Polly Martin who m. 3 Mar 1817 in Sumner County. Anything! Also, who was Martha Martin? 1850 Tippah Co., Miss., census, shows her aged 78, b. in Va., and living in Ford Mathis household. In 1860 Tippah Co. census, she was in Hiram Madison Claxton household. Wanda Claxton Warehime, 1520 E. 19th, Tulsa, OK 74120-7613, E-mail: cccorp@swbell.net

**STUBBLEFIELD, CARPENTER:** Need birth dates, marriage dates of Andrew Jackson Stubblefield and wife Tempy Jane Carpenter from Logan Co., Ark. Town may be Ratcliff. Phyllis Bockstadter, 3562 Shelter Creek Dr., Napa, CA 94558-2410

**LOST:** Great-grandfather Joseph Deaken Bayless b. 1811 in Nashville, Tenn., Washington Co. His father was Daniel Bayless. Joseph m. (1) Parthena Kloff, had four children; (2) Mae Mary "Polly" Casteel, b. 1819, d. 1903, had 11 children, eight of whom were born in Knob Lick, Mo. Dorothy Bayless, 12021 N. 43rd Ave., Apt. 162, Phoenix, AZ 85029-2930

**DODSON:** Will appreciate any info on William Dodson who m. Mary Berry in Hawkins Co. on 27 Nov 1849 with Wm. Roark, security. Emily Dodson, 825 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20037-2383

**TWOMEY, TERRELL:** Looking for parents and siblings of Morris David Twomey, b. 5 Nov 1818 in Tenn., d. 17 Feb 1862 in Civil War, place unknown. Married 29 Dec 1851 to Harriet Neal Terrell in Williamson County. Any help appreciated. Patty S. Williams, 1573 Neosho St., N.E., Palm Bay, FL 32907-2408

**RUSSELL, DAVENPORT:** Request info on parents of John Hile/Hyle Russell, b. 12 Jan 1823 in Bedford or Stewart Co.; d. 26 Jun 1891 in Graves Co., Ky. Married Mary Boyd Davenport (b. 16 Aug 1836, d. 25 Jun 1925). Amanda A. Canter, 706 E. Smith, California, MO 65018-1841

**SOUTH, HUBER:** Looking for parents of Nancy Ann South, b. 16 Jan 1833 in Tenn.; m. Francis Carr Huber on 17 Nov 1851 in Warrick Co., Ind. Came to Warrick with parents when 9 years old. Death record shows her mother's surname was Camp. Census records say her father b. in Tenn. Jack Maidlow, 4103 Sevilla Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628

**PRICHITT, COLEMAN:** Samuel Pritchitt and Ann Coleman of Nashville m. in 1845. Looking for parents of either one. He was b. in New Jersey, she was b. in Tenn. Barbara Hookings, 2399 Windy Oaks Dr., Germantown, TN 38139

**ELMORE, DUFFER:** Seeking info on Elmore family before 1850, Duffer family before 1880 -- all counties. Betty D. Duffer, 1806 - 37th Way S.E., Auburn, WA 98002-8235

**FORRESTER, BREEDEN:** Seeking info on parents and family of Mary Forrester who m. John Breeden 10 May 1822 in Roane County. John and family relocated to Osage, Maries Co., Mo., ca. 1842. Mary died either before the move, on the way, or soon after arriving in Missouri. David N. Duncan, 1860 Wilbourne Rd., Oakland, TN 38060-4315

**BURTON:** Need to contact descendants of David and Samuel Burton who moved to Franklin Co., Tenn., ca. 1812 from Orange Co., N.C. Owned land on south side of Elk River and were sons of Samuel Burton [d. before 8 Feb 1780, Orange Co.] and Susannah (?). Their sister Anna m. a Wood. Their brother Culbirth/Culberth Burton had a son, Williamson, who apparently lived for a while in Franklin Co. before returning to Orange. Yvonne Spence Perkins, 2107 - 54th St., Lubbock, TX 79412-2610, E-mail: yperkins@juno.com

**FOWLER:** Seeking maiden name of Mary who m. James Fowler ca. 1836. Have been unable to find any record of their marriage. Mary b. ca. 1810 in Tenn., and James b. ca. 1806 in S.C. Their two daughters b. in Tenn. in 1837 and 1840. Possibly lived in Franklin County. Marjorie Thomas, 1302 Westbrooke Terrace, Norman, OK 73072-6015

**FAIRCLOTH, SANDLIN:** Who were parents of Nancy Faircloth, b. 1802, Screven Co., Ga., m. Jesse Sandlin in Laurens Co., Ga., in 1822? Their daughter, Nancy Jane, b. 1834 in Lee Co., Ga., m. in 1858 to Dr. Jonathan Singleton Cheshire in Stewart Co., Ga. Jesse and Nancy had 7 other children who all died in Webster Parish, La. Mrs. Robt. K. (Jane) Jones, 147 S. Rose Rd., Memphis, TN 38117-2903

QUERIES (continued)

**WATSON:** Need info on Thos. Tennessee Watson, b. Va., owned rolling mill and iron furnaces in Tenn. and Trigg Co., Ky., where he d. ca. 1848. Will names daughter Martha Watson (m. Alexander J. Porter prob. Nashville area), and illegitimate children: Jane and Thos. T. Holden (mother Nancy Holden) and John T. and Lucy Mira/Mina Bradley (mother Lucy M. Bradley). Leaves them legacy provided they take Watson surname. 1850 Trigg Co. census lists John T. Watson, 6, in home of Quinton M. Tyler, teacher, and sister Polly Ann Watson, plus nieces and nephews with Moore and Johns surnames. Mrs. Art B. Martin, 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901-6243

**WILLIAMS:** Request any info on (Judge) John Williams and wife or his mother, \_\_\_ Taylor Williams who migrated to Smith County in early 1800s. Beth Williams, 901 W. Anderson, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**JAMES, NANCE, WALPOLE:** Seek info on Wm. Nicholas James (b. 11 Feb 1804) and Clementina Nance (b. 14 May 1802) who m. 12 Nov 1824 in Rutherford County. Also need info on his parents, Care James and Martha Walpole, who both d. in Rutherford County. William T. Owens Smith, 4905 Berkley St., Bethesda, MD 20816-2736, E-mail: Lowensxs@Counsel.com

**TANNER:** Seeking descendants of John Jacob Tanner, b. 15 Sep 1844 in Switzerland, came to Memphis and worked as a baker, d. 1937. On 29 Dec 1869 m. Ursula Schobinger (b. 1847, d. 1902) in Trinity Lutheran Church (German). Children: Amelia E., Henry G., Lillye E., Alfred W., Paul J. Tanner. All buried Elmwood. My grandfather, Henry Tanner Winkelman, was named after Jacob who may have been our great grandmother's half-brother. If you know anything about this family, please write or call Arabelle Hawk, Hamilton, Rt. 2, Box 440, Lake Providence, LA 71254, phone (318) 559-1267

**STARKEY:** Looking for relatives of Wm. S. Starkey in Shelby Co. Children: Terrell/Jerrell, Catherine (m. G. W. Coker?), Mary T. (m. John Poston?), James S., and Joshua. Will share info. Jodie Cole, 2600 N.W. 66th, Oklahoma City, OK 73116

**RAINS:** Need names of the six children of John and Jane Rains of Cocke County, who were divorced in 1829. Helen B. Butts, 29482 Millcreek Marina R, Gravois Mills, MO 65037

**BROWN:** Seek info on origins, parents, siblings of Lent Brown, b. 1781 Va., d. Nov 1851 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Wife Nancy (?). Children: Mary, Sarah, William R., Jane, Matilda, Pleasant W., Martha A., Anna, Elizabeth, Henry. Donna Rowland Gough, 1928 Winterport Cluster, Reston, VA 20191-3652

**STILL, LYDA:** My Still and Lyda families moved to White Co., Tenn., ca. 1808 from Buncombe Co., N.C. Boaz Still family lived there through 1820 census, then moved to Marion Co. where Boaz was on 1830 census. His wife Mary Lyda died in 1840 at age 70 and is buried in Sparta. What happened to Boaz? Where is Calf Killer River? Are others interested in these families? Elizabeth Laughlin, 420 S. Kirkwood Rd., Apt. 114, St. Louis, MO 63122-6162

**JONES, WHITE:** Who were parents of Fedelia Jones White who m. Joseph Henry White on 4 Oct 1857? She was b. 2 Oct 1838, d. 26 Sep 1892, and is buried in Weakley County. Betty Jo Ross, 2585 Vauxhall, Cordova, TN 38018

**BOYDSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH:** Need any info on this church and Boydsville Cemetery on Kentucky-Tennessee state line road. My husband's great-great grandfather, James Edward McConnell, gave land for church and cemetery. Norma Faye McConnell, 203 Kennedy Dr., Sikeston, MO 63801-51287

**LeGRAND:** Need info on Peter LeGrand family living in Rutherford Co. 1800-30. William LeGrand m. Frances Gayle there in 1829. Seeking William and Frances in any census and need any of their descendants. Jean W. Gayle, 124 Riverpark Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780, E-mail: jeaneliza@aol.com

**BIZWELL, SLAYDEN:** Seeking parents, siblings of Josiah A. Bizwell (b. 1815 in Va., m. 3 Sep 1840 in Maury Co. to Parthenia M. Slayden (b. 1818 in Tenn.)). Donald R. Hundley, P.O. Box 58146, Nashville, TN 37205, E-mail bnahawk@aol.com

**WILLIAMS:** Who were parents of Rachel/Ann in who m. William M. Williams ca. 1805 in Smith Co.? She was b. ca. 1793 in Maryland. Son James Monroe Williams m. Anna A. Dodd in Cannon Co. on 22 Oct 1857. Mary Bryant Park, 2204 W. 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, E-mail: crosstich@webtv.net

**STEPHENSON:** Need info on ancestors and descendants of Edward Stephenson (ca. 1714-1766) of Albemarle Co., Va., and his son, Robert (1740-1793) of Jefferson Co., Tenn. Dr. Robin M. Stevenson, 4280 Tuckahoe Rd., Memphis, TN 38117.

**QUERIES** *(continued)*

**BRAZEL/BRASEL, BRYANT:** Seek connection, if any, between Brazel/Brasel and Bryant/Briant lines in DeKalb, Cannon Co. Was Brazel surname of Rachael who m. James T. Briant ca. 1815? Mary Bryant Park, 2204 W. 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, E-mail: crosstich@webtv.net

**ADAMSON:** Who was wife of Simon Adamson, b. 1733, Berks Co., Pa., d. ca. 1800 in Jefferson Co., Tenn.? Children: Jesse, Enos, Simon, David, John, Jonathan, Thomas, all b. 1759-1780. May be others. Mary Bryant Park, 2204 W. 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, E-mail: crosstich@webtv.net

**WELLS:** Seek parents of Mary Wells, b. ca. 1760, m. ca. 1777 in N.C. to Jesse Adamson, b. 1759, N.C. Children: John, Joseph L., Charity, Margot, William, Simon Wells, Mary, Elizabeth, Jesse, Elijah. Mary Bryant Park, 2204 W. 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, E-mail: crosstich@webtv.net

**SCARBROUGH:** Info needed on Gilbert Scarbrough, b. 1894 in Tenn., and his daughter Agnes, b. ca. 1916. Also Thos. Houlette, b. 1843 in Ohio, Lewis Scarbrough b. 1870 in Tenn., Earl Scarbrough's children Linda and Danny, b. ca. 1945, maybe in Calif. Who are parents of Daniel Williamson Tucker, b. 1817 in Randolph Co., N.C.? Fred Scarbrough, 701 Fairview Ave., Murfreesboro, TN 37130-2736

**HOWE:** Searching for info on Samuel Howe (father William) who lived in Davidson Co. ca. 1810-25. Wife was Anna Berry. Who were her parents? Martha Zimmernan, P.O. Box 200, Harvel, IL 62538, E-mail: zimfarm@ccipost.net

**BROWN:** Would like any info on Adam Brown, b. Va., m. in Ga., living in Madison Co., Tenn., by 1823. Wife's name was Aquilla (surname unknown). They had a son Andrew Brown. Nancy C. McGee, 8925 Fulton Cove, Cordova, TN 38018

**MOONEYHAM:** Need info on my great-grandparents, James Mooneyham (b. 1865 Tenn.) and Nancy Ann Webster (b. Oct 1866 in Ill.). He was son of Anderson Mooneyham (b. 1833, Van Buren Co.). She was daughter of Bob Webster (b. Ga.) and Nervie Turner (b. Ala.). James and Nancy spent some time in Hamilton Co. Julie Momenee-Mossing, 935 S. Wynn Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

**DIAL, GURLEY:** My great-great-grandmother Arminta Caroline Dial was b. 1833, m. M. W. Gurley in Hardeman Co., d. in Corinth, Miss., in 1883. Who were her parents? His father was Winsor Gurley. Will swap info with interested persons. Mary Frances Hurley Foust, 1555 Saulsbury Rd., Saulsbury, TN 38067, E-mail mfoust@bellsouth.net

**GREEN, McGEE:** Seeking parents of Abel Nelson Green (b. 1815 Tenn.) and wife Mary "Polly" McGee whom he married in Itawamba Co., Miss., in 1840. Lived in Tishomingo Co., Miss., for number of years. Both d. in Wise Co., Tex., and buried in Paradise Cemetery. Their oldest son, John Willis Green, d. in Alabama while Yankee prisoner. Will gladly exchange info. Marjorie Moore Green, 8093 Cinders Rd., Bartlett, TN 38133-2021

**ROGERS:** Seeking birthplace and parents of my great-great-grandfather Henry Rogers, b. ca. 1815 Tenn., migrated to Nacogdoches, Tex., in mid-to-late 1830s. Married (1) Harriet Evans Whitaker on 6 June 1848 in Nacogdoches, (2) Amanda Elizabeth Sparks O'Hair on 18 Aug 1864 in McLennan Co., Tex. What, if any, is his connection to Thomas H. Rogers, Larkin Rogers, Joseph Byrd Rogers, Samuel Everett Rogers, and James Carroll Rogers who all came to Texas about same time? Mary Helen Baxter, Rt. 2, Box 48-A, Lampasas, TX 76550, E-mail: kbaxter@centex.net

**BOARD, BOGARD, EVANS, PLEASANTS, WALL, WOODSON:** Who were parents of Susannah Board whose family moved to Tenn. from Va.? She m. Jacob Bogard ca. 1785, possibly in Tazewell Co., Va. Both d. Maury Co., Tenn., Jacob in 1820. Also need info on Isabella Woodson, b. 1838 Goochland Co., Va., m. (1) H. H. Wall ca. 1857 Marshall Co., Miss., (2) John Evans ca. 1870 in Marshall Co. Her daughters: Diana R. Wall b. 1858, and Annie Wall b. 1861 (m. Samuel F. Pleasant in 1880 possibly in Fayette Co., Tenn.). Trying to trace these children and Pleasants family. Janet Shapiro, 12850 Hunting Bear, San Antonio, TX 78249, E-mail: shapiro@stic.net

**CHURCHILL, MILES:** Need info on Martha Churchill, b. ca. 1850 Tenn., m. ca. 1870 Tenn. or Miss. to \_\_\_\_ Miles (b. Tenn., date unknown). Family tradition says they lived in Selmer, Tenn. He was in Union Army. 1880 Miss. census shows Martha in Iuka, Tishomingo Co., apparently widow with daughters, Elizabeth Belle and Annie Pauline Miles, both of whom m. by 1890s and living in Lee Co., Miss. This census is only record I have found of Martha. Have never found anything on Miles -- not even his first name. Help! Janet Shapiro, 12850 Hunting Bear, San Antonio, TX 78249, E-mail: shapiro@stic.net

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