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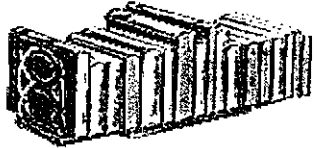
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# Editor's Musings

We are all aware of today's soaring costs and snowballing expenses. And, unfortunately, the Tennessee Genealogical Society is not exempt. In order to keep the presses running and the doors open, we have made the decision to increase the yearly dues by five dollars per membership, effective October first, two thousand and four, with library subscriptions remaining unchanged. This increase will only cover a portion of the heightened expenses. Please remember, we rely strictly upon membership dues and donations to function. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

We at The Tennessee Genealogical Society are enthusiastic about our upcoming calendar which includes a handful of esteemed speakers. On April sixteenth, two thousand and five, we will host Henry Z. Jones at the Memphis Shelby County Library. Mr. Jones will lecture on four interesting topics, as follows:

- a) When Sources Are Wrong
- b) Tracing the Origins Of Early Eighteenth-Century Palatine And Other Emigrants
- c) Family Tradition, How To Separate Fact From Fiction In Genealogical Research
- d) Genealogy In The New Millennium

Please mark your calendar today so you will not miss out on this interesting seminar. Do not forget, we also have Cyndi Howells engaged in two thousand and five as well.

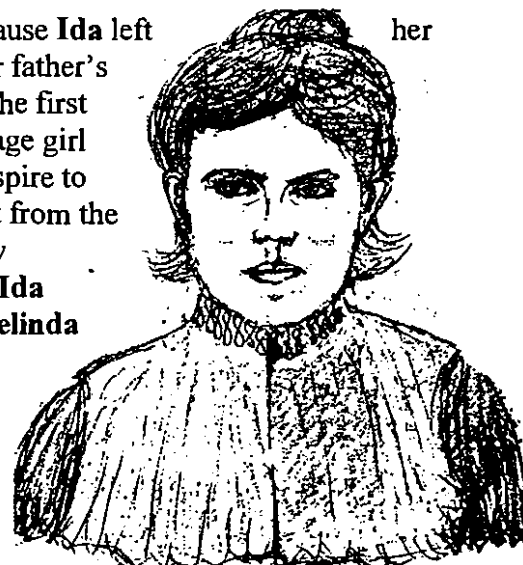
Best wishes to everyone for the forthcoming holidays.

  
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# Marriage, Mayhem and Murder....

Wedding bells rang among us today, and a feast of rich dainties was served at **Sam Hall's** and **T. J. Hassler's** for **Hiram Hall** and **Ida Belle Hassler**, of Big Lick. Both come from respected families and we wish them luck. A *Crossville Chronicle* reporter wrote this article, but little did he know of the future tragedy that would befall young **Ida Belle**. **Ida Belle Hassler** was born circa 1880, the eldest daughter of **Thomas Jefferson Hassler**,<sup>1</sup> a schoolteacher and Baptist minister, and **Mary Milliard**,<sup>2</sup> all of Cumberland County, Tennessee. On 13 September 1896, **Ida** married a local boy by the name of **Hiram Hall**,<sup>3</sup> born 22 February 1879, in Lick Creek, Cumberland County. He was the son of **Samuel Hall**<sup>4</sup> and **Melinda Wyatt**.<sup>5</sup> Following the wedding, the young couple took up housekeeping at **Hiram's** family farm in Cumberland County.

Apparently there were problems soon after the nuptials, because **Ida** left her husband five weeks after the wedding and moved back to her father's home. However, she returned to the **Hall** household around the first of July 1896. What could have been so terrible about a teen-age girl that would cause her new husband and mother-in-law to conspire to end her young life? Situated on the **Hall** property, thirty-feet from the house, was a shallow rock walled well from which the family obtained their water. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, **Hiram's** mother asked **Ida** to go top the well and fetch some water. Soon afterwards, **Melinda Hall** sounded an alarm and when two men working nearby responded to her calls, she stated that **Ida** had fallen into the well. At first these workmen did not see anyone in the well, but after drawing off three or four buckets of bloody water, they discovered and rescued **Ida's** lifeless body, feet first in the well with severe head wounds.



**Ida Belle  
Hassler Hall**

<sup>1</sup> **Thomas Hassler** was born in 1858 in Tennessee and died 6 Jan 1940. He is buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio. He was the son of **Micheal Thomas Hassler**, born 13 April 1826 in Marion County, Tennessee and died 7 Oct 1890 in Crab Orchard, Cumberland County, Tennessee. **Micheal** is buried in Haley's Grove Cemetery, and **Esther Ann Derosssett**, born 10 May 1831 in Sparta, White County, Tennessee and died 3 May 1913, near Crab Orchard, Cumberland County, Tennessee, is also buried in Haley's Grove Cemetery.

<sup>2</sup> **Mary Milliard** was born 29 October 1862 in TN and died 14 March 1885. She is buried in Dickerson Cemetery in Crossville, Tennessee.

<sup>3</sup> **Hiram's** siblings were: **Joel**, born about 1859 in TN. He married **Catherine Roberson** on 18 April 1899 in Cumberland County; **Jesse**, born 22 June 1863 in TN and died 19 September 1882. He is buried in Hale's Chapel Cemetery; **Betsey**, born about 1861 in TN; **Martha**, born about 1869 in TN and died 12 October 1898 and is buried in Winesap Cemetery; **Elizabeth J.**, born about 1867 in TN; **John "Coon,"** born 1873 in TN.

<sup>4</sup> **Samuel Hall** was born in 1838 in TN and died April 1899 in TN. He is buried in Hale's Chapel Cemetery.

<sup>5</sup> **Melinda Wyatt** was born 10 June 1838 in Bledsoe County, TN and died 22 September 1925 in Cumberland County, TN. She is buried in Hale's Chapel Cemetery. She was the daughter of **James Wyatt**, born 20 June 1790 in NC and died 4 January 1880 in TN and **Emilia "Millie" Holt**, born 10 August 1805 in NC and died 11 August 1894 in Cumberland County, TN. Both of her parents are buried in Hale's Chapel, Vanderver, Cumberland County, TN.

This story unfolds from newspaper articles copied verbatim:

Word comes today that Mrs. **Hiram Hall**, who lived about eight miles south of town, fell in the well this morning and was drowned. She was the oldest daughter of **Jeff Hassler**.

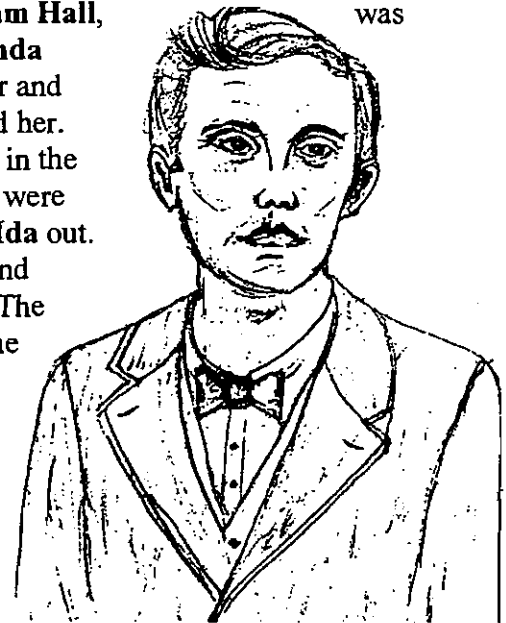
*18 August 1897, Crossville Chronicle*

Last Sunday a warrant was sworn out for **Hiram Hall** and **Melinda Hall** by **T. J. Hassler**. They were brought into town Monday. The case came before Esquires **H. O. Newberry** and **C. L. Deatherage** yesterday at 10:00 a.m. Twenty-four witnesses were summoned by the state and four or five by the defense.

*25 August 1897, Crossville Chronicle*

**Hale's Chapel** - A goodly number from Big Lick and Burke attended the funeral services of Mrs. **Ida Hall** here Thursday. Mrs. **Ida Hall**, the wife of **Hiram Hall**, found dead in the well at **S. H. Hall's** on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. **Melinda 'Linda' Hall** states that the deceased went to the well after water and after she had been gone about twenty minutes, the old lady called her. Receiving no answer, she went to inquire and spotted the bucket in the well and the muddied water. **W. A. Vanderver** and **Fred Beyer** were mowing near there and Mrs. **Hall** called them to come and take **Ida** out. They found five gashes cut in her head. Mrs. **Hall** and her husband separated some time ago but they reunited about six weeks ago. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church and we trust she has gone home to rest. The remains were interred in the local Chapel cemetery on Thursday afternoon. She left a host of friends to mourn her loss.

*25 August 1897, Crossville Chronicle*



**Hiram Hall**

**Big Lick** - By request of **J. T. Hassler**, father of **Ida Hall**, who was murdered by her husband, **Hiram Hall**, and who was buried at **Hale's Chapel**, she was taken up last Thursday and brought to the **Croft's Graveyard** near Big Lick and laid by the side of her half-sister.

*1 September 1897, Crossville Chronicle*

**Ida Belle Hall's** tombstone at the Croft's Cemetery reads: **Ida Belle Hassler**, wife of **Hiram Hall**, 1880 -- 8 August 1897.<sup>6</sup>

Jury selection in the **Hiram Hall** case was commenced Tuesday last with the following jurors being selected:

**J. E. Hamby, D. C. Turner, D. B. C. Mathews, F.W. Frey, Thos. Hinch, E. E. Wolf, G. W. Renfro, John Turner, T. J. Miles, D.W. Lundy, J. C. Farmer, John Frey**

During the trial **Melinda Hall** was called to the stand to testify but refused to talk and was remanded to jail where she remained until the verdict was handed down. The evidence was all in and the attorneys had finished their pleading by Wednesday night. Judge **Smith** charged the jury Thursday morning and they retired to their room for deliberation. After only an hour of discussion a ballot was taken which showed all in favor of murder in the first degree. Upon returning to the courtroom, the jurors reported their findings to Judge **Smith**, who promptly dismissed them. Unanimous satisfaction was expressed on every side at the verdict returned. **J. W. Dorton** assisted Attorney General **Butler** with the prosecution and made a plea to the jury. **P. F. Willbanks**, as attorney for **Hall**, did everything in his power to reduce or in any way lighten the punishment, but the case was too strong against him. **Willbanks** filed a motion for a new trial but it was denied by Judge **Smith**, citing grounds as non-sufficient. Looking pale and haggard, **Hall** was sentenced Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The courtroom was filled to capacity as the judge ordered **Hall** to rise and receive his sentence. "*It is therefore the judgment of this court that the sheriff of Cumberland County on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1898, in an enclosure in the prison of said county or within an enclosure to be erected for the purpose within two miles of the jail, hang the defendant, **Hiram Hall**, by the neck until dead.*" However, the prisoner was granted an appeal to the Supreme Court at Nashville and that court will not convene until December, biding **Hall** extra time. At the end of March 1899 the Supreme Court sustained the verdict of the lower court and the execution was then set for 13 April 1899. The hanging of **Hiram Hall** would be the first in Cumberland County. Several days before the April 13<sup>th</sup> execution date, **Hall** was respite by Governor **McMillin** for thirty days, making the new date 13 April 1899. Many citizens of the county thought this was a ruse by officials to lessen the crowds and insure more privacy. As a result of this belief, a large crowd assembled in town, with expectation of witnessing the execution. The reason given by the Governor for his respite was that after several days of deliberation -- as it was involving a human life -- he wanted to be certain he knew all the circumstances of the case and met with **Hall**, who was very ill with pneumonia, in jail. **McMillin** felt the court had come to the correct verdict and reset the execution date for the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

A *Crossville Chronicle* reporter reported the following on 12 April 1899:

**Hall has paid the penalty -- Governor would not commute sentence -- He made full confession of the crime. He warned others not to follow in his footsteps and asked all to meet him in heaven -- Expressed confidence in his God and met his fate with perfect coolness and composure.**

**The Trap Fell at 6:53 a. m. -- Pronounced Dead at 7:04 a. m.--**

Cumberland County will be forty-four-years-old November 16 1899, and the first execution in the history of the county took place today [Thursday] when **Hiram Hall** was hanged for the murder of his girl-wife August 18, 1897.

<sup>6</sup> There are two dates of death for **Ida**, one being 8 August 1897, per her tombstone and 18 August 1897, written in **Hall's** confession.

By five o'clock Wednesday evening people began to arrive in town, and by dark from fifty to one-hundred people were here awaiting expectantly the coming of the morrow when it was known **Hall** would surely hang. The fact that Governor **McMillin** had positively declined to interfere, and had so notified **Hall**, had become extensively circulated over the county. As a result very few persons doubted that the execution would take place on the appointed day. The prisoner's father, mother, sister and one other brother had all been to see him and bade him good-bye before the fatal day arrived. He seemed very calm and unconcerned ever since his return from Nashville. As the day approached, which was his last on earth, he still remained calm, stating he was ready to go and felt no fears for his future. He retained the same indifference and cool composure to the last.

**Was in no hurry to go** father had insisted that the early hour in the morning. yielded to their wishes and place at the hour stated above; possibility of any disorderly minimum. Ministers of him a day or two before the always said he was ready, did not fear death.



-- The prisoner and his execution take place at an Sheriff **Garrison** finally arranged that it should take such a course reduced the demonstrations to the different churches visited execution. To them he trusted in Jesus Christ and

**The Final Day** -- The morning of the execution dawned bright and beautiful and not many people were in town when the fatal hour arrived. A few people began to arrive at the jail about 5:30 a. m. *The Chronicle* representative visited the cell of the condemned man about 6 a. m. He was walking his cell corridor smoking a cigar, spoke pleasantly and shook hands with those who approached him. His manner, while quite cool, was that of a man who was nerving himself to meet some dreaded ordeal. His demeanor throughout, however, showed that he was well under control, as he was perfectly cool to the last. Shortly after 6 a. m. Reverend **T. S. Johnson** arrived and talked with **Hall** for some length of time. Sheriff **Garrison** came for the prisoner at 6:40 a. m. **A. L. Garrison**, son of the sheriff, slept in the cell with **Hall** his last night on earth and remained with him to the last. **Hall** rested well all night. When the line of march was begun for the scaffold, young **Garrison** locked his arm in **Hall's** and walked with him to the scaffold and up the steps to the trap. **T. S. Johnson** walked in front of the prisoner and offered a short prayer after the prisoner and attendants mounted the scaffold. Those who occupied the scaffold with the prisoner when the drop fell were: Reverend **Johnson**, of the Southern Methodist Church, Sheriff **Garrison** and son, **J. M. Hamby** and **Moses Tollett**. About thirty or thirty-five persons were inside the enclosure and in the jail corridor. At 6:42 a. m. **Hall** made a short talk, advising all present to take warning from his fate and not violate the law. He asked all to meet him in heaven, where he said he was going, and bade all good-bye. Sheriff **Garrison** then read the death warrant in a deliberate, but somewhat of a hesitating voice, owing to the impressive situation and the fact that it was not typewritten, which made parts of it difficult to decipher.



**The Trap Sprung** - Those on the scaffold shook his hand and stepped onto the trap with his back to the crowd. Sheriff **Garrison** tied **Hall**'s hands behind him and tied his legs with a small rope above and below the knees, put the black cap over his head and adjusted the rope under the left ear, **Hall**, all the time telling the sheriff how much to tighten the rope. **Hall** began to pray in a calm, firm voice. When his prayer was finished the sheriff placed his hand on the lever of the trap and said, "*Hiram, your time is almost up, you have not long to live.*" **Hall** replied in a firm voice, "*I am ready.*" The sheriff replied, "*May God bless you,*" and gave the lever a quick, firm pull and the body shot through the trap. The trap fell at 6:53 a. m. according to Sheriff **Garrison**'s time. The body swayed slightly, the legs contracted a little -- there was a hoarse gurgling sound in the throat for a few seconds and all remained quiet. The knot slipped to the point of his chin and the neck was not broken. He died of strangulation. Doctors **W. S. DeGolia**, of Crossville; **W. H. Ault**, of Litton; and **Z. A. Thompson**, of Spring City, all approached the body and carefully noted the pulse. At 7:04 a. m. they pronounced life extinct, but advised that the body not be taken down for a few minutes. The body was taken down and placed in the coffin at 7:21 a. m. The doctors made a careful examination but were unable to determine positively that the neck had been broken. Taking the manner of his death as a basis, they were rather inclined to think the neck had not been broken. The face was calm and composed and showed no signs of a violent struggle. There was a blue contused spot on his chin and neck made by the rope; otherwise he looked as though he had just gone to sleep.

**His Attire** -- **Hall** wore a black suit of clothes, white shirt and collar, light necktie, low patent leather shoes and had a blue bow pinned to the lapel of his coat. None of the family was present at the execution. The remains were exposed for viewing in the jailyard and not less than 1000 people viewed the corpse. The remains were turned over to the family by Sheriff **Garrison** about 11 o'clock and were taken to the **Hall** home near Hale's Chapel. The large crowd [1200-1500] was very quiet and orderly. No disturbances of any kind occurred.

**The Murderer's Confession** -- The following is a full and true confession of **Hiram Hall**, as prepared by me with his full consent and assistance, **A. L. Garrison**: "*I was born in Cumberland County, February 22, 1879, and am now twenty-years-old. In September 1896, I married Ida Belle Hassler, a girl who lived about four miles from my home. I had been acquainted with her only a short time before I married her. She was about sixteen-years-old when we were married, and I was very much infatuated with her. After our marriage we went to live with my parents. From the very first, my mother was not pleased with my wife and was continually trying to corrupt my feelings towards her. At the end of six-weeks we separated, as a result of the unpleasantness between my wife and mother. In July 1897, we made up and she came back to live at our home. After she came back, my mother tried to get rid of her and wanted me to kill her. She told me I could throw her into the well. She told me this several times and kept urging it on me, but I told her that I could not do it. At last, driven almost crazy by her persuasions, I was ready to commit the crime, for which I am soon to die; I made two attempts to kill my wife before I carried out the dreadful deed.*"

**First Attempt** -- "*On August 12, 1897, I hid near the well and waited for my wife to come for water. When she came, I tried to knock her in the head but missed her and fled before she saw me. She returned to the house and told mother that someone has tried to kill her with a rock. Mother told her that someone was trying to scare her. But mother knew that I was the person and that I intended to kill her.*"

**Second Attempt** – “Two days later I made a second attempt to kill my wife. This time I followed her to the well and tried to push her in, but she was too quick for me, and again I failed. My poor wife thought all the time that it was only in fun. Looking around, I saw mother behind me. We then went into the house. When I got a chance I asked mother what she was doing there. She said that she was afraid that *Ida*, being so strong and active, might pull me into the well and both of us drown. I then told mother that I could not and would not try it again, but she said that I could do it if I would try, and that I must.”

**Third and Last Effort** – “On the morning of August 18, 1897, *Ida*, my wife, took a bucket and started to the well. My mother ran to tell me and said, “*Hiram*, now is your time.” I took another bucket and followed her. We came to the well and *Ida* stooped down to dip her bucket of water. I threw my weight against her and pushed her into the well. She caught with her hands and feet on the sides of the well, and it seemed that now, for the first time, she realized that I was going to do her harm. As she clung there to the walls of the well, looking up into my face in such a pleading, pitiful way, that surely I had no heart at all, for such pleading would doubtless have melted a heart of stone, but it seemed that I had gone so far that I had no feeling. I stooped down, picked up a large stone and struck her on the head with all my strength. She quivered for a moment and then dropped lifeless into the water. I did not wait to see if she sank, but went immediately to the house. In a minute or two, mother came running into the house and told me that *Ida* was trying to get out and that she could do nothing. I went back to the well and found her floating on the top of the water, apparently lifeless. I took a plank and struck her on the head and face several times, then pushed her under the water with the plank and held it on her a few seconds -- then she sank. I went to the house and told my mother that all was ended now, and that I was in a ‘pretty fix.’ She told me to keep quiet, and it would never be found out. But, alas! Inside forty-eight hours I was being guarded by the sheriff to prevent a mob from wreaking vengeance on me for the horrible crime which I had just committed.”

**Sought His Father's Life** – “My mother also wished me to kill my father! I told her that I could not do it. She insisted that I could, if I would try. She told me that I should shoot him. One day while my father was plowing in a field near the house, I took my gun and started to kill him. I came to the fence, placed my gun through the crack, intending to kill him, but my heart failed. Again I took my gun and went to where my father was chopping. I got behind a tree and took aim at him. Just at the fatal moment, when I was almost ready to pull the trigger, he straightened up, placed his hand to the exact place at which I was aiming and uttered audibly a weary sigh. That sigh saved my father, and he, thank God, still lives and has spent his entire substance in trying to save the life of his son, who, on two occasions, sought to kill him. In view of all the horrible crimes which my mother has caused me to attempt, and knowing she is the cause of me doing these things, I still love her and hope to meet her in heaven. *Hiram Hall*, Crossville, Tennessee, April 12, 1899.”



It seems that the stress of the crime and trial were too much for Mr. **Hall**.

**S. H. Hall**, father of **Hiram Hall**, recently hanged at this place, died at the home of his son-in-law, **Wm. Vanhoy**, near Big Lick, yesterday morning about 6 o'clock of nervous prostration. He will be buried at Hale's Chapel today.

*26 April 1899, Crossville Chronicle*

**Sam Hall** died at his home near Crossville. His son, **Hiram Hall**, was hanged two weeks ago for his wife's murder, and the old man's death resulted from the shock caused by his son's execution.

*28 April 1899, Journal and Tribune, Knoxville*

Apparently these families had more problems to face.

**Thomas Jefferson Hassler**, father of **Ida**, had married for a second time to **Mary Rhea**, daughter of **William Rhea**, of Tennessee and Texas, sometime before 1898. **Thomas** and **Mary** were in and out of the local courts.

On 25 May 1898 -- chancery court -- **T. J. Hassler vs Mary Hassler** - **Mary's** whereabouts unknown.

On 8 June in Big Lick -- **T. J. Hassler** and wife were married again last week. They will move to Cardiff today.

*Crossville Chronicle*

2 November 1898 -- State vs **Mary Hassler**—carrying a pistol, nollod on costs -- criminal court

**T. J. Hassler vs Mary Hassler** -- divorce granted—**T. J. Hassler** was granted a divorce from **Mary Hassler** 24 October 1898. **Mary** was guilty of adultery with **Caleb Norris**. The children, **Mary Hassler** and **Maud Hassler**, were given to the custody of their father. "It is further adjudged and decreed by the court that said defendant shall not marry the said **Caleb Norris**, with whom she committed said adultery during the lifetime of complainant."

*2 November 1898, Crossville Chronicle*



25 May 1898 -- Mrs. **William Rhea** (**Mary's** mother) died at her home in Texas last week. She had many friends and relatives here who will mourn her loss—*Crossville Times*

1 November 1899 -- State vs **Wm. Rhea**—carrying a pistol, submitted and fined \$50, all costs and fine suspended until next court.

**Bellicose Woman** -- Mrs. **Mary Hassler**, wife of **Jeff Hassler**, who lives near Big Lick, has recently been making a hot old time where she stayed. She made arrangements to leave home last week and intended to take with her the older of her two little girls, about seven-years of age. She said she was going to Harriman. Her father, **Wm. Ray**, who is here on a visit from Texas, heard of her intentions and went to her house to try to dissuade her from such a course. When he spoke to her on the subject she became angry and threatened to shoot his brains out.

Mr. **Ray** decided he would rather face Spaniards than a furious woman and made haste to clear for another port. As he was going away she drew a pistol, which it is claimed, is a part of her daily apparel -- and sent a couple of shots after him and started to give chase declaring she would riddle his hull, but was persuaded to desist. On last Friday she bundled up a few belongings and took two pistols that were about the house and left with **Caleb Norris**. It is thought they are headed for Pine Knot, in the "Dark and Bloody Ground" of Kentucky. The woman left her two little girls aged five and seven, and Mr. **Hassler** finds himself with a home and children, but no wife. The forsaken husband is anxious to have the guilty persons apprehended and brought back -- what for, no one can tell.

*6 April 1898, Crossville Chronicle*

During this time, **Hiram**'s brother, **John "Coon" Hall**, seems to have gotten himself into a bit of trouble as well:

State vs **John Hall** -- Carrying pistol -- Nolle on cost.

*26 September 1898, Crossville Times*

State vs **John "Coon" Hall** -- carrying pistol -- fined \$50 and costs

*2 November 1898, Crossville Times*

Jailer **Barnard** now has three new boarders. "**Coon**" **Hall**, who was found guilty of stealing a cow, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary and is now in jail awaiting the coming of the deputy warden, who will take him to his new home in a few days.

*14 June 1894, Crossville Times,*

This morning at 2:30 a. m. the inmates at the Crossville Jail said *au revoir* and probably good-bye to the county. Three prisoners escaped: **John Matney**, charged with murder; **John "Coon" Hall**, carrying a pistol; **Lawrence Wyatt**, violating the age of consent law. The prisoners had by some means succeeded in removing the lock from the inner door and had it standing wide-open, ready to rush when the time came. The lock cannot be found, and it is thought the prisoners carried it away with them.

*15 September 1897, Crossville Chronicle*

The thieves who broke into the store at this place a few days ago proved to be "**Coon**" **Hall** and **George Barger**. They are now in the Crossville jail.

*9 March 1898, Crossville Chronicle*

**John "Coon" Hall**, who with **George Barger**, burglarized **Lillie Blair**'s store in Lantana and the post office, was found guilty on a pistol case, as well as being sent to the penitentiary for five years. The housebreaking case did not come to trial. The five years in the penitentiary at Nashville is only the beginning of his troubles. As soon as his time is served there, the United States authorities will take him in custody for breaking into the U. S. Post Office.

*27 April 1898, Crossville Chronicle*

# *Ghost Hunting in Tennessee*

*Has* there ever been an occasion when the hairs on the back of your neck stood up? Have you ever entered a room and felt you were not alone? Perhaps you were out grave hunting and felt a cold spot, or better yet, developed a photograph that held strange shadows or orbs of unexplained lights. *It could be that you have encountered a Ghost!!*

*The* state of Tennessee hosts many ghost stories and urban legends, beginning with the oldest town in the state -- Jonesborough, founded in 1779. President **Andrew Jackson** was a resident and some say he still is... Many good citizens of this colorful town claim to have witnessed the long-dead president strolling along Main Street even during the daylight hours.

*Perhaps he is searching for the Hermitage!!*

*If* you are interested in apparitions from the Civil War era, check out the following locations:

The Carnton Estate is located at 1345 Carnton Lane, in Franklin, Tennessee. As you read in the last issue of *Ansearchin'*, this home was used as a hospital during the battle of Franklin and legend implies that the ghost of **Caroline Winder McGavock**, who nursed wounded soldiers and tended to the dead has been spotted gliding around the estate. There have also been reports of individuals hearing the sounds of beating drums, gunfire, footsteps and hollow voices.

The nearby **Carter** Estate, home of fallen soldier, **Tod Carter**, was commandeered and used as headquarters by Union General **Schofield** during the bloody battle of Franklin and is also rumored to be haunted.



The large Mount Olivet Cemetery located in Nashville is said to be guarded by a vigilant

*Black Aggie.\**

*Some* haunted locations around Memphis include the Libertyland Amusement Park, located at 940 Early Maxwell Boulevard. Legend relates to a harmless carousel ride. Apparently the carousel operator was attempting to retrieve a balloon for a little girl and in the process was beheaded. His spirit is reported to be lingering around this ride.

The **Blackwell** home is located in the Memphis suburb of Bartlett. The late Mr. **Blackwell** was a doting father and refused to let his children sleep in the dark. Residents of the home have stated that there have been occasions when they retired for the night and were later awakened to brightly burning lights.

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\* A dark specter that roams at night.

The Orpheum Theater, located in downtown Memphis, is the setting for numerous special events, movies, plays and conventions. However, the legend of a little girl named **Mary**, whose spirit reputedly dwells in the upstairs balcony, is the most renowned of any performance ever presented at the theater. Many versions of this superstition exist, such as **Mary** having perished in a fire at the Orpheum. Other lore suggests she was murdered on Beale Street. Whatever the case, many theater visitors claim to have seen her apparition or felt her presence. *Free tickets anyone!!*



One of my favorite local stories is the legend of the "Crying Angel." This stone statue is located in Millington upon the old Chase Manor. As I was growing up I heard several versions of this tale. Friends insisted that staring at the statue at midnight would cause blood to run from its eyes. There are tales of black hounds chasing trespassers to the spiked iron gates, and I have also heard that the original owner murdered her husband, dismembered his corpse and disposed of him in the river. *That muddy river holds many secrets!!*

*If* you are interested in ghost lights you should try the following hot spots.

The Chapel Hill ghost lights located south of Nashville entail this legend. Railroad tracks run through this lovely town, however, on some nights, mysterious illuminations can be seen hovering along the said tracks. The story begins with an aged signalman who was beheaded by a train one stormy night long ago. While walking the tracks he supposedly slipped and fell, hitting his head, knocking him unconscious. When his lifeless body was discovered, he had been decapitated, thus leaving his spirit to roam the tracks with his trusty lantern searching for his 'noggin.' Phantom trains have also been reported at this sight.

*Midnight trains rides anyone?*

The Cumberland Mountain ghost lights are located near the Obed River close to Crossville, Tennessee. This folklore entails two bandits and an old trapper. Robbers learned that the trapper had a large amount of money hidden in his cabin, so they broke into the dwelling and killed the old gentleman. However, in the process, they knocked over a lamp, setting the place on fire -- killing all three men.

The Leipers Fork ghost lights are located in Williamson County, Tennessee, situated along the Natchez Trace. The fields, forests and roadways that snake through this county are reported to be infested with ghost lights. Many bizarre and unexplained lights have been reported in the woods in this area.

*Other* haunts around Tennessee...



Concord Cemetery located in Manchester, Coffee County, Tennessee is the final resting ground of **Sadie Baker** -- or is it?? **Sadie** was reputedly a witch who was allegedly buried alive. Her grave is covered with two large stone slabs -- perhaps to guarantee her interment.

The Greenbrier Restaurant in Gatlinburg, Tennessee is the home of **Lydia**, a petite and mournful phantom. Her spirit has been spotted on the staircase, as well as the second floor landing.

Rocky Top Village Inn located in Gatlinburg at 311 Airport Road is the site of a multiple murder. Screaming specters and disembodied figures have been seen and heard around the fountain located in the parking lot. *Reservations anyone!!*



# In The Social Realm

**Mrs. Michael Campbell** will entertain this afternoon at her home on the Kingston Pike.

*Journal and Tribune, 19 April 1899*

**Dr. and Mrs. Delpench** will entertain a small company of friends at their home on Oak Street this evening, complimentary to **Miss Isabel Ducloux** and **Prof. Alfred Mercier**, of Scotland, the marriage of which will occur on Thursday of next week.

*Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899*

**Mrs. Ralph Saxton** and little daughter, **Augusta**, of Morganton, NC will arrive in the city today to be guests of **Prof. And Mrs. Gustave Knabe**, West Main Street.

*Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899*

**Messrs. John L. Meek** and **John C. Lusk** are absent from the city on business for the Southern.

*Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899*

**Mrs. McKinney** and **Miss Temple** will entertain at cards in the assembly hall of the women's building this afternoon.

*Journal and Tribune, 20 April 1899*

**Mrs. John Meek** will leave next week for St. Louis to attend the Federation of Musical Clubs as a delegate from the Tuesday Morning Club of this city.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

**Mrs. Robt. Simmonds** will be the hostess at the meeting of the Neighborhood Club this afternoon.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

**Mrs. Ella Haun**, of this village (Mohawk), is doing an excellent business in the millinery line.

*Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

**Mrs. Annie Ragsdale**, of Tate Spring, is a guest of **Mrs. Rush Hazen**, East Knoxville.

*Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

**Miss Mace Russell** will visit friends in Chattanooga during the spring carnival.

*Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

**Mrs. J. Earnest Briscoe** will entertain at her home in West Knoxville this afternoon complimentary to her aunt, **Mrs. William I. Thomas**, of Chicago.

*Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899*

The ladies of the Memorial Association will hold a meeting at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the residence of **Miss Ault**, Oxford Street. All members are requested to be present.

*Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899*

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson**, who are now enjoying an extensive tour throughout the west, were registered Sunday last at the elegant Brown Place, Denver, Colorado.

*Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899*

**Mrs. T. M. Michaels** will leave by the vestibule today for an extensive tour of the East, traveling by way of Richmond, where she will visit friends before embarking for New York and eastern seaside resorts.

*Journal and Tribune, 27 April 1899*

**Capt. W. W. Woodruff** will entertain members of the society of Sons of the Revolution at his home in West Knoxville this evening.

*Journal and Tribune, 27 April 1899*

**Messrs. Borches, Coykendall, Petway, Hall, Spence, Lovering, Sanford and Schrader** have been chosen knights to attend **Miss Margaret Woodruff** -- Knoxville's queen at the approaching flower carnival in Chattanooga. The maids attending Knoxville's queen are to be **Misses Woodruff, McKeldin, Allison, Kennedy, McMullen and McClung**.

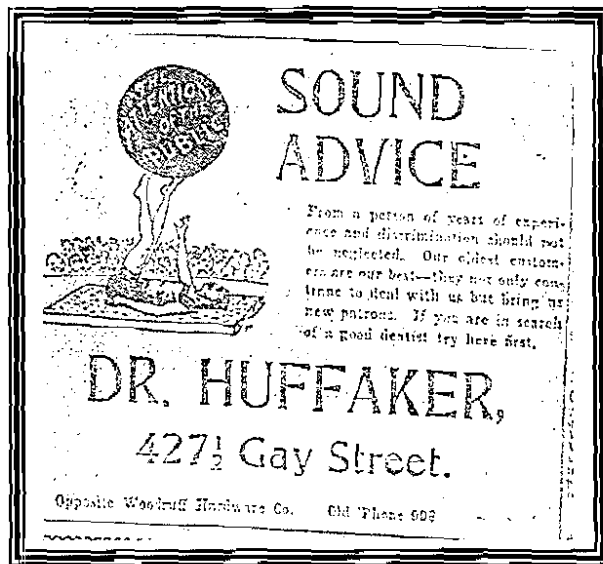
*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

**Mrs. George E. Clapp**, the newly-made bride, who visited in our city this past week, was the guest of honor at an elaborate luncheon tendered by **Mrs. Richard King Gibson** on Thursday afternoon.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

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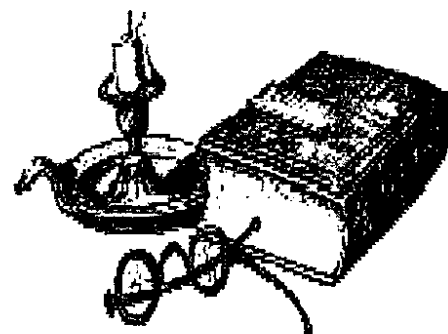
# OLD COUNTRY STORE LEDGER

While out antiquing I ran across this 1870 merchant's ledger book belonging to **John F. Gilliland** and photograph of **J. B. Thornton**. The business seemed to be conducted near Shelby County, Tennessee and in De Soto County, Mississippi. There are entries for coffee, tobacco, molasses, bacon, flour and everything else you could hope to find in a country store. These are the names mentioned in the ledger. Many of these persons listed were instrumental in donating the funds to build the colored Baptist Church at New Garden.

**Aldridgde, Daniel**  
**Baker, Nelson**  
**Bateman, Phil**  
**Bradley, Dock**  
**Bryan, Thomas W.**  
**Branch, George**  
**Bowen, R.**  
**Bowen, Cary**  
**Brown, Willis**  
**Cock, Duncan (colored)**  
**Cliff, Charley**  
**Davis, W. A.**  
**Dodd, John**  
**East, T. J.**  
**Elder, Isaac**  
**Elder, Gus**  
**Fowler, George**  
**Flewelin, W. M.**  
**Gilliland, Thomas**  
**Gilliland, John F.**  
**Gilliland, Henry**  
**Gilliland, F. M.**  
**Gilliland, Wash**  
**Graves, Henry**  
**Graham, W. W.**

**Gerdoak, John**  
**Gains, C. A.**  
**Greer, General**  
**Gray, W. B.**  
**Harris, L. M.**  
**Hill Fontane & Co.**  
**Hooks, Thad G.**  
**Hassell, Jim**  
**Hamlett, Kit**  
**Harris, S. M.**  
**Hurt, A. N.**  
**Henderson, J. M.**  
**Henry, (colored)**  
**Indiana (aunt), (our cook)**  
**Ingram W. I.**  
**Jackson, General**  
**Johnson, Busby & Co.**  
**Jackson, Mary**  
**Jordan, (colored)**  
**Jane (aunt)**  
**Laura (our cook)**  
**Lovelace, Lewis**  
**Lily (colored)**  
**McFerrin, M. S.**  
**McNeely, A.**  
**Massey, Sam**  
**Mosby, M. W.**  
**McCain, W. N.**  
**Morgan, P. H.**  
**McFerrin, John H.**  
**Miller, W.L.**  
**Miller, L.P. (Lewis)**  
**Miller, Doug**  
**Miller, W.S.**  
**Mosby, R.O.**  
**Milam, Dock**  
**Maples, Pope**  
**Massey, Willis**  
**Miller, A. W.**  
**Miller, W. F.**  
**Norfleet, J. R.**  
**Prichard, B. F.**  
**Prichard, Daniel**  
**Phillips, C. H.**  
**Phillips, J. A. (Joe)**  
**Phillips, John**  
**Pounders, Richard**

**Peterson, R. T.**  
**Parsons, W. L.**  
**Parsons, Dick**  
**Picking Fletcher**  
**Picking, Willie**  
**Rachell**  
**Shaw, H. W.**  
**Satchfield, G. W.**  
**Soloman, J. R.**  
**Soloman, J. H.**  
**Speers, J. W.**  
**Simmons, Jordan**  
**Scruggs, Thomas**  
**Stark, Lewis**  
**Strickland, Henry**  
**Strickland, Jordan**  
**Smith, Abrams Dr.**  
**Smith, Kirby**  
**Smith, Tobe**  
**Smith, Thomas (carpenter)**  
**Sophia**  
**Thornton, Barb**  
**Thornton, J. A.**  
**Thornton, J. B.**  
**Tully, M. A.**  
**Thompson, Levi**  
**Wilbourn, John**  
**Wooten, Abram**  
**Wiseman, I. M.**  
**Willis Charles**  
**Wilkins, Alex**  
**Wash (colored)**





This is a photo of **J. B. Thornton** taken by the Moyston Photography Company in Memphis, Tennessee.

**John F. Thornton** was found in the 1880 Byhalia, Marshall County, Mississippi census as follows:

**John F. Thornton**, white, 59, born in Virginia, farmer, father born in Virginia, mother born in Virginia.

**A. E. Shelton**, daughter, 32, born in Mississippi, keeping house, father born in Virginia, mother born in North Carolina.

**John W. Shelton**, stepson, 9, born in Mississippi, father born in Georgia, mother born in Mississippi.

**Caroline E. Shelton**, stepdaughter, 7, born in Mississippi, father born in Georgia, mother born in Mississippi.

**J. F. Thornton** was married to **Caroline Neely** on 9 December 1846 in Marshall County, Mississippi.

**J. R. Norfleet** was found in the 1880 Mount Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi census as follows:

**J. R. Norfleet**, white, 35, born in Mississippi, farmer, father born in North Carolina, mother born in Alabama.

**L. M. Norfleet**, 35, born in Mississippi, keeping house, father born in North Carolina, mother born in \_.

**John**, son, 13

**Cora**, daughter, 14

**Albert**, son, 11

**Brooks**, son, 8

**Willie**, son, 7

**Eleanore**, daughter, 3

**Mary**, daughter, 6 months

All of the above children were born in Mississippi, as were their parents.

Also living in the **Norfleet** home was **Anna Norfleet**, other, black, 40, born in Tennessee, servant, and parents both born in Mississippi.

**John R. Norfleet** was married to **Laura M. Benton** on 17 July 1865, in Marshall County, Mississippi.

**William Flewellen** was found in the 1880 Lauderdale, De Soto County, Mississippi census as follows:

**William Flewellen**, white, 49, born in Tennessee, farmer, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Tennessee.

**Teresa**, wife, 47, born in Georgia, keeping house, both parents born in Georgia.

**Martha V.**, daughter, 13, born in Mississippi, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Georgia.

**James M. Myers**, son, 7, born in Mississippi, father born in North Carolina, mother born in Mississippi.

**Cornia D. Flewellen**, daughter, 6, born in Mississippi, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Mississippi.

**W. R. Gilliland** was found in the Coldwater, Tate County, Mississippi census as follows: **W. R. Gilliland**, white, 29, born in Mississippi, grocer, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Georgia.

**F. N. Gilliland** was found in the Coldwater, Tate County, Mississippi census as follows:

**F. N. Gilliland**, white, 20, born in Mississippi, clerk in store, father born in Tennessee, mother born in Mississippi.

Sheriff **James W. Fox** returned home last night from Louisville, KY. While in that city he purchased a carload of fine Kentucky mules which he will dispose of in a few days.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 28 April 1899*

**C. H. Smith**, of Cincinnati, representing the Gutter Percha Hose Manufacturing Company of New York, is spending a few days in the city.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 28 April 1899*

**D. M. Cagle**, of Cove Creek, North Carolina, who has been a guest for a few days of the Hotel Flanders, returned home yesterday morning.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 28 April 1899*

Miss **Nellie Turley**, of Morristown, is spending time in the city visiting friends.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 28 April 1899*

**Col. George H. Freeman**, of Wartburg, returned last night from a ten-day stay in the Cumberland Mountains and at Harriman and Brushy Mountain.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 28 April 1899*

A telegram from Nashville received this morning says Gov. **McMillin** has made the following local appointments: Police Commissioner: **W. E. Dyer**; Registration Commission: **G. Q. Adams**, **L. G. Walker**, **J. O. Martin**; Coal Oil Inspector: **W. T. Murray**; Aide-on-Staff: **W. B. Cleague**.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 April 1899*

Misses **Ruth** and **Leona Lytton**, of Taylor, Texas, who have been visiting relatives in and near Jasper, returned to their home Monday.

*Chattanooga Press, 8 Sep 1889*

## Comings & Goings



Prof. **Wyatt** has announced the names of honor pupils at the Chattanooga High School who have been chosen for the commencement exercises. They are: Misses **Ellen Wester**, **Lillie Condra**, **Fannie Caulkins**, **Mary Reily** and **Gussie Bates**, and Messrs. **Harry Fisher**, **Barto Strang** and **Joel Haley**.

*Chattanooga Press, 10 March 1899*

Mrs. **Joseph Macklin** died in Knoxville from apoplexy of the brain caused by fright, as the result of her house blowing down during the hurricane of March 4.

*Chattanooga Press, 17 Machr 1899*

Capt. **Hugh McElwee**, a brother of Capt. **Wm. McElwee**, of Rockwood, has built him a fine house on Mouse Creek [McMinn County]. He claims he is too old to get married.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 April 1899*

Mrs. **Mary Greene**, of Oklahoma, died of consumption while on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W. J. Rice**, at McMinnville.

*Chattanooga Press, 19 May 1899*

**George H. Patton**, of St. Elmo, has returned from Cuba where he has spent nearly a year.

*Chattanooga Press, 26 May 1899*

Miss **Eva Suddoth**, a sprightly dame of Kingston, will soon celebrate her 100th birthday.

*Chattanooga Press, 2 June 1899*

**Charles Miller**, a prominent and successful farmer, living three miles east of Athens, was kicked in the stomach by a horse last Saturday, [27 May 1899], and died from effects of the wound a few hours after.

*Chattanooga Press, 2 June 1899*

Mrs. **Henry Wupperman**, who secured a diploma last Thursday night, [1 June 1899], from the Chattanooga Law School, was the first woman lawyer ever to graduate in this city.

*Chattanooga Press, 9 June 1899*

Mr. and Mrs. **T. M. Upchurch**, of 412 Cherry Street, Chattanooga, are rejoicing over the advent of their first-born, a 12-pound daughter.

*Chattanooga Press, 30 June 1899*

**Jim Harding, Jr.**, of Nashville, has been in town all week exhibiting one of the new electric or horseless carriages. He has been on all the thoroughfares of the city and has attracted a great deal of attention. It is Mr. **Harding's** intention to organize a company for manufacturing the buggies in this city.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 July 1899*

**J. E. McCoy**, of Wheeling, West Virginia, is visiting the city for a short time.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

**J. W. Rankin** and wife, of Pikeville, left this week for Verona, Ky., their future home. For several years, Mr. **Rankin** has been in the service of the Nashville Railroad and will be greatly missed here.

*Chattanooga Press, 8 Sep 1899*

**Dr. J. N. Ketchersid** and wife have returned to Ducktown after an absence of 20 years spent in Kansas.

*Chattanooga Press, 22 Sep 1899*

**Felix Davis**, of the *Cleveland (Tenn.) Banner*, has sold his interest in that paper to **B. L. Heartsill**. Mr. Davis will go to Murfreesboro where he will enter other business ventures.

*Chattanooga Press, 22 Sep 1899*

**Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clift**, of Soddy, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, [27 Dec 1899]. They have resided in Hamilton County since 1849. The anniversary was celebrated with a family reunion at their home in Soddy.

*Chattanooga Press, 29 Dec 1899*

**Mr. John Roark** and family and **Mr. Gross** and family will leave in a few days for Indian Territory. They have been operating the **Caldwell** farm for a few years. The two families will be greatly missed in Sunday school, church and society circles, and the Hixson community regrets to see them leave.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

**Luther Turner**, of Washington state, is visiting home folks in Meigs County. He reports raising 52,000 bushels of wheat the past season.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

**Land C. Haney**, formerly of Hixson, but recently a representative of the Thatcher Medicine Co., for the state of Texas, is visiting his many friends at Hixson and Chattanooga. Mr. Haney will return to Texas after the holidays.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## Comings & Goings



**J. M. Wattenbarger** and family, of Meigs County, have gone to Washington and will make that state their future home.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

**Prof. D. A. Stanfield**, of James County, stated to a *Press* reporter a few days since that he would be a candidate for county superintendent of James County. He has been in charge of Apison Academy but recently has been teaching at Georgetown. So far as known, he is the only applicant and will probably be chosen by the county court in January.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

**Mrs. Robert Marr**, of New Orleans, is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. **Ed Baxter** at Ridgeway.

*Nashville Banner, 15 June 1898*

**Mrs. W. H. McDonald** and children, **Joe Hubbard** and **Virginia Elizabeth**, left last night for their home in Portland, Oregon, after visiting Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Alex Joseph**, of Russell Street.

*Nashville Banner, 2 June 1898*

**Mrs. John Overton**, Mrs. **Thomas Claiborne** and Miss **Mary Maxwell** celebrated the 70th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Claiborne yesterday. It has been the custom of these ladies for many years to meet together on the occasion of the birthday of each one, and the three interesting ladies passed the day talking over old-times.

*Nashville Banner, 3 June 1898*

A splendid audience gathered in the Vanderbilt chapel last night to hear the annual literary address which was delivered by Prof. **Woodrow Wilson**, of Princeton University. He held the closest attention of his audience for nearly two hours, speaking on "Democracy." Summed up, he said the lesson of democracy is simply a lesson of duty, and that in a true democracy, a man is put upon his honor rather than placed under solemn obligations.

*Nashville Banner, 15 June 1898*

**Mr. E. L. Gregory** and daughter, Miss **Edna**, left last night on the steamer Dunbar for Evansville and from there to Trivola, Ill. Mrs. **John Ruhm** and daughter, Miss **Zara**, will leave tonight, and Mr. **D. L. Gregory** leaves tomorrow. They go to Trivola to attend a family reunion on the 90th birthday of their mother.

*Nashville Banner, 15 June 1898*

**Lafon Riper**, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, is spending several days in the city.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

**Ed Albright**, of Sumner County, recent graduate of the law department of Cumberland University, has associated himself in the practice of his profession with his cousin, **W. F. Albright**, of Gallatin.

*Nashville Banner, 22 June 1898*

Mr. **James L. Glenn** resigned yesterday as vice-president of the Northern Bank of Tennessee in Clarksville because of ill health. He had been with the bank since its organization about 45 years ago, and its present excellence as a banking institution is due in large measure to his business sagacity and sound judgment. Mr. **William B. Anderson**, one of the city's most successful young businessmen, was elected by the bank directors to fill the position.

*Nashville Banner, 6 July 1898*

A fishing party left Lynchburg Monday morning for several days' stay on the Elk River. Among the party were **R. A. Parks, Sam L. Haslett, J. Lee Parks, J. Eggleston Raby, L. M. Bobo, W. R. Burton and Wm. A. Waggoner.**

*Nashville Banner, 6 Jul 1898*

Mr. **J. T. Hampton**, of New Orleans, arrives the first of the week to visit his mother.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Mrs. **Arthur Jones** of Boston, with her beautiful little daughter, **Givendolen**, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. **James Teter**, of Athens.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Mr. **Ralph Holcomb** departed for Coe, Michigan Tuesday where he has accepted a position.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Miss **Stella Chapman** and sister, **Mary Lou**, went to Coal Creek Tuesday to attend the funeral of her little cousin who was burned to death.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

## Comings & Goings



Miss **Edith Patton**, who for several years was employed by Lebeck Bros. here as head milliner and designer, was among those who went down with the ill-fated French liner *La Bourgogne* off the coast of Halifax on 4th of July. She left Nashville on 29 June for Paris, intending to visit her parents who live there. She originally engaged passage on another vessel, but as it did not sail on schedule, transferred to *La Bourgogne*. While she looked forward to her trip, she more than once expressed her fears and left the impression upon her friends that she had a premonition of coming disaster.

*Nashville Banner, 7 July 1898*

Near the celebrated Demonbreun Cave four miles up on the Cumberland, Mrs. **William Dews** entertained with a family reunion at her home on 4 July. Attending were her six children: Capt. **P. L. Dews**, Mrs. **J. R. Phillips**, Alex Dews, Capt. **W. B. Dews**, Mrs. **R. E. Morton** and Capt. **James K. Dews**. Also present were her 27 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a large number of friends.

*Nashville Banner, 7 July 1898*

**T. W. Higgins**, of Louisville, Kentucky, is spending a few days in the city

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Hon. **Mack Williams**, who has been engaged in the gold mining business in Idaho for thirty-seven years, is visiting his niece, Mrs. **M. L. Hicks**, of East Knoxville.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

**Ross Hinds** and wife, who have been in Graveston for the past two or three weeks on account of the accidental shooting of Mr. **Hinds'** foot, have returned to their home near Paulett.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Mrs. **Lon Mee** and Mrs. **Hardie Johnston** went to Chattanooga Thursday to attend the funeral of Judge **Cook**

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Miss **Susie Reid**, of Spring City, will arrive next week to attend the marriage of Miss **Mable Shugate** to Mr. **Tom Reid**.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Rev. **John S. Eakin** went to Fayetteville this week to attend the marriage of a cousin at that place.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

**J. H. Hicks**, of Newbern, Virginia is visiting his sister, Miss **Martha Hicks**, this week.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

Mrs. **Benjamin F. Moore**, of Birmingham, Alabama was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James C. Luttrell**, during the week past.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

**Dick Gray, Arthur Lutz and Hugh Hale**, of Rogersville, who went to Cuba as civilians with the fourth Tennessee regiment, have returned home.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

**C. B. Woods**, of Mosheim, Greene County lost his gold watch two years ago and recently while at work in a field, plowed it up.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

A turkey belonging to **J. C. Crump**, at Morristown, flew against a \$45 plate glass window, breaking it and starting an interesting lawsuit.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 25 April 1899*

**Mrs. Jacob Thomas**, with **Mrs. Lytton Thomas**, left yesterday morning for Nashville, where they intend visiting with relatives for a brief time.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 25 April 1899*

**Miss Lucy Henegar** is visiting her sister, **Mrs. C. D. Campbell**, of Cleveland.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 25 April 1899*

**Mr. H. T. Knox** has just returned home from a two-weeks fishing trip in Florida.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 24 April 1899*

**Mrs. Austin**, of Decatur, Alabama is visiting the family of her son, **Mr. R. W. Austin**, on West Clinch Street.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

**Mrs. W. O. Rhode** will leave in a few days for a visit to relatives in St. Louis.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

**Dr. W. E. Rucker**, of Athens, Texas is visiting relatives in the city.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

## Comings & Goings



**J. L. Powell**, of Big Spring, Meigs County, has started a floating store to operate along the Tennessee River.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

**Mr. M. Meek**, of Anniston, Alabama reached this city a week ago to visit his family.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

**Miss Annie Rogers**, of Loudon, is in the city and will remain some time as the guest of her sister, **Mrs. J. M. Greer**, of Magnolia Street.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

**Prof. Alfred Mercier** and bride are in Asheville, North Carolina for their honeymoon, but will be entertained by Knoxville relatives before their departure for Scotland.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

**Mrs. W. D. Beard** has returned to her home in Memphis after a most delightful visit with Knoxville friends.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

The new Spruce Street School, in Nashville, has been named the **Phillip S. Fall**, in honor of one of the old educators in the city.

*Nashville Banner, 30 August 1898*

The annual reunion of **Gen. Forrest's** escort and staff will be at Bell Buckle, Tenn., on Thursday, Sept. 1. Among the speakers are **Dr. D. C. Kelley**, **Maj. C. W. Anderson** and **Dr. J. B. Cowan**.

*Nashville Banner, 30 August 1898*

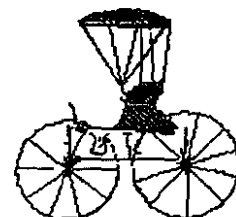
The Nashville Board of Public Works this morning accepted the resignation of **John W. Cavendar**, of the gas-lighting department, who has been in the employ of the city 40 years.

**Mr. Cavendar** wrote that he is almost blind and too feeble to perform the duties. His only means of support is a son who has been doing his work for some time, and he recommended him for the position. The members of the board were evidently glad to be able to do something for the old man and unanimously elected the son to the position.

*Nashville Banner, 30 August 1898*

**Messrs. Yarbrough & Davis** today received a letter from **Mr. W. O. Randall**, of Pasadena, California, saying, "Monday I received a telegram from **Gen. [Joseph] Wheeler** saying that my son **Harvey** died of fever and was buried at Santiago de Cuba, August 5. His regiment, Second Massachusetts, has arrived at Montauk Point. He was a bugler, and during the battle of El Caney, a volunteer sharpshooter." **Mr. Randall** is well known in Nashville and Davidson County, having removed to California only about seven years ago.

*Nashville Banner, 30 August 1898*



## IVY-HICKERSON

**Charles Ivy**, of Shelbyville, and Miss **Laura Hickerson** were married Wednesday, [26 Apr 1899], at the home of the bride in McMinnville. Mr. Ivy is a member of the Shelbyville bar. The couple left for a trip to Virginia.  
*Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899*

## CLEMMER-GAMBLE

A romantic marriage occurred last week at Benton, the contracting parties being Miss **Mayme Gamble** and Dr. **J. M. Clemmer**. Rev. **A. H. Little** performed the ceremony with the bride and groom seated in a buggy which was floating across the Hiwassee River on a ferryboat.  
*Chattanooga Press, 2 June 1899*

## IRVIN-ODOM

Miss **Hester Odom** and Mr. **James Irvin** were married Sunday, [28 May 1899], at the home of the bride's parents in Hill City. They left at once for Soddy where Mr. **Irvin** holds a position with the Soddy Coal Company.  
*Chattanooga Press, 2 June 1899*

## HEARTSILL-PEEPLES

**Buford Heartsill**, associate editor of the *Cleveland (Tenn.) Banner*, and Miss **Ruby Peebles**, of Spring Place, Ga., were married on Sunday afternoon, [4 June 1899].  
*Chattanooga Press, 9 June 1899*

# Tennessee Marriages



## HURST-CARUTHERS, HURST-TURNEY

A double wedding that occurred last week in Nashville was that of Miss **Willis Hurst** and **John Caruthers**, and Miss **Rowena Hurst** and **James Turney**. Mr. **Caruthers** is clerk of the Supreme Court, and Mr. **Turney** is a son of ex-Gov. **Turney**. The young ladies were former Chattanooga girls.  
*Chattanooga Press, 9 June 1899*

## MORGAN-DOUGLASS

A remarkable marriage occurred at Galena, Kansas last Wednesday, the bride being a former Tennessean, Mrs. **Mary Jane Douglass**. She was born in Knox Co., Tenn., in 1797, being 102 years old when married. The groom was **James Morgan**, aged 70. The aged bride's maiden name was **Williams**. In 1816 she was married to **Robert Willers** and in 1830 to **J. E. Douglass** but has lived a widow for 39 years.  
*Chattanooga Press, 9 June 1899*

## BROWN-MOREY

Last Thursday, [1 June 1899], at noon, Mr. **Leroy Brown**, of Chattanooga, was married at Greeneville to Miss **Florence Morey** of that place. Rev. **W H. Lester** officiated. Miss **Ray**, of Boston, and Mr. **Frank Martin**, of Chattanooga, were attendants. Mr. and Mrs. **Brown** left at once for an eastern trip.  
*Chattanooga Press, 9 June 1899*

## WEDDLE-SPENCER

At the home of the bride last Sunday afternoon, [25 June 1899], Miss **Katie Spencer** and **W. H. Weddle** were married by Dr. **Bachman**. The bride is the eldest daughter of Alderman **E. G. Spencer**. The groom is a prominent young man of Piqua, Ohio, where the couple will make their future home.  
*Chattanooga Press, 30 June 1899*

## COLLIER-GILLESPIE

The first fall wedding of Chattanooga was that of Miss **Alice Gillespie** and Mr. **L. Whitfield Collier**, of Atlanta. The wedding occurred at the First Presbyterian Church at 12 o'clock Wednesday [20 Sep 1899] with Dr. **Bachman** performing the ceremony. The couple left for a northwest bridal trip.  
*Chattanooga Press, 22 Sep 1899*



## ELDER-WATKINS

A brilliant event socially was the **Elder-Watkins** nuptials Wednesday evening, [10 Jan 1900] at 6 o'clock at Centenary Methodist Church. The church was beautifully decorated and crowded with friends. Rev. **Alonzo Monk** performed the ceremony. Miss **Irene Elder** is a daughter of **L. M. Elder** and a young lady with many charms. Mr. **Chester Watkins** comes from one of the oldest families in the city. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. At a late hour, the bridal couple left for an eastern trip.

*Chattanooga Press, 12 Jan 1900*

## SMITH-GRAYSON

**George T. Smith** and **Ella Grayson**, well-known young people of **Walden's Ridge**, were secretly married in this city last Sunday, [23 April 1899].

*Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899*

## SMITH-KYKER

Miss **Virginia Kyker** and **Benjamin Smith**, prominent people of **Athens**, were married on March 9th, the secret having just leaked out, [on 28 April]. Not even their intimate friends knew of the affair.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899*

## HOLSTON-HOLT

Miss **Ola May Holt** and **W. L. Holston**, of **Ooltewah**, were married last week. They succeeded in keeping the wedding a profound secret for

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over a week.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Apr 1899*

## ZIEGLER-CARDEN

Prof. **John S. Ziegler**, principal of the **Dayton High School**, and Miss **Maggie Carden**, of **Mississippi**, were married in **Chattanooga** Wednesday morning, [19 Dec 1900] at 11 o'clock. Rev. **J. O. Straley**, of the **Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church**, performed the ceremony. Miss **Carden** was en route to **Athens** to attend college. The young couple had known each other for some time, but their marriage was a great surprise to their many friends.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## MCKEW-GRADY

On 16 December, at **St. Elmo**, Miss **Uyle M. Grady** and Mr. **Arthur McKew** were quietly married. Miss **Grady** has been a teacher in the public school of **St. Elmo** and is greatly admired in that suburb. Mr. **McKew** is a young businessman from **Indiana**. The young couple went to **Indiana** to reside.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## DARAH-EVANS

Much interest is centered around the forthcoming wedding of Miss **Susie Evans** and Mr. **David W. Darah**, which will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December in **Highland Park**. About 100 invitations have been issued.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## CLIFFORD- CHAMBERLAIN

Thursday morning, [20 Dec 1900] at 8 o'clock, Miss **Louise Chamberlain** and Mr. **Richard A. Clifford** were married at the **Episcopal Church**, Rev. Dr. **Goodman** officiating. The church was beautifully decorated. The bride was given away by her father, Capt. **H. S. Chamberlain**. She wore a stylish tan traveling suit. The couple left at once for the east.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## FRENCH-WYATT

At noon Tuesday, [18 Dec 1900] Miss **Sarah Wyatt** and Mr. **J. B. French** were married at the home of the bride's parents on **McCallie Avenue**, Dr. **Bachman** officiating. The newly-married couple left at once for a visit to the groom's family in **Virginia**. Miss **Wyatt** is one of the lovable and gracious young ladies in society. Mr. **French** heralds from an old **Virginia** family and holds a responsible traveling position.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*



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## FRITTS-WILHOITE

Mr. Will Fritts and Miss Amie Wilhoite will be married Tuesday evening, 8 Jan 1901, at the home of the bride in St. Elmo. Miss Wilhoite is a popular young lady much admired for her personal attraction. Mr. Fritts is a substantial young businessman and is an associate of the Fritts Hardware Company.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## JONES-SHUGART

Wednesday night, [19 Dec 1900], at the home of the bride in Cleveland, Miss Claudia Shugart and Mr. James Jones were quietly married. The young people are highly connected in Bradley County and have the best wishes of a host of friends. They will reside at Flint Springs.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## McCULLOUGH-STIGALL

Camden - On Sunday afternoon, [29 May 1898], W. E. McCullough and Miss Luten Stigall were united in marriage, W. T. Morris, Esq., officiating. Mr. McCullough is a popular young merchant of Camden, and the bride is the daughter of Henry F. Stigall, proprietor of the Stigall Hotel and senior member of Stigall & Potts, general merchants.

*Nashville Banner, 31 May 1898*



## JAMISON-SPARKMAN

North Nashville - A quiet wedding was solemnized last evening at the residence of the bride on Taylor Street, uniting the lives of Miss Georgia Sparkman and Mr. Jesse Jamison. Rev. A. S. Allen, of Edgar Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a limited number of friends.

Attendants were Miss Fannie Leighton and Mr. James Lush. The bride was attired in a gown of white organdie made over silk with a wide sash of cream-colored moiré. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Z.

Sparkman and is well-known and highly esteemed. Mr. Jamison is a valued employee of Prewitt & Spurr Manufacturing Company.

*Nashville Banner, 2 June 1898*

## WEISE-ROCHE

Miss Elizabeth Roche and Mr. Carl Weise were married at 6 o'clock last evening at St. Anne's Church in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives. The bride wore a girlish costume of white organdie trimmed with white ribbon, which rendered her brunette beauty most striking. Miss Lydia Roche was maid of honor and entered with the bride. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Ford Taylor, of Memphis. The pretty service held at the Episcopal Church was read by the rector, Rev. T. F. Martin. Ushers were Messrs. Louis Davis, Hart Blanton, John Kreig and Albert Kircher. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roche and possesses many admirable traits of character. Mr. Weise is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weise, of this city. He is now in the roofing and paving business in San Francisco. The newlywedded pair left on the 7:30 train for their far-distant home.

*Nashville Banner, 2 June 1898*

## McGILL-INGLE

Cards are out for the marriage on June 8 at the Baptist Church in Shelbyville of Mr. William J. McGill and Miss Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ingle, of that city. This will be a union of two of Bedford County's oldest and best families.

*Nashville Banner, 2 June 1898*

## WISE-BUTTERWORTH

Mr. M. A. Wise, foreman of the *Commercial-Courier*, arrived in Union City today from Hartsville with his bride, the former Miss **Marie Butterworth**, of Dyersburg, where they were married last Sunday, [29 May 1889]. The groom is one of Union City's most popular young men, and the bride is well-known and highly esteemed.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## McFADDEN-MALLORY

Franklin - Wednesday afternoon, [1 June 1898], at 4:30 o'clock, Capt. **John Wesley McFadden** and Mrs. **Mary Buford Mallory** were united in marriage at the bride's home near Mallory Station, Rev. **J. S. Foster**, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Only a few friends and relatives were present. The bride was attired in a becoming traveling costume and carried exquisite flowers. They left on the evening train for an extended tour of northern cities and lakes.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## HENDON-BOSWELL

The marriage of Miss **Addie Evelyn Boswell**, of Collierville, Tenn., and **William Oscar Hendon**, of Nashville, will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Collierville, at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, 9 June.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

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## JOHNSON-JONES

Centerville - On last Thursday afternoon, [2 June 1898], Mr. **G. H. Johnson** and Miss **Amelia Jones** were married at the home of the bride's father, **J. G. Jones**, one of the most substantial and best-known livestock men in Humphreys County. The wedding was an elegant home affair and was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## CARNEY-TYNER

Hendersonville - At 1 p.m. yesterday, Miss **Mattie S. Tyner** and Mr. **Ollie Carney** were united in marriage, Rev. **A. Cowan** officiating. The bride is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. **J. S. Tyner**, of Nashville. Mr. **Carney** is the popular manager of the new Union Hotel.

*Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898*

## FLEMING-BILES

A pretty home wedding was that of Mr. **William Henry Fleming, Jr.**, to Miss **Lillian Biles**, which took place at the bride's home Wednesday evening, [1 June 1898], in McMinnville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **J. W. Smith**, pastor of the Methodist Church. The parlors were decorated with daisies and lilies. The bridal party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. **George M. Smith**, Misses **Edith Mason**, **Florine Irwin**, **Ruby Wallace** and **Mamie Bellamy**, with Miss **Janie Biles**, as maid of honor, Mrs. **Eugene H. Fleming**, as matron of honor, and Mr. **Eugene H. Fleming**, as best man. Music was admirably rendered by Miss **Wave Long** and Mr. and Mrs. **Charles W. Rogers**. The bridegroom, one of McMinnville's popular young men, is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee and now is a member of the drug firm of **W. H. Fleming & Son**. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John B. Biles**.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## BYRNS - WOODARD

Mr. and Mrs. **John Woodard** sent out cards yesterday announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Julia Woodard**, and Mr. **J. W. Byrns**, which took place Tuesday, [23 Aug 1898].

*Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898*

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## EMBRY-WILLIAMSON

**Columbia** - The marriage of Miss **Alma J. Williamson** to Mr. **Wiley B. Embry** took place Wednesday evening, [1 June 1898], at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **M. E. Williamson**, corner of Sixth and Garden Street, Dr. **D. C. Kelley** officiating. The wedding was a quiet home affair, and as it had not been publicly announced, came somewhat in the nature of a surprise to many of their friends. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion, the parlor being especially beautiful in its decorations of lilies, sweet peas, and palms. Miss **Maude E. Williamson**, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and Mr. **George P. Frierson** was the groom's best man. Mr. **Embry** is a member of the firm of **Frierson & Embry** and a son of Circuit Court Clerk **W. F. Embry**.

*Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## GRAY - DUNCAN

Dr. **J. P. Gray**, well-known dentist of Nashville, and Miss **Ella Duncan**, of Windsor, Mo., were united in marriage at the bride's home at 6 o'clock this morning. The announcement of the marriage will come as a surprise among Dr. **Gray's** friends in Nashville, as he kept the object of his visit west a profound secret. They will take an eastern trip before returning to this city.

*Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898*



## BROADWAY - ISBELL

**Union City** - There was a marriage at the Brackin House on Tuesday evening, [23 Aug 1898], the contracting parties being **Zach Broadway**, of Paducah, Ky., and Miss **May Isbell**, of Paris, Tenn. Rev. **B. T. Watson**, of the Cumberland Church, performed the ceremony. The bride was accompanied by her father, **E. B. Isbell**, and aunt, Mrs. **M. J. Rhodes** of Columbus, KY.

*Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898*

## HACKNEY - ROYER

A very quiet but pretty home wedding was solemnized this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. **Thomas White** on North College Street, the contracting parties being Miss **Myra A. Royer**, of this city and Mr. **J. C. Hackney**, of St. Louis. Rev. **J. C. Martin**, of the South Nashville Christian Church, officiated and Mrs. **M. J. Riter** presided at the piano. Mr. **Hackney** is well-known in this city, having been connected with local firms for several years. The happy couple left on the 9 o'clock train for Columbia and the Lookout Mountains to remain until the middle of September when they will return

here for a few days before going to St. Louis to reside. The popularity of this couple was attested by the handsome presents which they received.  
*Nashville Banner, 25 Aug 1898*

## THOMPSON - WRIGHT

Very quiet was the wedding of Miss **Daisy Wright** and Mr. **Lemuel G. Thompson** last evening in the pastor's study at the Central Baptist Church. Dr. **J. M. Frost** performed the ceremony. The attendants were the groom's sister, Miss **Lizzie Thompson**, and Mr. **Paul P. Hamilton**. Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple went to the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. **J. E. Hays**, 915 South College Street, where they were at home to a large circle of friends. The bride is the daughter of the late **Daniel Wright** and is a young lady of rare accomplishments. The groom is a prominent young businessman.  
*Nashville Banner, 17 Aug 1898*

## HARRISON - McCONNELL

Grace Presbyterian Church was crowded last evening with friends to witness the marriage of Miss **Eleanor McConnell** and Mr. **Harry Edgar Harrison**. Miss **Allie Weber** was the maid of honor and the groom's brother, Mr. **Ainsworth Harrison**, was best man. Ushers were Messrs. **Ernest Alderson**, **Houston Allen**, **Tip Hibbett** and **Compton Tucker**. After the ceremony, the bridal couple left for the groom's home on Harding Road. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Alexander H. McConnell** and niece of Councilman **Frank McConnell**. [Abstracted]  
*Nashville Banner, 17 Aug 1898*

## STRANG

**S. B. Strang**, a well-known citizen residing on Lookout Mountain, died Wednesday, [26 Apr 1899], at Cripple Creek, Col., while sitting in a coach. He had gone west on a business and pleasure trip and had just boarded the train at Cripple Creek when he died. The body was taken care of by Masons, and Col. **Lamb** of Denver will accompany the remains to this city. Mr. **Strang** has resided in this area since 1868. He leaves a wife and three children.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899*

## DUNBAR

Mrs. **Carrie Dunbar** died Monday night, [24 Apr 1899], at her home on Payne Street. Her death was unexpected as she had not been ill and died sitting in her chair conversing with her family. The funeral, held from her late residence Tuesday morning, was conducted by Rev. **M. D. Clubb**, of the Christian Church, of which she was a devout member.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 Apr 1899*

## COSBY

Mrs. **Eugene Cosby**, of Highland Park, died Monday, [29 May 1899], at Pittsburgh, Pa., where she had gone on a visit. She had been in poor health for some time and leaves a husband and four little children. Mr. **Cosby** left at once for Pittsburgh.

*Chattanooga Press, 2 June 1899*

# Tennessee Deaths



## FIELD

Mrs. **Rachel Field** committed suicide Wednesday afternoon, [24 May 1899], by jumping in the river near the **Snodgrass & Field** planing mill. She was 86 years old and her mind was gradually failing. The family had watched her very closely but was attracted by some household cares for a few minutes, and Mrs. **Field** took the opportunity and hastened to the river only three blocks away. Some negro employees of the mill rescued her in an unconscious condition and she lingered for several hours. She was the mother of **Levi** and **D. S. Field** and Mrs. **W. M. Snodgrass**.

*Chattanooga Press, 26 May 1899*

## JONES

Mrs. **Rebecca C. Jones** died after a long illness Wednesday, [20 Sep 1899], at her home on Walden's Ridge in the 49th year of her age. She leaves the following children, all well-known residents of Chattanooga: **William Jones**, **Robert Jones**, Mrs. **George P. Becker** and Mrs. **Walter Guenther**.

*Chattanooga Press, 22 Sep 1899*

## DAVIDSON

**C. A. Davidson**, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Chattanooga, died Monday morning, [17 Jul 1899], at his home on Prospect Street. His health has been very poor for two years but became much worse a few days ago. Mr. **Davidson** has been a prominent businessman here since the close of the Civil War. He leaves a widow, five sons and a daughter. Three sons reside in Butte, Mont. and were unable to attend the funeral, which was held from the Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon with interment at Forest Hill Cemetery.

*Chattanooga Press, 28 Jul 1899*

## MCREYNOLDS

Jasper, Tenn. - Capt. **J. W. McReynolds** died Sunday, [3 Sep 1899], at his home near Shell-mound and was buried Monday at Havron's Graveyard. Capt. **McReynolds** was quite a prominent and highly respected citizen of this county. He had been sick for some time and his death was not unexpected.

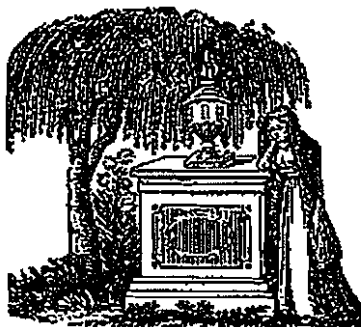
*Chattanooga Press, 8 Sep 1899*



## PEARSON

**C. H. Pearson** died at his home in Sequachee last week. Mr. **Pearson** was an author of ability and was a man who was well-liked by the entire community in which he resided. He did considerable literary work--writing for such papers as the *Detroit Free Press* and several of the high-grade magazines. He had been afflicted with rheumatism and for some time prior to his death was unable to move. He bore up well under his afflictions and at all times was jovial and pleasant.

*Chattanooga Press, 8 Sep 1899*



## RUCKER

**James C. Rucker**, a prominent citizen, died at his home two miles west of this place on Saturday of last week. He was about fifty-three years old and was a member of the M. E. church.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

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### KEY

Last Saturday night, [3 Feb 1900], at 8:15 o'clock, Judge **D. M. Key**, one of the most distinguished residents of Chattanooga, died at his late home on Chestnut Street. He had been in failing health for some time and was in the 76th year of his age. The immediate cause of his death was a blood clot on the brain. Judge **Key** has been a resident of this city since 1853, coming here from Kingston, Tenn. He was a loyal friend to Chattanooga and will be greatly missed. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the residence by Rev. **J. W. Bachman** and interment was made at Forest Hill Cemetery.

*Chattanooga Press, 9 Feb 1900*

## HENEGAR

Capt. **H. B. Henegar**, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Bradley County, died at his home in Charleston Wednesday night, [19 Dec 1900]. He was 86 years of age and died as the result of heart trouble. He was for years a prominent merchant and river man in this section. Capt. **Henegar** was the father of Mrs. **George T. White**, of Chattanooga.

The funeral was held Thursday at Cleveland.  
*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## BAKER

Mrs. **Caroline Baker**, wife of **Elihu Baker**, was killed instantly Saturday afternoon, 15 Dec 1900, at Dayton [Rhea County]. She had been doing some Christmas shopping and returning home took a short cut along the railroad track. She was struck by a switch engine and died instantly. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Morgan**, one of the oldest families of Dayton. She leaves several brothers and sisters and four children. The funeral was held Monday.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## PHILLIPS

Wednesday morning [19 Dec 1900] at seven o'clock, **Frank T. Phillips** died at his home on East Fourth Street. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred H. Phillips** and a brother to Capt. **Fred H. Phillips, Jr.** **Frank** had a host of friends in Chattanooga. He had been an invalid most of his life, but was a patient sufferer and during his entire affliction showed a lovely spirit of resignation. The funeral was held from the home, Dr. **Bachman** officiating. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

*Chattanooga Press, 21 Dec 1900*

## BRITT

Huntingdon - June 1 - **William Britt**, an aged and highly respected citizen of this place, died at his home on Nashville Street yesterday afternoon. Mr. Britt was at one time trustee of Carroll County and for several years past has been engaged in the mercantile business in Huntingdon. *Nashville Banner, 1 June 1898*

## ROOKS

Dresden - June 1 - Mr. A. J. **Rooks** died suddenly this morning at 9:30 o'clock at Somerville. He had been cashier of the Fayette County Bank until a few weeks ago when he resigned to take a position in Chicago. He had made every preparation for going there and had even purchased a home in that city. The cause of his death was apoplexy. His remains will be brought here where they will be interred tomorrow. His wife, who was Miss **Lena Edwards**, of this place, and one child survive him. Mr. **Rooks** was one of the foremost young men in the state. At the recent meeting of the Tennessee Bankers' Association, he read a paper that was copied in several of the leading financial journals in New York and other Eastern cities. He was a Christian gentleman, and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Dresden is a monument to his energy and fidelity to his church. *Nashville Banner, 1 June 1898*

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## ARBUCKLE

W. S. **Arbuckle**, a well-known citizen of Memphis, wounded by **Walter Farrabee** several days ago, is dead.

*Journal and Tribune, 4 May 1899*

## WHITFIELD

Clarksville - June 4 - Prof N. L. **Whitfield**, prominent Montgomery County educator, suddenly died Thursday evening, [2 June 1898], from heart failure at his home near St. Bethlehem. He was out in the field at his country home, and without warning, fell to the ground where he died almost instantly. His wife and daughter reached him just as he was taking his last breath. Prof. **Whitfield** was formerly superintendent for Montgomery County public schools and made one of the most efficient officers ever elected to that position. He continued teaching up to the time of his death. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, with interment at Greenwood Cemetery. *Nashville Banner, 4 June 1898*

## BUTT

**Jule Butt**, a Chinaman at Jackson, took arsenic and died.

*Journal and Tribune, 4 May 1899*

The self-destruction of **Jule Butt** at Jackson is reported to have been caused on account of debt.

*Journal and Tribune, 5 May 1899*

## WRENNE

Mrs. M. J. C. **Wrenne** died Saturday, [4 June 1898], at her residence, 217 McLemore Street, in Nashville. She had been ill for a long time, and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. **Wrenne**, who was 46 years of age, was the former Miss **Isabella Moffat**. She was a half-sister of Col. **Tom W. Neal**, of Dyersburg, and Mr. **Richard Neal**, of Nashville. Mrs. V. A. **Baldwin**, principal of Howard School, was her sister. Surviving are her husband, **M. J. C. Wrenne**, general superintendent of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, and their three children: Mrs. **Douglas Hayes**, Tracy City; Mrs. **E. J. Timberlake**, Portland, Ore.; and **Ed Wrenne**, of this city. Funeral services were this morning at the Cathedral, followed by interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. *Nashville Banner, 6 June 1898*



## MCCALLIE

Funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. A. J. **McCallie** were conducted at the Asbury M. E. Church yesterday morning at nine o'clock, Rev. J. A. Ruble, Rev. A. M. Rule and Rev. Thomas officiated. The remains were interred at Woodlawn. The pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased, the majority of whom are residents of this city, being Messrs. B. O., W. O., C. A., Lon, Matt, Whittle and Bruce McCallie.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

## COMPTON

Miss **Etta Compton**, 18, died near Brownsville as a result of burns.

*Journal and Tribune, 4 May 1899*

## NELSON

**William Nelson**, aged thirty years, died yesterday morning at his residence in Grove City. The funeral services will be held at the residence this afternoon. Rev. M. D. Jeffries, D. D. will officiate. Interment in New Gray Cemetery.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

## POWERS

Mrs. **Annie Powers**, eighty-one-years-old, one of the best-known residents of Meigs County, is dead.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

# Tennessee Deaths



## RANGE, LONG

The death of a well-known citizen is recorded this week. **James C. Range**, aged seventy-seven, died at his home, two miles east of this city, Tuesday, of nervous prostration. His demise occurred just one week after that of his daughter, Mrs. **Dr. E. A. Long**. This bereavement is said to have broken down Mr. **Range** and hastened his death.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

## PATE

The drowning of Mrs. **Frank Pate**, in a cistern at Deeherd, remains a mystery.

*Journal and Tribune, 30 April 1899*

## TUCKER

Miss **Adeline Tucker**, an elderly lady, was robbed and murdered at her home on Lookout Mountain.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

## LEE

Mrs. **Easter Lee**, a wealthy widow, of Henry County, committed suicide by taking morphine, without cause known.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

## INMAN

Major **Charles Inman**, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at Fair Garden, Sevier County, aged 89.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

## CLARK

Capt. **W. L. Clark**, one of the most influential citizens of this section, died at an advanced age at his residence in Sweetwater. He was the brother of the late **J. W. Clark**, whose death occurred one year ago. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was an honored member. A wife, son and two daughters survive.

*Journal and Tribune, 21 April 1899*

## NELSON

**Pat Nelson**, aged forty-five, a Memphis negro, has drowned.

*Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899*

## COUCH

Miss **Pony Couch**, an estimable and highly respected young lady of Benton, died Sunday after a lingering illness. Her remains will be interred in the town cemetery today.

*Journal and Tribune, 26 April 1899*

## BAKER

**Wade Baker**, a young man from Williamson County, was thrown from a buggy this morning. His head struck a post and he was killed instantly.

*Journal and Tribune, 2 May 1899*

## THOMPSON

**Mose Thompson, Jr.**, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting at Trimble.

*Journal and Tribune, 4 May 1899*

## BOYD

**Gus Boyd**, a youth of Big Pond, near Clarksville, died with spotted fever.

*Journal and Tribune, 5 May 1899*

## MITCHELL

**H. C. Mitchell**, a well-known farmer of Madison County, died in his barn.

*Journal and Tribune, 5 May 1899*

## BROCKETT

**Squire E. L. Brockett**, of Wilson County, took an overdose of morphine at Lebanon and died.

*Journal and Tribune, 5 May 1899*

## BYERLY

**Mrs. Edward Byerly** died at Menlor April 28<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. Her remains were interred at this place Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her loss.

*Journal and Tribune, 7 May 1899*

# Tennessee Deaths



## CARRELL

**Johnson City - Mrs. Van Carrell** died suddenly at her home here.

*Journal and Tribune, 7 May 1899*

## HARKLEROAD

**Wm. Harkleroad**, son of **Jas. Harkleroad**, died of heart disease Wednesday night.

*Journal and Tribune, 7 May 1899*

## FRY

**Whit Fry** and three other members of his family died with fever in a few days near here.

*Journal and Tribune, 6 May 1899*

## HUGHLETT

**Sparta - Aug 29<sup>th</sup> John Hughlett** died suddenly Saturday, [27 Aug 1889], at his home near Stringtown on the mountain. He was 85 years old and came here from Ohio. He had four sons in the War Between the States, two on each side. Three of them were killed. He was buried near his home yesterday.

*Nashville Banner, 29 Aug 1898*

## PETERSON

**Paris - Aug 29<sup>th</sup>** the remains of **Mrs. W. F. Peterson** were interred in the City Cemetery here Saturday, the funeral services being conducted by presiding elder **G. W. Wilson**, of the Methodist Church. The deceased was the wife of Judge **Peterson**, of Murray, Kentucky, and had been married only a short time, being formerly Miss **Madge Ray**.

*Nashville Banner, 29 Aug 1898*

## PEAK

**Capt. W. C. Peak**, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, of Pin Hook, Meigs County, died yesterday afternoon, [22 Aug 1898], after a lingering illness at Morgan Springs. He was the father of **L. L. Peak** and **C. S. Peak** and brother of **Mrs. William Nixon**, of this city. He had been sick for some months. Deceased was well-known throughout East Tennessee. He represented Meigs County in the legislature some years ago, having been elected by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate in that county.

*Nashville Banner, 23 Aug 1898*

## CARRELL

**Johnson City - Mrs. Van Carrell** died suddenly at her home here.

*Journal and Tribune, 7 May 1899*





# Warr Family Bible

I purchased the Warr family Bible at an estate sale in Memphis, Tennessee, and it is in my possession.

This family Bible belonged to **Otis Sumter Warr** and **Ethel Doris Boyce**.

The couple was married 26 December 1912 in Gainesville, Texas. The marriage was witnessed by: **D. J. Lacy**, **Mrs. I. Noble**, **Miss Eva Noble**, **Mrs. J. Z. Keel**, **Mrs. H. C. Moore** and **Miss Bernice Moore**.

## Father's Grandparents:

**Henry Louis Warr**, born July 15, 1830, SC, died January 30, 1916, SC

**Polly McDonald**, born SC, died SC

**John Henry Turner**, born July 16, 1838, SC, died August 21, 1921, SC

**Mary C. Shaw**, born March 15, 1838, SC, died October 1874, SC



## Mother's Grandparents:

**Mark R. Boyce**, born in England

**Sarah Boyce**, born in England

**Lars Rasmesser**, born August 4, 1833, Denmark, died November 17, 1917, MO

**Doris Deppe**, born July 23, 1838, Germany, died December 16, 1921, Memphis, Tennessee

## Grandparents:

**James Thomas Warr**, born July 8, 1855, SC, died July 12, 1886, in Lamar, SC

**Mary Isabel Turner**, born June 5, 1858, Pagebond, SC, died May 15, 1900, Lamar, SC

**Mark Robert Boyce**, born March 10, 1858, Sandusky, Ohio, died July 2, 1903, Gainesville, TX

**Augusta Rosmussen**, born April 23, 1866, Racine, WI, died May 13, 1937, Memphis, TN

## Parents:

**Otis Sumter Warr**, born April 30, 1881, Lamar, SC, died March 22, 1937, Knoxville, TN

**Ethel Doris Boyce**, born August 24, 1886, Des Moines, Iowa, died Dec. 31, 1981, Memphis, TN

## Children:

**Otis Sumter Warr**, born March 30, 1914, Memphis, Tennessee, married **Vivian L. Barnett** on 23, April 1938

**Doris Warr**, born July 8, 1916, Memphis, Tennessee, married **E. E. Thorne** on July 6, 1936

**Ethel Boyce Warr**, born July 15, 1922, Memphis, Tennessee, married **William Diamond** on June 5, 1943

# Murder Most Foul...

**Dr. John R. Acree**, of Arkansas, was shot and killed by a band of ruffians. He was the brother of **Dr. G. W. Acree**, of Memphis  
*Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 January 1869*

**Lt. Samuel M. Allen**, formerly of Nashville, son of **Joseph W. Allen**, of Nashville, fell victim to robbers and was murdered near the home of **Mr. Jamison** about twelve miles from Memphis about 17 March 1864  
*Nashville Daily Union March 1864*

**Jo Barton** cut the throats of his wife and three children. The murder took place before daylight on Sunday. He lived on Clarksville Pike near Nashville and was formerly of Clarksville.  
*Nashville Republican Banner 23 November 1869*

**Nick Carney** was shot dead by a barkeeper in **Jack Hall's** restaurant in Clarksville. **Carney** had been drinking and the barkeeper shot in self-defense. During the war he was a member of one of the partisan bands who won a terrible name in the annals of guerilla warfare.  
*Memphis Avalanche 26 July 1867*

**Motto Piccin Cassaretto**, an Italian, was found murdered by **John Miller**, negro, at the old **Borrow** place some miles northeast of Memphis.  
*Memphis Daily Appeal 10 May 1870*

**William T. Dew** died on the 11<sup>th</sup> from effects of a pistol shot in a fracas at Mt. Pleasant.  
*Memphis Avalanche 21 December 1866*

**W. A. Donelson** was shot and killed Saturday near Nashville by **W. G. Baker**. An old grudge was to blame. His father was private secretary to **Andrew Jackson**.  
*Daily Herald 23 July 1900*

**Con Fitzpatrick**, of Edgefield, drug his sick wife out of the house, abused her, kicked her senseless and drug her down the steps. She died a few hours later.  
*Nashville Republican Banner 27 July 1869*

**James Malatesta** was killed two years ago in Memphis by **Antonio Marre**. **Marre** has been found not guilty.  
*Memphis Daily Appeal 21 October 1869*

**Alfred Johnson** was killed December 1876 by **J. V. Brown**, who has been found guilty of murder and given 15 years.  
*Paris Tennessee Gazette 13 February 1878*

**Marion Ingram** was shot and killed on Thursday, 7 November, by **John M. Fowler**, four miles up river from Columbia. A family quarrel had been brewing for a year.  
*Maury Democrat 14 November 1895*

**Joel Clough Harrison**, notorious murderer of **Mrs. Harrison**, of Nashville, escaped Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. He was to have been executed on Friday.  
*Western Weekly Review 2 August 1833*

**Bennet Dooly Patton**, of Abbeville District, supposed murderer of **William Patton**, was found not guilty by reason of self-defense. The trial was held in Marion County, Tennessee.  
*Western Weekly Review 29 November 1833*

**J. W. Reddick** murdered his wife on Tuesday of last week at Campbellsville, Giles County, while she was asleep. He was arrested Thursday by **James Brown** in Wayne county.  
*Columbia Herald 21 September 1877*

The decomposed body of ex-confederate soldier **James Travis**, of Winchester, Tennessee, was found Sunday in a lot near the north entrance to the Centennial grounds. This crime has developed into a sensational murder mystery.  
*Columbia Herald 2 July 1897*

**Austin Smith** was murdered four days ago near Franklin by **William A.** and **Adam Pewitt** in an argument over a fence and they both have been charged with murder. **Smith** was formerly with the 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment.  
*Nashville Daily Union 11 March 1865*

## *Degrees Conferred at Cumberland University in 1898*

Lebanon, June 3 - Commencement exercises of Cumberland University were held this morning at Caruthers Hall with **Chancellor Green** conferring degrees on the following:

Bachelors of Art - **Helen Buquo, Albert Green Caldwell, Reuben Gibson Dickey, Robert Lee Keathley, Oscar Taylor McCroskey, and Marion Ridley McWilliams**, all of Tennessee; **Mary Phelps Darby**, Indiana; **William Francis Hereford, William Lee Livingston, and Marion Dugan Williams**, all of Alabama; **Billups Featherston Lawrence and Paul Yates**, both of Illinois;

Bachelors of Law- **Edward Everett Adams, Edward Albright, Benjamin Franklin B\_\_\_** [ink blot], **Thomas Edward Cunningham, John Robinson Cothran, Currie Walker Crawford, Henry Sluter Collier, Sam Langford Doak, James Johnson Elliott, James Taylor Gooch, Solomon Emmett Hunt, Oscar K. Holladay, Harry Buchanan Kirkpatrick, T. J. Leuty, Benjamin Harris Motley, James Calvin McDearmon, Edgar Eugene Parry, John Smallman, Guy McFarland Swingley, and Thomas Pope Shepherd**, all of Tennessee; **Knox Walker Anderson, Etienne de Pelister Bujac, Donnell Officer Cameroon, Ernest Felbaum, William Shackelford Noble**, all of Texas; **Strother Addison Banks, Noah Case Hawkins, Will Ezra Tribble, and Walker Wilkins**, all of Kentucky; **Zachary Austin Brantley**, of Mississippi; **William Benjamin Craig**, of Alabama; **Mark Allen Candler**, of Georgia; **Garnett Duncan, Paul Gray Matlock, and Jesse Marion Vineyard**, all of Arkansas; **Jeremiah Van Wart Griswold and Herman Sawyer Whitcomb**, both of New York; **Harrold D. Lannom and James Hudson Mathers**, both of Indian Territory; and **J. Lester Williams**, of Illinois;

Bachelor of Science - **Judith Frances Darby**, of Alabama;

Bachelors of Divinity - **Henry Nesbit Barbee and William Thomas Swaim**, both of Tennessee; **Alcephas Robinson Brown, Charles Moore Collins, and Alfred Wilson Denny**, all of Illinois; **William Lambert Darby**, of Indiana; **George William Fender, Bob Alex. Hodges, and Sterling Park**, all of Texas; **Sing Quah Gam**, of China; and **James Hatcher King**, of Kentucky;

Doctors of Philosophy - **Shigehide Aarakawa**, of Japan; and **John Wesley Sullivan**, of Missouri.

As soon as the exercises were finished, there was a general rush for boarding houses, and a little later a greater rush for the depot, and a large number of the students who have lived so happily in Lebanon the past session, left to return no more.



## List of Lawyers present at yesterday's meeting in Knoxville were:

Judge H. H. Ingersoll, Hu L. McClung, Esq., Tully R. Cornick, Esq., General Will D. Wright, J. W. Caldwell, Esq., J. W. Culton, Esq., J. H. Frantz, William S. Frost, Esq., Captain Horace Van Deventer, J. H. Welcker, Esq., Hon. George W. Winstead, J. W. Drummond, Esq., Gordon Mynatt, Esq., Lewis Tillman, Esq., Noble Smithson, Esq., John L. Faulkner, Esq., Edward S. Parker, Esq., W. L. Welker, Esq., J. W. Green, Esq., Major C. E. Luckey, Major T. S. Webb, Col. W. P. Washburn, John D. Caldwell, Esq., Leon Jouolmon, Esq., W. R. Turner, Esq., H. T. Cooper, Esq., James Comfort, Esq., Edward T. Sanford, Esq., L. H. Spilman, Esq., L. L. H. Carlock, Esq., John M. Moore, Esq., Samuel G. Shields, Esq., Hon. James A. Fowler, L. M. Gross, Esq., George M. Trotter, Esq., and James Rich, Esq.

*Knoxville Journal and Tribune, 23 April 1899*

## These Were Residents of Confederate Soldiers' Home in Nashville in 1898:

A list of residents of the Confederate Soldiers' Home in Nashville and their ages, prepared by Dr. W. J. McMurray, was published in the *Nashville Banner* on 29 Aug 1898. It was reported that 94 veterans were living in the institution and their average age was 65. The home, authorized by the Tennessee General Assembly in

1889 and built on the grounds of The Hermitage, opened in May 1892. It closed in November 1933 after having provided shelter and medical attention to almost 700 veterans during its existence. Names and ages of the home's residents in 1898 as published in *The Banner* are:

ALFORD, A. J., 68  
BAKER, Henry, 71  
BAIN, Mike, 65  
BAYLESS, A. M., 58  
BLAND, Silas, 63  
, Jeff, 63  
BRADY, John, 63  
BREEN, Daniel, 74  
BURNS, Tim, 74  
BYROM, W. T., 75  
CAMPBELL, Thomas, 78  
CARNEY, James, 64  
CARTER, John S., 64  
CHATRAINE, E., 74  
COTTON, G. R., 66  
CUNNINGHAM [first name not given], 63  
CUSHING, Pat, 71  
DAUGHERTY, A., 65  
DAWSON, H. J., 66  
, John H., 65  
DICKERSON, A. C., 58  
DOLAN, Alf, 58  
DRISCOLL, Dennis, 71  
DUNLAP, J. F., 67  
ESKEW, L., 54  
FINUCANE, James, 87  
FLEMING, John, 78  
GAYNEY, James, 87  
GLENNON, Pat, 66  
HALEY, R., 60  
HAMPTON, J. H., 58  
HEFFERMAN, John, 65  
HERRING, A. J., 58  
HILL, W. K., 58  
HILL, JO A., 65  
HOCKERSMITH, H. H., 56  
HOLLORAN, M., 72  
HOWELL, A. J., 66  
HOWERTON, W. R., 69  
HUFFMAN, John W., 62  
HUGGINS, J. J., 63  
HULL, John G., 68  
INGRAM, P. R., 59  
JACOBUS, John, 72  
JOHNSON, C. S., 64  
KING, R. T., 65  
KITCHEN, F. M., 58

LEAKE, B. B., 60  
McCARTHY, D., 62  
McCULLOUGH, J. G., 54  
McDANIEL, J. W., 58  
McDEARMOTT, P., 76  
McLEOD, W. A., 80  
McNAIRY, W. I., 70  
McNEESE, H., 58  
MANGAN, William, 64  
MARCH, J. C., 63  
MARCH, W. F., 59  
MITCHELL, John, 61  
MIZE, Milton, 59  
MORAN, M., Sr., 68  
MORAN, M., Jr., 54  
NEBLETT, J. B., 67  
NISBETT, Joe, 86  
NULLIGAN(?), F., 64  
PATE, JOHN M., 74  
PETTY, Thomas, 66  
PRINDABLE, M., 65  
QUINN, John, 77  
QUINN, Thomas, 65  
RAWLINS, J. M., 35  
ROBERS (?), W. T., 56  
RYAN, Andy, 65  
SCALLY, F. M., 72  
SEWARD, B. R., 54  
SEWELL, T. L., 70  
SHAUGHNESSEY, J., 68  
SIMMONS, M., 80  
SMITH, Parham, 64  
SNYDER, Jacob, 71  
SNYDER, J. P., 56  
STANLEY, J. M., 64  
TANKERSLEY, J. R., 62  
TAYLOR, Jesse, 68  
TREANOR, Duke, 63  
TURNER, R. B., 58  
WALSH, Shelby, 61  
WEST, James, 81  
WHITE, E. E., 56  
WHITE, F. M., 64  
WILLIAMS, Thomas, 60

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# Shelby County Deeds of the 1840's

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## *Pages 122-123*

Bill of sale dated 7 June 1843: For \$450 consideration, **E. and P. H. Ezell** convey to **John M. Bond** a negro girl named **Jemima**, aged about 15 years. Witnesses **E. G. Brown, T. C. Brown** proved deed before Shelby County court clerk 7 June 1843; recorded 14 June 1843.

Deed dated 15 Apr 1843: For \$150 paid by **William D. Mays** to **Morgan Norman** for building bridge across bayou on Beal(e) St., **William L. Vance** conveys to **Mays** two acres of lot no. 527 lying near Bayou Gayoso as shown on map of Memphis. **Vance** acknowledged deed before Shelby County court clerk 15 Apr 1843, and it was recorded 14 June 1843.

## *Pages 123-124*

Grant dated 20 Dec 1842: For consideration of 12-½ cents per acre paid into office of Shelby County entry-taker and entered on 1 Jul 1842 pursuant to act passed by state legislature on 11 June 1842, state of Tennessee grants to **Thomas M. Moon** 200-acre tract surveyed \_\_\_ Nov 1842. [Date not filled in.] Tract adjoins that of **Able Gear** (?) on Winchester state line and crosses Nonconnah Creek. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Signed by Gov. **James C. Jones** at Nashville 20 Dec 1842; **John S. Young**, secretary of state. **William O. Butler**, register, and **Robert I. Chester**, deputy register, signed statement that **Thomas M. Moon** is entitled to described tract. Grant recorded in register's office at Jackson, Tenn., by Deputy Register **Chester** and in Shelby County register's office 14 June 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 6 June 1843: For \$1,225 consideration, **E. and P. H. Ezell** and **E. G. Brown** convey to **Bailey Anderson** three negroes, to-wit: a man named **Wesley**, aged about 19 years; a girl **Rebecca**, aged about 11, and **Sarah**, about 11. Witnesses **John B. Rodgers** and **W. B. Conner** attested to bill of sale before Shelby County court clerk 7 June 1843; recorded 14 June 1843.

## *Pages 125-126*

Deed dated 27 May 1843: For \$420 consideration, **Anderson B. Carr** of Shelby County and **Willoughby Williams** of Davidson County convey to **James W. Alexander** of Shelby County 105 acres on waters of Loosahatchie River on east side. Land adjoins southeast corner of **Carr's** property and 5,000 acres granted to **John C. McLemore** [Grant 21781] on 12 Jul 1825. Witnesses: **John C. McLemore, C. D. McLean, C. C. Deason**. Deed acknowledged by **Carr** and **Williams** 31 May 1843; recorded 14 June 1843

Bill of Sale dated 9 May 1843: For \$375 consideration, **A. A. Harris** conveys to **Thomas Holeman** a boy slave named **Rush**, about 12 years of age and of dark complexion. **Harris** acknowledged bill of sale before county court clerk 9 May 1843; recorded 14 June 1843.

## *Pages 126-127*

Title Bond dated 17 Nov 1825: **William Polk**, Raleigh, N.C., is bound to **Thomas Turner**, Madison Co., Tenn., in the sum of \$3,200. **Polk** has bargained to sell **Turner** 320 acres in Shelby County, 11th surveyors district, range 6, section 4, entered in name of **Thomas Polk**. Land is bounded on west by 640-acre tract entered in name of **Brown Wilson**, on east by 228-acre tract entered in name of **Thomas Henderson** and on south by 228-acre tract in name of trustees of the University of North Carolina. **Turner** has given **William Polk** \$1,000 bond due within 60 days and \$600 bond due 25 Dec 1826 with interest. **William Polk** will execute warranty deed to

**Turner** subject to lease given man named **Reddit** when both bonds are fully paid-off and discharged. Title bond signed by **Samuel Dickins** as **William Polk**'s attorney-in-fact. Witnesses: **John T. Macon, Peter Binford**. On 1st May 1843, Witness **John T. Macon**, appearing before **Samuel McDowell**, Hardeman County court clerk, attested that **Samuel Dickins** and **Peter Binford**, the other subscribing witness who has since died. Both signed agreement in his presence. **James G. Bell** also swore he was familiar with **Dickins**'s and **Binford**'s handwritings and that their signatures on title bond are genuine. Bond registered in Shelby County 14 June 1843.

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Deed dated 12 Aug 1842: For \$1,500 consideration, **Colbert Moore** conveys to **Thomas D. Johnson** one-half section of land, being east half of section 7, township 1, range 6, west of base meridian Chickasaw Cession. Witnesses: **Rolfe Eldridge, Richard K. Eldridge**. Deed proved by witnesses before Shelby County court clerk 8 June 1843; recorded 14 June 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 13 May 1843: Received by **L. P. Hardaway** at Memphis \$500 cash from **Robert J. Jennings** for purchase of slave **Mary Ann**. Witness: **P. G. Gains**. Sale acknowledged by **Hardaway** before Shelby County clerk 22 May 1843; recorded 15 June 1843.

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Deed dated 12 June 1843: For consideration of \$118.75, **Isaac R. Philips** of Shelby County conveys to **James Burris** one acre on west side of road leading from Memphis to Randolph. Parcel adjoins northeast corner of 3-acre lot sold by **John C. McLemore** to **F. P. Stanton** and by him to **Benjamin Wright** on western edge of road and includes a house. Land is part of county lot no. 525 containing 52-½ acres, which were allotted to **McLemore** by commissioners of Memphis. Witnesses: **Zenas Rudisill, George S. White**. Deed acknowledged by **Philips** before county court clerk 12 June 1843; recorded 15 June 1843.

Deed dated 9 May 1843: For consideration of \$72, **Jacob L. Thompson** conveys to **Michael McAleer** of Shelby County a tract of land near Memphis east of Bayou on north side of Pigeon Roost road. Tract, adjoining lot no. 1 owned by **Marcus Cook** and the railroad, is numbered lot no. 2 and is part of three-acre lot **Thompson** and **A. L. Govan** bought from **Nathaniel Ragland**. All hereditaments and appurtenances included. **Thompson** acknowledged deed before Shelby County deputy court clerk 9 May 1843; recorded 15 June 1843.

Pages 131-132

Deed of Trust dated 5 Oct 1842: **Morgan Vance** owes \$5,000 to **Frederick W. Huling**, trustee for **Elizabeth Thompson**, as evidenced by his bond payable 1 Jan 1844. Anxious to secure payment, **Vance** conveys to **Robertson Topp** for \$1 one-fourth [625 acres] of 2,500-acre tract that state of Tennessee granted to **Thomas Person**. Tract fronts on Mississippi River south of Nonconnah Creek at Winchester line and adjoins land of **Alexander Allen**. If **Vance** pays off bond at maturity date, deed is null and void. Otherwise, land is to be sold by **Topp** at public auction to pay bond. **Vance** only owns three-fourths of undivided 2,500-acre tract. In event he should fail to have tract described in this indenture laid off to him, this trust deed shall embrace the next 625 acres which may be set apart to him in division with minor heirs of **Blount Hunter**. Deed proved 5 Oct \_\_\_ in Davidson County [date and witness name blurred]; recorded in Shelby County 15 June 1843.

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Chancery Court Ruling, Franklin, Tenn., dated 3 May 1843: *In the matter of John C. McLemore vs Samuel T. Love, Executor of the Estate of Charles I. Love, et al*: At April 1842 court term,

Franklin County chancery court clerk was directed to make out an account between parties in case. Following his examination, the taking of depositions, etc., Clerk **Benjamin Litton** found complainant owes defendant \$3,867.03. Court ordered **McLemore** to pay executor this amount with interest from 22 Sep 1842 plus costs and instructed clerk to appoint commissioners to divide land held in common by **McLemore** and **Love** and report at next term. Copy of decree certified 29 May 1843 in Williamson County; recorded in Shelby 13 June 1843.

Deed dated 15 Dec 1842: For \$100 consideration, **Robertson Topp** conveys to **John A. Allen** 95 by 200-foot lot on Union Street in south Memphis situated 50 feet east of **Gholson's** lot. **Topp** acknowledged deed before Shelby County deputy court clerk 15 Dec 1842; recorded 15 June 1843.

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Deed dated 6 June 1843: For \$520 consideration, **James W. Breedlove** and wife, **Maria Eliza Winchester**, of New Orleans, La., convey to **Charles A. Leath** of Shelby Co., Tenn., part of what was designated on subdivision plan by proprietors of Memphis as town reserve on **John Rice's** 5,000-acre grant, and known as original country lot no. 522. Southeast corner of lot adjoins lot no. 523 which was **Overton's** and **Winchester's** corner on east boundary line of reserve. Witnesses: **J. P. Breedlove**, **P. A. Hardy**. Deed certified by **John Claiborne**, Louisiana commissioner for probate of deeds, in New Orleans 7 June 1843; certificate recorded in Shelby Co., Tenn., 14 June 1843.

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Deed dated 7 Nov 1842: Whereas **Andrew Jackson**, **John Overton** and **James Winchester**, all of Tennessee, and **George Winchester** and **William Winchester**, of Baltimore, devisees of **William Winchester**, deceased, are owners of 5,000-acre tract at mouth of Wolf River granted by state of North Carolina to **John Rice** by grant no. 283 dated 25 Apr 1789. In 1819, they contemplated laying off a town at mouth of said river. This has since been done and town is now called Memphis. The owners, apprehensive that the death of either of them might embarrass the project of laying off the town, selling lots and making deeds, by mutual agreement on 6 Jan 1819, provided that in case of such a death, the deceased's right, title, and interest shall instantly vest in the survivor or survivors so far as laying off town, large lots and deeds. **Andrew Jackson** on 13 Oct 1823 conveyed all of his title in 5,000-acre tract to **John C. McLemore**, of Nashville. **Overton** and **McLemore**, survivors, on 19 June 1830 and **William** and **George Winchester**, also survivors, by their attorney, **David Winchester**, on 24 Nov 1830 appointed **M. B. Winchester** their attorney-in-fact to convey property and lots sold by them in or near Memphis. **William Cage** and **Lucilius Winchester**, executors of **James Winchester**, deceased, to better confirm and assure title made under survivors' authority, on 13 Mar 1830 also appointed **Marcus B. Winchester** their attorney-in-fact. **Overton**, **McLemore** and **Wm. Winchester** on 7 July by deed more fully set forth these and all other matters relating to titles and sales of the property in Memphis. Now, therefore, surviving parties for consideration of \$85 convey to **John Pollard Trezevant**, assignee, Memphis, lot designated on **William Lawrence's** manuscript plan of the city as lot no. 469 containing three and four-tenths (3.4) acres. Deed is signed by **M. B. Winchester** as special agent for **J. S. Claybrook**, executor of **John Overton**, and for estate of **J. Winchester**, and as attorney for **John C. McLemore** and **Wm. and George Winchester**. Witnesses: **Jesse Alexander**, **G. B. Locke**. **Marcus Winchester** acknowledged deed before Shelby County court clerk 21 Feb 1843; deed recorded 15 June 1843.

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Deed dated 10 Dec 1842: For \$800 consideration, **Alexis S. Baker** and **Richard Bigelow**, surviving

partners of late firm of **Baker Johnson & Co.**, of New York City, convey to **Seth Wheatley**, of Memphis, a parcel of land designated in plan of Memphis as part of lot no. 142. Land fronts 40 feet on south side of Market Street and runs back south 74 feet 3 inches. It adjoins lot conveyed by **Thomas Reid** to **High Wheatley** and is same parcel that **W. B. Dabney** conveyed to **Baker Johnson & Co.** 9 Jan 1839 (recorded in Shelby County Book G, pp.448- 449) in payment of \$2,700 debt he owed company for goods and merchandise. Witnesses to **Bigelow's** signature: **P. G. Gains, James Rose**. Witnesses to **Baker's** signature: **Walter Edwards, Albon P. Man**. Deed acknowledged by **Baker** before **Walter Edwards**, New York City notary public, on 30 Dec 1842, and by **Bigelow** before **James Rose**, Shelby County deputy court clerk, on 1 May 1843. Recorded in Shelby County 16 June 1843.

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Deed dated 14 June 1843: For \$2,000 consideration, **George O. Ragland**, Shelby Co., Tenn., conveys to **James J. Gill**, Davidson Co., Tenn., lot no. 9 in block 19 of south Memphis. Lot is in Howard Row and includes two-story brick storehouse, fronts 24 feet on Public Promenade and runs back south 200 feet to an alley. Witnesses: **Seth Wheatly, A. Gillis**. Deed acknowledged by **Ragland** before Shelby County court clerk 14 June 1843; recorded 17 June 1843.

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Deed dated 14 June 1843: For \$1,000 consideration, **Robertson Topp** and **George A. McCall**, by his attorney in fact, convey to **George O. Ragland** lot no. 9 in block 19, fronting 24 feet 6 inches on public promenade, running back 100 feet to an alley, and including appurtenances. Witnesses: **Mark Brown Sapington, J. J. Lawrance**. Deed acknowledged by **Topp** and **McCall**, by his attorney in fact, before Shelby County court clerk 14 June 1843; recorded 17 June 1843.

Deed dated 27 Apr 1843: For \$760 consideration, **William L. Vance** conveys lot to **James Kennedy** adjoining town of Memphis near Gayoso House with all appurtenances. Lot begins 72 feet from intersection of Main and McCall Street, runs north 117 feet, west 26 feet, south 117 feet, then east 26 feet to north line of McCall. Deed acknowledged by **Vance** before Shelby County deputy court clerk 1st May 1843; recorded 18 June 1843.

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Sheriff's Deed dated 9 June 1843: **John Carriger**, for use of **Elliot Carriger**, recovered two judgments against **John R. and Tennessee S. Carriger** in Carter Co., Tenn., Circuit Court on 29 Sep 1838. One was for \$21.12 with further sum of \$7.87-½ cents for costs of suit. Other judgment was for \$29.12 plus \$8 for costs. On 7 Sep 1839, **Elliot Carriger** and **Christian E. Carriger** in same circuit court recovered judgment against **John R. Carriger** for \$107.66 for debt and additional \$7.75 for costs. On 28 Nov 1840, **James D. H. George** and **Christian E. Carriger** in same circuit court recovered judgment against **Tennessee S. Carriger** and **William B. Carriger** for \$51.38 -½ cents for debt plus \$8.87 and ½ cents for costs. On 6 Dec 1841, writs of execution were directed to Shelby Co., Tenn., sheriff and he levied them on **Tennessee S. Carriger's** and **John R. Carriger's** undivided interest in 640-acre tract in Shelby's 11th district on north side of Loosahatchie River, range 4, section 4. Land was granted by state of Tennessee to **Godfrey Carriger**. After due notice, interest of **John R. and Tennessee S. Carriger's** interest in land was sold at auction to **William Battle** on 18 Feb 1842 for \$264. However, **J. W. Fowler**, who was then sheriff, went out of office without making a deed to **Battle**. His successor in office, **L. P. Hardaway**, in consideration of premises and \$264 paid by **Battle**, conveys to him all right, title, and interest in aforesaid land. Deed signed by **Hardaway** 9 June 1843. Witnesses:



**Sylvester Bailey, Thomas J. Turley.** Deed acknowledged by **Hardaway** before Shelby County court clerk 15 June 1843; recorded 21 June 1843.

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Quit-Claim Deed dated 16 Mar 1841: For \$27 consideration, **Joshua E. Roden** releases and forever quit claims to **Rowal M. Hawley** all of his right, title, and interest to nine blocks in town of Collierville, Shelby Co., Tenn., south of Winchester Line. Property is known and designated on town plan as blocks no. 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19. Witnesses: **J. W. Koen, Samuel T. Bufford, S. Bussey.** Deed proved by **Koen** and **Bussey** before Shelby County court clerk 15 June 1843; recorded 21 June 1843.

Deed dated 16 Jul 1839: For \$200 consideration, **Montilion M. Scott** conveys to **Royal M. Hawley**, of Fayette Co., Tenn., land designated in plan of Collierville as lot 88, containing 21 acres south of Winchester Line. Witnesses: **S. Bussey, Samuel T. Bufford, Thomas E. Tipton.** Deed proved by **Bufford** and **Bussey** 15 June 1843 before Shelby County court clerk; recorded 21 June 1843.

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Bill of Sale dated 15 May 1843: **Micheal McNamara** this day purchased one bed, mattress and furniture; one table; one dray, horse and harness; one bed, bedstead and furniture; also one spider [carriage] sold to **Wesley Blakemore**, deputy sheriff. On this day he gives above named property to **Michail Larkin** and **John Larkin**; also one horse cart at \$10. Witnesses: **Wm. O. Fleming, John Barnes.** Witnesses proved bill of sale before Shelby County deputy court clerk 14 June 1843; recorded 21 June 1843.

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Agreement dated 29 Oct 1843: **N. [Nathaniel] Ragland** bargains and leases to **William Park** the middle one-third of Promenade lot no. 72 in Memphis. **Park** agrees to pay **Ragland** \$150 annual rent from 1 Jul 1843. Failure to pay rent for space of 300 days after lease matures is a forfeiture. It also is understood that if **Park** should at any time prefer to advance all of money, he is to have credit on rent for so much as he may advance up to \$2,000. **Ragland** has valued lot to **Park** at \$2,000 and given him exclusive privilege at end of 10 years from 1st Jul 1843 to pay **Ragland** for lot provided lease is not forfeited by failure to pay rent annually. **Park** also covenants, as part of this contract during the year 1843, to put a good two-story house on the lot, covering the front and running back a sufficient distance to make a good and convenient business house. In addition, **Park** is to pay all state, county and corporation taxes on lot during period of lease. Agreement acknowledged by **Ragland** and **Park** before Shelby County deputy court clerk 15 June 1843; recorded 22 June 1843.

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Deed dated 31 May 1842: [Agreement set out on Page 135 between proprietors of Memphis and their survivors is repeated here.] For consideration of \$92, **M. B. Winchester**, as special agent for **John S. Claybrook**; as executor for **John Overton, William and George Winchester**; and **L. Winchester**; and as attorney-in-fact for **John C. McLemore**, conveys to **Anderson B. Carr** lots no. 179 and 294 in printed plan of town of Memphis with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: **David Adams, F. C. Thurman.** Witnesses proved deed before Shelby County deputy court clerk 20 May 1843; recorded 22 May 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 13 May 1843: **Stark Hobdie**, of Coosa Co., Ala., on 22 Apr 1843 signed written obligatory for \$600 to **Joseph Cooper**, payable in 12 months. Obligatory also was signed by **Angus Giles** and **Samuel D. Key**, of Shelby Co., Tenn., as securities. **Hobdie**, desiring to Shelby

indemnify **Giles and Key** against loss or responsibility as securities, and in consideration of premises and \$1 paid by them, sells and conveys to them and their heirs three negro slaves — namely, **Betty** and her boy child, **Peter**, and a boy named **Wesley**. If **Hobdie** pays obligation to **Cooper** by due date, deed is null and void. If he fails to satisfy obligation, **Giles and Key**, after due advertising in local newspaper, are to sell slaves and pay off obligation. Any residue is to be paid **Hobdie** or his legal representative. Witness: **John Giles**. Deed proved by **Hobday** and **Gillis** before Shelby County deputy clerk 13 May 1843; recorded 21 May 1843.

Deed or Title Bond dated 9 Oct 1824: **Jesse Benton** is bound to **Simeon Bateman** for \$5,000 on 9 Oct 1824. Condition of obligation is that **Benton** complete title to three adjoining tracts of land on the Mississippi within six months. Tracts contain total of 1,870 acres (including 10 acres sold by **William Lawrence** to **Benton**) and are four or five miles above where Maj. **William Irvin** now lives. Obligation is to be void if title completed or else to remain in full force. Witness: **Will Irvin**. Deed for 10 acres made to **S. Bateman** 10 Oct 1839 by **R. Lawrence**, executor of **William Lawrence**. On 20 June 1843, **S. R. Brown** and **Green B. Bateman** appeared before Shelby County court clerk and identified handwriting on title bond as being that of **Jesse Benton**, **William Irvin**, and **Robert Lawrence**, executor of **William Lawrence**. Title bond recorded 22 June 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 21 June 1843: For \$5 and other considerations, **John Gregg** conveys to **William Griffin** and **Francis Gillispie**, all of his crop of corn and cotton on land where he now resides, estimated at upwards of 40 acres. Deed of trust is to indemnify them against loss and liability as his securities for cost of suit in Shelby County circuit court between himself and **C. J. Berry**. They are to take possession of crop whenever they deem it necessary for their safety and **Gregg** is to cultivate and gather crop. **Griffin** and **Gillispie**, or either one of them, can sell it and apply proceeds to their expenses. **Gregg** is to give possession of land by 30 Nov 1843 to **Carter J. Berry** as **Griffin** is bound to **Berry** that **Gregg** should give possession. This conveyance is likewise to stand as security and indemnity to **Griffin** against liability. **Gregg** acknowledged deed of trust before Shelby County court clerk 21 June 1843. Recorded 22 June 1843.

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Deed dated 2 Jan 1843: For \$664 consideration, **James R. Horn** conveys to **William Griffin** 122-acre tract in Shelby County, range 5, section 3, of 11th surveyors' district. Tract is part of grant no. 2577 to **H. Bate** for 77 acres and grant no. 3021 to **James R. Horn** for 50 acres. Witnesses: **James M. Daniel**, **Mansfield Clayton**. Witnesses proved deed before Shelby County court clerk 23 Jan 1843; recorded 22 June 1843.

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Deed of Trust dated 22 May 1843: For \$6 and other considerations, **William Hack** conveys to **John T. Trezevant** slaves **Matilda**, aged about 24 years, and **Aaron**, aged about 29. Deed is made for following uses and purposes: **Hack**, together with **W. D.** and **Thomas Nesbit**, is indebted to **W. W. Hart**, administrator of **Royal G. Hart**, deceased, for \$644 by notes dated 1 Jan 1842 and due 1 Jan 1843 and is desirous of securing payment of same. Should note be paid before 1 Jan 1844, deed will be considered void. If it remains unpaid either whole or in part, then **Trezevant** may sell either or both slaves at public auction to highest bidder for cash and apply proceeds to payment of note. **Hack** and **Trezevant** acknowledged deed of trust before Shelby County deputy court clerk 30 May 1843, and it was recorded 23 June 1843.

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Land Grant No. 114 dated 20 Dec 1842: For consideration of 12-½ cents per acre paid into the Shelby County entry-taker's office and entered 1st Jul 1842 pursuant to act passed 11 Jan 1842 by

Tennessee General Assembly, the State of Tennessee grants **Moses Hickerson** a tract containing 141 acres by survey dated 28 Oct 1839. Tract is in range 8, section 4, of Shelby County and begins at black gum marked **W. M. Williams** and **D. McKingan**, and adjoins **George Doherty's** 2500-acre grant (No. 94). Grant to **Hickerson** signed by Gov. **James C. Jones** in Nashville and **John S. Young**, Secretary of State. Shelby County Clerk **John W. Fuller** received state tax in this deed 21 June 1843, and **William O. Butler**, register, and **Robert J. Chester**, deputy register, indicated grant was recorded at register's office in Jackson in Book Vol. 1, folio 114. Grant and certificates registered in Shelby County Book O, pages 154-155, by **W. P. Reaves**, register.

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Deed dated 1 Sep 1842: For \$202 consideration, **John C. McLemore**, of Shelby County, conveys to **Obediah B. Smith**, of Rutherford Co., Tenn., lot no. 24 and its appurtenances in town of Pickering. Lot consists of 25 feet on Walker Street and 177-½ feet on Washington Street. **McLemore** acknowledged deed 4 Nov 1842 before Shelby County court clerk and deed recorded 23 June 1843.

Bill of Sale dated 14 June 1843: For \$300 in cash, **William Ragsdale** conveys to **Robert J. Jennings** a negro girl named **Caroline**, about 19 years old, yellow complexion. Witness: **William D. Mays**. Bill of sale acknowledged by **Ragsdale** before county court clerk 14 June 1843; registered 21 June 1843.

Deed of Trust dated 21 June 1843: For \$5 and other considerations, **Levi McCroskey** conveys to **R. H. Pattilio** a 160-acre tract in Shelby County, it being northwest portion of section 7, township 1, range 6. This deed of trust is made to insure payment by **McCroskey** of \$804.80 note he owes **L. G. Langley**, bearing interest from this date to due date of note 1st Mar 1844. Deed to be null and void if **McCroskey** pays note, but if he fails to do so, **Pattilio** — after due notice — is to sell land to highest bidder at public auction and satisfy note with proceeds. Any proceeds remaining after payment are to go to **McCroskey**. Deed of trust acknowledged by **McCroskey** before county court clerk 21 June 1843; registered 24 June 1843.

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Deed dated 21 June 1843: For \$3,000 consideration, **William W. Tucker**, De Soto Co., Miss., conveys to **Geraldus Buntyn**, Shelby Co., Tenn., tract of land in extended limits of Memphis beginning 750 feet east of intersection of Eastern Alley on Adams Street, running north 156 feet and nine inches with line of lot sold by **Samuel Merry** to **J. Davis**, then east to Bayou Gayoso, and south to Adams. (A fuller and more accurate description is given in deed from **Sam Merry** to **H. S.** and **J. H. Morgan** and **George H. Wyatt** recorded in Book F, Pages 152-153, and from **Wyatt** to **W. W. Tucker** and **James Trezevant**.) Land was conveyed to **Tucker** by **Trezevant** in his will recorded in Shelby County clerk's office. Deed to **Buntyn** acknowledged by **Tucker** before county court clerk 21 June 1843; recorded 24 June 1843.

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Deed dated 1st June 1843: For \$385 consideration, **James M. Strong**, of Marshall Co., Miss., conveys to **D. S. Greer** of same county and state a piece of land in Shelby County, Tenn., it being lot no. 2, of section 6, township 1, of range 8 west, subject to sale at Pontotoc, Miss. Lot contains 153 and 66/100ths of an acre. Witnesses: **James M. Greer**, **James Greer**, **Morgan B. Hewling**, **W. H. Wooldridge**. Deed proved by **James Greer** and **Wooldridge** before Shelby County deputy court clerk 22 June 1843; registered 26 June 1843.

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Deed dated 10 June 1842: For \$1,500 consideration, **John C. Johnson**, of Arkansas River, in Shelby Co., Tenn., conveys to **Thomas T. Alsup**, of Shelby County, a 400-acre tract granted to him [**Johnson**] by State of Tennessee. Tract is in Shelby County, range 8, sections 4 & 5, and adjoins **Alsup's** property. Hereditaments and appurtenances included. Witnesses: **Samuel S. Rembert**, **Robert Howard**. Deed proved by witnesses before Shelby County deputy court clerk 22 June 1843; recorded 26 June 1843.

# Books up for Review



**KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS AND FILES** compiled and notated by **Elizabeth Hawes Ryland**: 5¼" x 8¼" softcover, 137 pages with full name index, \$25.00 plus \$3.50 s&h for first book & \$1.50 for each additional book. Direct orders and correspondence to Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, S.C. 29602-1267. This volume reproduced from 1953 edition located in publisher's private library. This book began as family history research by the author and further interest led her to searching and recording of every item relating to people, places and events of King William County, as well as the history of newspapers and printing presses in the early colonies and Virginia. The introduction to this book gives the history of attempts to bring printing presses and newspapers to the settlements and the colonies. The governors did not approve of the press and newspapers were not encouraged. It was not until 1736 that the first edition of the *Virginia Gazette* was published, after failed attempts in other areas. The author was a native Virginian and added many comments to the abstracted items, explaining who some of the people were and their position in the county at that time. In addition, there are 22 pages of photos of historical homes and buildings and 21 pages of marriages and deaths starting as early as 1737. King William researchers will find this book interesting for names and places and also for the history of the press and newspapers.

**COLONIAL VESTRY BOOK OF LYNNHAVEN PARISH, 1723-1786** (Princess Anne County, Virginia) Transcribed and edited by **George Carrington Mason**, *Histriographer, Diocese of Southern Virginia*,

8 ½" x 10 ¾" softcover, 134 pages. \$28.50 plus \$3.50 s&h for first copy and \$1.50 for each additional copy. Order from Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, S.C. 29602-1267.

The vestry consisted of an elected committee whose duties were to build and maintain the church, employ the minister and others needed to operate the church. More importantly, they could levy tithes for the support of these duties, as well as the support of the poor of the parish, orphans, aged paupers, poorhouses or farms, and in some cases doctors. Members of the vestry were leaders of the community and these records show that some served for several years, and their positions often passed on to their sons. The vestry operated very closely with the court. Actions taken by the vestry at their meetings over the years are listed in this book, and this is the first of a planned series of publications of vestry records. Only about 15 of a known 50 surviving vestry records have been published. This well-indexed book, with over 5,000 references, also gives the history of Lynnhaven Parish churches and a list of ministers from 1639-1787 -- a good reference for searching the Princess Anne County area.

**ST. LUKE'S RECORDS 1829-EARLY 1900'S DANVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO** by **Richard T. Koch, Phyllis I. Davidson**. The book is 5 ½" x 8 ½", paperback and is published by Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 East Eager St., Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 <[www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)> (410) 625-9004.

For anyone with Catholic ancestors who migrated from western Maryland and Pennsylvania to Ohio in the early years of Ohio statehood, this book could prove to be a valuable source of family history. A few years before Knox County, Ohio was established in 1808, some Catholic families began arriving. St. Luke's was dedicated on October 17, 1824. The book contains baptismal records, some with sponsor's names beginning in 1829; marriages, 1830-1905; first communions and confirmations, 1853-1909; and deaths, funerals, etc., 1840-1947. It is fully indexed and contains a table of contents.

**COLONIAL GRAVESTONE  
INSCRIPTIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW  
HAMPSHIRE** *compiled by Mrs. Charles  
Carpenter Goss, softcover, 8½" x 5½,"*  
*reprinted by Clearfield Company, Inc., a  
division of Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.,  
of Baltimore, Maryland.*

As early as 1903 a group of ladies, members of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, in the state of New Hampshire, recognized the need to survey and preserve the inscriptions and names on the tombstones of the colonial years of New Hampshire. In 1913, Mrs. Josiah Carpenter, chairman of the old burying grounds committee, published their findings up to that time in "*Some Colonial Gravestone Inscriptions.*" This early book is still available in New Hampshire libraries. This was a very restricted cemetery survey effort, being limited to the towns founded before 1770, and not every town or cemetery meeting those strict guidelines was surveyed. Although the Dames maintained an active interest in this work, other agencies and patriotic organizations have also contributed valuable information along the lines established by the Dames. The book is very organized, in alphabetical order, by cemetery, with names of the deceased also listed in alphabetical order. Any relationship stated on the stone is reported, however, the cost of publishing prohibits the mention of epitaphs. There is no index of names, but I found it easy to scan a cemetery for persons of interest to me. There is an Addendum: "OTHER EARLY TOWNS WITH CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS RECORDED IN REFERENCE LIBRARIES." There are about 12,500 names listed in the book.

**1890 GENEALOGICAL CENSUS  
RECONSTRUCTED TENNESSEE  
EDITION, VOL. 1** *By Sherida K. Edlemon,  
2003, 5 ½" x 8 ½" paper, alphabetical, 250 pp  
\$24.00 plus \$4.00 s&h. Willow Bend Books,  
65 E. Main St., Westminster, Md. 21157-5026  
(800) 876-6103*

Although this book is not a complete census for Tennessee, it may prove to be a valuable link for the researcher between the 1880 and

1900 censuses, particularly if your ancestor was connected to the military or a taxpayer. In 1921, the 1890 census was destroyed by fire. The author has used alternate sources such as military records, veterans' census, property tax records and other sources to compile this list of people in Tennessee who would probably be listed in the 1890 census. Where available, the list contains the name, birth and death dates, marriage date, county in which resided, race, source of gathered data, military records and more. For example, the list contains the name **Atchley, Hugh** (md) Oct. 13, 1891, (Spouse), **Nancy Lillard**, (Co) Meigs and **Smiley, Alexander H.** (Mil) TN, Second Volunteer Infantry, (Dis) Feb. 8, 1899, (Res) Trenton, TN, (Co) Gibson. The list contains about 5,000 names of Tennesseans.

**WELSH FOUNDERS OF  
PENNSYLVANIA** *By Thomas Allen Glenn,  
2 Vols in 1, 5 ½" x 8 ½", 123 pp., indexed  
(1911-1913), repr., 2004, \$36.50 plus \$4.00  
s&h, Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager  
St., Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
(410) 625-9004*

Twenty-six pedigrees of some of the first Welsh arrivals in the Province of Pennsylvania, or their immediate forefathers are contained in Vol. 1. Some of these pedigrees trace their lineage to the ancient, royal and noble families of Wales, the Plantagenets, and the great ruling family in England. These pedigrees contain nearly 300 families and 2,000 individual names of Welsh immigrants to Pennsylvania mainly between 1682 and 1700. Some of the surnames in the lineages are: **Anderson, Arthur, Cadwalader, Cook, Cooper, Corbet, Davis, Davies, Griffith, Hardyman, Harry, Haverd, Hayes, Hunt, Howell, Hugh, Hughes, Humphreys, Idding, James, Jarman, Jenkins, John, Jones, Kinsey, Lewis, Lloyd, Martin, Matthews, Meredith, Miles, Morgan, Moore, Phillips, Powel, Price, Prichard, Pugh, Rees, Rhyddereh, Rice, Richards, Rider, Walker, Walter, Watkins, Whelan, Williams, Wisdom, Wynn and Wynne.** Vol. 2 contains primarily the genealogy of the **Roberts, Owens and Evans** and allied families.

**VIRGINIA WILL RECORDS**, from the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, the *William & Mary College Quarterly* and *Tyler's Quarterly*, 5½" x 8½", 893 pp. plus 91 pp. index, \$70 plus \$4 s&h, \$1.50 for each additional book, Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, Md. 21202 (410) 625-9004

Virginia Will Records is a collection of articles reprinted from the three leading Virginia genealogy publications. It deals with early Virginia will records of the Old Dominion's oldest counties. There are many footnotes and companion articles, court minutes, deeds and some English wills. These are arranged by county, cross-county and verbatim wills, with many of these records dating from the mid-1600's. Some names of historical note will be found, i.e.,

**Washington, John Parks**, the first printer in Virginia, and **John Rolfe**. The following are some of the Virginia counties mentioned in this collection: Accomac, Albemarle, Amherst, Botetourt, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, Fluvanna, Frederick, Fredericksburg, Goochland, Hampshire (WV), Hanover, Hardy, (WV) Isle of Wight, King William, Lancaster, Louisa, Middlesex, Northampton, Petersburg, Pittsylvania, Prince George, Princess Anne, old Rappahannock, Richmond, Russell, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York. Genealogists will find this book of great interest and convenience, allowing for research in one book, rather than spending hours searching through many volumes of these publications.

**THE GERMAN EMIGRATION FROM NEW YORK PROVINCE INTO PENNSYLVANIA**, By **Matthias Henry Richards**, 351-447 pp., illus., paper, 1899, repr. 2004, \$17.50 plus \$4 s&h for first book & \$1.50 for each additional book, Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, Md. 21202 (410) 625-9004

This book is a narrative and critical history of the German influence in the settlement and development of what is commonly referred to

as the Pennsylvania Dutch country. Fourteen-thousand German emigrants fled the war-torn region of the German Palatinate seeking safe new homes under the rule of the British Crown. The English government opened up land in New York's Mohawk Valley, among other places, for 4,000 Palantines. By the spring of 1714 there were 150 Palantine families settled around Schoharle, forty miles from Albany. In 1723, due to land disputes between the settlers and local authorities, a number of these German families chose to abandon New York for the Province of Pennsylvania, which forms the basis of this historical essay. Special consideration is given to the lives and homesteads of the Palantine patriarchs **Weiser, Daniel Steinmetz, Isaac Levan, John Muhlenberg** and others. This is critical reading for anyone interested in the history or genealogy of the Pennsylvania Dutch country.

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COURT 1785-1795**, By **Brent Holcomb**, Pub. 1978, Repr. 2004, 204 pp, hardcover, full name index 5¾" x 8¾", \$30 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29602

Mr. **Holcomb's** introduction to this book gives a history of the county court system of Edgefield County, South Carolina, which began in 1785 when the county was formed. Changes were made to the court system in 1787 and 1791 which were abolished in 1800 when counties became districts. Edgefield Co. at that time was comprised of all or part of the present counties of Edgefield, Saluda, Aiken, Greenwood and McCormack. Records prior to the 1790 census are considered very valuable, and these records are even more so because Edgefield is missing records from 1791-93 and 1796-99. Included in this book are 175 early deeds which cannot be located. Migration of some Edgefield residents to Georgia can also be determined by these records.

**JOSEPH VICK OF LOWER PARISH, ISLE OF WRIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND HIS DESCENDANTS, VOL. 1**, by *John D. Beatty and Di Ann Vick*, casebound leather, gold foil stamped 6 1/2" x 9", 562 pages, ISBN: 0-09748672-0-9, price \$49.50, plus s&h, published by Genus Publishing, 4727 Wilshire Blvd., #300, Los Angeles, CA 90010, <[www.store.genuspublishing.com](http://www.store.genuspublishing.com)>

**Joseph Vick**, a planter, of Lower Parish, Isle of Wright County, VA, is the first of two planned volumes. This volume covers the first five generations of his descendants. The book traces the family from his birth in England in the 1640's to the 1830's, covering not only the direct **Vick** family, but hundreds of others who became relatives through marriage. It also records the enslaved Africans and free persons of color surnamed **Vick**. The book is clearly footnoted and contains stories about the times in which the first five generations lived. If you had any ancestors in early Virginia, this book would be a complimentary addition to your personal library. The **Vicks** are mostly middle class, while some slipped into poverty, while others moved into the upper middle class. Few were famous and none, according to the writers, were infamous. This could easily be the story of America as each of the first five generations tried to build a legacy for the following generations. Then the fifth generation is confronted by the Civil War, with family members fighting on both sides.

**ORIGINAL SURVEYOR'S RECORD BOOK 1836-1887, COFFEE COUNTY, TENNESSEE WITH ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON EARLY TULLAHOMA**, edited by *Dorothy Williams Potter*, paperback 8 1/2" x 11", 370 pages plus 20 pages of surnamed index, ISBN 1-58549-948-X, price \$43.00 plus \$4.00 s&h for first book, each additional book add \$1.00, copies can be purchased from Willow Bend Books, published in 2004, by Heritage Books, Inc., 65 E. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157-5026 or <[www.willowbendbooks.com](http://www.willowbendbooks.com)>

Coffee Co. was formed in 1836 from portions of Franklin, Warren and Bedford Counties. This book includes complete transcriptions

and plat drawings made from the original volume located in 1976 at the Coffee County Court House. **Potter's** book is the only source for these important documents, as the original volume was accidentally excluded in microfilming and has now become too fragile to handle. The decision was therefore made NOT to abstract but to transcribe the material as recorded in the original, including plats reproduced in exact size. Cross-references for entry numbers of not only Coffee County but also entries issued in Bedford, Franklin and Warren Counties of land that later became Coffee County are included. Coupled with a full-name index and additional mid-nineteenth century documents of the early town of Tullahoma makes this volume a very valuable source for the family genealogist.

**GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS, 1872-1879**,

compiled by *Larry Vehorn*, 2004, 335 pages, indexed, \$35.00 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, S.C. 29602

While most of the articles in the book pertain to people in the Spartanburg area, a casual review of places in the index will show that this book is not restricted to news of that area. A rough estimate indicates there are items from over 600 places relating to many people. This is a book that a genealogist would enjoy reading in hopes of finding that little article on their great-great-grandfather. The book is a continuation of Mr. **Vehorn's** earlier work "Genealogical Abstracts from the Carolina Spartan, 1866-1872." This book contains genealogical items from the *Carolina Spartan* and *The Spartanburg Herald*. The author has extracted articles on marriages, deaths, probates, church committees, unclaimed letters, defendants in court cases and many other activities.



**RECORDS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**, by *Caroline P. Wilson, Judge Folks Huxford & Rev. S.E. Lucas, Jr.*, Pub 1976, Reprinted 2004, 416 pages, indexed, hardcover, \$42.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, S.C. 29602

The book incorporates two separate parts, with the first consisting of ANNALS OF GEORGIA, VOLUME II and the second being EFFINGHAM COUNTY LEGAL RECORDS FROM THE GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE. Part one "ANNALS" consists of Effingham County records arranged alphabetically by individuals and records of some adjoining counties. While containing a vast amount of data on early settlers, it is confusing to follow and some data appears to be out of place. Part two contains the Effingham County Court House Records with a table of contents and an index to assist the researcher. This section contains Effingham records of Book B, Miscellaneous Records, Deed Books A through F, Minute Book 3 [1827-1850], Miscellaneous Records, Book 2, 1819-1834, Miscellaneous Records, Book 3, 1850-1865, Marriages Records, Wills, Land Lottery Records for 1805, 1807, 1820 and 1820. This section is easy to review and better organized.

**HISTORY OF THE OLD CHERAWS**, by *The Right Rev. Alexander Gregg, D.D.*, Orig. Pub. 1867, reprinted 2004, 704 pages, indexed, \$52.50 plus \$3.50 s&h, Southern Historical Press, Inc., c/o The Rev. *Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.*, 275 West Broad Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601.

This book comprises a history of that territory that is NOT a part of the eight Pee Dee Counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg. It covers the period from the 1730s to about 1810. Genealogical data is given on many of the early families including Allison, Auld, Bacot, Baxter, Bedgegood, Bedingfield, Benton, Bethea, Blakeney, Brockington, Buckholdt, Carlisle, Carter, Chapman, Coker, Coxe, Craig, Crawford, Crosland, Dabbs, Daniel, Dargen, Dewitt,

DuBose, Edwards, Ellerbe, Evans, Falconer, Gibson, Gillispie, Godbald, Godfrey, Gregg, Grice, Harlee, Harrington, Hart, Hwestiss, Hicks, Hodge, Hunter, Irby, James, Lide, Luke, Kershaw, Kolb, McCall, McIntosh, McIver, Mikell, Murphy, [Murfee], Parker, Pawley, Pearson, Pegues, Pledger, Pouncy, Powe, Pugh, Quick, Rogers, Saunders, Smith, Sparks, Spencer, Stewart, Strother, Sweeney, Terrell, Thomas, Wilds, Williams, Williamson, Wilson, Witherspoon, Youngblood and Zimmerman. An addendum contains additional facts on the Pee Dee counties and the individuals for whom they are named.

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# Gleanings

## Mentions of Tennesseans—In our Exchanges

TENNESSEANS included in the ancestral chart of **Judith (Whitlow) Boyd**, of Amity, AR: **Thomas Alan Hoskins**, born Dec 15, 1830, Rutherford Co., TN, died May 26, 1899, Ripley Co., MO. Thomas's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, **Martha Susan Parsley**, born 1839, in Smithville, De Kalb, TN; **Reuben Franklin Seagraves**, born 1832, Maury Co., TN, died Nov 18, 1870, in Black Rock, AR. He married **Nancy Elizabeth East** in Giles County, Nov 10, 1851. She was born Jan 11, 1836, in Giles Co., TN, died 1882, in Powhattan, Lawrence Co, AR.; **William Clifford Bufford**, born Sep 15, 1820, in Stewart Co., TN, died Aug 15, 1885 in Ben, Stone Co., AR; **Edmond Vinson**, born Jan 28, 1831, in TN, died July 9, 1908, in Ben, Stone County, AR. He married **Louisa Clemontine Ross**, born Mar 15, 1828, in TN, died Nov 9, 1912, in Ben, Stone Co., AR.; **Feraba Simpson**, born Jul 24, 1811, in Warren Co., TN, died Aug 23, 1854, in Murray, Co., KY. She married **Wiley Hopkins, Sr.**, Dec 21, 1829, in Rutherford Co., TN; **Thomas Alan Hopkins**, born Dec 15, 1830, in Rutherford Co., TN, died May 26, 1899, in Doniphan, Ripley Co., AR; **George William "Will" Parsley**, born 1839, in Smithville, De Kalb Co., TN; **William Bufford**, born about 1777, in England, died June 10, 1844, in Stewart Co., TN. He married **Patsy Thornton**, Jan 21, 1810, in Stewart Co., TN. She died Oct 10, 1820, in Dover, Stewart Co., TN. The ancestral chart can be found in *The Melting Pot*, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, published by the Genealogical Society, Hot Springs, AR.

**1840 TRIAL THAT LASTED ALMOST THREE YEARS** includes some former Tennesseans. "The manuscript" covering the trial was found by **Donald J. (Jerry) and Rita Robinson**, while doing research in the Kentucky Manuscript Library at Western Kentucky University. **Donald's** article covering the trial is in the *Bulletin* of the San Luis Obispo County (CA) Genealogical Society, Inc., Volume 37:1-2. The towns of Oliver Springs, Tennessee and Claypool, Kentucky were the settings. **Robinson** ancestors were mentioned on almost every page of "the manuscript." **William Butler** (1738-1836), born in Virginia, was **Donald's** ggggg-grandfather. He moved, in 1804, to Oliver Springs after the death of his wife, **Ann Duckett Butler**, and is buried in Tennessee. The focal point of the trial was **Jim**, a negro slave, who was given by **William** to his granddaughter, **Jane Rector**, in 1828. At the time of the gift, **Jane** was eight-years-old, and **Jim** was to go with her when she eventually married. By 1835, **Jane** had married **James Crow** and in 1836 they were living in Kentucky. In **William's** will, in 1836, he left the same 'Jim' to his granddaughter, **Nancy Rector**, who was twelve at the time. The fireworks started when **Nancy** later became the wife of her cousin **Martin Rector**. The cast of characters is quite long and the article provides their relationship to **Donald Robinson** and testimony given at the trial.

**MRS. AGGIE RANSON**, wife of **R. H. Ranson**, of Strout, Wayne County, Tennessee is mentioned in the will of her mother, **Catherine S. Anderson**, Franklin County, Alabama. Will Book 1, 1902-1907, part 4 was abstracted by **Dorothy Scott Johnson** and printed in (North Alabama), *Valley Leaves*, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. Quarterly, Volume 38, Nos. 3 & 4. **Catherine**, the widow of **F. H. Anderson**, died 6 January 1891.

**REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER, JOHN CRAIG**, of early Blount County, TN and founder of Maryville, was born in York County, PA on May 24, 1764. His father was **James Craig, Sr.**, but his mother's name is unknown. **John** was at the Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct 7, 1780.

**John** married his first wife, **Martha** 1783-84, and they had eight children: **Adam**, **Nancy**, **James**, **John P.**, **William E.**, **David**, **Harvey** and **Alfred**. **Martha** died ca 1832. **John** married **Jane Benham**, widow of **Benjamin Benham**, on Feb 18, 1834, in Limestone County. **John** died March 24, 1852. Thanks to **Joe Mason Craig** and his wife, **Mary**, of Oceanside, CA and the **John Wade Keyes** Chapter of the DAR, a military tombstone was dedicated to **John** on September 28, 2003 and placed in the Old Athens Cemetery, Limestone County, Alabama. The article on **John** appears in (North Alabama) *Valley Leaves*, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. Quarterly, Volume 38, Nos. 3 & 4.

**WILLIAMS BIBLE & FAMILY RECORDS** contributed by **Doris E. Williams-Keefer**, was published in (North Alabama) *Valley Leaves*, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. Volume 38, Nos. 3 & 4. The record highlights the family of **Anner Nancy Jane Jinnie Scivalley**, born December 18, 1868 and **George Meobrith Williams**, born November 11, 1862, of Madison County, Alabama, and their eleven children. Two of their children had a Lincoln County, Tennessee connection. **Hattie Louella Williams**, born November 23, 1906, lived in several parts of Lincoln County for many years. She is buried in Point Pleasant Cemetery in Lincoln Co. with her husband, **John Keith Bradford**. **Aaron Williams**, born July 28, 1910, is buried in the same cemetery near **Hattie**.

**MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FROM THE RALEIGH REGISTER, 1847** by **Raymond A. Winslow, Jr.** appear in *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume XXX, No. 2. The dates reflect when the notices appeared in the paper, which was published twice weekly.

Tuesday, 2 March 1847 – Died on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult., in Germantown Tennessee, Mrs. **Elizabeth W.**, wife of **Alexander L. Yancy**, and daughter of **Thomas Bragg, Sr.**, formerly of Warrenton, N. C.

Friday, 9 April 1847 – Died at the residence of her nephew, **John M. Hinton**, near Carrolton, Illinois, Mrs. **Mary H. Minor**, widow of the late **John Minor**, of Montgomery County, Tennessee and last surviving daughter of **Kimbrough Hinton**, formerly of Wake County, North Carolina, in the 52d year of her age.

Tuesday, 25 May 1847 -- Married in Fayette County, Tenn. Mr. **W. Barton**, formerly of Orange County, N. C. to Mrs. **Mary E. Mitchell**.

Saturday, 17 July 1847 – Died at the house of Bishop **Otey**, in Columbia, Tenn. The Rev. **Philip Wm. Alston**, Rector of Cavalry (sic) Church, Memphis. He was a native of North Carolina, a graduate of our University, and removed to Tennessee in 1830. He had been for nine years a Minister of the Episcopal Church.

Wednesday, 25 August 1847 – Died at Hamilton Place, Maury County, Tennessee, on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., Mrs. **Mary Ann Polk**, wife of **Lucius J. Polk**, and daughter of the late **William Eastin**, in the thirty-eighth year of her age.

Wednesday, 22 September 1847 – Died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, at his residence in Harden County, Tenn., **Horace D. Bridges**, Esq., a native of Chatham County, N. C., where he acted in the capacity of High Sheriff for twenty-three years.

Saturday, 9 Oct 1847 – Died - ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER GONE – Died, on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, at his residence in Hawkins County, Tennessee, **Henry Blevins**, in the 96<sup>th</sup> year of his age. The deceased was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1752, in a Fort or Blockhouse built by his father, **Thomas Wallen**, and others, on Smith's River, Henry County, VA. He was a Whig in the Revolution and continued so throughout life. He was a patriot and a gallant soldier. During the struggle for our liberty, he participated in many skirmishes and battles with the Indians and Tories and fought at the battle of King's Mountain.

Wednesday, 13 October 1847 – Died in Haywood County, Tenn., on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, **Martha Hunt**, wife of **Nathaniel Hunt**, formerly of Franklin County, N. C., in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Saturday, 23 October 1847 – Died in Haywood County, Tenn., Mrs. **Mary Haralson**, in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Mrs. **Haralson** was a sister of the late Judge **Murphy** and mother of Maj. **Jonathan Haralson**, of this state.

Saturday, 4 December 1847 – Died in Paris, West Tennessee, on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, of consumption, **Josephine Elizabeth**, daughter of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth Harvey**, formerly of this city.

**Marriage and Death Notices from Early Alexandria Newspapers**, transcribed by **Wesley E. Pippenger**, appears in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 42, No. 1. Oct 10, 1816, Thursday, page 3, died, at Fairfax courthouse, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. (i.e., 9 Oct 1816), after an illness of one week, **John Henson**, of Hawkins County, East Tennessee. The editors of the (*National*) *Intelligence* are requested to insert the above for the information of the friends of the deceased.

**DEATH IN TENNESSEE** from the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, abstracted by **Larry Brandon** and published in *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2, VA-NC, Piedmont Genealogical Society.

July 15, 1876 -- **Josiah Allen Bizwell**, son **Daniel**, and **Adelphia Bizwell**, born Halifax Co., Va. May 11, 1815; moved with family to Williamson Co., Tenn., 1833; md **Parthenia M. Sladen**, Sept. 1840; moved to Hickman Co., Tenn., 1842; died June 16, 1876.

March 5, 1847 – **Rebecca Evans**, wife of **George M. Evans**, born Rockingham Co., N.C., May 5, 1813; married Mar 13, 1833, moved to Benton Co., Tenn., 1845 and died Jan 31, 1847; wife and mother (4 children).

April 17, 1869 – **C. Y. Jarrell**, b. Rockingham Co., N. C., Jan 22, 1830; d. Humphreys Co., Tenn., Feb. 13, 1869. Tribute of Respect for him by Caldwell Lodge #273, Masons, Feb 15, 1869, as he had lived in Big Bottom, Humphreys Co., aged 39 years, 21 days.

February 2, 1884 – **William Dixon Carnell**, born Person Co., North Carolina, February 14, 1800 and died near Waverly, Tennessee, September 20, 1883.

**SAMUEL T. FRIER**, (son of **Jarvis J. Frier**) and **Nancy**, his wife, died at Tullahoma, TN on Feb 15, 1863. This information contained in the record of the *Jarvis J. Frier Family Bible*, contributed by Miss **Cleo A. Warren**, and published in *The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly*, Volume 45, No. 190.

**OUR WARD FAMILY** of Washington & Benton Counties, Arkansas, contributed by **Mike Freels** is the featured article in *The Backtracker*, Volume 33, No. 2, published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. **Samuel Ward**, born about 1827, was the son of **Elijah Ward** and **Elizabeth Austin**, all born in Tennessee. **Samuel** married **Angeline Collins** about 1848 in Tippah County, Mississippi. **Angeline** born about 1829, in Tennessee, was the daughter of **Martin Collins** and **Charity Brown**. The article includes **Samuel** and **Angeline's** six children who were born in Mississippi and Arkansas.

**DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH ELLA CARLISLE** shows she was married to a native Tennessean, **Alford Columbus Hess**, born May 1863. They were married May 28, 1882, in Benton County, Arkansas and had ten children. Information on this family is included in *The Backtracker*, Volume 33, No. 2., published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society

**ALVIN CULLIUM YORK**, Corporal (highest rank-sergeant), born 13 December 1887, in Fentress County, TN, died 2 September 1964, Nashville, Tennessee. The citation for his Medal of Honor is included in *Eswau Huppeday*, Volume XXIV, No. 2, published by the Broad River Genealogical Society, Shelby, North Carolina.

**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM CUTHBERTSON** include several with a Tennessee connection. **William**, (11 Mar 1739-40 / 7 April 1838), and **Rachel Monteith**, (1755-19 Jan 1844, Burke Co., North Carolina) were both born in Tyrone, Ireland. They were the parents of six children: **Thomas, Sarah, David, William, Nathaniel** and **W. N. David Calhoun Cuthbertson**, was born 15 Jan 1789, Burke County, North Carolina; died 14 Aug 1873 in Blount, County, Tennessee. **David** married **Martha Brooks** 22 Apr 1811, in Burke County, North Carolina. She was born 6 Apr 1794, and died 14 Aug 1873, in Blount County, North Carolina. They had eight children, one of which was **Rachel Ann Cuthbertson**, born 18 Nov 1822, Burke Co. NC; died 23 Dec 1909, Maryville, TN. The genealogy on the **Cuthbertson** family can be found in *Eswau Huppeday*, Volume XXIV, No. 2, published by the Broad River Genealogical Society, Shelby, North Carolina.

**DNA TESTING** – **Sherrod Williams**, born ca. 1776, settled in Tennessee. A number of his descendants participated in a DNA project to determine which **Williams** were actually descended from or related to him. The article *DNA Testing – Tearing Down Those Brick Walls* was submitted by **Adrian Williams** and published in the *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2, VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society. The article covers this relatively new genealogy tool and lists the **Williams** web site <<http://www.williams.genealogy.fm>>.

**TENNESSEE DEATHS** listed in Early Rockingham County, NC News, from *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, published in *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2, include:

March 7, 1845 – **William Wofford**, born on the eastern shore of Maryland, Sept. 16, 1776, at age of four years, removed with parents to Rockingham Co., N. C. and lived there until he was 22 years old and married **Sarah Yerkis**, two years after which they moved to Guilford Co., N.C., living there 18 years, then moving on to Stewart Co., Tenn. for three years, then to Henry Co., Tenn., where he died January 16, 1845.

May 23, 1845 – **Henry Scales** born Rockingham Co., N.C., April 2, 1791, died at home three miles southwest of Nashville, Tenn., April 23, 1845, four daughters and two sons.

**IN REMEMBRANCE** – **HENRY** and **AMILLIA SHOTWELL BOHANAN** – A plaque was placed in the Plemmons Cemetery in Greenbriar for **Henry's** Revolutionary War service. **Henry** was born 1753, Halifax/Henry County area of Virginia. He served three years (June 1778 – July 1781) as a Private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Virginia Light Dragoons for relief of General Greene in the Continental Line. The place of their marriage is unknown, but **Henry** came into the Sevier County area (ca. 1788-1790). **Henry** and **Amillia** had the following children: **Suzannah, Nancy, Henry, James** and **Sarah**. They moved into White Oaks Flats and later the Greenbrier

area where she died in 1813, and he died in 1842. The article was submitted by **Arthur M. Bohannon**, New Market, TN, and published in *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2.

**MRS. CORNELIA ADELINE WEBB's** obituary was published in *The Nashville Christian Advocate*, March 17, 1892. She died Christmas Day, 1891, at the age of eighty-one. She was the daughter of the Hon. **Richard Stanford** of Hillsboro, North Carolina. She married **Alexander S. Wade**, of Person County, North Carolina. They moved later to what was then Orange County. **Alexander's** untimely death left **Cornelia** with eleven children to raise. Her obituary does not list the children by name, but mentions the **Webb** brothers, late of Culleoka, now of Bellbuckle, Tenn., who won the enviable distinction of having conducted for fifteen or twenty years the best training school for boys west of the Alleghenies. The obituary can be found in *Piedmont Lineages*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2.

**ROSTER of the 11<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, LOUISIANA INFANTRY** includes the following born in Tennessee: **James Anderson**, Jackson Co.; **John W. Clark**, Coffee County; **Alfred A. Cooper**, Weakley Co.; **Benjamin C. Desha**, Sumner Co.; **Samuel M. Gibbs**, Henry Co.; **Joseph A. Hailey**, Marshall Co. and **Gustavus "Gus" Hendrick**, Perry Co. Additional information, along with other members of this battalion, can be found in the article compiled by **Charlotte and Deborah Foshee** and published in *The Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Volume LI, No. 1.

**THE SAME ISSUE** of the *Register* lists the obituary for former Tennessean **William Herbert**, who died in Rouston, Louisiana. **William** was born February 17, 1879, Bristol, Tennessee, and his early boyhood was spent in Trenton, Tennessee. He married **Elizabeth Halsell** on February 10, 1910, in Monroe, Louisiana. The announcement of his death was listed on January 30, 1930 in the Lincoln Parish Obituaries, December 1929-February 1930, and transcribed by **Debra Walker Dame** and **Dorothy Rinehart Taylor**.

**1860 CENSUS**, published in the *Chickasaw Times Past*, Volume 22, No. 3, a publication of the Chickasaw Historical and Genealogical Society, Houston, Mississippi, contains some people born in Tennessee: **Lydia Forrester**, 54, wife of **Alfred Forrester**; **Joseph**, 30, farmer, and **Jane Dalton**, 24; **George McClusky**, 30, farmer; **Joseph McClusky**, 57, farmer, and **Nancy**, 56; **James Nelson**, 52, farmer, and **Marge**, 45; **Riley Stringfellow**, 35, farmer; **Meredith Stringfellow**, 32, farmer; **Amanda Carrol**, 30, seamstress; **Robert Nelson**, 54, farmer.



If you have not visited your local library lately you could be missing out on a wealth of information. Along with other libraries, we at the Tennessee Genealogical society have a large collection of microfilm, census returns, books on various states and what is sometimes overlooked -- family history books. These books are often compiled by researchers just like you and on some occasions can complete your missing blanks. These books should not be overlooked. One of our readers has submitted such an example, which can be checked out at any one of the libraries listed at the end of this article.

## *The Life and Family of a Tennessee Banker*

**Leslie Rowles Driver** (1888-1972) came from Ohio to Tennessee in September 1912. A native Ohioan, and having just graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, he traveled, undoubtedly by train, to accept a position as clerk at Johnson City's Unaka National Bank (now SunTrust Bank). **Driver** had been recruited by **Samuel Cole Williams**, president of the bank, a widely respected attorney, a Tennessee Supreme Court judge, and a noted Tennessee historian. After advancing to cashier and playing a major role in the founding and rapid growth of the Tennessee National Bank (now SunTrust Bank) in Johnson City, **Driver** became vice president at the First National Bank of Bristol (now AmSouth Bank) in 1931. Just seven months later the bank's weakened condition became known. In the depressed national economy, the First National's investment in listed bonds had depreciated sharply. This was followed by rumors and massive withdrawals. Nevertheless, in dramatic and historic ways, the community came together to save the institution. In the interests of the bank and the local economy, depositors agreed to temporary restrictions on withdrawals; stockholders surrendered their stock; new stock was purchased by local citizens and business leaders, including the president of a competing bank; new deposits grew; and the bank was successfully reorganized and saved. No depositor lost a cent! **Driver** went on to become president of the bank (1940-61), president of the Tennessee Bankers Association (1939-40), and the first Tennessee banker elected a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (1950-55).

**Leslie Rowles Driver** married **Sarah Elizabeth Broyles** (1891-1982) on October 24, 1916. The bride, a Johnson City native, was a granddaughter of **Thomas Ambrose Faw** (1828-1888), who came from North Carolina to Washington County, Tennessee in 1852, four years before Johnson City was founded and built the second store in the city. An accomplished genealogist, **Sarah Broyles Driver** researched her own family tree back to 1574 and her husband's to 1682. **Leslie and Sarah Driver** brought four children into the world, all of whom are now living -- **Russell Broyles Driver** (b. 1918 in Johnson City, now living in Hermitage), a retired college vice president and Bristol CPA; **L. Rowe Driver** (b. 1921 in Johnson City, now living in Nashville), a retired Nashville ophthalmologist; **Tom Faw Driver** (b. 1925 in Johnson City), an ordained Methodist minister and retired seminary professor; and **Betty Graham Driver Peeler** (b. 1927 in Johnson City), a doctor's wife, mother of five and active Methodist lay-woman.

**Leslie and Sarah Driver** "grandparented" fourteen grandchildren, nine of whom were either born in Tennessee, lived here at one time or now reside in Tennessee. These include **Russell Cherrington Driver** (b. 1944, now living in Maryville), **Betty Ann Driver** (b. 1950 in Bristol, VA), **Harold Graham Driver, II** (b. 1951 in Bristol, VA), **Sarah Ruth Driver Flick** (b. 1959 in Bristol, TN), **Elizabeth Carolyn Driver** (b. 1971 in Nashville, now living in Nashville), **Donna Jean Driver Norris** (b. 1973 in Nashville), **Patricia Broyles Peeler Marshall** (b. 1950 in Nashville, now living in Brentwood), **Virginia Woodson Peeler** (b. 1952 in Nashville), **Betty Booth Peeler Blass** (b. 1954 in Nashville) and **David Rowles Peeler**.

There are now seventeen who count **Leslie and Sarah Driver** as their great-grandparents, nine of whom are children of one of the nine above who have a direct Tennessee connection. These include **Christopher John Driver** (b. 1976, now living in Murfreesboro), **James Brendan Driver** (b. 1988), **Nathaniel Graham Flick** (b. 1994), **Abbey Jane Flick** (b. 1997), **Evan Thomas Flick** (b. 2001), **Leslie Hannah Norris** (b. 1999), **Katherine Faye Norris** (b. 2002), **Jennifer Graham Marshall** (b. 1985, now living in Brentwood), **Adam Hunt Marshall** (b. 1987, now living in Brentwood), **Andrew Walker Peeler** (b. 1997), **Emily Elizabeth Peeler** (b. 1998) and **Elise Woodson Peeler** (b. 1999).

In October 1966, **Leslie and Sarah** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a family gathering in Gatlinburg. All their children and grandchildren at that time were present.

The above genealogy and family history comes from a major biography, ***Leslie Rowles Driver: The Fruitful Prince***, which was researched, written and published (in Oak Ridge and Maryville between 1983 and 2002) by **Russell Cherrington Driver**, grandson of **Leslie Rowles Driver**. The book was published in limited numbers and is not for sale to the general public. However, it is available in the following public libraries in Tennessee: Johnson City Public Library; The Washington County-Jonesborough Library; Bristol Public Library (Virginia); Sullivan County Library, Blountville; Lawson McGhee Library (Knox County Public Library System), Knoxville; Blount County Public Library, Maryville; Oak Ridge Public Library and Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

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# In The Courts

## Knoxville Journal and Tribune

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Marriage Licenses

**George White & Mariah Whitesides**

### Real Estate Transfers

**Christina A. Bright, et al, to Joseph L. Bize.**

Lot in second district: \$80

**Martin Ritter to Alice S. White, et al, lot in ninth district: \$80**

**C. H. Harvey and wife to Charlton P. Brooke,**  
lot in twenty-fourth district: \$2,250

**J. W. Saylor to H. W. Heaton, lot in first district: \$40**

### Chancery Court

**Oliver King vs Holston National Building & Loan**

**J. T. Barrow, et al, vs Southern Building & Loan**

**David Martin vs Peter Osbourne, et al**

**M. T. Brogdon vs Elizabeth B. Brogdon, et al**

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Court of Appeals

**Newport Cotton, et al, vs C. B. Mims, et al**

**W. P. Darwin, et al, vs C. G. Gillespie, et al - Rhea County**

**Elisha Tate vs William Vandergriff - Sequatchee County**

**John Ferguson vs State, housebreaking and larceny—Knox County**

### Real Estate Transfers

**Charles A. Sandburg and wife to Mrs. Mary Sandburg, lot in second district: \$1,250**

**E. H. DePue to Homer S. Smith, lot in second district: \$100**

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Court of Appeals

**A. R. Hall, et al, vs R. P. Jones, et al—Marion County**

**Louis Loeb and brother, et al, vs Louis and A.S. Paletz—Marion County**

**T. S. Ormiston vs W. H. Hampton, et al - Marion County**

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Divorces

**Florence Lee vs Crumbus Lee**

**Margaret Ridener vs Jesse Ridener**

### Marriages

**Ed. F. Galyon & Sallie James**

**Dean Linton Bond & Emma Brooks Russell**

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Divorces

**William O. Gideon vs Mary Gideon—**

**William and Mary have been married for a number of years. A few days ago Mary left him to come to the city to work in a restaurant as a cook. She preferred cooking for the public rather than for William. He went to the restaurant to beg her to return but she refused. William hired John Moore, Esq. and filed for divorce.**

**W. A. Stillman vs Ida Stillman**

**Ida Freeney vs Ed Freeney**

**M. C. Atkinson vs Clifford Atkinson**

### Damage Suit

**S. C. Tinsley yesterday began a suit in circuit court against the Knoxville Electric Light & Power Company for \$5,000.**

### Court of Appeals

**W. T. Adams Machine Co. vs H. H. Ward, et al -Bradley County**

**Cleveland National Bank vs Wm. Bryant, et al, and Bank of Charleston vs Wm. Bryant, et al - Bradley County**

### Marriage Licenses

**John B. J. Smith & Melvina M. Brewer**

**William G. Duggan & Fannie Moffett**

**David J. Junks & Lucile C. Oruze**

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1899

### Marriage Licenses

**Hillyard Thomas & Maggie Campbell**

### Probate Court

**J. M. Yarnell qualified as notary public.**

**Mary J. Recardi qualified as guardian of Katherine J. Gaboury, et al**



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## Money-Gifford

Seeking information on the **Money** and **Gifford** families of Rutherford and Maury Counties, Tennessee. Any information is welcome. L. Darlene Gifford, 1101 Illinois Avenue, Fairfield, Illinois 62837-1849

## Graham-Young

Who were the parents of **John H. Graham**, born 1823? He married **Nancy Young**, daughter of **David** and **Frances "Fannie" Young**. Both families were living in McNairy County, Tennessee in the 1850 census. Any information would be appreciated. Barbara Parker, 285 Estate Drive, Eads, Tennessee 38028-3133, [park0906@aol.com](mailto:park0906@aol.com)

## Speight-Hinter- McCaslin

Seeking any information on the **Speight**, **Hunter** and **McCaslin** families of Dickson County, Tennessee. Mrs. C. D. Kelro, Jr., 379 North Highland #3, Memphis, Tennessee 38122

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## Bratcher-Owen- Passons-Mitchell- Newby-Paris-Wilson- Hicks-Grissom-Witt- Phifer-Anderson- Rhodes-Jones

Reasearching all of the above lines in Tennessee. Bonita Bratcher Mangrum, 1727 Pigeon Hill Road, McMinnville, Tennessee 37110, (931) 939-2154

## Wilson-Swindle

Looking for information about **Caswell Cason Wilson**, son of **Susan Swindle Wilson** and **Thomas Green Wilson**. At age nine **Caswell** was living in Coffee County and was listed in the 1860 census with his parents. In 1870 he was living in White County with his uncle and aunt, **John, Jr.** and **Elizabeth Swindle**. The family story proclaims that he moved to Mississippi with his parents but later ran away to live with his uncle and aunt in White County. Need to know what happened to his parents. Charlotte Martin, 1917 Indian Trail, West LaFayette, Indiana 47906, [cmartin333@insightbb.com](mailto:cmartin333@insightbb.com)

## Briggs-Peay-King- Bug-Rice-Claiborne- John

Seeking information on these lines: **David M. Briggs**, born 3 Feb 1828, near Lebanon, Wilson County, died 3 March 1896, in White Creek,

Davidson County. He married **Nancy Peay-King** on 1 Dec 1852, in Davidson County. She was born 13 Feb 1831, in Williamson County, and died 27 Jan 1896, in Whites Creek, Davidson County. They had the following children: **Mary E.**, born 1854, married? **Rice**; **William George**, born 5 Aug 1858, married **Nancy Bugg**; **John David**, born 17 Nov 1864, in Williamson County, and died 24 Aug 1964, New Brunswick, NS, Canada, married 11 Oct 1887 to **Willie Rose Claiborne**, born 7 May 1870, in Nashville, and died 2 Dec 1940, in Halifax, NS, Canada; **Alice**; **Lee**, born 1866, in Memphis area; **A. L.** (male) was the administrator of **David M.**'s settlement. **David** and **Nancy** were members of the McKendree Methodist Church of Nashville and also attended the Alex Green Methodist Church. Was there a town named Alex Green? **David** owned property in Stones River and Dogtown, both outside of Nashville. **David** was a farmer and moved to different counties and was a grocer when in Robertson County. **Nancy** bought property from a **Vincent John** in 1867. I also need to know the names of the parents of **David M.**, where they lived, and from where they came. Helen A. Briggs-Lonnroth, 3319 Woody Court, Ellenton, Florida 34222-4346 [sterlingsilver4@juno.com](mailto:sterlingsilver4@juno.com)

### Bowman-Skiles

Looking for information on **Hardy LaFayette Skiles**, born 1830, in Davidson County, died 19 Feb 1899, in Dent County, MO and his wife, **Elinor Bowman**, born 27 September 1833, in Greene County, Tennessee and died 27 July 1876, Dent County, MO. Birth and marriage need to be confirmed.

Ernest Skiles, 12441 Limestone  
SPUR, St. Louis, MO 63127-1625

### Leander-Hughes-Pigg-Paris

Researching the **Leander, Hughes** family -- wife was **Mary Pigg**, son of **Gideon Hughes** and **Elizabeth Paris**. Any information will be appreciated.

Goldia Hughes Culler, P. O. Box  
564, Perryville, MD 21903

### Taylor

Searching for any information on **W. F. Taylor**, who signed **William J. Taylor's** death certificate in 1932, in Parsons, Tennessee. Is he a son or a sibling?

Orman G. Taylor, 3214 Pea Ridge  
Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

### Baker-Miller

Looking for **George Baker**, born about 1784-86. He married **Margaret Miller**, born about 1788. Their marriage is recorded in the courthouse at Dandridge, Tennessee as 1 August 1809. DNA testing indicates that he is the

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grandson of **Humphrey Baker**. Who was his father? Any information would be great.

James E. Baker, 17819 Hwy UU,  
Louisiana, MO 63353,  
<jmlbaker@nemonet.com>

### Bolton-Campbell-Harris

**Jefferson Bolton**, son of **Charles A. Bolton** and **Sarah Lucy Campbell**, married **Julia Harris**. He was born about 1816, married 20 Jan 1836 and died about 1849. Seeking information on his children: **Frances L.** married **Moses Bolton, Jr.** on 28 June 1860; **Cinderella** married **Moses Bolton, Jr.** on 16 March 1861; **Saella**, who appears with **Moses** on the 1870 census. Was **Saella** married to **Moses** as well or is this a nickname for **Cinderella**? Interested in birth and death dates of all the children.

Jane C. Graham, P. O. Box 12,  
Tybee Island, GA 31328-0012

### Williams-Hill-Echols

Seeking information on the ancestors of **Daniel Williams**, born 1718-1725 and died between 16 April 1793 and 15 Jan 1794, in Davidson County, Tennessee. He married about 1747, in Virginia or SC, to **Ann Echols**, who was born in Virginia and died 17 Sep 1771. **Daniel**

**Williams** traveled with the Buchanan party from South Carolina to the Cumberland Settlements, leaving his family at Danville in 1779-80, while he proceeded to the French Lick to build cabins and was one of the signers of the Cumberland Compact in May 1780. His will was proven in Davidson County on Jan 1794 and listed the following children: **Sampson, Eunice, Williams Carmack, Wright, Amos** and **Nimrod**. Other sources list additional children as **Daniel, Jr., Oliver, Maacha, Williams Pinson, Jedidah, Rice, Barbara, Glover** and **Turner Williams**. There is a great deal of information on his descendants but nothing regarding his parents or siblings. One possible sibling is **Elizabeth Williams**, born about 1715-1735 and died after May 1763. She married **William Hill**. Any info would be appreciated.  
**Charlotte Williams**, 7863  
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