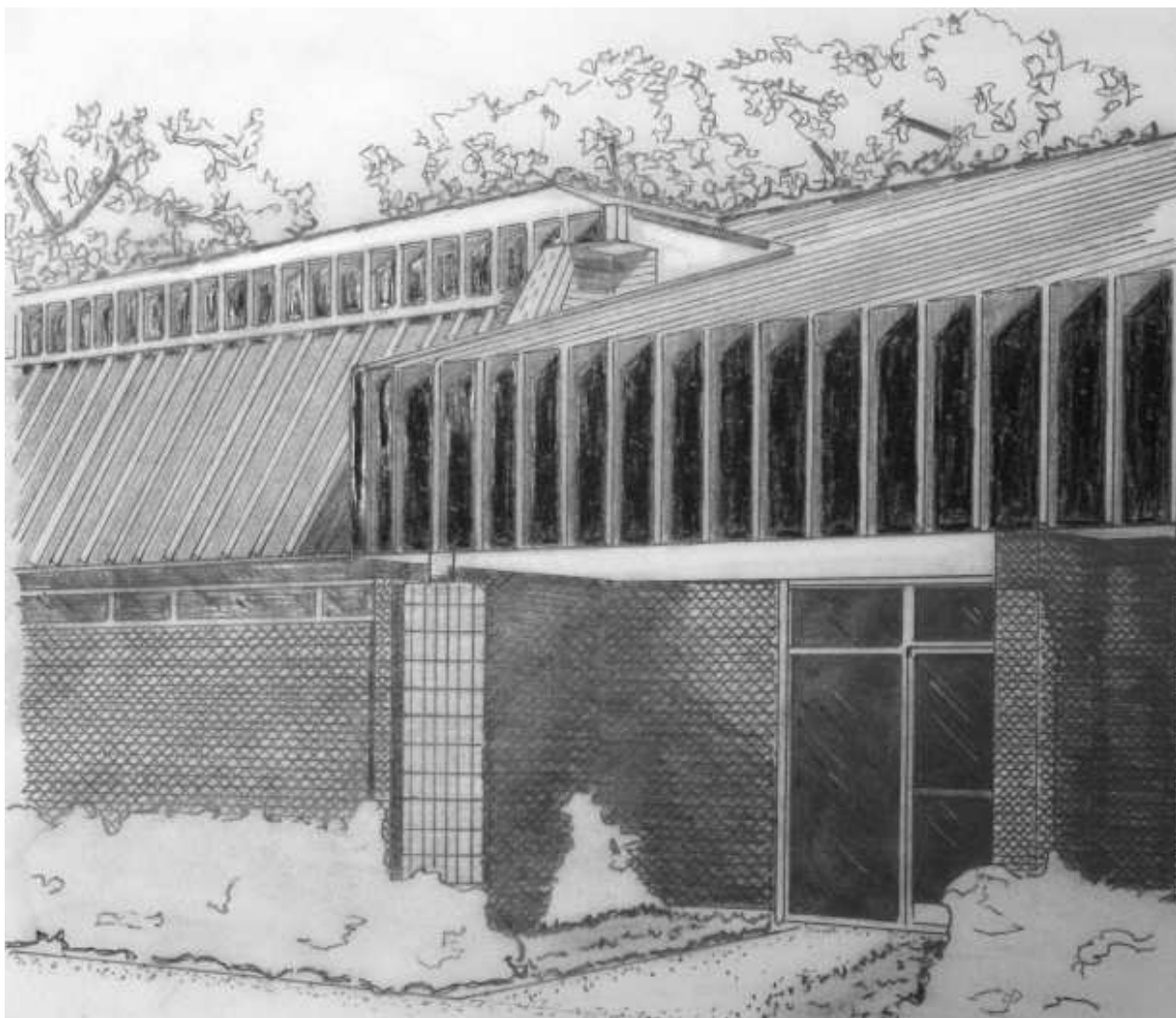


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by *G Andrew Pouncey*

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to everyone who sent in family histories in the last few weeks! As you can tell, this is a particular interest of mine, not only because the stories are interesting but because the surnames mentioned are often helpful to other researchers and readers of our magazine. Many family histories of people in this part of the country (west Tennessee) begin with ancestors in Maryland or Virginia who migrated to North Carolina and then came to Tennessee. Some, as in my own family, had purchased unclaimed Revolutionary War land grants, and others came to join relatives who had already settled here. [There are extensive studies of these migration patterns available; ask your librarian.]

The Somers family history sent in by Tn Gen member Grace Upshaw will be valuable to other genealogists, especially those who are just beginning. She explains how she did her research, where she looked and who she contacted in the gradual unfolding, over quite a few years, of the history of her branch of the Somers family, from the area around Alexandria, Virginia to Weakley County, Tennessee.

Another TnGen member, Tina Sansone, sent us her story of ancestor Richard Mynatt, Jr. indentured servant and pastry cook for the Lee family on their Virginia plantation, Stratford. Many Mynatt descendents in Tennessee and points west will welcome this information.

And a final story: Volunteers at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center spent many hours sorting through boxes and boxes of material which the Gardiner family estate donated to TnGen. Among these files were Bible records copied in the 1950's and 1960's by members of the D.A.R., which were carefully recopied on library computers. Among these documents, I found ten pages of names and dates on members of the Scott family who lived near Ripley, TN for several generations. The last name entered in the Bible looked familiar – I took a copy of these records to my next-door neighbor in midtown Memphis and he was delighted to have records that he had never seen! His two sons will share this information with their families.

We never know where our search for ancestors will take us...I am now looking back to Kent Island, Maryland for the earliest members of my father's English family, and have recently found someone who has been researching the Kendalls in this area for many years. Perhaps there is a connection...

Ann Kendall Ray

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Family Given Names Matter

by Grace Upshaw

As a small child and well into my late teens, I loved to hear my mother tell me stories of her early life, her dearly beloved grandmother, "Grandma Matt" (Martha T. Somers); the ancestor who lived to be 103; the War Between The States and its effect on our part of the country, especially on our families. I expect many other Southerners have experienced this same scenario. I did not invest much time in thinking about those bits of information until I became interested in genealogy and the overwhelming desire to know more about my forebears. Who were those unknown folks who paved the ways for me? The following is a recounting of my journey to find the story of the Somers family in Tennessee.

George Somers and Arden Somers

From personal knowledge, written records, and tombstones I knew that **George Somers** of Weakley County, Tennessee, my gr. gr. Grandfather, was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1812. I immediately began searching in Wilson Co., where I found lots of records for people named **Somers**. Which ones belonged to my **George**? To find the answer, I had to delve deeper into his immediate family. In 1833, in Weakley County, Tennessee, he married **Elizabeth Tomlinson** and among their twelve children was a son, **William Green Somers**. In the records of Wilson County was a short court order in 1823 stating that an orphan boy, **George Somers**, was bound unto **Green Jackson**. [Wilson County, Tennessee, Court Minutes, December term, 1823. page 368]. Was the name Green important? Possibly, for George had so named a son, **William Green Somers**.

In studying **William Green's** children, I discovered he had a son called **Arden**. And there in Wilson County were many records concerning an **Arden Somers**: his marriage in 1812 to one **Nancy Tucker**, a widow, another marriage license in 1818 to **Sally**



Walker, deeds and lawsuits for debt. The marriage date of **Arden** and **Nancy** fit the birth date of my **George Somers**. Since the orphan boy was the only **George Somers** I found in Wilson County, I had hope that he was my ancestor. I also found three other **Somers** men, **John**, **James** and **Ira**, who were closely connected to **Arden** by deeds. etc. One deed showed that **Ira** died intestate and his share of his inheritance of land from his father, **John Somers** of Caswell County, North Carolina, was divided among **Arden**, **James** and **John**, the other heirs. That was a bonanza of badly needed information, but still no proof that **Arden** and **Nancy** were the parents of my orphan, **George**.

The **John Somers** of Caswell County, North Carolina was a Captain in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War and the 3,840 acres of land in Wilson County that the four **Somers** men had claimed were half of the bounty lands he was awarded for his service. **Capt. John Somers** died circa 1805 in Caswell County, leaving by his will his "military lands" to his four sons: **John**,

James, Ira and Arden. The four boys divided the land in Wilson County. The son, **John**, did not remain there but settled in Jackson, County, Tennessee. He had also inherited land in Smith County, TN from an uncle, **Jacob Arden** of New York City **Jacob Arden** specifically stated in the deed that **John** was the son of his sister, **Catharine Somers**. Thus, I found the name of the mother of the four **Somers** men, and the reason for the name **Arden** being passed down in the **Somers** family. More proof to me that my **George** was the son of **Arden Somers**.

Finally, a lawsuit filed in Wilson County November 23, 1824, by the heirs of **Captain John** against their brother, **James Somers**, detailed all the descendants, living and dead, of **Captain John**. The heirs contended that **James Somers** was unlawfully claiming all the 3840 acres of the 2nd land grant given to **Capt. John**, which was located in Weakley County, Tennessee. Since this suit was settled before going to trial, I assume **James** made some sort of monetary settlement to his sisters, brothers, and the children of the deceased **Arden**. Undoubtedly, the money that **George** received helped him to buy the first acreage he owned in Weakley County. This land and subsequent purchases was located on the road from Sharon, TN to Dresden, TN. **James** did claim all 3840 acres in Weakley and named his plantation, The Oaks; it was located near Dresden, the county seat. The court case gave the names of **Arden** and **Nancy's** children, **George** and **Vashti**. Finally, proof that my orphan **George** was the son of **Arden Somers** and the grandson of **Captain John** and **Catharine Arden Somers** of Caswell County, North Carolina. Up until this point, my research had been relatively easy in establishing lots of family members and information. Finding the previous two generations of the **Somers** family was not that way at all.

Captain John Somers

Captain John was probably born circa 1750-55. He had a brother, **James**, whom he named as his executor in his will, dated 1803. In this will he named his wife, **Catharine**, his four sons previously noted and two daughters, in addition to **Sarah** who married **John Lemon**. **Abijah Somers** married first **Isaac Wright** and secondly, **Phillip Smart**. **Ann Somers** married **John Bowman**. After the death of her husband, **Catharine Arden Somers** married the father of **John Lemon**, **John Alexander Lemon**, of neighboring Rockingham, County, North Carolina, in 1808. At this point, I learned about **Captain John Somers'** military activity. When he first enlisted he was not an officer, but he quickly moved up in the ranks to lieutenant and then captain. He was in the 1st North Carolina Continental Army, as were **George** and **James Somers**.

Captain John was stationed for about a year near Paramus, New Jersey, and spent the winter of 1777-1778 with Washington at Valley Forge. He must have met his wife, **Catharine Arden**, while there, since her home in southern New York was very near his location. I do not have a marriage bond nor site of their marriage, but believe their first son, **John**, was born in 1780 while his father was a prisoner of war at Charleston, South Carolina. [The English paroled many officers for lack of space to keep them and allowed their wives to join them.] Much of this information was found in the records of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization composed of the descendants of officers of the Continental Line. Learning of **Captain John's** brave service to his newly forming country was one of the highlights of my study of genealogy. When his tours of duty in the army were over, he returned to Caswell County, North Carolina to live the remainder of his life. He owned farm lands, a mill, and served his community as a justice of the peace.

An Earlier George Somers

When I began my research in Caswell County, North Carolina, to learn all I could about my **Captain John Somers**, I noticed the name **George Somers**, who was buying land in Caswell circa 1777-80 near Moon Creek, near where Captain John lived. Another **George Somers**! Could he be an uncle, brother or grandfather of my **George**? If so, what could the connection be? Soon, it became obvious that there were two men named **George Somers** present in Caswell in the years preceding the Revolutionary War. Both enlisted in North Carolina; one "returned" to Fairfax County, Virginia in 1789 to marry **Mary Presgraves**. In the tax lists of Caswell County, 1780, was a **Daniel Somers**, with land worth 125lbs 12 shillings 6 pence and a **George Somers** with land worth 1489 lbs. These facts presented more questions and no answers for quite some time.

I now turned to the fact that one **George** was a grandfather, deeding his bounty land grant to his grandson, **John Landman**, in 1795. By probably being much older, I deduced this grandfather was not the **George** who married **Mary Presgraves**. Revolutionary pension applications filed by **Mary Presgraves Somers** stated that her husband was always called **George Somers, Junior**. This was further proof that the other **George Somers** was indeed the grandfather of **John Landman**.

One deed in Caswell County, North Carolina, was from **George Somers**, 17 March 1801, to **James Somers**, 250 acres on north fork of Moon's Creek, near the mill pond of **John Somers**; **James Somers** agreeing to allow **George** to live on the land the rest of his natural life without expense to him. Then in 1805, **George** once again gives **James Somers**, his loving son for love and goodwill, all his possessions. No more is ever heard from **George Somers** again. I thus concluded that **George Somers** of

Caswell County, had two sons: **James**, named as his son in two deeds, and **Captain John Somers**, being the brother of son **James**, named executor of **Captain John's** will; and a daughter, **Mrs. Landman**, being the mother of his grandson to whom George had deeded his military lands. Thus, my reasoning told me that this **George** was the great-grandfather of **George Somers** of Weakley County. Undoubtedly, Arden had named his first born son after his (**Arden's**) grandfather. **George** probably died soon after he gave his son **James** that last deed.

Here were two more **Somers** men, father and son, **George** and **James**, who were willing to fight for their new land. All three were in Dixon's Company from Caswell County with **James Somers** naming one of his sons **Henry Dixon Summers**. Since the **Somers** were away from their home during the war years, they might have been very tardy in recording the deeds to their lands, which would explain the lack of some deeds before the war's end.

Landman Family

About this time in my research, in response to my many queries, I received an e-mail which gave me the genealogy of **John Landman**, the grandson of **George Somers**. Before this family lived in Caswell County near the **Somers** family on Moon Creek, they resided in Fairfax County, Virginia. Here there were many records of this family, whose mother, a **Taylor**, had been married first to **James Smith** with whom she had sons **William Bailey, Peter, and Presley**. Secondly, she married **George Landman** and had a son, **James**, born 1752 in Fairfax County, Virginia. **James Landman (Lanman)** married **Sythe (Sythia) Blake Somers**, 20th February 1777, in Caswell County, North Carolina, according to records from **Rolla Kelly**, a descendant of **Sythe**. (no marriage bond or license was preserved). **James** and **Sythe**

were the parents of George Somers' grandson, **John Landman**.

As the **Somers** men had done, **James Landman** enlisted in the colonial army in 1776 to fight the Revolutionary War. He was assigned to the 1st Regiment of Riflemen under **John Hampton** at Charleston, South Carolina, and enlisted for a second tour of duty at Hillsboro, North Carolina, in 1781. Both **George Somers** and **George Landman** were likely of the same generation, and I began to wonder if the **Somers** might also be originally from Fairfax County, Virginia, where they might have been acquaintances of the **Landmans**. At this point

I did not know where the **Somers** family had lived prior to Caswell County, NC. I now turned my attentions to Fairfax County, Virginia, looking for some proof that **George Somers** lived in Fairfax County, Virginia, before moving to North Carolina.

"Old John Somers"

Fairfax County, Virginia, encompasses the historical city of Alexandria. But before Alexandria was founded, a **John Somers** lived in that vicinity. It is said by some historians that he was the first white man to live there. If not the first, he was there very early on and was often called to court to testify about when a man arrived in the area and the location in which he settled. His home place, named "Summers Grove", was near Great Hunting Creek, and he is buried there, where a monument to his son, **Francis**, has been placed by the DAR. He

also was a neighbor of **George Washington**. Today, the grave site is in the midst of a large commercial development.

An article concerning "**Old John**," published by the Historical Society of Fairfax County in 1997/98, gives a very good family history and genealogy of this man and his descendants. Disputing some historians, this article stated that **John** was the son of another **John** and that he was born in Middlesex County, Virginia, being baptized at Christ Church, November 14, 1686. His father, **John**, was the **Somers** immigrant to



Virginia, arriving about 1660. This **John** was married three times, first to **Elisabeth Thompson**, whom I think must have been **Old John's** mother. After his father's death, **Old John** moved from Middlesex into what is now Fairfax County, Virginia. There, he was married first to a widow of **Henry Lucas: Seth (Sythe, Sythia) Harrison Lucas**, in 1716. His second wife was **Mary (Elizabeth?) Blake**; the date of marriage is not known.

There is not total agreement about who was the mother of **Old John's** children. Some say that **Seth** died without children; others say that she was the mother of the two or three oldest children, with **Mary** being the mother of the rest. There is in Stafford County, Virginia, deed book "J", page 36, 9 September 1723, the record of a lease from **Thomas Harrison** to **John Summers**, his wife **Seth Summers** and **John Summers** their son, 100 acres of land on Turkey Cock

Branch for the term of the longest life of himself, his wife **Seth** and their son **John**. This land was in Stafford County in 1723, in Prince William County in 1730, and finally in Fairfax County in 1742. Thus it seems **Seth Harrison Lucas Summers** may have been the mother of the early children.

Old John had five sons and several daughters, but the daughter's lives have not been followed. His sons were **John** (born ca. 1717/18); **George** (born 1720); **William** (born 1721); **Daniel** (born 1725) and **Francis** (born 1732). (All birth dates are estimated). The name **George** appears once again! Several of **Old John's** sons also named their children **George**. I wonder if **George Somers'** brothers named their sons for him, a beloved brother and uncle to their children? Or, perhaps, they were named for **George Washington!** My problem became to prove that **Old John's** son **George** was the same as the grandfather **George** in Caswell County, North Carolina. The article in the journal of the Historical Society of Alexandria gave the history of all of **Old John's** sons except **George**. He was ignored, except for one tiny mention that said "some say he went to Caswell County, North Carolina" (paraphrased). The article does mention a wife's name and a death date, but it is likely that both are incorrect. There were no public legal documents that I could discover, no deeds and no marriage records. Since he was not the only **George Somers** present in Fairfax, it would be difficult to distinguish among the many, so in my records I have left the name of his wife as unknown.

After learning about the other **Somers** boys, their military duties, their wives and their children, I remembered that I had seen a tax list from Caswell that named a **Daniel Somers**, who could have been **George's** brother. **Daniel** had four sons; one, named **George**, was probably the one who married Mary Presgraves. To me it was not

coincidence that a **Daniel Somers** and a **George Somers** were in Caswell at the same time, for I was convinced those two men were brothers with **Daniel's** son **George Jr.**, being the other **George** in Caswell. That would explain the second **George Somers** in Caswell County, who most likely was the nephew of **George Somers** and the first cousin of **Captain John, James** and **Sythe Blake Somers Landman**. It was evident that the **Daniel Somers** family decided to return to Fairfax County after the Revolutionary War, where they remained for the rest of their lives.

"**Old John Somers**" died in 1790, in his 104th year, leaving, it has been said, four hundred descendants. One obituary stated that he was active and healthy up until one night, "after he was heard singing a psalm of the Church and repeating evening prayers", he quietly died.

After conversations with other genealogists, correspondence with other **Somers** descendants, and searching for records that just weren't to be found, I decided finally that I had proved that **Old John Somers** of Fairfax County, Virginia, 1686-1790, was my 5th great grandfather and the great great grandfather of **George Somers** of Weakley County, Tennessee.

The proofs that set my mind at ease that I had determined the genealogy of my **Somers** ancestors were not just the deeds, court cases and wills that I found, but the preferred given names that identified so many. A very important name: **Sythe Blake Somers Landman**, the daughter of **George** of Caswell County, was possibly the final proof of the connection to **Old John Somers** of Fairfax County. By bearing the names of "**Old John's**" two wives, Grandfather **George Somers** of Caswell County, North Carolina, had named his daughter for the two women who had reared him. Learning that the **Landmans** had lived in Fairfax County cemented the fact that these two

families probably knew each other before moving to Caswell County, North Carolina. The hunt covered many years, much correspondence, a few heated discussions, many disappointments and finally I knew that I had covered every area and solved the puzzle to my satisfaction. Some genealogists might argue that I still do not have solid proof that **Old John** was the great-great grandfather of my great-great grandfather. And some heraldic societies might not accept my proof and reasoning. But it is not always possible in genealogy to have legal documents that are absolute proof.

Much more information is available about the lives of these early Americans, who were founders of our country. In almost every generation of the **Somers** family, the males fought in wars. **Arden Somers** fought in the War of 1812 from Wilson Co., Tennessee. **Old John's** father, **John Somers**, of Middlesex Co., Virginia, the immigrant to the Colonies, served as a drummer footman in the Colonial militia during Bacon's Rebellion and as a drummer in the Middlesex County, Virginia, Militia in 1687 (from the article by the Greens). **Old John** did not serve due to advanced years, but his sons **Francis, John** and **George** served in the Revolutionary War, and many of his grandsons served in that war. **William Green Somers** was a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States, a member of the Tennessee 31st Infantry, Co. A.

Conclusions and Acknowledgements

I would like to give credit to other **Somers** family researchers, who gave me valuable help on my long journey. In addition to several Internet subscribers and postings, there were five main helpers in my search, which covered many years. The first was the journal of the Summers Family Organization, edited by **Judy (Mrs. Dale F.) Somers** of Wichita, Kansas. This journal, no longer being published, included census data,

Revolutionary War service records, and county statistics, etc. at a time when the Internet was just beginning and Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest were not yet available. Several clues about **Captain John** and **Catharine Arden** were found in this publication.

The next major contributors were **Kathryn Webb** of Missouri and **Reverend L.C. Lemons**, retired, of Liberty, Missouri. **Mrs. Webb** was descended from **Vashti Somers** who married **Alexander Lemons**, a cousin. **Vashti** was also the sister of my Weakley County, Tennessee relative, George Somers. **Reverend Lemon** was also descended from the **Lemons** who intermarried with our **Somers**; he had done extensive searches in Caswell County records concerning the **Somers** people in that area. One of the most important clues he found was the fact that, in 1796, a **George Somers** had deeded to his grandson, **John Landman**, **George's** bounty land grant in Tennessee. This **George Somers** had served as a Sgt. in Dixon's Company of the North Carolina Continental Line along with my **Captain John** and another **Sgt. James Summers**, listed as a "mubician," all from Caswell County, North Carolina.

The fourth genealogy angel was **Mrs. Lucille Harney** of McLean, Virginia, a noted genealogist and DAR officer. She kindly sent me an article about the man I named **Old John Somers:** "John Summers of Alexandria, Va. and His Descendants" by Susan Green Leigh and Martin Levering Green (published in the "Yearbook: The Historical Society of Fairfax Co., Va." vol. 26, 1997-98.) This article told the history of this well-known citizen of Fairfax County, Virginia, who died in his 104th year in 1790. Lastly, a gracious gentleman, **Rolla Kelly** of Plymouth, Massachusetts, a descendant of **Sythe Blake Somers Landman**, gave the history of the **Landmans**, and how they

connected to my **Captain John Somers**. Without the generosity of these good folks, I might still be wanting to be convinced of facts that I knew in my heart to be true.

I cannot end without remembering my mother's tale about her ancestor living to be 103. The rest of her story was that he lived in three centuries, born in 1698, dying in 1802. She was correct about the first part, but the last part was pure fabrication, caused, no doubt, by the passage of all those years of proud **Somers** descendants recounting their history. A great family story! Thanks, Mother.

Notes

My family always spelled the name as **Somers**; however, many records written by clerks spelled it as the season: **Summers**. In genealogy it is not uncommon to find names spelled many different ways. Variety is the spice of life!

Readers may check my facts by consulting the deed books of Wilson County, Tennessee, Caswell County, North Carolina, and Fairfax County, Virginia. *Wilson County, Tennessee, Circuit Court Records 1810-1855* by **Thomas Partlow** was a valuable source. Mr. Partlow also compiled deed books C-M, 1793-1829 for Wilson County, another resource. *Smith County, Tennessee Deed Books B-M 1800-1835*, another **Partlow** book, revealed the name of **Captain John's** wife.

Tennesseans in the War of 1812 by Byron

and Samuel Sistler proved **Arden Somers'** war experience.

Fairfax County, Virginia deed book E, page 32, detailed a deposition about disputed land concerning the **Peter Smith** family, later **Landman**, which proved their residence in Fairfax County. Another Fairfax County book that shed light on the **Somers** as well as the **Landmans** was *Beginning at a White Oak* by Beth Mitchell, which concerned patents and land grants of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments, by Lloyd Bockstruck, listed the two land grants to **Captain John Somers**.

The marriage of **George** and **Elizabeth Tomlinson Somers** was published in *Marriages from Early Tennessee Newspapers, 1794-1851*, edited by Rev. Silas Emmet Lucas, Jr.

Marriages of Wilson County, Tennessee, 1802-1850 by Edythe Rucker Whitley, provided the marriages of **Arden Somers**.

There were many e-mails, other books, census records, military journal articles, etc. that contributed to my general knowledge of this family as well as the history of the times in which they lived.

It is my philosophy that nothing in genealogy is "written in stone"; meaning new research material can prove earlier conclusions to be incorrect. I welcome corrections, if proven

THE BAKER FAMILY IN AMERICA

*The following was taken from the papers of Laurence and Lillian Gardiner.
Information furnished by Mrs. James G. Johnson.*

The **Baker** family was English, they came from England to America and settled in the Conestoga section of Pennsylvania, which later became Lancaster County. The first record of this family appeared on the tax list of 1719 as **Robert Baker** and two sons, **Samuel** and **Caleb**. Miss Lottie M. Bausman, a genealogist of Lancaster, Pa. states that these **Bakers** were "Straight English" meaning not German or Swiss.

The tract of land owned by **Robert Baker, Sr.**, has been definitely located in Lancaster County, Pa. **Robert Baker** died in 1728 without a will, and the estate had therefore to be cleared through the "Orphans Court". On September 18, 1728, his son **Caleb Baker** was made administrator of the estate. A deed recorded July 4, 1741 in Lancaster County, Pa. gives further proof that **Caleb Baker** was the son of **Robert, Sr.** **Caleb** and his wife **Martha** sold land to **Jacob Good**, and it is stated in this deed, that part of the land had originally belonged to **Robert Baker**, father of **Caleb**.

On May 18, 1734 **Caleb Baker** received a grant of 200 acres of Land. (*Pa. Archives 3rd Series, Vol 24, p. 356*)

Family tradition states that **Caleb Baker** married **Martha Brooks**. His son **Caleb Jr.** named one of his sons, **Brooks Baker**. (*See will of Caleb Baker, probated in Prince Edward Co. Pa. in 1820*)

Several members of the **Baker** family came to Amelia Co. Virginia about 1739-1740, to the part of Amelia County which later became part of Prince Edward County. The will of **Caleb Baker, Sr.** was the second will probated in Prince Edward County after its formation.

Abner Baker in his "Life Book", privately printed for the benefit of his own family and written about 1854, states that the first **Bakers** who came to America were Artisans, commissioned by the King of England to manufacture arms for the Colonies, in defense against Indians. He calls them Gunsmiths. This they did until the Revolutionary War. They then turned over their factory to the Colonial authorities. This statement of **Abner Baker** was proven by some of the early **Baker** wills in Virginia.

Abner Baker went to Kentucky in the spring of 1794. He was married Oct. 19, 1796 to **Elizabeth Buford**, daughter of **William Buford** and his wife **Mary Welch Buford**.

Abner Baker states in his "Life Book" that in 1803 he was appointed to the command of a light infantry, uniformed company of young men of the best character; about this time it was expected an army would be needed for an Orleans expedition. The Governor of Kentucky called for two Companies. His Company volunteered, but an amicable adjustment superseded the necessity for marching. This is why he is sometimes called **Captain Abner Baker**. **Elizabeth Buford Baker**, his wife, died Feb. 11, 1826. On September 2, 1828, **Abner Baker** married the second time **Sarah Letcher**.

In the will of **Abner Baker**, probated in Garrard County, Kentucky April 30, 1861, he names his fourteen living children. Five of the children of **Abner Baker** and his wife **Elizabeth Baker** came to Knoxville, Tennessee; **Caleb Hodnett, Sr.**, **Harvey**, **William**, **Leonidas W.** and sister **Elizabeth**. **Elizabeth** married **Dr. Garrick Crozier**. **Caleb Hodnett** was a farmer and rope manufacturer. **Caleb** and **Harvey** are the only two who left descendants in Knox County, Tennessee. **Caleb Hodnett's** will was probated in 1862 in Knox County.

FAMILY OF ABNER BAKER AND ELIZABETH BUFORD

On October 19, 1796, at the age of twenty-one, **Abner Baker** married **Elizabeth Buford**,

daughter of **William Buford** and wife **Mary Welch** of Bedford Co. Va. and Lincoln County, Virginia. **Abner** and **Elizabeth Baker** were the parents of fifteen children. Five of them came to Knox County, Tennessee and married there. The five were: **Caleb, Harvey, Leonidas, William** and a sister **Elizabeth**. **Elizabeth (Buford) Baker** died January 11, 1826. **Abner Baker** married the second time, **Sarah Letcher**, daughter of **Stephen** and **Betsy Letcher** of Kentucky, and sister of **Governor Robert P. Letcher**. No children were born to this union. **Abner Baker** died in 1861. His will was probated April 30, 1861.

The children of **Abner** and **Elizabeth Baker** are as follows:

1. **Caleb Hodnett** Born Feb. 18, 1799, died Sep. ___ 1861 married three times 1st **Eliza Hendricks**, 2nd **Mary White**, 3rd **Mrs. Elizabeth Martin Hudson**
 2. **William J.** Married **Mary Ann Cox** in Knoxville, Tennessee
 3. **Dr. Leonidas W.** Born Mar. 15, 1800, married 1st **Susan Park**
 4. **Mary (Polly)** Born Mar. 22, 1805, married **Daniel Bates** of Ky.
 5. **Almira Jane** Born June 3, 1807, never married
 6. **Lucretius** Born Oct. 15, 1809, married 1st **Nancy Route** of Garrard County, Ky. 2nd **Lydia Montgomery**. He moved to Mo.
 7. **Harvey** Born April 3, 1811, married 1st **Sarah Hendricks**, sister of his brother **Caleb's** wife and his 1st cousin from Va. 2nd **Ann Heiskel**, 3rd **Agness Brooks**
 8. **Abner, Jr.** Born Nov. 26, 1813 married **Susan White** of Ky.
 9. **Elizabeth Buford** Born Jan. 26, 1815, married **Dr. Carrick Crozier**
 10. **Catherine** Born Feb. 22, 1817, married **Dudley Denton**
 11. **America** Born Nov. 29, 1819, married **David Vere Walker** of Ky.
 12. **Frances Ann** Born Apr. 21, 1823, Married **Wade Hampton Walker** Ky.
 13. **Harriet** Born Sep. 4, 1825, married Dr. William Hopper of Ky.
 14. **Patsy** Born Aug. 1821, never married
- One died in infancy**

CHILDREN OF CALEB HODNETT BAKER, SR. AND HIS THREE WIVES

Caleb Hodnett Baker, Sr. was the eldest of the children of **Abner Baker** and his wife **Elizabeth Buford**. He with his three brothers, **Dr. Harvey, Dr. Leonidas, Dr. William**, and sister **Elizabeth Buford** came to Knox County, Tennessee. It is not known just which came first but it is thought they all married after they came to Tenn. **Caleb** married three times, First to **Eliza Hendricks** of Buckingham County Virginia, his first cousin. **Caleb H., Sr.** was a farmer, was a large land owner, and rope manufacturer. Cotton, Hemp and Flax was grown on the farm in the summer. In the winter his slaves made the ropes, his rope walks ran parallel with the river. The ropes were shipped by boat to Memphis and New Orleans. His home was called Mount Pleasant. There was only one child by his first wife: **Catherine**, who married **Jeffery G. Johnson**. They left no heirs.

Caleb Hodnett married the second time, **Mary White** of Knoxville, Tenn., granddaughter of the founder of Knoxville. Their children were:

1. **Elizabeth** Died in infancy
2. **Isabella** Married Dec. 22, 1858, **Benjamin Stephenson**, one descendant
3. **Minerva** Married May 22, 1862 **Joseph H. Jeroulman**, no descendants
4. **Malinda** Never married

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5. **Mary** Married **William Ingle**, no descendants
 6. **White** Never married

Caleb Hodnett Baker, Sr. married the third time, Sept. 28, 1847 **Mrs. Elizabeth Beatty Martin Hudson** of Jackson County, Ala. who had also been married twice before, first to **Mr. Henry Davis**. They had two daughters and no descendants. Her second marriage was to **John Hudson**. There were no children born to this union.

The children of **Caleb Hodnett Baker** and his third wife, **Mrs. Elizabeth Beatty Martin Hudson** were:

1. **Abner** Born August, 1848, died April 27, 1865 in the Union Army during the Civil War
2. **James** Born Oct. 6, 1856, died June 27, 1856
3. **Almira** Born Jan. 1856, died July 3, 1856
4. **John Martin** Born Aug. 8, 1852, died May 20, 1879, married **Mary Emma Flenniken**, Dec. 14, 1867. They left descendants in Knox Co. Tn.
5. **Caleb, Jr.** Born Dec. 27, 1850, married 1st **Delilah Jane Simpson** born Sep.14, 1871 2nd **Cynthia Doyle**
6. **Elizabeth Buford** Married **Thomas Norman**. They left descendants

THE FAMILY OF CALEB HODNETT BAKER, JR.

Children of **Caleb Hodnett Baker, Jr.** and his first wife **Delilah Jane Simpson**, married November 17,1851. Their children were:

1. **William Joseph** Born October 25, 1872, married **Bertie Bell French** February 25, 1896.
2. **Katherine Ida** Born April 25, 1875, married Nov. 15, 1894 **James Grant Johnson**, born Feb. 14, 1872

Children of **Caleb Hodnett Baker, Jr.** and Second Wife **Cynthia Doyle**

1. **James Harvey Alexander** Born Jan. 3, 1878, married **Josephine Nels** of Helsinki, Finland, Spanish-American War Veteran
2. **Mabel Edith** Born Aug. 12, 1879, married Sep. 12, 1899, **Ethelbert French King** born Aug 7, 1879
3. **Leonard Doyle** Born March 8, 1882, married 2nd **Lizzie French Doyle**, 1936 Captain WW I.
4. **Thomas Caleb** Born May 27, 1884, Captain WW I married Jan. 15, 1913, **Euginia Sloan**.
5. **Audrey** Born Jan. 20, 1886, married Nov 10, 1911, **Frank H. Maurer** of Elyria, Ohio.
6. **Warren Elmer** Born Aug. 23, 1888, Veteran of WWI, never married.
7. **Carl Herwin** Born Feb. 24, 1891, married 1st **Lillian House-holder**, 2nd **Jean----**
8. **Raymond Edward** Born Nov. 10, 1893, died Feb. 26, 1947. Veteran of WWI, married Nov. 10, 1925 **Nina Strange**
9. **Reba Marjorie** Born Jan. 31, 1897, died Feb. 26, 1947, married **George Paul Pike** of Cleveland, Tenn., WWI Veteran.
10. **Elizabeth Dewey** Born Nov. 25, 1898, married Oct. 8, 1919 **Joseph Clyde Fowler** born July 6, 1895, died 1936
11. **Vivian Grey** Born December 17, 1900 lived in Washisngton, D.C. **Caleb Hodnett Baker**,

Jr. died June 6, 1936, **Delilah Jane Simpson** died March 1876, **Cynthia Doyle** died Dec. 22, 1931.

Note: For further information see: *Some Baker Family History* from The Huguenot Publication #11, Pages 54-64. Edited by Robert Lee Kincaid, L.M.U. Harrogate, Tenn.

Also: *The Buffalo Settlement and Its Makers, The Baker Family* by Joseph D. Eggleston, President, Virginia Historical Society Magazine, Vol. XLIX, Pg. 325, also Vol. L. April 1942, pg. 181.

**WILL OF CALEB BAKER, SR. PROBATED PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
VIRGINIA IN WILL BOOK 1754-1785, PAGE 3**

In the name of God Amen, the 24th day of November Anno Dom 1750, I **Caleb Beaker**, of Amelia County, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks to God for it, and claling to remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First being penitent and sorry for all my sins, most humbly desireing forgiveness for the same, I commend my Soul to Almighty God, my Savior and Redeemer, in who me and by whose merits I trust assuredly to be saved and to (all my sins and to) have full redemption and forgiveness for all my sins and to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and my body I commit to the earth to be duly buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named: **Martha Beaker**, wife of the deceased **Caleb Beaker**, and **Samuel Beaker**, son of **Caleb** and **Martha** the same; and **Henry Beaker**, son of the same; and for the settling of my temporal estate, and such goods and chattels and Dept. as it has pleased God to bestow upon me.

I declare and give and dispose of the same in the manner and form following, that is to say: Imprimus, I give and bequeath unto my son **Samuel Beaker**, 163 acres of land which is laid off of my own Amelia County Plantation along on Spring Creek, to him his heirs, executors, Administrators, or assigns forever; likewise I give and bequeath unto my son **Henry Beaker** 400 acres of land joining the forgoing piece of land to him, his heirs, executors, administators, and assigns forever. Likewise I give unto my son **Abraham Beaker** 200 acres of land joining the forgoing pieces of land, to him, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigned forever, likewise I give and bequeath unto my son **Caleb Beaker** 307 acres of land joining the aforesaid tract of land, to him, his executors, administrators, or assigns forever, with the dwelling place whereon I the deceased **Caleb Beaker** lived, only the wife of the said **Caleb Beaker** to act and do with the dower her lifetime.

The next legacy, I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Ruth Johnson** 20 pounds current money of Virginia, to her and her heirs. Like wise I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Martha Ewing** 20 pounds of money to her and her heirs. Like wise I give and bequeath unto **Mary Ewing** 20 pounds of like money, to her and her heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter **Ester Wallace** one shilling sterling and no more, and I hereby make and appoint my loving wife Martha Beaker, Executrix of this my last will and Testament, as well as my two sons **Samuel Beaker** and **Henry Beaker**, during her widowhood to keep the estate given wholly; the negroes and all their belongings, the estate of the deceased **Caleb Beaker** onlt to raise the foregoing sum of money to have it as soon as possible it can be raised to have it, and if **Martha Beaker** wife of the deceased Caleb Beaker, Marrieth I leave my two sons **Samuel Beaker** and **Henry Beaker** all and sold executors of this my last Will and Testament, for to divide my estate equally among my four sons and three daughters. Herementioned, **Samuel Beaker, Henry Beaker, Abraham Beaker, Caleb Beaker, Ruth Johnson, Martha Ewing, Mary Ewing**, but if **Martha Beaker**, wife of the Deceased **Caleb Baker**, liveth the widow to her death, I leave my estate to her disposition, to dispose of my children as she shall think proper, and I making this my last Will

and Testament hereby making, revoking, disannulling and making void all former Wills and bequests by me made, and declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal unto this 24th day of November in the year 1750, and I leave the 100 acres of land joining **Patrick Gillespa's** land on Buffalo Creek to help to raise the three legacies out of putting too low, (?) to be sold by my Executors.

Caleb Beaker (Seal)

John Breazeal

His

John (X) Harrison

Mark

Samuel Hancock

February 6, 1754, I **Caleb Beaker** have taken the desire that This may be, I Will that my executors may make secure unto those without any trouble or gain at law and that the 300 acres of land on Buffalo which I desired to be sold to help pay the legacies, my mind is altered, I give it all to my son **Henry Beaker** and his heirs forever.

Caleb Beaker

WILL OF CALEB BAKER (ESQUIRE)

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1822

I **Caleb Baker Sen'r** of the County of Prince Edward, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made.

In the first place, I wish all my just debts to be punctually paid; and in order to provide a fund for that purpose, and for paying any cash legacy hereinafter given, I do hereby authorize my Exer. to make sale of any crop which may be on hand or growing at my death, and my stock of various kinds, my still and tubs, and to hire out any and all of my negroes for one or more years.

I give to my daughters **Susanna Greenwood, Patsey Greenwood, Sally Jones, Catherine Hendrick**, to my son **Abner Baker**, and the children of my deceased daughter **Lucy Hudson**, or their descendants and to the children of my deceased son **William Baker** or their descendants, the whole of my negroes, with the exception hereinafter mentioned, to them and their heirs forever, giving to the children of **Lucy Hudson** and the children of **Wm. Baker** that portion to which their father and mother would be entitled if they were living.

I give to my granddaughter, **Mildred Eldridge**, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be raised out of my estate by my executors and paid to her, to her and her heirs forever.

I direct that after my death my old servants **Sampson** and **Elsie** select such of my children or grandchildren as they may choose to live with, and that they have the privilege of living with them, and that my Exer's pay to said child or grandchild with whom they may live, the sum of ten dollars annually for each of said negroes, so long as they may live.

I have therefore given to my son **Brooks Baker** a tract of land and other property to the amount of a full portion or share of my estate, which gift is now confirmed to him and his heirs forever.

I have heretofore given to each of my other children a portion of my estate, which is also hereby confirmed, to them and their heirs forever.

After the payment of my debts and cash legacies, I direct my Executors to pay over to each of my

children which may be living at the time of my death, and to the child or children of such of them as may be dead, and money which may be in their hands, arising fro the sale of crops, stock, plantation, utensils and still, etc., and also from the hire of negroes, together with any other funds from any other source which I give in equal proportion to the said children, or to the heirs of such of them as may be dead, to them and their heirs forever.

I constitute and appoint **Richard N. Venable** and **Branch J. Worsham**, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness where of I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 7th day or November, 1822.

(Signed) **Caleb Baker** (Seal)

Executed in the **Presence of**

M. M. Gallion **Abraham Venable**

James Allen **Matthew Anderso**

Wm. H. Venable

CALEB BAKER ESQUIRE OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY,VA
A PATRIOT DURING THE REV. WAR.

The “Life Book” of **Dr. Abner Baker**, plainly states that **Caleb Baker, Esq.** enlisted and faithfully served his country, through the mighty maze of her struggle for Independence. History of Virginia states **Caleb Baker** served in the first Virginia Regiment. **Eckenrode’s** List of Rev. Soldiers of Virginia, Page 29 and Supplement page 21, also lists him.

Among the signers of a “petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince Edward County, Virginia, October 11, 1776: is to be found the name of **Caleb Baker**, along with a number of his brothers and Cousins.

This petition ends with the following statement: “The whole amounts of what we desire is, that our Honorable Legislature would blot out every vestage of British Tyranny and Bondage, and define accurately between civil and Ecclesiastic authority; then leave our Lord Jesus Christ the Honor of being the sole Lawgiver and Governor in His Church; and every one in the things of Religion to stand or fall to Him; He being in this respect the only rightful Master, And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray. September 24th, 1776. This is followed by more than 150 names of patriots in Prince Edward, and joining counties.

The above is accepted as eligible service for membership in the N.S.D.A.R.

Peter Kendall of Stewart and Henry County, Tennessee

by Ann Kendall Ray

According to family records from several sources, **Peter Kendall** was born on July 29, 1778 in Albemarle, North Carolina. Albemarle was in Anson County at the time, which split into Montgomery County and Stanly County in 1779. His parents were probably **Samuel** and **Cecelia Kendall**, listed as parents of (brother?) **John Kendall** (b. 14 March 1789) in his son **David Kendall's** family Bible. [Peter and John are identified as brothers by family members, but the writer has seen no documentation of this fact.] **Samuel Kendall** (1755 – 1824) married **Cecelia “Cely” Gray** at some time between 12/31/1787 and 11/15/1788, so **Peter Kendall** may have been the son of a first wife.

An account in *The Star and North Carolina Gazette* of Raleigh published on Friday, June 4, 1824 reports the deaths of **Mrs. Cecelia Kendall** (3 May 1824) and her husband **Samuel Kendall** (12 May 1824). Residents of Montgomery County, NC, they both died of pleurisy.

Peter Kendall probably married for the first time in North Carolina between 1798 and 1802, since census records state that his oldest son, **Eli Kendall**, was born there on 16 September 1803; the name of his mother is unknown. In 1804, **Peter** came to Stewart County, Tennessee to farm [see Biographical Dictionary, Tennessee General Assembly article]; land was registered there in **Peter's** name as early as 1808. Over a period of years, he acquired about 725 acres on the north side of the Cumberland River and 100 acres on Cross Creek.

Peter's next two children were born in Stewart County: **Devereaux Jarrett Kendall** (28 December 1805) and **Elizabeth Kendall** (29 November 1808). There was another son, according to **Eli Kendall's** granddaughter **Hortense Sanders**, who said “there was one called **Peter** but he died young and single.” [see letters from Cousin Hortie]

On August 1, 1809 **Peter** was commissioned Captain in the 26th Regiment, Tennessee Militia. Names of the members of “Capt. Kindel's company” appear in Stewart County records from the year 1810. In 1811, **Peter** was listed as 2nd Major, 26th Regiment, Tennessee Militia.

Nancy Hogan Lee was **Peter Kendall's** second wife; she had two children from a previous marriage, **John Lee** and **Silence Lee**, who later married **William Richard Atkins** in Stewart County. **Nancy** is referred to as “**Nannie Lee**” in her father's will (from Anson County, NC, about 1805). According to a **Hogan/Hunt** family history (typescript) at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center in the Tennessee Genealogical Society vertical files, **Nancy** and **Peter** were married in 1808 in Stewart County, TN. She was the sister of **David Hogan** (b. April 24, 1773 in NC), who had come to Tennessee; another sister, **Sarah Hogan**, had married **John Ryle** and lived in Boone County, KY. Son **Devereaux Jarrett Kendall** married his cousin, **Sarah Ryle**, in 1829 in Rising Sun, Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Rabbit Hash, KY where the **Ryle** family lived.

Peter Kendall represented Stewart and Humphreys Counties in the 12th and 13th Tennessee General Assemblies, Stewart alone in the 14th in the years 1817 – 1823. A hatmaker by trade as well as a surveyor of land, he was known as “Old Pewter Foot” among his contemporaries. Cousin Hortie tells an interesting story:

“Grandfather **Peter** made mens Felt hats I suppose they were of the style Geo. Washington wore he had a large pair of iron shears he cut them out with. Aunt

Nannie Allen [**Nancy Kendall**, b. 1842, m. **William H. Allen**] fell heir to them & when they had the sale sold out to go to Okla she gave them to Mother [her sister, **Isabella Kendall Ashton**]. We hauled them around from place to place took them with us to Mo and back to Ark but I got tired of mooving them as they were of no benefit to any one so we left them in an old smoke house they were heavy about 15 or 16 [pounds] & rusty as could be but I have regreted it so many times I did not save them. “

Peter Kendall started buying land in Henry County as early as 1822, and by 1824 had sold much of his land in Stewart County and moved to the Elkhorn community in Henry County. He represented

Henry and Weakley Counties in the 17th Tennessee General Assembly between 1827 and 1829, and was a delegate to the state's Constitutional Convention in 1834. According to land grant records from about 1820, **Peter** was one of the largest landholders in the area, owning 14,199 acres of land which had been acquired by the state of North Carolina when it was not claimed by Revolutionary War veterans or their heirs. [The *Paris Post-Intelligencer*, Friday, July 24, 1981, Tennessee Trailings]

In the 1820 Federal census of Stewart County, TN, **Peter Kendall** (age 26-45) appears with 1 male 10-16 (perhaps son **Peter**?), two males 16-26 (**Eli** and **Devereaux Jarrett**), one female 10-16 (**Elizabeth**) and one female over 45 (**Nancy Hogan Lee**). Ten years later, in the 1830 census of Henry County (formed in 1821 from the western half of Stewart County), we have **Peter Kendall** (50-60), three males (20-30), one male (under 5) and one female (20-30). **Devereaux Jarrett** had married **Sarah "Sallie" Ryle** in 1829, and daughter **Elizabeth** married **Col. Richard Manly** about 1825. One of the males could have been oldest son, **Eli**, whose marriage to **Elizabeth Brockerton McNutt** took place a year later, in 1831. Who were the other family members? Peter's third wife, **Jemima Wright Cook**, was only 9 years younger than **Peter**, and would have been at least 40 years old at the time; they were probably married later.

A possible explanation: **Peter Kendall** became guardian of the children of **Moses Kendall** ("**Kindel**", in Limestone County, Alabama Orphan Court Minutes) after his death there in December of 1821. On 16 January 1822, the oldest son, **Williamson Kendall**, over 14, chose **Peter Kendall** as his guardian; in a later document, **Peter** is appointed guardian of **Delila, Richmond, Maria, Sarah and Feriba**, the younger children of **Moses** and **Cynthia Kendall**. [**Moses** had come to Bedford County (later Lincoln County) Tennessee from North Carolina about 1808, where he owned land on Bradshaw Creek and Swan Creek, tributaries of the Elk River, before moving to north Alabama about 1818] **Cynthia** evidently came to Henry County with Peter and her children after his death. She died there in the fall of 1825, and her estate was sold under the supervision of **Peter Kendall**, administrator.

So – it is possible that the three males were **Eli** and **Jemima's** two sons, and the female was **Jemima**, with age listed incorrectly. However, the writer thinks that **Peter's** family in 1830 may have included cousins **Williamson T. Kendall** (b. 1802) **Richmond G. Kendall** (b. 1814) and one of their sisters.

Peter Kendall married **Jemima Wright Cook**, "a widow with two smarty sons" [see family history by **Luzette Wynns Tayloe**] between 1830 and 1840. She was a native of Virginia, born about 1789, and lived until at least 1862, since she is mentioned in **Peter's** will. **Peter** and **Jemima** continued to live on the property where he had built a "two-room log house with a dogtrot", where his children grew up. Cousin Hortie cannot remember **Nancy Hogan Lee's** name, but comments:

*"Any way she was [a] hard working woman spun and wove all the clothing for the family made so many wool Bed spreads and she died in that house. Then Peter married a widow by the name of Cook [Jemima] She had 2 sons. They were poor people & when she went here she could not bear those rough floors took the Bedspreads his first wife wove sewed them together & made a carpet. Then had Peter To remodell the house from top to bottom...built 2 rooms upstairs closed up the hall put in a stairway...boarded the house...bought new furniture out & out. She dressed in silk had Peter to buy a carriage for her to ride in Old Beaver [James Beaver, Primitive Baptist preacher in the area? see *Ansearchin' News, Vol. 54#2*] had a hard [shell] Baptist Church. That was the place where they attended church. When they would drive up in the Carriage She would send a negro ahead with cussions to sit on & a rug spread down to put her feet on, but old Grand Pa would sit in the amen corner on the rough hard benches."*

On March 2, 1835, Peter deeded 126 ½ acres to "**Richmond,**" written in large capital letters and without surname, in Henry County Deed Book E, page 97. A portion of this land, which is divided into several tracts, is "on a stream which supports a tan yard." Three years earlier, on Monday, April 23, 1832, there was a notice in the *Nashville National Banner and Daily Advertiser* of the marriage of **Richmond G. Kendall**, son of **Moses Kendall**, to **Martha Atkins** in Henry County. This couple appears in 1840 and 1850 census records in the 15th Civil District, Henry County with their two

children, **Williamson Frank Kendall** (b. 1832) and **Emmeline Kendall** (b. 30 July 1836). As mentioned in the property transfer, **Richmond** was a tanner by profession. **Richmond's** older brother, **Williamson T. Kendall** (b. 1802), his wife **Tabitha**, and eight children also lived nearby, as did the families of their cousins **Eli Kendall** and **Devereaux Jarrett Kendall**.

Peter and **Jemima** lived in the 15th Civil District, Henry County, from about 1840 until the time of his death, at the age of 84, in 1862. The 1860 census records from Mount Vista Post Office, District 16, list **Peter Kendall**, 81, farmer, born NC and wife **Jemima W. Kendall**, 71, b. VA.

*“Peter Kendall set 2 of his slaves free several yrs. before the War. it was **Uncle Abraham** and wife **Aunt Lizzie**... When [he] gave those old Negroes their freedom & put them off on some land to call their own It raised the ire of [some family members, who were friends of the “guerillas,” night riders who roamed the area at the time of the Civil War] . **Aunt Lizzie** said the Guirillas would pass her house and shoot at them and call them (with an oath) free negroes.” [Cousin Hortie, letters]*

In **Peter's** will, dated August 13, 1860, certified by **D.J. Kendall** and sworn in June, 1862, he leaves his “mansion house,” outhouses, barns and stables to **Jemima**, as well as his livestock, carriages, and certain slaves (**Abram** and **Elizabeth** his wife, **Alice** and **Eliza**). Other slaves are left to sons **Eli** and **D.J.**; and the sum of \$800.00 was set aside for “the heirs of my daughter **Elizabeth Manley**, deceased.” **Peter** died in 1862, and according to Cousin Hortie was buried “in the graveyard on Ed Thompson’s farm,” which was not in good shape in the mid-fifties. Many years later, a monument was erected in the Kendall-Wynns Cemetery, where son **Eli**, his wife **Elizabeth** and other family members are buried, near the Sulphur Wells Church of Christ. The rose-colored marble stone is inscribed:

PETER KENDALL
1778 - 1862
PIONEER, ENGINEER, SURVEYOR, STATE SENATOR
STATE LEGISLATOR, CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONER
A MAN OF HONOR

Created in gratitude by a great great great grand daughter, **Luzane Wynns Tayloe**

More on the home of **Peter Kendall**, now the Kendall Home Place Farm: Letter from Cousin Hortie (**Hortense Sanders**) to **Joe Baker Kendall**:

*“After **Jemima** died the 2nd wife **Grandpa Eli** moved there...Mother & my Dad [**Isabella** and **Charles Ashton**] mooved in to keep house for [**Eli** and his youngest son] until **Uncle Jim** [**James Edmond Kendall**, 1849 – 1927] married **Sallie Wynns**.”*

*“Your Dad [**James Wilkins Kendall**, father of **Joe Baker Kendall**] probly remembers the old house & it burning down. Your Dad lost his first School book in that fire and **Charlie Nance** bought him a new one **Jim Nance's** brother. The people who were at the fire said when all the ceiling & outside covering of the old house burned off & just the logs exposed it made a pretty picture...the mantle piece that was in the Brick Room that **Peter** had made & put in to please **Jemima** was saved from the fire and **Uncle Jim** had it put in the family room of the present house your Dad is living in [the second house on the property. The carved mantle piece still survives in the present house on the property, built in 1993.]*

2. A Tennessee Century Farm

The Kendall Home Place Farm, established in 1833, where **Joe Baker Kendall, Jr.** and **Dorothy Graham Kendall** now live, is now (fall, 2007) a Tennessee Century Farm, one of seventeen in Henry County. There is more information on the Century Farm Web site at Middle Tennessee State University, <http://histpres.mtsu.edu/centfarm/> To be awarded this honor, a farm must still be owned by the original family more than a hundred years later and must still be an active farm.

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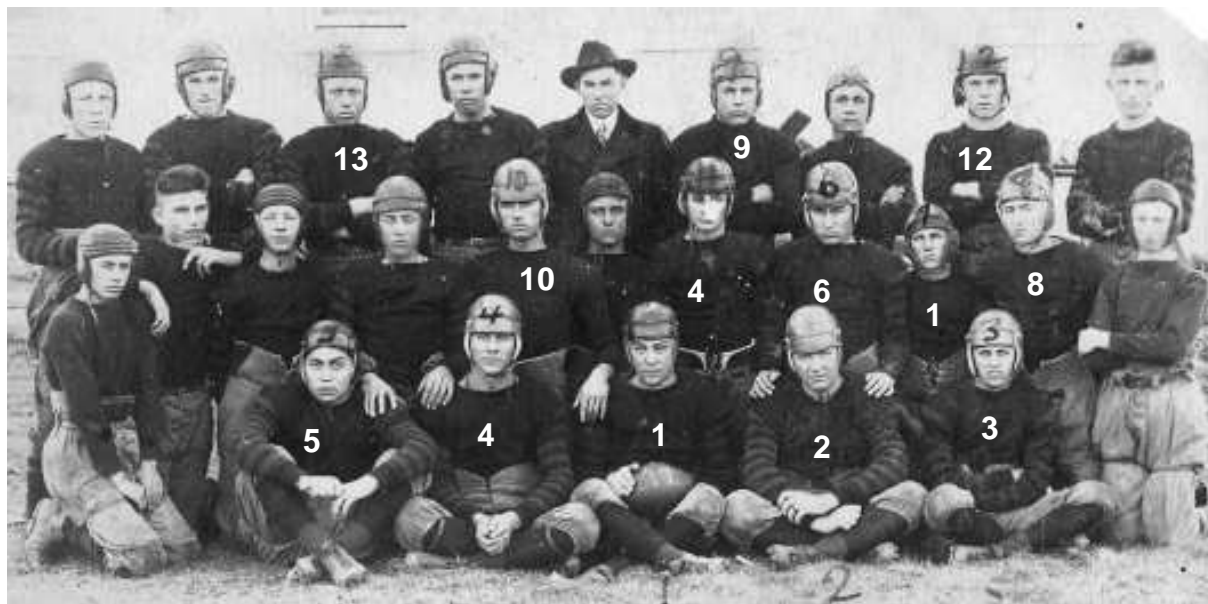
These pictures were in the papers of W. D. Jones, Newbern, TN. After our volunteers identified and created files for all of the material that they could, we still many pictures of unidentified people.

The picture of the beautiful lady at the left was probably taken in the late 1800s. The football team in the 1920s. We have determined the names and numbers, on the back of the football pictures, as best we can.

Do you know any of these people? If so, please share the information with us and we will share it with our readers in a future issue.

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NEWS FROM THE MEMPHIS EVENING HERALD

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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 10, 1878

At a meeting held in the Fifth Ward last night, the following nominations were made: For Alderman, **Henry G. Dent**; for Councilmen, **W.J. Crosbie**, **T.F. Morgan**, colored; for School Visitor, **Dr. E.A. White**.

At a meeting of Memphis Lodge No. 6 Knights of Pythias, the following officers were installed: **Martin Cohen**, C.C.; **E.L. Moore**, V.C.; **A. Mergell**, P.; **B.P. Smith**, P.C.; **Jacob Lutz**, Jr., K.of R and S; **J.T. Tomlinson**, M of E; **L.W. Allen**, M of F.; **C.A. Smith**, I.G. and **Fred Sener**, O.G.

The annual election of officers at the Cotton Exchange, held yesterday, resulted as follows: President, **J.T. Pettit**; Vice Presidents, **J.T. Fargason**, **J.C. Johnson**, **D.P. Hadden**; Treasurer, **S.P. Read**; Board of Directors, **John W. Dillard**, **W.W. Guy**, **Napoleon Hill**, **Wm. Bowles, Sr.**, **W.A. Goodwyn**, **George Winchester**, and **R.W. Lightburne**.

PERSONALS: There is a new Deputy Clerk at the Circuit Court, his name is **Ben F. Coleman, Jr.** He arrived this morning and is being heard from by the "old folks at home."

Miss Zona Gibbs, a belle from Decatur, Alabama, is visiting her friends in this city.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1878

PERSONALS: **J.P. Trezevant, Esq.** and **Mr. Adolph Reis**, were appointed Notaries Public yesterday by the County Court.

Mr. Herbert Landrum, city editor of the *Avalanche*, leaves this afternoon as one of the Cuba Excursionists. During his absence, his brother, **Mr. George Landrum**, will prowl the city in search of items for the "great and good."

Mr. O.R. Coghlan, a resident of this city some three years ago, has been elected

State District Attorney at Salamo County, California.

Mr. Ed B. Mitchell, of Austin, Texas, a former Memphian, arrived here yesterday on a visit to his relations.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1878

DEATH: At the residence, corner of Third and Jackson streets, this morning at 3 o'clock, **Henry Kemp**, R. aged 55 years 7 months and 27 days.

HERALD NOTES:

The following gentlemen were in attendance at the Federal Court this morning, having been summoned as jurors: **Josiah Anderson**, **W.R. Moore**, **J.T. Hillsman**, **James D. Davis**, **John O'Connor**, **J.H. Edmondson**, **I.M. Hill**, **Louis Hanauer**, **E. McDevitt**, **J.A. Shane**.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT: An accident occurred on the Nashville and Northwestern railroad, near Waverly, Thursday. The entire passenger train, two coacher, sleeping and smoking car, were thrown from the tracks. The following persons were injured: **Thomas White**, newsboy, cut on the hand and internally injured; **Mose Rucker**, colored, train porter, ankle and leg bruised; **M. Marshall**, hand cut; **William Teller**, dislocation at the elbow joint, which was reset; **Mrs. Rebecca Davidson's** little girl, cut on the chin; **Miss Sarah Warren**, cut above the left eye and arm bruised; **Miss Sallie Smith**, right side of hand and cheek bruised; **D.B. Stoddard**, hip and leg bruised.

Meeting of the Police and Fire Department: The commissioners present were Ch'n. **James T. Leath** and Messrs. **J.F. Frank**, **W.H. Moore** and **A. Vaccaro**. The following members of the two departments were in attendance: Cjle's **McFaddon** and **Athy**; Captains **Weatherford**, **Arata**, **Haley**,

Maddon, Clearey, McMahon, and Raja, and Sergeants **McElroy** and **Paul**.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1878

HERALD NOTES:

Mr. John Priddy, at No. 304 Second Street, has reduced the price of board to \$4.50 per week.

Ladies Aid Society will entertain at **Mrs. Jas. Flaherty's** residence, No. 188 Union Street, Tuesday next, from 4 to 10 P.M.

Saturday night in the Tenth Ward, the Democrats nominated for Councilmen, **P. O. Woods**, and **Willis Padford** (colored). For School Visitor, **C. W. Frazier**.

At a meeting of citizens of the Third Ward, the following ticket was agreed upon: For Councilmen: **W. P. Proudfit**, **P. C. Rogers**; for School Visitor, **John Beamish**.

In the Fourth Ward the Democrats Saturday night nominated the following ticket: For Alderman, **Robert Britton**; for Councilmen, **Robert Webb** and **W. Goodyear**; for School Visitor, **Sam Tate, Jr.**

Fire on Poston Avenue - This morning at half-past two o'clock, the rear portion of **Mr. Ed. J. Mansford's** new two story frame dwelling, on Poston Avenue, was discovered on fire. The alarm was promptly given, but owing to the great distance and impassable condition of the streets, the fire engines could not reach the scene of disaster, and **Mr. Mansford's** dwelling, together with the house, a one story frame, owned by **Mr. Hunsden Cary**, were both totally destroyed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1878

R. H. Spangler, newsdealers, 376 Main Street will move today to 386 Main Street.

Sixth Ward nominations by the Independents: For Councilmen: **Charles Kortrecht** and **C. G. Fisher**; School Visitor, **W. A. Goodman**.

Mrs. Dr. Cutter will lecture in Harmonial Hall, 392 Main Street, Wednesday, January 16, at 3 o'clock. Subject "*Brain and Nerves*."

Third Ward nominations made by the Democrats last night were: For Councilmen, **Thos. Boyle** and **Victor D. Fuchs**; School Visitor, **W. S. Pickett**.

In the Sixth Ward the Democrats nominated the following ticket last night: For Councilmen: **William H. Hidell** and **Joseph Wetter**; School Visitor, **W. A. Goodman**.

Tonight, at Zion Hall, Beale Street, **Mrs. J. A. Thompson**, principal of the Clay Street School, will deliver a lecture on most interesting subjects bordering upon the local political issues of the day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1878

HERALD NOTES:

In the Chancery Court, yesterday, **Mary Jane Grey** filed her bill of divorce against **Alexander Grey**. She alleges that they married in the city of Memphis, February 15, 1855, and continued to live together until January 3, 1878, when **Alexander** abandoned her.

State Teachers' Association: This body will meet in Jackson, and continued session four days. The named educators are expected to participate in the proceedings. **Rev. E. McNair**, **Rev. C. R. Hendrickson**, State Supt. **Trousdale**; **Prof. Miller**; **McKenzie**; **Prof. J. H. Harper**, Jackson; **Prof. J. C. Wright**, Dyer Station; **Prof. Savage**, **J. W. Beardslee**, **L. Whitaker**, **Prof. Jarman**, **Rev. Dr. Hamilton**, **Rev. Dr. S. B. Surratt**, Jackson; **Rev. J. A. Harrison**, Supt. **W. F. Shropshire**, Troy; **Prof. G. R. McGee**, Trenton; **Prof. Deupree**, Jackson; Supt. **Thompson**, Crockett County; **Prof. A. Jones**, **W. J. Johnson**, Brownsville; **Rev. A. Jones**, **W. T. Johnson**, Brownsville; **Rev. George K. Brooks**, **James T. Leath**, Pres. State Teachers' Assoc., **Prof. Holbrook**, Ripley, Supt. **H. T. Hanks**, Lauderdale County; **Prof. I. B. Day**, Humboldt; **Prof. Futrel**, Jackson; **B. A. Enloe**, **Prof. Binford**, Mt. Pleasant; **Col. D. Bell**, Union City; **Rev.**

H. H. Smith, Prof. E. H. Randle, Paducah, Ky; **Prof. Hogan**, Madison County; **Prof. J. T. Collins**, Whiteville; **Miss Augusta Tovel**, Memphis City Schools; **Prof. Irby**, Jackson; **Rev. G. W. Griffin**, Brownsville; **Prof. N. T. Lupton**, Nashville; **Miss Clara Conway**, Memphis.

PERSONALS:

Miss **Emma Gotthelf**, who has been visiting her cousins, **Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jacobs**, on Poplar Street, was a passenger on the steamer George W. Cheek last evening. She returned to her home in Vicksburg with her father, **Rev. B. H. Gotthelf**.

Mr. H. C. Underwood, of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, is at the Peabody.

Mr. Harry Seessel, of New York, was among yesterday's arrivals.

Dr. J. C. Harris, Dentist, 318 Main, announced his having associated with himself as full partner a young 11-pound boy, who arrived in the city last Sunday morning.

The Flippinites in the Fifth Ward last night nominated the following tickets: For Alderman, **Richard Daugherty**; for Councilmen, **Green Evans** (colored), and **J. N. Snowden**; School Visitor, **J. R. Godwin**.

The following ticket was nominated by the Democrats in the Eighth Ward last night: For Councilmen, **M. Seelig** and **Jack Campbell**; School Visitor, **Joe P. Carey**.

The following gentlemen were elected yesterday to serve as Directors of the Union and Planters Bank during the ensuing year: **C. W. Goyer, William A. Williamson, A. Vaccaro, Napoleon Hill, Joseph Bruce, A. C. Treadwell, W. B. Galbreath, Henry B. Howell, E. (E)nsley, J. F. Frank, E. M. Apperson, T. B. Turner, M. S. Jarnigan, A. N. McKay, Bayliss**.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 1878

HERALD NOTES:

T. T. Cole, who shot and killed **James Reid** in Nonconnah bottom on the 8th of December, as published in the *Herald* at the time, surrendered himself last evening to Deputy Sheriff **Bob Taggart**, who, this morning, took him before **Esquire Elliot** for trial.

Last night thieves robbed the room of **Mr. J. M. Reeves**, who boards with **Mr. Oates** at No. 115 Vance Street.

BEHIND THE SCENES: (Two Divorce Cases Filed)

Petition No. 1 - **Ellen Brackett** vs. **Charles H. Brackett**, married 1st of October, 1862 and lived together until 1st of last December at which time she was deserted by defendant.

Petition No. 2 - Filed by **Lucy S. Wilson**, who claims a divorce from her husband, **N. H. Wilson**. These parties were married on the 17th of April 1859, in North Bridgewater, Mass. Complainant asks for custody of their three children.

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19, 1878

HERALD NOTES:

Capt. H. H. Brown, accompanied by the popular singer, **Mr. M. O. Vandercook**, will lecture at Harmonial Hall, No. 392 Main Street, tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Esquire Elliot yesterday afternoon bound over **Tom Cole** to answer to the Criminal Court for the charge of "carrying concealed weapons." **Cole**, it will be remembered, was charged with killing of **James Reed** in Nonconnah bottom on the 17th of last December.

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, 1878

HERALD NOTES:

Dan Sullivan, a steamboatman, was seriously injured Saturday night by some

unknown parties who struck him a murderous blow on the head.

The January term of the Criminal Court began this morning. **Judge Logwood** charged the grand jury as to their duties. The jury is composed of the following well known citizens: **E. Marshall**, forman; **T. Foltz**, **Sam T. Scott**, **Tom O'Conner**, **P. H. Lashley**, **G. W. Wilson**, **O. F. Armstrong**, **Louis Kahn**, **J. J. Sears**, **R. A. Lytle**, **C. A. Dammon**, **A. M. Coleman**, **M. Stiles**.

Accidental Shooting: Late Saturday night **Miss Mattie Fuller**, who is proprietress of an establishment at No. 39 DeSoto street, shot herself accidentally, in the left side. **Dr. J. H. Nuttall** was summoned and dressed the wound.

Odd-Fellows Public Library: The Board of Trustees of the Odd-Fellows Public Library held an election for the ensuing year on Saturday evening which resulted in the re-election of the following named gentlemen. President, **E. M. Hearn**; Vice-President, **C. M. Carroll**; Secretary, **S. S. Garrett**; Treasurer, **J. S. Wilkins**; Librarian, **W. R. McClune**. The following named gentlemen constitute the Board of Trustees: **S. S. Garrett**, Memphis Lodge No. 6; **E. M. Hearn**, Chickasaw Lodge No. 8; **J. W. Wilkens**, Banner Lodge No. 147; **T. M. S. Rhett**, Bluff City Lodge No. 187 ; **C. M. Carroll**, Gayoso Encampment Lodge No. 3; **A. W. Newsom**, Memphis Lodge No. 89.

The Librarian was instructed to commence the distribution of books immediately. Members please take notice.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 1878:

HERALD NOTES:

Yesterday County Trustee **J. J. Rawlings** turned over to the Clerk of the Circuit Court the tax books for 1876 with a list of delinquent and condemned lands.

The case of **Call Henson**, charged with passing counterfeit money, has been

postponed until some witnesses, who will testify as to his good character, can be summoned.

It was not **Dan Sullivan**, the popular steamboat clerk, that was beaten and robbed Sunday night. The **Dan Sullivan** who was so unfortunate was a deckhand on the Steamer West Wind.

Mr. John B. Galloway's residence, No. 221 Madison street, was entered by some thief last evening about 7 o'clock, while the family were at supper, and robbed of about \$800 worth of jewelry, clothing, etc.

There is another Richmond in the field for the recordership in the person of **T. F. Cassells**, a colored attorney, who was around yesterday canvassing his chances with the newly elected members of the council.

William Dooley, a colored citizen arrested last night for trespassing and carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$25 and sent to jail by the Recorder today at noon.

Yesterday **Esquire Spelman** held an inquest upon the body of a colored woman, who was found dead in her bed yesterday morning, at her residence, on Quimby street. The woman **Sarah Stratton** -- aged about seventy years, and had been subject to attacks of disease of the heart. She went to bed Sunday night apparently in good health, and was found by her husband this morning. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with above facts.

PERSONAL:

Among the visitors at the Cotton Exchange rooms this morning we notice: **D. J. Zan**, Winona; **J. Greenwald**, Como; **Captain Robert Wise**, Steamer J. W. Goff; **J. D. Crosset**, Moscow, Tenn; **W. C. Lee** and **H. F. Potts**, Boston, Ala

RICHARD MYNATT, JR. – TO STRATFORD HALL from England

by Tina Sansone

Indentured servants are defined as laborers under contract to work (for a specified amount of time) for another person or a company. Sometimes, this was in exchange for accommodations, food, training, or passage to a new country, and not always for salary. When the servant's time was up, traditionally seven years, he or she was freed to farm or start his own business. Many of the indentured servants who came to America worked hard and became good citizens upon freedom; some served in the wars, such as the American Revolution. Unfortunately, some of these men were poor, maybe escaped, and roamed the frontier, causing unrest where they went. The first indentured servant in the United States to sue for freedom and win lived his last years in the state of Tennessee.

Richard Mynatt, Jr. worked for four years beginning February 12, 1750 in the kitchen of Stratford Hall, the ancestral home of the Thomas Lee family of Virginia. He earned eight pounds sterling per year, a good wage for a cook. His place in history is secured by the fact that he was the first indentured



servant to sue successfully for his release from his master, Phillip Ludwell Lee, on July 31, 1754. [See the Westmoreland Orders 1752.] Here is his story:

It is recorded that Richard Mynatt was a student at Oxford University and wrote a paper he presented in 1749 that he was leaving the university to go to America and would not be returning to school. He booked passage on the 12th of February 1749, coming to Westmoreland County, VA. Richard listed his address as Billiter Lane, London. [Billiter Street as listed on current London maps is between Leadenhall Street and Fenchurch Street just before they join to become Aldgate, near the Thames River and the Tower of London. This fits with other information that Richard's father was a sailor and trader, and the family would have lived close to the river and piers] Today when one visits the present restored Stratford Hall, the plantation home of the Lee family of Virginia, the guide will point out in the kitchen that Richard Mynatt worked there as a French Pastry Chef as an indentured servant and was noted for his fine pastries. Richard Mynatt, Jr. is the person from whom most American Mynatts descend. He was born October 21, 1729 in London, England. He signed himself as an indentured servant of four years to the Honorable Thomas Lee of Stratford Hall Plantation in Virginia. Young Mynatt, at twenty years of age, departed England Feb 12, 1749 (1750) for the colonies in America. He was to be paid eight pounds sterling per annum as a skilled cook to Mr. Thomas Lee and was given lodging in the plantation house. Thomas Lee died on Nov 4, 1750, and Richard Mynatt's servitude was willed to Thomas Lee's son, Philip Ludwell Lee, Esquire. Mynatt completed his service of indenture, yet Philip Lee refused to release him. Richard Mynatt took Philip Lee to court and sued for his freedom, which he won. [see Westmoreland County Court Order book 1752-1755, vol 2, page 186A, (State of Virginia) for records]. Richard Mynatt, Jr. married Sarah Cummin(g)s on March 31, 1755 in Prince County, Virginia. A few years later, Richard, Sarah and

their children moved to Grainger/Knox County, Tennessee. Sarah died there about 1805, and Richard lived until November 6, 1826. Both are buried in the Old Mynatt Cemetery, located at the base of Clinch Mountain near Blain, Grainger County, Tennessee. The marriage of Richard and Sarah produced ten children.

Sarah Cummings was the daughter of Simon Cummings (the “g” is omitted at times), who was born Feb 19, 1698/1699 in Saint Stevens Parish, North Cumberland County (now Stafford City), VA and died June 24, 1771 in Fauquier City, VA. Her mother was Elizabeth Harrell, born about 1713 in Fauquier City, VA. There is no further information on Elizabeth. Prince William City, VA today is called Fauquier City, VA. Richard Mynatt, Senior is reputed to have been a sailor born about 1703 in London, England. An interesting obituary for Richard Mynatt, Junior appears in a Nashville newspaper in 1826, saying that he died in Knox County. He owned land in Knox County (probably near the cemetery on the county line), though the deed does not give enough detail to know for sure. Several people in Knox County have commented on how the Mynatts in the area are known for living a long time, and Richard would have been in his nineties if these dates are correct. Richard is also shown as being a doorkeeper for the Territorial Legislature, which met in Knoxville during this period. Maybe an old official that remembered him placed the obituary in the Nashville newspaper. Maybe the family put it there to notify somebody in Nashville.

More About Richard Mynatt: Burial: 1825, Mynatt Cemetery, Union County, TN. Military service: Revolutionary War. Richard Mynatt served as an express rider during the American Revolution and Index:

VIRGINIA PATRIOTIC SERVICE

21 Oct 1729 ENGLAND , (ANTE) 7- -1824 KNOX CO TENNESSEE

1) EXPRESS RIDER, 9-12-1776 CHEROKEE EXPED.

Membership to First Families of Tennessee can be applied for via the Mynatt name.

Occupation: Cook

The agreement to serve Thomas Lee said: "London, These are to certify, That Richard **Mynatt** of



Billites and London, Cook aged Twenty Years came before me, one of His Majesty's Justices of Peace, and Voluntarily made Oath, That this Deponent is not Married, no Apprentice nor Covenant, ,or Contracted Servant to any Person, nor lifted Soldier or Sailor in His Majesty's Service, and is free



and willing to serve The Honorable Thomas Lee or his Assigns four Years in Virginia (in consideration of Ld. H.J. Pannum - handwritten name is difficult to read.) His Majesty's Plantation in America, and that he is not persuaded, or enticed so to do, but that it is his own Voluntary Act.

Richard Mynatt (his signature)

Sworn before me the 12th day of February 1749

Hankey

Marriage: March 31, 1755, Prince William County, VA.

Children of **Richard Mynatt** and **Sarah Cummings**:

William Mynatt: b: 21 Dec.1751 in Prince William, VA, d. Clinch Mtn, TN,

married **Linda Lynon**
Leannah Mynatt: b: 19 Feb.1756 in Prince William, VA; d. Knox Co., TN,
married **George Hallmark**
Margaret Mynatt: b: 6 Oct.1759 in Fauquier, VA; d. Grainger Co., TN,
married **Thomas Wilson**
Elizabeth Mynatt: b: 9 May 1762 in Fauquier County, VA
Sarah Ann Mynatt: b: 6 Sep.1764, Fauquier County, VA; died 20 Dec 1833 in Grainger Co, TN;
married **William Ferguson** 6 June 1791 in Hawkins Co., TN
George C. Mynatt: b: 15 Mar.1767 in Hampshire, VA; died 1802 TN,
married **Mary Smith**
Hannah Mynatt: b. 15 Apr.1769 in Hampshire, VA;
married **John Smith**
Nancy Mynatt: b: 10 May 1771 in Dunsmore, VA;
married **Nathaniel Grimes**
John Wesley Mynatt: b: 10 May 1774 in Botetourt, VA, died 2 Jan.1829 in Knox County, TN:
married **Mary Sybil Lynnville**
Susannah Mynatt: b. 1776 in Botetourt, VA, died 1830 Fayette Co., AL;
married **Thomas Hallmark** abt 1794 in Knox Co., TN

Children of **Leannah Mynatt** and **George Hallmark**:

William Hallmark: b. 1774 in Botetourt, Virginia; died KY
married **Nancy Freels**
Thomas Hallmark: b. abt 1773 in Botetourt, VA, d. 1805 Knox Co., TN,
married **Susannah Mynatt**
John Hallmark: b: 5 Jul 1776 in Virginia; died Houston Co., TX,
married **Amev Satterwhite**
George William Washington Hallmark: b: 1778 in Virginia; died Houston Co., TX;
married (1) **Jincy Box Thompson** (2) **Sarah Calvert** (3) **Elvey Duke**
(4) **Selena Hallmark**
Mary Polly Hallmark: b: 1790 in Tennessee
married (1) **Isaac Steadham** (2) **Henry Miller**
Richard H. Hallmark: b: 1785/1790, died TX,
married **Mary Ann Pruitt**
Jessie Hallmark: b: 8 Oct 1793 in Tennessee, died Tishomingo Co., MS,
married **Mary Wright**
Mynatt Hallmark: b: 8 Oct 1793 in Knox Co., TN, died Blount Co., AL,
married (1) **Mary Morton** (2) **Polly Mary Calvert**
Cummins Hallmark: b: 1797 in Knox Co., TN, died AL,
married **Keziah Murphree**
Carter L. Hallmark: b: 1800/1810,
married (1) **Keziah Hughs Self**

From Sketches of Tennessee's Pioneer Baptist Preachers:

“**Gordon Mynatt** was born in Knox County, Tennessee, March 20, 1811. He was a son of **John** and **Elizabeth Mynatt**. He was a grandson of **William** and a great-grandson of **Richard Mynatt**, who came from England and settled in Virginia in early colonial times. **Gordon Mynatt** was ordained by

the authority of Bethel Church, Anderson County, November 8, 1835. He had an older brother, **William**, who was a preacher of ability. The two brothers understood and supplemented each other so perfectly that they labored together a great deal, and most successfully, in protracted meetings, both in Tennessee and Alabama. They held a great meeting in Talladega, where their brother-in-law, Dr. **Matt. Hillsman**, the pastor, had prepared the way. **Gordon Mynatt** married **Mary Hillsman**, a daughter of **John Hillsman**, of near Knoxville. **Matthew Hillsman** evened up with **Gordon** by marrying his sister, **Ann Eliza**. The Mynatt brothers were both strong men, and fairly well educated for preachers of their day. They did quite a good deal of evangelistic work in Alabama as well as in Tennessee, both of them dying in Alabama - **Gordon**, on November 4, 1884 ;William in April, 1881. **Gordon Mynatt** was pastor (in Tennessee) of Beaver Dam, Third Creek, Bethel, and Clinton churches. **Matt. H. Mynatt**, son of Elder **Gordon Mynatt** and clerk of Beaver Dam Church, promised to procure for the writer the ordination papers and also a picture of his lamented father. But he has passed beyond the bounds of time; maybe some other member of the family will be able to confer this favor.”

James K. Mynatt, Sr was the Son of **George Cummings Mynatt** and the Grandson of **Richard Mynatt** the first **Mynatt** in America. He served in Co. K, 65th IN Infantry. He was born in Tennessee and moved to Indiana.

Mynatt descendant Clara Smoot states, “There is a Mynatt Cemetery located off Hwy 61 on Mountain Road near the Union Co and Knox Co line..many **Mynatts** are buried there.. but there are only four old gravestone there. One is a **Grimes** I think.. A lot of **Mynatts** are buried at the **McKinney** Cemetery on the north side of Hwy 61 about a mile east of the Union Co line....but my choice for the burial place of **Richard and Sarah** is the **Mynatt** cemetery on the “old Mynatt farm”. This is located on the west side of Valley Road about 500 yards west of Little Valley Church. You take Hwy 11w into Grainger Co to the Smith Hollow Road which turns to the right. Little Valley Road turns to the right off Smith Hollow. Across from the church is a pasture and you must climb the hill on the right to a wooded area.. There are many very old sunken graves but the big telling fact is the graves of **W.H. Mynatt**, born 1837 and his wife **Sallie. W.H.** was the son of **Thomas** (b. 1790): he was the son of **George** (b. 1767), the son of **Richard**. The facts there are so many old graves with field stones and it being on the old Mynatt farm leads me to believe this is the original family burial place. My father was the son of **Fannie Mynatt** so it is my direct line.”

The **Mynatt** family still resides in Tennessee and has spread outside the Knox and Grainger County boundaries. The legacy that **Richard Mynatt, Jr.** leaves is a proud family. He was a hard worker, cook, father, Revolutionary War soldier and patriot. The **Mynatts** were one of the TN founding families and their descendants are proud of their ancestry which is evident in the rich family histories found online and in the many books written on their heritage.

1. From research done by Tina Sansone (Genealogy Editor of Bellaonline.com)

2. Used by permission of Jerry Huggins. 3 <http://wwwDAR.org> papers

4 Hallmark Quarterly, Mynatt Book (p.6) Interesting article on Evelyn Drinnen’s new book about the Mynatt family (including Leannah Mynatt Hallmark) and how to get a copy; also discusses membership in the First Families of Tennessee via the Mynatts

5 Pictures courtesy of Billy Joe O I Neal, Jr.

6 Burnett, J. J. Sketches of Tennessee’s Pioneer Baptist Preachers. Nashville, Tenn.: Press of Marshall & Bruce Company, 1919.

URL: <http://www.knoxcotn.org/tnbaptists/index.html>

7 Courtesy of William Mynatt

8 From the personal knowledge of Clara Smoot

McNairy County, TN Register of Deeds

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abstracted by **Joanne Wheeler**

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This indenture made March 28, 1831 between **Daniel Beeler** of Lawrence Co. Tn of the one part and the Legal Heirs and representatives of **Nathaniel E. Griffith** deceased, of the other part. Witness that for the sum of \$400.00 dollars paid by the said **Griffith** in his lifetime the receipt is acknowledged. By these presents doth convey and confirm unto the Legal Heirs and Representatives of **Nathaniel E. Griffith** deceased one tract of land containing 200 acres by survey dated May 30, 1825 being in the 9th district in McNairy Co. on the waters of Crooked Creek in the 4th range and 3rd section. McNairy Co. March session 1831. The deed for the 200 acres was ordered to be certified for registration April 4, 1831.

This indenture made Feb 5, 1831, between **Henry S. Wilson** of New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana of the one part and **John Chambers Sr.** of McNairy Co., Tn. Of the other part. For the sum of \$40.00 and receipt made **Henry Wilson** sold to **John Chambers** one lot in the town of Purdy, known as lot No 38. The deed of conveyance was produced and certified for registration.

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Indenture made July 17, 1830 between **Anthony Booth** of the one part and **Joel Walker** of the other part both of McNairy Co. **Anthony Booth** sold to **Joel Walker** a tract of land on the waters of the Hatchey containing 61 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres for \$350.00 and receipt given. The land being in the 9th district, 2nd range, and 4th section. The deed of ___ was ordered to be recorded March session 1831.

Indenture made Dec 18, 1829 between **George W. Barnett** of Williamson Co., Tn of the one part and **Thomas Hudspeth** of McNairy Co. of the other part. For the sum of \$100.00 **George Barnett** sold one lot in Purdy known as lot No 29, to **Thomas Hudspeth** and receipt given. The deed was certified for registration March session 1831.

Indenture made March 28, 1831 between **John Redfern** of the one part and **Jesse Wilson** of the other part both of McNairy Co. For the sum \$25.00 **John Redfern** sold 50 acres to **Jesse Wilson** the land being in McNairy Co. the west end of Entry No 227 in the name of **John Redfern** for 150 acres. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration at the March 1831 term.

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This indenture was made March 6, 1851 between **Maclin Cross** and **Willie B. Terry** both of McNairy Co. **Maclin Cross** sold to **Willie B. Terry** one town lot for the sum of \$275.00 and receipt given. The town lot in the town of Purdy known as Lot No. 17. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration.

This indenture made Feb 21, 1831 between **A. V. Murry, S. D. Pace, Maclin Cross & Robert Rankins** commissioners of the town of Purdy and **William S. Wisdom**.

For the sum of \$150.00 the commissioners sold to **William S. Wisdom** 2 town lots known as lots 54 & 55, receipt was given. The deed was acknowledged and ordered to be certified for registration. March session 1831.

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This indenture made Feb 21, 1831 between **William Wisdom** and **Maclin Cross** both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$250.00 **William Wisdom** sold to **Maclin Cross** the east part of 2 town lots in the town of Purdy known as lots 54 & 55. Receipt was given. The deed certified for registration March term 1831.

Know all men by these presents that I **William Steadman** of the town of Purdy for the sum of \$1,000.00 good and lawful money to the receipt acknowledged. I have this day bargained and sold the following slaves to **Peter E. Shull**, one woman by the name of **Comfort** about the age of 33, one girl **Agnes** about 14 years, one boy **Moses** about 16 years, and one boy **Jeremiah** aged about 7 years & old. I do warrant the above sound. Witness where of I have set my hand and seal this the 12th day of June 1828. The bill of sale was acknowledged Sept 25, 1825.

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Know all men by these presents that I **James Gerish Sr.** of McNairy Co. of the one part and **John Jones Gerish, Martha Elizabeth Jones Gerish** infant heirs and children of **James Gerish Jr.** of the other part. **James Gerish Sr.** for and in consideration of the natural love and affection that I bear toward my grandchildren and in consideration of the of the further sum of one dollar paid by **James Gerish Jr.** father of said children the receipt is acknowledged and delivered to the grandchildren one negro girl by the name of **Betsy** about 10 years old. March 18, 1831. The deed of gift was acknowledged and certified for registration. March term 1831.

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This indenture entered into March 7, 1831 between **John Chambers Sr.** and **William S. Wisdom** both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$50.00 **John Chambers Sr** sold a parcel of land containing 6 acres more or less in McNairy Co., to **William Wisdom**, and receipt acknowledged. The deed was certified for registration. March term 1831.

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Indenture entered into November 5, 1829 between the commissioners of the town of Purdy To Wit; **William Wisdom, A.V. Murry, Samuel D. Pace, ??? Thompson, & M. Prince** of the one part and **H. B. Mitchell** of the other part all of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$24.75 the commissioners sold the west half of lot known as lot No 49 to **Hezekiah B. Mitchell**, the receipt given. The deed was acknowledged and certified for registration. March term 1831.

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Indenture made March 9, 1831 between **William Wisdom, Able V. Murry, Samuel D. Pace & Maclin Cross** commissioners of the town of Purdy and **Hezekiah Mitchell** all of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$7.50 the commissioners sold a part of lot No 57 in the town

of Purdy to **Hezekiah Mitchell** and receipt given. The deed was acknowledged and certified for registration. March term 1831.

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Know all men that I **John Henderson** of the state of Alabama, Lawrence Co. For divers good causes and consideration authorize, nominate and appoint **James Campbell** of McNairy Co. Tn. my true and lawful attorney for me and my name and for my own proper use and benefit to see and superintend my farm in McNairy Co. where **John L. Henderson** now lives, and to take charge of 6 negros, one man named **Lewis**, a woman named **Jude** and 4 children, 9 head of horses, and one yoke of oxen and 28 head of ___cattle and my stock of hogs, 2 beds and furniture, 1 Patent clock, all sheep, all kitchen furniture, all my corn, goats and fodder, one more with saddle, all my plantation tools and to do all other lawful acts and things whatever concerning premisses as fully in every ___ account as I myself might or could do were I present and by these presents allowing whatever my attorney shall in my name lawfully do or cause to be done in and at the premisses by virtue of these presents I have set my seal this January 25, 1831. The power of attorney was duly proven by the oaths of **John L Henderson** and **Evin Newberry** and ordered to be certified for registration march term 1831.

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Grant of the state of Tennessee No 552. Know ye that by virtue of certificate No 6716 dated Sept 20, 1824 issued by the register of West Tenn to **Elijah Chisum** for 16 acres and entered on May 30, 1825 by No 1876 there is granted by Tenn to **Benjamin Wright** assignee of said **Chisum** a tract of land containing 16 acres by survey dated June 1, 1826 in the 9th district, 4th range and 3rd section in McNairy Co. By the Governor **Daniel Graham**, Secretary **Wm. Carrale**, **Benjamin Wright** is entitled to the within mentioned tract of land. Recorded in the Registers office June 7, 1827.

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Grant No 553. By virtue of certificate No 3077 dated March 8, 1826 issued by the commissioners of Tenn to the assignee of the register of the western district for 25 acres of land, entered on June 30, 1826 as an occupant claim under the act of 1825 by No 604. There is granted by the state unto Benjamin Wright assignee of said register a tract of land containing 25 acres by survey dated January 24, 1827. Lying in the 9th district, 4th range and 3rd section, on the waters of Cypress Creek in McNairy Co. Benjamin Wright is entitled to the above tract of land and recorded in the registers office of the Western District June 7, 1827.

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This indenture made July 3, 1831 between **Wm. Baity** of McNairy Co Tenn, and **James Dickey** of Giles Co. Tenn. For the sum of \$200.00 **Wm Baity** sold to **James Dickey** 25 acres of land situated in the 9th district, 3rd range, and 4th section on the waters of Huggins Creek in McNairy Co. The deed was ordered certified for registration.

This indenture made June 27, 1831 between **James Keith** and **Joel Marshall** both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$280.00 **James Keith** sold to **Joel Marshall** a tract of land containing 40 acres more or less by survey dated March 15, 1826. Lying in district 9, range 4, and section 5 on the waters of White Oak Creek in McNairy Co. The deed ordered certified for registration the 4th Monday in June 1831.

Indenture made October 9, 1830. For the sum of \$200.00 **John Chambers Sr.** sold to **J. H. Cloud** two town lots known as lots No 40 and 43 being in the town of Purdy. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration the 4th Monday in June 1831.

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Indenture made June 15, 1831. For the sum of \$1,500.00 **Joseph F. Cloud** sold to **Jeremiah H. Cloud** two town lots in the town of Purdy known as lots 42 and 41. The deed was ordered certified for registration the 4th Monday in June 1831.

Know all men by these presents I **Anthony W. P. Ussery** sold to **John Brooks** one negro woman slave by the name of **Betsy** and her child by the name of **Harison** for \$400.00 June 28, 1831. The bill of sale was ordered certification for registration June 1831.

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Indenture made October 5, 1829 between **Able V. Murry, William S. Wisdom, Thompson Prince,** and **Samuel D. Pace** commissioners of the town of Purdy McNairy Co. sold to **Austin Miller** of Boliver Hardeman Co. one town lot known as lot No 71 in the town of Purdy for the sum of \$25.00 The deed was ordered to be certified for registration Sept 28, 1831.

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Indenture made August 2, 1831. For the sum of \$400.00 **Thomas McAlpin** sold to **James Gerish Sr.** a tract of land containing 50 acres by survey dated May 1, 1825 lying in district 9, range 4, and section 3 on the waters of ____ creek in McNairy Co. The deed ordered certified for registration Sept 26, 1831.

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Indenture made October 14, 1829 For the sum of \$425.00 **Samuel Wilson** of Henderson Co. and **William Beaty** 100 acres in the 9th surveyors district range 4, and sections 4 and 5 in McNairy Co. The deed was proven in part by **John Purdy** so certified in Purdy 4th Monday Sept 1830. The deed was further proven by oath of **Wm. L. Withers** and was ordered to be certified for registration Sept 28, 1831.

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Indenture made Sept 24, 1831. For \$300.00 **John Petty** sold to **John Smith** a parcel of land containing 61 acres it being the northwest end of a tract of 120 ½ acres in McNairy Co. Deed certified for registration.

Indenture made Dec 26, 1831 between **Wisdom Shull, James Reed** and **Maclin Cross** all of McNairy Co.. Witness that **Wisdom Shull** being justly indebted to **James Reed** in the sum of \$544.50 by their note dated Dec 26, 1831 and due on or before Dec 25, 1836 and the said **Wisdom Shull** being anxious to secure the said **James Reed** in the payment of said sum of money do by these presents for and in consideration of the sum. For consideration of the further sum of \$5.00 to **Wisdom Shull** in hand paid by **Maclin Cross** of the 3rd part the receipt is hereby delivered.

I **James Reed & Maclin Cross** the trustee named on this deed have secured full satisfaction for the note named in this deed of trust the same is therefore null and void this Dec 19, 1836 signed **James Reed & Maclin Cross** Trustee. The deed of trust was ordered to be certified for registration.

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Indenture made May 7, 1830. For the sum of \$60.00 **Joseph Baker** of Hardin Co. Tn sold to **James Reed** a tract of land in McNairy Co. the deed for 20 acres was ordered certified for registration December term 1831.

Know all men by these presents that for the sum of \$400.00 I **John H. Eggerson** of Henry Co. sold to **John Brooks** of McNairy Co. two negroes to wit: 1 negro girl by the name of **Jane** about 8 years and a negro boy by the name of **Benjamin** about 6 years old. The above bill of sale was ordered to be certified for registration December term 1831.

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Know all men by these presents that we **Thomas Lane** and **James Hicks** of the one part and **John Chambers** of the other part all of McNairy Co. witness that **Thomas Lane** being justly indebted to **John Chambers** the sum of \$250.00 due by note executed on March 29, 1831 and due December 25, 1831. For the further consideration of \$125.00 paid by **John chambers** the receipt is acknowledged do sell to **Maclin Cross, Thomas Lane & James Hicks** deed of trust for two negro slaves to **John Chambers Sr.** March 11, 1832. **Maclin Cross** of the 3rd part is hereby appointed trustee for the purpose of carrying into effect this deed of trust a certain negro man by the name of **Tom** also a negro woman by the name of **Aggy**. The above deed of trust was ordered to be certified for registration December term County court.

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This indenture was made February 20, 1832 between **William S. Wisdom, John Chambers** both of McNairy Co. For the sum of \$100, **John Chambers** bought a parcel of land from **William S. Wisdom**. The land being in McNairy Co. Tn near the town of Purdy in the 9th district, 4th range and 3rd and 4th section. The deed was certified for registration at the March term of the court.

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On November 11, 1831 **William Spencer** sold to **Murdock Murcheson** 150 acres of land for the sum of \$150.00 the land lying in McNairy Co. Tenn. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration at the December term of McNairy Co. Court.

On November 2, 1831 **Able V. Murry** sold to **John Shull** a tract of land containing 92 acres for the sum of \$552.00 in McNairy Co. The deed was ordered to be certified at the December 1831 term of county court.

This indenture entered into October 10, 1831 between **John Petty** of McNairy Co. & **George Rankin** of Gilford Co. No. Carolina. For the sum of \$1,500 **John Petty** sold to **George Rankin** a tract of land containing 160 acres, it being the tract where the said **Petty** now lives, in the 9th surveyor's district, 3rd range and 3rd section in McNairy Co. The deed ordered to be certified for registration at county court Dec term 1831.

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On December 28, 1831 **Laney Moore**, sheriff and collector of county and state tax for McNairy Co. Tenn and **Hugh Smith** also of McNairy Co. **Laney Moore** made report to the Co. Court of Pleas and Quarters at their March term 1829 that certain tracts of land were sited for taxation for the year 1828 & the respective owners have no goods and chattle in McNairy Co. of which to make said taxes and among other tracts as reported there was one tract containing 146 acres in the name of **Josiah L. Ellis** lying in McNairy Co. on the waters of the Forkeddeer 9th surveyors district, 3rd range and 6th section. Taxes were not paid and there was no personal property where the taxes could be collected. It was ordered and adjudged that the tract of land, or as much of it as should be sufficient should be sold as the law directs as to pay tax and charges. An order of sale was issued on the 21st of March 1829 and after advertising according to law, the land would be offered to public sale at the court house door in the town of Purdy on the 1st Monday in November 1829 if the taxes should not be previously paid and no person having paid the tract of land was sold to **Hugh Smith** on the 2nd day of November 1829 for the amount of \$5.90 being the amount of taxes and costs and charges. The deed was ordered to be certified for registration the 4th Monday in December 1831.

Indenture made Nov. 28 1831 between **Laney Moore** Sheriff & tax collector of McNairy Co. Tenn of the 1st part and **Hugh Smith** and **John Gillespie** of the 2nd part also of McNairy Co. **Laney Moore** reported to the court at the March term 1829 that taxes for 1828 had not been paid on certain tracts of land, and that the owners have no goods or chattel of which to make said taxes. The 640 acres belonging to **John H. Carson** or his heirs was sold to **Smith** and **Gillespie**, and the deed of conveyance was duly acknowledged and ordered certified for registration by **William S. Wisdom**, clerk

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Indenture made July 1, 1831 between **Laney Moore** sheriff of the one part and the legal Heirs and representatives of **Nathaniel E. Griffith** deceased of the other part. In consideration of \$23.00 paid by **N.E. Griffith** in his lifetime (the receipt is produced and acknowledged). By virtue of an order of sale directed from the honorable court of McNairy Co. to advertise and sell as the law directs 25 acres of land lying in McNairy Co. 9th district, 3rd range, 5th section, lived on as the property of **James Tucker** to satisfy a judgment that **John T. Burtwell** recorded against him before a trustee for the sum of \$26.43 $\frac{3}{4}$ which said land was condemned by the circuit court at May term 1828 for the satisfaction of said debt and also the further sum of \$4.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ which was adjudged to the plaintiff for costs. Tract of

land was advertised for 40 consecutive days. On the 12th day of July 1828 the legal heirs of **N.E. Griffith** purchased the 25 acres of land on the courthouse steps for \$23.00 and [it] has not been redeemed by **James Tucker**. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of **Joseph W. Barnett**. The deed was acknowledged and certified for registration.

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Indenture made Nov. 2 1831 between **Henry S. Wilson** of Floyd Co. Indiana of the one part & **Willie B. Terry** and **Wm. S. Wisdom** of McNairy Co. of the other part. For the sum of \$300.00 **Henry Wilson** sold to **Willie B. Terry** and **William S. Wisdom** a town lot in the town of Purdy known as lot number 45. The deed was proven and ordered to be certified for registration March term 1832.

Know all men by these presents that I **Javan Cox** of McNairy Co. sold to **Wm. M. Cox** for \$70.00 a piece of land containing 25 acres, granted to **Hugh W. Caine** by the state of Tennessee being in McNairy Co. on the head waters of South Hatchie in the 9th district, 2nd range 3rd section. The deed was acknowledged and was ordered to be certified for registration at the March term.

(to be continued)

The Family History of William Anderson, Sr. of Ireland, Maryland, Virginia and Sullivan County, Tennessee

from the papers of Laurence & Lillian Gardiner

*"The original of this paper was found among the effects of **Wm. Anderson, 3rd**, Sullivan County, Tennessee, and now [1948] is in the possession of Miss **Nannie Anderson**, Johnson City, Tenn. A copy was made by **Mrs Wm. S. Fain**, Johnson City for **Mr. Rhea Anderson**, Blountville, Tenn. He in turn made a copy for **James A. Anderson**, University of Alabama. He in turn made a copy for **John Fain Anderson**, Washington College, Tennessee. This was copied by **Mrs. Mary Hoss Headman**, for her files by request of **Mr. John Fain Anderson**. Copied by **Ina Fields Wayland (Mrs. Charles F.)** October 25, 1947, Knoxville, Tennessee." —**Katherine Baker Johnson (1948)**,*

A brief history of the Anderson Family, given by William Anderson, the son of John, the son of William Anderson, the 1st. To James W. Anderson, the son of W.T. (?), the son of Thomas, the son of William 1st. [written in 1860 – ed.]

William Anderson 1st, was born in Ireland in 1736. His fathers name was **James Anderson**. **William** had one brother, and one Sister. **James and Susanna**. **James** married **Sarah Young**, **James** was born in 1730 and had four children; **William, Sam, Sarah**, and Jane

William Anderson 1st. was married in Ireland to **Jane Bryan**. She had brothers and sisters but none came to America. **William** and **Jane** came to America in 1762, **James Anderson**, their oldest child, was born in Cecil County, Maryland. His father **William Anderson 1st**. then moved to New Jersey, near Monmouth Court House,. **Sarah** and **William** were born there. In 1770 they moved near Staunton, Virginia and lived there; then they in 1773 moved to "Holston", (Now Sullivan Co. Tenn.) and settled on **Wm. Hancher's** place, where **Andrew** and **Mary** were born, and in 1776 moved to the Old Place, on the Island Road, in 1775-6, where the other children were born.

William Anderson 1st, as stated above was born in Ireland, 1736, had good common intellect, was quiet well-disposed and a sober citizen. He was five feet nine inches tall, of fair or sandy complexion, his person rather comley with small feet and hands. **Jane Bryan** his wife, was about the same age, they were married in Ireland and were about thirteen weeks crossing the Atlantic. She (for the writer well remembers her) had a well defined face and a strong mind. Her person was large and bony for a female. She was surely of a stout family. Was a pious woman, was pockmarked, smoked a pipe, never forgot a friend or forgave an enemy. She died in Sullivan County, East Tennessee, on the night of the 23rd of August, 1819.

William and **Jane** had 12 children, six sons and six daughters:

James born August 18 1763, married a first or second cousin, **Heater Anderson** at the head of the Holston, Va. They had a large family. Five were deaf and dumb, though they had good minds and fine personal appearances. **James** was intemperate. His wife was a good and beautiful woman. They lived in Sullivan Co until 1808, then moved to Middle Tennessee and both died in Bedford Co., Tenn.

John was born Feb. 19, 1765 in Cecil Co., Md., married **Rachel Roberts** in Knox Co., Tenn., and had 12 children, 8 sons and four daughters, was strictly temperate, neither using whiskey or tobacco, or even cider. He and his wife lived in Sullivan Co., East Tenn., where they lived for many years and where he was surveyor for the county.

3. **Sarah Anderson**, born Jan. 23, 1767, married **John Sharp** and had a large family. Both died in Roan Co., Tenn.

4. **W.** born Apr. 23, 1769. Married **Elizabeth Yancy** and had many children. Moved to Knox Co., Ky. where they both died.

5. **Susanna**, born April 12, 1770; married **Joshua Taylor** and had a large family. Both died in Wilson County, Tenn.

6. **Andrew**, born Oct 21, 1773; married **Margaret Roberts**. They had a large family. She died in Sullivan Co., and he died in Meigs Co., Tenn.

7. **Mary**, born Oct. 26, 1775; married 1st **Isaac Cole**, 2nd **Geo. Deckard**. Had three children.

8, **Margaret** born Apr. 15, 1777, married **Sam Brittain**; large family, both died in Smith Co., Tenn.

9. **Thomas**, born April 22, 1779, married **Mary Davis** and had a large family. Lived in Sullivan Co., Tenn. until 1811, then removed to Duck River, Bedford Co., Tenn. He died in Panola Co., Miss. She died in McNairy Co., Tenn. October 23, 1833.

10. **Samuel**, born Sept. 15, 1781, married **Susanna Caswell**. They had several children. He has been dead for many years and she is supposed to be yet living in Shelbyville, Tenn.

11. **Jane**, born April 16, 1783, married **John Roberts**. They lived in Knox Co., Tenn., then in Franklin Co., Tenn. Both dead. Raised a large family.

12. **Elizabeth**, born March 30, 1785, married **William Roberts**. They lived in Knox Co., Tenn. and then in Franklin Co.,

Tenn., they returned to Knox Co., where they resided for several years, then removed to Texas where he died. She is supposed to be living in Texas. If so, she is the only one left of the family of William and Jane Anderson first mentioned and is over 75 years of age. (This written in 1860)

The six daughters of **William Anderson, Sr.** and wife **Jane Bryan (Sarah, Susanna, Mary, Margaret, Jane, Elizabeth)** were of medium size and all of one height of good native intellect of industrious and pious habits, and were in their day called comely. Of the males, (6) **William** was the tallest, being over six feet. **Thomas** was the stouter, and **Sam** the weaker, though of respectable mental endowment.

The writer of this sketch will not pretend to draw a distinction between them, either of them the qualified to fill important offices sought very few and were contented and happy with a mere competence, and comfortable living, though **William** had more property than any of his brothers. They were all peaceable if unassailed but dangerous if attacked.

Of the family of **William** and **Jane** only one daughter is left and about 75 grandchildren, about 300 or 400 Greatgrandchildren, and more than four times that many Great-great grandchildren. In that family the youngest must have been near 50 years of age, before the death of either the brothers or sisters, and the medium age of the family was more than 70 years.

The ancestors of **William** and **Jane** for many generations before their day, must have lived and died in Ireland, and all of their descendants not no alive, must have lived and died in the States and Territories of North America. Very many of their Spirits, it is hoped have been Home to that "Bright World Above" and the scattered dust of their bodies over this wide field, will be part of that great throng around the white Throne, which

we are told will be numerous that no man can count them.

The Family of James Anderson, Jr.

James Anderson, Jr. born September 8, 1791, in Sullivan co., Tennessee, son of James Anderson Sr. and wife **Heater Anderson**, a Cousin of Sullivan County. Later of Bedford Co., Tennessee.

James Anderson married November 30, 1818, **Anna Ford**, born July 16, 1795, daughter of **Joseph Ford** and wife **Mary Ann Maxey** who came from Buckingham County, Virginia to Knox County in 1810 bringing their family and other relatives with them.

The **Fords** and **Andersons** settled on the South side of the Tennessee River. (Then called the Holston River) now called the Fort Loudoun Lake, renamed by the T.V.A. James Anderson Jr. died Jan.—1838. His wife died September 30, 1863. They are both buried in the Old Ford and Anderson Burying Ground on the **Anne Anderson** Farm on the Old Sevierville Highway, about five miles east of Knoxville, across the highway from the Maredian Baptist Church.

The children of **James Anderson, Jr** and **Anne Ford** were:

1. **Mary Jane** Born June 25, 1820,

married **Jesse Simpson, Jr.** April 19, 1841.

2. **Sally** Born about 1821, married **Joseph King**, July 9, 1834

3. **Margaret** Bornm (not known) married **Peter Poston Simpson**

4. **Wyatt** Born 1824, married **Nancy Coker** Jan. 16, 1845

5. **Nelson** Born 1825, married **Cynthia Ore**, Aug. 28, 1845

6. **Joseph W.** Born 1839, married **Eliza Ford**, his Cousin Feb. 25, 1854

7. **Anna** Born 1832, married **Gunda Hood** May 8, 1852, moved to Mo.

8. **Martha** Born May 9, 1827, married **William Campbell**, moved to Mo.

The above records were copies from the Bible of **Joseph W. Anderson's** sister **Mary Jane Simpson**, the Tenn. U.S. Census of 1850, and various tombstones in Knox County, Tennessee.

The children of **Mary Jane Anderson** and **Jesse Simpson, Jr.** were:

1. **Sarah Elizabeth** Born Jan. 21, 1840
2. **Margaret Catherine** Born Nov. 15, 1842

3. **Joseph Alexander** Born Dec. 10, 1844

4. **David Lafayette** Born Feb. 9, 1849

5. **Tilitha Anne** (Twin) Born Sept. 14, 1851

6. **Deliliah Jane** (Twin) Born Sept. 14, 1851

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 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON February 6, 1935
 In Reply Refer To: BA-J/ILL **James Anderson** S. 1786

Mrs. **James G. Johnson**
1810 Dandridge Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary war record of **James Anderson**, a pensioner of Bedford County, Tennessee, in 1833. The data given herein regarding James Anderson are found in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S. 1786, based upon his service in that war.

James Anderson was born August 18, 1764 in Maryland; the specific place of his birth, and

names of his parents are not shown.

While residing about twenty-six miles from Abingdon, Virginia, in that section which was later called Sullivan County, Tennessee, he enlisted and served as a private on the following tours: in the spring of 1776, with the permission of his father, two months in Captain **David Looney**'s company, guarding a fort on Holston River; in 1778, about two months in Captain **Thomas Caldwell**'s company at a fort at the Big Creek on the Holston River; from December 1, 1779, three months in Captain **George Maxwell**'s company, under Colonels **Arthur Campbell** and **Joseph Martin**, during which he was in the campaign against the Indians and assisted in burning Indian towns, and was in skirmishes with the Cherokee Indians, one at Tellico; and from August 1, 1780, between four and five months under Captain **Looney** and **Roger Tapp**, Colonels **Isaac Shelby**, **Anthony Bledsoe** and **John Sevier**, during which he marched through Camden just after the battle there, on to Waxhews settlement, and High Hills of Santee.

The soldier moved in December 1808, to White County, Tennessee and in the spring of 1812, to Bedford County, Tennessee.

James Anderson was allowed pension on his application executed August 16, 1832, at which time he resided in Bedford County, Tennessee. He was then called James Anderson, Sr.

There are no data whatever relative to the family of this soldier.

Very truly yours

(signed) **A. D. Hiller**

Executive Assistant to the Administrator

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE WASHINGTON

December 19, 1939.

Records Division

In Reply Please Quote R-130557-AFH

Mrs. **James G. Johnson**

1810 Dandridge Pike

Knoxville, Tennessee

Madam:

In reply to your letter of recent date, wherein you request information concerning **James Anderson**, a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, Certificate No. 6340, Tennessee Agency, you are advised the records of this office show that the last payment of pension, covering the period from September 4, 1834 to March 4, 1835, was made on April 13, 1835, at the Pension Agency in Nashville, Tennessee, to **Jacob Bletcher**, as attorney for the pensioner.

On March 9, 1935, the pensioner certified that he had resided in Bedford County, Tennessee, for a period of twenty-three or four years and previous thereto he had resided in what is now called Sullivan County.

No further information has been found of record in this office;

Respectfully,

(Signed) **P. D. Fallon** Asst. Chief, Records Division

BOOK REVIEWS

Five books from *The Clearfield Company*:

“By a Line of Marked Trees.” Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina. Volume Two, Deed Books 3-4 by **John A. Brayton**. Published 2008 by *The Clearfield Company*. 237 pages, indexed, paperbound. \$27.50 plus s&h.

Currituck County, North Carolina was established in 1670 as one of the precincts in Albemarle County, North Carolina. Present-day Currituck and Dare counties and parts of Hyde and Tyrell counties make up the area. Mr. Brayton abstracted Deed Books 1, 2 and a portion of Book 3 in Volume One. The rest of Deed Book 3 and all of Book 4 are included in Volume Two. Deed Book 3 covers the years 1801 to 1804. Deed Book 4 covers an early time period, from December 1781 to November 1784, and also includes land records from the 1730s and 1740s and early land patents from the late 1600s to early 1700s. Nearly a thousand records have been abstracted in this volume, which also includes a name index, location index, and slave index. Anyone owning Volume One will want to complete his collection of these important records.

Missing Relatives and Lost Friends by **Robert W. Barnes**. Published 2008 by *The Clearfield Company*. 229 pages, indexed, paperbound. \$26.50 plus s&h.

Robert Barnes has taken advertisements for missing relatives from newspapers which date from 1719 into the early 1800s which were published in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia, as well as a few from New York and the District of Columbia. The author provides an extensive bibliography in the introduction listing all the newspapers researched. Also included is an index of the 5000 individuals mentioned in the notices. Information often included in these notices is the place of birth, date and last place of

residence of the individual, and relationship to the person who placed the notice. Some notices give even more identifying information on the missing person, and all notices are listed alphabetically by surname. [One should note that advertisements for runaway wives, slaves and servant were not indexed, as they were so numerous they would fill another volume.] Each entry gives the newspaper and date of the advertisement.

Southside Virginia Families, Volume I by **John Bennett Boddie**. Published 1955 and reprinted 2008 by *The Clearfield Company*. 390 pages, indexed, paperbound. \$36.50 plus s&h.

Covering the early counties of Isle of Wight, Prince George, and Surry, 62 family lineages are detailed in this volume. Many of the families span a period of 200 years or more, from the mid-1600's until the mid-1800's. Over 10,000 families are detailed in the index of this volume. This reprint does not contain 3 family lineages from the original volume which were printed, with corrections, in another series of books, **Historical Southern Families**. This book would be useful for genealogists interested in families who lived in these counties before 1850.

Female Index to “Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England” by **James Savage**, compiled by **Patty Barthell Myers**. Published 2008 by *The Clearfield Company*. 344 pages, indexed, hardbound. \$35.00 plus s&h.

Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England was originally published in 1860. Males were easy to find in this book, as they were listed by surname. Females were nearly impossible to find as they were scattered throughout the volumes, either listed under their father's name or their husband's name. To further complicate

matters, many of the women had three or more husbands. This new **Female Index**, which lists the women alphabetically both by maiden name and married name(s), has made the job of finding a woman in the original work much easier. This is a fascinating source for those looking for their female ancestors among the first settlers of New England.

Genealogical Data Relating to the German Settlers of Pennsylvania and Adjacent Territory; From Advertisements in German Newspapers Published in Philadelphia and Germantown, 1743-1800 by **Edward W. Hocker**. Published 1980 and reprinted 2008 by *The Clearfield Company*. 242 pages, indexed, paperbound. \$25.00 plus s&h.

Originally written in 1935, this typescript lay on a shelf in the library of the Germantown [Pennsylvania] Historical Society until it was published by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1980. The only addition to the original typescript is a 37 page name index. **Edward W. Hocker**, the librarian of the Germantown Historical Society, had authored other books. The information was gleaned from five principal German newspapers published during the 1743-1800 time period. The gleanings are arranged chronologically by paper. Several thousand names are included in the extensive index, making it easy to find your ancestor if he appears within these pages.

Ordering information: The Clearfield Co., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953, www.genealogical.com. Phone (410) 837-8171 – fax (410) 752-8492. For Visa and Master Card orders only call toll-free 1-800-296-6687. Shipping and handling charges: \$4.00 for first item and \$2.00 for each additional item.

GENERATIONS: A THOUSAND-YEAR FAMILY HISTORY by **Ralph Sanders** with *Carole Sanders and Peggy Sanders Van der Heid*. Published 2007 by *XLibris Publications*. 432 pages, indexed.

Order No. 978-1-4257-9572-6, \$23.99 (paperbound);

Order No. 978-1-4257-9583-2, \$34.99 (hardbound). Contact Xlibris at www.xlibris.com or phone 888-795-4274 Ext. 7876; determine shipping and handling when placing order.

This family history and genealogy traces the **Saunders/Sanders** family from before the year 1200 to the present in England and Wales, some through Barbados, to Virginia and Kentucky. Numerous spellings of the surname were researched including **de Sanderstead**, before 1200 in Surry, **Saundre** from 1200-1500 mainly Charwood in Surry, **Saunders** from 1500 to 1700 in Ewell, Aston, Derby, Wales and Gloucestershire and **Sanders** from 1700 to present in Virginia and Kentucky. This history and genealogy is based entirely on fact or interpretation of facts which are well documented by notes, charts and maps. The history of the area in which each family is found is included along with their occupations, religion, the family's place in the history, and their interaction with neighbors and other families related by marriage. This history is very well written, researched and documented and is a joy to read whether or not you have **Saunders/Sanders** ancestors.

CD #7545: The Family History Research Toolkit by **Michael Hait**. Copyrighted by *Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc.* \$19.99 plus s&h.[see information on *The Clearfield Co.*]

This compact disc contains forms and charts useful to the family historian. The forms are in Adobe PDF, which is FREE viewing software readily available on the

Internet. Each form can be printed blank, printed after you have typed in the information, and can also be saved with the data in them to your hard drive for permanent archival purposes. There are 8 custom Census Extraction Forms for the 1850-1930 census years, 3 basic Genealogical Forms, 3 Household Tracker Forms and 6 miscellaneous Forms. This useful CD is a must-have for any researcher.

GLEANINGS

TENNESSEANS MENTIONED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

compiled by **Carol Mittag**

LEVESQUE FAMILY – Tennessee-Alabama-Arkansas article published in *Limestone Legacy*, Volume 30 # 2, by the Limestone County Historical Society, Athens, Alabama:

William Levesque was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee (which later became Cocke County) on 26 March 1793. He married **Rachel Williams** in Giles County, Tennessee on 20 December 1812. On 27 October 1813, he enlisted at Fort Hampton, Alabama to fight in the War of 1812. **William** and **Rachel** settled in Elmont, Alabama where the following children were born: **Susan** (1814), **Nancy** (1818), an unknown girl child; **Minerva** (1824), **John** (1825), **Rachel** (1827), **Margaret** (1830), **Sarah** (1833), **Jane** (1834), and **Elizabeth** (1838)..

William was a Methodist minister who served in North Alabama, Middle and West Tennessee, and Arkansas. On the 1860 census for Poinsett County, Arkansas **William** and **Rachel** are visiting with their eldest daughter **Susan** and husband **Joseph Taylor**. Also living in the area **Minerva** and husband **William Smith**, **John** and wife, **Mary**, **Margaret** and husband **Anderson Hall**. On the way home they stopped to visit daughter **Nancy** and her husband, **William Clampet** and were included on the 1860 Federal Census for Somerville, Fayette County, Tennessee. **Rachel** did not succeed in reaching home and died in Somerville on June 24, 1860; she is buried there in the city cemetery.

William returned home to Elmont, Alabama, but didn't remain a widower for long. He married **Jemima Murrell Hyde**, the widow of **Isaac Hyde** on 20 December, 1860. He continued his farming, civic and ministerial work until March 15, 1865, when he died of heart failure. He is buried in the old section of the New Garden Cemetery.

His widow, **Jemima Hyde Levesque** died in 1881.

Two known siblings of **William**: **James Levesque** married a woman named **Sarah** and they divorced in 1832. **James** later married **Elizabeth Arnett** and they had two sons, **James Marion Levesque** and **William Green Levesque**. **James** died in 1839; **Elizabeth Levesque**, born 1791, married **Thomas Martindale**. They had just one child, **Margaret E.** born 20 April 1812. **Margaret** married **James Grisby** in 1830, and she had five children before dying in childbirth in 1840.

The article also contains additional information on the descendents of **William** and **Rachel Levesque**.

FAMILY of JOHN AUSTIN SIMMONS is included in the article "Allied Families in Smith Jackson's Ancestry and Marriage" (4/4) in *The Missouri Journal*, Volume XXVII, Number 4, published by the Missouri State Genealogical Society.

John was born 6 July 1816 in North Carolina (parents unknown). He married **Rachel H. Sparks** (or **Sparkes**) on 30 July 1838 in Tennessee. She was born 30 September 1823 in Tennessee (daughter of **Elijah** and **Mary Sparks**), and died 16 April 1860. **John** and **Rachel** were the parents of the following children:

Ede "Eady" Simmons, born 3 June 1839, married **Smith Jackson** on 31 May 1855, died 30 June 1870 in Washington County, Missouri; **Joseph Simmons**, born 31 August 1840; **Mary Simmons**, born 3 February 1841 in Tennessee or Missouri; **William Simmons**, born 2 August 1842, in Tennessee or Missouri, died 15 February 1848 in Missouri; **Sarah Jane Simmons**, born 2 April 1845 in Missouri; **Stephen Simmons**, born 24 April 1847 in Missouri

and died 23 February 1848 in Missouri; **Nancy Ann Simmons**, born 26 January 1849 in Webb City, Jasper County, Missouri; **Andrew Simmons**, born 26 April 1859, and died 29 June 1931, He married (1) **Mary E. Duigett** on 25 June 1870, and divorced before 1880. **Andrew** married (2) **Mary Jane Hogan** on 22 March 1883 in Franklin County; **John F. Simmons**, born 3 November 1852, married **Melinda** (last name not known) ca.1876.

RAY COUNTY RECORD OF BIRTHS – Missouri State Archives with one or both parents born in Tennessee – Unnamed, white male born October 22, 1883, father, **John Richardson**, age 33, farmer, born in Tennessee, mother **Emily Hunter Richardson**, age 27, born in Missouri; Unnamed white male, born January 15, 1884, father, **Elijah Burges Russel**, age 45, born in Tennessee, farmer, wife **Mary Elizabeth Spencer Russell**, born in Missouri; Unnamed male born January 11, 1884, father, **Dozier Renfro**, age 39 born Knoxville Township, farmer, mother **Minerva Safford Renford**, age 36, born in Tennessee; Unnamed white female, born January 7, 1885, father **Thomas S. Renneau**, age 34, born in Tennessee, farmer; mother **Verona G. Renneau**, age 25, born in Tennessee; Unnamed female, born July 25, 1883, father **Samuel Slaughter**, age not shown, born in Tennessee, farmer and mechanic, mother **Mary McAfee Slaughter**, age not shown, born in Missouri.

The above information, along with other birth records, published in *Ray County Reflections*, Volume XVI, No. 3

The following are excerpts from articles printed in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Volume XXXVI, No. 1: **MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR** Issue of November 1, 1877 In Memphis,

Tenn., Oct 29, **N. B. Forest**, a Confederate General in the late war.

Issue of November 15, 1877 Died in Perry County, Tenn., Oct. 25, '77, **Rev. George W. Coleman**, of the Tennessee Conference.

Issue of December 6, 1877 Died, near Memphis, Tenn., Nov 24, **Rev. Thomas P. Davidson**, a superannuated member of the Memphis Conference, aged 76.

JOHN LEE vs. JOHN HARLIN: a Tennessee Case with South Carolina Connections (to be continued in a future issue.) The case involved **John Lee**, orator, a citizen of Bedford County of Tennessee who appeared in chancery court at Huntingdon complaining that on the 8th day of January 1833, **Thomas Lee**, the father of your orator borrowed of one **Robert Stokes** the sum of \$450.00 to secure the payment of said money executed to said **Stokes** a writing pledging a negro boy named **George** by said agreement said George went into possession of said **Stokes** and was to work for the interest of the money and said **Lee** was to reclaim said boy in two years upon payment of the said sum of money of the 14th of February, 1833.

Thomas Lee died on 21st April 1833. On 1st day of January 1839 **Robert Stokes** died in Gibson County, Tennessee that being his residence and that administration of his estate was granted to **Joseph Harlin** along with possession of George.

The case is in the Gordon Browning Museum Genealogical Library, County Archives, 640 N. Main Street, McKenzie, Tennessee.

AHNENTAFEL CHART includes several with Tennessee connection: **William Alexander Shipley**, b. 24 Dec 1851 in TN and died 1 Sep 1926 in Floydada, Floyd Co., TX. He married **Angeline Stanfield** on 5 Feb 1870 in TN. **Angelina** was born 5 Aug 1853 in TN and died 4 Feb 1944 in Lorenzo,

Crosby Co., TX; **Alexander Shipley** born 10 Dec 1823 in TN and died 20 Jul 1906, Bradley Co., TN. He married **Naomi Gibson**, 3 Sep 1844 in Bradley Co., TN. She was born about 1826 in McMinn Co., TN and died (date not shown) in Bradley Co., TN; **William Auston Stanfield**, born in 1831, died 23 Dec 1897 in Consauga Polk Co., TN; **Mary Eliza Minnis**, born 1837 in TN, died 1867, Bradley Co., TN; **Aquella Shipley**, born about 1795 in TN and died 1846-1850 in McMinn or Meigs, TN. He married **Mahala Elizabeth** (last name not shown). She was born 28 Mar 1805 in Meigs Co., TN and died 11 Jan 1877 in Garland, Dallas Co., TX.; **Richard Shipley** born about 1755 in Harford, Maryland, and died about 1804 in Sullivan Co. (?), MD. He married **Elizabeth Roller** about 1777 (possibly in MD); **William Gibson**, born 1788 and died 2 May 1828 in TN. **William** married **Rebecca Adams**. She was born 31 Dec 1793 and died 20 Apr 1852 in Bradley, TN; **Robert Minnis**, born 8 Feb 1796 in TN, died in Blount Co., TN. He married **Margaret G. Steele**, She was 1804 in Maury Co., TN, and died 1850-1860; **John McMinnis**, born 21 Mar 1750 in Down, Ireland, died 29 Jun 1838 in Blount Co., TN; **Mary McChesney**, born 1776 in, of Augusta VA and died before May 1844 in Monroe, TN. She married **William Steele**, 2 Jan 1794 in Augusta, VA.

This Ahnentafel Chart covers 24 generations and is printed in *The Treeshaker*, Vol. 44, No. 1, published by the Permian Basin Genealogical Society, Odessa, Texas.

ENOCH (Bud) WEST was born 2 October 1868 in Meigs County, Tennessee, and died there 4 January 1931. He married **Mary Daniel** (born 1874) on 8 September 1889. Their son, **Elijah Alexander West** was born 3 April 1894 in Meigs County. He married **Lillie Elizabeth Reece**, 11 July 1920. The ancestor chart is included in *Northeast*

Alabama Settlers, Volume 46, No. 1.

DAVIDSON COUNTY, NC DEATH CERTIFICATES for 1918 published in *The Genealogical Journal*, Volume XXVII, No. 1 includes **Early Matthew Whitt**, born 2/6/1913, Davidson County, died 3/30/1918, buried Pilgrim Cemetery. He was the son of **Jerry Whitt** born TN, and **Nettie Everhart** born NC.

ELIJAH CAMPBELL RICE FAMILY OF KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE (1800 – 2000) is a brief family history published in *The Hickman County Historical Society News Journal*, December 2007.

Elijah, known by the name of **Cam Rice** was born December 1, 1860 in Obion City, Tennessee (article also shows birth place as Woodland Hills, Tennessee), to **William Henry Rice** and **Francis 'Fannie' Threkeld**. Four of his older siblings were born in Owen County, Kentucky: **John Frank Rice**, born June 28, 1850; **William James Rice**, born January 22, 1854; **Sallie Catherine Rice**, born December 29, 1853, **Nathan L. (Bud) Rice**, born April 14, 1856. Five of Elijah's siblings were also born in Obion City; **Thomas Marshall (Marsh)**, born January 28, 1859; **Daniel A. (Dan)**, born March 6, 1864; **Alexander (Alex)**, born March 11, 1866; **Lucy Ellen**, born October 24, 1868; **Charles E.** born December 12, 1870.

Elijah married **Ada C. Clark** and they were the parents of the following children: **Bertie Mai Rice**, born May 26, 1890; **Magalee Rice**, born September 18, 1892; **Edward Campbell Rice**, born March 25, 1895; **Lexie Clark Rice**, born December 24, 1898; **Helen Gould Rice**, born January 10, 1901, **Merit Dee Rice** (male); **Frances Rice**, born September 15, 1907; **Charles Avery Rice**, born March 20, 1910.

The article contains additional information, such as spouses of children.

EIGHT GENERATIONS OF SWIFT in an article *Ancestors of Ruey Ethel Swift Shipley*, published in the *Kentucky Family Records* Volume 31, by the West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, Kentucky contains information on some of the following who lived in Tennessee:

Sidney Cromwell Swift, Sr. was born in 1819 in Tennessee. He served in the Union Army between 1862 and 1863 as a Lieutenant in the 12th Cavalry. He was mustered in on November 17, 1862 in Owensboro, Kentucky and resigned in Morgantown, Kentucky on February 12, 1865 due to illness. He married **Martha Patricia Pharris** in Jackson County, Tennessee on 22 February 1839. She was born 1820 in Tennessee, the daughter of **Reuben Pharris** and **Mahala Armstrong**. A family story suggests that **Reuben** was a Cherokee Indian and was killed by his Indian brethren. The U. S. Pension Agency was notified of Martha's death on April 26, 1898.

Sidney and **Martha** had the following children, born in Butler County, Kentucky: **Calvin Alexander**, born 7 March 1840, **Minerva Jane**, born 1842, **Parthena**, born 1844, **Sidney Cromwell, Jr.** born 18 January 1848, **Mahala**, born 1848, **Travender**, born 1853, **Frances Catherine**, born 27 March 1855, **Martha Ellen**, born 11 December 1858, **Mary D.**, born 20 November 1864.

Sidney's parents were **Park Bailey Swift**, born about 1796 in North Carolina, and **Elizabeth Huff**. They were married about 1829 in Tennessee. Their other children (all born in Jackson County, Tennessee unless otherwise noted) were: **Letha Swift**, born about 1821, **Winnaford**, born 1825, **McNary**, born 2 September 1826, **Frances 'Fanny'**, born 1828, **Catherine**, born April 1836, **Robert**, born 11 June 1837, **Park Bailey**, born 1838/1839, **Elizabeth**, born 1846 (location not shown),

Icefena, born 1 February 1850 in Butler County, Kentucky.

Additional information on all generations beginning with **Rev. William Swift**, born 1695 in Kent County, England, **William Swift**, born 1723 in Bermuda, **Richard Swift**, born 2 April 1761 in Goochland County, Virginia, **Park Bailey Swift**, born about 1796 in North Carolina, **Sidney, Sr.**, **Sidney, Jr.**, **Sidney, III**, born 20 February 1872 in Butler County, Kentucky, **Ruey Ethel Swift**, born 26 July 1902 in Brooklyn, Kentucky.

UNUSUAL CEMETERY MONUMENTS IN ITAWAMBA COUNTY - A patent was obtained in 1879 by father and son, **William Payne Loyd** and **William Dickson Loyd**, to craft monuments of pottery and iron.

William Payne Loyd was born on December 5, 1820 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the son of **James** and **Charity Elvira Payne Loyd**. **William** married **Thursa Ann Martin** on April 12, 1840 in Lincoln County. Their daughter, **Eleanor "Ellen"**, born December 1845 in Lincoln County, married **William Dickerson**. Their other children included: **James M.**, born March 1843, Marion County, **Mary M.**, born about 1845 in Marion County, **Nancy C. "Nannie"** born about 1849 in Marion County; **William Dickerson**, born about 1851 in Itawamba County; **Elizabeth "Lizzie"**, born about 1854 in Itawamba County and **Sephen L.** born about 1862 in Itawamba County.

The article is printed in the *Itawamba Settlers*, Volume 27, Number 2 and contains additional information on this family, and on another patent using cast iron, obtained by **James P. Shelton** a Mississippi native residing at Gaston, Alabama when he received his patent in 1887.

THEY SAW THE WILD HORSES AND FOUGHT THE PRAIRIE FIRES published in

the *Plum Creek Almanac*, Caldwell County Texas, Volume 25, Number 2, mentions the following Confederate veterans with a Tennessee connection:

George W. Dennis was born in Warren County, Tennessee in 1833. From Tennessee he moved to Arkansas where he lived for seven years and from there he moved on to Texas in 1848, stopping on Little River in Bell County, fifteen miles below where Belton now stands. There were no houses and he and his small brother cut logs to build the first house. He and others had to watch the valley where the horses ranged to keep the Indians from stealing them. He joined **Captain Boltin's** company during the Civil War and did two years of service on the Rio Grande. Afterward he was discharged on account of sickness and drove a team the balance of the war. He lost all his horses and cattle and was discharged at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he died 21 January 1928; he is buried in the Luling City Cemetery there. **George Dennis'** Civil War pension application is on file in the Pierce Funeral Home.

F. Norwood Barbee was born in Orange County, North Carolina in 1828. His father moved to Haywood County, Tennessee in

1835. He lived there for nineteen years, and moved to Texas in 1854, settling in Guadalupe County on the road to San Marcos. Moving away from his father about six years before the war, he went into his own farming business. He joined the service in Company A, Colonel Wood's regiment, which was organized in San Antonio and figured mostly in the State until the last year of the war. At this time, this regiment was ordered to Louisiana and fought skirmishes down the Red River to Yellow Bayou where they had a very hot engagement. **Barbee** died in July 1917 and is buried in the Luling City Cemetery, where his CSA card is on file.

1880 CALDWELL COUNTY TEXAS CENSUS (in the same source as above) includes the following born in Tennessee: **Mary A. Abianos**, white female, age 66, farming, head of household number 89; **Thomas Cardwell**, white male, age 46, farmer, head of household 91; **Martha Dyer**, white female, age 54, farming, head of household 93; **James Smith**, white male, age 46, , farmer, head of household 95; **William Pollack**, white male, age 46, farmer, head of household 106.

Tech Tip #1 —Jimmie Willis

Family Tree Maker CDs

Starting with the release of Family Tree Maker (FTM) 2008 there is no provision for reading the CD's that are sold by Genealogy.com. I have talked with their technical support team and there is no explanation as to why this function is missing. They will provide you with a free download of "Family History Viewer" (FHV) that will allow you to read the CD's. The FHV is nothing but an old version of FTM that has had most of the functions disabled. My suggestion is that if you have an older version of FTM and are upgrading to FTM 2008 it would be best to just install FTM 2008 in a different folder than your older version of FTM. This way you will not need to download the free viewer.

Older versions of FTM can't read the new format of FTM 2008. To go backwards to your older version you must EXPORT using a GEDCOM 5.5 format which is readable by older versions of FTM.

QUERIES

GOFORTH – WICKS – STAGGS – GAMBRELL – HOPPER – CANNON – ALLEN – SMITH

Searching for any information on: **Thomas Jefferson Goforth** (b. 1846 KY and his siblings, **Joseph, Jerry, John, Jim** and **Hulda Gambrell Hopper. T.J. Goforth** m. (1) **Elizara Eley Wicks** ca. 1866 (2) **Rhoda Nice Caroline Staggs**, 1868; **Amanda Smith**, 1879, Dyer Co. TN, and **Josephine Clementine Cannon Allen** 1881 Dyer Co. TN. **Thomas Jefferson Goforth** may descend from **William Goforth** of Wayne Co. TN, who may have been the son of **Zachariah Goforth**. [A William, Hulda and "J" are listed on the 1850 census of Wayne County.]

Barbara Fitzwater, 2703 Largo Place, Bowie, MD 20715 (301) 262-2558 fitzwater688@yahoo.com

CARUTHERS

I am searching for any information about the **Caruthers** family of Henry County, TN during the 1800 – 1850 era.

Alice Douberly, 8425 Campbell Ave., Sebastian, FL 32958 AlDoub@bellsouth.net

HUMBARD

Looking for any **Humbards** in McNairy County TN during 1850's.

Neva K. Barnhart, 5839 Hansford Ranch Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89131-2973 nckb27@cox.net

WEAVER – MCCONNELL

Would like to know parents of **Robert M. Weaver** in Lincoln Co. Tn 1850. Wife **Martha McConnell**. **Robert** died in Rutherford County.

Augusta D. Waters, 410 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 (256) 546-3549

WRIGHT – MILLER-MCKINSTRY –MAYS

Searching for **Wright, Miller, McKinstry** in Fayette and Tipton Co. TN, **Mays** in Gibson County. All went to Drew Co. Arkansas from TN.

Karen Groce, 831 Rock Springs Rd. Wilmar, AR 71675 (870) 367-5085 wgroce@wildblue.net

GOBER

Looking for the burial place of **John Applng Gober** (b. 1 Jan 1816 in Franklin Co. GA – d. 31 Aug 1846 in Shelby Co. TN) **Jack Liddell**, 7820 Walking Horse Circle, Apt. 155, Germantown, Tn 38138 (901) 757-1666 jack.liddell@gmail.com

JOHNSON – BROCK

Seeking any info on **Duncan Johnson** – he was in Wilson Co. TN in 1800 (Round Lick Settlement). Where did he come from? who did he marry? Will share info. Also **Vincent Brock**, 30 years old in 1830, Hickman Co. Who was his father?

Elizabeth Stoddard, 4174 Oak, Bartlett, TN 38138 Egstoddard@gmail.com

HENDRIX – DURHAM

Need information on **Nathan Hendrix** b. 1830 in TN d. 1863 in Civil War. m. **Sarah Durham** b. 1835 in TN Marriage date and place? Names of their parents? **Nathan** and **Sarah** were in DeKalb Co. TN in 1860 with children **Mary E.** (5) **John** (3) and **Martha J.** (1)

Nellie Duncan Tomlin

nelliedtomlin@comcast.net

DAVIDSON – MOSELEY

Looking for graves of **Samuel L. Davidson** (1812- 1870) and **Mary Rebecca Moseley Davidson** (1848) – ca. 1864) in Bedford or Coffee County.

Betty S. Carr, 3212 56th St. Lubbock, TX 79413 (806) 795-1322 bsc@wiredbrush.com

**GOSSETT – POGUE – WHITE – WARREN
– KUYKENDALL**

Seeking information on early marriage of **Mary Gossett** (15 Jan 1837 – 30 Dec 1917), daughter of **Isaac** and **Mary Pogue Gossett** of McNairy Co. TN. Living in Tishomingo Co. MS in 1850-60 census with sister and brother-in-law **Malinda** and **Willoughby White**. After moving to Jefferson Co. Illinois, she married **Franklin Warren** in 1873. The license names her as **Mrs. Mary Kuykendall**. Who was the **Kuykendall** she first married, and where did they live?

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FROM TENNESSEE TO ILLINOIS

Researching **Gifford, Wm.** and **Ruth Money**, son **Gideon**, who came to IL ca. 1850; **Vaughn, Wilkerson, Lamb, Legan/ Ligon, Walsh, Love, Workman, McGuire, Jones, Sutton, Crittenden** and others. Some came to IL from Maury, Rutherford, others from Henry and Weakley counties. All letters answered.

Darlene **Gifford**, 1101 Illinois Ave. Fairfield, IL 62837-1849 (618) 842-5881

MILLER – GUEST

Seeking information on **Lum Taylor Miller**, who married **Lou (Lucy) Guest** [where? when?].

Jane **Skipper**, 6860 Player Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654
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**ROMINE – COUTERBURY – LIGHT –
CAPPS –MOULTON**

Would like any information on **Layton Romine** (b. NJ or PA?). Settled near Dandridge, TN after Rev. War. First wife: **Rosa Couterbury**. Second wife: **Elizabeth _____**, son **Jobe**. Also info on **Robert Light**, b. TN 1802, and **Benjamin Capps**, who settled in Davidson Co. and married **Sally Moulton** in 1810. Where did he come

from? Thanks.

Dorothy Light **Allen**, 111 Gordon Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087

(615) 444-6063 dalallen@yahoo.com

CAMPBELL – COLE – KINNARD

Looking for paternal ancestors of **Samuel Eubank Campbell** (mother: **Mary Ann Eubank**), born 4/22/1863 died 5/19/1914 in TN, buried at Charleston Cemetery, Tipton County. Married **Annie Rochester Cole** 3/12/1884, had six children. Descendent **Ada Crutchfield Kinnard** (b. 7/4/1905) had seven children.

Theresa **Davis**, 3174 Glade Verde, Lakeland, TN 38002 (901) 388-4144

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FRALICK – RUPINTHRALL

Looking for any information on **Fralicks** (and variation of names) and **Rupinthralls** who came to Autauga Co. AL and the Montgomery, AL area from South Carolina. Tina **Sansone**, 1459 Stonegate Pass, Germantown, TN 38138 (901) 413-7995

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ALSTON –LILLINGTON – HYNDS

James Alston died 1760 in Orange Co. NC, leaving widow **Christian Lillington Alston** and children **George L, Philip, Lemuel, Alfred, Mary K "Polly", Martha "Patsy," Sarah "Sallie," James, Absolom** and **Christian**. Widow **Christian** married in 1762 in Orange Co. **James Hynds** of Queen Anne Co. MD who acquired land in the Irish Settlement of Rowan Co. NC. Cannot find there – will share information.

Margaret T. Norvell **Sinclair**, 4984 Welchshire Ave. Memphis, TN 38117-5647

FREEMAN - BENGE

Looking for **Freeman** family in KY or TN in mid-1700's. My ancestor **George Freeman** was born between 1770 and 1790. His first wife was **Sarah Benge**, born ca.

1794, daughter of **David Benge**.
Vicki **Haramoto**, 8423 Beaverwood Drive,
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REED - SUMMER

Seeking information on **Mary F. Reed**, b. 1863 in Cannon Co. TN; living there in District 11 in 1880 with husband **John J. Frank Summer** (b. 1859) and two children. [They live next door to **David Reed** who has a 20 year old daughter, **Mary F.**] After 1880, **John J. and Mary F.** moved to Gibson Co. TN.

Robert **Dunagan**, 6811 Seaside Drive,
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rdunagan@bellsouth.net

MALONE – SHINAULT

Leonard Malone (b. ca. 1821 – d. ca. 1858-59) m **Molly Shinault** in TN in 1839. Seeking to verify his father as **Stephen Malone**; all lived in Fayette and/or Hardeman Co. TN. My father was **Jesse Edwin Malone**, son of **Joseph Mason Malone**, son of **Caswell Malone**, all of Tipton Co. TN. **Caswell** was a son of **Leonard**.

Bernadette **Spillane**, 128 Riverview Drive,
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FEEZOR – MAXWELL

Does anyone know the death dates and burial place for **Peter Feezor** (b. NC, 1820) and his wife **Rebecca Ellis Feezor** (b. NC, 1825)? They are living in Covington, TN in the 1870 census, but may have later moved to Mississippi County, Arkansas with daughter **Mollie Maxwell**.

Marsha Fleming **Holland**, 2463 Saint Laurent Place, Frisco, TX 75034

SOWARD/SEWARD

Seeking maiden name of **Mary**, wife of **Henry Soward**. She was born in 1778 in NC (where? Anson Co.?) **Henry** was son of **William Soward/Seward** and **Nancy** ___ of Anson Co. NC. **Henry** lived in Rutherford Co. NC 1803-13; to Knox Co. TN 1813; died in Roane Co. TN 1839. **Mary** on 1850 census, Knox County.

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