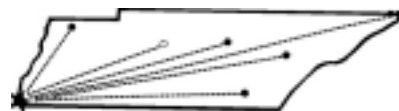


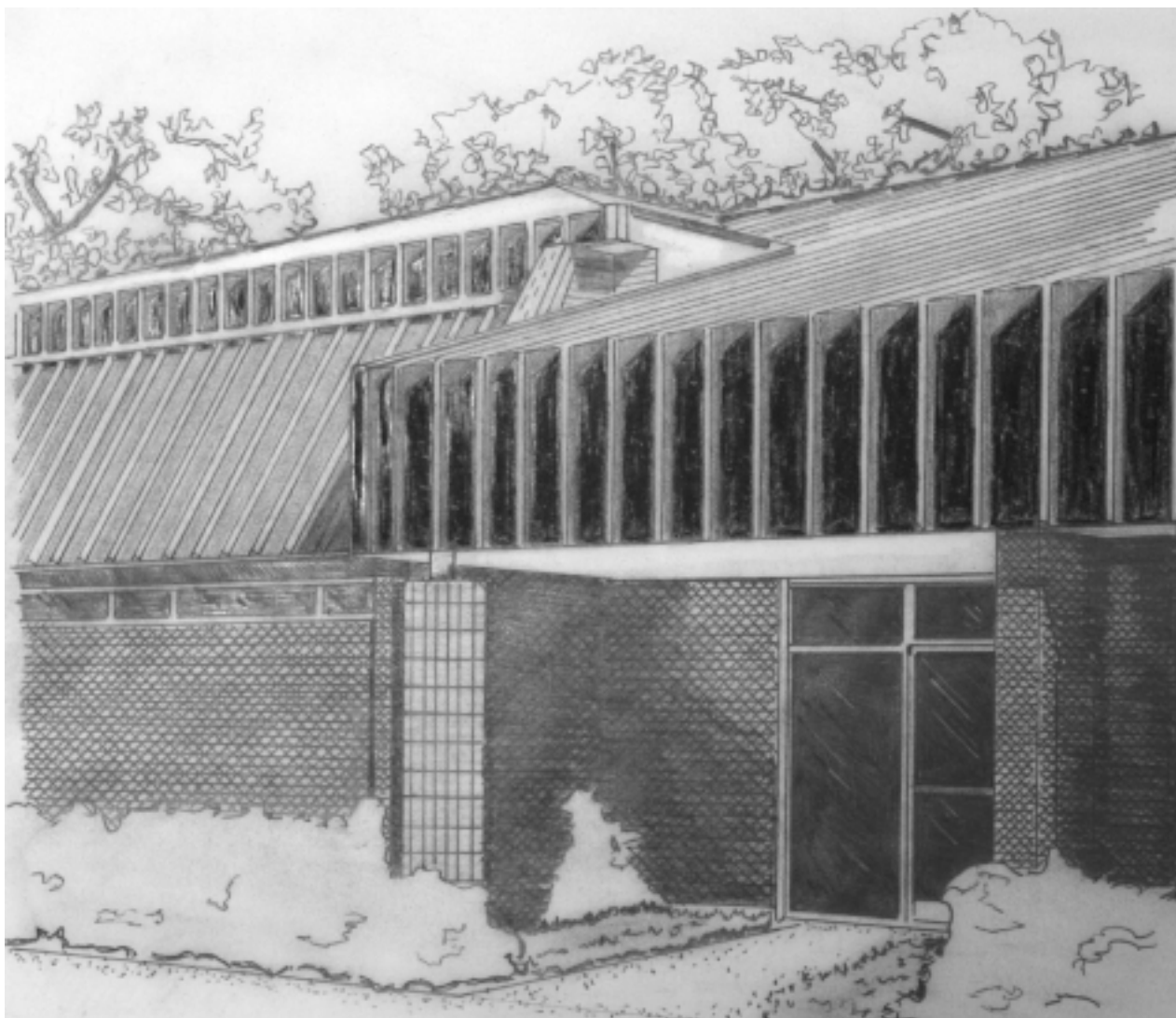
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Since my Kentucky trip in December, I have been busy contacting, meeting and visiting still more members of my father's family who live in this part of the country. We meet each other online or by corresponding, talk on the telephone and plan to get together when we can to talk about family history.

In early February I drove up to Henry County one Sunday morning to meet some of the descendents of Peter Kendall, a hatmaker and surveyor by profession, who came to Tennessee from North Carolina about 1810 and who served in the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies of the state of Tennessee, representing Stewart and Humphreys counties, then Stewart alone (1817-23) and then Henry and Weakley counties (1827-29). He was known as "Old Pewter Foot," but no one in the family knows why today. Peter at one time owned over 2,000 acres (some sources say 4,000 acres) in the Elkhorn area, not far from the Big Sandy River and southeast of Paris, Tennessee. Family members still have homes and farms on portions of the "old home place." [My ancestor was probably Peter's brother, and came to Lincoln County, Tennessee at about the same time. Peter became the guardian of his six children when he died suddenly in 1821 in north Alabama, and brought the children and their mother back to Henry County not long after that.]

My cousins and I sat around the kitchen table, shared pictures and stories, had lunch and then drove around the area to visit several family cemeteries. One of these is now in the front yard of a lovely new home on a hill (the roads changed when TVA came into Henry County)—and the homeowners have set aside this small area, with tombstones from the 1850's and 1860's, as a garden area, with daffodils beginning to bloom and other plantings. Now, this is what it means to be good neighbors!

My next adventure will probably be another trip to Kentucky—this time, to find out more about my maternal grandmother's family. What a pleasure to meet and be in touch with my cousins!

Ann Kendall Ray  
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P.S. Please send us your family histories - others might be interested!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my "Fall '06" message I stated, "The mission of this new entity is to preserve and share across generations the history and culture of the South, its wit and wisdom, its families and economics. The Society solicits grants of money and gifts of collected material that will help us contribute to the success of this mission." Our last surviving charter member, Lillian Gardiner, has died. In her will she bequeathed to TNGS a generous sum of money to be used, at the discretion of the membership, in pursue of this mission. We are most grateful and will endeavor to use the money wisely.

In 1952, Lillian, husband Lawrence (who also remembered TNGS in his will), Virginia Brooks, and others created a society that has evolved into a significant educational organization. During the last 55-years, with various member-managers, it has wiggled and squirmed like the live animal that it is, but it grows in strength, both in talented volunteers and financially, and continues to serve an ever growing public. Gifts like Lillian's and Lawrence's makes it easier.

The Regional History and Genealogy Center, already user-friendly, will become more so as work stations are added for wireless internet. (Photo of reading room.)

The major events for 2007 are scheduled. (Please see our calendar at [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org)) We will add several special interest events as members identify needs. The intent is to maximize the use of this great research and training facility.

It is very satisfying to see TNGS members nationwide willing to share information about their Tennessee ancestors. We solicit unpublished manuscripts and other collected material relative to genealogy and history. Books will be reviewed in *Ansearchin' News* if the book is donated to TNGS. After a book is reviewed, it becomes part of the RHGC library.

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We do appreciate your continued support.

James E. (Jim) Bobo, President



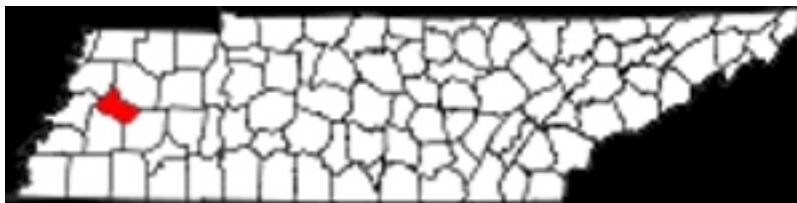
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## CROCKETT COUNTY, TENNESSEE

### CLERK MINUTES, QUARTERLY COURT

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*Transcribed by Joanne Wheeler*



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MONDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

On motion this county court of Crockett County cheerfully certify that **W.H. Cook** is twenty one years of age and is of good moral character and that a copy of this order issue to **W.H. Cook**.

**L.L. Cherry** constable elect of District No 2 came forward and entered into bond of eight thousand dollars with **B.H. Allen** and **C.W. McMurry** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **L.L. Cherry**.

**L.B. Lewis**, Administrator of **V.H. Lewis**, deceased

On petition **L.B. Lewis** was this day appointed administrator of **V.B. Lewis** deceased there upon the said **L.B. Lewis** came into court and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with **C.H. Grun** and **E.T. Austin** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded was approved by this court ordered that letters of administration issue to the said **L.B. Lewis**.

Ordered by the county court of Crockett County that **Wm. Hale**, **W.A. Lewis** and **John Smothers** be appointed commissioners to buy off and set apart to **Mrs. M.R. Lewis** widow of **V.H. Lewis** deceased, also to minor children of said **Lewis** deceased, under 15 years of age, one years support exclusive of what the law allows, and report at the July term of this court.

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MONDAY JUNE 3, 1872

On petition of the citizens of a portion of Crockett County it is ordered by the court that **Henry Gabb**, **Ellis Whorter** and **Fletcher Tayler** be appointed commissioners to report to the July term of this court the probable cost of repairing the levee across Cypress bottom on the road from Jackson to Dyers Burg near to **Dr. Tatum's** residence in said county between Quincy and Gadsden.

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**F.P. Hall**, Administrator of **Mary Blankenship @ all**

**F.P. Hall** was this day appointed administrator of **Mary Blankenship** deceased thereupon the said **F.P. Hall** came into court entered into bond in the sum of two hundred dollars with **F.E. Mahon** and **E.T. Austin** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved and ordered to be recorded, and that letters of administration issue to the said **F.P. Hall**.

The following named tax assessors appointed by this court at its April term came forward and distributed their assessment books with the clerk of this court for reference as required by law to wit:

District #1 <b>T.B. Cacy</b>	District #8 <b>J.C. Best</b>
District #2 <b>J.R. McDonal</b>	District #9 <b>Dennis Tatum</b>
District #3 <b>J.W. Roseman</b>	District #10
District #4 <b>D.H. James</b>	District #11 <b>B.H. Harmon</b>
District #5 <b>L.W. Daniel</b>	District #12 <b>J.H. Davis</b>
District #6 <b>G.W. Bond</b>	District #13 <b>W.N. Beasley</b>
District #7 <b>N.F. Stallings</b>	

**James Little vs. Eliza J. Winn**

The answer of **Eliza J. Winn** minor defendant by her \_\_\_\_\_ **W.A. Powell** to \_\_\_\_\_petition. This defendant for answer to petitioners petition says that she admits the death of **D.W. Modlin** that he owned the real estate property that she and petitioners own the sam in shares as stated but she can not say as to whether it would be to her interest to petition or sell for far below said land and being a minor puts herself on the court for protection of all her rights in the pressures and having as fully as she can.

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MONDAY JUNE 3, 1872

**Sol W. Brassfield vs. Martha D. Brassfield et al**  
Petition to divide land

In this cause the bill being sworn to, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that **James H.** and **Kary D. Norville** are non residents of the state of Tennessee it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in the Trenton Press a paper published in the town of Trenton, Gibson Co. commanding said non-residents to appear before the clerk and master of this court on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1872 and make defense of any they have why the prayer of the petitioners shall not be granted of the same will be taken as confessed.

**James Little et al vs. Eliza J. Winn**

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This case came on to be heard before the Worshipful county court of Crockett County upon petition of petitioners, answer of guardian ad-litem proof and report of the clerk which report in words and figures as follows. **James Little** et al, vs **Eliza J. Winn**. The clerk of this court to whom was reference this cause to take proof and report as to the title to the land described in the pleadings \_\_\_\_\_ whether it would be to the material interest of parties to sell the same for partitions and what said land is worth per acre \_\_\_\_ Begs leaf to report as follows:

That he finds from deed that **Little, Medlin** seized in fee of the lands described. That petitioners own the same in common as he distributes in shares as follows **James Little** and wife \_\_\_\_\_ one share, **Frank Young** and wife **Agnes** one share, **Clint Bailey** and wife **Emily** one share, **James Bear** \_\_\_\_\_ and wife **Matilda** one share, **A.J. Medlin** one share, **William A., George D. and Eliza J. Winn** one share.

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That said lands cannot be partitioned between said parties without material injury to them and that it would be to this material interest to sell the same for partition and refers to **W.A. Johnson** and **William M. Craddock** depositions on file among the papers in this course and that the lands are worth from fifteen to twenty dollars per acre all of which, is respectfully submitted. And it appearing to the court that said report is unaccepted to, and is in all things correct that petitioners and defendant are the heirs of **Little Medlin** deceased. That they are entitled to shares as stated in said report to clerk in the following described tract of land lying in District no 6 of Crockett County.

Bounded as follows, on the north by the land of **James Smith**, and on the west by the land of **W.A. Webb**, containing by estimation (54) fifty-four acres, more or less and that it would be manifestly to the interest of said parties that said land be sold for partition.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that said lands be sold by the clerk of this court in the town of Caveville after advertising as the law directs by printed posters to the highest bidder for twenty percent cash balance a credit of one half payable on the (25) twenty fifth day of December 1872 the other half on the twenty fifth day of December 1873. Note and approved security required and a lien retained on said land for balance of purchase money.

It is further ordered that the clerk report his action in the premises to the next term of this court until which time all things else here in are held up.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning til 9am

**Isaac M. Johnson** chairman

**S.S. Watkins** associate

**J.H. Davis** associate

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Caveville, Tennessee June 4<sup>th</sup> 1872

Court met pursuant to adjournment present and presiding **I.M. Johnson** chairman, **S.S. Watkins** and **J.H. Davis** associate justices, **R.G. Harris** sheriff and **Francis J. Wood** clerk, when following proceedings were heard.



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**Jinnie Hart** col Apprenticed to **A. Buck**

**Jinnie Hart** a colored and abandoned minor was this day brought into court and stated she was 11 years old. The said minor was apprenticed by the court to **Albert Buck** whereupon the said **Albert Buck** came into court and entered into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with **T.F. Conyers** and **R.W. Fleming** as his securities which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded which bond obligates the said **Buck** on arrival of said apprenticed at eighteen years of age should she remain with him til then to give two Sunday suits of clothes and fourty dollars in money in addition to all the requirements upon the said **Buck** in section of 2560 in code of \_\_\_\_.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court from the returns of **J.C. Smothers** constable of Crockett County that an election was held on in Bellville in said county on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1872 for Mayor and Board of Alderman for said incorporation.

For mayor **Z. Wainright** was duly elected. For alderman **T.E. Noel**, **James Lowry**, **James Williams**, **R.W. Mclecan**, **J.H. Pittman** and **Robert Webb** was duly elected.

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State of Tennessee vs. **Henry Johnson**

In this case the defendant is charged with getting a bastard child on the person of **Susan Hodge** and after hearing the testimony introduced in said cause and pleading of council for and against the defendant is guilty as charged and it is ordered by the court that the defendant pay all cost in this proceeding for which execution may issue and that he secure the same by personal security.

And it is further ordered by the court that said defendant **Henry Johnson** came forward and give security for the sum of fourty dollars due one year after date here of and the sum of thirty dollars two years after the date here of and twenty dollars three years after the date here of to be paid into the hands of **W.W. Nance** a citizen of said county for the support of said bastard child as provided for in the code of Tennessee for execution may issue as the payments fall due.

State of Tennessee vs **Henry Johnson**

We **Henry Johnson** and **F.P. Hall** acknowledge ourselves indebted to the state of Tennessee in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be void if the said **Henry Johnson** shall will and truly pay the cost and damages assessed against him in the foregoing order and judgement of this court.

**Henry (his mark) Johnson**  
**F.P. Hall**

TUESDAY JUNE 4 AD 1872

Ordered by the court that **J.H.G. Mason, Andrew Collinsworth, H.W. Reeves, W.G. Humphreys** and **Alexander Williams** be and they are hereby appointed a jury of \_\_\_\_\_ to examine as to the propriety of opening a public road commencing at the north end of **R.J. Williams** land running to the south end of **J.H. Masons** Lane on the most practicable route so as not to injure private individuals. And also to apportion the lands on the Dyers Burg, Poplar Corner, Masons Grove, Trenton and said new road from its beginning to the bridge on the middle fork of Forked Deer River and report to the next quarterly term of this court.

Court adjournment til court in course.

**Isaac M. Johnson** chairman  
**S.S. Watkins** associate  
**J.H. Davis** associate

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MONDAY JULY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AD 1872

State of Tennessee  
Crockett County

At a county court began and held in the Masonic Hall in Cageville, Tennessee for Crockett County on the first Monday in July and the first day said month 72. This being the quarterly term of said court. Present and presiding **Isaac M. Johnson** chairman, **S.S. Watkins** and **J.H. Davis** associates, Justices **Dennis Tatum, L.W. Daniel, Z.P. Warren, J.C. Best, T.B. Cacy, I.A. Nunn, S.D. Hopper, F.M. Thompson, W.N. Beasley, J.T. Sinclair, Henry Wyse, J.E. Pearson, B.H. Harmon, J.H. Perry, J. Frank Roberson, R.W. Mason, J.W. Roseman, W.P. Rice, J.J. Farrow, G.W. Bond, Henry Buck, D.H. James, N.F. Stallings, J.C. Cook** Justices of the Peace. **F.J. Wood** clerk and **R.G. Harris** sheriff when the following proceedings were had to wit.

**R.G. Mason** magistrate elect of District no 2 came into court and entered into bond under the Small Offence Law with **F.M. Thompson** as his security which bond was severally acknowledged in open court approved and ordered to be recorded and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **R.W. Mason**.

**James Little et al vs. Eliza J. Winn**

On this cause upon motion of the petitioners and it appearing that the clerk has failed to sell the lands described in the pleadings for the want of time. It is ordered by the court that he be allowed until next term of this court to sell said lands as heretofore directed by interlocutory decree and that he report to the next term of this court until the coming in of which report all things else herein are held up.

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On motion it is ordered by the court that a rail road tax of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in the fraction of Haywood County now in Crockett be and the same is hereby assessed also one third of the privilege taxes in said fraction is assessed as their prorate of the rail road debt for the year 1872.

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MONDAY JULY THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AD 1872

**W.P. Rice** magistrate elect of the corporation of Friendship Civil District No 12 Crockett County came into court and entered into bond under the Small Offence Law of five hundred dollars with **W.N. Beasley** as his security which bond was severally acknowledged in open court, approved by the court, and ordered to be recorded, and the oath of office was duly administered to the said **W.P. Rice**.

**F.J. Wood** county court clerk brought forward **Jne F. Wortham** and **M. Gregory** and gave them as additional securities to his four bonds which was severally acknowledged in open court and approved by the court.

On motion it was ordered by the court that one hundred and ninety six dollars and thirty five cent be appropriated to **F.J. Wood** clerk of this court to refund him for the amount expended for the purchase of books for his office and that he pay for the marriage license and administrations bonds not in book form out of his own funds the court ruling they are not chargeable to this court. Issued.

On motion it was ordered by the court that seventy six 75/100 dollars be appropriated and allowed **R.T.D. Fouchee** registrar for money expended by him for books and desk. Issued.

Ordered by the court that the amount of five dollars be appropriated to **Ivil Westbrook** for printing election notes at the Brownsville office. Issued.

**J.F. Wood** clerk of this court presented his report of the County Revenue received by him to the present date amounting to two hundred fourty two 10/100 dollars. Producing the Trustees receipt for same of this date which report was received approved of and ordered to be recorded.

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On motion it was ordered by the court that Two hundred and Eleven Dollars be appropriated and allowed **Dr. Jesse Harris**, Chancery Clerk for money expended by him for books for his office. (issued)

Ordered by the court that One hundred and thirty three dollars and 25 cents be appropriated to **Wm Bert** Circuit Court Clerk of Crockett County for money expended by him for books for his office. (issued)

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On motion it was ordered by the court that the clerk of this court make out a tax list of the taxable property of the Haywood County fraction, for the Tax Collector of Rail Road taxes, and present the same to him on application after his election by this court.

**J.Frank Robertson**, Guardian for **Mosette Robertson, Asa L. Robertson, Mary E. Robertson**

Ordered by the court that **J.Frank Robertson** be and is hereby appointed guardian for **Mosette Robertson, Asa L. Robertson Mary E. Robertson** minor heirs of **M.W. Robertson**. Whereupon the said **J.F. Robertson** came into court and entered into three bonds one of Fifteen hundred dollars, and the other two Three thourand dollars each and gave **F.H. Perry** and **John Lyons** as his securities which bonds were severally acknowledged in open court approved by the court and ordered to be recorded and the oath was buly administered to the said **J.F. Robertson**.

Ordered by the court that **D.H. James, N.F. Stallings** and **Fletcher Taylor** be appointed commissioners to examine the bridge across Forkeddeer River near Coopers Mill as to whether said bridge is within the lines of Crockett County or not and as to the efficiency and quality of said bridge and the probable cost, and report at the next quarterly term of this court.

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MONDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> AD 1872

Ordered by the court that the amount of thirty dollars be appropriated for each pauper from the organization of this county on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March til January 1873.  
(above: "over-valued returned")

Ordered by the court at it's July term 1872 that the \_\_\_\_\_ open and hold an election in each civil district of Crockett County [to] elect three school commissioners for each district at the August election.

Ordered by the court that the lands this side of the county line on the farm of **Samuel Jenkins** and **M.H. Edson** be placed on the Belville and Dyers Burg road that portion of the road be authorized by the court to work said lands above mentioned all of which is respectfully submitted to the court. (issued)

**W.G. Humphreys, G.H. Mason, W.H. Reeves, Alex Williams** and **A.J. Collingsworth** who was appointed a jury of Viess at the June term of this court made and submitted this report which is as follows. To Wit

JUNE 29, 1872

To the Honorable Court of the county of Crockett we the juries appointed at the June term of your court have this day been sworn and then proceeded to perform the duty assigned us. I.E. to viess out a road from the north end of **R.J. Williams** Lane to the south

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end of **G.H. Mason** by the nearest and most practicable route not to injure private individuals.

Location commencing at the north end of **R.J. Williams** land thence east by consent of **J.W. Roseman** esq and by consent through the farm of **M.T. Shelly** following the old original ridge road through said farm, along the top of the ridge following the old wagon road to the old original Poplar Corner Road thence with the wagon road now in use, by the south gate of **J.W. Roseman** esq.

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Provided the said road be continued around said farm where the present wagon way now runs until crops are gathered. Thence along the present wagon way through **Alex Williams** lane and thence with said wagon way until it comes to the north west corner of what is known as **Baxters** \_\_\_ field and thence east with the line of **G.I. Medlins, B.F. Collingsworth, G.H. Masons and W.G. Humphreys** to the south end of **G.H. Masons** Lane.

We as your committee would state that we have passed over no persons land without consent except **J.A. Medlins**. We passed across the corner of said **Medlins** land a distance of about two hundred yards and following the present wagon way when this has been a wagon way for twenty five or thirty years, and to go around said **Medlins** land would be some farther and across a hollow twice that would make a road almost impossible for a wagon, and further we do not consider that the road where located would damage the sale of the land one dollar.

We also apportioned the lands on the different roads as directed, on the Masons Grove Road we allotted the same lands that it originally had the Gadsden and Humboldt Road or new road we allotted the lands on the following farms \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. Hicks**, known as the old **Spurier** farm, **James Cox, G.H. Mason, Carter** farm, **A. Williams, James Hammond, John Hammond, James Warren, M.T. Shelly and Wm Raines**.

Poplar Corner Road was allotted to the lands on the following farms **J. Roseman** esq, **H.W. Reeves, C. Warmath, Dr. R.J. Williams** and **Hicks, J.L. Todds' Wm Todds', John Todd, R.G. Harris, Ed Berts, Mrs. Williams, Robert McLemons, J.W. and William Williams, Mrs. Tensleys, John Hopper, A.M. Reed and W.B. McLewyllin**.

Temperance Road was allowed the lands on the following farms **B.F. Collingsworth, D.H. James**, known as the **Musgraves** farm, **Asa Raines, A.C. Raines, A.G. Collingsworth, James Hefley, Mrs. Dunlaps, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_Reeves, James Lerris, Thomas James, William Bell, B.H. Harpool and E.B. Rains**.

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## Carroll Beaver, Tennessee Farmer

—Michael A. Ports\*

### *Introduction*

*The following article is the ninth installment in the continuing series of articles concerning the children of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver of Henderson County, Tennessee. Additional articles on the remaining children are planned and underway. The present focus is on the family of Carroll Beaver and his five wives. It is hoped that his descendants and other family researchers will find his story both interesting and informative. It also is hoped that others will step forward with new information, as well as comments, corrections, alternative interpretations, and suggestions for further research.*

The story of Carroll Beaver is typical for a farmer in West Tennessee during the nineteenth century. He grew up in rural Henderson County, obtained a modest education, and began farming at a young age. He married and started a family. As his farm prospered, his family grew. The untimely death of his wife left him alone to raise eight young children, manage the household, and operate the family farm. His children needed a mother, so Carroll married a second time. Again, his farm prospered and his family grew. The tumultuous days of the Civil War brought strife and economic ruin to much of the South. Carroll lost his investment in slaves. Reconstruction brought political repression, severe taxation, and the death of his second wife. But Carroll remained undeterred as he struggled to rebuild. He married a third time. Again, as his fortune improved, his family grew. In all, Carroll sired at least fourteen children whom he raised to become productive and upstanding members of their communities.

### **The Early Years**

**10. Carroll Beaver** was born March 1, 1816 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the son of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver. He was a young boy when his family moved to Henderson County circa 1822. It is presumed that he attended the local schools to good effect. Not much is known about his early life, but it is presumed that he learned the art of farming from his father while working on the family farm. Based solely upon the ages of their children, Carroll and his first wife Kizzia were married circa 1837. Because the early records of Henderson County were destroyed when the courthouse burned, no official record of their marriage has survived. While her maiden name is unknown, other records indicate that she was born circa 1816 in Tennessee.

In 1840, the Carroll Beaver household consisted of five individuals.

<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	
between 15 and 20		One, under 5
One, between 20 and 30		One, between 20 and 30

It seems likely that Carroll and Kizzia are the two oldest members of the household. Their age categories agree with their known birth years. The younger female is presumed to be their daughter Martha. The identity of the younger male is uncertain, but is presumed to be his younger brother Stephen. Carroll, his male slave, aged between 10 and 24 years, and his younger brother were engaged in agriculture. In May 1841, Carril Beaver joined the

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Middlefork Primitive Baptist Church. He was an active church member and frequently represented his church at association meetings. However, after a time, he became disenchanted with the direction that the congregation was taking. His disagreements with his fellow Baptists grew until he was excluded from membership in December 1857.

Economically, the next decade was good for Carroll and his family. In 1850, he valued his real estate at \$800. The census that year lists both Carroll and his wife Kizzia as 34 years old and born in Tennessee. Their children Martha, Henry, Riley, Nancy, Robert, Mary, and Thomas completed their household. Carroll owned six slaves. His slaves consisted of a 26-year-old mulatto female, 24-year-old black female, and four children aged 6, 4, 2, and 2. It is presumed that the children belonged to one or both of his female slaves. By 1850, he had improved only 50 acres of his land. Another 159 acres stood unimproved. In all, his farm was valued at \$800. He owned farm implements worth only \$50. Also, he owned two horses, one mule, two cows, four cattle, seventy-five sheep, and twenty-four swine, all valued at \$286. The previous year, his farm had produced forty-six bushels of wheat, six hundred bushels of corn, three hundred ninety pounds of rice, three bales of cotton, ten pounds of wool, four bushels of peas and beans, twenty-five bushels of sweet potatoes, thirty pounds of butter, \$50 in home manufactured goods, and \$15 in slaughtered animals.

Keziah Beaver died June 11, 1854. According to her tombstone at the Middle Fork Cemetery, she was born April 14, 1816. No further record of her has been located. The name Riley may be significant. Perhaps it was Kezzia's maiden name. Perhaps it was her mother's maiden name. Perhaps it was a family name handed down through several generations of the family on either the paternal or maternal lines. While the possibilities may seem more or less endless, the name Riley may provide the clue to important new information.

The children of Carroll and Kizzia (\_\_\_) Beaver were:

- 77. i. Martha, born circa 1839 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 78. ii. Henry, born circa 1840 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 79. iii. Riley Stephen, born March 1, 1841 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 80. iv. Nancy, born circa 1844 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 81. v. Robert L., born September 1845 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 82. vi. Mary A., born circa 1847 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 83. vii. Thomas T., born September 14, 1848 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
- 84. viii. Margaret, born circa 1852 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

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## **Remarriage**

With a large household to manage, young children to raise, and a growing plantation to oversee, Carroll needed a wife and helpmate. Thus, Carroll married again, probably in late 1853 or early 1854 based solely upon the birth years of their children. In spite of the loss of his first wife, the decade before the Civil War was quite kind to Carroll and his family at least economically. By 1860, he had remarried and his family had grown considerably. His plantation had grown in value and now was worth \$2,500. His personal property was valued at \$15,000, a not insignificant sum for that period. In fact, few of his neighbors owned as many slaves as did Carroll. His wife Martha, at 33 years of age, was ten years his junior. She was born in Virginia. Nine of his children, Henry, Riley, Robert, Mary, Thomas, Margaret, James, Susan, and Sarah, still lived with them at home. Most of his personal property consisted of his ten slaves. Carroll had two slave houses erected for what appear to be two distinct family groups. His eldest slave was a 35-year-old black male. He also owned two adult females, one 35 years old and one 30 years old. They probably were the same two females that he owned in 1850. The children, all black females, were aged 13, 11, 9, 8, and 6 years and two aged 8 months.

The plantation, valued at \$2,500, consisted of 120 improved acres and 240 unimproved acres. Not only had Carroll increased his land holdings from 209 acres to 360 acres, but he also had more than doubled the size of his tillable ground. His farm implements and machinery were valued at \$2,500. Perhaps Carroll Beaver owned a cotton gin and supplemented his income by ginning cotton for his neighbors. His livestock, including five horses, one mule, four cows, four oxen, eight cattle, thirty sheep, and one hundred swine, were valued at \$1,000. During the previous year, the farm produced one hundred bushels of wheat, twenty-five bushels of rye, seven hundred fifty bushels of corn, twenty-six bales of ginned cotton, fifty pounds of wool, five bushels of peas and beans, twenty bushels of potatoes, fifty bushels of sweet potatoes, one hundred fifty pounds of butter, six bushels of grass seed, twelve pounds of beeswax, one hundred pounds of honey, \$150 in home manufactured goods, and \$225 in slaughtered animals.

## **The Civil War and Its Aftermath**

West Tennessee was the focus of much significant military action throughout the Civil War. In general, the local citizenry were sympathetic to the Confederate cause and willingly contributed manpower, equipment, and agricultural products in large measure. However, based upon the secession vote, sentiment was more evenly divided in Henderson County. The Federal government expended considerable resources in its continuous efforts to conquer, subjugate, and pacify the local population. In April 1862, the climatic battle of Shiloh was fought in nearby Hardin County. The thunderous sounds from the furious battle could be heard in neighboring Henderson County.

On October 11, 1862, Confederate cavalry under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest crossed the Tennessee River near Clifton and six days later attacked Colonel Robert Ingersol's union brigade at Lexington, the seat of Henderson County. Ingersol, defeated, surrendered his entire command to Forrest. Following the Lexington engagement, Forrest moved on to Trenton, Union City, and Kentucky destroying railroads vital to the support of General Grant in Mississippi. On his way back to the river crossing at Clifton, he was



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attacked on December 31, 1862, at nearby Parker's Crossroads by Union forces under Colonels Dunham and Fuller and General Sullivan. At first it appeared another victory for Forrest in the defeat of Dunham's forces, until Fuller and Sullivan brought their armies into the fight. The unequal number of men resulted in a Union victory, but Forrest and most of his men escaped.

No doubt the local citizenry regardless of their political sympathies, including Carroll Beaver and his family, were alarmed when the armed conflict found its way to Henderson County. One can only imagine how frightening it was at the time, not knowing whether the fighting would erupt on their own property, their own house would be damaged from gun fire or artillery, or their property commandeered for military use. One also wonders whether the passing soldiers confiscated livestock, commandeered food, or took other supplies from Carroll or his neighbors.

The county court at its October 1861 meeting levied a tax of ten cents on each \$100 worth of merchandise offered for sale, ten cents on each \$100 of spirits or fermented liquors, and \$5 on any kind of show. These taxes were for the support of indigent families of Confederate volunteers. There was much opposition to the taxes and many refused to pay them, especially Union sympathizers. No record has been found to indicate whether the taxes ever were collected. In 1865, the federal government assessed Carroll Beaver for 362 acres of land valued at \$2,550. The special tax was imposed in order to pay the huge costs incurred by the federal government in prosecuting the Civil War.

Lexington was occupied by federal troops for much of the war. Many locals chafed under the rule of martial law. As a slaveholder whose older sons and sons-in-law served in the Confederate Army, no doubt Carroll Beaver was a patriotic Confederate. He probably detested living under the oppressive thumb of the occupying enemy soldiers. His wife Martha N. Beaver died March 6, 1866 and was buried at the Middle Fork Cemetery. Her tombstone indicates that she was born September 9, 1822. No further record of her has been found.

The children of Carroll and Martha N. ( ? ) Beaver were:

85. ix. James L., born circa 1855 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

86. x. Susan, born circa 1857 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

87. xi. Sarah F., born April 11, 1859 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

88. xii. John Carroll, born July 25, 1862 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

The town of Mifflin was laid out in 1828 by Colonel Priddy, who with James Bank opened a business there about that time. Before the Civil War, a dry goods store was operated there under the name of *Beaver, Carver & Co.* After the war, the firm was known as *Beaver, Carver, Ashcroft & Co.* Later, the store was operated as *Beaver & Son.* In the later decades of the century, Mifflin contained about one hundred inhabitants, a Methodist Church, and a school house.

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## Remarriage and Rebuilding

By 1870, Carroll had married a third time. Unfortunately, no official record of that marriage has survived. His third wife Jane was keeping house. She is listed as 35 years old and born in South Carolina. Carroll, eighteen years her senior, was still farming. He valued his real estate at \$2,250 and his personal estate at \$3,518. Only five of his children, James, Susan, Sarah, John, and Lula, were still at home. A young man named Robert Bomer also was living with them. Robert was just 13 years old and born in South Carolina. Perhaps Robert was Jane's son by a former marriage or a younger brother. Carroll's plantation, consisting of 120 acres of improved land and 200 acres of wooded land, was valued at \$2,250. Apparently, Carroll had sold off a 40-acre parcel from his plantation tract. His livestock, valued at \$893, consisted of two horses, three mules, three cows, three cattle, nine sheep, and twenty swine. With implements worth \$125, the farm produced eighty bushels of winter wheat, five hundred bushels of corn, six bales of cotton, thirty pounds of wool, one hundred eighty pounds of butter, twenty pounds of honey, five pounds of beeswax and honey, \$150 in home manufacture goods, and \$150 in slaughtered animals. The total farm production for the previous year was valued at \$1,280. The value of his personal property not associated with his plantation was significant and probably represents the inventory associated with his dry goods store.

Perhaps Sam Beaver, aged 45 years, who was living nearby, had been one of the slaves belonging to Carroll Beaver. Sam's wife Caroline was 30 years old. Their daughter Catha was 11 years old. All three were natives of Tennessee. There were two other black families in Henderson County with the surname Beaver, but their ages do not seem to agree with the slave schedules.

In 1877, Carroll Beaver sold a tract of land to L. P. Barham. Curiously the deed does not record the acreage nor the price paid for the land that was located in District No. 3. Carroll sold another tract on October 1, 1879. James Latham paid \$465 for the 25 acres in District No. 3.

In 1880, Carroll Beaver was farming in Civil District No. 3. Carroll was 63 years old and born in Tennessee. He gave the birth place for both his parents as Georgia. His wife Jane was 44 years old. Both she and her parents were born in South Carolina. Living with them were their children, James, John, Lula, and Joseph, and a black female servant named Adaline McHenry. In addition to farming, Carroll held the local office of magistrate for several years. Just how long he served as magistrate is unclear.

The children of Carroll and Jane ( ? ) Beaver were:

89. xiii. Lula A., born November 1, 1866 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

90. xiv. Joseph C, born circa 1872 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

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## The Twilight Years

In 1879, the Tennessee Legislature authorized the creation of Chester County from portions of Hardeman, Madison, Henderson, and McNairy Counties. Carroll found his farm and dry goods store in the new county. Carroll and his son James operated the dry goods store there in Mifflin as a partnership known as *Beaver & Son*. They sued James McDaniel to recover the money that they claimed McDaniel owed them. On November 2, 1886, Justice of the Peace C. R. Scarbro issued a summons ordering McDaniel to answer the plaintiff's claims. Unfortunately, no further record of that case has been located.

In 1882, the chancery court for the new county was organized and began proceedings. The chancery court heard suits for divorce among other proceedings. In 1882, a peculiar suit for divorce was pending before the court involving an estate of \$23,000. It is the suit of Carroll Beaver against Nancy Denver for divorce on the grounds of alleged impotency on the part of the defendant. Unfortunately, the earliest records of the chancery court have not survived. Apparently, Carroll married Nancy Denver sometime after his third wife Jane died. It is disappointing that the records from this particular divorce suit have been lost. But married life must have appealed to Carroll for he married for a fifth time circa 1890.

On March 30, 1891, Carroll and his wife B. V. sold land to James E. Brown for \$100. The land consisted of 24 acres formerly owned by James McDaniel together with a one-seventh interest in the Mrs. McDaniel dower land. Both Carroll and B. V. signed the deed with their initials. W. C. Brown sued Carroll Beaver and others in the County Court. On April 13, 1891, upon the motion of the defendant, the court allowed a copy of the petition to be filed in place of the original which had been destroyed by the courthouse fire on March 17, 1891. The case was continued on June 1, 1891, because of the absence of the complainant's attorney. On June 16, 1891, both parties appeared in court and by mutual consent asked the court to file two additional copies in the place of the original documents that had been destroyed in the fire. The two documents were the original bill of complaint and the bond. The court accepted the copies and ordered the defendants to file their answer by the first Monday of July. The case apparently involved the administration of the estate of James Beaver. His father Carroll served as administrator of the estate. The other defendants probably were the heirs of the estate. On August 11, 1891, the court ordered the clerk to ascertain what personal assets of the estate were received by Carroll Beaver as administrator, what disposition of the assets had been made by the administrator, what bona fide debts were outstanding against the estate, whether the remaining assets were sufficient to pay the outstanding debts, and what lands were owned by the estate.

On October 8, 1891, the case again was continued due to the absence of the complainant's attorney. On December 7, 1891, Clerk H. D. Franklin filed his report to the court. The clerk first itemized, then valued all of the personal property of the estate at \$1,539.00. He also stated that all of the assets were in the hands of the administrator who had not yet paid any of the debts against the estate. The clerk valued the debts at just \$177.88 and noted that the assets were sufficient to pay off and settle the debts. The clerk also itemized the real estate then belonging to the estate. After considering the matter, the court ordered Carroll Beaver to pay the debts and settle the estate. It also ordered the administrator to pay the expenses of the complainant. But, Carroll Beaver protested and requested the court to

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reconsider its decision. He claimed that the court had not considered certain evidence that most of the assets listed by the clerk were not the property of his son James. The court gave Carroll ten days to file his new evidence and post a bond. Unfortunately, no further record of the case has been found. Perhaps, Carroll reconsidered his chances and declined to file the new evidence and post an appeal bond. It may be just as likely that the parties settled the matter among themselves.

Sometime thereafter, Carroll moved to Dyer County to live with his son Riley Beaver. In 1900, both Carroll and his wife Beatrice were living there in his son's household. Carroll was not yet too old to work on the farm. He listed his occupation as farm laborer. The census lists Carroll as having been born in Tennessee in March 1816. His wife of ten years, also a native of Tennessee, was born April 1843. Beatrice only had one child then living, who is presumed to be the Edgar Taylor then residing in the same household.

Carroll Beaver died July 4, 1905 and was buried at the cemetery adjacent to Bowen Chapel in Dyer County. No probate was entered for his estate. No further record of his wife Beatrice has been found.

## **Conclusion**

The story of Carroll Beaver and his family relatively is simple and straightforward and is fully supported by the few available records. Yet, many questions remain unanswered. Who were his five wives? Almost nothing is known about them save their first names and a few dates. What role, if any, did he play for the Confederacy during the Civil War? How difficult was life as a storekeeper and farmer during the federal occupation both during the war and during Reconstruction? What became of his slaves after their emancipation? When did Carroll become a storekeeper? Was his principal livelihood gained from farming or from his store? What became of his third wife Jane? When did she die and where was she buried? What became of his fourth wife Nancy Denver? Was Denver her maiden name or had she been married previously? What became of his last wife Beatrice? Did she remarry or remain a widow? When did she die and where was she buried? These and other questions will remain unanswered unless and until new records are uncovered.

The foregoing article presents all of the public and private records that we have found concerning Carroll Beaver, his five wives, and their family. The author is disappointed that he has never met any of his cousins from this particular branch of the Beaver family tree. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Henderson County Courthouse, Chester County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Mid-Continent Public Library, Dallas Public Library, and the Clayton Library in Houston. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins Orpha Jewel Weaver and Billy B. Lassiter who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

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## McNairy County, TN Register of Deeds

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*McNairy County, formed in 1823 from the western half of Hardin County, is bordered on the south by Alcorn County, MS and by Hardeman, Chester and Hardin Counties on the west, north and east in Tennessee.*



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Indenture made June 11, 1827 between **Maclin Cross** and **John Chambers**, both of McNairy County, Tennessee. The said **Cross** sold to **Chambers** for \$50.00 lot #33 in the town of Purdy. The deed was signed by **Maclin Cross**, witnessed by **N.E. Griffith** and **Peter E. Shull** and certified for registration.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1827, **William Garrett** of McNairy County sold to **Jacob Oxford** of the same county and state a 10-acre parcel of land in District 9, range 3 and 4, section 3, part of a 285-acre grant to **Joseph H. Wallis**. Certified for registration Sept. 18, 1827.

On 19 June 1827 **Abel V. Murry, Robert Rankins, William S. Wisdom, Thompson M. Prince** and **George W. Barnett**, commissioners of the town of Purdy, McNairy County, Tennessee sold to **Henry S. Wilson** for the sum of \$41.00 Lot #45 in the plan of Purdy. Certified for registration by **Joseph Barnett**, clerk.

On 12 June 1827 the above-mentioned commissioners of the town of Purdy sold to **Thomas McAlpin** for the sum of \$50.00 Lot No. 4, Purdy. Witnesses: **Joseph W. Barnett** and **Laney Moore**. Certified for registration.

On 14 June in the year of our Lord 1827 the commissioners of Purdy sold **Thomas McAlpin** Lot No. 75 on the plan of Purdy for the sum of \$22.00. Certified for registration.

On 21 May 1827 the commissioners of the town of Purdy sold to **George W. Barnett** for the sum of \$52.00 Lot No. 25 in the plan of Purdy. Signed and sealed in the presence of **B. Wright** and **Ruben Walker** and ordered to be certified for registration.

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On 12 April 1826 **Willie Brasfield** sold to **William Smith**, also of McNairy County, for the sum of \$930.00 the balance due on a bond **Smith** held on **Henry H. Brown**, which sum said

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**Brown** is to pay in hand at valuation equal to the tract whereon the said **Smith** now lives on, part of a tract of 2560 acres located in the 9<sup>th</sup> surveyor's district, sections 3 & 4., ranges 5 & 6. By **H.H. Brown** and said **Brasfield**, this day sold to Smith 500 acres of this tract at the SW corner of said entry of **James Heidart** and **John Smith**. To be certified for registration.

On September 12 1827 the commissioners of the town of Purdy sold **George W. Barnett** for the sum of \$39.00 lot No. 29 in the plan of the town of Purdy. Witnesses: **N.E. Griffin** and **H. Sanders**. To be certified for registration.

On February 9, 1825 **Joseph Clark** of Lincoln County, TN paid **Sterling Lester** of Giles County, TN \$660.00 for a parcel of land containing 222  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres in District 9, range 5, sections 5 & 6 on the waters of Doe River. Witnessed by **John Clark** and **Robert Clark**. This deed of conveyance was ordered to be certified for registration.

March 8, 1826, Certificate issued by the commissioners of Tennessee to the assignee of the Register of the Western District for 25 acres, granted as an occupant claim to **Wm. Tipton**. This land is registered and conveyed to **Isom Medford** on March 18, 1828.

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**Elisha Hodges** paid **William Beaty** \$120.00 for 31 acres in McNairy County. Indenture made December 12, 1827.

On December 23, 1826 **John Chambers** paid \$1,120 to **John Simonton** of Lawrence County for a 640-acre tract of land in McNairy, Co. 9<sup>th</sup> district, 1<sup>st</sup> section, 4<sup>th</sup> range.

**Archibald Debow** of Caswell Co. N.C. paid \$1,280 to **Archibald Murphy** of Orange Co. N.C. for a tract of 640 acres on the Hatchie River in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranges, section 2. This tract was granted by the state of Tennessee to the trustees of the University of North Carolina on Military Warrant No. 780 and conveyed to **Debow** February 20, 1827.

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**James Sullivan** sold to **William Wood**, both of McNairy County, 50 acres of land in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 2<sup>nd</sup> range and 3<sup>rd</sup> section for the sum of \$300.00. Certified March term 1828.

**Wm. Murry** of McNairy Co. sold to **Sam C. Murry** of same county 40 acres in 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range and 3<sup>rd</sup> section for the sum of \$150.00. Registered March 22, 1828.

**William Murry** sold to **Archibald Murry** for the sum of \$250.00 a 40-acre tract of land, part of a tract of 80 acres in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range and 3<sup>rd</sup> section. March 22, 1828.

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**Abel V. Murry, William G. Wisdom, Robert Rankins and Thompson M. Prince,**

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Commissioners of the town of Purdy in McNairy County sold to **James Reed** for \$50.00 a town lot known as lot #10 on the Purdy town plan. Registered June 4, 1828.

The commissioners of the town of Purdy sold to **James Reed** for \$60.00 lot No. 9 in the town of Purdy. Deed was registered May 24, 1828.

The commissioners of the town of Purdy sold to **J. F. Cloud** for the sum of \$41.00 lot known as Lot #32. The deed was registered February 7, 1828.

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The commissioners sold to **Joseph F. Cloud** for the sum of \$34.00 the lot known as Lot #42. The deed was registered December 11, 1827.

**Mial T. Dizmang** (?) sold 25 acres to **Daniel Koonce** for the sum of \$100.00, said land lying in McNairy Co. on the waters of Turkey Creek. Deed was registered February 8, 1828.

**Hezekiah Powell** sold to **George Martindale** for the sum of \$400.00 160 acres lying in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, sections 2 and 3. The deed was registered June 1828.

The commissioners of Purdy sold to **H.B. Atwood & Samuel Murry** of Memphis, Shelby Co. Tenn for the sum of \$72.00 one lot lying in Purdy known as lot #12. The deed was registered May 26, 1828.

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**Ruben Moore** of Purdy, **I.T. Foster** of Memphis and **H. B. Atwood** and **Samuel Murry** trading under the firm of Atwood and Murry at Memphis. **Ruben Moore** owes Atwood and Murry a note in the sum of \$822.22, due May 25, 1828, and is desirous to secure by conveying to **I.T. Foster** in trust for that purpose Purdy town lot #12 fronting the public square on the east side, also a tract of land situated near Purdy in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 4<sup>th</sup> range, section 3. Dated May 26, 1828. The terms of the indenture and the execution of the trust are described in detail. Deed of trust registered June 1828.

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The commissioners of Purdy sold to **Peter E. Shell** of Lawrence County, Tn. for \$89.50 two lots in the town (#13, #14) August 20, 1828; registered September 25, 1828.

**Peter E. Shell** of Lawrence County sold to **Nathaniel E. Griffith** of Purdy for the sum of \$175.00 two lots lying in Purdy (#70, #72) August 20, 1828. Registered in the office of the Clerk September 25, 1828.

**Laney Moore** sheriff and collector of taxes and **Henry S. Wilson** former sheriff and tax collector for the year 1828 made report to the County Court in 1826 that certain tracts of land were listed for taxation for the year 1825, and that the respective owners "have no goods and chattles to make said taxes." The court ordered that 14 acres of **Charles Reedy** in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, 3<sup>rd</sup> section [entry #1647] be sold as the law directs to pay taxes, costs and charges. Order of sale issued May 12, 1826 for a public sale at the court house door in the town of Purdy December 25, 1826. The land was sold to **Maclin Cross** for \$3.99, the amount of tax, cost and charges. Title conveyed and registered September 25, 1828.

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On August 1, 1828 **James Kyle** paid **Archibald Murry** \$120.00 for 2 tracts of land, one tract of 10 acres and one tract of 2 acres, both in District 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, 3<sup>rd</sup> section. Registered September 25, 1828.

Indenture made between **William West, Jr.** and **Jacob Oxford** of McNairy County by West's attorney **S. McLemore** of S. Carolina. **West** sold **Oxford** an 182-acre tract in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, 3<sup>rd</sup> section, Grant No. 205. Deed certified August 1, 1828.

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On August 19, 1828 **Abel V. Murry** paid \$460.00 to **Jacob Oxford** for a tract of land containing 92 acres, the south end of a tract originally granted to **William West** for 1890 acres, grant #205 in McNairy County. Deed certified for registration September 25, 1828.

On March 22, 1828 **Archable W. Murry** paid \$150.00 to **Able V. Murry** for a parcel of land containing 50 acres in McNairy County on the waters of Cypress Creek. The land was granted to **Abel V. Murry** by grant #1765 February 19, 1825. Deed was proven and ordered certified for registration September 25, 1828.

In May 1828 the sum of \$2,450.00 was paid by **John Chambers** of McNairy County to **Malcom Gilchrist** of Lawrence Co. Ala. and **Daniel Gilchrist** of Bedford Co. Tenn. for a 313 acre parcel of land in McNairy Co. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> range and 3<sup>rd</sup> section of 9<sup>th</sup> surveyor's district. Deed certified for registration December 8, 1828.

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On October 3, 1828 **Maclin Cross** paid \$33.00 to **Abel V. Murry**, **William Wisdom** and **Thompson M. Prince**, commissioners of the town of Purdy, for 1 lot lying in Purdy known as lot #17. Deed certified for registration in December 1828.

In July 1828 **Joseph N. Baker** of Lauderdale County, Alabama paid **Henry Kirkland** of Hardeman Co. Tenn. \$100.00 for part of a 16 acre entry in McNairy Co. granted by the State



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of Tennessee to **Benjamin Wright**, grant #552, dated April 30, 1827. Deed certified for registration December 25, 1828.

**James Boyd** paid \$21.00 to the commissioners of Purdy [mentioned above] for the east half of a lot in the town of Purdy [number illegible]. Deed certified for registration December 25, 1828.

Know yea that by virtue of Certificate No. 5331 dated March 10, 1824, issued by the Register of West Tenn. to **John Davis** 147 ¼ acres of land entered on June 2, 1824 by No. 1342 is granted by the state of Tennessee unto **Mc Boyd**. **Mc Boyd** is entitled to the tract of land. Recorded in register office of the Western District October 16, 1828.

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On March 13, 1829 **Mc Boyd** sold to **John Ham** for \$400.00 a certain parcel of land containing 147 ½ acres lying in McNairy County. Deed proven and ordered to be certified for registration March, 1829.

On December 13, 1828, the agent of **Thomas Brown** of Roan County sold to **Thomas H. Lindsey** of McNairy Co. a parcel of land in McNairy Co. 9<sup>th</sup> district 5<sup>th</sup> range and 2<sup>nd</sup> section for the sum of \$135.00. Deed certified for registration March 1829.

On April 1, 1829 I **John Gillham** of McNairy Co. sold 25 acres of land, granted to me by the state of Tenn, to **Javen Cox** for the sum of \$125.00. The land lying in McNairy Co. on the head waters of South Hatchie in north district, 2<sup>nd</sup> range and 3<sup>rd</sup> section. Deed duly proven and certified for registration March 1829.

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On November 3, 1827 **Bennett A. James** sold to **Elias McKey (Mackey)** for the sum of \$25.00 a parcel of land in McNairy Co. on the waters of Chambers Creek in the 3<sup>rd</sup> range and 1<sup>st</sup> section. Deed certified for registration March 1829.

For the sum of \$150.00, to be paid in full on or before December 25, 1830, **John Ferguson** sold to **Robert Frame** one \_\_\_\_\_ wagon, two yoke of steers, 25 head of hogs, 8 head of cattle and one cream colored horse. The foregoing mortgage was produced, duly proven, and certified for registration March 1829.

On May 13, 1829, for the sum of \$900.00 **Samuel Wilson** of Livingston, Tenn. sold to **William C. Hodges** of McNairy Co. 300 acres in the county of McNairy 9<sup>th</sup> district 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranges and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> sections. Land originally granted by the state of Tennessee to **Sam Wilson** on Sept 10 1823 [grant #20,118]. Deed presented to the McNairy Co. circuit court in June 1829 and to the State of Tennessee in September 1829.

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On June 22, 1829 **Jacob Oxford** sold 106 acres to **John Norwood** for the sum of \$450.00. The tract of land being in McNairy Co. 9<sup>th</sup> district, 4<sup>th</sup> range, section 1. Deed certified for registration in the June 1829 court term.

On April 14, 1829 **Jacob Oxford** sold to **Laney Moore** two tracts of land, one of 90 acres and the other of 5 acres, both in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, 3<sup>rd</sup> range, 3<sup>rd</sup> section. Deed certified for registration at the June term 1829.

On July 31, 1828 **Henry Wilson** paid to **Robert Rankins, William Wisdom, Abel V. Murry** and **T. M. Prince**, commissioners for the town of Purdy [amount?] for lot #38 in the town of Purdy. Deed certified for registration at the June term 1829.

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On February 24, 1829 **James Reed** sold to **Thomas McAlpin** for \$50.00 one lot in the town of Purdy known as Lot #10. Deed certified for registration June term 1829.

On September 18, 1829 **Robert Rankins, Abel V. Murry, Wm Wisdom** and **Thompson M. Prince** commissioners sold 3 lots in the town of Purdy to **John T. Burtwell** for the sum of \$125.50. Deed certified for registration September 1829.

On September 29, 1829 the commissioners of the town of Purdy, McNairy Co. sold 10 lots to **Nathaniel E. Griffith** for the sum of \$433.00. The lots known on the plan of Purdy as follows: Lot No 21 \$52.50—No 30 \$60.00—No 41 \$50.00—No 46 \$51.50—No 35 \$60.50—No 47 \$67.00—No 66 \$17.50—No 68 \$25.50—No 67 \$21.00—and No 69 \$73.50. Deed was ordered to be certified for registration September 1829.

In September 1829 for the sum of \$100.00 **Stephen Keith** sold to **James Keith** a tract of land containing 40 acres, more or less, lying in McNairy Co. by survey dated March 15, 1826, in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, range 5 and section 5. Deed certified for registration September 1829.

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## BORN BEFORE 1800 BURIED IN McNAIRY COUNTY TENNESSEE

Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Cemetery
Brooks, James	16 May 1788	20 April 1854	Brooks Family
Bulliner, Rebecca	1789	19 Oct 1855	Mount Carmel
Coln, Thomas M.D.	18 Sept 1798	17 Aug 1880	Coln
Combs, Christianna	1761	13 May 1850	Union Grove
Combs, Gilbert	1759	13 May 1836	Union Grove
Combs, Thomas	06 Feb 1796	06 Jan 1863	Union Grove
Derryberry, John	09 Aug 1790	20 Nov 1863	Indian Creek
Devault, Fannie	1798	1854	Good Hope Ch.
Erwin, Nathanel	1776	11 Sept 1845	Erwin Family
Findley, John W.	1793	1860/70	Mount Zion #1
Findley, Mary	1795	1860/70	Mount Zion #1
Findly, Joel	14 April 1792	19 Jan 1842	Mount Zion #1
Fitzpatrick, John L.	06 Mar 1796	10 Nov 1879	Liberty Ch.
Floyd, Fredrick	03 Aug 1788	19 Oct 1840	Floyd Family
Floyd, Sarah	22 July 1792	????	Floyd Family
Gilchrist, Malcolm	06 Oct 1786	17 Jun 1845	Union Grove
Hanna, W.D.	07 Jan 1774	03 Oct 1851	Gravel Hill
Hill, Abraham	1790	1876	Rose Hill
Hill, Berkley	03 Jul 1793	Feb 1897	Rose Hill
Hill, Daniel	04 Sep 1757	01 Nov 1846	Rose Hill
Hill, Martha	1799	1873	Rose Hill
Houston, Archibauld	26 Oct 1751	18 Mar 1836	Houston Family
Houston, R.C.	12 April 1799	21 Feb 1856	Houston Family
Hunter, J.D. Sr.	07 Sep 1796	26 Dec 1865	Mount Pleasant
Hunter, Mary	11 Feb 1797	30 May 1877	Mount Pleasant
Ingle, Adam	1783	1850	Ingle Family
Ingle, Maria	1795	Nov 1828	Ingle Family
Ingraham, John S.	1790	20 Aug 1855	Ingraham Family
Ingraham, Rebecca	1790	16 Feb 1830	Ingraham Family
Ingram, Nancy	27 May 1777	Jul 1855	Ingram Family
Ingram, Needham Sr.	27 May 1780	Oct 1835	Ingram Family
Isbell, Ann P.K.	1775	????	Woodville
Isbell, Thomas D. Sr.	1763	????	Woodville
Jones, Elizabeth	05 Feb 1792	26 Oct 1874	Ebenezar
Jones, Lucinda	21 April 1791	25 Jul 1840	Polk
Jopling, Jennie	05 Jun 1792	26 Mar 1870	Bethesda Ch.
Jopling, John Sutton	1781	1869	Bethesda Ch.
Kerr, Andrew	15 Sep 1794	25 Oct 1848	Bethel Springs
Kerr, Henry M. Rev.	30 Dec 1782	28 Jan 1865	Bethel Springs
Lipford, Amos	1786	1866	Rose Hill
Lipford, Elizabeth	1796	1878	Rose Hill
Lock, Daniel	28 Nov 1790	19 Apr 1861	Lock Family

Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Cemetery
Lock, Margaret Hanna	22 Apr 1793	12 Feb 1846	Lock Family
Martin, Walter	15 Jan 1791	25 Jan 1863	Spring Hill
McCalip, Frances H.	06 Jan 1796	02 Jul 1870	Bethel Springs
McCraw, James W.	24 Mar 1794	07 Jul 1873	Spring Hill
McCullar, Alexander	1795	04 Aug 1888	Oak Hill
McIntyre, Elizabeth	1780	08 Jan 1858	Mount Carmel
McKenzie, Alexander M.	11 Sep 1787	04 Jan 1884	McKenzie Family
McWhirter, Hanna	12 Apr 1785	03 Jan 1851	McWhirter Family
McWhirter, Robert	02 Aug 1783	08 Jul 1854	McWhirter Family
Meek, Hannah	07 Feb 1792	23 Jan 1851	Mount Zion #1
Meek, Rebecca	08 Sep 1788	20 Sep 1855	Mount Zion #1
Merell, Jesse	04 May 1797	29 Sep 1866	Adamsville
Merell, Martha	25 Nov 1798	31 Mar 1881	Adamsville
Mills, Clarisa	22 Feb 1782	07 Jul 1856	Ebenezar
Moore, Dempsey	04 Feb 1789	01 May 1856	Moore School
Newell, H.F.	05 Mar 1794	07 Jul 1870	Adamsville
Odom, Riley	13 Feb 1796	06 Jan 1867	Milledgeville
Odom, Sophia	18 Jun 1792	06 Jul 1852	Milledgeville
Parker, E.D.	05 Jan 1794	25 Oct 1859	Mount Zion #1
Pearson, Margret	30 Apr 1788	14 Nov 1854	Helbert
Pettigrew, Thomas	1786	05 Dec 1884	Clear Creek
Pierce, Mary Redding	10 Mar 1798	01 Dec 1874	Prospect
Plunk, Elizabeth	16 Jan 1797	02 Nov 1887	Liberty C. #2
Reding, Nancy	20 Jan 1779	22 May 1861	Prospect
Robinson, William	1793	16 Dec 1858	Huggins
Romine, W.M.	11 Mar 1797	15 Oct 1867	Clear Creek
Rushing, Richard	03 Dec 1797	03 Dec 1886	Gravel Hill
Saunders, L.	09 Jul 1789	26 Nov 1849	Mount Pleasant
Sewell, Elizabeth	01 Jan 1780	09 Dec 1861	O'Neal
Sewell, Fredrick	27 Apr 1777	02 Jan 1858	O'Neal
Sewell, Samuel H.	19 Sept 1796	28 Nov 1871	O'Neal
Sheffield, Ephriam	09 Apr 1791	05 Nov 1884	Sanders #2
Shelton, Margaret	16 Aug 1799	05 Aug 1869	Mount Gilead
Smith, Martha	06 Sep 1789	02 Aug 1883	Smith Family
Smith, Richard	04 Mar 1784	15 Sep 1881	Smith Family
Steadman, Margaret	1784	25 Sep 1833	Purdy Old Cm.
Steadman, William	1782	22 Jan 1832	Purdy Old Cm.
Tacker, Annie Hill	1798	????	Rose Hill
Tacker, Seaborn	1795	????	Rose Hill
Tate, James	1791	13 Aug 1864	Olive Hill
Tate, Marie S.	1789	05 May 1856	Olive Hill
Weatherley, Henry	22 Feb 1792	03 Apr 1874	Mount Pleasant
Wilson, Nancy	06 Jun 1798	06 Apr 1872	Bethel Springs
Winningham, Maude	1796	25 Apr 1884	Carter

Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Cemetery
Wisdom, James	1773	13 Mar 1828	White Plains
Wisdom, Wm. S.	14 Nov 1796	19 Nov 1871	Purdy New Cem.
Wolverton, James	12 May 1797	24 Jul 1878	Wolverton Family
Woodburn, John	1776	08 Mar 1841	Bethel Springs
Wright, Benjamin	02 Apr 1784	30 Jan 1860	Purdy Old Cem.
Wright, Martha Ann	1793	27 Feb 1859	Purdy Old Cem.

note: **Margaret Shelton** was "wife of Jacob"

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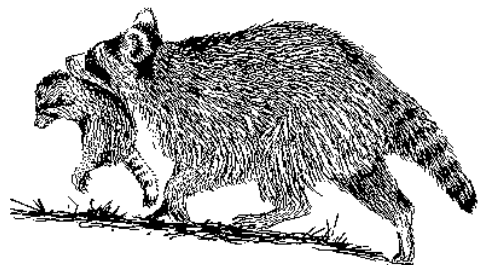
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## LEWIS COUNTY WILLS

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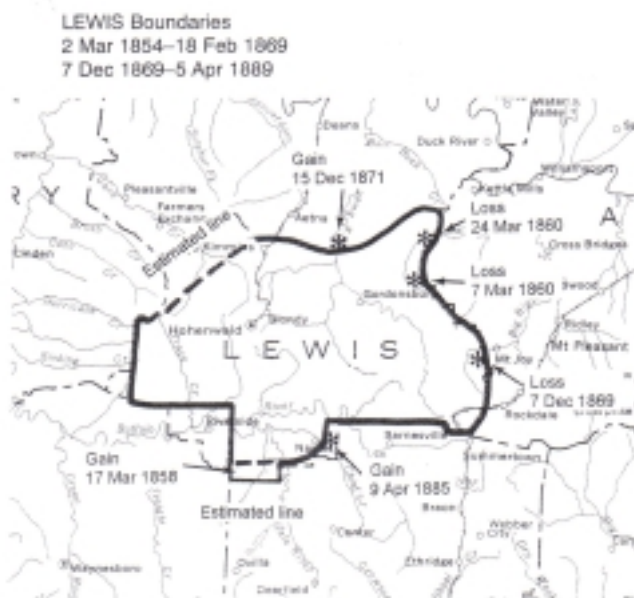
**County Clerk – Records of Wills Inventories  
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Settlements of Administrations &  
Guardianships – Sept. 1842 – Oct. 1856**



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On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1848 letters of administration were issued to **FRANCES HARRIS** to serve as Administratrix of the estate of **CHARLES CLENDINEN**, who died leaving no will.



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An accounting by **WM. WEST**, guardian of **WM S. JOHNSTON**, for the preceding year. From an income of \$1,656.71, tuition and various expenses were paid, including the purchase of a saddle from **WATTS** for \$15.00. Guardian is due a similar amount to June term 1848.

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Inventory of property of **WM C. BARNES** made by **G.G.CARTER**, Administrator on August 5<sup>th</sup> 1848:

one red yearling – one rifle gun – a shot pouch – one plow – one hand saw and one drawing knife – one auger – one chisel – one sythe and cradle – three wheat graney – one coffee mill – one pot.

Various accounts on **JAMES VOSS**, **WM. T. MCCLAIN**, **PETER WORKMAN**. **WM FLOYD**.

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On October 3 1848 **WILLIAM C. RAINS** is authorized as executor of the will of **JAMES RAINS**, to make an inventory of the property, collect and pay all debts "and do all

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other things that may be required according to the provisions of the said will and the law of the land.”

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On November 6 1848 letters of administration were issued to **NATHAN B. AKIN** to serve as Administrator of the estate of **BARTLETT TATUM**, who died leaving no will.

On the same day **JOHN FARRIS** made a settlement in relation to his guardianship of the estate of **JAMES R. WALKER** minor heir of **JOHN WALKER**, deceased. A credit was made of \$14.00 for a saddle, and court fees were paid.

An account of the sale of the property of **WM. C. BARNES**, returned by **G.G. CARTER**, follows. Items were purchased by **R.C. WORKMAN**, **G.G. CARTER**, **BARBARY J. BARNES** and **JAS. BASHEARS**.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 letters testamentary were issued to **JOHN GORDON** of Lewis County and **JOHN CRAIG** of Lawrence County who were appointed executors of the will of **MOSES GORDON**, deceased.

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On March 5<sup>th</sup> 1849 letters of administration were issued to **NANCY ROSE** to serve as Administratrix of the estate of **ELIAS ROSE**, who died leaving no will.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849 **JOSEPH H. STRAYHORN** was appointed Administrator of the estate of **PENELOPE STRAYHORN**, who left a will.

On April 3 1849 **HUGH C. KIRK** posted bond and was appointed Administrator of the estate of **ELIZABETH ISOM**, who left a will.

On the same day **PETER A. KIRK** was appointed to take the place of **SEBASTIAN PATTON** as Executor of the will of **JAMES BELL** deceased.

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On April 3, 1849 **SARAH A. STRAYHORN** is appointed Executrix of the will of **DAVID STRAYHORN**, deceased.

On the same day **THOMAS D. CATHEY** and **ALEXANDER B. CATHEY** are appointed Executors of the estate of **JAMES D. CATHEY**, according to his will.

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The last will and testament of **DAVID W. STRAYHORN**, dated March 10<sup>th</sup> 1849. His eight acres in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil District and household possessions are to go to his “beloved wife” **SARAH ANN**, who is also his Executor, and after her death to “beloved nephews” **CHARLES** and **JOSEPH MCMUREY**. Witnesses: **A.R. DICKSON**, **GEO. NIXON**.

On April 3 1849 **ELIZABETH ISOM**’s will was witnessed in court by **W.L. GARNER** and **WILLIAM GARNER** and recorded by **H.C. KIRK**. **WILLIAM BIFFLE** is appointed

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Executor and property is to be divided between **WESLEY BIFFLE, JOHN ISOM**, heirs of **ELIZABETH ISOM**, heirs of **SARAH CRAIG, MARY JONES, FRANCES BIFFLE** and **JAMES PATTON**. Son **GEORGE ISOM** is willed \$5.00 "so that he have the refusal of my tract of land by his paying for it." Will made February 5 1849.

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On February 23 1849 **JAMES D. CATHEY** prepared his will, appointing his uncle **THOMAS D. CATHEY** and brother **ALEXANDER B. CATHEY** Executors. He states that [slaves] **RACHEL** and **GEORGE** "be kept by my uncle **T.D. CATHEY** and my brother **ALEXANDER B. CATHEY** and be kept comfortable and well treated during their natural life." His property is to be divided between his brother and his sister **NANCY C. ISOM**. Witnesses in court on April 3 1849: **WM. J. STRAYHORN, JOEL LEFTWICH**.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> 1849 **SALLY DICKSON** and **WILLIAM T. MCCLAIN** were appointed Administrators of the estate of **WILLIAM F. DICKSON** who died leaving no will.

On July 2 1849 **STEPHEN D. PILLOW** was appointed Administrator for the estate of **WILLIAM R. BURNETT**, who died leaving no will.

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The will of **JOHN W. CECIL**, planter, dated February 27, 1849 and witnessed by **DAVID C. MITCHELL**. The portion of his land known as the **BARNS** tract is bequeathed to his "beloved wife" **SARAH ANN B. CECIL**, as well as the **HART** tract of 130 acres, which will go to son **SAMUEL R. CECIL** when he "shall become of lawful age." **SARAH ANN** is to have "the right of ownership and control of the following negroes viz. **PREMIS, GEORGE, JERRY, HAYWOOD, PIETY** and her increase." **SARAH** is authorized to sell **DILCEY** and **EMILY**, also **LEVI**, and to use these funds to purchase other negroes, with the "consent and advice of my executors," to be given by deed to "my three eldest children viz. **MARANDA W. CECIL, SAMUEL R. CECIL** and **WILLIAM C. CECIL** as they come of age. Son **WILLIAM** to receive a tract of land "equal in value to the **HART** tract." Son **JOHN W. CECIL** will eventually receive the **BARNS** tract, about 228 acres.

A tract of land in Indiana is to be sold by Executors "eight years hence," and proceeds to be divided equally between daughters **MARINDA W.** and **MARY ELIZABETH** when they come of age. When **SAMUEL R. CECIL** is of lawful age, he is to receive the servant girl **ESTER**, who was "the gift of his grandfather **SAMUEL CECIL** and not any part of my estate."

Executors are to be **SARAH ANN B. CECIL** and "my esteemed and beloved brothers" **WILLIAM T. CECIL** and **JAMES H. CECIL**.

Witnessed in court August 6 1849 by **LEWIS W. GRIMES, SAMUEL F. CECIL, JAMES BUSBY**.

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In the will of **MICHAEL GOODWIN**, dated 11 July 1849, two hundred and seventy acres of land and personal property are left to "my beloved wife" **SARAH GOODWIN** for her use. After her death, property to be "equally divided or sold and equally divided among my beloved children." **JOSEPH DOBBS** is appointed Executor. Witnesses: **JAMES HIGGINS, WILLIAM NOBLITT**. Recorded August 6<sup>th</sup> 1849.



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On September 4, 1849 **JOHN L. FARISS** is appointed Administrator of the estate of **ELIZABETH DUKE**.

On March 16<sup>th</sup> 1850 **ANDREW AKIN** and **NATHAN B. AKIN** were appointed Administrators of the estate of **GEORGE W. ISOM**, who died leaving no will.

On April 1, 1850 **JOHN O. COOKE** and **WILLIAM J. STRAYHORN** of Maury County were issued letters testamentary to become the executors of the will of **JOHN BULLOCK** of Lewis County. [see p. 140 for will]

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On September 2, 1850 **MILTON WHITESIDE** and **ALEXANDER WHITESIDE**, Administrators for **SAMUEL WHITESIDE**, deceased, who left no will, appeared in court with witnesses **ISAAC PICKARD** and **JORDON POGUE** and posted seven thousand dollars in bond. Approved by the court and ordered to be recorded. Letters of Administration issued to **MILTON WHITESIDE** and **ALEXANDER WHITESIDE**.

Pages 140-143

In the will of **JOHN BULLOCK**, dated January 1850, property is to be divided among wife **EFFY BULLOCK** and their children **JOHN BULLOCK**, **JONATHAN BULLOCK**, **ALLEN C. BULLOCK**, **SARAH HICKS** (wife of **TEMPLE HICKS**), **MARY HARRIS** (late wife of **JOSEPH HARRIS**) and granddaughter **LUCINDA HARRIS**, **ANN BUTLER** (late wife of **ELIAS BUTLER**) and four younger children: **JASON E. BULLOCK**, **SAPHRONA T. BULLOCK**, **HOWELL E. BULLOCK** and **MARGARET C. BULLOCK**. Executors appointed: **JOHN O. COOKE**, **WILLIAM J. STRAYHORN**. Witnesses: **SAM'L S. PORTER**, **JOHN W. KINZER**, **ROBERT DALE**. County Court April 5 1850.

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On July 20, 1850 **JEFFERSON FARISS** prepared his last will and testament, with **JOHN L. FARISS** and **JAMES FARISS** as witnesses. Wife **MARTHA J. FARISS** and children **MARTHA JUNE FARRIS**, **MARY HIBERNIA FARISS**, **SARAH TENNESSEE FARISS** and **WILLIAM JOSEPH FARISS**. Executors appointed: **ALEXANDER S. STRONG** and **WILLIAM J. STRAYHORN**.

**ALEXANDER S. STRONG** receives notification from County Court that **JEFFERSON FARISS** has died, and is authorized to administer the estate. Recorded in court August 5<sup>th</sup> 1850.

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On August 5, 1850, **JAMES G. SHAW** was notified that **JOHN GORDON** had died leaving no will and that he was appointed Administrator.

On September 2, 1850 **C.Y. HUDSON** and **NANCY SHAW**, executors of the will of **JAMES L. SHAW**, with **HUGH C. KIRK** and **JOHN W. RICKETTS** as witnesses, posted bond in court and pledged to execute the will of **JAMES L. SHAW**, deceased.

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The will of **JAMES L. SHAW**, dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 1850. Property bequeathed to wife **NANCY SHAW** and children **WILLIAM J. SHAW**, **NANCY LIVINIA SHAW**, **POLLY ANN HOLMES**, **MARTHA EMALINE SHAW**, **ROBINA ELLEN SHAW**, who will also inherit part of the estate of their grandfather **LEVI SHAW**. **NANCY SHAW** and **CHESLEY Y. HUDSON** appointed executors June 29<sup>th</sup> 1850. Witnesses: **JAMES C. TARRANT**, **MARGARET SHAW**.

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Letters Testamentary of **C.Y. HUDSON** and **NANCY SHAW** (September, 1850, Lewis County Court)

On the first Monday of October 1850 **WILLIAM NOLES** was appointed Administrator for the estate of **WILLIAM A. BYRUM**, who died leaving no will.

Pages 152-153

On October 26<sup>th</sup> 1856 **NETHERLAND TAITE** prepared his last will and testament, stating that "the **PARISH** tract of about 70 acres, bought of **NIXON** and **SMITH** be set apart for my four daughters," that his wife **FRANCES TAITE** should have "all my other lands, all my slaves, and all my personal property" and that she "be offered the **PARISH** place before mentioned as her home during her natural life or widowhood." **JOHN H. TAITE**, **THOS. H. TAITE** and **WILLIAM J. TAITE** are appointed Executors. Witnesses: **WILLIAM H. FLANIGAN**, **T.W. EASLEY**, **A.G. COOPER**.

Codicil to above will: further stipulations about property division among the children. Witnesses: **W.H. FLANIGAN**, **TURNER MILLIKIN**, **HARDESON MILLIKIN**. Certified by **JOHN S. HUNTER**, Clerk, on January 5<sup>th</sup> 1857.

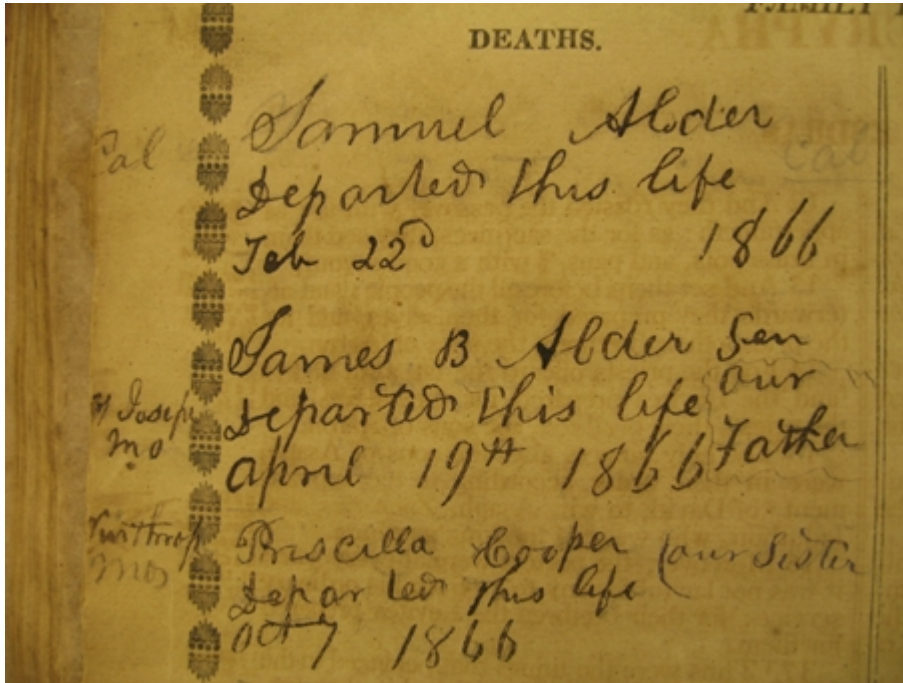
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## ALDER FAMILY BIBLE

Family records of the Alder family, many of whom lived in Missouri, were kept in a copy of the *Holy Bible (King James Version) with Apocrypha*, published in Philadelphia by H.C.Carey and I. Lea, Chestnut Street in 1822. This Bible is now in our library in Germantown for safekeeping; family pages are too fragile to copy. Some records had notes written in the margins as to the location of births, marriages or deaths; these are included in brackets. Here are the contents of the family pages:

### Deaths



**Victoria Alder** departed this life Oct 7, 1857 [St. Joseph, MO]

**Samuel Alder** departed this life Feb 25 1866 [Cal]

**James B. Alder Senior** departed this life April 19<sup>th</sup> 1866 (our father) [St. Joseph, MO]

**Priscilla Cooper** (our sister) departed this life Oct 7 1866 [?throp MO]

**Esther Alder** departed this life April 24 1867 (our mother) [?throp MO]

**Esther Alder** youngest daughter of A.B. and A.C. Alder

**Thos Collins** departed this life Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1848

**Catharine Scott** departed this life Aug the 21<sup>st</sup> 1831

**Samuel Scott** departed this life Dec the 19<sup>th</sup> 1833

**Harriett Collins** departed this life June the 26<sup>th</sup> 1859

**John C. Hewey** departed this life December 27<sup>th</sup> 1859

**George W. Hewey** departed this life January 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

**Mary Hewey** departed this life Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1824

**William Hewey** departed this life May 14<sup>th</sup> 1826 age 76 years

departed this life Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1872, aged 8 years 6 months 2 days {?MO}

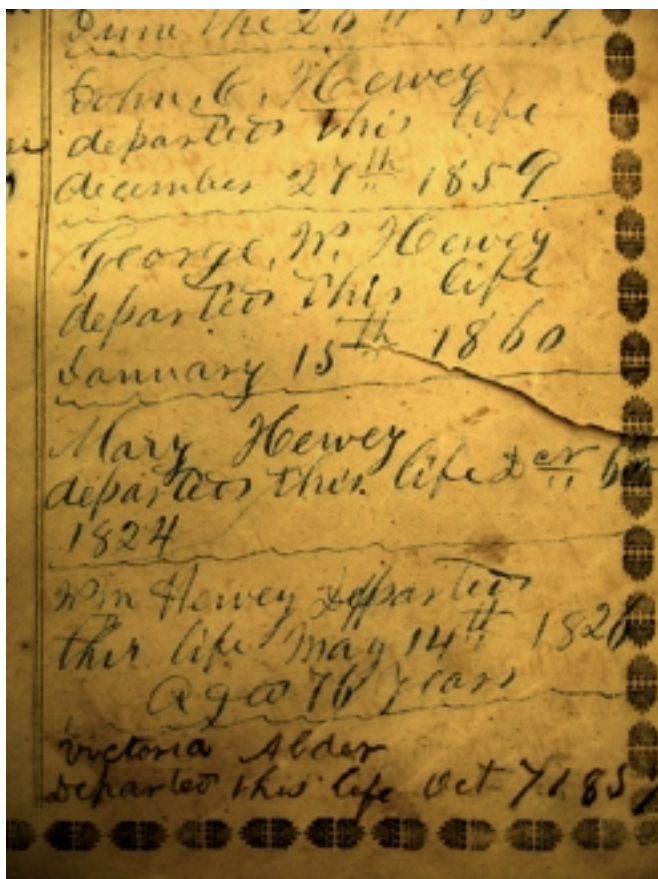
**Hiram Alder** youngest son of A.B. and A.C. Alder departed this life Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1875 aged one year 10 months 25 days [too faint MO]

**Florence Dunham** departed this life Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1879 aged 19 years ?? months 22 days

**A.B. Alder Sr.** departed this life Sep 27<sup>th</sup> 1888

**A.C. Alder** (our mother) departed this life Feb 1 1889

**Samuel Scott Alder** departed this life Nov 1 1934 at the age of 83 years – 402 Bush St., Texarkana, Ark.



**Mary Emma Alder** was born April the 6<sup>th</sup> 1855 on Good Friday  
[Cooper Co. MO]

**Harriett Alder** was born Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1857 [Cooper Co. MO]

**Florence Alder** was born April 21<sup>st</sup> 1860 [Snow(?) Rock MO]

Name missing (corner torn off) was born on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

Name missing (corner torn off) was born \_\_\_\_ 1866.

**Hiram Alder** was born March 7, 1873

**Willie A. Alder** was born Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1873

**Thomas Alder** was born July 25<sup>th</sup> 1876

**Myrtis S. Alder** was born Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1879

**George Ebey** was born Dec 30 1873

**Louis S. Ebey** was born Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1874

**Walter Ebey** was born Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1877

**William P. Morrison** was born Apr 13 1876

**Anna B. Dunham** was born June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1877

**Florence A. Alder** was born Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1881

**William M. Hewey** was born April the 24<sup>th</sup> 1791

**Hattie Eakles** passed away Dec 26 1936  
– 402 Bush St., Texarkana, Ark.

**Harriett Alder Morrison Eakles**, beloved wife of **G.R. Eakles**, passed away

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1936 at the age 79 yrs – 402 Bush St. Texarkana, Ark.

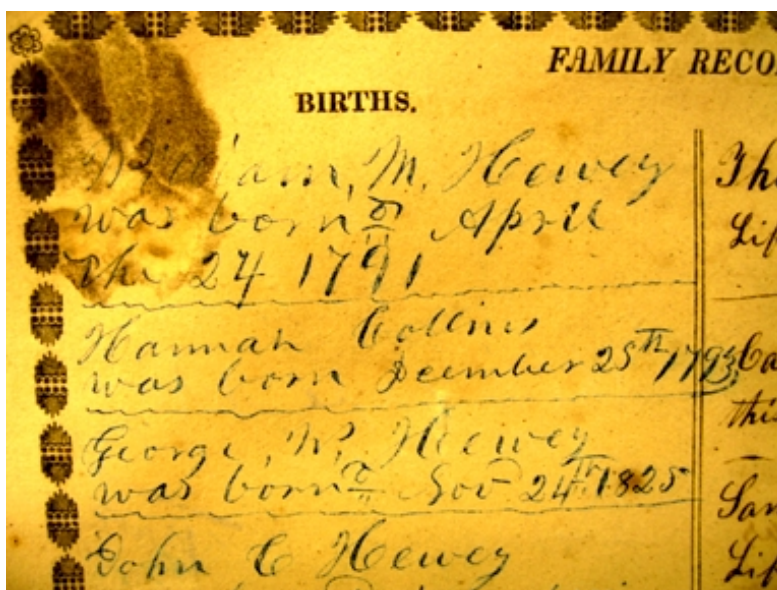
## Births

**Alfred B. Alder** was born May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1827 [London, England]

**Anna C. Scott** was born Feb the 15<sup>th</sup> 1830 [Penn]

**James B. Alder** was born October the 13<sup>th</sup> at half past 10 o'clock at night A.D. 1849 [KY]

**Samuel Scott Alder** was born August 27 1851 [Rockport, MO]





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**Hannah Collins** was born December 25<sup>th</sup>  
1793

**George W. Hewey** was born Nov 24  
1825

**John C. Hewey** was born December 29<sup>th</sup>  
1827

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### Marriages

**A.B. Alder** was married  
to **Anna C. Scott** – 3 Oct  
1848 [Danville, KY]

**Thomas Ebey** was  
married to **Mary Emma  
Alder** – 14 Apr 1873  
[Dresdin, MO]

**James Alder** was married  
to **Kate Town** – 14 Apr 1873  
[Dresdin, MO]

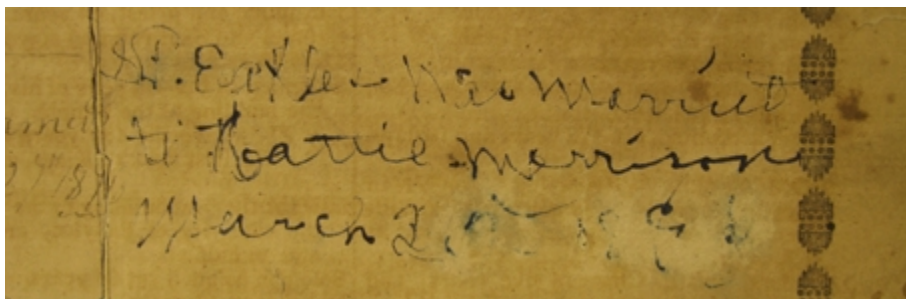
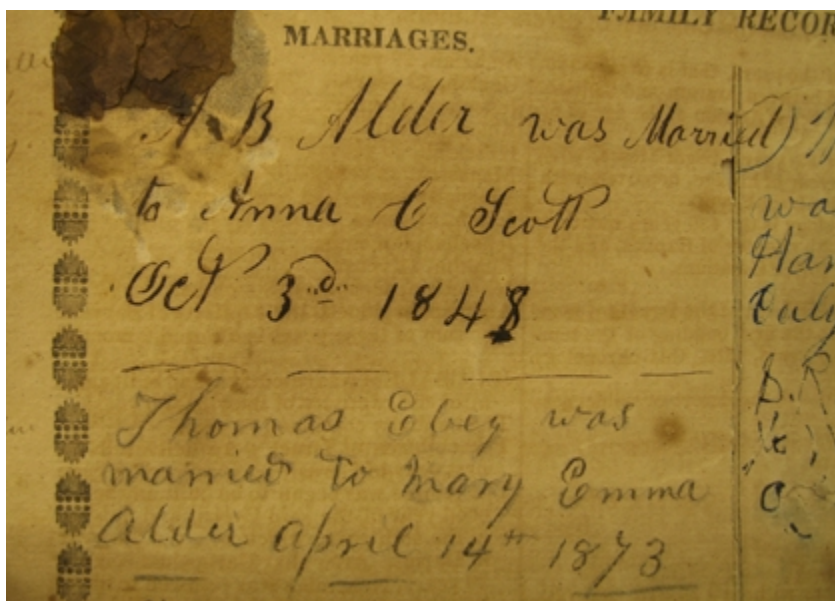
**Levi Innman** was married  
to **Florence Alder** – 27 Feb  
1876 [Sedalia, MO]

**W.C. Morrison** was  
married to **Harriett Alder** –  
27 Feb 1878 [Sedalia, MO]

**Wm. M. Hewey** was married to **Hannah  
Collins** – 1 Jul 1824

**S.R. Eakles** was  
married to **Minnie B.  
Highley** – (date has a  
hole)

**S.R. Eakles** was  
married to **Hattie  
Morrison** – 25 Mar  
(date rubbed out)



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## The William Carroll Family of Weakley County, Tennessee

by Ann Kendall Ray

**William Carroll**, whose parents were **William Carroll** and **Mary (Polly) Moore**, was born about 1803 in Lincoln County, N.C. and died in 1857 in Weakley County, Tennessee. He married **Malinda Postelle** in Buncombe County, North Carolina about 1828; she was the daughter of **Margret Chastain** and **Francis Postelle**, originally from North Carolina and South Carolina. **Malinda** was born about 1809 and died in Weakley County, TN in December of 1879.

**Francis Postelle**, **Malinda's** father, was born in 1760, the son of **Francis Postelle** (ca. 1725 – ca. 1770) and **Elizabeth Davis** and the grandson of **James Jacques Postelle** (b. 1692 in Berkley County, S.C.) and his wife **Judith**. The younger **Francis** received a land grant of 40 acres on 2 July 1775 in Abbeville, South Carolina. He was still there in 1800, moving to Buncombe County, North Carolina several years later. In the 1810 census, his

family included two sons [**Thomas**, born 1802, and **James (H.D.)**, born 1803] and two daughters [**Malinda**, born 1809-10, and **Matilda**, born 1813]. The three youngest were born in North Carolina. **Margret**, their mother, was a widow by the time of the 1820 census of Buncombe County, where she is listed as **Margy Bostill**, over 45 years old, along with two males 10-16, one female under 10 (**Matilda?**), one female 10 to 16 (**Malinda?**) and one female 26-45. (2)



**William Carroll** and **Malinda Postelle** remained in North Carolina for several years after their marriage [a **William Carroll** appears in 1830 Buncombe County census records, possibly the father] **William** and **Malinda** were listed in Macon County records by 1830, and their three oldest children, **Lucinda**, **William Albert** and **Mary America "Polly"**

were probably born there, although it is possible that she was born on their journey toward Tennessee. At some time between 1831 and 1835 **William**, **Malinda** and their small children made the long journey from North Carolina (Lincoln County and Macon County are mentioned in family histories as possible starting points) to Weakley County, Tennessee. It was a long trip by covered wagon, and they may have stopped along the way to farm and to lay in supplies for the journey.

According to the research of **Louis McConnell**, recorded in 1991 by **Cathey Cox**

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**Herman**, a group of families started west together from Johnson [Johnston?] County, North Carolina, traveling through the Yadkin Valley toward the mountains and crossing at the Cumberland Gap:

"**Melinda[Carroll]** told Grandma that while she was cooking over a camp fire, the stars fell. We know now that on that night in 1832 it was Haley's Comet they saw in the night sky.

Grandma Carroll was a matriarch, stubborn and bossy. She ruled her family. This was a family trait for the next three generations. Moving west, they came to where the trails split. The trail north, "Boons Trace" was the better to travel. Some of the party wanted to go that way. Grandma Carroll started to Tennessee and that is where she was going. She may have had friends there. The party split, Ma took her family and went onto west Tennessee and the rest of the party went north, perhaps to Carroll Co. Kentucky.

"As we travel along, another child is born to **Melinda** and **William, Martha Jane**, born in Tennessee. **Mary America (Polly)** was surely born in North Carolina. **William** and **Melinda** traveled on west and found a nice piece of bottom land near the [north fork of the] Obion River in Weakley Co., Tennessee. They bought 250 acres, plus or minus. It was on the north bank of the Obion river, about 15 miles northeast of Dresden, in Weakley Co., Tennessee. The farm was on the county road that ran from the Kentucky border at Boydsville by way of Elm Tree to Palmersville and onto Dresden. They built a home on a ridge ½ mile from the Obion River. The house was surrounded by Beech trees, so they called it Beech Ridge." (3)

The younger Carroll children, born in Tennessee, were **Martha Jane, Alfred Miles, Melvina, Paralee, Rosina, Daniel**, and **Araminta**.

In the 1840 census of Weakley County, TN we find:

- 1 white male, 30-40 (**Billy Carroll**)
- 1 white female, 20-30 (**Linda**)
- 1 white male, 5-10 (**William Albert**)
- 1 white female, 10-15 (**Lucinda**)
- 2 white females, 5-10 (**Molly and Martha Jane**)
- 2 white females under 5 (**Melvina and Paralee**)

The Carroll family had three slaves in the year 1848; their names were **Tutta** (age 30), **Harriet** (age 3) and **Calvin** (age 8). (3) (5)

In the 1850 census, First Civil District, Weakley County:

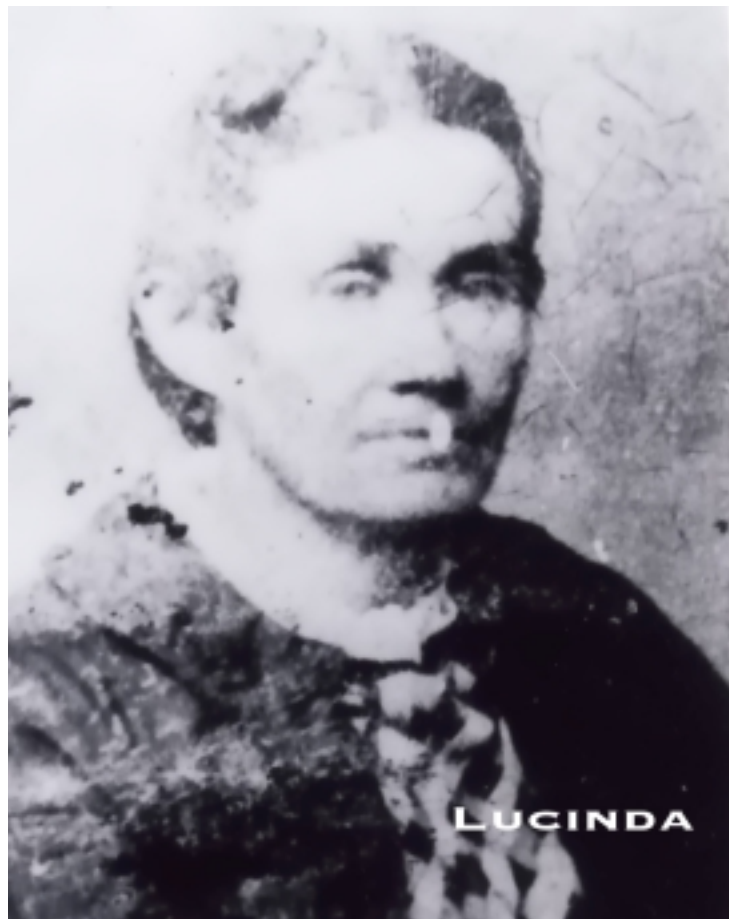
- W. Carroll**, 47, m, farmer, born NC
- Malinda**, 40, keeping house, also born NC
- William**, 20, farmer, born NC
- Mary**, 18, "in school", born NC
- Martha**, 16, "in school," born TN
- Malina[Melvina]**, 12, born TN, "in school"
- Paralee**, 10 (same); **Alfred**, 8 (same)
- Rosina**, 6; **Daniel**, 4, and **Araminta**, 4 months

**William Carroll** prepared his last will and testament May 9, 1857, and it was recorded

on the first Monday in July of the same year. **Malinda** was appointed executrix, and his two sons-in-law, **Robert Berton [Burton]** of Graves County, Kentucky and **William Webb** of Weakley County, were to be executors after her death. (9) He died before October 27th, 1857, when an inventory of his personal property was taken [see Weakley County microfilm #000144, p. 460] and was buried on his property, according to references to "the place where **William Carroll** died" in Weakley County deeds from the year 1857, when the Carroll heirs sold their shares of the property to oldest brother **William Albert**. [see Weakley County microfilm #000162, book S, p. 344]. *Weakley County Cemeteries* (page 36, vol. 1) mentions a Carroll Cemetery, containing unmarked graves which date back to the mid-nineteenth century and located on or near the Carroll property, and it is likely that both **William Carroll** and **Malinda Postelle Carroll** are buried here, along with other relatives. (8)

**Malinda** and her younger children continued to live on the property for several years after William's death. She appears there in the 1860 census, with **Alfred M.** (17), **Rosina** (14) and **Daniel W.** (12). Her daughter, **Melvina "Melle,"** husband **Edward Thomas Bumpass** and their family lived in another house on the Carroll property. At some time before the 1870 census

"**Melinda** and **Melvina** sold the farm and moved to Henry Co., Tennessee where they bought a farm approximately three miles east of Beech Ridge. **Melinda** and **Melvina** lived here until their deaths. **Melvina** died January 14, 1914 and is buried in Zion Hill Cemetery in Weakley County. **Melinda**, [who died in December, 1879] is buried near **William** on the old family farm in [Weakley County]Tennessee." (5)



According to a **Webb** family history by **James Blanks** of Manchester, TN, **Malinda** was living with **William** and **Polly Webb** at the time of her death.(1) [This is likely, since **Malinda** is not listed in the 1870 Henry County census with **Melvina** and her family.]

Taxes were paid by the "**W. Carrol heirs**" on the 240 acres from 1858 through 1862, and again in 1866 by "**Alfred Carrill, Albert Carrill and W.Carrill heirs.**" Shortly thereafter **William Albert Carroll** bought out his brothers and sisters, retaining the property until his departure for Texas and Oklahoma at the time of the Civil War.

**Lucinda Carroll Burton**



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The oldest child of **William** and **Malinda** was **Lucinda “Cindy” Carroll**, who was born 27 July 1828 in Macon County, North Carolina. After coming west with her family, she married **Robert Henderson Burton** 17 February 1848 in Weakley County, TN. **Robert** was born in Tennessee in December of 1823, and, like most of the men in the Carroll family, was a farmer. Not long after their marriage, they moved just across the Tennessee line to the southern part of Graves County, Kentucky. The five children of **Lucinda** and **Robert H. Burton**, all born in Kentucky, were:

**Missouri Elizabeth “Lizzy” Burton**, born 1849, married **Virgil Boyd**; two sons.

**Isabel Burton**, b. 1855 (there are no records of her as an adult)

**Zaphnath “Zeph” Burton**, (23 May 1860 – d. 08 Feb 1921). m. Susan Wheeler (12 April 1866 – 04 Feb 1923) and with their large family lived in Graves Co. KY.

**Alonzo “Lon” Burton**, b. 1864, married Anna King

**Edward Lee Burton**, b. 1868, married **Maybell Aaron Ray** (1884- 1950); there was a large family, and they also lived in Graves County, KY.

The **Robert Burton** family appears in Graves County, KY census records between 1850 and 1900. In 1850, we find **Robert**, **Lucinda** and daughter **Missouri**, age 1, in District 1. The 1860 listing: **Robert Burton**, 36, farmer, born TN; **Lucinda Burton**, 33, born NC; and three children born in Kentucky: **M.E.** (daughter), 11, **Isabel**, 5, and **Zaphnath**, 1/12.

In 1870, the family was living in Lynnville [entry #177/184] and were listed with children **Zephneth** (10), **Alonzo** (6) and **Edward L.** (4) The 1880 census, also Lynnville, entry #230/277, shows **Robert H. Burton**, 46, farmer [an error: he was 56]; **Lucinda**, age 52, keeping house; and three sons, all listed as “works on farm”: **Zaphnath**, 20, **Lonzo [Alonzo]** 16, and **Eddie**, 14.

[note: in the 1870 Hopkins County, KY census, entry #44, a **Missouri Burton**, age 21, is living with John R. Burton (45, farmer) and his family, all born in North Carolina. Are these relatives of her father, Robert H. Burton? If so, they were recent arrivals in Kentucky, since their youngest child, born there, was only 2 years old.]

In 1900 census, Graves County, east half of District 2, entry #142/143:

**Robert H. Burton**, b. Dec. 1823, TN, age 76, widower

**Ed L. Burton**, b. 1868, age 32, also a farmer

**Zephna Burton**, b. May 1860, age 40, farmer

with his wife **Susan**, b. April 1866, KY, age 34, and six children:

**Maud** (b. Mar 1885, age 15)

**Pearl**, b. Aug 1892, age 7

**Wm. F.** (b. May 1887, age 13)

**Walter**, b. Dec 1896, age 3

**Robie H.** (b. Oct 1888, age 11)

**Myrtle**, b. July 1899, age 10/12

**Lucinda Burton** died 28 April 1899, and her husband, **Robert H. Burton** died after 1900. They are buried in Day Cemetery, Lynnville, Kentucky, in the south part of Graves County, as are son **Zeph** and wife **Susan**, sister **Martha Jane Carroll** and her husband, **Williamson Frank Kendall**.

### **William Albert Carroll**

The oldest son in the family of William Carroll and Malinda Postelle was **William Albert “Ab” Carroll**, born in December 1830 in Macon County, North Carolina. He came to Tennessee with his parents, and most likely was living there at the time of his marriage to

**Levinia Coleman** of Henry County, TN on November 20, 1851. Ab's oldest child was **Mary Ellen Carroll**, born 23 Sept 1856 in North Carolina; she was married to **John Stephenson** August 22, 1878. **Levinia** must have died shortly after the birth of her daughter, since **William Albert Carroll** married **Frances Faircloth** on February 9, 1858; **Frances** was born about 1837. They appear in District 1, Weakley County in the 1860 census with **Mary Ellen** and her brothers **Daniel Whitfield Carroll**, born November 15, 1858, and **James Carroll**, born in 1860.

These two brothers, "**Jim**" and "**Whit**," followed their father and uncle west and lived in the community of Brock just west of Ardmore, Oklahoma, where they farmed, ran stores and a cotton gin. Many of their descendents remain in this area.

"**Ab**" **Carroll** must have gone to Oklahoma about 1865, perhaps after the death of

**Frances**. Here he married **Martha F. Crowder**, who was a Cherokee Indian, on December 12, 1865. Their large family included **Conda Cortez**, known as "**Wagon Yard**," **Edward A.**, **Laura B.**, **Fannie**, **Alice**, **Texas**, **Jennie** and **Katie**. Information about their spouses and children is available in two Carroll family histories (see bibliography).

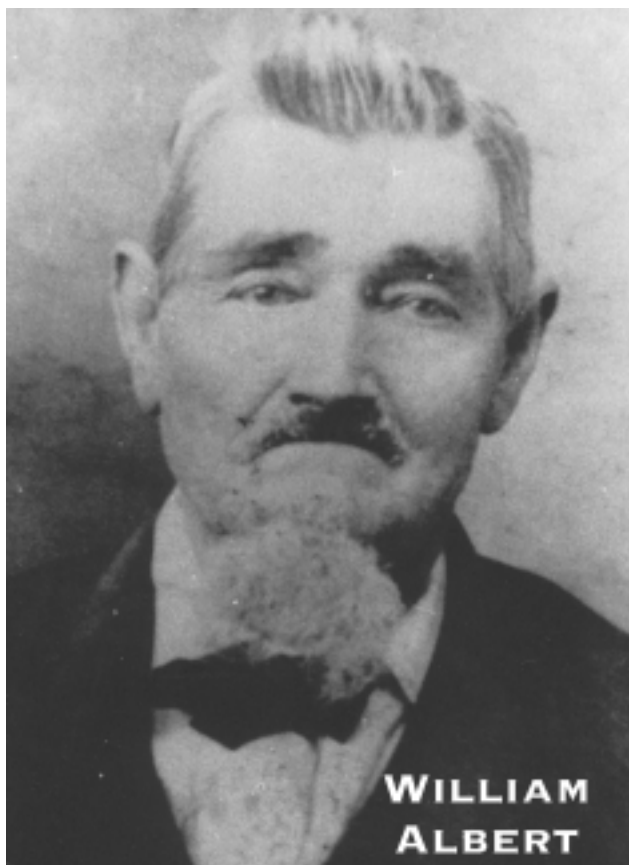
In the 1900 census of Oklahoma, Choctaw Nation (township 6, range 8), **William A. Carroll** (widower) is listed with his daughters **Alice** (b. Feb 1893, Texas), Texas (b. Oct 1888 in Indian Territory) and **Katie** (b. Nov 1894 in Indian Territory.) Their older brothers and sisters were grown and away from home at this time, and their mother, **Martha Crowder**, was no longer living.

**William Albert Carroll** was married to twenty-nine-year-old **Jennie Elizabeth Dobbs** from July 12, 1900 until his death on January 12, 1902. He is buried in Indian Territory, Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma (6) According to **Lavoice Harmon Carroll** of

Houston, 83 years old if still alive today, there are many descendents of **Martha Crowder** and **William Albert Carroll** still in this part of Oklahoma. (3)

### **Mary America "Polly" Carroll**

The third child of **William Carroll** and **Malinda Postelle** was **Mary America Carroll**, referred to as either **Molly** or **Polly** in family records, and called **Mary Ann** in Webb family records. She was born in North Carolina (Wake County – Webb sources; Macon County – Carroll sources) on December 18, 1832 (1). **Mary America "Polly" Carroll** married **William Webb** on August 18, 1853 in Weakley Co. TN; he was born there on January 9, 1824, the oldest son of **Amasa P. Webb** (1802-1858) and **Susan Buckley** (1803-1877), both from Virginia.



**William** was a Mason and a farmer. In 1857, he was named as co-executor of the will of Polly's father, **William Carroll**, along with brother-in-law **Robert Burton**, to succeed **Malinda** as executors of his estate upon her death.

**Polly** and **William Webb** lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Weakley County, in the area around Palmersville, Tennessee. They had seven children, five of whom survived to adulthood, and all were born in Weakley County.

The oldest daughter, **Mary Jane Webb**, was born January 15, 1856. She married **William Lindsey Ward**, son of **Enoch Ward** and **Frances Allison** of Obion County, on February 11 1875. He was born December 24, 1871. **Mary Jane** and **William** lived in Mississippi County in eastern Missouri for

five or six years and later moved west to Springfield, Missouri. The three oldest children, **William Enoch Ward**, **Thomas Hamilton Ward** and **Otis Beverly Ward**, later took their father to San Antonio, Texas when he lost his health. **William L. Ward** died in Texas on November 27, 1897. **Mary Jane** died several years earlier in Springfield on April 2, 1888, not long after giving birth; four infant girls from this family are buried in Maple Park Cemetery in Springfield.

**Amasa Thomas** (or **Thomas Amasa**) Webb was born 30 October 1859. He was married on February 12, 1880 in Henry County, TN to **Sara Casada Lafon**, daughter of **Amanuel M. Lafon** (born SC) and **Louise Jane Alexander** (born NC). **Sara** was born February 26 1860 in Henry County and died December 18, 1930 (or 1931) at Hugo, Oklahoma. The family was in Weakley County in 1900, but had moved to Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, near Finley, by 1910. There were nine children.

The fourth child of **William** and **Polly Webb** was **Robert Whitfield Webb**, known as "**Pone**." He was born January 14, 1862 and died February 6, 1917 of lock jaw. **Robert** was married to **Angie Jane Howard** (1860-1931) in April, 1886, and they lived in Henry County, TN in a district adjacent to Weakley County. (1) Two of their four children survived to adulthood: **Raymond Howard Webb** (b. March 13, 1888) who married **Flora Jewell Brite**, and Grace Annette Webb (April 19, 1892 – December 9, 1928), who never married.

**Solomon Webb** was born August 13, 1865 and died in Rutherford, TN on April 12, 1942. He was a Mason, and was known as **S.W. Webb** as an adult, having added a middle initial



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to his name. **S.W.** married **Sarah Leona Brite** on November 8, 1891 in Weakley County. **Leona** was born June 14, 1868, the daughter of **Lemuel DeWitt Brite** and **America Isabella Turner**; she died August 16, 1936 in Rutherford. **S.W. Webb** and his family lived in Henry County near his brother, and they had six children (see pages 165-170 of Webb family history by James Blanks)

**Edna Brooks Webb**, a twin, was born September 9, 1869 and died September 15, 1938 in Weakley County; she is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery there. Her first husband was **Stanley Clifton Williams**, the son of **Jim Williams** and **Sue McNeely**. **Stanley** and **Edna** were married on September 22, 1886. He died four years later. They had one daughter, **Ruby Pearl Williams**. Edna remarried, first to **Kent Wilkins** and then, in 1904, to **Tom Speight**.

**Carrie Webb**, twin, was also born September 9, 1869; she died in infancy. The parents of this family, **William** and **Polly Webb**, are buried in Blooming Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Weakley County. He died on November 21, 1895 and she lived much longer, until December 21, 1916.

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**To be continued: Families of Martha Jane, Alfred Miles, Melvina and Rosina Carroll**

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## GLEANINGS

### TENNESSEANS MENTIONED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

compiled by *Carol Mittag*

**NANCY ARMSTRONG** (born 6 April 1809 in White County, Tennessee; died 26 January 1894) was the daughter of **Robert Armstrong** and **Nancy Green**. She married **Henry H. McHenry** 30 May 1833 in Morgan County, Illinois. Information on this family is in the article "Ancestors of Parthena Jane McHenry," published in the *Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Quarterly*, Volume 38, Number 3.

**RAY COUNTY, MO BIRTH RECORDS** include the following with a Tennessee connection: **Nan Shedrick Gort**, born Aug 1885, Taitsville, MO the second child of **Daniel Wesley Gort**, age 32, born in TN and his wife **Elizabeth** born in MO; **Frank Gordon** born Jun 8 1886, Orrick, MO, the third child of **Lenvoyd Gordon**, age 28 born in PA and **Melvina Doraty Gordon**, age 24, born TN; a female born Oct 1883, Knoxville Township, the third child of **Jon Huff**, age 33, and **Mary Huff**, age 30, both born TN; a white male, born Feb 5, 1884, Grape Grove Township, the eighth child of **John D. Hatfield**, age 45, born TN, and **Mary Elizabeth Petree Hatfield**, age 36, born IL; a female, born May 27, 1884, Ray Co, the seventh child of **William Humbird**, age 57, born Green Co, TN and **Charity Burk Humbird**, age 36, born Rock Co.; a female born Sept 13, 1884, Ray Co., the sixth child of **James E. Hale**, age 49 and **Donetia Doyle Hale**, age 39, both born TN. Additional birth records for this county appear in *Ray County Reflections*, Vol. XV, No. 3.

**CIVIL WAR VETERANS ON THE 1910 CENSUS, JEFFERSON CO, TEXAS** published in the *Yellow Pages*, Volume XXXVI, No. 1 & 2, includes the following Confederate veterans born in Tennessee: **Will H. Harrison**, age 68, **John T. McFarline**, age 63, **W. Webster**, age 66, **A. J. Barrett**, age 60, and **William A. Yett**, age 69.

**PLEASANT CATES**, born on September 9, 1811 in Tennessee, married **Hettie Anderson** around 1840 in Mississippi; two children were **Robert Calvin** and **Mary J.**. After receiving a land grant in McNairy County,

Tennessee on October 7, 1847, he settled in Purdy and purchased and sold several parcels of land throughout the 1850s. Being too old to fight in the Civil War, he ran the blockade at New Orleans, was captured three times, but escaped each time.

On the 1860 federal census four other children, **Elizabeth**, **George**, **William** and **Luke Lee**, were listed with the family of **Pleasant Cates**. Shortly after the war, he moved his family to Fulton in Itawamba County, Mississippi. Additional information can be found in *Itawamba Settlers*. Volume 26, No. 3.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN ELLIS COUNTY, TX** – The following is a list of individuals born in Tennessee and their year of birth derived from the 1910 U.S. Census of the colored population in Waxahachie: **William H. Shedd**, abt. 1850; **John Smith**, abt. 1861; **Henry Snipes**, abt. 1858; and **William Snipes**, abt. 1889. This information is published in *Searchers and Researchers*, Volume XXIX, Issue No. 3, published by the Ellis County Genealogical Society

**HUGH LEEPER BROWN**, born in Knox County, Tennessee on January 24, 1810, married in 1828 **Clarissa Browning**, daughter of **James Browning** of Knox County. Three of their nine children were born in Tennessee. They left Tennessee in 1838, and settled in Platt County, Missouri. In the spring of 1846, they joined the emigrants moving westward on the Oregon Trail. They settled in what is now Linn County, taking up a claim one mile east of present-day Brownsville, named for **Hugh**. At the time of Hugh's death in 1888, **Clarissa** and eight children survived: **John**, **Evaline**, **Elizabeth D.**, **Felix**, **Missouri**, **Amanda**, **Louisa**, and **Hugh**. He is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Brownsville, Oregon. An article on this family can be found in the *Bulletin of the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society, Inc.*, Volume 39:3-4.

**THE CONFEDERATE DEFENDERS:** Company A, 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Louisiana Infantry,

Carroll Parish, Louisiana included the following born in Tennessee:

**Carter, Zebulon E.** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana; Resident of Carroll Parish; Born in Memphis, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 27, farmer.

**Henry, James H.** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana; Captured at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana; Died September 1862 at Little Rock, Arkansas, of unknown causes; Born in Henderson County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 21, farmer.

**Lester, Albert J.** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana; fought and was paroled at Vicksburg, Mississippi; Resident of Carroll Parish; Born in Williamson County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 28, farmer.

**McKee, Dora** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 in Monroe, Louisiana; Resident of Carroll Parish, Born in Fayette County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 27, farmer.

**McKee, Frank** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana. Resident of Carroll Parish; Born in Fayette County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 24, farmer.

**Ridings, John G.** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana; Died 7 September 1862 in hospital at Monroe, Louisiana, of "camp fever"; Born in Henderson County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 29, farmer.

**West, Pincey C.** Private, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana, Captured 7 October 1863, on the Mississippi River; Died 3 January 1864, at Camp Morton, Indiana; buried in grave #654 in Greenlawn Cemetery; Born in Shelby County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 22, Carpenter.

**Young, John A.,** Sergeant, Enlisted 12 April 1862 at Monroe, Louisiana. He was appointed a sergeant in January 1863; Born in Carroll County, Tennessee; Enlisted at age 32, farmer; Received a Certificate of Disability due to abscesses in both lungs. Discharged 11 November 1862 at camp near Monroe, Louisiana.

The above information was extracted from *The Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Volume LIII, No. 3, published by the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society.

**DEATH NOTICES** of Kentuckians in the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, June-December 1857 with a Tennessee connection: "**Brother**" **Chapman**, born Feb 28, 1793, moved to Williamson Co., Tenn.; in 1832 to Marshall Co., Ky., where he died March 26, 1857; **Dr. James Madison Ingram**, born Washington Co., Ky., Jan 5, 1832, died Ashwood, Maury Co., Tenn., May 17, 1857. **Elizabeth P. Cole** born Knox Co., Tenn., March 9, 1918; died Calloway Co., Ky., June 23, 1857; daughter of **Rev. Caleb Cole**; **Rachel Little** wife of **Isaac Little**; born N.C., Jan 5, 1797; died Graves Co., Ky., August 26, 1857; married Humphreys Co., Tenn., July 14, 1814, from which she moved in 1846 to Kentucky; **Louisa D. Stone** daughter of **Stephen Stone** born April 14, 1815, died Savannah, Tenn., September 17, 1857; **Lemuel A. Mallard** son of **Joseph W. Mallard**; born Dec. 24, 1835; died at his uncle, **Alfred Ransom's** residence, Bedford Co., Tenn., Sept. 12, 1857; **Susan Lovell**, widow of **John M. Lovell**, Davidson Co., Tenn.; died Sept. 8, 1857, nearly 72 years old; **Elizabeth Pennington** wife of **Robert Pennington** of Robertson Co., Tenn., died August 26, 1857 "near" 60 years; Mrs. **D. Massengale** died Noxzubee Co., Miss. at residence of her son, Rev. **Leroy Massengale**, August 29, 1857 in her 74<sup>th</sup> year; raised in Anderson Co., Tenn.; moved to Madison Co., Ala. Then to Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., where her husband died 22 years ago; **William Grizzard** died Dyer Co., Tenn., Sept 5, 1857; born Nov. 27, 1811; Hon. **W. E. Venable**, U.S. Minister to Guatemala, died Sept. 22, 1857, cholera; native of N.C.; resident of Tennessee; **Elizabeth Paxton Burket** died Rutledge, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1857 in her 14<sup>th</sup> year; daughter of Rev. **M.H.B.** and **Caroline Burket**; **J.A. Scales** wife of **G.H. Scales**; daughter of **J.G.** and **T. G. Henderson**; died Caddo Parish, La., July 28, 1857; married 1851; moved in 1853 from middle Tenn. To Louisiana; **Virginia Porter** died Talladega Co., Ala. Oct. 7, 1857 aged 20 years, 4 weeks; native of Sevier Co., Tenn.; **Ferriby Ann Bedwell** wife of **J. B. Bedwell**; died Lincoln Co., Tenn., July 1857 aged about 28 years; **Elizabeth A. Simpson** died Giles Co., Tenn., August 11, 1857 in her 52<sup>nd</sup> year; **Sarah Garrett** wife of **James A. Garrett**; daughter of **Jones** and **Nancy Thomas**; born Maury Co., Tenn., Jan. 13, 1820;

died Yell Co., Ark., Oct. 7, 1857. Their son, **John Wesley Garrett**, died Oct. 13, 1857, aged 1 month, 27 days; **Martha N. Wright** wife of **Rollin White**; daughter of **Jones** and **Lucy Andrews**; born Feb. 22, 1822; died Maury Co., Tenn., October 14, 1857; **Phinehas Gray Garrett** son of **Lewis A.** and **Harriet R. Garrett**; died near Bean's Station Tenn., Sept. 18, 1857 aged 11 months, 3 days; **Martha Eleanor Vincent** daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth Vincent**; born Maury Co., Tenn., Nov. 18, 1832, died Marshall Co., Tenn., September 22, 1857; **Frances New** died Wilson Co., Tenn., Nov. 2, 1857 aged 83 years; married **William Turner** who died 1811; married **William New** who died in 1839; **Amanda J. Turner** daughter of **Thomas** and **Penelope S. Turner**; born Sept. 28, 1836; died Wilson Co., Tenn., August 29, 1857; **William J. Newton** son of **William** and **Martha Newton**; died Robertson Co., Tenn., Sept. 29, 1857; born Nov. 10, 1836; **Margaret Elenora Webb** daughter of **William H.** and **Lizzie Webb**; died Fayetteville, Tenn., Oct. 30, 1857 aged 11 years, 6 months; **Samuel Smith** born S.C. 1798; died Haywood Co., Tenn., Nov. 6, 1857; joined Missionary Baptist Church August 1853 at Wesley, Tenn.; **Lucy Jane Epps** wife of **William Epps**; daughter of **Elijah** and **Ruth Evans**; born July 4, 1824; died Tazwell, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1857; **Elizabeth R. Brattin** widow of **J. E. Brattin**; daughter of **L. Moore**; died DeKalb Co., Tenn., Sept. 28, 1857; Rev. **John K. Woodson** of the Tenn. Conference; died Nov. 27, 1857, Robertson Co., Tenn., in his 38<sup>th</sup> year. **John W. Holly** born Campbell Co., Va., Jan. 29, 1825; died Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1857; **Elizabeth R. Ransom** widow of **John Ransom** died near Murfreesboro, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1857 aged 60 years; **John Overton Crockett** son of **John A.** and **Margaret Crockett** and grandson of "Mother" **Ransom**; **Barbara A. Whorton** wife of **W.T.H. Whorton**; daughter of **Washington** and **Julia Kennedy**; born March 1838; married Jan. 2, 1857; died Sept. 14, 1857, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; joined MECS 1854; **Susan E. Hughes** daughter of Dr. **B.M.** and **S.E. Hughes**, Williamson Co., Tenn.; born May 16, 1851; died Nov. 25, 1857; **William James Parham** son of **Wm. T.** and **Mary E. Parham**; died Giles Co.,

Tenn. Nov. 22, 1857, aged 7 years and 4 months; **Mary Elizabeth Jones** wife of **William W. Jones**, Blountsville, Tenn.; daughter of Capt. **James Davis** of Washington Co., VA; born April 10, 1818; died Dec. 3, 1857; **Betty Ford** daughter of **H.S.** and **Mary Peach**; died Dec. 11, 1857, Edgefield, Tenn.; **Robert S. Work** born Iredell Co., N.C. Sept. 19, 1812, married **Matilda D. Hughes**, April 1852; died Bedford Co., Tenn., Oct 12, 1857.; **Adaline J. Brown** wife of **Beverly Brown** of Giles Co., Tenn., born August 25, 1804; died October 23, 1857. These death notices appeared in *Kentucky Ancestors*, Volume 41, No. 3.

An article entitled "Planters, Patriots, Pioneers – One Hundred Ninety-Five Years in Limestone County" contains family information on **George F.** and **Melissa Holland King. George**, the son of **Arthur King**, married **Melissa** on 18 August 1837. She was born in Limestone County, 25 July 1817, to **Tillman/Tilmon Holland** and **Tabitha Robertson**. They were the parents of eleven children: **Margaret, Tilman, Mary A., Thomas A., Martha, Zachariah, Lewis, John, Henry, Robert Lee, Athie David** (**Athie David** was originally named **David Longstreet King** but later changed his name.). **George** was killed in a mill accident 15 November 1871. After **George's** death, **Melissa** moved her family from Limestone County, Alabama to Elkmont Springs, Tennessee. The article contains information on the children and their spouses in Giles County, Tennessee. Published in *Limestone Legacy*, Volume 29 No. 1 by the Limestone County Historical Society, Athens, AL.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES** of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery 1908-1912 published in ( North Alabama) *Valley Leaves*, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., Volume 41, Issue No. 2, include the following: **Anderson, Nicholas F.**, died 18 Sept 1912, Huntsville, AL, born Tennessee, age 75 years; **Anderton, Albert**, born in Tennessee, died at age 23 on 27 Sept 1910, Huntsville, AL, son of **Albert and Alice Anderton**, both born in TN; **Mrs. M. J. Atkins**, born in Tennessee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Giles**, both born in

Tennessee; died age 72 on 11 Aug 1911 in Dallas Village.

**RAY COUNTY, MO BIRTH RECORDS** include the following with a Tennessee connection: **Mary Isley**, white, third child born Dec 29, 1883, to **Ellen Isley**, age 24, born MO, and **Thomas Isley**, age 26 born in TN; **William Jacob Jenkins**, white, seventh child born Oct 20, 1883, to **Edward Jenkins**, age 31, and **Lottie Jenkins**, age 32, both born in TN; male, first child born May 19, 1885, to **Isaac Jackson**, age 32, born MO, and his wife age 30, born in TN; **Albert Kilgore**, white, fourth child born July 18, 1883, to **Andy Kilgore**, age 51 born in TN, and his wife **Jane**, age 24 born in MO. Additional birth records for this county appear in *Ray County Reflections*, Vol. XV, No. 4.

**OBITUARIES FROM LOCKHART NEWSPAPERS** on former Tennesseans listed in *Plum Creek Almanac*, Caldwell County, Texas, Vol. 24, No. 2: March 24, 1910 – Miss **Lulah Taylor Worrell**, after an illness of several years, died at San Angelo. Services were at the Methodist Church with interment at the Lockhart Cemetery. She was a native of Jackson, Tennessee and came to Lockhart a few years ago. She was a writer; May 26, 1910 – **A. T. Inman** died at the home of his niece Mrs. **A. L. Lipscomb**, and was buried in Harrison Grave Yard. He was a Methodist, born in Tennessee on April 1, 1836 and came to Texas about twenty-eight-years ago. He fought in the Civil War. He was survived by his niece and a sister in Tennessee.

#### **MARRIAGES and DEATHS**

Married on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult., under the painted rock in Buncombe County, N.C., by a Magistrate, Mr. **Lewis Sawyer**, sen. aged eighty years, to Mrs. **Hannah Poston**, aged ninety years; both of Greene County, Tennessee. The lady who waited on the bride was one hundred years old. (11 Jan 1817) from *The Virginia Herald*.

Died - On Tuesday last (16 June), at his seat in Sumner County, Gen. **Daniel Smith**. He was a native of Fauquier County, Virginia, took an active part in the war of the Revolution, shortly after it he emigrated to the west and was among the first settlers on the Cumberland....*Tennessee*

*Gazette*, June 23. (11 July 1818) Published in the *Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 50 No. 4.

**JOSEPH and RACHEL (FULKERSON) GRAY** moved from Patrick County, Virginia to Bedford County, Tennessee around 1820. **Joseph** was the son of **William** and **Mary Powell Gray** of Virginia. **Rachel** was the daughter of **James** and **Nancy Fulkerson**, also of Virginia. After living for a time in Bedford County, they bought 2284 acres of land in Stewart County, Tennessee on June 8, 1838.

Their children and spouses were: **Nancy m. William B. Weak**; **Mary m. Robert Traylor**; **Joseph W.** and **James W.** (marriage info unknown); **Peter F. m. Mary Dunbar Bradford**.

Information published in *Piedmont Lineages*, Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society, Vol. XXVIII, No. 4.

**MICAJAH PARKER ESTATE RECORDS: 1861 Micajah Parker** was born during 1788 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, the son of **Thomas Parker** (born about 1760, died ca. 1833 in Lincoln County, Tennessee) and **Christinia** (born 1762 in Virginia). He died November 19, 1861 in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

**Micajah** married **Martha Patsy Brown** (born 1790 North Carolina) about 1809 in North Carolina. The following six children of **Micajah** and **Martha** were born in Lincoln County, Tennessee: **James L** and **Joseph Thomas Parker**, born April 26, 1816, **Christinia Parker**, born Oct 25, 1818, **Micajah "Cage" Parker**, born during 1820. (He married **Martha Matilda Hankins**, born 1832 in TN.), **William T. Parker**, born 1822, and **Alexander Parker** born 1825. Three children were born in Rutherford County, North Carolina; **Thomas Brown Parker**, born 1810; **John T. Parker**, born during 1813, and **Andrew Parker** born 1828. **Micajah** later settled in Itawamba County, where he married **Claracy Bounds** on May 16, 1844.

This article appears in *Itawamba Settlers*, The Quarterly Journal of Itawamba County, Mississippi History and Genealogy, Volume 26, No. 4; it contains information on the children's families; the names of the seven heirs, and record of the estate sale held on December 23, 1861



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## BOOK REVIEWS

**DEATH AND MARRIAGE NOTICES FROM THE WATCHMAN AND OBSERVER, 1845-1855** by Brent H. Holcomb. 200 pages, clothbound, indexed. Published 2004. \$28.50

Abstracts of death and marriage records from newspapers are important to the genealogist because many States did not keep these early records, or in some instances courthouses have burned. North and South Carolina did not keep death records until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and South Carolina did not have marriage records until June 1, 1911. The *Watchman* and the *Observer* were Presbyterian newspapers with subscribers in Virginia, North & South Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, and other states as well. This book is a welcome addition for genealogical research in these southern states.

**CHESTER COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA WILL ABSTRACTS 1787-1838 (1776-1838)** by Brent H. Holcomb. 220 pages, clothbound, indexed. Published 2006. \$35.00.

Abstracts of wills for the colonial period for this area and prior to the border surveys, when some of this area was part of North Carolina, have been published previously. With the publication of this book, most abstracts of wills for Chester County through 1838 are now available. The abstracts in this book are from the Chester County estate record books A, B, C, D, E, F-1, F-2, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and O. The book contains not only a personal name index, but a slave and place index for the researcher's convenience. When necessary, original wills have been consulted. Will

abstracts contain a wealth of information such as the names of family members, property owned, places your ancestors lived and sometimes other information of interest to the researcher.

*The two books listed above may be ordered from Brent H. Holcomb, P.O. Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221 or from his website: [www.scmr.com](http://www.scmr.com). Shipping and handling is \$4.00 for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book.*

**SMITH COUNTY TENNESSEE WILL BOOKS (3 VOLUMES)** by Barbara Crumpton. Spiral bound, 8 ½ x 11, full name index; cost per volume shown below.

These abstracts of wills for Smith County, Tennessee are three more welcome publications by Barbara Crumpton. Material comes from various court documents dating from 1805 to 1823 (see titles of each volume).

Smith County, Tennessee was formed originally from Washington County which covered the whole State, then parts from Sumner County 1786-1799, and from Davidson County, 1783-1786. In 1801 Jackson County was formed from an eastern portion of Smith County, and the county was enlarged south to the Alabama line. In 1805 Smith County was limited to 625 square miles, and White County was formed in 1806. In 1842 and 1870 the counties of Macon and Trousdale were formed from Smith County, leaving the current limits of 360 square miles.

The Will Books of Smith County have been recopied and renumbered; will books from 1807 to 1812 are missing. Included are listings of testators, heirs, inventories, vendue sales and purchases, accounts due,

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estates, and a separate Guardianship Book showing wards, guardians, expenses, receipts, disbursements and witnesses.

The many changes in Smith County's boundaries make these abstracts of wills and guardian accounts more valuable to the researcher.

Vol. 1: Will Book 5 1805-1807, 0, 1812-1814, 1, 1814-1816 (129 pages) \$35.00

Vol. 2: Will Book 4 1816-1820, 6, 1820-1823 (160 pages) \$42.50

Vol. 3: Will Book 2 – Guardian Accounts 1823-1833 (113 pages) \$30.00

*Order from Barbara Crumpton, 1455 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan, OK 73533. Prices include shipping and handling. Oklahoma residents add 8 ½ % sales tax. Libraries may be billed.*

**RECORDS OF THE MORAVIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA, VOLUME XIII, 1867-1876**, edited by D. Daniel Crews & Lisa D. Bailey; indexed. North Carolina Office of Archives & History: November, 2006. \$57.80, including tax and shipping.

Most genealogists, in addition to collecting dates, names, and places are interested in the history and day to day activities of their ancestors. This book gives the perfect opportunity for obtaining this information about some of your North Carolina ancestors.

For many years, the pastor of the Moravian church in Salem kept an almost daily diary of the activities of his congregation; these diaries were traditionally read on New Years Day.

In addition to the activities of the congregation, the diaries also contained comments on local and sometimes world-wide events.

Volume XIII of this series covers the era of the "carpetbaggers," the momentous period following the Civil War. These Moravian records include the challenges of blacks and whites following the end of slavery, the economy of the period, the growth of Salem and Winston, the incorporation of Kernersville, and the history of the coming of the railroad. In addition, there is a list of land and lots sold in Salem, births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials for the congregation. Many non-members, both black and white are included in these lists.

Volume XII of Moravian Records, covering the Civil War period from 1856-1866 is also available for \$57.80.

*Order from: Historic Publications Section (N), North Carolina Office of Archives & History, 4622 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4622. For credit card orders call (919) 433-7442 or use the Publications Section's secure online store at <http://store.yahoo.com/nc-historical-publications/>.*

**HISPANIC CONFEDERATES, NEW THIRD EDITION**, By John O'Donnell-Rosales. 154 pages, paperbound, The Clearfield Company, 2006. #9362; \$19.50

Very few Hispanics who fought in the civil war owned slaves. Those early settlers, many of whom lived in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, had other reasons for joining the Confederate cause, such as property ownership, businesses and occupation. The names of 6,175 of these Hispanics are presented in alphabetical order, giving the individual's full name, rank and unit, and sometimes something about his tour of duty.

The various sources include lists of persons of Jewish descent whose ancestors

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were expelled from Spain in 1492; mestizos of Spanish/Native American ancestry; mulattoes of Spanish/African ancestry; soldiers of Asian descent whose forebears emigrated from the Philippines to Louisiana and along the Gulf of Mexico; Minorcans whose ancestors intermarried with Italians, Corsicans and Greeks who settled in Florida; and white Spaniards.

This interesting and informative book is the most comprehensive, and perhaps the only, list of Hispanic Confederates in print.

**WEST TENNESSEE'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN: APPRENTICES FROM 1821 TO 1889** by Alan N. Miller. 218 pages, indexed, paperbound, *The Clearfield Company*, 2006. #9982; \$25.50

Apprenticeships have been known in the American Colonies, having evolved from England in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. In America apprenticeships gradually became less a method of training in professions and crafts than a method whereby children who were likely to become indigent could be supported without cost to the local government. Many of these bound children were orphans; however, some were children whose parents or guardians wished the child to learn a useful trade.

The records of over 4,000 apprenticeships were taken from the records of nineteen counties in West Tennessee. Each record shows the name, date, age of apprentice, name of master, race and cause of apprenticeship. The apprentices are listed separately by county, with a full index in the back of the book. Counties covered are: Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, and Weakley. Lists such as this are most valuable to the genealogist because these young people may not appear in any other source.

*The previous two listings may be ordered from The Clearfield Co. 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211; [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com). Shipping and handling charges: \$4.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional item. Phone: (410) 837-8171; fax (410) 752-8492. For Visa or Master Card orders only call toll-free 1-800-296-6687.*

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## QUERIES

### BENTON-LAMBERT-TURNER

Searching for parents or siblings of **STEPHEN BENTON**, b ca 1820 TN, wife **ROSETTA** b ca 1825 TN. Children(all b. TN) **JNO** b ca 1850, **CORNELIA** b ca 1854 and **ANDREW** b ca 1855. The family appears in 1870 Fayette Co. census next door to **WILLIAM LAMBERT**, a relative, and his wife **MARIA TURNER**, b. ca 1840 VA. In 1920 census **ANDREW BENTON** living with nephew **WILLIAM HENRY LAMBERT**.

(Mr.) *Jimmie T. Jones*, 8349 S.Perry Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 [Perrytrio@aol.com](mailto:Perrytrio@aol.com)

### HALE

Seeking family of **DANIEL HALE**, wife **LOURANEY**, of Smith County, TN. Son **ALAN HALE** moved to Texas after Civil War. **DANIEL** was soldier during that war.

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### WEBB

Seek information on **WEBBS** in Henderson, Rutherford, Williamson, Sullivan counties, TN. **RICHARD** signed petition for State of Franklin.

*Jean Alexander West*, 435 N. Highland #3, Memphis, TN 38122

### BURDETT/BURDITT

I am looking for members of the **BURDETT** family (spelled in any variation) who would be interested in more information about the family and verifying relationships you are not sure of. There are several families enrolled now in the **BURDETT** family DNA

project, and we are excited about what we are learning. Contact me for more information.

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### FITCH, MURRAY, CALVERT, PEACOCK

Seeking information about the above families, including **LUCINDA CALVERT** and **MARTHA PEACOCK** From the Pond Hill area, Niota, Tennessee.

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### JARNAGIN, CORBITT, GANN, CURRY, MAYES

Would like any information on **JOHN JARNAGIN**, b. ca. 1748, d. 1816 in Ohio (lived in Grainger Co. TN earlier); **ELISHA CORBITT**, b. ca. 1790, d. ca. 1850 in Hamilton Co., TN, m. **MARY GANN** 1817, Rhea Co. TN; **ISAAC CURRY**, b. ca. 1781 in SC, d. 1856, Clinch Co. GA, m. (1) **FANNY MAYES** 1819, Jefferson Co. TN (2) **WEALTHY CORBITT**, 1840, TN.

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### DICKINSON

My husband's great-grandfather, **PARKER (or Parks) MADISON DICKINSON**, b. March 1, 1810 in Louisa Co. VA. A physician in his early years, a judge in Memphis 1850's-60's. Died in 1878 yellow fever epidemic, along with sons **WILLIAM** and **HENRY**; buried in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis. Wife **CLARA**, daughters **VIRGINIA** and **MARGARET** also buried there in Dickinson lot. Other children: **CHARLEY**, **MATILDA**. Any information appreciated.

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## CARUTHERS

**JOSEPH CARUTHERS**, d. 1830 Henry Co. TN, probably blacksmith. **JOSEPH CARUTHERS, JR.**, b. 1810 Henry Co, TN; cannot find in county records after 1830. Any information on either of these men or their family would be appreciated.

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## ELLIS, HUBBARD

Looking for parents of **CHARLES ELLIS**, who was married to **SAVANNAH HUBBARD** in 1836 in TN. Have no clue as to siblings. He shows up in Illinois with wife and one son, **S. STITH**.

Stephanie M. Stith, 21600 St. Rt. K, Beulah,  
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## CUSHING

Looking for information on **DENNIS CUSHING**, Ireland to Memphis (1850 – 1940).

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## WALLS, PARNELL

I am trying to find any info on **SALLY A. WALLS**, wife of **ARCHCEPHUS (ARCHA) PARNELL**. She was born February 13, 1843 in NC and died October 1, 1887 in TN.  
Jennifer Estes Duncan, 9411 Miller Rd.,  
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## CABE

Anyone with info on the **CABE** family of Henry County, TN about 1850, please contact me at [cgraham329@aol.com](mailto:cgraham329@aol.com).

Celia Graham, Rt. 1, Box 269, Meeker, OK  
(405) 279-3652

## HARRIS, CURRY

Seeking information on where and why the Rev. **CHARLES B. HARRIS**, b. 26 Mar 1800, GA, d. 09 Dec 1870, Marshall Co. MS, came to TN. He was preaching at Mt. Pleasant, Maury Co, TN in 1832 and at Mt. Pisgah, Giles Co. TN in 1837, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church the same year. **Rev. HARRIS** m. **MARGARET (PEGGY) JANE CURRY** 22 Dec 1823 in Maury Co. TN. She was b. 08 Feb 1805 in Pittsylvania Co. VA and d. 12 Aug 1877 in Marshall Co. MS; they had at least six children. Who were his parents and siblings?

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## ETHERIDGE

Looking for information on **MATHEW ETHERIDGE**, b. 1785 NC. Married **SARAH** ? and lived in Wilson Co. TN 1820-1850. Children: **TILGHMAN, MATTHEW, SARAH, GEORGE**. Related names: **MCDANIEL, SCOTT, JUSTICE, DICKERSON, COGWELL PATTERSON**

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## MILLER, LOGAN, HOUSTON, LACKEY

Need parents of great-grandfather **JAMES FRANCIS MILLER**, b. 15 Oct 1835, Athens,



TN; m (1) **MARY ELIZABETH LOGAN**, had five children; m(2) **NANCY ANN HOUSTON LACKEY**, Civil War widow with son. Living in McMinnville, TN in 1880 census. Eleven children listed. Need parents of **NANCY ANN HOUSTON**, b. 11 Jan 1845. Supposed to be a great-niece of Sam Houston. Will exchange information.

*Betty L. Russell, 2367 Four Mile Rd., Washington, MO 63090-6232*

## UNDERWOOD, NEWPORT

Seeking information on **WM. C. UNDERWOOD**, b. 17 Oct 1834, d. in Battle of Wilson's Creek 10 Aug 1861. He married **MARGARET NEWPORT**, b. 12 Dec 1838, d. 4 Dec 1910, and their daughters were **MARY ELIZABETH** (21 Aug 1859 – 22 Nov 1927) and **CLEMENTINE VIRGINIA** (11 Feb 1861 – 26 June 1924). Have picture of **TANT UNDERWOOD** standing by porch and car at homestead in Rockwood, TN. A brother? Another relative?

*Pauline O. Washington, 2707 Chatworth St., Memphis, TN 38127-8176*

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## OVERBEY, LEACH

Searching for any information about **CHRISTINA OVERBEY**. Husband **D.H. LEACH**. Haven't been able to find her in TN census records. She was in Speedwell, TN 9 Sept 1895 according to court records. Thanks for any help.

*Virginia Harding [RVHARDI@wic.net](mailto:RVHARDI@wic.net)*

## JONES

Seeking information on the family of **JOHN R. JONES**, listed in the 1870 Lamar Co. TX census with family. Wife is **M.F.**, and most of family listed by initials only. What was her

name? Was she Indian? Where was the family in 1860? Would appreciate help or clues.

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## LAMBERT, TURNER

Searching for parents of **WILLIAM LAMBERT** b. ca. 1830 TN. Children of **WILLIAM** and wife **MARIA TURNER**, all b. Fayette Co. TN, were **WM HENRY**, b. ca. 1860, **JOHN**, b. 1862, **ADAMON** b. 1864, **EDWARD** b. 1864, **ALICE** b. 1870, **MARTHA** b. 1872, **DORA** b. 1876 and **JUNIUS** b. 1880. Is William Lambert's father **SAMUEL LAMBERT**? Are there relatives in Hardin Co. TN?

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## CAMP

**CAMP** families have resided in various parts of TN since the early 1800's. Let's compare data to see if we have common ancestors – especially if they have VA, NC, GA roots.

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How will Google Earth assist in Genealogy? There are options of what you would like highlighted as you "fly by" cities you want to search. Some of these options are water areas, cemeteries, churches, parks, railroads, dining areas, hospitals, airports and much more. I particularly love the cemetery option! It gives the general location and names of the churches and cemeteries.

You also can input an address and Google Earth will find it for you. This is great for directions for those hard to find places that we all encounter when doing our research travels. The pictures can also be seen in 3-D!

My husband's family is from Sicily. How exciting it is to sit in my living room and view the Termini coast from my computer screen. I can now more than imagine the coast line, but see how the people lived so close to the seaside. I understand now why these ancestor's were mostly fishermen.

While reviewing Dick Eastman's online genealogy message he relates the following:

Using satellite images from Google Maps and Google Earth, an Italian computer programmer has stumbled upon the remains of an ancient villa. If this is true, then just imagine what else it can locate.

I know the implications of Google Earth will greatly assist genealogists. I am just beginning to learn its features, but definitely think it is a worthwhile download.

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