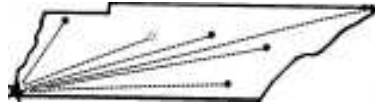


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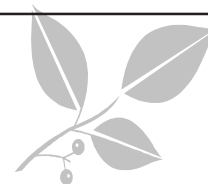
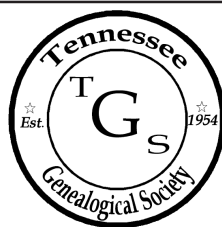
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From the Editor



I hope you enjoy the articles we've found for you this issue. We have two articles submitted by members from my ongoing plea for submissions. [My Dad on December 7, 1941](#) on page 6 and [Who is Aunt Matilda?](#) on page 17. I hope you enjoy these articles and consider things that you can contribute for our magazine.

During our Michael John Neill seminar last month, I heard an excellent idea. Instead of trying to come up with an entire family history to publish with Tennessee ties, how about just sending in the biography of one person. You can do this by finding as many records as possible of your ancestor's movements, which include Tennessee, from birth to death. Also include scans of some records, such as bible records, christening records, census records, marriage license, death certificates, land sales, tax records. Anything that would show where your ancestor was throughout his life. This would be particularly interesting if your ancestor moved around a lot, as many of mine did. You could include names of parents, spouse(s), and child(ren) along with the birth and death dates. This would be far easier than trying to come up with an entire family history to submit.

Please send your comments, articles and submissions to tngeneditor@gmail.com.

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Note: In this issue we have included pictures of several of our volunteers, some of the seventy or so that make this organization the viable entity that it is. See pages 15, 36, 45 and 57.



Michael John Neill, our seminar speaker



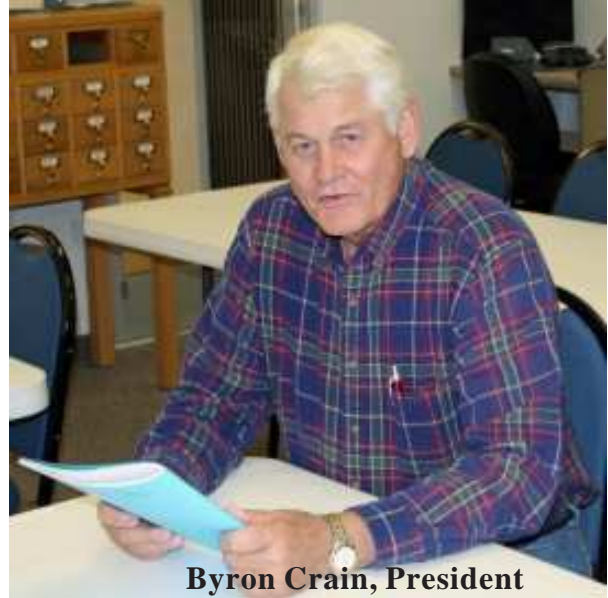
President's Message



Greetings,

No nonprofit organization, no matter how important the group's objectives, can be truly successful without dedicated volunteers to carry out the work of the group.

That is certainly true of The Tennessee Genealogical Society. Since our founding in 1954, we have been blessed over the years with hundreds of volunteers that were and are dedicated to seeing that we fulfill our goals and objectives. This year has been no exception. We continue to be blessed with those who not only do the big things but also those who do the countless little things that make our Society one of the best in the country, from assisting in the library, to doing research to expand our publishing of various state and county records, improving the quality of our web site and making back issues of *Ansearchin' News* available online.



Byron Crain, President

As you may or may not know, our entire organization is staffed by volunteers.

As we put 2010 into the history books it is my pleasure to have worked with so many fine volunteers as well as **Melody Pitman** and **Jennifer Baker** from the City of Germantown Library staff.

Have fun and at the same time increase your knowledge of genealogy and history by joining this group of dedicated volunteers. You can work in whatever area you wish and donate whatever time you have to give. Even if you live out of town, you can assist the Society by furnishing us with stories and/or facts about both the history and the genealogy of Tennessee.

We continue to add new members, against the national trend, and increase the resources available to our members. Our continued success in purchasing new material is due in large part to our "adopt-a-book program." (See page 44 this issue.) Purchases from this program plus purchases by the City of Germantown enable us to continually add more than 200 books to the collection each year and it permits us to direct our other resources to acquiring and archiving significant genealogical material.

On behalf of the officers of the Society, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we kick off an exciting 2011.

Byron Crain, President



My Dad on December 7, 1941



By Doug Higgins

On a Sunday morning, a 19 year old sailor from Erwin, Tennessee, sat eating breakfast in the ship's mess of the U.S.S. *St. Louis*. Since it was a beautiful morning, he decided to finish his breakfast topside. He took an



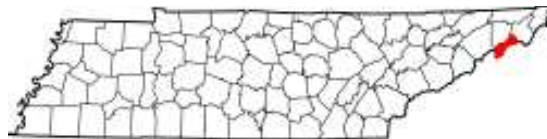
U.S.S. *St. Louis* (CL-49)

orange and proceeded to the main deck and moved aft toward the fantail. He casually leaned against the ship's rail that ran along the perimeter of the deck and began to peel the orange.

Since she had just been commissioned in May, 1939, the USS *St. Louis* was one of the newest ships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. She was designated as a light cruiser in accordance with the London Naval Conference of 1930 and thus her largest weapons were 6 inch guns. Although her 10,000 ton displacement and length of 608 feet was as large as a heavy cruiser, the treaty allowed the heavy cruisers to have 8 inch guns while the light cruisers were limited to 6.1 inch guns. The *St. Louis* was armed with fifteen 6 inch guns, eight 5 inch guns, 1.1 inch guns, and 50 caliber machine guns. She had a crew of 888.

The date was December 7, 1941. The location was Berth B-17, in the Navy Yard of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Territory of Hawaii. The young sailor was **Clarence Higgins**, son of **Elmer** and **Waleska Hoyle Higgins**. **Clarence** had enlisted in the Navy shortly after

graduating from Unicoi County High School in the class of 1940. After completion of basic training, he was assigned to the light cruiser U.S.S. *St. Louis*, where he served as an Electrician's Mate third class.



The time was now 0756. As he leaned against the railing, **Clarence** heard the sound of explosions and machine gun fire coming from the Ford Island area. He then noticed a group of aircraft approaching from the southeast at a very low altitude. A single-engine, two-seater aircraft came so close to the stern of the *St. Louis* that **Clarence** believed he "could have knocked it down with a broom stick." The man in the aft seat of the plane fired a machine gun at the ship as it flew past in the direction of Battleship Row, where it dropped a torpedo. While more aircraft attacked, **Clarence** ran to the quarterdeck to inform the Officer of the Deck of the attack. The Officer of the Deck had seen what was happening and ordered Clarence to "Go wake up the Captain!"

(Captain **George A. Rood**, the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. *St. Louis*, was both highly respected and well liked by the ship's crew.)

Clarence ran to Captain **Rood**'s quarters and woke him. **Rood** jumped from his bunk, pulled his uniform blouse and trousers on over his pajamas and ran to the ship's bridge. The machine guns of the *St. Louis* were already firing before he reached it.

Clarence ran back to the ship's topside, got a fire ax, and began breaking the locks off the ammunition boxes.

On that Sunday morning in Pearl Harbor, the U.S.S. *St. Louis* was not ready to fight. The ship was docked in the Navy Yard between the U.S.S. *Honolulu* and U.S.S. *San Francisco* for repairs and the installation of radar; her official status was “limited availability.” Two of her eight boilers were already dismantled for cleaning and a hole approximately four feet across had been cut into the side of the ship for passing the parts in and out. The remaining six boilers were cold and the *St. Louis* was taking steam, water, and electricity from the dock. All of the ship’s sound powered phones¹ had been removed from their normal locations and placed in the Central Station for inventory. This prevented normal communication between the ship’s battle stations. The largest guns on the ship that were capable of anti-aircraft fire were the five-inch dual purpose guns; there were eight of these guns fitted in pairs, in four gun mounts. Yard work was in progress on all four of the five-inch gun mounts and they were surrounded by scaffolding. The electrical circuit breakers on the four five-inch gun mounts had been removed for repair and this prevented the use of the mounts’ electric motors to train the guns on a target. There were also large reels of cable scattered about the ship’s deck.

Although the ship was not prepared for war on that Sunday morning, the crew of the *St. Louis* was exceptionally ready to fight. Captain **Rood** ran a tight ship; the *St. Louis*’ crew was highly disciplined, very well trained, and had high morale. In her most recent readiness inspection, the *St. Louis* was the only ship in the entire Pacific Fleet to have earned the coveted gunnery grade of “E” on all five of her main gun batteries and all of her secondary gun mounts. The grade of “E” was the highest possible grade, and thus the *St. Louis* was the only ship in Pearl Harbor with a large “E” proudly painted on all the main gun batteries and five-inch gun mounts. The expertise of the ship’s crew was reflected in the fact that the *St. Louis* was one of the first ships in Pearl Harbor to return fire on the enemy. Some years later, Captain **Rood** recalled that no one had given the order to commence firing. He said: “But our battery people knew what was up, knew what to do and did it - took the initiative and opened fire with everything that would bear. Those actions demonstrated the high degree of training of our crew, readiness and ability to size up a situation and to act on it.” Of the twenty-eight aircraft the Japanese lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, three were officially credited to the gunners of the *St. Louis*.

The *St. Louis* gun crews were not alone in their swift response to the attack. In his report to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Captain **Rood** wrote: “When General Quarters was sounded all hands proceeded quickly and without confusion to their stations exactly as though it were a drill. Throughout the entire action the whole ship performed to a degree of perfection that exceeded my most optimistic anticipation.” All through the ship, the crew made preparations to get the *St. Louis* under way. On the decks, the crew immediately cleared the scaffolding and other obstructions away from the gun mounts. In the engine room, the crew began to light the six intact boilers and raise the required steam pressure to get underway. As the battle raged around them, sailors with acetylene torches hung from the side of the ship to cut off the gangway and welded a steel plate over the hole that had been cut into the side of the ship. One member of the *St. Louis* crew, C.E.M. **R. O. Hudgins**, kept a journal with an outline of times and actions as recorded by the ship’s quartermaster and in the ship’s central station.

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Excerpts from Mr. **Hudgins'** journal are below:

0755—Japanese dive bombers, fighters, and torpedo bombers were observed swarming down among the ships, with battleship row being the main target

0801—General Quarters Sounded

0805—Condition Affirm set

It was about 0805 when **Clarence** had returned to the topside of the ship, that he saw what he described the “tremendous explosion” of the USS *Arizona*. Years later, **Clarence** said: “You may not believe me when I tell you this, but it looked as if the entire ship lifted out of the water. I could see daylight underneath her hull for a second.”

0814—Battle II reports explosions aft

0817—5" mounts open fire

0820—Boilers #1 & 2 lit off

0823—Captain at conning tower

0830—Plane coming low on port quarter

0832—Ship at general quarters (complete)

0833—Two bombers low on starboard bow

0834—Ship in condition affirm (complete)

0835—Bomber on starboard quarter

0840—Hole in starboard frame 23. Repair party notified

0841—Bombers coming low

0842—Bombers coming low from port side

0844—Uncoupled lines in Marine compartment on port side

0845—Japanese planes headed for submarine base

0848—Plane on port quarter

0849—Four seamen to remove rigging from mainmast

0850—Five bombers bearing 145, eleven planes off starboard qtr.

0851—Many planes overhead. Two bombers on port bow. We are firing rapidly.
Now Bombers are on port bow and quarter. Dive bomber diving on us.

0855—Engineering dept ready to get underway

0910—Gyros not up to speed

0914—Planes coming in on starboard bow. We have disconnected water from dock. Planes are diving on starboard quarter and over bow.

0917—Planes dead ahead

0918—Felt like bomb hit aft. *Honolulu* hit???

A Japanese dive-bomber had released this bomb that penetrated through the pier next to the *Honolulu* and then exploded underneath the ship. The blast ruptured the hull of the *Honolulu* and shook the *St. Louis* so badly that some of her crew were knocked down.

0919—Steering aft o.k. Bomber is off starboard bow. Cast off. Cut or parted lines from *Honolulu*.



U.S.S. St Louis escapes from Pearl Harbor

This U.S. Navy photograph shows the USS *St. Louis* passing the overturned hull of the battleship USS *Oklahoma* at approximately 0940 on December 7, 1941 as the *St. Louis* breaks out of Pearl Harbor. The torpedoed USS *California* can be seen in the left of the photograph partially obscured by smoke as it lists to starboard. The large plume of black smoke is mainly from burning oil from the U.S.S. *Arizona*. Oil, debris, and life boats/rafts can be seen floating on the surface of the water. Official U.S. Navy Photograph now in the collections of the National Archives. National Archives Photograph #80-G-32446

0922—
Captain wants gas masks on bridge.

0924—Planes coming in low on starboard side. Planes now on beam too.

0930—
Casting off wire aft. Repair I checking cooling systems of 1.1" guns forward.

Normally, tug boats would have been used to assist the *St. Louis* out of its slip but on this morning, they

backed the 608 foot long ship out like a bass boat. With her guns ablaze, the *St. Louis* eased back into the East Loch, and then turned and proceeded out toward Battleship Row as the Japanese planes continued to bomb and strafe. The harbor was littered with burning oil, and debris, including floating bodies both dead and alive. Before the ship picked up too much speed, **Clarence** saw a sailor in the water surrounded by burning oil. He threw the man a line and with the assistance of other *St. Louis* crew members, pulled him aboard. On deck they tore his burning uniform off and sent him to the ship's sick bay. When the *St. Louis* later returned to Pearl Harbor, he was transferred to a hospital.

0935—We are drifting across the slip towards the *San Francisco*

0936—Battle II wants gas masks. No casualties yet

As the *St. Louis* passed the sinking *California*, the crew saw a dredge ahead in the area between Dry Dock No. 1 and Ford Island; there was a steel cable extending from the dredge to the dock. Beyond the dredge, the *Nevada* had run aground near Hospital Point to keep from blocking the channel. Rather than slow down in order to maneuver around the dredge and then the *Nevada*, Captain **Rood** ordered emergency full speed. In his book *At Dawn*

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We Slept **Gordon Prange** quoted Captain **Rood** as saying that the *St. Louis* “hit that cable a smashing blow and snapped it like a violin string.”

0943—Well underway now. Just turning to keep from ramming the *Nevada* which is almost sunk in the middle of the channel

0944— Cooling water 01.1" guns. Steaming toward the mouth of the channel at 29 knots

Normally, the speed in the dredged channel of Pearl Harbor was restricted to eight knots. Captain **Rood**, who was an ex-submariner, was later quoted by Commander **A. L. Seton** as saying: “But I knew that, if any Jap submarines were present, they would be lying off the entrance ready to torpedo outgoing vessels and so we buckled on speed so as to shorten the length of time that we would be a target, and so as to be able to maneuver better.”

0945—Planes bearing 105

0946—Three planes on port bow

0947—Twenty or thirty U. S. planes finally in the air

1001—Planes overhead. Do not cut in mounts one & two yet. The electricians are working madly to jump contactor panels so the mounts can use training motors. Mounts have been trained by hand so far.

1011—Leaving harbor channel. (*St Louis*) Second ship out of the harbor. A destroyer was first.

Captain **Rood** was correct in his expectations of a Japanese submarine lying off the harbor entrance. The Japanese had deployed five, two-man, midget submarines for the attack on Pearl Harbor and one of them was waiting for the *St. Louis* as she exited the harbor. The Japanese submarine fired two torpedoes at the *St. Louis* before she cleared the dredged part of the channel in an effort to sink the ship and thus block the channel. **Clarence** and many members of the crew saw the torpedoes speeding toward the ship and braced for the impact. The first torpedo was going to strike the ship on the starboard side abeam turret three. Just prior to striking the *St. Louis*, the first torpedo struck an outcrop of coral that had been dredged up and exploded sending a large mass of water into the air but not damaging the ship. The second torpedo was detonated by the explosion of the first torpedo and a second mass of water flew up but did no damage to the *St. Louis*. After



This is a Japanese, Ha-19 “Type A, Midget submarine” sank by the destroyer USS Monaghan on December 7, 1941. The damage to the submarine’s hull is from depth charges and ramming. This is the same type of a two-man, “Midget” submarine that fired two torpedoes at the USS *St. Louis* as it left Pearl Harbor. The Japanese transported the Midget submarine aboard a larger I-24 submarine, to the waters off Pearl Harbor, where it was released for the attack. They launched five such Midget submarines for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Official U.S. Navy Photograph from the collections of the Naval Historical Center
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being lightened by the release of its torpedoes, the midget submarine popped up near the surface. The *St. Louis* fired on the midget submarine with one of her five-inch gun batteries but no hits were confirmed before the submarine dove out of sight.

1012—Two torpedoes approaching starboard bow. Periscope sighted starboard side at 500 yards. (Trying to sink us to block the channel, but the torpedoes hit the reef on our starboard side) We are zigzagging madly. We lurch from hitting side of the channel. We fire on partially surfaced midget sub with 5" gun. Possible hit. A destroyer sank one sub already.

1015—Power cut in on all mounts. Having trouble getting high pressure air to all of the mounts & turrets.

1051—Report enemy aircraft carrier sighted ten miles off Barber's point. (This turned out to be in error) Captain **Rood** ready to go after carrier but command says "no."

1110—Enemy planes high overhead. These planes stayed with us but out of range until about 1300 hours

1230—1300— We join forces with the other ships that have cleared the harbor. Largest ship out with us is the *Indianapolis*.

1310—Set modified a condition affirm. Set Personnel Condition II, Watch I.

It was learned after the attack that the *St. Louis* was the only major warship to get under way and gain the open sea during the Pearl Harbor attack. After her escape from the harbor, the *St. Louis* joined with the other Navy warships outside the harbor to form the first Naval Task Force of World War II. It was initially thought that the Japanese force that launched the attack was south of Oahu and that area was searched. The Japanese attack force had actually come from the north of Oahu, thus it was never located. On December 10, 1941, the *St. Louis* returned to Pearl Harbor to refuel and rearm. She went on to earn eleven Battle Stars awarded for combat actions in World War II and a unit citation.

When the story of the breakout of the *St. Louis* spread through the Pacific Fleet, men said: "That ship was just plain lucky!" From that time on, the *St. Louis* was known as the Lucky Lou." The Lucky Lou did nothing to discredit her name during the rest of the war. The official Japanese news agency reported three times during the war, that they had sunk the *St. Louis*. Although the ship was struck by a torpedo, struck by bombs from enemy aircraft, and struck by Kamikaze aircraft, she was never sunk.

Clarence Higgins served aboard the *St. Louis* until the ship returned to California for maintenance in November 1942. At that time **Clarence** and many other members of her crew (including Captain **Rood**) were reassigned to other war time duties while the ship was being repaired. **Clarence** was assigned to submarine duty and subsequently served on seven war patrols aboard two different submarines during the remainder of the war. He was aboard a submarine, on a war patrol in the Pacific when the war ended in 1945.

Immediately after the war ended, Clarence volunteered for Operation Crossroads, where he participated in the test of two atom bombs at the Bikini Atoll, in the Pacific. He separated from the Navy shortly thereafter. He returned to Erwin and graduated from Law School at the University of Tennessee in 1950. In 1951 **Clarence** married **Esther Peake**, daughter of

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Esther Peake

Oscar B. and Ida Tinker Peake of Erwin, TN. They had three children, **Douglas Higgins** (the oldest and author of this article) **Michael Higgins** (now living in Knoxville, TN), and **Janice Higgins** (now Mrs. **David Banner** of Jonesborough, TN). Additionally my mother had one child, **Brenda Harvey** (now Mrs. **Patrick Hill**) in her previous marriage to **Bruce Harvey**.

Clarence practiced law and later, for many years, taught school in Unicoi County. He died in March, 1986.



Clarence Higgins

SOURCES: The sources of my information for this article were conversations with **Clarence Higgins** and a shipmate from the *St. Louis*. Other sources were the military records of **Clarence Higgins**, Department of the Navy - Naval Historical Center, several books about Pearl Harbor, and internet research.

Doug Higgins says, "In 1996, I received a request from the Tennessee State Library and Archives to furnish information about **Clarence Higgins**' military service in World War II. In order to comply with that request, I obtained his military personnel records from the National Personnel Records Center. Although he had never mentioned it, one of the items in his records was the commendation to the right."

(Footnotes) *1 A communication device that allows users to talk to each other with the use of a handset, similar to a conventional telephone, but without the use of external power.*

Name	HIGGINS, Clarence (none)
No.	295 71 65
Rate	EM3c
Date reported	November 5, 1940
Ship or Station	U.S.S. ST. LOUIS
From	NTS NOB NORFOLK, VA.

12-10-41: Commended by Commanding Officer for his courage and devotion to duty while in action against strong enemy aircraft strafing, bombing and torpedo attacks and submarine attacks at Pearl Harbor, T.H., on December 7, 1941, and during the strenuous duty performed by this vessel while at sea during the following three days.

G. G. Roode
G. G. ROODE, Captain, U.S.N., Comdg.

Our Honored Dead

The following is a list of the *St. Louis's* crewmen killed or lost and presumed dead, from 16 November 1941 to 1 November 1945. This information is taken from the records of the *U.S.S. St. Louis (CL-49) Association*. <http://www.ussstlouis.com>
Web-master oldsailor82@roadrunner.com

Territory of Hawaii - 16 October 1941

Hawaiian Operating Area
Aircraft lost at Sea

Allee, William Marion, CRM(AA), USN
Corpus Christi, TX

James, Willard Hendry, ENS AV(N),
USNR
Blackshear, GA

Territory of Hawaii - 7 December 1941

Kaneohe, N.A.S. Enemy Aircraft Strafing

Porterfield, Robert Kirk, AMM3 USN

Bridgeport, OH

Territory of Alaska - 16 August 1942

Dutch Harbor, NAS Kodiak to

Whitehorse --- Aircraft missing

enroute to destination

Crook, Joseph Alexander, Lt. USN

Jackson, TN

Espiritu Santo Island 22 June 1943

New Hebrides - Lost at sea from Aircraft

Gibb, William ARM2c USN

Glenside, PA

San Benito Island, California 15 July 1943

Hollister N.A.S.

Operational Aircraft Crash

Thorton, Maurice John, Lt. AV(N) USNR

Pomeroy, OH

Green Island 14 February 1944 Bismarck

Archipelago Enemy Arial Bomb

Berdett, Bernard Berton, Lieut.(jg) USN

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Baynor, John (n) , CMM (AA), USN ---

Pasadena, California

Carraway, Kermit Lee, CWT (AA), USN

San Francisco, California

Rosandich , Joseph Frank, MM1c,USN

Sacramento, California

Hill, Mark Dewey, MM1c, USN

Kinston, North Carolina

Null, Edmund Wallace, MM1c,USN

Eureka, California

Flood, Edwin Warren, MM1c,USN

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Olson, Wesley Francis,MM2c,USN

LaGrande, Oregon

Cline, Thomas Russell, MM2c, USN

Cummings, Kansas

Jennings, Frank Richard, MM2c, USNR

Los Angeles, California

Churchill, Harold Stuart, MoMM2c, USN

Duluth, Minnesota

Freeman, Earl William, Y2c. V6, USNR --

Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Herron, David (N), MM3c, V6, USNR

Checotah, Oklahoma

Stehman, Donald (N) MM3c, V6s, USNR

Noblesville, Indiana

Baldwin, John Boyd, MM3c, X6, USNR

Beaver, Utah

Myer, Urban Earnest, F1/c, USN

Paragold, Arkansas

Rosbury, Charles William, F2/c, V6,

USNR

Detroit, Michigan

Bryant, James Jefferson, P/2c, USN

South Gate, California

Gustison, Richard Johnm F2c, V6, USNR -

Waterloo, Iowa

Shuman, John Monroe, F2c, V6, USNR

Columbia, Pennsylvania

McDonald, Joe Ben, P2c, V6, USNR

Walnut Grove, Missouri

McGuffin, William Arnold, F2c, USNR

Kansas City, Kansas

Kitson, Neil Victor, F2c, V6, USNR

Keshina, Wisconsin

Espiritu Santo Island 1 March 1944

New Hebrides Electrical Accident

Urbani, Stephen Paul, CEM USN

Royal, PA

Leyte Gulf 27 November 1944

Philippine Islands - Kamikaze Attack

Vogel, Sebastian George Jr., Ensign Av(n)

USNR

Everett, Washington

Barrett, Robert Oren, S1c, V6, USNR

Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Bowman, Robert Henry, Gm3c, V6, USNR

Roann, Indiana

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USNR
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Butterworth, Lawrence Ray, Gm3c, V6,
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Miller, Mervyn Richard, S2/c USNR
San Francisco, CA

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Accident

Dixon, Warren Ely Jr, RT2/c USNR
Cranford, NJ

U.S. Military Cemeteries

More than 3 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict — from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan — are buried in VA National Cemeteries on more than 19,000 acres.

For genealogical information on veterans buried in U.S. Military Cemeteries go to <http://www.interment.net/us/nat/veterans.htm>

Veterans' Medallion Available for Order
New Option for Marking Veterans' Graves in
Private Cemeteries
June 29, 2010

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran.

For Veterans not buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, this option highlights their service and sacrifices. The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker

for Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Under federal law, eligible Veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 ½ inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of

a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

More information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions can be found at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp>.

VA is currently developing an application form for ordering the medallion. Until it is available, applicants may use the form for ordering government headstones and markers, VA Form 40-1330. Instructions on how to apply for a medallion are found on the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible Veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or grave marker. The new medallions will be available only to Veterans buried in private cemeteries without a government headstone or marker.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from National Cemetery offices, from the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000



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Camp Wool

July 11, 1846



Contributed by Jay Buck

I would have written to you sooner but we started from Louisville in a great hurry or I would have written to you from their ^(sic) to let you know of our departure from their ^(sic). We arrived here on last Tuesday night after a very disagreeable trip. It was very warm on the boat. I've suffered very much from the heat. And our horses suffered very much. It has been very warm ever since we have been here the thermometer standing at 94 in the shade.

Our encampment is opposite Memphis, immediately on the bank of the river and is tolerable well situated. The ground is high enough where we are encamped but just in the rear of the camp there is a large swamp and mosquitoes are very plenty. We suffer some for want of water for the men to drink, the water is very warm. But I am told the river water is more healthy than the spring water. The members of our company are in very good health. Not more than 1 or 2 sick. I suppose that you have heard that we left **John Swigert** in Louisville as he was too sick to come with us. He intends coming ^(sic) on as soon as he gets able. I have not heard from him since we left Louisville but I am in hopes he has recovered by this time. He is a favorite among the men and they are very anxious for him to come on.

We start from here for Little Rock on next Tuesday. The road is a very bad one and we expect a very disagreeable time. But we are all getting use to hard times as we have had nothing else but hard times since we started from home. Some of the men are getting very much disheartened and a good many of them are home sick. My health has been very good every since I left home and I think I will be able to stand the trip very well. You must give my love to all of my relations and friends, and tell sis this letter must answer for the one I promised to write to her. I am in hopes the little baby has recovered her health by this time. Tell Mr. **Knott** I have not heard anything from **Clark** since he left Louisville, but expect he has arrived on the Rio Grande by this time. You must write to me as soon as you receive this letter and direct it to Little Rock Arkansas to the care of Capt. **B. C. Milam** of the Ky Cavalry. I am very anxious to hear from home and you must not fail to write as soon as you receive this.

Your obedient son

John T. Roberts

Notes: John Todd Roberts was the son of Dr. **Joseph Gill Roberts** and **Martha Ann Todd Roberts** of Frankfort, Kentucky. He was born in 1825 and died in 1869. This letter was written as his unit, the Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, was on its way to fight in the Mexican War. His younger sister **Ann**, born 1827, was married to Mr. **John Knott** of Frankfort, and his younger brother, **Joseph Weisiger Roberts**, born 1831, was still at home. In the Civil War **John T.** was a Major in the Quartermaster Department, Confederate Army, and was captured at the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi. His brother **Joseph W.** was Adjutant of the 22nd Kentucky Infantry, United States Army. The 22nd Kentucky took part in the siege of Vicksburg.



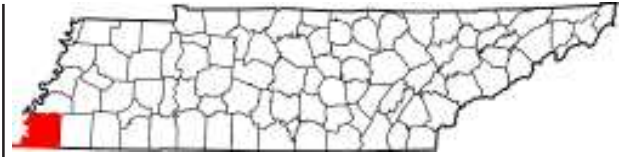
Who is Aunt Matilda?



By Janis Minor Forté, © Sept 2010

As genealogists and family historians, some of our greatest achievements are discovering previously unknown ancestors and resolving issues of their history to finally incorporate them into the branches of our family tree. Like a wooded wilderness, uncovering the mysterious histories of these new ancestors means venturing down new research paths and into different research resources. Clues to the discovery of these ancestors come in many forms. We find them as household members listed on a census, in oral stories, handed down personalized artifacts, documents, and ancient family photos passed down. They become the unexplained in our family story as we exclaim: Who are you? Where did you come from? Uncovering these mysteries, researching these kinfolk, often leads to genealogical dilemmas, barriers and brick walls, which frustrate our research skills and test our methodology. We are caught up in developing theories of residency and relationship and moving forward to exorcise clues. More often the theory fails, the hypothesis is not proven and the clue to family linkage falters. Yet we continue in the search, often setting aside the clues or documents of their existence for months and years. We again pick up the quest to identify and locate information about the new found individual. Family mysteries, they are not fully understood. Outside the immediate family, they are a mystery and will not be allowed a branch until we uncover the link that binds them to our ancestral tree. One of my genealogical mysteries has been attempting to resolve the case of 'Who is Aunt **Matilda**'?

In 2001, I was given an old suitcase of family photos. The suitcase and its contents had formerly been the property of a long



deceased great aunt. The suitcase also contained several documents and old post card photos many from the era around the mid-nineteenth century and into the early twenty century. The documents in the suitcase ranged from marriage licenses to birth notifications, from death registrations to divorce decrees and deeds to property. Some of the photos were made of that old celluloid type film – so old they had curled. Others were faded pictures in fancy cardboard frames. One was an old colored glass photo, broken in several places. Some photos were professionally posed and others were family snapshots taken perhaps with an old Brownie box camera. They are pictures of relatives and family friends at a variety of events. There were baby christening pictures, graduations photos, wedding pictures, pictures of visiting friends and etc. Several pictures were of a mother and son visiting another son in a tuberculosis sanitarium. The documents were bundled and tied with a red string, folded in envelopes or just laying in the suitcase. Divorce petitions and land deeds were bound in the blue portfolio paper used by lawyers to submit court briefs. All of the photos and documents had to be handled carefully as their pages were acid filled and crumpled. The staples, straight pins and paper clips holding pages were rusted and required care during removal. As we genealogists usually encounter, most of the gifted photos and documents were unlabeled and unsorted.

Over the next several years, I worked countless hours identifying their likenesses

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(Campbell) Driver, born Jan. 1847, Tennessee¹. Son **Edgar** was born, April 25, 1885 also in Memphis². Mentioned in the postcard, **Mattie**, his sister is 3 years his elder, born Jan. 18, 1882, also in Memphis³. **Rebecca (Driver) Countee**, the receiver of the postcard, is their eldest sister. She was born, Nov. 8, 1874, Memphis⁴ and by the time she received this postcard, she had married, **Charles Henry Countee**, also of Memphis⁵. The

and originations. One photo postcard in the suitcase documents the 1865 marriage of my maternal great-grandparents, **William** and **Sally (Campbell) Driver**. This photo postcard would offer clues to the mystery. As I succeeded with the identification process, another item in particular – a photo postcard – remained a mystery. I would periodically pick it up, review my previous research of it, investigate new clues, speculate, hypothesize and make more guesses. Then, frustrated, I would again put it back in my stack of unresolved mysteries. Still a brick wall, it was this historic post card that revealed the mystery: Who is Aunt **Matilda**? Here's how the mystery unraveled.

On March 4, 1909, **Edgar Driver** of Memphis, Tennessee sent this picture postcard to his sister Mrs. **Rebecca Countee** of Kansas City, Missouri. The next day, postmarked and cancelled, the stamp on the postcard showed that it was mailed the morning of March 5th from Memphis. In the correspondence section of the postcard **Edgar** writes, "...Dear Sister (,) **Mattie** and I rec'd two cards as souvenirs (sic) of Aunt **Matilda's** 80th birthday." (signed) **Edgar**..." The son of former slaves, **Edgar Driver** is my maternal grandfather. He is the eighth child of **William Goodrich P. Driver**, born May 1847, TN and his wife, **Sallie**

couple then moved to Kansas City, Missouri where, by the date of this card, they were raising their young family⁶.

The faded picture is on the reverse side of the postcard where the postmark and cancellation of the one cent stamp is quite visible. From the picture, we see that it was taken outdoors when the weather was warm enough for the subjects to not need coats or jackets. This 1909 photo shows a very elderly woman, dressed in a long dark colored (probably black) dress posed sitting in a chair, her hands rest in her lap. On the third finger of her left hand, one can see the band of a ring. Is it a wedding ring? From this historic photo this elderly African-American lady appears to be of fair complexion. Her neatly parted hair is pulled straight back and does not seem to contain any gray. She is the eighty years old 'Aunt **Matilda**' identified in the narration. Standing behind 'Aunt **Matilda**' is a younger woman - probably in her mid 30s (born about 1879). She appears to be of the same fair skin complexion as 'Aunt **Matilda**'. She too is dressed in a long black dress. On Aunt **Matilda's** left side stands a young girl about 8 years old (born about 1901). The youngster's complexion is dark tone and she is dressed neatly in white. Stern faced, there are no smiles in this photo picture.

We hypothesize this is a three generation family picture. These other females could be Aunt **Matilda**'s daughter and granddaughter. From the information on this postcard, we learn that 'Aunt **Matilda**' would have been born about 1829. The title of 'Aunt' means that she was either the sister of **Edgar**'s father, (**William Driver**) or **Edgar**'s mother (**Sally**'s sister). It is inexplicable as to which. More likely, given the eighteen plus years age difference, she is probably, but not assuredly, the aunt of one of their parents⁷ - **Edgar**'s great aunt. But whose sister is she?

My prior research had revealed the name of **William**'s mother as Jane and some of his siblings but none are named **Matilda**. At the same time, we have never confirmed any parentage or siblings for **Sally**. Could this, 'Aunt **Matilda**' be one of them? Oral history carries a story of **Sally** and a sister attending a Memphis church, but no name for that sister was mentioned in the story. The secret: Who is Aunt **Matilda**?

Ten years after the mailing of this postcard, on Dec. 25, 1919, one of **Edgar**'s older brothers, Dr. **William A. Driver**, of Chicago sent to another sister, **Eleanor (Driver) Turner** of Kansas City, Missouri another photo postcard. This postcard provides another clue to the mystery of Aunt **Matilda**. On the front side of this postcard are the



Sally and William Driver, about 1865, Memphis, TN.



posed photos of their parents, **William** and **Sally Driver**. On this dated postcard, Dr. **Driver** writes, "...*Papa and Mamma from an old photograph about fifty years ago. Photo borrowed from **Matilda Means Maxiel**...*"⁸. This correspondence matches the name **Matilda** that was in his younger brother's earlier postcard. In this note, Dr. **Driver** makes no indication as to who 'Matilda' is or why she had the postcard. Nor does he give to her the title of 'Mrs.' or

'Aunt.' Further, Dr. **Driver** is comfortable that his younger sister, **Eleanor** would know the relationship. The assumption is that she was a relative is raised by **Matilda**'s prior possession of the picture and her lending it to Dr. **Driver**. But why and when would she 'lend' it to this son? Did she visit him in Chicago or did he visit her in Memphis? With his narration, Dr. **Driver** gives additional clues to the Aunt **Matilda** dilemma.

In our search to resolve the mystery, we presume that because **William** 'borrowed' this photo from **Matilda Means Maxiel** in 1919 means that she is

still alive. Thus, if she was age 80 in 1909 with **Edgar**'s postcard, she would be age 90 in 1919 with **William**'s postcard. Truly an old lady for that time. Based on these two photos we have our dilemma: Is she a maternal or paternal Aunt? Is she an aunt or a

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great-aunt? If she is truly an aunt, why didn't Dr. **Driver** refer to her as such? The dilemma is that we have arguments for all alternatives. Can we find out who **Matilda** is? Can we learn of her real relationship to these four siblings? Years prior when I began my search for the identity of Aunt **Matilda**, **Edgar**'s two youngest children were still living. I queried them, on several occasions as to their knowledge of an Aunt **Matilda**. Neither recalled ever hearing their father- or any his siblings - speak of her.

The two handwritten photo postcards provide several clues to Aunt **Matilda**'s identity. Our methodology in resolving her mystery will be to research each clue through a variety of resource files including the census, city directories and various vital record files. What follows is an identification of clues we assessed from the two postcard photos. Clue 1: We know that at the time of the picture Aunt **Matilda** was 80 years old meaning that she was born about 1829. Clue 2: **Edgar**'s postcard provides her location in 1909 as in Memphis. We can assume that at the time **Edgar** sent the photo to his sister **Rebecca**, she, Aunt **Matilda**, still resided in Memphis and that's where the birthday celebration was held. We feel confident of this because **Edgar** and **Mattie** were the only two **Driver** siblings still living there. Clue 3: Her title of 'Aunt' indicates that there is a kinship between **Matilda** and **Edgar**'s parents.

Clue 4: In the second picture postcard, Dr. **William Driver** writes all three of her names as **Matilda Means Maxiel**. (It is important to note here that Dr. **Driver** clearly writes her surname as **Maxiel**.) Clue 5: The middle name, **Means**, may be her maiden name or the name of a prior husband. Or perhaps these surnames are of two husbands. Dr. **Driver**'s dating and narration of the photo means that she was probably present at the 1865 wedding of their parents. Oral history

indicates that the **Driver** couple married in Memphis, but our exhaustive search has not discovered a marriage license for these former slaves. The clues in the postcards initiated our research.

We begin our search at the 1870 census for Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee looking for a **Matilda Maxiel**. Finding none, we revised our search to **Matilda Means**. On this census, we find her. She resides in the 7th Ward in the household of a **William Means**, age 40, (born 1830) in N. C. She is age 37 (born 1833), in Tennessee and is 'keeping house.' In this same household are nine children ranging in age from 15, (born 1855) to one year old, (born 1868). All of the children were born in Tennessee. One of the children, a 12 year old twin, is named 'Sallie'. Coincidence, or, is she named for **Edgar**'s mother **Sally**? This household is also the residence of a 40 year old **Mary Means** (born 1830) and a youngster, **James Means**, age 13 (born 1857)⁹. While **William** and **Matilda Means** are identified as 'B' (black) all others in the household are identified as 'm' (mulatto). In this urban city, this large African American family resides seven dwellings from the **William** and **Sally Driver** family¹⁰. Could this female in close proximity be Aunt **Matilda**?


Researching on, according to the 1880 Memphis City Census, the only **William Means** recorded is a 70 years old widower. He resides along with a **Matilda**, age 14, **Julia**, age 18 and **Mary** age 2 as boarders in the residence of a white **Mary Hinton**, age 62 on Causey Street¹¹. While he is identified as a widower, we suspect he is possibly the same **William Means** of the earlier census. But where is **Matilda**?

Continuing our census search, on the 1880 Memphis Census, the **William** and **Sally Driver** family resides at 447 Linden Street¹². This multi-family building is the residence of

five separate families. One of the families living in the building is that of a **James** and **Matilda Baxter** and their two children, **Lucy D.**, age 19 (born 1861) and **Charles** age 17, (born 1863). **James**, the father, was born 1824 South Carolina. Because of the **Matilda** name and the closeness of these two families, it is an indication that they they could celebrate birthdays together. Is it possible that she is the 'Aunt **Matilda** of the 1909 postcard? Unfortunately no. Furthering my researched on this **Matilda**, I locate an Oct. 20, 1883 registration of her death. Thus, she is not my ancestral 'Aunt **Matilda**' as her death occurred before either postcard was produced.

To conduct further research on **Matilda**'s first husband, **William Means** of the 1870 census, we research the Memphis City Directories. Given that both **William** and **Means** are two fairly common names we are able to narrow our search because

following emancipation, 'colored' citizens were listed in these directories with a distinguishing, 'c' after their names. In these directories, we locate 1877, 1878, and 1880 listings for **William Means** 'c' as a 'driver' residing on Causey¹³. This street name matches the **William Means** 1880 census address. (There is no mention of **Matilda**.) In this listing his son Alfred, born 1857, is also listed. While these are the only three city directory listings for **William**, his son **Alfred** is listed in future Memphis City Directories through 1901 as a 'hatter'.



A. MEANS
Means, A. & Son.....125 Gayoso
Mr. Means for years has run the only first class hat store owned exclusively

by colored people. He and his son have had long experience in the hat business and their workmanship has been of such a character as to give this firm an enviable reputation in business circles. Mr. Means is one of our oldest and best known citizens and no man stands higher in the estimation of all classes. He is a man of considerable wealth and has a commodious home on South Cynthia street. He has always been a good citizen and has done his part to promote the same. An estimable wife and three children form his family circle.

A. MEANS & SON,
The Hatters,
Keep constantly on hand a select assortment of the Latest Styles of Soft and Stiff Hats. Hats neatly cleaned, dyed and repaired. Mail and telephone orders promptly attended.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
New Phone 2905.
125 Gayoso Ave.
Memphis, Tenn.

This son, **Alfred** marries and has four children: **Edward, William Minnie** and **Effie**. **Alfred** prospers in Memphis and soon becomes known a wealthy professional 'hatter' who owned, '*the only first class hat store owned exclusively by colored people*'¹⁴.

Continuing the search, the Memphis City directories, the 1901 Memphis City Directory by Polk also reveals a **Matilda Means**. While her son **Alfred** continues to prosper, his mother, **Matilda Means** is identified in this directory as a 'c cook rms Florida Ave, 6 s of Gholson'. Translation: She works as a cook who rooms on Florida Ave. From this

city directory, we learn that her younger daughter also named **Matilda** and a **John Means** also reside in the same building¹⁵. Other than the 1870 census, this city directory listing is the only other documentation of **Matilda Means**. But where is her husband **William Means**?

Consulting the Shelby County Death Registry, we find that on March 29, 1855, a man by the name of '**W. Means**' died. While his first name is listed only as an initial 'W', we are confident that this is **Matilda**'s husband because his address at death is listed as 29 Causey¹⁶.

We must now assess the clue given by Dr. **William Driver** in his 1919 postcard. Dr. **Driver** clearly states that the, '*...photo (was) borrowed from **Matilda Means Maxiel**...*'. Because he uses all three of

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their names we search for her as a married woman. What we find is that on Nov. 12, 1902, in Shelby County, Tennessee, a **Matilda Means** married **William Maxie**¹⁷. (Contrary to what Dr. **Driver** wrote on the postcard, the surname is **M-a-x-i-e**, not **Maxiel**.) The couple was married by the Rev. **T. (Thomas) J. Search**. A prominent figure in the turn of the century African-American community of Memphis, he is the pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church and is the same 'Minister of the Gospel' who performed the marriage of several of the **Driver** siblings. Documentations of this marriage validate two of the names on the 1919 postcard Dr. **William Driver** sent to his sister **Eleanor**. But confirmation that **Matilda Means Maxiel** did exist does not resolve the dilemma of linkage. We still do not know if she is an ancestor from our paternal or maternal side - an aunt or a great aunt>

Further search for **Matilda Means Maxie**, with her second husband and any of the several children from her first marriage was unsuccessful. While I am confident that this is the 'Aunt **Matilda**' referred to in my grandfather's postcard, it is still a dilemma as to if she is the father's and my great uncle's sibling or the sibling of their mother. The level of evidence for either argument is equal.

Historical photos of ancestors can be valuable tools in our genealogical research. This value is increased for African-American families where written documents and vital records of ancestors may not exist. Photos capture our ancestors in a moment in time freezing their expressions and décor for historical content. Often the background of the photo enables us to put the individuals in context. How they are dressed, their facial

expressions, the significance of what they hold in their hands, what props surrounded them, or who else is in the picture. These are just some of the things we must consider when assessing these pictures. These variables along with any narratives in the photo provide us with genealogical information that may lead to vital historical records.

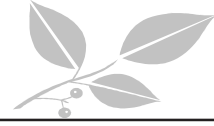
Such was the case with my maternal grandfather, **Edgar Driver**'s 1909 postcard to his sister **Rebecca**. In addition to what he wrote I was intrigued with the picture of the three females. Further, his sending the photo let me know that this was an elder he cared for. The photo postcard's other attraction for me was that it provided me with a copy of grandfather's handwriting. His almost perfect Palmer method of cursive writing became a hallmark carried down to his children and his grandchildren.

After almost a decade of trying to resolve the brick wall of "Who is Aunt **Matilda**"? It finally tumbles. From the mystery of not knowing of an ancestor, to wondering just who she is, to reconciling her identity was the result of detective work, research work, hypothesis and nine years of persistence. The result: we are able to preserve her memory and those of her descendants. But the dilemma remains. While we know from **Edgar**'s postcard that 'Aunt **Matilda**' was definitely a relative and we know that she was married at least twice, once to **William Means**, with whom she had several children then to **William Maxie**. Our dilemma is that we still don't know if she is **Edgar**'s father's sister or **Edgar**'s mother's sister. Discovering their relationship is my next challenge. I hope it doesn't take another nine years.

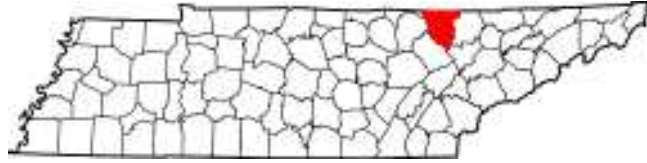
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Capt. **E. A. Sherman** of Covington, Ky. and Mr. **Adam Wahls** of Cincinnati and Dr. **Kehol** of Lexington returned to their homes after a pleasant fishing trip.

Miss **Dulcie Bagley** returned Monday after a short visit to her sister Mrs. **Sherman Rosser** at Oneida.

Wm. Munford returned Thursday from visiting his daughters **Vera** and **Allie** who are attending school in Nashville.

Saturday November 13, 1897.

Mrs. **M. A. Voss** and daughter Mrs. **Walker** were over from Helenwood yesterday.

W. T. Hurtt, Professor of Nettle Cove Academy is attending the Huntsville High School.

R. N. Payne of Knoxville was registered at the Brassfield House yesterday.

John Pemberton has been attending court this week.

John Todd of Elgin was in town Thursday.

Joe Walker of Maryville was in town yesterday and paid for the Chronicle a year in advance.

Mr. **M. S. Ryan** and daughter Miss **Octava Ryan** are visiting their brother **Joe Ryan** of this place.

C. C. Seston was over from Oneida Thursday.

Geo. T. McCravey was up from New River this week.

Glen Mary News

Robt. Burton has been on the sick list this week.

Miss **Josie Rogers** gave a birthday party Thursday.

Mrs. **John Malyneaux** will leave in a few days with **Thomas Malyneaux** for England for a short visit.

E. B. Guion is contemplating opening a grading school at Sunbright this coming year.

Mr. **Appleton**, President of Glen Mary Coal & Coke Co. was down from Lexington this week.

Helenwood Adds Another Victim to Her List.

Maynard Cecil is shot and killed by his cousin **Scott Keeton**. On last Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, **Maynard Cecil** and **I. S. Reed** had a misunderstanding, thought to have been the result of whiskey. **Cecil** threatened to shoot **Reed**, but friends interferred. About this time a south bound passenger train arrived, and on it was Deputy Sheriff, **Scott Keeton** who said as he got off the train, he saw **Maynard Cecil** in the act of shooting **Ike Reed**. He told him to stop and give up his pistol, but instead of giving it up, he claims **Cecil** turned it on him, firing twice before **Keeton** could get his pistol out. When **Keeton** fired, he hit **Cecil**, killing him instantly, using a forty-five instead of a thirty-eight. While this is what **Keeton** says, others say the larger pistol was fired first.

Maynard Cecil is the son of Squire **William Cecil** and he has had four sons killed in the same town.

The case of the State against **J. F. Hughett** and **John David** charged with the murder of **J. H. Pemberton** and his son, **Lewis** was taken up Wednesday morning, but on Saturday morning only a jury of nine people had been selected.

Court proceedings

The Circuit Court met at this place last Monday, Judge **Blair** presiding and Att. Gen. **Owings** prosecuting. The following business had been transacted up to the time of going to press.

John Yancey, embezzlement, continued.

Granville Slaven contempt of court, dismissed.

John Terry, murder, passed until Tuesday of next week.

Wash Freels et al gaming, dismissed.

J. F. Hughett, felonious assault, passed until Wednesday next week.

Richard Jones, selling whiskey, acquitted.

Milton Walker, carrying pistol, fined \$50.

Tas. Wilhite, carrying pistol, nolle on costs.

Tobe Wilson, et al trespass, continued.

Joseph Asher, selling whiskey, continued.

J. H. Jeffers, carrying weapons, forfeiture

Sterling Stephens, contempt of court, dismissed.

Charles Standfield, contempt of court, nolle on costs.

Tas. Walker, selling whiskey, passed until next week.

M. D. Newport, selling whiskey, continued.

Riley Sexton, selling whiskey, passed until next term.

John Viles, selling whiskey, continued.

Bug Viles, carrying pistol and selling whiskey, continued.

Charles Standfield, carrying pistol, nolle on costs.

Marion Phillips, carrying pistol, passed until next week.

Dudley Murphy, carrying pistol, continued.

Bill Baker, carrying arms, nolle on costs.

Lewis Drawn, carrying pistol, continued.

Joe Ryan carrying pistol, fined \$50 fine, suspended four months.

Frank Hughett, carrying pistol, dismissed.

Handy Sanders, carrying pistol, nolle on costs

Susan B. Lewallen, disturbing public worship, not guilty.

Jack Heaps, carrying pistol, continued.

Everett Murphy, forfeiture, nolle on costs.

Albert Murphy, forfeiture, nolle on costs.

Dan Streenk, disturbing public worship, nolle on costs.

The following attorneys, other than the local bar, have attended court this week. **J. E. Fulton**, Sunbright, **J. H. & Freeman Lewellyn**, S. H. and **J. W. Staples**, Wartburg, Judge **D. K. Young**, Sweetwater, **Beaty Cecil** and **Joel Robinson**, New River, **H. P. Stephens**, Harriman, **John F. McCutt & F. D. Owings**, Rockwood, **H. K. Trammell**, Jelico, **B. L. Reseden**, Horse Shoe Bend, **J. M. Newport**, Cordell, Judge **J. C. Parker**, **B. P. Smith** and **J. J. Newport**, Helenwood and **John I. Cox**, Bristol.

Saturday December 4 1897.

John C. Evans of Knoxville was in town the first of the week.

Ole Slaven was in town last week and informs us he dug twenty one large Irish potatoes out of one hill. He said three quarters of an acre yielded 189 bushels.

Joe Phillips, our printer has been on the sick list the last ten days.

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The two negroes, **Wm. Delaney** and **John Sewell** who were convicted last term of carrying a pistol and shooting with intent to kill, broke jail the 24th of November and made their escape.

Mrs. **Melissa Duncan** died at home in New River last Saturday night, and was buried at he family burying ground at Helenwood Monday.

Mrs. **Duncan** was related to the best families in the County. **R. Hurtt** & family, Dr. & Mrs. **Berry, W. H. Buttram** & family and Mrs. **Evans** attended the funeral.

Winfield Notes

John Brown was tried for a misdemeanor and acquitted.

Dr. **J. H. Hatfield**, Mr. & Mrs. **Dorman** and others went to Cincinnati on the excursion Saturday night.

J. M. Jones returned from Cincinnati Monday.

Scaley Dick was in town Tuesday.

Charles McKnight of Monticello is here trying to fill the people's mouth.

Rev. **Scaley** preached an able serman at the church house last night.

Saturday December 11, 1897

H. M. Robbins, Mr. **Kesterched** and **W. N. Melton** were up from Robbins Monday.

Linder S. Sexton was in Robbins Thursday.

Riley Phillips was in New River Wednesday.

Mynatt Leach, the murderer of **John D. Heck** was hanged at Clinton last Tuesday. **W. H. Buttram** and **James Keathley** and Sheriff **J.R. Goad** of this place were present. Sheriff **DeMarcus** who executed **Leach** and Sheriff **Goad** to assist him.

Helenwood News

H. K. Pemberton has begun work on her new store.

I. S. Reed expects to have his new house completed in the near future.

J. C. Parker is having some improvements made at the Post Office this week.

B. B. Byrd began a subscription school at this place Monday.

Saturday December 18, 1897.

Winfield News

Old Uncle **Sam Waters** came down from Kentucky the first of the week and while here, our cousin **Geo. Simpson** attached his house on account he owed **Ike Jones** for ten months or more.

Scaley Gran was in town this week.

Bill Smither, living near here, has one of the greatest freaks, that is his squalling qualities as a cat. He can certainly make two cats that fight ashamed of themselves.

M. Cecil was in town Sunday.

Saturday January 22, 1898

Deputy Sheriff **J. F. Hatfield** of Norma was in town yesterday.

Mrs. **D. A. Davis** who has been visiting her mother Mrs. **McDonald** of this place returned to Somerset, Kentucky Friday.

Hon. **B. P. Smith** was over from Helenwood yesterday.

Charley Blevins was up from Fronia Monday and Tuesday.

James Sexton of Bowl, TN. was in town Monday.

Sheriff **Goad** and Deputy Sheriff **Russell** were in Robbins Friday.

Helenwood Happenings.

John W. Staples of Wartburg and **J. E. Fulton** of Sunbright were in Helenwood this week.

John Toomey of this place took a trip to Flat Rock this week.

Judge **J. C. Parker** went to Winfield Friday.

Joel Robinson of New River was in Helenwood this week.

Deputy Sheriff **A. J. Thomas** brought **Thomas Boyatt** to jail Monday on a charge of house breaking. He is charged with entering the mill of **Calvin Thomas, Sr.** on Williams Creek about three weeks ago and stealing a bag of meal. He was tried before Esq. **Geo. W. Litton** of the first District who held him over to court and fixed his bond at \$500 in default of which he was sent to jail.

Winfield News

F. M. Ross and Big **Ike Jones** with **Geo. Simpson** as Manager, **Marson Jones** Superintendent are opening up quite a mine at this place.

Walter Sharp will start soon for Klondyke where he intends striking it rich.

R. C. Cecil will represent Helenwood Lodge at the setting of the Grand Lodge in Nashville January 26, 1898.

Joel Reed and **R. S. Marcum** of Oneida were in town Monday.

Saturday April 16, 1898

F. M. Chambers of Bowl was in town yesterday. Doc **Russell** of Almy was among our visitors this week.

W. R. Posey of Proctor made a business trip to Huntsville Thursday.

John U. Chambers of Buffalo was among friends here yesterday.

J. R. Goad has moved into the Buttram house, formerly occupied by **H. Clay James**.

Mrs. **John Toomey** and little **Edson** spent several days last week with her parents Mr. & Mrs. **Riley Phillips**.

James H. Wardle, Post Office Inspector for this district was in town Thursday.

Miss **Mary E. Caldwell**, a popular teacher at the Academy left for home near Maryville. She was accompanied by her sister Miss **Ollie Caldwell** and Mrs. **Evans** of Cincinnati.

Harvey Phillips aged 89 years died in this city Friday, April 5, 1898 from dropsy after an illness of eight months. He was born in Scott County and was a lifelong resident of Huntsville.

Winfield News

Geo. King was up from Oneida the first of the week.

Black **Gran Chitwood** was in town Wednesday. Mr. **C. W. Murphy** is visiting friends at this place. New River

Capt. **C. P. Russell** has returned home.

Dr. **David Reese** was here last week doing dental work.

Miss **Susan Stanberry** and Misses **West** were present at the Box Supper.

Prof. **D. R. Case** and family moved to Oneida Thursday.

Gum Fork News

Bob Chitwood says there will be no war.

Melton Baker is very popular at **Joseph Marcums**.

Rev. **Jim Wilson** was in Knoxville the first of the week.

Messrs. **Bailey Stanley** and **David Trammell** of Pleasant Grove were over to church Sunday.

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Saturday May 7, 1898

Joel Parker of near Rugby was in town Monday.

Attorney **W. M. York** left an order with us this week for some job printing.

Rev. **S. M. Cook** of Kentucky was the guest of Rev. **Arno Moore** Tuesday.

Judge **B. L. Riseden** of Horse Shoe Bend spent several days here this week.

Geo. Cross, J. M. Newport and **W. S. Harness** of Cordell were in town Monday.

It is reported that **W. S. Atkins** beat the record on the Paint Rock Bicycle track.

Marion Foster is doing guard duty over the prisoners who are working on the public road.

John Fetterman, Andy Thomas and **James Sharp** of Oneida attended County Court here Monday.

Ruf. Keathley of New River spent several days here this week, the guest of his brother **Jim Keathley**.

Mrs. **W. M. Sprankle** and little grand-daughter **Susette Schultz** were over from Helenwood.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued during the month of April:

Wm. H. Marcum and **Luella Litton**

Campbell Reed and **Rebecca Stanley**

Henry Brown and **Annie Fults**.

Louis C. Bauswell and **Mary E. Hunnicutt**

Henry Hawn and **Maggie McCoy**

James M. Stockwell and **Martha Walker**

Thomas Stephens and **Susanna Blankenship**

Franklin Summers and **Martha Dexter**

Jesse H. Burchfield and **Luverna Lawson**

Nickie Strunk and **Elizabeth Spradlin**

Joseph Hofford and **Carty Carney**

Phillip Terry and **Mary Hatfield**

Transfers of Real Estate

E. A. Hammon to **Fannie Hammon**, exchange 9th Dist.

J. A. Williams to **Ebenezer Human**, exchange of property 9th Dist.

W.H. Buttram C & M to **Thos. Begley** 56 acres \$50.

John Wilkson & heirs to **W. S. Wilson** – 8th Dist. \$25.

Sanders Foster to **Samuel V. Murphy** 5000 acres First Dist.

Harvey Phillips to **Samuel V. Murphy** 5000 acres 4th Dist.

Sanders Foster to **S. V., Murphy** 250 acres 4th Dist.

John Crabtree to **Daniel Phillips** 50 acres 6th Dist. \$100.

James M. Dickey to **Ulysses B. Kellogg** 500 acres \$150.

John Phillips to **Aleck Hughett**, town lot.

Mary K. Martin to **W. E. McAlpin**, exch. of property

Centers Keeton to **Ridgeway Sprinkle & Co.** 80 acres \$100.

Eliza Ott to **John H. C. Ott** ———acres 3rd Dist.

W. R. Posey to **W. J. Jeffers** ———acres 6th Dist., exch. property.

John W. Fiedler to **Samuel J. Albertson** ———acres 3rd Dist. \$50.

J. C. Homby to **W. A. Miller**, 42 acres 3rd Dist. \$215.

J. F. Crost to **L. C. Stanley** ———acres 6th Dist. \$57.

P. M. Wright to **Eli Murphy** ———acres 8th Dist. \$50.

Asa H. Chirpening to **C. F. Weitzel**, exch. of property.

Geo. P. Sanders to **Ella Williams**, exch. of property.

Geo. P. Sanders to **Emma Cockrell**, exch. of property.

Geo. P. Sanders to **Amy M. Williams** – exch. of property.

Riley Boyer to **Fritz Sanders** 5000 acres - \$5000.

W. R. Landrum to **C. C. Musgrove** —acres 8th Dist. \$800.

A. L. Pemberton to **H. K. Pemberton** —acres 2nd Dist.
Helenwood

Luther M. Parker, Private Secretary of Paymaster in Marshal **Austin**'s office in Knoxville is here for a short visit with his parents Mr. & Mrs. **J. C. Parker**.

Bob Phillips bought the **Blankenship** Grist Mill.

F. M. Strunk and **Scott Keeton** went to the Falls last week on a fishing trip.

John M. Davis, a prominent lawyer of Wartburg was here on legal business.

J. M. Hamby of Melrose visited Helenwood Sunday, guest of **John Toomey**.

G. W. Chandler, Esq. of Harriman was in Helenwood Thursday.

Ike Reed says the man **Dewey** can whip the Spanishers in two weeks.
New River

T. H. Welch, one section foreman has moved to Sunbright.

Mrs. **Buckner** of Monteray is visiting her daughter Mrs. **Wm. Watson**.

Mrs. **Harmon** of Oakdale is visiting her daughter Mrs. **Joel Robinson**.

R. L. Shoopman of Somerset, Ky. was in town Sunday.

Wm. Spurling is building an addiiton to his house.
Robbins

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, **Carty**, daughter of **Henry** & Mrs. **Carney** and **Joseph Hofford** at 10 A.M. Sunday by Squire **Llewellen**.

R. C. Garrett left Tuesday for Thompson, Ala.

Mr. & Mrs. **B. L. Hood** left Tuesday evening for Chattanooga.

Miss **Cora Ellar** and **Martin McNamara** spent Sunday with Rugby friends.
Gum Fork

John Wright of Jellico Mountain says he is going next week to help the Cubans fight the Spanish.

Wm. H. Tramell of Layford, Ky. was visiting here this week.

Joe Cricillis of Bush Grove attended Sunday School here Sunday.

Bud Lovett of Layford, Ky. was over Monday to see his best girl.
Winfield

Dudie Marion has moved to the country and has rented his town property to **M. Phillips** who intends merchandising.

Master **Charlie** and **Deleon Cecil** went fishing the first of the week.

Sally Murphy was in town the first of the week.
Saturday May 14, 1898.

Leonard Jeffers was in Helenwood Tuesday.

Joseph Ryan has returned from a visit to Kentucky.

Work on **Alvis Jeffers** cottage is progressing rapidly.

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Misses **Ruth Harvey** and **Flora Keen** drove over from New River Wednesday.

Thomas Butler and **Sim Lavender** of Elgin, Tenn. were in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Charnette Jane, wife of **Frank Cross** of Buffalo died Tuesday nite after an illness of two years from consumption.

The sad news of the death of **Belle Shadoin** in Somerset, Kentucky Monday morning reached here Tuesday.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued since the last issue.

Joe Collins and **Viola Byrd**

Jesse Powers and **Nellie Craft**

Jacob Chambers and **Rosetta Hicks**

Helenwood

Miss **Amelia G. Smith** was visiting friends in Huntsville.

R. C. Cecil, Post Master of Winfield was here on Tuesday.

John Stonecypher of Robbins visited relatives here Sunday.

Judge **Parker** was in Harriman Wednesday on legal business.

Winfield

Miss **Mary Baker** and **Viona Creekmore**, while out boat riding with a couple of young fellows in the pond at Glen Mary Sunday were thrown out, by the boat being upset, and barely escaped drowning.

John Van Winkle of Danville, Ky. was here the first of the week looking after his real estate interests.

Joe Wright and **Pheroah Wright** were in town the first of the week.

Saturday May 28, 1898.

Miss **Taria Phillips** was in Helenwood Monday.

Dan Thompson of Brimstone was in town Wednesday.

Scott Harness of Cordell visited friends here Thursday.

Mrs. **Martha Dick** and son **Ike Craig** of Oneida spent Saturday with **Riley Phillips** family.

John I. Cox of Bristol was here on business Saturday.

Newt McDonald intends to build an addition and make some repairs on his house.

J. E. Goddard of Knoxville was in town Thursday and collected revenue on six barrels of whiskey.

Tom Phillips Raises a Squad – After the train left, **Tom Phillips** determined to organize a squad of men to follow his friends to Nashville. He secured fourteen volunteers, and telegraphed Governor **Taylor** for transportation. They left on the south bound train Tuesday afternoon. The following is a complete list of volunteers. (editor's note: forty in number) **John Phillips, Dan Webb, T. M. Wright, Martin Jack, Joe Phillips, Fred Phillips, Sanders Newport, Jay Byrd, Sylvester Potter, John Padget, Jr., James Keeton, Denton Owens, Richard Hatfield, Mitchel Cecil, R. D. Stephens, R. D. Kitton, J. P. Kelly, Joe Shoopman, Pitney Phillips, John Phillips, Ernest Stephens, James Waters, Wm. Mannis, Flem Duncan, Hendson Keeton, A. Hembree, John Sexton, Ed. Chitwood, Thos. Phillips, Balfour McDonald, Millard Newport, W. R. Boyatt, J. S. Boyatt, Matthew Ross, James Chambers, Simon Thompson, Sile Maiden, Wm. Wallace, Josiah Phillips, Jas. Cook.**

Helenwood

Sheriff **J. R. Goad**, Judge **W. H. Potter, E. S. Boshears**, Deputy **Bill Russell, D. C. Chambers** and **James Foster** visited our town this week.

W. H. Carson of Wilmore, Ky. was here visiting his brothers **Bailey** and **Lee Carson** on Wednesday.

Jolen W. Staples recruiting officer of Wartburg was in Helenwood Sunday and Monday. Saturday June 4, 1898.

W. M. York visited friends at Cordell Saturday. **John Toomey** was over from Helenwood Wednesday.

Dick Chitwood of Winfield visited relatives here Thursday.

Dan Hatmaker has built an addition to his blacksmith shop.

C. H. Perry and wife are spending the week with friends up the river.

Dave Connors, the well known hotel proprietor of Glen Mary was in town Monday.

James Phillips came up from Chattanooga Saturday.

Isaac the two year old child of Mr. & Mrs. **Ensley York** died Wednesday and was buried Thursday.

Wm. Laxton and wife and Miss **Luverna Sexton** attended the box supper at the Cross Roads Thursday night.

Mrs. **George Chandler** died in Robbins Wednesday about noon.

Helenwood

Miss **Ida Parker**, Miss **Permelia Smith**, **Lee Carson** and wife, **Scott Keeton** & family, **John Toomey** & wife, **Will Brooks** and a number

more of our citizens attended the baptism at Oneida Sunday.

Capt. **J. E. Fulton** of Sunbright who has been here for several days getting up a company of Scott County boys, says he has already a full company, and left last night for Nashville.

New River

John Murley and **John Duncan** are in the sick list.

Rev. **Lindsay Cooper** of Massy Creek was in town Thursday.

J. F. Buttram has been hoeing corn this week. Winfield

Mr. & Mrs. **Judson Sprankle** were visiting Mr. & Mrs. **R. C. Cecil**, Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. **R. C. Cecil** went to Chattanooga the first of the week.

A.L. Strunk's little girl was bitten through the nose by a rat the other night while asleep.

I. M. Jones is getting up a company of volunteers in the 8th District.

John Cowan has volunteered to go from Winfield. Saturday June 18, 1898.

Little **Cora McDonald** is nursing a sore hand.

Clabe Cross of Oneida was in town Wednesday.

Riley Phillips has added a new porch to his home.

Wm. York returned Sunday from a short visit to Nashville.

Mr. & Mrs. **John Toomey** drove over from Helenwood yesterday.

Newt McDonald is making extensive improvements on his house.

Miss **Lizzie Harvey** of Somerset was a guest of Huntsville friends yesterday.

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Miss **Emma Wells** of Oak Hill, Overton County is visiting Mrs. **Buttrum**.

W. H. Buttrum's little boy fell in a well yesterday, a distance of about 13 feet, but sustained no injury.

The condition of **Sherman Sexton** who was stabbed last week is somewhat improved.

Miss **Erymena Sproule**, one of Williamsburg's charming young ladies returned home Thursday.

Mrs. **Elizabeth S. Dickey** left Wednesday for Cincinnati for a short visit with friends, and thence to Omaha, Neb. where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Road Stanley was badly injured at Paint Rock mine Monday. He was blasting and the charge of dynamite exploded with terrific force.

Dave Stanley and **Dewey Willhite** were arrested at an early hour yesterday morning near Oneida by Sheriff **Goad** and Deputy **Wm. Russell**. They were charged with house breaking and grand larceny, being connected with burglary of **Clabe Cross**' store at Oneida on the night of June 2.

Helenwood

Mrs. **John Toomey** received a letter Tuesday from her brothers **Joe** and **Fred** who are at Camp Alger, Falls Church, Va.

J. H. Everett of Indiana, **John Toomey** and **M.A. Byrd** of this town wen to the First District Monday.

Mrs. **B. H. Price** of Knoxville is visiting her sister, Mrs. **J. C. Newman** of this place.

J. H. Everett of Ft. Wayne, Ind. was in Helenwood this week.

Burdette Parker has returned home from Knoxville.

Winfield

Geo. P. Hines is selling books for a Chicago publishing house.

Last Monday while **Elliot Sharp** was returning from Isham, he was hit on the side with a rock, and his hat knocked off. He fired several shots at his unknown assailant, but missed him.

Reed Furnish who was in town several days has gone to Jellico.

Saturday June 25, 1898.

M. L. McDonald returned to Elk Valley Tuesday.

George Russell visited with Almy friends Wednesday.

I.M. Jones of Winfield was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Hon. **Beaty Cecil** was over from New River the first of the week.

Prof. **C. C. Cross** of Straight Fork attending the convention Monday.

Miss **Martha Newport** of Williamsburg, Ky. is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

B. B. Stanley, candidate for Circuit Court Clerk was in town Monday.

Miss **Fanny Diamond** of Rugby is in town visiting the Misses **Sexton**.

R. Huett informs us he is a candidate for the Legislature.

E. McDonald a candidate for Register, spent Saturday in town.

The tenth annual County Normal Convention convened at the Academy in this town Monday, and will continue in session all week. The following is a complete list of teachers in attendance. **L. L. Angel, Isaac M. Blevens, J. F. Borhears, J. M. Chambers, Jennie Creekmore, Elmira Carson, Gertrude Cecil, J. F. Cecil, M. J.**

Chambers, Reason H. Cecil, Ella Chambers, C. C. Cross, J. F. Chambers, C. M. Chitwood, W. E. Cross, Y. W. Cordell, Sanders Foster, James & Martha Jones, Esau Jeffers, W. S. Harness, James Griffith, W. J. Jeffers, Geo. M. Hatfield, Ella Jeffers, Elvin Jeffers Wm. Laxton, Minnie Keeton, J. W. Law, S. S. Lawson, C. R. Lewellen, Ewell Law, Rev. Arno Moore, M. L. McDonald, Roena Newport, C. W. Murphy, John Newport, C. C. Newport, F. H. Posey, S. S. Newport, L. D. Phillips, Toria Phillips, Bertie Phillips, Irene Pemberton, Lucinda Redman, Anna Ryall, Sherman Rosser, W. C. Russell. J. D. Roberson, Teama Rosser, Minnie Reed, Hugh Russell, H. M. Robbins, J. L. Robbins, B. L. Riseden, Stella Riseden, Dora Shoopman, A. R. Smith, John Smith, R. M. Shipp, Laura Taylor, Granville Todd, M. E. Thompson, Rev. B. C. Taylor, Nannie Trammell, W. A. Terry, J. E. Watts, Ollie Thompson, Charley Walker, Alfred West, Line West, Wm. York, F. L. York, Viola Young, W. S. Adkins, Mrs. D. R. Case, Delaney Dyer, E. G. Foster.

Saturday July 9, 1898.

John M. Terry was appointed by the County Court last Monday, County Surveyor.

Capt. **Robt. Walton** of Rugby was in town yesterday.

E. G. Foster spent Saturday night & Sunday at Isham.

H. M. Robbins of Robbins left a dollar with us for a year's subscription.

Misses **Toria Phillips** and **Dora Shoopman** drove over from Helenwood Thursday.

Martha, wife of **Jake Miller** died at Wolf Creek last Friday, aged about 55 yerars. Her brothers are **William** and **George Russell** of this city,

Thomas Russell of Wolf Creek and **Drewry Russell** who lives in Virginia.

List of Jurors

The following will serve as jurors of the July term of the Circuit Court – First District – **Wm. Marcum**, Second – **R. P. Hughett** and **D. Y. Massengle** – Third – **Simon Lavender** and **John Newport** – Fourth – **John A. Byrd** and **John Marcum** – Fifth – **Mit Shoopman** – Sixth – **Riley Chambers** and **Finley Lay** – Seventh – **Bailey Chitwood & P. M. Wright** – Eighth – **Abraham Reseden** and **J. R. Ryan** – Ninth – **Aaron Goad** and **Al Newport** – Tenth – **Jasper Jeffers, Jr.** and **Ewell Bolin** – Eleventh – **Plea Chambers** and **Ewell Jeffers** – Twelfth – **W. R. Smith** and **C. Keeton** – Thirteenth – **John Freeman Sexton** and **Jonathan Phillips** – Fourteenth – **J. W. McCoy** and **Thomas Begley**. Constables to wait on court, **G. W. Simpson**, 8th District, **John Lane** 10th District.

The following Scott County boys enlisted in Capt. **E. W. Green's** Company of colored volunteers, and left Sunday night for Ft. Thomas, Ky. where they will help make the regiment under Col. **Higgins: Robbins, Henry Buttram, Mack Rogers, Tim Gray, Ross Ramson, Harp Buttram, Freeman Buttram.** Glen Mary, **Wash Fields, Henry Brown, Albert Brown, Frank Hurst, Flem Moody, Wm. Price, Jas. Russell, Wm. White.**

Robbins

Mr. & Mrs. **A. C. Ellias** and daughter Miss **Cora** went to Cincinnati the first of the week.

Miss **Viola Young** has returned from Huntsville.

M. Lenoire Key is spending a few days in Chattanooga.

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Personal and Otherwise – Huntsville

Aunt **Becca Phillips** has been quite sick for a few days.

Grayson Foster's new house is rapidly nearing completion.

Prof. **C. W. Murphy** was visiting friends in New River the first of the week.

Zeke Membree and son **Lindsay** spent three or four days this week hunting on Smokey.

Cas. Cross was down from Straight Fork having some dental work done.

Atty. **Will York** who returned from Cuba with malaria was sick a day or two this week.

Meloa McDonald and **Seiman Thompson** went to Glen Mary last Saturday.

Messes **Nellie** and **Jeanne Oberheau** of Rigby spent Thursday with Miss **Flora Keen**.

William Petree, the young man severely shot by **John Cecil** is still alive and slowly improving.

Saturday October 28, 1899

W. T. Owenby of Nashville died here at the home of his father-in-law **J. J. Garrett** this morning at 7 o'clock after ten days of intense suffering from acute malaria. He was born in Marshall County near Lewisburg in 1857 where he lived until he moved to Nashville. He married Miss **Anna Garrett** a few years ago and has a baby boy two months old.

Robert Burchfield, Squire **Henry Adkins** and **Harris Duncan** from the 7th and 8th Districts were in town on business.

Saturday November 25, 1899

Personal and Otherwise

Leonard Jeffers new dwelling is about completed.

Jim Phillips of Chattanooga is visiting his parents here.

Messers **Jesse** and **O. B. Byrd** will open a large store at Pioneer by the first of next year.

Marion Foster will spend some time at Isham this month while his brother **Elvis** will be here.



GLEANINGS



Ray County Reflections (MO) Vol 19 #2 Obituaries –issue of the *Missourian* 23 Jun 1921 includes this information on **Mary Smith** who died Rayville, MO aged 91. She came to the Rayville vicinity from TN. She was the youngest of eight children, and was married twice, 1st to **Alexander Francis** and 2nd to **John Smith**.

Missouri Journal Vol 30 #3 **James Buchanan Eads** mother, **Nancy Anne**, was b 1797 Jonesboro, TN.

The Saga of Southern Illinois Vol 37 #3 **Conley** Family Bible records the wife of **William L. Conley** is **Nancy (McDonald)** of TN who came before 1837 to Pope Co., IL.

Irishtown Township (and other townships) 1880 Mortality Schedule of Clinton Co., IL lists:

Nancy R. Mott	28	F	W	M	IL TN TN	keeping house	Aug.	confinement
inflammation1/12								
Nancy Hankinson	62	F	W	Wd	TN SL SL	keeping house	Mar	
Pneumonia	44							
Mary J. Jones	46	F	W	Mar	IL TN TN	keeping house	Feb	
Pneumonia	1							

Teresa Frensley	1/12	F	W	Sing.	IL TN IL				Jan	
Hamorage (written over 'loss of blood' which has been crossed out)									1/12	
Americus L. Cole	60	M	W	Mar	TN NC NC	farmer			May	
Pneumonia 40										
Sugar Creek Twp										
Charles Petty	21	M	W	Sing	AR TN TN	farmer			Dec	
Congestive Chills 15										
Breese Twp										
Herman Foss	2/12	M	W	Sing	IL MO TN				Oct	
Croup Colic 9/12										
Martha Curtis	64	F	B	Mar	TN TN TN	keeping house			Dec	
Inflamation of Liver 40										
Thomas Low	55	M	W	Mar	TN TN TN	farmer			Feb	Typhoid
Pneumonia 17										
Wade Twp										
George W. Jackson	52	M	W	Mar	TN TN TN	farmer			Mar	Typhoid
Pneumonia 30										
Carlyle Twp										
Phillip Vanler	65	M	W	Sing	TN TN TN	laborer		Oct		Consumption
14										
David Fritch	56	M	W	Mar	TN NC TN	farmer			Feb	
Typhoid Pneumonia 1/12										
Clement Twp										
Joshua Coon	72	M	W	Mar	TN __ __	stone mason			Dec	
Kidney Disease 12										
James Abram	28	M	W	Mar	KY KY TN	farmer			Jan	Heart
Disease 3/12										
Harvy Claton	2/12	M	W	Sing	IL TN TN	___			Oct	
Summer Complaint ___										
Brookside Twp										
John H.C. Abernathy	22	M	W	Sing	IL IL TN	engineer			Jan	Lung
Feber (sic) 22										

Illinois Quarterly Vol 42 #3

'**Kathleen Matson's** Pioneer Heritage in Stark Co., IL' includes **Jacob Galley** of Co H 72nd IL Volunteer Inf. was wounded 30 Nov 1864 in the Battle of Franklin, TN, and was left for dead on the battlefield, but he returned home to IL, moved to NB and d 1919.

Civil War Diary of Gideon Richardson Taxis of Gardner, Grundy Co., IL reports that **Gideon's** unit, Co. D 127th IL Inf. was aboard the *Emerald*, and he landed at Memphis, TN 13 Nov 1862. He was in Overton Hospital, Memphis, 18 Feb 1863 with a leg wound. Two diary entries are noted as Memphis.

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Book Reviews states that *The Storm of the 89th IL Vol. Inf. (1862-1865)* includes information on TN battles.

Northeast Alabama Settlers Vol 49 #3

1917-1918 Gadsden times Obituaries' lists on Mon 29 Apr 1918 Mrs. **Alice Murphy** died, age 62. Her remains were sent to Knoxville, TN for burial.

Tues 30 Apr 1918: **R.S. Walls** of Boaz was shot and killed near the TN line Sunday.

Etowah Co., Military: Some Civil War Soldiers in Etowah Co.' lists:

James M. Word from the 4th TN Cav. was b 1832 d 1917 and is buried in Butler Ceme., Etowah Co., AL.

Alphabetical List of Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama includes **John Jackson**, aged 82, resident of Jackson Co., AL who was a Pvt. in SC Continental Line. He transferred his pension from Lincoln Co., TN 4 Mar 1816.

Valley Leaves (AL) Vol 45 #1

War of 1812 Pension Applications of Jackson Co., includes a declaration that **Levina Methvin** mar **Wm. Campbell** 5 Aug 1881 at Salem, Franklin Co., TN. **William**'s name is not on militia rolls of Capt. **S. Graffey**'s company or **Grief Johnson**'s Company of TN or GA (5 Oct 1872.)

William Campbell, who served as **Theophilus Campbell** was issued from Knoxville, Agency (12 Apr 1880.)

Hiram Opie Smither, Prisoner of War CSA, was taken 3 Oct 1863 at Winchester, TN.

Virginia Tidewater Genealogy Vol 41 #3

Generation Next: Why Giving Teens a Taste of Family History Is So Very Sweet, states that **Tina Sansone** is a Genealogy Merit Badge counselor in TN.

Genealogical Gazette (GA) Vol 28 #3

Marion Co., Argus, Buena Vista, Marion Co., GA 2 Apr 1881-23 Jan 1884 reports that Miss **Neppie Baker**, who has been attending the Normal School, and Mr. **Henry Drane**, who has been attending Vanderbilt Univ., are expected to arrive home from Nashville.



Sylvia Harris, Ass't. to the Exec.Secretary

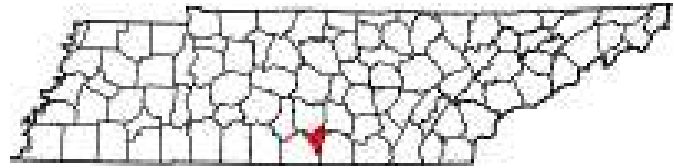


**Spencer Fullen
Director of Membership**

Transcribed by Tina Sansone

Thursday, July 1, 1875

Thursday was **Henry Ward Beecher's** birthday—age 62.



Under the Statutes of Tennessee a widow is entitled to both dower and homestead. So sayeth the Supreme Court.

Franz Scheppone, a French man, proposes to buy five thousand acres of land in Perry County and settle fifty French families thereon.

Gov. **Tilden** vetoed no less than one hundred and thirty seven bills passed at the recent session of the New York legislation.

The Members of the Fifth Maryland Regiment are about equally divided – Union and Confederate. Several of the privates were field officers in one or the other of the armies during the late war.

The official history of the Grange Order shows that the total number of Granges in the United States is 23,500, with an aggregate membership of 1,500,000. The receipts last year amounted to \$216,381. The order now has \$69,000 invested in Government bonds, and \$19,000 in case on deposit at the financial agency in the city of New York.

At Nelson, VA, a few days ago, a gentleman who had lost several sheep by dogs, put strychnine in large quantities upon one of the carcasses, and the next morning found thirty-one dead dogs in the field, the farthest one being less than one hundred yards from the dead sheep.

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To the People of Moore County

Having a few days ago, by circular, called your attention to a meeting to be held at the Court house in Lynchburg on the 5th of July next, to take steps to have your interest properly represented at the Centennial of 1876, we again by this means call upon you to consider the importance of this meeting that you may not neglect to attend. We cannot in this paper enter into all the reasons why you should be present on the 5th proximo, but would merely say that the reasons will be fully considered and explained on that occasion and it is important you should hear, and to hear you must be present!

The greatest need of your country is capital and skilled labor. The only means, possible, to bring these is properly to place before the world the advantages of your State, with all its resources in the most attractive light. You now have an opportunity for this; and so regard it the part of wisdom to embrace the occasion. The people of every county of the State meet on the 5th prox., for this same purpose. Come, let us not be behind any, let us take such steps as the occasion demands, let us place ourselves properly upon the record and prove to the world we are a wide-awake, energetic and enterprising people. There will not be another occasion of this character for one hundred years. We all at that time will be in our graves, but our children and children's children may then bless our memory for our action on the present occasion. A wise man always does the right thing at the right time. That we may have no reflections to make upon ourselves hereafter for slighting the present moment, let us come fully prepared to take those steps the importance of the occasion demands.

Sam'l Bobo, A.T. Seitz, Committee Moore Co.

The **Tilton-Beecher** case has at least been given to the jury, and it is hoped they will render a verdict, and give the people a rest, some time between this and New Year. At last accounts, **Beecher** claims eleven for acquittal and one for conviction.

The Supreme Court, now in session in Knoxville, rules that the practice of admitting incompetent testimony to “see what is in it” and afterwards withdrawing it, is irregular, illegal and reprehensible, tending, as it usually does, to prejudice the minds of the jury and lead them away from the real issue.

The Supreme Court, now in session in Knoxville, has confirmed the death sentence of **Ananias Honeycutt**, for the murder of **Thomas Ausmus**, in Claiborne county, Jan. 30, 1874, and of **W. N. Berry**, for the murder of his wife, in Hawkins county, three years ago. Both are to swing Aug. 13.

We understand that a Henderson county farmer ran a man out of his crib in the night time, and after the fleeing trespasser had left he found among his corn a pocket-book containing one hundred and forty dollars in money. The finder has advertised for the owner of the pocket-book to call and prove his property and get it; but up to last accounts no one had called.

June 30, 1875

A Grain Elevator in Nashville

It is understood that **O. F. Noel** has projected the speedy erector of an elevator in Nashville. The *Banner* says: The announcement was so well received by our merchants that many of them commended the enterprise as being one of the best yet projected in Nashville. It is believed that not only this but another elevator of even larger dimensions with a capacity of 250,000 bushels might be built and operated with

profit. – The present elevator will be three stories in height, with a tower. It is proposed by Mr. **Noel** to issue negotiable paper to the farmer on the receipt of his grain in the elevator. For instance, suppose farmer B has 1,000 bushels which he does not desire to sell at ruling prices, particularly if they be lower than he would have them, all he will have to do will be to ship his wheat to the elevator, have it stored safely away, get rid of its care, get a certificate of its storage there, and draw \$500 or more upon it from a bank. This virtually makes the farmer independent to sell his wheat whenever he chooses.

The Centennial

Important Circular to the County Commissioners

Suggestion for Further Organization from Carter to Shelby

Col. **F. P. Cahill**, Secretary of the National and State Board of Centennial Commissioners, has addressed the following circular to the County Centennial Commissioners throughout the State:

SECRETARY’S OFFICE NATIONAL AND STATE BOARD OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR TENNESSEE,

Nashville, June 25, 1875. – To the County Centennial Commissioners, State of Tennessee – Gentlemen: I am directed by the Executive Committee to request that you take the proper steps for holding a mass meeting of the citizens of your respective counties on the 5th of July next, at the county seat of each county, or as soon thereafter as you may deem necessary, for the purpose of securing a proper representation of the history, products and resources of the State of Tennessee at the National Centennial celebration to be held at Philadelphia next year.

It becomes your duty to see that a Board of Finance is organized in your respective counties for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions from the citizens to defray the expenses of the State on that occasion, also to make sure that a proper committee be named to select for exhibition at Philadelphia fit specimens of the products, wealth and resources of each county.

At the close of the meeting you will please forward to this office for the information and guidance of the committee a full report of the proceedings accompanied by an expression of your views as to the interest manifested by your people in the enterprise. Respectfully,

Frank P. Cahill, Sec'y.

Col. **Scott** has notified the Paymaster General that on and after the first day of July next, no trains of the Baltimore and Ohio road will be permitted to pass over his rails from Philadelphia to New York. The mail service to and from New York is now equally divided between the two corporations.

CASH! J. L. Bryant & Co. will sell you goods as cheap as any market and will duplicate anybody's prices for cash or good barter.

Susan Smith vs John T. Motlow
PURSUANT TO A DECREE OF the Honorable, the Supreme Court of Tennessee, now sitting at Nashville, rendered in the above named cause, I will sell, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the Court house door in the town of Lynchburg, Moore county, Tennessee,

ON TUESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 1875, a tract of land situate, lying and being in Moore County and formerly in the 1st civil district of Lincoln county and bounded as follows: On the north by the lands of **T. P. Green**, deceased; east by the lands of **T. L. P. Green, Alexander Timmons** and **James L. Moore**, deceased; south by the lands of **Holt, Hiles, and Berry**, and west by the lands of **Elisha Womach** and **S. E. H. Dance** containing two hundred and forty-four acres, excluding the still-house ?? enclosed on almost one acre, with all the still-house buildings and ?.

TERMS OF SALE – Cash – subject to redemption.

E. C. Dennington
Clerk Supreme Court

Nashville, Tenn., April 8, 1875



Sipping-Whiskey & Walking-Horses



—Jim Bobo

Two of the most internationally recognizable Tennessee products are the Tennessee Walking horse from Bedford County (Shelbyville promotes itself as the “*Walking Horse Capital of the World*,”) and *Jack Daniel's* sour mash whiskey made next door in Moore County.

People the world over ooh and aah over the unique “running-walk” gait of the beautiful and usually very calm Tennessee Walker. Likewise, the “initiated” –it is an acquired taste—the world over ooh and aah with

pleasure over the unique flavor of *Jack Daniel's Tennessee Sour Mash Whiskey*.

The *Jack Daniel's Distillery*, in Lynchburg, TN, is the oldest registered distillery in the country (1866) and *Tennessee whisky* is a protected name for an American sour mash whiskey. *Jack Daniel's* undergoes a filtering stage called the “*Lincoln County Process*,” (Lynchburg was in Lincoln County until 1872 when it became county seat of Moore county.) in which it is filtered through a thick layer of rock maple charcoal before it is put

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into casks for aging. These additional steps give the whiskey it's distinctive, slightly sweet and faintly smoky, flavor.

Jack Daniel's is imbibed in combination with many different liquids. It is the alcoholic component in "Lynchburg Lemonade" and world-wide "*JD and Coke*" is a term for *Jack Daniel's* and *Coca Cola*, a famous cocktail. (Purists decry this misuse of two of America's most iconic products.)

Jack is a sipping whiskey!

In most bars/pubs, an order of "Black Jack with water by" gets you a glass of water and a portion of amber liquid out of a square bottle with a screw cap, and a black label reading, "Jack Daniel Distillery, Lem Motlow, Prop., Inc." If your order results in a combination other than this go to a different bar next time.

Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel, founder of the Jack Daniel Distillery, was born on a Moore County farm, one of twelve (some records say thirteen) children to **Caloway** and **Lucinda (Cook) Daniel**. His grandfather, **Joseph "Job" Daniel** and his Scottish wife immigrated to the United States from Wales.

The published dates of **Jack's** birth conflict, either September 5, 1846, ca1848, or September 1850. Whatever his birth date, in about 1860 he went to live with and work for Reverend **Dan Call**, a Lynchburg merchant who had a whiskey distillery a few miles from Lynchburg on Louse Creek. **Jack** proved to be much more interested in distilling whiskey than in clerking in a store. Within three years **Jack** was a full partner in the "still" and shortly thereafter bought **Call's** balance of the whiskey-making enterprise.

Because he never married and had no children, he took **Lem Motlow**, (b.1869-d.1947) his nephew, the son of his sister **Finetta Daniel** and **Felix Motlow**, under his

wing. **Lem** was very skilled in math and was soon the distillery's bookkeeper.

In 1907, due to failing health, **Jack Daniel** gave the distillery to **Lem Motlow**. **Jack** died in 1911 from blood poisoning which started from an infection in one of his toes.

At **Lem's** death in 1947, ownership of the distillery passed to his children, **John Reagor** by his first wife **Clara Reagor**, and **Robert T, Dan E, Conner**, and **Mary Avon**, by his second wife **Ophelia Evans**.

The Distillery has been owned by the *Brown-Forman Corporation* since 1956.

The Master Distiller's job at *Jack Daniel's* is to oversee the entire whiskey-making process of milling, yeasting, fermenting and distilling to make sure *Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Tennessee Whiskey* tastes exactly as it has since 1866.

The Jack Daniels web site lists seven Masters who have served during the last 144 years

Mr. **Jack Daniel** 1866 – 1911
(NOTE: MS **Jeanne Ridgway Bigger**, in her *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, gives the names of two other "head stillers" who served under **Jack Daniel** sometime before 1911, **Nearest Green** and **John Tolley**.)

Mr. **Jess Motlow** 1911 - 1941

Mr. **Lem Tolley** 1941 - 1964

Mr. **Jess Gamble** 1964 - 1966

Mr. **Frank Bobo** 1966 - 1988

Mr. **Jimmy Bedford** 1988 – 2008

Mr. **Jeff Arnett** 2008 – present

Sources:

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<http://www.jackdaniels.com>

The New York Times, 10 August 2009

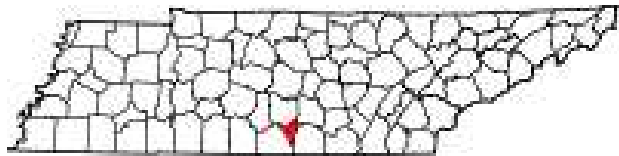


Moore County, TN Marriage Records



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—Transcribed by Loretta Bailey



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Carrolls of Tennessee



Postscript – July 4, 1776 – **Carrolls** of Tennessee By **Ruth Wyckoff Hunt**

At last the Declaration of Independence was completed, and ready for signature. **Charles Carroll**, one of the Maryland representatives had arrived too late to vote for approval of the document, in spite of his hurried trip. However, he stepped up and signed his name when his turn came. Because he had relatives with the same name, one of his comrades jokingly remarked that there was a chance King **George** might hang the wrong man for such a daring act of treason. Never lacking in courage, **Charles Carroll** picked up the pen and added after his name “of Carrollton” and stated, “There, now let there be no question as to which **Charles Carroll** has put his signature upon the Declaration of Independence!”

In spite of the fact that he was barred from holding public office in Maryland because of his Catholic religion – in the land to which his **O’Carroll** ancestors fled from Ireland in search of this very freedom—**Charles Carroll** had been a leader in his native state, as had many members of his family. Archbishop **Carroll** of Baltimore was founder of the Catholic Hierarchy in the United States; **Daniel Carroll** was one of the signers of the Federal Constitution in 1787; and **Charles Carroll** of Carrollton, was the first Senator from Maryland to the U. S. Senate in 1788.

Thomas Carroll, the son of **Daniel**, was enlisted in the Revolutionary War, in the Pennsylvania Riflemen, and fought at Ticonderoga and in the battle of Long Island. In 1786 he was granted fifty-one acres in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and it was here their first son, **William** was born in 1788, followed by six other children.

Thomas Carroll and his friend, **Albert**

Gallatin were partners in the manufacture of nails, with a foundry on the banks of the Mongohela River, about eleven miles from the present location of the City of Pittsburgh. At age seventeen, **William** began work in the foundry, and in 1810 when he was twenty-two, he was sent to Nashville, Tennessee to establish a nail store. With him went a letter of introduction to **Andrew Jackson** from **Albert Gallatin**, both having been in the Senate when it met in Philadelphia. When a military company was formed in Nashville in 1812, **Andrew Jackson** was elected Major-General and **William Carroll** Captain. **William Carroll** was deeply interested in military tactics and devoted much time to studying to improve his knowledge, so that within two years he advanced to Major, then Colonel, and when General **Jackson** was appointed Major General in the regular army of the United States, Colonel **Carroll** became Major General of the Tennessee Militia.

These two, with General **John Coffee**, were together in the several battles with the Creek Indians, and again at the great victory at New Orleans, after which they returned to Tennessee and resumed their normal business activities. In 1819-1820 there was a financial depression throughout the country, and General **Carroll**, having endorsed the notes of several friends for large amounts, was called upon to pay these notes when they became due. To meet the demands, he was forced to close out his business at a great loss. When this became known, so great was the popular response, that **William Carroll** was nominated for Governor of the State in 1821, and elected by a tremendous majority. He was reelected five times, serving six terms altogether. He

placed the State on a sound financial basis, established a uniform system of schools, and built the penitentiary and hospital for the insane. It was through his influence that Nashville became the capitol of the State, and plans made to build the Capitol, though it was not built during his term. In 1826 the Legislature voted to present General **Carroll** and General **Coffee** with swords in recognition of the service they had rendered the State and Country. General **Carroll's** sword was presented at the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, and is truly a work of art, with a handle of pure gold, inscribed on both sides. We are told it is now hanging on the wall of one of his Memphis descendants, of which there were many.

It was in 1812 that **William Carroll** and **Cecelia Bradford** were married. Their three sons lived and died in Memphis. **William Henry, Thomas Bradford** and **Charles Montgomery**, the youngest having been named for their famous relative in Maryland. In 1832 Governor **Carroll** accepted an invitation to take young **Charles** to meet his namesake, who was the last living signer of the Declaration, as well as the wealthiest, and the only Catholic in the distinguished assembly. Due to the difficulties in travel encountered on such a long journey, when they reached Carrollton, they learned that their cousin had been dead for two weeks. Needless to say, their visit was cut short. They were entertained by one of his granddaughters, and found her quite charming. This is the version related by a granddaughter of Governor **Carroll**, Mrs. **Emma Carroll Tucker**, to answer the question of the relationship between **Charles Carroll** of Carrollton, and Governor **Carroll** of Tennessee. She felt that this removed any doubts as to there being a close contact between the two.

Charles Montgomery Carroll was born in Nashville in 1821. He was eleven years old

when he and his father made their long journey. He died in 1899 in the home of his brother's family at 99 Court Street, Memphis. He had married, but his wife died soon after their marriage, and there were no children. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, with his Confederate comrades. A family history was compiled by Mrs. **R. H. Vance**, in which she mentions a diary of **Charles Montgomery Carroll**.

One incident he relates is of an Indian lad, son of one of the Chiefs visiting in Franklin, who fell from a tall tree and fractured his skull. He was taken into the home of Dr. **Edward Breathitt**, who performed a delicate operation which saved the boy's life. The gratitude, not only by the father, but by the entire tribe throughout the country, amounted almost to hero-worship and led to Dr. **Breathitt's** great influence in dealing with the Indians.

His daughter, **Elizabeth** was the wife of **William Henry Carroll**, and mother of Mrs. **Vance**, to whom she told her childhood memories of seeing the Indians file into their home and sit in a circle on the floor for conferences with the white man, after which they smoked the peace pipe. In 1852, **Charles Montgomery Carroll** was Captain of the City Guards, and in 1861 was chosen Colonel of the Fifteenth Tennessee Regiment, being part of **Cheatham's** Brigade.

At the expiration of General **Carroll's** term as Governor of the State of Tennessee, he was appointed by the Federal government to ratify deeds made by the Chickasaw Indians in the State of Mississippi. He also presided as chairman of the Democratic Convention in May 1840, at which **Martin Van Buren** was nominated for President of the United States. In March, 1844, General **Carroll** delivered the address at the Jackson Jubilee in Nashville. One week later he died at his home at the corner of Union and High Streets, at the age of fifty six.

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By far the largest number of descendants of General **Carroll** are those of the family of his oldest son, **William Henry** and **Elizabeth Breathitt**, who had ten children: **Cecilia**, Col. **Wm. Henry**, **Betty**, **Anne**, **Ida**, **Kate**, **Edward Breathitt**, **Lizzie**, and twins **Eleanor Walker** and **Mary Pillow (Molly)**. From these come such well-known families as the **Scotts**, **Vances**, **Norfleets**, **Seabrooks**, **Pages**, **Leathermans**, **Cowards**, **Johnsons**, **Russells**, **Austins**, **Kings** and **Shannons**. It was from this family home on Court that **Ida Carroll** moved with her husband, **Samuel Coward**, to the home on **Coward Place** (now *Justine's Restaurant*), causing her mother's tears because **Ida** was moving "way out there in the country". It is in these family homes that so many lovely portraits and other possessions are preserved and treasured. The middle son, **Thomas Bradford Carroll**, married **Eliza B. Ham**, and had three daughters: **Cecilia** (Mrs. **Luke W. Finlay**), **Emma** (Mrs. **W. W. Tucker**) and **Mary** (Mrs. **James Brown Emery**), all buried in the beautiful Lenow Circle section of Elmwood Cemetery. After living in Panola County, Mississippi and Helena, Arkansas, he came to Memphis where he was elected Mayor. Near the end of his term, while he was a candidate for reelection, he died on April 28, 1857, after an illness of only three days. He was the first of only two mayors who have died while in office. He was an active member of the Fire Department and Masonic Lodge. These organizations joined

the military companies and city officials in the procession which formed in Court Square and marched to the residence on Hernando Street to the music of three bands. They marched to Elmwood Cemetery where he was interred with the impressive ceremonies of the Masons, followed by a military salute of three rounds. It was the largest funeral cortege ever seen in Memphis, according to the *Daily Appeal*, being over one mile in length.

Among the list of portraits of former mayors missing from City Hall, is the name of **Thomas B. Carroll**. A great-grandson, **Luke W. Finlay**, of New York City, is quite sure that Major **Carroll's** portrait was placed with others hanging the Courthouse, before City Hall was built, but we have found no mention of it, nor is it included in stories in which portraits are pictured. Mr. **Finlay** is trying to locate a daguerreotype he had, so that any unidentified portrait may be compared to it.

A large portrait from which the name plate has been lost, is hanging in the Mississippi Valley Collection room at Memphis State University, the property of the West Tennessee Historical Society. The only answer we have had so far to the questions about who it is, how long have they had it, or its source is "We don't know". The clothes look like the right period, and the age is about right. We hope to have a positive identification by Mr. **Finlay** within another week.



Harold

I am looking for **Samuel Edwin Harold** 14 Mar 1862 IN 26 Aug 1924. How do I get birth proof for him? He was the son of **William Andrew Harold**. *Carol Howsden, 7044 Richard Wilson, Millington, TN 28053, (901) 873-2119*

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Please add information to these families in these known locations. **Daniel Aston** TN/NC; **Hiram Howell** TN to MS (1800's.) All are in Lincoln Co., TN in the 1800s. *Jo Ann Kersh Bond, 5678 Chester St., Arlington, TN 38002, (901) 830-5822, JoAnnKERSHBond@gmail.com*



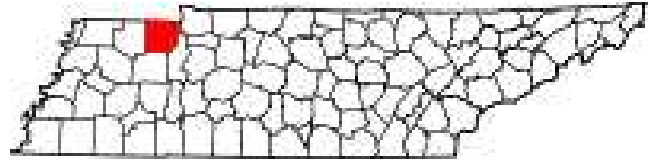
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The grand jury returned into Court and presented a Bill of Indictment against **Robert Dollarhite** for a misdemeanor in office. Endorsed thereon a true bill.

Another Bill of Indictment against **Richard Jones** for assault with intent to kill. Endorsed thereon not a true bill.

Sarah A. Root & others vs. Wm. Tharp, J. W. Cooney – Case This day came the parties by their Attorneys & **Andrew Allin** upon affidavit & Defendant moved the Court to rule the Plaintiff to give other sufficient security at or before the trial of cause. Upon due deliberation, it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiffs give other sufficient security for the prosecution of their suit before this case called for trial of the Same will be dismissed at the cost of the Plaintiffs and that the cause be continued until the next Term of this Court.

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David Armour & Samuel A. Waddy Adm. of **Sol H. Armour**, Dec'd vs. **Matthew W. Neal** – Certiorari This day came the parties by their Attorneys. The Plaintiff moved the Court to dismiss this cause because the papers have not been certified to this Court agreeable to the certiorari. Considered by the Court that the certiorari be dismissed and this issue to the Justice of the Peace to proceed thereon and that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant their costs.

Henry Wade vs. James P. Peters – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys.

Thereupon farther process of and upon the premises by the consent of the parties, it is ordered by the Court that this case be continued until the next term of this Court.

Arthur Bass vs. Samuel McGowan, Adm. – This day came the Defendant by his attorney and the Plaintiff being called came not. Court considers that the Defendant go hence without day and recover his costs of the Plaintiff.

Abner Potts vs. James Cowen – Case – This day came the parties by their Attorneys. By consent of the parties, case continued untill the nest term of this court.

Simeon Walton vs. John Ray – Writ Inquiry – This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came a Jury of good and lawful men to wit. **James Dollarhite, Edmond Allmon, Robert Davis, Joseph Edwards, William Wiscoat, John Miers, Person Yates, Spencer Hill, William A. Tharp, John Brooks, John Wagster, Jr, and William D. Cross**, who being elected, tried and sworn to tell the inquirers about damages. Jurors do say that the Plaintiff has sustained damages in the sum of One Hundred and Seventy One Dollars and twenty cents. It is therefore considered by the court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the amount aforesaid plus costs of this proceeding, and the Defendant in mercy &c.

Ezra Webb vs. William Arthur – Debt. – This day came the parties by their Attorneys.

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Thereupon on an affidavit of the Defendant, case continued until the next term of this court.

Abner Potts vs. William A. Tharp and John Cooney – case – This day came the parties by their attorneys. By the consent of the parties, case continued to the next term of this court. At the request of the Defendants, commissioners are awarded them to take the deposition of **John P. Crabtree** of Callaway County, Kentucky by giving the opposite party Twenty days notice of time and place.

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Ezra Webb vs. William Arthur Debt. – This day came the parties by their attorneys. At the request of the Defendant, commission awarded to him to take the deposition of **Charles W. Bradford** of the State of Alabama upon giving the opposite party Twenty days notice of time and place.

Obediah Hinson vs. Edmond Almon – Debt. – This day came the parties by their attorneys, and the Plaintiff being called, came not. Considered by the court that the Defendant go hence without day and recover his costs from the Plaintiff.

Ordered by the court that **Whitmel H. Cooper** be released from the payment of a fine of Five Dollars assessed against him at this term for non attendance as a juror.

State vs. **James W. Sewell** – Forgery- The Grand Jury returned into court and presented a Bill of Indictment against **James W. Sewell** for forgery. A true Bill.

Peter Kendall, Adm. Alexander Thomas, Dec'd. vs. James C. Garner – Debt. – This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit. **William A. Tharp, James Dollarhite, Joseph Edwards, John Wagster, William D. Cross, William Wiscoat, John Brooks, Jr., Edmond Almon, Spencer Hill, Robert Davis, John Myers and Person Yates.** Upon their oaths,

the jury finds for the Plaintiff in the sum of Seventy Five Dollars debt and assesses the damages to Twelve Dollars and Seventy five cents. It is considered by the court that the Plaintiff recover the above amount from the Defendant plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

Benjamin R. Thomas vs. James Turner – This day came the parties by their attorneys. By the consent of the parties, case continued until the next term of this court as if upon the affidavit of the Defendant.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning nine o'clock.

Wm. B. Turley

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Thursday 27 November 1834.

Court met according to adjournment, present the Honorable **William B. Turley**, Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

Peter Kendall, Adm. of Alex. Thomas, Dec'd. vs. William Cross and Stephen Nance – Debt – This day came the parties by their Attorneys, and defendants withdraw their pleas, and so far as the Plaintiffs actions says nothing. It is considered by the court that the judgment of the court below be affirmed and the Plaintiff recover of the Defendants, and on motion from **Stephen Vancleas**, the defendants security, the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Three Dollars and fifty cents, the amount of the Judgment, together with Six Dollars and Sixty Six cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest thereon from the rendition to the present, plus costs and the defendants in mercy &c.

Obediah Landith vs. John L. Sims – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. The Defendant withdrew his pleas and so far as the Plaintiffs actions against him said nothing. It is considered by the court that the judgment of the court below be affirmed, and

the plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and upon motion, he recover of **Samuel Waddy**, the defendants security the sum of One Hundred and Eighty four Dollars and ninety cents, the amount of the judgment of the court below, together with Nine Dollars and twenty five cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the rendition of the judgment to the present, in the court below, plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

William Armour, Henry Lake & James Oakley vs. George A. Foster – Debt – This day came the parties by their attorneys and the Defendant withdraws his pleas, and so far as the Plaintiffs actions against him, says nothing. The court considers that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and on motion recover from **Richard Manley**, the defendants security on the appeal, the sum of One Hundred and seventeen Dollars and seventeen cents, the amount of the judgment of the court below, together with five Dollars and Eighty five cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the rendition of the judgment, plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

Moses A. Slayton vs. Jesse Glover & James P. King – Debt. This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Defendant withdrew his pleas and about the Plaintiffs actions said nothing. It is considered by the court that the Judgment of the court below be affirmed and the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of One Hundred and fifty four Dollars and fifty cents, the amount of the judgment of the court below, together with the sum of seven Dollars and seventy five cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the time of the judgment to this time, plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

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Cooper Caruthers &c. vs. James Miller – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. By the consent of the parties, court considers that the case be continued to

the next term of this court. Thereupon at the request of the Plaintiff, commissioners are awarded to take the deposition of **Alpha Kingsley** of Nashville, upon giving the opposite party ten days notice of time and place.

William Armour, Henry Lake & James Oakley vs. Nelson Anderson – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit. **John Atkins, Robert L. Bingham, John Wagster, Willie Heflin, John Yow, Stephen Frazier, Nathaniel Crocket, Henry Owen, Henry Dorch, Robert Aycock, Spencer Hill and Simeon Walton**. Upon their oaths the jury finds for the Plaintiffs, in the sum of Two Hundred and eight Dollars and ninety four cents debt, and damages of Twenty five Dollars and Eighty Eight cents, the judgment rendered by the court below. It is considered by the court that the Plaintiffs recover of the Defendant, and on motion, recover from **William Henderson**, the defendants security, the above debt and damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the time of Judgment to the present, plus costs and the defendant in mercy &c.

Andrew W. Campbell vs. James Cowan – Debt. This day came the parties by their attorneys and Defendant withdrew his pleas, and about the Plaintiffs actions against him, says nothing. It is considered by the court that the Judgment of the court below be affirmed and that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and on motion recover from **John Jenkins** and **James Barton**, the defendants securities, the sum of Seven hundred and three Dollars and thirty six cents, the amount of the judgment of the court below, plus damages of Eleven Dollars and fifty cents, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the time of the judgment to the present, plus costs, and the defendant in mercy &c.

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David Gillespie &c. vs. John P. Babb – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys and the Defendant withdrew his pleas & as to the actions of the Plaintiff says nothing. It is considered by the court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and upon motion recover from **Henry B. Babb**, the defendants security, the sum of One Hundred and fifty four Dollars and Twenty five cents the amount of the judgment below, together with Seven Dollars and Ninety one cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest from the time of judgment to the present plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

James Wyatt vs. Terence Coone – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Plaintiff states he will no longer prosecute the Defendant. Considered by the Court that the Defendant to hence without day and recover his costs from the Plaintiff &c.

Stephen Townsend ap &c. vs. James Wilson & Jonathan D. Looney – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Thereupon the Defendant withdrew his pleas. It is considered by the court that the Plaintiff recover of **William Edwards**, the defendants security, the sum of one hundred and Eight Dollars and Twenty One cents, the amount of the judgment in the court below, plus damages of one Dollars and ninety cents, it being 12 ½ percent interest plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

Willie B. Barfield ap vs. Benjamin L. Williamson – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. The Defendant withdraws his pleas and says nothing. It is considered by the court that the judgment of the court below be affirmed and the plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and on motion that he recover of **William H. Tharp**, the defendants security, the sum to Two Hundred and forty Seven Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents, the amount of the judgment, together with Four Dollars and Thirty Two Cents

damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest, plus costs, and the Defendant in mercy &c.

Dennis G. Jones ap. vs. James P. Simmons – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys, and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Robert L. Bingham, John Wagster, Willie Heflin, John Yow, Stephen Frazier, Nathaniel Crocket, Henry Owen, Henry Dorch, Robert Aycock, Spencer Hill, Simeon Walton** and **David Wagster**, who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn to speak the truth about the issue do say upon their oaths for the plaintiff the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars debt and assess the damages of Eight Dollars and seventeen cents besides the costs and the defendant in mercy &c.

The Grand Jury returned into court and presented a Bill of Indictment against **Henry Dorch** for an assault with intent to kill, endorsed thereon a true bill.

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John L. Foster vs. Stephen Frazier – Debt This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Thereupon the defendant withdraws his pleas and says nothing. It is therefore considered by the court that the judgment of the court below be affirmed and that the Plaintiff recover of the defendant, and on motion from **Reuben Hamilton**, the defendants security, the amount of judgment in the court below in the sum of Two Hundred and nine Dollars and Twenty cents plus damages of three Dollars and Six cents damages, it being 12 ½ percent interest plus costs and the defendant in mercy &c.



Book Reviews



An Illustrated History of the People and Towns of Northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County, *By the Historic Archives of Rosemark and Environs, Inc., Editor-in-Chief, Jon Phipps McCalla, Managing Editor, Penny Saucier Glover, Co-Editors, Ruth Blakey Billingsley and Louise Woolridge Rhodes*, 8 1/2 X 11, hard cover w/dust cover, 608 pp., cc 2010. Cost: \$65.00 plus s&h of \$10.70 per book for 3-5 day delivery or media rate of \$5.00 with estimated delivery of two weeks. Order from Hare, Inc., 6177 Mudville Road, Millington, Tennessee 38053 or e-mail psaucierglover@msn.com for additional information.

It is almost impossible to do justice in a review of this marvelous book in a few short paragraphs but I will try. After nine years of research, this is a history of the area in northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County which includes the towns of Salem, Portersville, Idaville, Kirkville, Armourtown, Bethel, Tipton, Mudville, Macedonia, Gratitude, Barretville and Rosemark, Tennessee. It contains 608 pages, 833 photographs, maps and illustrations and over 7,000 surnames.

The material spans over 100 years and contains personal interviews, letters, journals, diaries, maps, tax records, draft records, church records, subdivision plats from the 1830s to 1920, cemetery records, playbills, newspaper articles detailing records of cotton gins, county stores, banks, churches, schools and post offices, road and highway construction and Memphis and Paducah Railroad (later the Illinois Central) and construction of the Big Creek Drainage Canal. But, primarily the book is about people, their good times and bad times, their

escapades, trials and triumphs, their military service and everyday happenings. Most of the information was obtained by personal interviews, and if information is found elsewhere, it is properly footnoted. Many four-generation family charts are included.

The detailed Table of Contents appears at the start of the book and gives the reader quick access to the people or places of interest to them. The Appendix contains an 1828 map of the 11th District, Western Tennessee, an 1850 and 1888 property map of Shelby County, Christmas menu and personnel list of U. S. S. Orion in 1925, Kerrville 1841-1842 voter list, first thirty-six years of Barretville Bank & Trust Co., the 1900 U. S. Census – Rosemark First Civil District, 1950 Richland A. R. P. Church Dedication – Opening Day Attendees and the Rosemark Section of the Millington Phone Directory.

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This family history of the **Hall** family begins with **Thomas Hall** who was probably born in the 1630s in England. He was first found in America when he married **Margery Claxon**/

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Claxson/Clackson on 2 June, 1655 in York County, Virginia.

The book is arranged by generation and contains nine generations of the **Hall** family plus an Appendix containing some of the court records regarding the family. While this family lived in Virginia and Ohio, a county map for the period is shown. It also includes family changes for each generation which makes it very easy to determine if your family is part of this family of **Halls**.

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DVD will be of great help to those who want to research the area that once was Carter Co. Carter Co, is located in East Tennessee and was established in 1796 from Washington Co. which was the parent county. Present day Carter Co. covers parts of Johnson and Unicoi counties. The research project was started in 2002 and after eight years of research by Ms **Snyder** the result is this DVD that covers the overwhelming majority of Carter County cemeteries. However, there are several large cemeteries that were beyond the scope of the project. These cemeteries are listed along with phone numbers for those that will respond to your queries.

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This DVD is so well produced that even novices can find their way around in all the information that is provided.



The Mitchell Family



This Family History was researched and furnished by **Jennie Mitchell Jones**, and was found with the papers of **Betty Jones Larsen**.

The **Mitchell** family was founded in the north by **Experience Mitchell**, in the middle states by **George** and in the south by **Edward**.

Experience Mitchell came to New England in 1624, married **Mary** daughter of **Francis Cook**, and their son, **Thomas** married **Mary Moulton**. Their great-great grandson was **William Mitchell**, a prominent wholesale merchant of Boston, who was born the year before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. His son **Samuel** did what few New Englanders did at that time, he went to live in the southern states. At first he lived in Williston, Vermont and later in Richmond, Virginia. Of the many colonists of the name **Mitchell**, who in pre-revolutionary times came from England, Scotland or Ireland to make their home in the new world, it would perhaps be fair to select **Experience Mitchell** who migrated in 1624 as the representative founder of the **Mitchell** family.

William married **Elizabeth N. Hunt**, daughter of Lord **Francis** and **Theresa Hunt**. She was born at Whitehall, Lincoln County, England December 18, 1771 and was married to **William Mitchell** in 1790. They moved from Ashville, N.C. to Wilson County, Tn.

At the time of his death, his sons **Sion** and **Zadock** were already away from home, having gone to Illinois about the time it became a State. The mother and youngest son, **William Nazareth** then made their home with her brother, Dr. **Hunt** of Lebanon, TN. In 1829 they also came to the new

country. She was a very talented and influential woman to the day of her death.

Zadock settled a couple of miles south of Deer Lick or Roberts Settlement, about two miles south of Francis Jordan Fort, while **Sion Hunt** made his home near the old Fort Jordan. He called it Providence Farm. Both families were charter members of and helped build the first church building (1823) in the present Corinth Township, Williamson County, Illinois. It was named "Zion" in memory of the little "Zion" Church in Wilson County, Tn. where many of these early settlers had belonged. In 1826 a new society was organized nearer Providence Farm. **Sion Hunt** and his neighbors were its charter members. This was named Liberty Church. The time of **Zadock's** death was the unforgettable "Night the Stars Fell".

Accounting for the births of her first three or four children in Wilson County, Tn., after they had moved to Franklin County, Il. it is said **Elizabeth** returned to Lebanon to a Doctor brother at the time of their births.

William Nazareth Mitchell, youngest son of **William M.** and **Elizabeth Hunt**, was born April 10, 1814 near Lebanon, Tn., in Wilson County. His father died when **William N.** was quite young, and he was schooled by a maternal uncle, **Nicholas Hunt**, an eminent and wealthy physician of Nashville, TN. He and his mother left her brother's home because he was caught teaching his uncle's slaves to read from the Bible. He was to have been his uncle's heir, but was now disinherited, so they came in 1829 to Old Franklin Co., Il. where two of his older brothers had been since 1819, **Sion** near Fort Jordan and **Zadock** about 4 miles south of the Francis Jordan Fort in (present) Williamson County.

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He was only sixteen years of age but soon began teaching school. He also engaged in the work of surveyor. In 1838 he went with **Wm. Rufus Roberts** and **John Roberts Stewart** to the lead mines in Galena, Il. to work. On his return he invested his money in land near Frankfort, and also filed on land south of Zion Church, near his brother **Zadock**. He was greatly disappointed when Franklin County was divided (1839), and sought to organize another county from parts of Franklin, Williamson, Saline and Hamilton, but was not successful. He was appointed Postmaster of the newly organized Post Office in 1854. This office was at his home, which was then quite a thickly populated neighborhood. The people appreciated having an office nearer than Fancy Farm P. O. up nearer Fort Jordan. After his son **George L. Mitchell** returned from his Civil War service, he received the appointment of Postmaster (1868) of Attila, and **William N.** moved to Marion, the County seat of Williamson County.

William was also in the Civil War, enlisted 1/10/1862 Co. E, 60th Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf. Received appointment as Sergeant 2/28, same year, and was honorably discharged the following June to enable him to accept a commission, mustered into service to date from June 24, 1862 as 2nd Lieut. and resigned Nov. 18, 1862. He served then as Civil Engineer on the staff of General **Rosecrans** and resigned when the 128th Reg. was organized in Williamson County. He was then past 50 years of age. He was generally known by his comrades as Capt. **Mitchell**. For several years he held the position of Civil War Internal Revenue Assessor. In 1865 he was elected County Clerk of Williamson County, and served 2 years –was one of the first Republicans elected in that County. He was Postmaster of the Marion Office from 1870 until his death in 1879, was buried in Zion M.E. Church

Yard at Corinth, near his mother, who had a home with him until her death.

The generally accepted tradition of the **Mitchell** family is that two Mitchell brothers, Ulster Irish of Scotch descent, descendants of **William Mitchell**, ardent supporter of Oliver Cromwell, emigrated to Pennsylvania, from where **William M.**, one of the brothers went to North Carolina (our branch of the family). According to the Archives of North Carolina, one **Nazareth Mitchell** b. 1758 was living in Fayette District of Robeson County NC in 1790 with one son under 16 years and wife. He may have been our **William M. Mitchell** b. about 1770. It was also found that **Zadock Mitchell** lived in same district in 1850. Listed in the Pension Roles of N.C. Continental and Militia, Revolution Troops and certified in 1835, was **Nazareth Mitchell**, who served in the Rev. War b. 1758 and certified in 1835 as 77 years old. The similarity of the names and dates indicates that the **Zadock** and **Nazareth** and the 16 year old son were the progenitors of our family.

Members of the family have had the pleasure of examining a rare relic in old embroidery, which we would call print work, done by **Elizabeth N. Hunt**, second daughter of Lord **Francis** and **Theresa Hunt**, his wife, who was born in White Hall, Lincoln Co, England, 18 December 1771 and was married to **William**.

John Mitchell was born in Whitehall, Lincolnshire England about the middle of the 18th Century, and was knighted in the Century. He married Lady **Jane Gray**. Their son **William M. Mitchell** married **Elizabeth Hunt**, daughter of Lord **Francis** and Lady **Theresa Hunt**. They were married in Ashville, North Carolina March 3, 1790. They were Father's grandparents. (To my dear father by his loving daughter Jennie Mitchell Jones)

William Nazareth Mitchell b. 10 April 1814 d. 20 Dec. 1879 m. 1st 16 June 1835 **Mary Wagner Yost** b. 1 Oct. 1813 d. 1845 daughter of **Henry Yost** and **Mary Early** m. 2nd 5 Apr. 1847 **Rachel Caroline Roberts** b. 1828, daughter of **John Sutton Roberts** and **Sarah Johnson** m. 3rd 25 Dec. 1866 **Emily McCoy White** widow of Col. **John Holden White** who died 15 Feb. 1862 Battle of Ft. Donelson (Civil War)

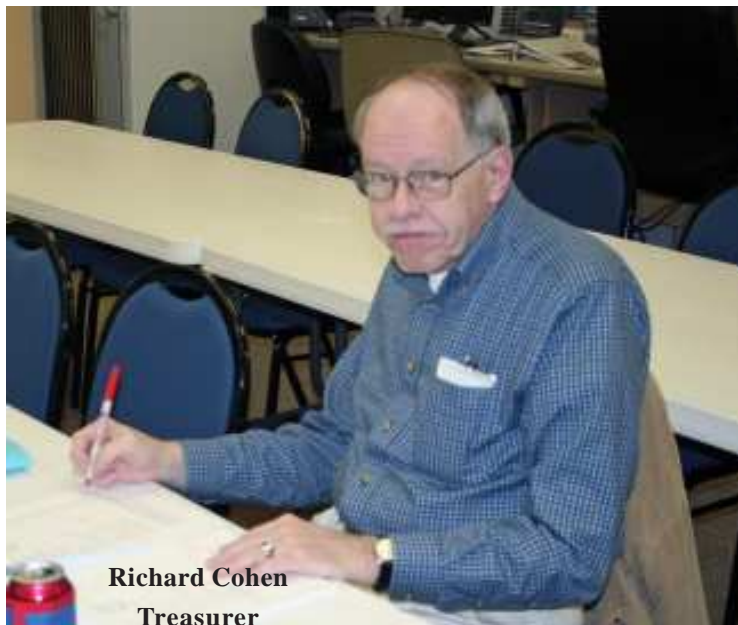
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- i. Henry Van Cleve** b. 31 Sept 1836 d. infancy
- ii. George L.** b. 27 May 1828 d. 29 Oct. 1930 m. **Malinda A. Swan**
- iii. John Yost** b. 25 Oct. 1839 d. 23 Nov. 1863 killed in action Battle of Missionary Ridge.
- iv. Elizabeth Ellen** b. 24 Feb. 1842 d. 1928 m. 1st **John Brinkley** d. Civil war 2nd **Wyatt Starrett**
- v. William Wagner** b. 1 Nov. 1843 d. infancy

vi. Mary Wagner d. infancy

Children of **William Mitchell & Rachel Caroline Roberts:**

- i. Chloe H.** b. 24 Mar. 1850 d. 1932 m. **Robert M. Hinchcliff**
 - ii. Sarah Caroline** b. 21 Oct. 1848 d. childhood
 - iii. Hardy H.** b. 28 Nov. 1852 d. childhood
 - iv. James Coffield** b. 30 Oct. 1852 d. 30 May 1927 m. 1st **Lillie T. White**, 2nd **Julia H. Dunaway**
 - v. Lucretia S.** b. 11 Apr. 1850 d. 22 June 1896 m. **William H Hinchcliff**
 - vi. Willis Allen** b. 24 Mar. 1857
 - vii. Edward Everett** b. 11 Nov. 1858 d. 18 Sept. 1938 m. 30 June 1887 **Anna Belle Harrison**
 - viii. Florence J.** d. childhood
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- i. Lydia Antoinette** b. 20 Mar 1871 d. 1935 m. **Harvey Benedict**



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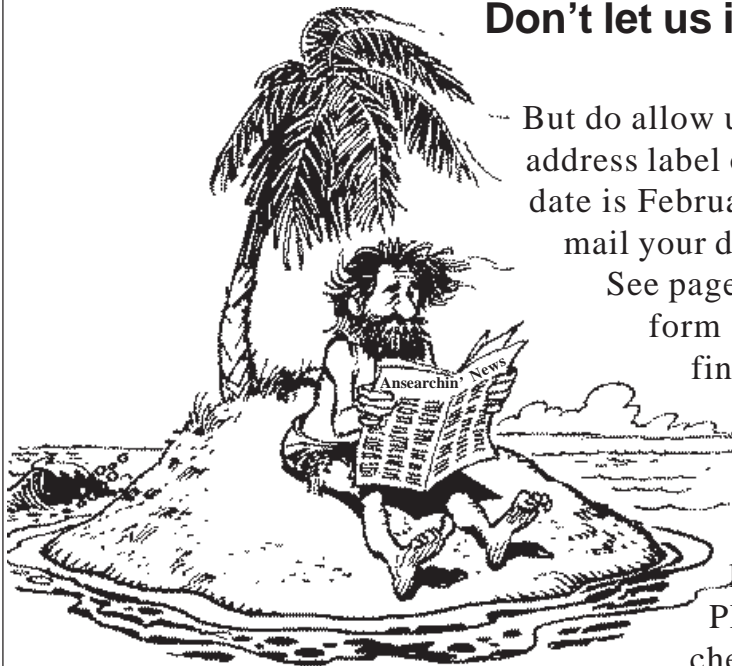
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