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From the Editor's Viewpoint...

TGS VOLUNTEERS, working to help preserve Gibson County's original records, ran across an unusual marriage license issued 22 January 1872. It apparently had been torn apart and then sewed back together. The clerk's explanation written on the back of the license: "The parties got drunk and fought and in the fight tore their license in to. When they sobered off, they sent for me and I tacked them together and thought they would do them un till the next fight." The clerk not only tacked the torn license together but the couple as well. The repaired license shows the rites of matrimony between the two parties were solemnized the following day.

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TGS' GIBSON COUNTY RECORDS PRESERVATION PROJECT is virtually concluded, Chairman Charles C. Yates reports, and original marriage records from 1824 through 1867 have been returned to the county's library in Trenton. Yates, Betsy Foster West, and Mary Louise Nazor spearheaded a group of volunteers who carefully unfolded and cleaned the original records, grouped the licenses and marriage bond papers together, and inserted acid-free paper between each set. The records were placed in Hollinger acid-free boxes and arranged alphabetically. "They should be good for another 100 years," Yates said. He has prepared and donated to the TGS library a booklet on the marriage records which contains some which have never been published before and also for the first time lists the name of the person officiating at the ceremony, the bondsman, and the date of the bond. Some information previously published is not included because the documents involved have disappeared. Yates also has done a booklet listing names from Certificates of Elective Franchise issued in Gibson County from 5 Jul 1867 through 8 Jan 1868. Citizens at that time, in order to vote, were required to prove their loyalty to the federal government during and after the Civil War. The booklet lists the Commissioners of Registration, the Unconditional Union men who attested to the petitioners' loyalty, and the petitioners. "This was a period of unusual mobility among citizens in that area and throughout much of the South," Yates notes, "and the great value of this list is that it places an individual or family in Gibson County at this particular time."

Betsy West, meanwhile, is continuing to apply preservation techniques to Gibson County estate settlements up to 1888. These also will be returned to the county library at Trenton when preservation treatment has been completed. "For those involved in this project, it has been truly a labor of love supported by a strong desire to preserve these treasures of our heritage," Yates said. "It is our fervent hope that another group will continue this work and save as many documents as possible." The project was adopted by TGS in observation of the state's Bicentennial celebration.

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TGS BEGINS another year in a new location. With the historic Davies Plantation as our setting, we guarantee the quiet, peaceful setting ... and the plethora of information at your fingertips ... will make your genealogical research pleasant as well as profitable. It's so quiet out here you can almost hear the conversation that took place in 1863 when Union soldiers came through the plantation and rounded up all the livestock. Frances Anna (Vaughan) Davies, the plantation mistress, noticed that the officer in charge had taken her horse. Hiding a kitchen knife in the folds of her skirt, she went out and politely requested the officer to leave her horse. After making the request twice to no avail, Mrs. Davies took the horse by the bridle and cut the reins with her knife. "Sir," she said, "I have my horse. You go." He went. And in the late afternoon hours at TGS' new home, if you listen hard enough you might just might hear her words (especially if you've worked too hard). Visit us between the hours of 10 and 2 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. You come -- preferably in a horseless carriage so there won't be any reins to cut!
Thomas Robinson Smith was only 41 when he died in Memphis, Tenn., on 7 March 1872 but, in the words of one biographer, he left "a rich heritage, an honored name, and a noble example." All three Memphis newspapers carried glowing obituaries about the New Englander who moved South and became a Tennessean in 1849. The Memphis Appeal summed it up thusly: "As a man, as a soldier, as a citizen, as a judge and advocate, there was never a citizen of Memphis more esteemed than Judge Smith."

All members of the Memphis bar -- 120-strong -- attended his funeral at Calvary Episcopal Church and sat in a body to the left of the altar. "They formed the most imposing body of legal talent and respectability gathered together in a long time," the paper reported. Pallbearers were B. M. Estes, L. D. McKissick, Judge C. W. Heiskell, C. Kortrecht, Judge R. J. Morgan, City Attorney W. M. Randolph, W. D. Beard, and B. P. Anderson. A resolution unanimously adopted by the legal association stated that few of their members had ever "wielded greater power, exercised better and more deserved influence, or enjoyed a more enviable success in their profession."

Members of the city school board -- which Smith headed for several years -- also attended in a body, and The Daily Memphis Avalanche said he had done more to organize and permanently establish the city's public schools than any other man.

Following his burial at Elmwood Cemetery, Smith's grave was marked by a shaft of granite from the rock-ribbed New England hills and a fir tree that had been transplanted from the groves near his childhood home in Maine.

Tom, as he was known to his family, was the eldest son of Jacob Smith and his wife of Bath, Maine. He graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me., at the age of 19, teaching and working at odd jobs during his summer vacations to earn money for his tuition. In the fall of 1849 he came to Tennessee, and took a teaching job at Dresden in Weakley County. In 1851 he moved to another teaching position at Bolivar in Hardeman County. Writing to his sister, Julia A. Smith, one month after arriving there, Tom described the town as follows:

"Twenty-five years ago the wolves and deers used to play around in people's yards where now the courthouse stands and Bolivar was a prairie. Chickasaw Indians lived just a few miles south of here and used to come up in companies of 50 or 100 on their ponies to trade off furs with white frontiersmen. Those men are now worth more than $250,000 and have replaced their rude log cabins by stately mansions of brick and instead of rude benches and the banjo have now haircloth sofas and rosewood pianos. So much for the march of civilization."
Commenting on the end of his first month in Bolivar, Tom said he had not found the least bit of difficulty in managing his school and felt much encouraged. "I am getting 'at home' among the people and like them very much." By November, he had found one particular Bolivar resident he especially liked. Her name was Kate Miller (Sarah Catherine), and she was the eldest daughter of Pitser Miller, an influential and well-to-do Bolivar merchant who later became the owner one of the first steam-powered sawmills in the South. Pitser had been one of West Tennessee's earliest settlers, and had made his home in Hardeman County since 1825. Kate's mother, Sarah Lyons, the daughter of William and Matilda (Maxwell) Lyons of Hawkins Co., Tenn., had died in 1831, the year Kate was born.5 (Pitser remarried twice, taking Sallie Ann Stephens as his second wife and Mary R. Talbot as his third.)

In a letter to another sister, Sarah, on 23 November 1851, Tom tells of going to a party at Kate Miller's with John M. Morrill and later in the week having "the pleasure of walking out to Grandma Polk's (President Polk's grandmother) about two miles with Miss Kate" where they were treated to cake and persimmon beer. "On the whole, I have spent the most pleasant week I have spent in the South and am in high spirits," he writes.

Meanwhile, Tom experienced a taste of school violence in Bolivar. On 1 October 1851 he had written his brother about visiting a pupil, William Carruth, who had been stabbed:

"He is a very fine young man, about 20. He got into a little quarrel with another man who stabbed him twice. He is dangerously wounded and appeared in much pain. It made me feel mighty bad to see him in such suffering. He was about the best boy in my school. The man who stabbed him ran away to Mississippi. Another of my scholars named Hughes got into a fight and came near getting killed yesterday. A man threw a 10-pound weight at him and it just grazed his head. So they go, fighting and killing."

While continuing to teach, Tom began studying law at Bolivar under Judge Austin Miller and Robert H. Wood. In 1852 he was admitted to the Hardeman bar and formed a law firm with Wood. Tom married Kate the following year, and settled down to establishing his career and starting a family.

In October 1858, Tom's father Jacob Smith came down from Maine to visit the young couple, who by now had two children. It was the first time he had seen Tom and Kate in the five years since their marriage, and the first time he had met his grandchildren. Jacob was favorably impressed on all counts. Writing to his wife shortly after his arrival in Bolivar, Jacob reported:

"Tom has a farm about 120-130 acres of first rate land, and a small house surrounded by shade trees. He has six Negroes at home and two hired out. Those at home seem very happy and contented. He keeps two horses and has a very neat top buggy."

Two days later in a letter to his daughter, Jacob commented:

"I am much pleased with the South. They know how to treat a gentleman. I have been here but a few days, and quite a number of gentlemen have called to see me."

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5 Sarah Catherine "Kate" Miller was born 17 March 1831. She attended boarding school at Salem, N.C., on the Yadkin River as indicated in a letter in 1843 to her grandmother Matilda Lyons.

6 Sallie was the daughter of Rev. Daniel and Margaret Stephens, and Mary, the daughter of Eli and Delia (Wallis) Talbot of Nashville. Mary died in Nov 1911 at the home of a grandson, David Fentress, in Memphis, according to the Free Press.

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He expressed similar views in a letter to his wife on 28 October:

"I have heard much of the gentlemanly hospitality of the South but it exceeds my expectations in a ten-fold degree. Why the Negroes are superior to some men [in the] north who call themselves gentlemen. Tuesday we took tea at Mr. Miller's in company with Judge Humphreys, who is now holding court here, and the Rev. Mr. Pickett, the Episcopal minister."

Within a short time, Tom's legal abilities began to earn widespread recognition. Judge McKinney of the Tennessee Supreme Court told a friend he regarded Thomas R. Smith of Bolivar and Kit Williams of Memphis as the best lawyers of their age in the state. With the outbreak of the Civil War, Tom enlisted in the Confederate Army and served for a year or so as a lieutenant in Polk's Battery. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and was then mustered out because of problems with his eyesight.

He and his father-in-law, Pitser Miller, opened a dry goods store in Memphis, but Tom returned to the practice of law at or near the end of the war. He became a partner in the law firm of Kortrecht & Craft. In 1866 he was appointed judge of the City Law Court, a position he held for only three months before resigning to re-enter private practice. Despite his short term on the bench, he was referred to as "Judge Smith" for the remainder of his life. His clients included the Bank of Tennessee, the gas company, and the railroad.

In February 1872 -- about the time of Memphis' Mardi Gras celebration -- he contracted pneumonia and, after an illness of about three weeks, died at his home on Poplar Avenue at 6:31 a.m. March 7. Kate and their six children soon moved back to Bolivar where her father and other members of her family still lived. They moved into a house at the corner of Washington and Lafayette Street where Kate resided for the next 22 years, bringing up her family and taking an active role in church and community activities. Her father died 28 Jul 1881 at the age of 81.

By the time her children reached adulthood, Kate's health began to fail. In early 1894, she visited Anniston, Ala., hoping the change would be beneficial to her health. Her condition failed to improve, however, and she died on 17 May. All six of her children were at her bedside when the end came. Commenting on her passing, the Bolivar Bulletin described Kate as "a woman of many noble traits of character -- kind-hearted, generous, and ever ready to relieve distress or assist in any laudable undertaking."

Her remains were returned to Memphis for funeral services, and she was buried next to her husband at Elmwood Cemetery.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS R. AND SARAH CATHERINE "KATE" (MILLER) SMITH:

(1.) Julia A. Smith - born ca. 1854 (?) in Hardeman Co., died Oct 1903 in Hardeman Co., married Dr. J. J. Neely (son of Gen. R. P. Neely) of Bolivar in 1876; survived by five sons, one daughter
(2.) Anna M. "Annie" Smith - b. ca. 1857 in Hardeman Co., m. Paul Tudor Jones (1851-1924) in 1876, lived in Corinth, Miss.
(3.) Gilmer Pitser Smith - (son) b. ca. 1860 in Hardeman Co., later removed to New York
(4.) Francis "Frankie" Smith - (daughter) b. ca. 1862
(5.) Thomas R. Smith - b. ca. 1868 in Memphis, m. Irene Bond on 10 Oct 1906, resided in New Orleans, La.
(6.) Kate Miller Smith - b. ca. 1870 in Memphis, m. Morton Steward Lewis, New York, on 19 Oct 1906

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7 Apparently Kate's father, Pitser Miller
8 The Daily Memphis Avalanche, March 8, 1872, in Thomas R. Smith obituary
9 Communication from Pitser Miller to Tom's father Jacob Smith
10 Birthdates based on family correspondence, 1880 Hardeman Co., Tenn., census

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Virtually every issue of Tennessee's early newspapers carried lists of estrays. The word, borrowed from the French, referred to stray domestic animals whose owners were not known. The lists of estrays were run as legal notices by county or district rangers. They included a detailed description of the animal and its estimated value, along with the name and address (usually in relation to a river or town) of the person who had taken it into temporary custody. For genealogists, the lists can provide valuable information relating to individuals and when and where they lived. The following lists -- minus descriptions of the estrays themselves -- have been transcribed from microfilms of the 1814 editions of *The Nashville Clarion & Tennessee State Gazette*. Though published in Nashville, the paper covered most of what is now Middle Tennessee.

### January 18 Issue

**ESTRAYS IN WILSON COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- John Lawrence on Round Lick Creek on 25 Nov 1813
- Charles L. Bennet on waters of Barton's Creek
- Joel Lambert living on head waters of Spring Creek
- Shadrick Corder living on Cledenin's Creek
- Tabatha M'Donald near Hart's Ferry
- Nathan Wheeler at the three forks of Round Lick Creek
- Edna Donell on head of Smith's Creek

Notice dated 22 Dec 1813 and inserted by Edmund Crutcher for William Gray, Ranger

**ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- Alexander Ozburn on west fork of Rock Creek on 9 Nov 1813
- Wilburn Burnom on Nall's Creek of Noah's fork of Duck River
- Thomas Willise on west fork of Rock Creek

Notice by H. Dawdy, Ranger, Bedford County

### January 25 Issue

**ESTRAYS IN LINCOLN COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- Champlain Blythe on east fork of Mulberry
- Benjamin Clements on Elk River 3 miles above Fayetteville
- Jesse Martin living on Richland Creek of Elk River
- Willie Jones living on waters of Cold Water Creek
- Daniel Allen (no location given)
- Jesse Woodruff on south side of Elk River about 5 miles from Fayetteville
- Ephraim Parham (no location given)

Notice dated 6 Jan 1814 by Brice M. Garner, District Ranger, Lincoln County

### February 1 Issue

**ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- William Spragan on Noah's Fork of Duck River
- Nicholas Loyd on Dry Creek of Duck River
- William Waddle on Little Flat Creek
- John W. Westmorelan 3 miles above Shelbyville on Duck River
- John Porterfield living on head of Smith's Fork
- Elisha Rogers on waters of Spring Creek
- Francis Young on Hurricane Creek
- Isaac Winston (no location given)
- George M. Purtle (no location given)
- Charles Cunnings on Hurricane Creek on road leading from Lebanon to Jefferson

**ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- Willis Hopewood on west fork of Rock Creek
- George Neal on headwaters of Rock Creek
- Jesse Burnom on Nall's Creek of Duck River

Notice by H. Dawdy, Ranger, Bedford County

**ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:**

- Mary Gray on head of Coldwater Creek
- Robert Cunningham on Swan Creek at Cunningham's Mill
- Richard Porter living on waters of Cold Water Cr.
- John Wiseman in Lincoln County on Pari's Creek
- John Meeks living on Cane Creek about 6 miles from Fayetteville
- Oliver Grisham living on west fork of Norris' Creek.

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- Charles Snell two miles below Shelbyville.
- Duncan Neal on Barren Fork of Duck River.
- Matthew Mullens on Duck River one mile from King's Mill.

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- John Davidson near Crutcher's Mill
- Samuel Fleming at Rock Spring

- Jonathan Brown on Rock Creek

H. Dowdy, Ranger, Bedford County

February 15 Issue

ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

- Wm. T. Burford on Spring Creek of barren fork of Duck R.
- Benjamin Laman on Weakley's Creek
- James Adams on east fork of Rock Creek
- Cyrus Sharp near King's Mill

H. Dowdy, Ranger, Bedford County

March 1 Issue

ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

- John Clark on Dawdy's Creek, Barren Fork of Duck River
- Nancy Wadsworth near Warner's ferry, Duck River
- William Haslett on Big Flat Creek
- James Adams on east fork of Rock Creek
- Samuel Fleming at the Rock Spring
- Richard Chandler on the north fork of Duck River

Notice by H. Dowdy, Ranger, Bedford County

March 8 Issue

ESTRAYS IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

- Benjamin Ransom living 5 miles south of Murfreesborough
- Isaac Marable on Stewart's Creek
- William Smith on Overall's Creek
- Baty M'Coy 5 miles south of Murfreesborough
- Sally Young on Little West Fork of the East Fork of Stones River
- Thomas May near Rock Spring meeting house
- Burrell Perry 11 miles below Jefferson
- H. Dowdy, Ranger, Bedford County
- John Parker near the Fox Camp
- John Fleming (no location given)
- William Hamilton near the Fishing ford
- John Clark on Dawdy's Creek, Barren Fork of Duck River
- John Fleming (no location given)
- John Halpear on War Trace Fork of Duck River

Notice by H. Dowdy, Ranger, Bedford County

March 29 Issue

ESTRAYS IN LINCOLN COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

- John King living on Tinkers Creek
- Moses Driver on West Fork of Cane Creek
- Micajah Muckleroy on Cane Creek
- William Pugh on West Fork of Flint River near Huntsville Road
- John King living on Tinkers Creek
- William Jenkins near Fayetteville
- Elias Whitehead on Mulberry Creek 3 miles from Whitaker's Mill
- John Smith on south side of Elk River opposite mouth of Bradshaw's Creek
- John King living on Tinkers Creek
- Daniel Warren near mouth of Mulberry
- John Pegg on headwaters of Overall's Creek
- John King living on Tinkers Creek
- Joel Thrailkill on south side of Elk River about 2 miles and 1/2 below Fayetteville
- John Sipps living in little bend of Elk River below mouth of Short Creek
- John Carpenter living on East fork of Cane Creek

Notice by Burrell Gannaway, Ranger of Rutherford County

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-William Hamilton living on east branch of east fork of Mulberry Creek 1 mile from Roundfree's Mill
-James Mitchell living on head of Cane Creek

Notice by Brice M. Garner, District Ranger

April 19 Issue
ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Henry Goodner on waters of Barren Fork of Duck River
-William Allred on Rock Creek near Leeper's Mill
-John Woods on East Fork of Rock Creek

Notice by H. Dawdy, dated April 18, 1814

April 26 Issue
ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Joseph Rogers on head of Sinking Creek.
-Thomas Stanfield on Little Flat Creek
-William Mayfield on north side of Duck River.

Notice by Edmund Cruther, District Ranger, dated April 25, 1814

ESTRAYS IN LINCOLN COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Joshua Guinn on Shelton's Creek
-Jacop Awalt on Elk River
-William Townsend living on main Cold Water Creek
-Aquilla Suggs living on middle fork of Norise's Creek 7 miles from Fayetteville
-Hugh Ball near Fayetteville
-Charles Duncan living on Shelton's Creek
-Michael Henderson on a west fork of Flint River on the state line

Notice dated April 26, 1814

ESTRAYS IN WILSON COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Wilcher Bandy living on Cumberland River
-Joseph Waller (no location given)
-Joseph King on head of Smith's Fork
-Daniel Chumly on head of Smith's Fork
-Thomas Cartwright living on Jinning's fork of Round Lick Creek

Notice by Edmund Cruther, District Ranger, dated April 25, 1814

May 8, 1814 Issue
ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Edward Roggs on Spring Creek near the Rock Spring
-Alexander Stuart on Garrison Fork of Duck River
-Isaac Price on Garrison Fork of Duck River

Notice by H. Dawdy, Ranger, Bedford County, dated May 2d, 1814

May 17, 1814 Issue
ESTRAYS IN BEDFORD COUNTY TAKEN UP BY:

-Elijah M'Guine on Falling Creek on M'Caric's horse mill rd.
-Levi Davidson on Duck River near M'Gee's mill
-Thomas M'Elvey on west fork of Back Creek
-Joseph Keller on Garrison fork of Duck River
-Minor Cannon one mile above Shelbyville
-Jesse Simmons on head of Rock Creek
-John Melton on Alexander Creek

Notice by Howel Dawdy, Ranger, Bedford County

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Martha A. Benton Brings Civil War Damage Suit

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(Editor's Note: The following abstract was prepared by Mrs. Intravia from federal government papers obtained in 1988 by her late cousin, Leila Heasley, who was researching her Benton family line in Arkansas. Because of the number of surnames listed in the suit, Mrs. Intravia thought the abstract would be helpful. "Tennessee is the home of many of my ancestors and I've received so much help through your publication," she writes. "So for what it's worth, I'd like to share this with others." The case record, No. 2741, contains 120 handwritten papers and three printed papers.)

Mrs. Martha A. Benton filed suit at Collierville, Shelby Co., Tenn., on 9 June 1871 through her attorney in Memphis, seeking $9,865.50 in damages for property taken or destroyed by both the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. The 52-year old plaintiff resided on her farm of 1,280 acres (800 of which was cultivated) in Marshall Co., Miss., during the war. The farm was situated on Hernando Road about seven miles from Collierville. She alleges that the Rebels molested her by taking property, and states that she was a Union sympathizer during the war and cared for a wounded Federal soldier till he died. Her witnesses were: Josiah DeLoach, 65, postmaster at Memphis; William H. Morgan, 49, Memphis; Robert McKenna, 46, White Station, Shelby Co., Tenn.; Daniel Benton (cold), age 35, farmer, Banesville/Bentonville, Marshall Co., Miss.; Edward L. Benton, 25, Collierville, Tenn., farmer; Mary E. Coover, 31, Memphis, Tenn., daughter of the claimant.1

Mrs. Benton was the widow of Clement F. Benton, who was an invalid for a year or more before his death on 22 Nov 1861. He was survived by eight children:

(1) Mary E., wife of Martin H. Coover, a Memphis lumber dealer
(2) Laura N., age 27, wife of John R. Norfleet of Collierville
(3) Clement J. Benton, age 29, Marshall, Miss.
(4) Edward L. Benton, age 25, resides with claimant
(5) Ella, age 23, wife of D. L. Bain of New Madrid, Mo.
(6) Augustus J., age 21, resides with claimant
(7) Alice, aged 19, resides with claimant
(8) Jessie, aged 13, resides with claimant

Also mentioned in the suit are Mr. Benton's nephew (?) in the Union Army named Dow White; a Mr. Harris living about two miles from the claimant; Wm. P. Coles, a white man on the place most of the war; and an old man called Harry (colored).

Paper Filed 28 Oct 1875:

Several Federal Army officers and their groups are named ... along with Ben Morton, age 40, colored, Marshall Co., Miss. When the war started, he belonged to Col. Morton of Ray Co., Mo., and, when his master was killed at Big Black near Edwards Depot, Miss., two years into the war, he lived on Benton's land. Was a sharecropper but never belonged to Benton.

Deposition of Hartwell Johnson, ca. 35 years (colored). States he did not belong to claimant. When war broke out, he belonged to William Johnson, who lived about 1¼ miles from claimant's property. Says old Clem Benton had consumption for eight or ten years before he died, and that during the war, Mrs. Benton gave her colored people land to work on shares.

1 Apparently used as the abbreviation for "colored"
2 There are a few other notes with names, but they are difficult to read. - FLI

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Deposition of Jonathan Bogan/Boggan (white): Denied saying young Clem was in the Confederate army in Virginia for a year or that he'd sent a man named McCay of Mt. Pleasant as a substitute, but stated that all of this was his understanding. He did know young Clem ran cotton through the lines and brought back goods, but doesn't think this was for the Confederate Army. He got acquainted with the Benton family in 1846, and knew they favored the Union.\(^3\) Bogan was Mrs. Benton's overseer, raising corn for her until 1860 and in 1862. Said Special Agent Edwards' quoting of him "had a different coloring to it from what I intended."\(^4\) Also said young Clem had a store just outside Federal lines.

Deposition of Clement J. Benton (claimant's son): Stated he told Special Agent Edwards he was conscripted two or three times, and in the spring of 1862 went to Virginia "just to go on a spree more than anything else," paid his own expenses to Richmond, was conscripted into the Confederate Army at Yorktown, was in the 17th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, and they kept him three months. Said his brother-in-law Henry Davis sent a substitute named McCay to take his place, and so Benton returned home for a year. A man named Farley (?), a captain in the Confederate Army, tried to make him take the oath [of allegiance] and Benton refused. Farley had seven or eight men with him and they arrested Benton, took him to a Confederate camp 30 miles away to a town named Tyrs (?), was kept two days, and Benton ran away to Memphis. Eighteen months later at Coldwater, Miss., about three miles from home, the Confederates got him again but he escaped. Swears his father was loyal to the Union, and never heard of him having "a cutlass or bowie knife at Collierville and brandishing it about and encouraging men to go into the Confederate Army -- it is all false." Benton said he had taken some slaves to Tuscaloosa, Ala., that belonged to his brother-in-law Henry Davis.

Deposition of John Benton (colored): Several times he disputes what Agent Edwards had written down as his testimony. .."I was not troubling myself as to whether she [Mrs. Benton] was a Union woman." ..Mentions claimant's brother Edward Jones ..."I know the 'yellow feller' who went with Clem, was gone 14 months. I know Charlie Benton."\(^5\)

Deposition of George W. Albright, colored, aged 28: He never belonged to the Bentons; resides at Mt. Pleasant, Miss.; is state Senator from Mississippi's 25th District. Agent Edwards told him Clem Benton paid McCay $1600 to go as a substitute for him, but Albright does not know if this is correct.\(^6\)

4 May 1873 at Memphis

Testimony of LaFayette McCrillis, witness, and Gilbert Moyes, attorney: McCrillis, aged 63, is a LaGrange, Tenn., planter and not related to Mrs. Benton. Was a colonel in the 3rd Regiment, Illinois Cavalry, from 1863 to the close of the war, serving in Marshall Co., Miss., Fayette Co., Tenn., and adjoining counties on the Memphis & Charleston railroad to protect it. Said he considered Mrs. Benton to be Union.

Testimony of H. W. Love, Nov. 22, 1875, Washington, D.C.: Aged 45, a resident and contractor of Iowa City, Ia., was a major in the 2nd Iowa Cavalry during the war and served in Mississippi and Tennessee. Met Mrs. Benton in the spring of 1863 while camped at LaGrange, Tenn. "I think she told me she had protection papers from General Sherman, that her husband was a cousin of Thomas H. Benton of

\(^3\) He is disputing what Special Agent John D. Edwards claimed he had said. -FLI

\(^4\) Edwards investigated the case for the federal government

\(^5\) He does not indicate if Charlie Benton is the 'yellow feller' he mentioned. He also refers to 'darkies' or to 'black people.' This is a long deposition and John appears very disgusted with what Edwards reported he'd said.

\(^6\) This deposition is signed "G.W. Albright," not with a mark as most of the others are. -FLI

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BENTON (continued)

Missouri, and Thomas H. Benton had a nephew who lived in Iowa City and we had a conversation about him. Love mentions a Lt. Belden of his brigade, who was later a major and also an adjutant under Gen. Gatch. Love also had a claim against the government and his attorney, Mr. (?) Clark was in Washington, D.C., and that's why Love was there. (No signature.)

Interrogation of Claimant on 27 Nov 1876

Mrs. Benton, through her counsel, had given depositions three times. When asked why she did not say her son Clem had been in the Confederate Army, she said he was living in Wittsburg, Ark., when the war broke out, and she did not know what had become of him. Later she learned he went to Virginia and was conscripted. She did not see him until much later, then he lived with her until a year ago. Then he went away, and she heard he was in Chicago but does not know where he is now. Clem also had been in St. Louis, in Yazoo County, Miss., and in Kentucky. (Signed by M. A. Benton)

Memphis, May 28, 1875

Report of Special Agent John D. Edwards: Evidence obtained between April 22 and May 22, 1875. Said that although Mrs. Benton denied it, her oldest son Clem enlisted in "A" Company, 17th Mississippi Infantry, in May 1861, served 15 months, got out by furnishing a substitute named McCay who used to live at Mt. Pleasant, and that all her neighbors knew this. McCay's father is still living in Mississippi. The claimant's husband sent Charlie Benton (colored) to Clem a month after he went to Virginia, and this servant can testify Clem assisted at First Bull Run. Daniel Benton, colored, age 37, friendly to claimant, cannot remember, etc. Edwards says Clement J. Benton, 32, claimant's son, lied about his Confederate service. Edwards believes Clem engaged in illicit traffic between the lines, running in cotton and bringing out contraband of war which he sold to Rebel soldiers. Bob Benton, 30, colored, friendly to claimant. Hany Benton, age 60, colored, working for claimant's son-in-law. Knew little. John Benton, 38, colored, former slave of claimant, said the family was friendly with Rebels. (He denies this in another deposition). Joel Tilman, 33, colored -- said he "heard claimant's husband talk in favor of the South, etc." Also said Clem got white women to smuggle out arms for him. Thought they were all "sesesh" [secessionists]. Richd. W. Ramsey, widely known and reliable man of Collierville, said he never heard claimant called Union, but did hear Clement, Sr., talking like a "rabid secessionist" at Collierville in early part of the war. Charles Benton, 39, colored, former slave, knows claimant's husband and said he was "rabid rebel" from his talk, etc. G. W. Albright, 28, colored, state senator of Mississippi, lived at Mt. Pleasant, knew young McCay who was a substitute for Clem Benton. Josiah DeLoach, 67, postmaster at Memphis, knows nothing about claimant's loyalty. Jonathan Boyin [Bogan?], claimant's overseer, says claimant was a good "sesesh" except when Yankees about, and that old man Benton was a Reb till he died. Edward's conclusion: "Claimant was not loyal. Perjury is clearly proved in testimony of claimant and that of her eldest son in regard to the service of the latter in the Rebel Army."

Supplemental brief by G. Moyers, attorney, Washington, D.C., to Southern Claims Commission: "It is noteworthy that the special commissioner seems overzealous in his efforts to disparage this claim." (He goes on for several pages attacking agent's report, pointing out where witnesses deny saying what Edwards reported, etc., mentions the postmaster at Memphis as Colonel DeLoach, etc. -FLI)

Martha A. Benton's claim was rejected on Dec. 5, 1877. [Signed]

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7 Edwards writes here:"This witness is a very intelligent man, almost white." This must be the man referred to in other papers as 'yellow feller.' - FLI

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Bedford County Lands Are Auctioned Off For Unpaid 1816 Taxes

A notice in the *Tennessee Herald*, Shelbyville, on 20 June 1818 announced that certain lands would be sold under court orders at a public auction on 4 July to satisfy taxes, costs, and charges due for the year 1816. Because the tax had not been paid, the land was liable to double taxes, costs, and charges due for the year 1816. Because the tax had not been paid, the land was liable to double taxes, costs, and charges due for the year 1816. The notice was signed by John Warner, late sheriff and collector of Bedford County.

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**OBITUARIES**

Departed this life December 16 at 7 o'clock in the morning, George Martin, [who was] among the first settlers in Grassy Valley. Mr. Martin died in his 77th year and left a widow with whom he had lived for 54 years. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church for 53 years and died in the humble and undoubting hope of a happy immortality. This ancient man has left behind him and now living nine children, 76 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and a progeny of 140 persons located within these new western states.-*Knoxville (Tenn.) Register, Jan. 9, 1824*

 Died on Wednesday the 7th inst. at his residence in this vicinity, West Harris, Esq., aged 57 years. The deceased was one of the first settlers of this county and for the last ten years was one of the justices of the County Court. Whether as a private citizen, member of the court or of the church, he was universally respected and it may with trust be said of him that he never let a charitable object pass without relief. The County Court being in session at the time of his death, the proceedings adopted by them will show that his death is regarded as a public loss.-*Bolivar (Tenn.) Free Press & Farmers Herald, Jan. 14, 1835*

 Died at his residence near Thompson Station on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1873, at 7:30 a.m., Mr. Bird Fitzgerald, Sr., after a long and painful illness which he bore with heroic fortitude. He lived out his three score and ten in the midst of the people of Williamson County and when I say a noble, high-toned generous man has fallen, there will be but few to deny it. - *The Franklin (Tenn.) Review & Journal, Feb. 20, 1873*

 Died at Nashville on the 23rd ult., William J. Bass, member of the junior class of Nashville University in the 19th year of his age. - *The Fayetteville (Tenn.) Messenger, April 18, 1825*
Young Dutch Stowaway Brings Unusual Surname to the U.S.A. --- And to State of Tennessee

Developed from information submitted by Charles R. and Sarah (Gill) McDaniel
440 Avalon Drive, Rocky Mount, Va. 24151

In Amsterdam in 1808, sixteen-year-old Willem Kolwyck\(^1\) stowed away on a ship bound for America. Like thousands of other young men in Europe, he was seeking sanctuary from the Napoleonic wars and all the killing and dying associated with them. Little did he know that before the century was out, he would father sons who themselves would experience firsthand the horrors and tragedies of another war --- in their case, America's Civil War.

According to stories handed down in the Kolwyck family, the teen-age stowaway was discovered on board ship a few days after it left Holland. He apparently was given some pretty rough treatment for the remainder of the voyage, and by the time the ship put in on America's Gulf Coast, Willem -- in the words of one descendant -- "hit the deck running." \(^2\)

Where he went and what he did over the next 15 years remain a mystery. But life in the days of the wild frontier couldn't have been easy for a teen-ager who spoke little or no English. Since Dutchmen were traditionally water men, it's possible that Willem made a living by working on riverboats moving up the Mississippi to the Ohio and down the Cumberland River to Nashville. That could have been the route he took, and it could explain how he got to Middle Tennessee in 1823. Records in nearby Lebanon (Wilson Co.) show Willem married 19-year old Margaret Ann Steele, a native Tennessean, on the 23rd of August that year.\(^3\) Their marriage bond was signed by James B. Taylor, whose relationship to the couple is unknown. The groom signed the bond "Willem Koolwyk" and the court clerk entered the name on the bond as "William Colewick." The family Bible shows the surname both as "Colwick" and as "Colewick," and in other records it turns up as Coalwick, Kolwyck, and various forms. Most descendants for some time have spelled the name Kolwyck, although one branch -- whose members live in Parsons, Tenn., and Sikeston, Mo. -- has retained the Colwick spelling. Whichever way it's spelled, present-day descendants have found no other family with this surname.

Willem's great-grandson, the late Chattanooga attorney Clarence Kolwyck, wrote that the original Dutch spelling of the name was Kolwyk with the "c" being added later. In Dutch, he learned that the name literally means "cabbage patch," with "kol" being the root word for kohlrabi or kale and "wyk" meaning place.

In about the 1830's, Willem and Margaret moved westward from Wilson County, settling in what is now northern Decatur County. By the 1840 census, Willem -- his name now anglicized to William -- and Margaret were living in Perry County. Next door neighbors were Minor Steele, Nathan Steele, and William Steele, Margaret's brothers for whom she named three of her sons. The census also shows that William and Margaret had eight children by this time--five boys and three girls. Eventually they would have a total of 13

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\(^1\) Family Bible shows he was born 2 Nov 1792 in Holland

\(^2\) Family opinion is divided as to whether Willem disembarked at Mobile, Ala., or New Orleans, La.

\(^3\) According to the family Bible, Margaret was born 20 May 1804. Her parents have not been identified.

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children. The family Bible lists the birth dates of 11 of their children. Names of the others who were either not listed in the Bible or were illegible can be found in the 1850 Decatur County census (Page 444).

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARGARET (STEELE) KOLWYCK

(1) Sarah Allen Kolwyck - born 22 Jul 1824 probably in Wilson Co., Tenn.; died 31 Oct 1904; married (1) ___ McDaniel,
(2) Robert T. Fullerton ca. 1848 in Tennessee
(2) Miner Thomas Kolwyck - born 23 Apr 1826 probably in Wilson Co.; died 22 Jul 1876; married Martha A. Barnes on 14 Aug 1856 in Tennessee
(3) William S. Kolwyck - born 12 Jan 1828 probably in Wilson Co.; married (1) Sarah ___ (2) Harriet Weeks
(5) F. S. Kolwyck - born ca. 1830 in Tennessee; died after 1850 (male, full name unknown)
(7) Anderson D. Kolwyck - born 12 Dec 1834 probably in Wilson Co.; died 17 Dec 1864 in Elmira, N.Y.; married Margaret J. Hale
(9) James Wright Kolwyck, Sr. - born 3 Aug 1838 in Perry Co., Tenn.; died 22 Feb 1914 in Darden, Henderson Co., Tenn.; married Eliza Keziah Newman in 1866
(10) Louisa E. Kolwyck - born 1838/39 in Perry Co.; married James F. McFarland
(11) Margaret C. Kolwyck - born 14 Feb 1841 in Perry Co.; died 13 Feb 1858 (aged 17)
(13) Sarilda Ann Kolwyck - born 17 Sep 1846 in Decatur Co., Tenn.; died 2 May 1930

By the 1850 census, William and Margaret were living in Decatur County, which had been split off from Perry. They had eight children at home, the youngest of whom was a five-year old daughter, Sarilda. Living next door was their 21-year old son, William S. Kolwyck; his wife Sarah (surname unknown), and their five-month old son, William C. Kolwyck.

Margaret died on 2 May 1855 shortly before her 41st birthday. William lived on to experience the sorrow of seeing four of their seven sons leave to fight in the Civil War and a fifth killed for refusing to go.

Records from the National Archives show that four of the brothers enlisted as privates in the Confederate Army in December 1861. William S. Kolwyck joined Capt. J. R. Williams' Cavalry Company on 6 December. The only muster roll that has been found for him states that he deserted on 20 Aug 1862 in Benton Co., Tenn.

Anderson D. Kolwyck enlisted in Capt. Joseph B. Caruthers' Company of the Tennessee Heavy Artillery Regiment. His brothers, James Wright and Minor Thomas Kolwyck, signed up in the same company three days later. Anderson was captured by federal troops at Vicksburg and was later exchanged. The regiment was reorganized after Vicksburg, and Company A was stationed at Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay. Anderson by this time had rejoined the company and was taken prisoner for a second time on 23 Aug 1864. He was transported on a prison ship from New Orleans to Fort Columbus in New York harbor, arriving there on 28 Sep 1864. Transferred on 5 Dec to the Union prison in Elmira, N.Y., Anderson died 12 days later of smallpox or "variola." He left a wife and two sons who never knew what became of him.4

Charles and Sarah McDaniel learned from military records that he was buried at Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira. They visited his grave and took pictures for his descendants who live in the Dyersburg, Tenn., area.

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KOLWYCK (continued)

James Wright Kolwyck fought in the battle at New Madrid, Mo., escaping with some other soldiers to Island No. 10 in the Mississippi River. When that fortification was overrun, they escaped the rest of the way across the river to the swamps of Reelfoot Lake. The company was reorganized as Company L of the First Tennessee Heavy Artillery headed by Col. Andrew Jackson, Jr. The men participated in the siege of Vicksburg, sinking the ironclad "Cincinnati" and other ships. They were captured on 4 Jul 1863 and paroled three days later. James was sent to Union prisons in Alabama and Georgia before being exchanged. He then joined Co. D of Barteau's 22nd Tennessee Cavalry under Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's command, and took part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. After the fierce and bloody battle of Franklin, James neglected to report back to his unit and be properly mustered out. For this reason, he was listed as a deserter and was later denied a military pension.

Minor Kolwyck, who was with his two brothers at New Madrid and Island No. 10, also was captured at Vicksburg on 4 Jul 1863 and paroled. His name has not been found on a muster roll after Vicksburg, but he did survive the war. According to family tradition, 29-year old Nathan was hanged for refusing to go into the service. Some of the Kansas cavalry -- locally called "Jayhawkers" -- and other groups were said by the family to have terrorized their members and may have killed him. The family Bible records his death as 9 Feb 1862.

Their father William, who had taken Sarah Fullerton as his second wife in 1859, died at Flatwoods, Decatur County, soon after the war ended. He was 73.

James Wright Kolwyck returned to Decatur County after the war and in 1866 married Eliza Keziah Newman, the 16-year old daughter of Henry and Susannah (Reeve) Newman of Henderson County. James lived and farmed the rest of his life in the vicinity of Darden in Henderson County. He was a staunch Republican, and he and his wife were charter members of Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. After an illness extending over several years, James died 22 Feb 1914 at age 75 at the family home near Darden. Eliza lived on for another 18 years, but was blind most of the time. She died in Henderson County on 5 Oct 1931 at age 81. James and Eliza are buried at Corinth Baptist Cemetery in Darden.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZA (NEWMAN) KOLWYCK

(3) James Wright Kolwyck, Jr. - born 20 Nov 1870, Henderson Co., died 8 Jan 1878, Henderson Co., married Ava Angeline Maxwell on 28 Dec 1899
(4) Coon Rod Kolwyck - born 3 Jan 1873, Henderson Co., died 23 Mar 1943, Darden, Tenn., married Ava Angeline Maxwell on 28 Dec 1899
(8) Beadie B. Kolwyck - born 18 May 1884, Henderson Co., died 23 Dec 1944

Samuel Lee Kolwyck was the only one of James and Keziah's children to move away from Decatur and Henderson counties permanently. He settled in the small farming town of Senath in Dunklin Co., Mo., about 1910, going to work in a grocery store and serving as postmaster. On 26 May 1912 he married Eula Richie and they later moved to Pemiscot Co., Mo., eventually locating in Hayti. The third of their eight children, Sibyle Lee, married Harvey Gill and is the mother of Sarah (Gill) McDaniel who contributed information for this article.

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Missing Puzzle Pieces

INFORMATION WANTED ON ANDREW FANE

Andrew Fane left his father's house in Augusta County, state of Virginia, in the month of April 1815 and has not yet been heard of by his father who is very disconsolate on account of his absence. All editors in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee, friendly in the cause of humanity, will please insert this in their papers. Individuals and the public generally are requested to make enquiry, and any information will be thankfully received by his aged parent living near Jefferson, Rutherford Co., Tenn. - Daniel Fane, March 7, 1834

(From the March 29, 1834, edition of the Bolivar Free Press & Farmers Herald, Hardeman Co., Tenn.)

WHO WAS EVERETT CURTIS?

Died on 25 Aug 1825 at the house of John Matthews, Esq., in Rhea Town, Tenn., a man who called himself Everett Curtis, aged about 25 years. The circumstances relating to his sickness and death are as follows:

On the 15th day of July, he called at the house of said Matthews who carries on a cabinet-making business; he stated that he was a cabinet maker by trade, that he had left his father's house in Connecticut about four years ago and went to the state of Georgia thence to Alabama; and that he was then on his return to Connecticut. He said that while he was on this tour, he had experienced two severe attacks of the fever; he also confessed that his money was exhausted in consequence of which he could not travel and stopped for the purpose of getting employment for some short time. But when he stopped, he was sick and in a very short time confined to his bed. All that medical aid could achieve was essayed in vain; the malady continued to rage with increased violence and at the end of 17 days he launched into that eternity from which no traveler has ever returned. Col. Henry Earnest, a merchant in the neighborhood, provided burying clothes, Mr. Matthews had a decent coffin made for him, and on the 26th of August his remains were consigned to the gelid pressure of the "narrow house" in the Friends' burying ground at New Hope meeting house.

During the greater part of his illness, he was out of his senses but from what information could be collected from him, he had married a wife in Alabama whose given name is Elizabeth or Betsey by whom he had a son whose name is John. We are induced to believe that an All-Wise Providence directed him to the house of Mr. Matthews where, although destitute of friends or money, he was hospitably taken care of during his affliction. His attendants during his illness were Mr. Matthews and family, Mr. John Daily, postmaster in Rhea Town, and Dr. James F. Broyles of Washington County who for his gratuitous and unremitting attentions to the deceased without the most distant hope of reward other than satisfaction arising from the reflection of having acted a benevolent part towards a fellow being in distress, is entitled to the gratitude of every friend to the distressed...

(From the 8 Oct 1825 issue of the American Economist & East Tennessee Statesman, Greeneville, Tenn.)

A STRANGER DIES AT HOTEL IN BOLIVAR

Died at Union Hotel in this place on Sunday morning the 19th ultimo, Mr. William Evans, a stranger, about 50 years old. Mr. Evans was a former resident of Brighton or Boston, Mass. He presented all the appearance of a well education and highly accomplished gentleman. His remains were interred with marked attention and proper respect. His faults, we learn, have been few while his virtues have been many. Peace to his ashes.

(From the 12 Apr 1854 issue of the West Tennessee Democrat, Bolivar, Tenn.)

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The Bell Family
In Humphreys County
Contributed by Mary Ann (Littley) Bell, 4597 Plato Avenue, Memphis, TN 38128-6336

Burrell Bell, born ca. 1761 in South Carolina, was in Humphreys Co., Tenn., by 1820.1 His wife Mary (maiden name unknown) also was born ca. 1761 in South Carolina. The 1850 census lists her as a widow living with her son Elijah and his family. Her age is given as 89, making her one of the oldest persons in the county at that time. Burrell and Mary had two known sons, Elijah Washington Bell and John M. Bell, both born in South Carolina.

Elijah was born 9 Jul 1794.2 A marriage record for an Elijah Bell and Cynthia Bennett, dated 4 Feb 1816,3 is recorded in Madison Co., Alabama. Elijah and Cynthia appear in the 1850 census for Humphreys Co., Tenn., along with 16 children, the first six of whom were born in Alabama.4 Elijah is first found in Humphreys County in 18385 and then in the 1840 census.6

John M. Bell, born 17 Aug 1802, is Burrell and Mary's second known son and the one from whom my husband, Charles E. Bell, descends. John and his wife Sarah, born ca. 1802 in South Carolina (maiden name unknown), are found listed for the first time with their family in the 1850 census for Humphreys County. Their eight children, all born in Tennessee, were:

(1.) Elvina Bell -- born 17 Aug 1828 (no further record)
(2.) Valentine (I. V. S.) Bell -- b. 2 Feb 1830
(3.) Sarah Catherine Bell -- b. 16 June 1832, (m. her cousin Elijah Bell, Jr.)
(4.) Nancy Bell -- b. 2 Dec 1834 or 1835 (no further record)
(5.) John M. Bell -- b. 12 May 1837, m. Mary (maiden name unknown)
(6.) Malinda Bell -- b. 27 Jul 1839, m. David Norkett

Valentine and Sarah's son, John Wesley Alexander Bell, married Mary Louise Elizabeth "Lou Bet" Sims on 25 Mar 1891 in Humphreys County.9 J. H. Bohanan, a witness to the marriage, is probably John Wesley's cousin. Lou Bet, born 22 Sep 1872, was the daughter of James H. H. Simms and Emily Elizabeth Loftin of Hickman Co., Tenn. Her paternal grandparents were Granderson L. and Easter Sims of Wilson and Hickman counties, and her maternal grandparents were Nathaniel Loftin, born ca. 1799 in Virginia, and Mary Ann "Polly" Harris, born ca. 1805 in North Carolina. Nathaniel and Mary Ann married 6 Sep 1823 in Davidson Co., Tenn.

Of the nine children born to John and Lou Bet, five lived to adulthood.10 The four who died in infancy were James Valentine Bell, Annie Bell, Pearl Bell, and R. T. Bell.

1 1820 Tennessee census
2 Bell family Bible
3 Madison Co., Ala., Marriages Book I - 1809-1817, copied by Elizabeth P. DeYoung
4 1850 census and Bell family Bible
5 1838 tax list, District 4
6 1840 census, page 224
7 1850 death index, Humphreys Co., Tenn.
8 1880 Census, Humphreys Co., Tenn.
9 Marriage certificate
10 Obituary of Mary Louise Bell written by husband John W. Bell ca. 1912

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John and Lou Bet’s children living to maturity were:

1. Myrtle Estelle Bell -- b. 28 Sep 1893 in Bakerville, Humphreys Co., d. 26 Sep 1989 in Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas

2. Eugene Melvin Bell (my husband’s father) -- b. 28 Jan 1898 in Bakerville, d. 17 May 1976 in Little Rock, Ark.


John was probably educated in the schools of his county, and, as evidenced by the letter he wrote concerning his wife's death (see box on next page), appears to have been quite erudite. According to family members, he was of the Primitive Baptist faith and quite fond of reading his Bible.

Working as a sharecropper, he moved frequently, looking for better land and a better living for his young family. He lived in Gibson County as well as Lake, Dyer, and Carroll counties. Lou Bet died 6 Mar 1912 at age 39. She was buried in Dyer County, but her grave has not been located.

It was 1932 before John, with the help of his son, Eugene Melvin Bell, bought a farm in Carroll County's Cedar Grove community where he made brooms from the broom corn grown on his land. This small prosperity was brief as his health began to deteriorate, necessitating the sale of his farm. John died in 1935 in Little Rock, where he had joined his son, Eugene, who was stationed there with the Army.

As a young man, Eugene tried his hand at farming for a short time and then, deciding there had to be a better way to make a living, joined the U. S. Army. Except for a brief time after World War I, he made the Army his career, serving during both World War I and World War II and afterward in China. A much prized possession in our family is a cocktail set given by Madame Chiang to her "fellow Tennessean."

On 7 Mar 1941 in Hot Springs, Ark., Eugene married Naomi Paralee (Chandler) Melton, a widow. (Their marriage license was obtained in Salinas County, Ark.) Born 15 Sep 1908 in Redfield, Grant Co., Ark., she was the daughter of George Washington Chandler and Allie Clementine Davidson.

Eugene and Naomi had one child, Charles Eugene Bell, who was born 28 Feb 1942 in Little Rock. Naomi had one child, Edna Earle Melton (born 19 Mar 1930), by her first husband, Edgar Earl Melton.


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11Madame Chiang, wife of Chiang Kai-shek, attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville as an exchange student. This came about as a result of her friendship with Pearl Buck whose parents were missionaries in China. (Source: Elmer Mize, former teacher at Vanderbilt, now a volunteer at the Blount County library.)
Mrs. Lou Bet Bell
(The following letter was written sometime in 1912 by John W. Bell shortly after his wife's death. The Brother Cayce to whom the letter is addressed apparently was a minister and family friend.)

Dear Brother Cayce:

With a sad heart I attempt to give an account of my dead companion, the daughter of James and Beth Sims. She was born Sept. 22, 1872, and departed this life March 6, 1912, making her stay on earth 39 years, 5 months and 14 days. We were married March 25, 1891. To our union nine children were born, six girls and three boys. Four of these preceded her to the great beyond.

We lived quietly and happily together nearly twenty-one years, regarding the solemn vow as sacred to each other and to God, who ordained the holy rite, rendering due benevolence to each other, having no more troubles than the common hardships of a poor man's life, which she endured with grace and fortitude, never murmuring.

Lou never joined the church, although she was a strong believer in the Primitive doctrine of salvation by grace. She read the Bible a great deal and was well informed. I have her photograph made with a Bible in her hand. She had a sweet hope that when the summons should come, she would exchange this life for a better, fully trusting in the merits of her Savior who burst the bars of death and purchased a resurrection for her.

She had talked a great deal of late of how she would be ready to go into the water, too. This proved to me her faith, believing in one being clothed with the proper authority doing the baptizing.

She leaves a heartbroken husband and five children to mourn her death, but not as those who have no hope; for we believe that when the Lord shall step forth from His mediatorial throne to gather up His jewels, she will arise clothed with immortality, and fashioned like her glorified body, to join the redeemed around the throne of God, and sing praises to the Lamb.

I have a little hope that we may be enabled by some power to come forth a conqueror over death, hell and the grave; that He will raise our vile bodies, that we may join our dear companion on the banks of sweet deliverance to bask in the presence of God forever. This is glorious indeed. May it be our happy lot is my prayer.

Her heartbroken husband,
John W. Bell
Titan, Tenn.

In 1825
Greene County Property Sold For Unpaid Federal Taxes

Seventeen parcels of land were sold at public auction in Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn., in November 1825 for failure of the property owners to pay the direct federal taxes that were levied in 1814, 1815, and 1816. The notice regarding the sale was dated 30 Apr 1825 and published in the 8 Oct 1825 issue of the American Economist and East Tennessee Statesman by Deputy Revenue Collector Joseph Brown of the First Collection District of Tennessee. The property was sold for the amount of the unpaid taxes plus 20 percent.

Sold for unpaid taxes in all three years was land of Elijah Balch on Richland Creek, and that of Jacob Hoyal adjoining William Ross' property. Land sold for unpaid federal taxes in 1815 and 1816 included that of:

Rachel Bennet -- adjoining J. M'Keehan
John Rhinehart -- on W. Creek
John Kifer sen'r -- adjoining H. Heninger
James Britton, sen. -- adjoining D. Adams
David Milburn -- on Lick Creek
Henry McCray -- adjoining T. Stanfield

Land sold for unpaid 1815 direct federal tax:
William Moore -- on Chucky River
Major Hancock -- adjoining A. Hall
John Temple -- adjoining Thomas Temple

Land sold for unpaid 1816 direct federal tax:
James Lucky -- adjoining R. Dobson
Christopher Winter -- adj. Wm. Moore
John Whitehead -- adjoining J. Ryne
David Brown -- adjoining Z. Johnston

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Whenever you correspond with TGS and need an answer to your question, always be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. With stamps at 32 cents a lick, it adds up to a lot of postage ... and a lot of funds we could use otherwise to help meet our expenses. Be thoughtful and enclose an SASE in all of your genealogical correspondence -- you'll get more answers that way. And probably faster, too!
Genealogy Series Slated To Begin
Its Run On PBS in January

Ancestors is the name of a 10-part series that will begin running on the national Public Broadcasting System in January. The series, billed as an introduction to genealogy and family history, focuses on the impact that connecting with ancestors has on individuals and families. The following abstract of the various episodes has been adapted from the California State Genealogical Association's newsletter. To view the series, check your local PBS listings.

**Episode 1: Getting Started:** This episode is built around Victor Villasenor, a Mexican-American in Southern California, who grew up alienated and ashamed of his race. He starts to look to his past for answers and in the journey becomes whole. The story dispels common misconceptions about family history genealogy, and Expert Desmond Allen explains how to use a pedigree chart in beginning your research.

**Episode 2: Looking At Home:** Divorcee Shannon Applegate, looking for missing pieces in her life, finds a pioneer heritage in an empty house in Oregon that gives her renewed strength and understanding about herself. Genealogist Antonia Cottrell Martin suggests what to look for at home and how to organize these bits and pieces of your past.

**Episode 3: Gathering Family Stories:** Fabiana Chiu, a recent immigrant to the U.S., has mixed feelings about her Chinese-Peruvian heritage. Wanting to know more, she travels with her parents to Peru to interview living relatives. On her trip she discovers traditions and links to her Chinese heritage as well. Genealogist Bill Zimmerman gives tips on interviewing and documenting living relatives.

**Episode 4: The Paper Trail:** Like many Americans, Rafael Guber knows his family came here through Ellis Island. He recreates the Ellis Island experience with 100 descendants of immigrants in period clothing. This episode demonstrates how the records we find are witness to important events in our ancestors' lives. Experts discuss the various types of records found in genealogical research.

**Episode 5: Libraries and Archives:** Starting his research at his local library in Colorado, Tom Madrid is able to find records of his Hispanic heritage dating back hundreds of years in the U.S. Program hosts will tour the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and also will introduce viewers to other city, state, and national repositories that hold genealogical records you might not be able to find locally.

**Episode 6: Military and Census Records:** Vietnam War veteran Garry Bryant overcomes depressed feelings about his military service after discovering through family history research that 27 of his ancestors were American soldiers and, like him, made sacrifices to serve their country. Expert Curt Witcher explains the wealth of information that can be found in military and census records.

**Episode 7: African American Families:** Collette De Verge and members of the Southern California Genealogical Association share what family history and genealogy mean to them. The program focuses on the distinct challenge in researching African American records, with expert Tony Burroughs dispelling myths about those records and also introducing new information for more successful research in this area.

**Episode 8: Your Medical Heritage:** Carol Krause never imagined that family history would save her life. But because she created a family medical pedigree documenting her ancestors' health, Carol was able to save her own life as well as her sisters' lives. Experts will instruct you on how to begin building your own medical pedigree.

**Episode 9: High Tech Help:** Hardened criminals and genealogy? Ancestors takes you inside a prison to meet inmates who do genealogy with the help of computers and microfiche. Their stories will surprise you. Program experts will show you how to make genealogical research easier and more fun than ever with some high tech help.

**Episode 10: Leaving A Legacy:** Stories of the different legacies left by three American families highlight this episode. Since 1889, the More Family has held reunions every five years. What's different about this family is that members have preserved each of the reunions on film since 1915. Talula Bottoms left an inspiring legacy for her family in the form of quilts which prove to be quiet testaments to her humility and courage. And finally, Jazz Musician Hannibal Lokumbe finds the lost grave of his slave ancestor and celebrates the discovery with his family in a musical tribute of dance and African ritual.
Mary "Polly" Donohoo was married to Kindly V. Parrish before she married William Donohoo. The entries in this Bible apparently were started by the Parrish family, and Mary retained the Bible when she remarried. William and Mary both died in Hardin Co., Tenn., and it is not known when or where Kindly died. Mary had two sons and a daughter by Parrish, and six children by William.¹

**Family Register**

**Kindly V. Parrish** was born Oct. 22nd 1802

**Polly Parrish** his wife was born 28th February 1808

**Lewis N. B. Parrish** was born January 20th 1827

**James W. Parrish** was born December 30th 1829

**Jinnetta Ann Parrish** was born Sept. 4th 1832 died Jan 18. 1911

**Sarah Elizabeth** was born January 5th 1837

Donohoo

**Tibitha (?) Ellenor** Was born December 15th 1844

Donohoo

**Robert Burns** Was born Feb. 14th 1839

Donohoo

**Martha Malvina** was born November 5th 1847

Died Oct 6 1918

Donohoo

**Mary Jane** Was born Sept. 29th 1842

Donohoo

**William Nancy** was born Nov 25 1851

Donohoo

[The following entries are written two pages later]

Departed this life the Janary [sic] 7, 1852 aged 42 years and eleven months

**William Donohoo** of Hardin County Tenn

Mary Donohoo Wife of above departed This Life on the 13 day of Feb. 1867 age 58 years, 11 months, 5 days

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¹ The 1850 Hardin County census (HD 68-394) lists William Donahoo and wife, Polly, both 41 years of age and both born in Tennessee. Living with them: Jeannette A. Parrish 15, Sarah E. 12, Robert B. 10, Mary J. 7, Juliet E. 4, Martha M. 2.

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From the 19th Tennessee Regiment --

Some Casualties at the Battle Of Murfreesboro

The following list, which originally appeared in The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Rebel, is taken from microfilm of the 16 Jan 1863 issue of The Athens (Tenn.) Post. Col. F. M. Walker commanded the 19th Regiment in the battle of Murfreesboro on 31 Dec 1862. The microfilm, produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, is available at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library. Casualties of Co. H, composed largely of men from McMinn County, were listed in the last issue of Ansearchin' News.

CO. A, Capt. Daniel A. Kennedy commanding

CO. B, Lt. Hammon(d) commanding
Killed: 4th Sergt. S. K. Aiken, Pvt. Sam Foster

CO. C, Lt. M. J. Miles commanding

CO. D, Capt. J. G. Frazier commanding
Killed: Capt. J. G. Frazier

CO. E, Capt. William Lackey commanding
Killed: 1st Lt. S. C. Abernathy, Pvt. E. E. Earnest, Harvey Swan

CO. F, Capt. J. H. Hannah commanding

CO. G, 1st Lt. K. A. Blair commanding
Killed: Pvt. R. Hamilton, John Burger

CO. I, 1st Lt. John E. Wooding commanding

CO. K, 1st Lt. J. H. Huffmaster commanding

Total Wounded 114
Killed 22
TOTAL LOSS 136

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FOR SALE - Tract of land containing 200 acres on Indian Creek five miles east of Randolph. Improvements consist of convenient log cabins, good barn and stables, a Peach Orchard, and about 125 acres clear and under good fence. - Jos. J. Alston.

DO PAY UP! Those who remain indebted to William Harper or Lawrence & Harper either by note or open account, will have the goodness to settle immediately their respective debts as I am absolutely tired of waiting and want the one thing needful - CASH! CASH!! CASH!! - William Harper.

SLAUGHTER & GAITHER respectfully inform the public they have taken the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Frazier for the purpose of keeping a house of Entertainment. Their table will always be supplied with choice viands and vegetables of the season...and fresh fish will be served up almost continuously. Travellers will find the house convenient and agreeable on account of its contiguity with the steamboat landing.

40,000 LBS. GOOD BACON for sale by Potter, Sands & Co., Randolph.

AUG. 22, 1834
FOR SALE - 400 acres of first rate Mississippi land lying on Miller's Island near Randolph, Tenn. For terms, apply to P. G. Reeves in Arkansas opposite Randolph or to H. Coe at Somerville.

SEPT. 5, 1834
ESTRAYS TIPTON CO. - Taken up by Henry S. Williams living at Williams Ferry on Hatchie River. Uriah Bobbett living in the town of Fulton. Thomas Dill living eight miles northwest of Covington. - H. W. Sanford, District Ranger.

LAST WEEK on Saturday, the Tennessee Convention completed and signed the new Constitution which is now offered for acceptance or rejection by the people of Tennessee. The document was signed by 57 members. The Hon. John A. M'Kinney of Hawkins Co. and the Hon. Mr. Fulton of Lincoln Co. refused to sign it, and the Hon. James I. Green of Roane Co. died (in Davidson Co.) on his way home.

SEPT. 16, 1834
OBITUARY--At his residence in Davidson Co., Tenn., on the 6th inst., Mr. George Perry, aged about 70 years. He was a soldier of the Revolution and was taken prisoner during that period and was taken to England and remained in prison for two years. He lived as an honest and good man and, although old, his loss will be greatly felt by the society in which he lived.

SEPT. 23, 1834
DEPARTED this life in Corizon in this county at the residence of Samuel A. Holmes on 16th inst. at 3 o'clock p.m. of bilious fever. Miss Elizabeth A. Farress, aged 18 years, daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Farress of Hardeman County and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NOV. 14, 1834
DIED on the morning of the 4th Nov at the residence of Major Thomas Watkins in the neighborhood of Somerville, Ten., Col. Philonel Holcombe, aged 72 years. He entered early into the struggle for American Independence. When only 17 years of age, he abandoned his schoolboy's satchel for the garment of the warrior and fled from his parents and school to join the standard of his bleeding country. The enthusiasm with which he enlisted in this glorious cause was never dampened by the sore privations of those trying times, and the fire of patriotism continued to burn with undiminished splendor. He fought in the battle of Guilford Courthouse as a lieutenant of the Virginia Cavalry and was one of that little band who rallied after the defeat and formed themselves on Ramsey's Mill, determining to await the arrival of Tarlton and retrieve the character of America by victory or wipe away its disgrace with
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their heart's blood ... He was also present at the siege of York where he ranked as Major of the Cavalry and had the satisfaction of seeing the haughty English General Cornwallis succumb. He was a Patriot by action -- a Patriot by feeling -- a Patriot in word -- but he had other claims upon mankind: he was a Christian, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Virginia, and was elected to the same office in this state.

DIED on the 8th inst. in Tipton Co., Dr. Alexander S. J. Alston in the 24th year of his age -- formerly of Hillsborough, N.C.

AUG. 5, 1836
TENNESSEANS in the artillery company of Capt. Morelands of the Texas Army at San Jacinto on the 21st April 1836:
- J. N. Moreland, Capt., La Grange, Ga.
- 1st Serg. Richardson Curry, Tipton Co., Tenn.
- 2nd Serg. Thomas Plaster, Giles Co., Tenn.
- Temple O. Harris, Davidson Co., Tenn.
- J. M. Wade, New York City
- Hugh M. Swift, Nashville
- W. A. Park, wounded, Franklin, Tenn.
- Thomas Green, Winchester, Tenn.
- Clark M. Harmon, Lexington, Tenn.
- T. J. Robinson, McMinnville, Tenn.
- Montgomery Baxter, Columbia, Tenn.
- Willis Collins, Hynes Co., Miss.
- Benjamin McCulloch, Dyer County
- Joseph E. White, Livingston, Tenn.
- T. W. B. Green, Shelbyville, Tenn.
- John P. Ferrill, Columbia, Tenn.
- Joseph Floyd, Tipton Co., Tenn.
- Alfred Benton, Dyer Co., Tenn.
- D. T. Dunham, Tipton Co., Tenn.

AUG. 12, 1836
DIED at the residence of Mr. James J. Alston in this county on Sunday morning the 7th inst., Mrs. Emily Matilda Harris in the 25th year of her age -- consort of Mr. William H. Harris formerly of Halifax Co., N.C., leaving a husband and infant son to deplore her loss.

- In Wesley, Haywood Co., Ten., on Wednesday evening the 3rd inst., after a short but painful illness, William N. Holmes, aged 25 years.

AUG. 19, 1836
DIED in Marshall Co., Miss., on Thursday the 4th inst. after a short but vicious indisposition, Mr. John Deloach of Wesley, Ten., in the 22nd year of his age. Mr. Deloach was a young man of admirable character and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

SEPT. 9, 1836
DIED in Raleigh on Saturday last of congestive fever, Miss Alethea Brown of Covington, aged 18 years. Seldom has death so mournfully proclaimed that youth and beauty are not exempt from his cold embraces. If so, the now bleeding hearts of her many young associates had still been made glad by her mirth and their society embellished by her beauty and excellence.

MARRIED - In Covington on the 25th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Mr. Henry Feezor to Miss Mary Houston, all of this place.

In Clinton, Miss., Amos R. Johnson, editor of the Clinton Gazette to Miss Harriet N. Battle, daughter of Rev. Elisha Battle.

SEPT. 23, 1836
MARRIED near this place on last evening by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Mr. John Champion to Miss Mildred Parish, daughter of Mr. Parish, all of this county.

Letters In Hawkins County Post Office In 1824
Postmaster Cleon Moore of Hawkins County, Tenn., ran a list of letters remaining in the Redbridge postoffice on 30 June 1824 that would be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters if not taken out before 30 September.

The letters were addressed to: William Briscoe, Miss Sally Berry, Sterling Cocke, Esq., Marow Campbell, Lawrence Drinnon, Thomas Epperson, William Gideon, David Hounshell, Robert H. Jackson, Maj. Hw. G. Moore, Jacob Miller, Gabriel McCraw, Jesse Patrick, Joseph Pepper, Valentine Wolfe, Horatia Webster, and John Walling.

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THE CENTER. A Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area, by Christina K. Schaefer. 1996. 8¼x11" softcover, 148 pages including index, bibliography, order forms. $19.95 plus $3.50 shipping from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone 1-800-296-6687. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents 6%.

This all-new work, based on the original concept of the guidebook Lest We Forget, leads the researcher through the maze of agencies, departments, and archives in the Washington, D.C., area, which is home to the world's largest body of accessible research materials -- even larger than that of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Special attention is given to the National Archives, the Library of Congress, the Bureau of Land Management, the DAR Library, and the National Genealogical Society. Also covered are military research facilities, federal government agencies, academic institutions with genealogical resources, government and public facilities in nearby Maryland and Virginia, and others. Each listing includes a description of key record holdings and directions for their use. Maps, useful phone numbers, public transportation, parking facilities, research room hours, and general information are included. If a trip to Washington is not on your immediate agenda, the book also notes record groups that have been microfilmed and are now available through the Family History Library system with its 2,500 branches across the country.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY LAND GRANTS AWARDED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. 1996. 6x9¼" hardcover, 636 pages, full-name index.$48.50 postpaid from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, phone 1-800-296-6687. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents 6%.

The federal government was not alone in awarding bounty lands to citizens and soldiers for services rendered during the Revolutionary War. Nine states -- Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia -- also awarded bounty lands in their western reserves or on their western borders (directly affecting the future states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Ohio, and Tennessee). This book provides a master index to state bounty land records which up until now were all but inaccessible to the researcher, being stored in the form of manuscript records and printed books in the various states. Each entry contains the name of the claimant (usually the veteran), the state in which he served, his rank, the date of the record, and acreage awarded. About 35,000 names appear in the index including duplicates. Because bounty land was often assigned or inherited, this work could provide clues for proving Revolutionary War participation. It also may open up a wealth of information pertaining to heirs since bounty land benefits were still being processed in some jurisdictions as late as the 1870s.


These marriage records were originally copied by WPA's Historical Records Survey Transcription Unit in Nashville in 1940. Each lists the names of the bride and groom, the date the license was secured, names of the bondsmen, and -- if available -- the date the ceremony was solemnized and the name and position of the person officiating.


Cemeteries in McNaury County east of Highway 45 and north of Highway 64 are covered in this updated version of the author's 1988 book. A number of small family cemeteries have been found since the earlier book was published, according to the author, and these have been added along with the name of the person who found the cemetery or provided an update. Tombstone spellings are retained unless the correct spelling has been determined from other sources. The book includes a cemetery index and location, with tombstone information alphabetized by surnames from Abernathy to Yow.

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SEWARD AND RELATED FAMILIES, Second Edition by George C. Seward. 5½x8½" softcover, 316 pages including full-name index. $28.50 postpaid from author, 48 Greenacres Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

This family history provides hard-to-come-by information about the ancestors of William Henry Seward (1801-1872), who was Secretary of State under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, and arranged the purchase of Alaska. The first documented Seward ancestor in America was Obadiah Seward whose name appears in the records of Milford, Colony of New Haven, on 31 Oct 1660 (1661) when he married Bethyah Hawes whose parents had come to America from England in 1635. The book includes such related families as Bradleys, Corbells, Days, Eleyis, Hawes, Kloennes, McKays, Phillips, Rughis, and Swegers.

ESTATE SETTLEMENTS IN BLOUNT CO., TENN., NAMING HEIRS by Albert W. Dockter. 1996. 5x8" softbound, 112 pages, full-name index. $18.00 postpaid from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540 E. Pointer Ridge, Ste. 300, Bowie, MD 20716.

Execution docket books for court cases involving estates contain a wealth of information, including the name of the deceased landowner, a list of heirs -- some with their current addresses -- and the amount each received. The author has tapped into Blount County's Chancery Court Execution Book II from February 1872 through February 1893, and its County Court Execution Book II from April 1893 through February 1915. In addition, he has compiled data from a workbook kept from 1885 through 1890 by James A. Greer, Chancery Court clerk and master. Greer used the book to keep track of funds received from court-ordered land sales and dispersed to heirs. It lists the principals in each suit, the date the suit was filed, to whom the land was sold and for how much, the deceased owner's name, a list of heirs, and the proportion of the funds each was allocated. The author has omitted insolvent estates (which listed no heirs) and bastardy suits from his transcriptions.


In the author's words, this book began as a "mild interest in correcting the mistakes in my own Jones research" and gradually evolved into a well-documented, extensively researched clarification of a common name in Virginia. Initially the work was based on an erroneous published link between two Thomas Harrises and grew into a listing of five Thomas Harrises based on primary records. The author points out that there were not necessarily five distinct Harris families in colonial Isle of Wight County, but he chose to list five Thomases because he did not locate existing documents to prove clearer links between them. Each Thomas is designated either by the date on which his will was written or by his place of residence, and his descendants are traced for at least three generations. Brayton states that he intends for this publication to serve as a springboard for other research, emphasizing that it should in no way be considered the last word in Harris genealogy.

UNION COUNTY FACES OF WAR by Bonnie Heiskell Peters & Winnie Palmer McDonald. 1995. 9x12" hardback, 256 pp., full-name index. $40.00 postpaid from Bonnie Peters, Union County historian, 3212 Curtis Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918.

Building from Benjamin Franklin's axiom, "There was never a good war or a bad peace," this book chronicles the military efforts of Union Co., Tenn., veterans. Beginning with the Revolutionary War and continuing through the recent Gulf War, it weaves a story of one county's contribution to our nation's freedom and liberty. Much of the information was provided by the families of the men and women who served, but the authors have supplemented it with information derived from their own research of county and military records. The well-indexed book is laid out chronologically by wars, with an alphabetical arrangement of the Union County individuals involved. A plethora of photographs, newspaper clippings, and anecdotal stories add human interest.

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JOHNSTON CO., N.C., COURT MINUTES 1847-50, BOOK XVIII by Weynette Parks Haun. 1995. 8½x11" stapled softcover, 169 pages, full-name, female, and miscellaneous indices. $27.00 postpaid from North Carolina Research at Home, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423. North Carolina residents add 6% sales tax.

In her continuing series of county court minute transcriptions, the author provides a valuable service to researchers unable to make their own courthouse treks. The wealth of information contained in the court records runs the gamut of categories from wills and estate administrations to road overseer appointments, from bastardy cases to apprenticeships, from the naming of justices of peace to the issuing of orders for deed registrations -- a microcosm of life as it was during a three-year period in Johnston County, replete with names and events.

NORTH CAROLINA REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ACCOUNTS (SECRETARY OF STATE'S PAPERS), VOL. IX, PART VII by Weynette Parks Haun. 1995. 8½x11" softcover, 185 pages, full-name and female indices. $30.00 postpaid from North Carolina Research at Home, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423. N. C. residents add 6% sales tax.

North Carolina's General Assembly in 1789 moved to retire the state debt which consisted of certificates issued (1) by district auditors for militia pay or for supplies furnished militia and continental troops, (2) by county tax commissioners for supplies furnished, (3) by commissioners appointed to liquidate accounts of Continental officers and soldiers, and (4) by the comptroller or General Assembly for various claims against the state. Also included in the debt were some state loan office certificates. To reduce the debt, the Assembly passed a special land and poll tax to be paid in specie and currency certificates, and in state currency. (Much of the debt was reduced simply by devaluing the certificates.) This book is an account of the certificates turned in under the act, and of the new certificates issued to replace them. Information includes the person to whom the money or certificates were actually delivered, the persons to whom the original certificates were issued, the amount of the principal, and the person to whom the certificates were reissued. By 1789, most of the outstanding certificates were in the hands of speculators and very few were still held by the original claimant. The book also lists certificates paid by John Armstrong, entry taker for the western lands (Tennessee).

CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY: A GUIDE TO RESEARCH by Loretto Dennis Szucs. 1996. 5x8" softbound, 503 pp., indexed. $19.95 plus $3.50 shipping from Ancestry, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110, phone 1-(800) 531-1790.

Given the Chicago area's size, history, and changing jurisdictions, research for records there is at best a daunting task. This research field guide is truly that: a map through the wilderness of records, sources, and communities that are Chicago. It documents what, when, where, and how to gather records information from church records, public offices, libraries, museums, private and public societies, newspapers, etc. The book appears to be indispensable for those researching the Chicago area, covering many important sources which may be overlooked by those unfamiliar with the area. Researchers thwarted by the massive size of the city and county may be at least partially compensated by the availability of sources not found in less-populated areas -- namely, the Newberry Library, the National Archives' Great Lakes Region, the Chicago Historical Society, and the Chicago Public Library which are documented with their holdings in this guide.

DEAR DIARY: The Art and Craft of Writing a Creative Journal by Joan R. Neubauer. 1995. 7½x9" softbound, 48 pp. of text. $8.95 plus $2.50 shipping.

In her introductory remarks, the author sets out three purposes of keeping a journal: (1) to provide a legacy for those who come after us, (2) to serve eventually as the foundation for an autobiography, and (3) to help attain a new and positive perspective on life. This small book, which contains a section for keeping notes, also touches on the history and philosophy of journal writing, and includes tips on writing styles.

CORRECTION: The street address of Douglas Kelso, Jr., author of Immigrant John Kelso of Pennsylvania and Virginia, was transposed in the last issue. His correct address is 4277 Grandview, Memphis, TN 38117.
THE LOCKLEAR family migrated to Dickson Co., Tenn., from Marlboro Co., S.C., in the early 1800s, according to a story in The Saga of Southern Illinois (Vol. XIII, No. 2). Major Lovett Locklear and his wife Catherine Burns apparently lived in Tennessee for about 12 years before moving on to Williamson Co., Ill., where they were among the earliest settlers. Six of their 11 children were born in the Volunteer state from 1805 to 1817, including Mary, John L., Sarah, James, Scitha "Cynthiea," and Temperence Locklear.

CAPT. DANIEL TAYLOR, who resided in Tennessee's Montgomery and Dickson counties in the late 1770's and early 1800's, was a pioneer settler of Buck Hill community in Yalobusha Co., Miss., according to a story by Chris B. Morgan in Yalobusha Pioneer, Vol. XXI, No. 2. Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth Rouse, had 10 children: Nancy (b. 1777), Samuel (b. 24 Oct 1778), Elizabeth (b. 20 Oct 1780), Lucy (b. 19 Jan 1783), Daniel (b. 18 Aug 1785), John (b. 1 Jul 1788), Rebecca (b. 21 Dec 1790), Sarah (b. 12 Jan 1794), Joseph (b. 16 Oct 1797), and William (b. 1 Oct 1804). While no descendants bearing the Taylor name now live in Buck Hill, Morgan says tens of thousands of their descendants have spread across the U.S. and around the globe. Surnames of allied families cited in the article include Pipkin, Morgan, Robinson, Hight, McNee, King, and others.

WILLIAM B. "Buck" ROACH was born in North Carolina in 1806 and died in Hunt Co., Tex., in 1889, but in between he spent enough time in Tennessee to father nine children. Buck married Sarah Clendering in North Carolina in 1824, and she died the following year leaving an infant son, James Fisher Roach. Buck and his young son removed to Tennessee where on 6 Jun 1831 he was married to Juliet Ann Wilson in Maury County. Their children were: William Thadius, James Willson, Catherine Hannah, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Francis, Thomas Silvester, Jestinious Joseph, Richard Crump, and Samantha P. Roach. Another child was stillborn after 1839 and still another, born after 1849, was unidentified. The family lineage appears in the first issue of Roach Discovery, published by Marvelene Roach Carney, 1209 W. Frederick, Spokane, WA 99205-2331.

THE LIFE STORY of John "Jack" Batchler, who was born in Maury Co., Tenn., in 1817 and became a Texas stockman of note, is reprinted in Searchers and Researchers of Ellis Co., Tex., Vol. XIX, No. 2. The article originally ran in The Cattleman in September 1953. Batchler was apprenticed to a blacksmith when he was 16, and rose to prominence when he became owner of the quarter horse Shiloh. Batchler, his wife, two young children, and Shiloh migrated to Texas in a covered wagon in 1849, settling first in Rusk County and relocating in Dallas County in 1855. Two years later the family moved to Ellis County where Jack became a community leader and a widely known horseman.

TWO SONS of Moses Park, Sr. (1739-1828) and his wife Mary Hill Park (1749-1829) of Rowan and Mecklenburg counties, N.C., moved with their families to Tennessee, according to The Parke Society newsletter, Vol. 33, No. 2. Son John Park (1774-18__) married (1) Jennet Crockett and had seven children: Robert Crockett, John Sloan, Isaac, Moses II, James P., Polly K., and Jane Park. Following his first wife's death, John married Martha L. "Patty" Parham. They had four children: Archibald Lanier, Frances Elizabeth, Susan P., and Ephraim Park.

Moses Park, Jr. (1780-1864) married Mary "Polly" Wier and had eight children: Nancy, Thomas, John Moore, Isaac, James Hill, Parthenia, George, and Moses Park III.


ANOTHER TEXAN recently cashed in on his Tennessee connections, winning a $200 prize for a genealogical essay that took first place in a contest sponsored by the Hopkins Co., Tex., Genealogical Society. Casey Michael Brewer, a high school student, traced his lineage back to his great-great-grandfather, Isaac Newton Brewer, who was born in Carroll Co., Tenn., on 31 Aug 1834. Isaac worked on the family cotton farm and taught school before joining Tennessee's 7th Cavalry, Co. D, during the Civil War. Discharged after a year because of illness, he later reenlisted and received his second honorable discharge in April 1865. Isaac married Dorthea Kirk of Carroll County in October 1865. They had eight children, including Cary's great-great-grandfather, Marcus Newton Brewer. Isaac and Dorthea moved with their family to Hempstead Co., Ark., where they had three more children, and then migrated to Weaver, Tex., where Isaac died 30 Sep 1905 while squirrel hunting with Marcus.

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 Sheriffs' Sales Were Frequent Occurrences In East Tennessee in 1824

Carter County Sheriff W. Carter announced a court-ordered public sale of David Waide's title to a one-half acre lot in Elizabethtown would be held at the courthouse on 4 May 1824. The lot, which adjoined property of A. M. Carter and others, was being sold to satisfy a judgment recovered against Waide by John McAlister.

Sheriff Carter also gave notice that John Stuart's 130-acre plantation on the south side of the Watauga River adjoining lands of Isaac Tipton and James P. Taylor would be sold to satisfy eight judgments. The judgments had been recovered by (1) John King and Joseph Torbit, adm., (2) George Smith, (3) A. and William M'Kee, (4) Carter Taylor, (5) John Carriger, (6) Solomon Ellis, (7) John Sanders, and (8) Moses Humphreys for Elijah Hathaway's use.

Washington County Sheriff Samuel Hunt announced a similar sale on the same date in Jonesborough. On the auction block was a 124-acre tract adjoining lands of Abraham Snapp, William Patton, and others which had been inherited by David Acre and Esther his wife, William, Lydia, Polly, Rebecca, Joseph, and Susan Feazle, all heirs of Martin Feazle, deceased. The sale was to satisfy a judgment obtained by Valentine Devault.

At the same time in Sullivan County, Sheriff Thomas White was planning to auction a 365-acre tract adjoining lands of William Spurgin and others on the Holston River. The property, formerly owned by Jesse B. Billingsley, deceased, had descended to his children: William F. Billingsley, John Billingsley, Loyd Ford and Colgate his wife, Reuben Billingsley, and Benjamin Billingsley. The sale was to satisfy seven judgments, including one obtained by Leonard Shown, two by Valentine Vanhurs, two by Daniel Bowman for use of Jacob Ellis, one by Charles Basket, and one by Nancy Bowers. The property was to be sold for ready money at the Blountsville courthouse. White, through his deputy William Anderson, also gave notice of a public sale of William Cox's title to a 63-acre tract in Sullivan County adjoining lands of Elijah Woods, Charles Jones, and others to satisfy a judgment obtained by Abraham Fine. The notices all ran in the April 25, 1824, issue of the American Economist & East Tennessee Statesman, published in Greeneville.


Page 164, Entry #120. Dated 11 Jul 1810. State of Tenn. Grant #2361 for military service of Solomon Karr to N. C. Warrant #1387 dated 28 Oct 1784, entered 5 June 1809 by #3545, granted by Tenn. to James Henderson, assignee of Karr, 83 acres in Dist. 1 on Overall's Creek on Stones River adj. Wm. A. Robison's line, Hugh Robison's line. Surveyed 1 Sept 1809 by Henry Conway. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 10 Apr 1812.


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Page 185, Entry #136. Dated 28 Dec 1811. Gabriel Vest to Nancy Vest, Polly Vest, Patsy McBride, Tabitha Vest, Betsy Vest, and Samuel Vest of Davidson Co., his children, for love and affection and $1, a Negro man named Harry age 30, Negro woman Holly age 17, Joe age 7, five horses, cattle, hogs, house, kitchen furniture, other articles needed for keeping house, crib corn about 50 bushels, and farming utensils. Witnesses: G. W. Banton, C. Goodman. Reg. 4 Feb 1812.

Page 186, Entry #137. Dated 6 Nov 1811. Prettyman Merry of Buckingham Co., Va. to his daughter Mary Buckner of Rutherford Co. for love and affection, Negroes Dick and his wife Inday, Peggy, John, Salley, Jenny, Daphney, Kitty, Manuel, and Strother with increase and right to dispose of as she sees fit. Wit.: John Arnold, John Nash. Reg. 4 Feb 1812.


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Page 200, Entry #147. Dated 13 Mar 1810. State of Tenn. Grant #2015 for military service of James King to N. C., Warrant #809 dated 7 May 1784, entered 9 Dec 1808 by #2820, granted by Tenn. to Nathaniel Overall, assignee of Juliuss King, heir of James King, 75 acres in District 1, Rutherford Co. on north side of East Fork of Stones River. Surveyed 15 June 1809 by Robert McCombs. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid.


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Page 216, Entry #159. Dated 8 Mar 1808. State of Tenn Grant #88, by virtue of part of Warrant #99 dated 20 Jan 1803 to David Earhart and entered 19 Aug 1807 as occupant claim, then granted by Tenn. to George Counce, assignee of D. Earhart, 150 acres in District 1 Rutherford Co. Surveyed 24 Sep 1807. Signed by governor. State tax paid 6 Apr 1812.


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Page 232, Entry #171. Dated 14 Mar 1812. Wm. P. Anderson to Wm. Preston Grayson through his guardian, Peter Grayson, for $1.00, goodwill and affection, two Negro girls named Jenny, age 12, and Hannah, age 10, purchased at sheriff's sale this day under judgment of Schroder and Thurman against Peter Grayson. Wit.: George Shall, Blackburn Coleman. Reg. 4 June 1812.


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Jetton, Matthew Johnson. Reg. 4 June 1812.


Page 249, Entry #189. State of Tenn. Grant #2261, Military Grant to William Pearce by N.C. Warrant #1369, dated 10 Nov 1784, entered 1 June 1809 by #3536, granted George Moore, assignee of heirs of William Pearce, 83 acres in Dist. 1 Rutherford Co. on East Fork of Stones River adj. Edward Harris' line, George Moore's occupant claim. Surveyed 7 Sep 1809 by Henry Conway. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 1 June 1812.


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What's NEW IN GENEALOGY

**John Bradford Descendants Convene In Jackson, Tenn.**

Descendants of John and Matilda (Ray/Wray) Bradford convened in Jackson, Tenn., in mid-summer. The couple and their nine known children lived in Henderson County during the 1840-1880 census periods. Family members from various states attended the reunion, and visited the property and enclosed private family cemetery believed to have been that of their ancestors. The only readable cemetery marker found was that of Florida Bradford (1834-1852), wife of Pleasant R. Bradford. For more information, contact Merle Day, 2020 North Pointe Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502.

**Clarke Co., Miss., Records Published in Three Books**

Clarke Co., Miss., marriage and census records are now available in three softbound books from Bennie W. White, Precision Research, 32 County Rd. 441, Quitman, MS 39355. Volume 1, priced at $17, has abstracts of Book A marriage records, Deed Book A, and 1840 census records. Volume 2, priced at $29, contains data extracted from microfilm of the original 1850-60 censuses. A third book, The 1870 Census Index, sells for $21 and includes data from the original records alphabetized by name.

**Fourth Book Published On Venango Co., Pa., Records**

Venango County (Pa.) Historical Society has published the fourth in a series of books listing known burials and tombstone inscriptions in nine cemeteries. Vol. 4, with 109 pages, has records from Richland Township, part of Rockland Township, and a Clarion County cemetery. Priced at $17 postpaid from the society, P.O. Box 101, Franklin, PA 16323.

**Alaskan Ancestors? You Might Find Them Here**

**Betty J. Miller**, life-long resident of Juneau, Alaska, has published vital records that appeared in the 1921-1925 Alaska Daily Empire. Listed are marriages, deaths, births, divorces, anniversaries, and christening events. With full-name index, the book is available for $39 postpaid from the author at 1220 Glacier Ave., #312, Juneau, AK 99801-1506. Two earlier books of vital records dating back to 1898 are available at the same price.

**New Houston Co., Tenn., Booklets Are Offered**

Friends of Houston Co., Tenn., Library have published three new booklets priced at $6 each, including postage and handling.

- **Agricultural Census of Houston County 1880** contains information on 550 farmers, with the order of listing matching that of the regular 1880 census. Houston County Marriages 1871-1896 lists names of the groom, bride, bondsman, person officiating, and date of marriage where available. The third booklet, Houston County Marriages 1897-1910, includes pictures of the county made about 1900, plus marriage data. Order from Houston Co. Library, Box 183, Erin, TN 37061. Proceeds will help defray costs of the library's new microfilm copier.

**State Collecting Information On World War II Veterans**

The Tennessee State Library and Archives in conjunction with the state bicentennial organization Tennessee 200 is collecting information about World War II veterans. The information will be kept for research and learning purposes at the state archives.

Many World War II veterans' records were lost when a federal building in St. Louis burned in the 1970's. Tennessee archivists have long recognized the need for an information survey to replace those records. A similar project for the state's Civil War veterans has provided a unique window into the past.

Participation is being sought from veterans who were living in Tennessee at the time of WWII or who currently reside in the state. Relatives are invited to complete forms for deceased veterans.

Questionnaires can be obtained from Lauren Batte, Tennessee State Library & Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue N., Nashville, TN 37243-0312.

Commenting on the project, State Librarian Edwin S. Gleaves said, "This project exists to honor the memory and valor of service by the veterans of Tennessee while preserving that legacy for future generations. The contributions of all our veterans, men and women, are important in the history of Tennessee and the U. S."

**Limestone Co., Ala., Confederate Soldiers Listed In New Book**

"Lest We Forget" is the title of a new book listing Confederate soldiers from Limestone Co., Ala., known to have served during the Civil War 1861-1865 as well as other soldiers who were buried in Limestone County. The 260-page hardback, compiled by Jerry Todd Austin with a full index, can be ordered for $35 postpaid from Joseph E. Johnston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, P.O. Box 55, Athens, AL 35611.
FEBRUARY 24, 1826

HORRID MURDER -- Died at his residence in Jackson, Tenn., on Thursday morning the 16th inst., Mr. Francis Sanders aged about 50 years of wounds received by the hands of an assassin on the Thursday evening preceding. The circumstances are precisely these: on Wednesday evening the 8th inst., whilst engaged in looking over his farm, he was shot at by some villain in covert. Fortunately at this time he received no injury. On the evening following about dusk, as he was returning to his house from a piece of new ground where he had been superintending his Negroes, he suddenly received a blow, without knowing at the time from whence it came, on his head which instantly brought him senseless to the ground. A repetition of blows appears to have succeeded. He was found shortly after and brought to his house where he languished until last Thursday a.m. about 5 o'clock when he died having previously recovered his senses. The villain who committed the atrocious act and whose name is Thomas Jamison has confessed and is now in close confinement in Jackson gaol together with a negro fellow belonging to Mr. Sanders who has also made a full confession. Jamison is a young man about 21 or 22 and resided with his father on land of Mr. Sanders. The deceased emigrated to this section from Davidson Co., Stones River, where he had resided many years.

MARRIED -- On Feb. 23, 1826, at Shelbyville, Mr. William Galbreath to Miss Mary B. Evans, daughter of Jesse Evans, Esq.

THE INFLUENZA is spreading among our population but is not generally violent or of long continuance. It is asserted in some paper that 50,000 persons were at one time affected by it in and near Baltimore and the New York Spectator of the 1st inst. says it is conjectured that three-fourths of the population at the present moment are sick.

MARCH 3, 1826

WE HAVE BEEN furnished with a memorandum ... of all deaths which occurred in Nashville during the year of 1825. From this statement, it appears that the whole number was 56, being an average of little more than one a week.

MARRIED: In this town on Thursday evening the 23rd ult., Mr. Marmon Spence to Miss Sarah Wasson, both of Murfreesborough.
- In the county, Mr. Robert Buchanan to Miss Elizabeth Turley.
- In Maury Co., Col. J. D. Love to Miss Elizabeth Caruthers.

DIED: In this town on Sunday morning last, Mr. James Knox of the house of Anderson, Knox & Co., an enterprising merchant and a useful citizen.
- On Tuesday morning last, Dr. John O. Ewing in the 26th year of his age. He was, in every respect, a most estimable man and we regard his premature death as a serious loss not only to his relatives and intimate friends, but to our whole community.
- In Rutherford Co., Mr. James Bass, Sr.
- In Methuen, Mass., Dr. John A. Bodwell, for several years a resident of Nashville and a student of medicine with Drs. Newman & Ewing.
MARCH 10, 1826

MURFREESBOROUGH - On the night of the 27th ult., the dwelling house of Mr. Enoch Dickson, three miles from this place, was struck by lightning and his daughter, Miss Lucretia Dickson, a young lady about 19 years of age, was killed. Other members of the family were severely shocked by the effects of the concussion. It is somewhat remarkable that Miss Dickson was killed in the same house where Samuel C. Rucker fell a victim of a stroke of lightning about three years since.

THE RIVER has risen to a height seldom known before. An immense extent of country on both sides is overflowed and much damage has been done by the carrying away of fences, produce, and even houses. Nashville is converted into a peninsula with the low grounds, both above and below, being inundated. Some principal avenues to town, which in ordinary times are comfortably passed by foot passengers, are now covered with water 20 or 30 feet deep.

MARCH 17, 1826

MARRIED: In Rutherford Co., Aaron V. Brown, Esq., of Pulaski to Miss Sarah Burrus of Rutherford.
- In Montgomery Co., Mr. Robert Ellis to Miss Ann Williamson.
- In Blount Co., Mr. John P. Bonham to Miss Sally Jones, Mr. Thomas Montgomery to Miss Frances Carter, Mr. Henry Derosset to Miss Eliza Byrd.

DIED: At Franklin, Mrs. Ann Hardeman, aged 23, wife of Thomas Hardeman, Esq.
- At Knoxville, Mrs. Gee, wife of Benjamin Gee, aged 26.
- In Bedford Co., Mr. Edward Ensley, Mrs. Priscilla Whitson.

MARCH 24, 1826

THE MEDICAL COMMENCEMENT in Transylvania University took place on the 11th inst. The degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on 65 gentlemen (including) the following 10 from Tennessee: Robert H. Campbell, Samuel H. Dabney, Madison Fisk, John L. Hadly, Giles T. Harris, Robert C. Holland, Robert A. Irion, John C. M'Nairy, Hardy M. Parker, and Daniel O. Williams.

DR. HIGGENBOTHAM has determined to remain permanently in Nashville and will devote himself to the practice of medicine. He may be found at Dr. Overton's shop on the northwest corner of the public square near the bridge where his attention will be promptly given to all applications in the line of his profession.

DIED: At the residence of her father in this county, Mrs. Janet Coltart, wife of Mr. John Coltart of Columbia and daughter of Capt. James Maxwell of this vicinity.
- In this county, Mrs. Christina Rains, wife of Mr. John Rains.
- In Knox Co., Mr. John Heathcock.

MARRIED: In this town, Mr. William L. Coates to Miss Elizabeth L. Runkle.
- In this county on 16th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Hume, Mr. Evander M. Iver of Rutherford to Miss Eliza N. Williams, daughter of William Williams, Esq.
- In Giles Co., Mr. Josiah Alderson of Columbia to Mrs. Walker of Giles.
- In Blount Co., Mr. Alexander D. Ayres to Miss Esther D. Johnson

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- In Knox Co., Mr. Duke Howe to Miss Elizabeth Dearmond, Mr. Nicholas Fry to Miss More.
- In Henry Co., Mr. Andrew M'Campbell to Miss Sarah L. Hampton.

**MARCH 31, 1826**

**DIED** in this county on Tuesday last, Mrs. Ellan N. McIver, daughter of William Williams, Esq. Her marriage, which took place on the 16th inst., was announced in our last paper.

**MARRIED** - In this county on the 21st inst., Mr. John M. Wilkinson to Mrs. Charlotte Drake, daughter of Mr. John Bosley.
- In Smith Co., Mr. David C. Ward to Miss Mary Moore; Mr. John Chambers, Esq., to Mrs. Mary Tooley.

**MILITARY ELECTIONS** — James Smith is elected lieutenant colonel and Peter Warren first major in the 22nd regiment. William Goodall, lieutenant colonel in the 16th regiment; Mahlen Stacy lieutenant colonel and William Johnson major of the 21st regiment; and Robert L. Caruthers lieutenant colonel in the 59th regiment of the Tennessee militia.

**APRIL 7, 1826**

**DIED** - In this county, Capt. James Maxwell, an old and highly respected citizen.
- In Dickson Co., John Larkins aged 75, Mr. John West.
- In Jackson, Mr. Richard M. Chester.

**APRIL 14, 1826**

**MARRIED**: In Blount Co., Mr. James Gillespie to Miss Heather Ann Talbott.
- In Knox Co., Mr. S. Plumless to Miss Caroline F. Nance, Mr. Isam P. Alley to Miss Mary C. Grills.
- In Anderson Co., Mr. Elijah Brumat to Miss Margaret Bradshaw.

**DIED**: In this town on Friday morning last, Thomas Kirkman, Esq. in the 37th year of his age.
- In Rutherford Co., Mr. Hugh Montgomery.
- In Franklin Co., Mrs. Elizabeth Dechard, aged 57; Mrs. Grace Perkins.
- In Roane Co., Mr. Jacob Sylar aged 62.
- In Rutledge, Mr. Daniel Caldwell, aged 35.

**APRIL 21, 1826**

A POSTOFFICE has lately been established at Wood's Hill in Roane County. Nathaniel Hewit, Esq., Post Master.

**DIED**: In Monroe Co., John Lavender, Esq., aged 52.
- At Knoxville, Mr. John Lantrip from Virginia.
- At Jonesborough, Mr. Hugh Crawford aged 21.
- In Knox Co., Mrs. Levicy Gammon, Mr. Samuel Love.
APRIL 28, 1826

DUEL - We learn from Capt. Miller of the Steamboat Columbia which arrived here yesterday from Louisville that a gentleman of high respectability who came with him to the mouth of the Cumberland and who left Washington city as late as the 9th inst. brought information that a duel had taken place in that vicinity between Mr. Clay, secretary of state, and Mr. Randolph of the U.S. Senate. The controversy grew out of some imputation cast upon the character of Mr. Clay in a speech made recently by Mr. Randolph. Each party, it was said, fired once without effect. Mr. Clay's shot passed through Mr. Randolph's coat. Mr. Randolph, who had reserved his fire, then discharged his pistol in the air and the parties were reconciled. It was understood, likewise, that Messrs. M'Duffee and Trimble of the House of Representatives had left the city for the purpose of adjusting by similar process a difference which had arisen between them in debate on proposed amendments to the constitution. The result of the last encounter is not known.

MRS. REED begs leave to acquaint the ladies of Nashville that she has again returned to this place and intends resuming her former profession of MILLINARY AND MANTUA MAKING

She has taken the lower part of the house now occupied by the Widow Hewlett on Market Street where she will be thankful for a share of the liberal patronage heretofore extended. Ball & Fancy Dresses, Capes, Turbans &c. made and finished in the neatest and most fashionable manner & at a short notice. Old Leghorns and Straws cleaned and whitened to equal new; Parasols and Umbrellas repaired and newly covered. Gentlemen's linen made up at short notice.

MARRIED in this county on the 20th instant, Mr. Hays Blackman to Miss Elizabeth B. Compton.

DIED: In this town suddenly, Mr. Samuel Caldwell.

-In this county, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson.

SUMNER CIRCUIT COURT, March term 1826: Jacob Harder, complainant, vs. John Morrow and others, defendants. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that James Morrow, Jinny Kent, Thomas Kent, Elizabeth Cloud, and Daniel Cloud are non-residents of this state, it is ordered that the defendants come in on or before the next term of this court ... at the courthouse in the town of Gallatin on the 2nd Monday in September next and plead, answer, or demur to the complainant's bill. - J. W. Baldrige, Clk.

SHOES, SHOES: Just received, a very extensive assortment of ladies', gentlemen's, youth's, and children's Boots and Shoes, Philadelphia-made, which will be sold low for cash only. - William H. Barker.

MAY 4, 1826

MARRIED in this county, Mr. John Wright to Miss Alethea Mumford.

DIED: In this county, Mr. John Johns, sen. (Sr.)

-On Sunday night last, Mr. James Mulherrin, an early settler and highly respectable citizen.

-In Knox Co., Mr. Cornelius Hickey, Jr.

-In Jefferson Co., Mr. Chesley Jarnagan.

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Events in Knox County in 1818

From microfilm of The Knoxville Register, produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives and available in the History & Travel Department of the Memphis/Shelby County Main Library. The Register was edited and published by S. Heiskell and H. Brown.

January 27, 1818

FOR SALE: All my property in the town of Knoxville, to-wit: convenient 2-story brick house and lot with excellent kitchen, cellar, stable, smokehouse, granary, and gardenhouse &c, lying on Market Street convenient to town spring. I will also sell or rent my shop on Market Street next door to Col. McClung & Son. - G. G. Garner

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OBITUARY: It is with sincerest sorrow that we have to announce the death of Thomas Burling, Esq., who suddenly departed this life yesterday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock. Mr. Burling was a native of the city of New York where his father is still living. He was bred to the printing business in which he was an accomplished adept. Removing to the town of Baltimore, he for some time conducted a sort of magazine ... and in the year 1803, fate brought him and the editor of this paper to be acquainted. From May 1804 to August 1817 he was superintendent of this office. After that period he became joint proprietor with Mr. [William W.] Gray in establishing a new weekly paper under the title of The Spirit of the Union. For three years, he has been a printer to the Senate of this state. He is survived by a wife and son.

February 3, 1818

-Married on Tuesday evening last, Mr. John Formwalt of this place to Miss Nancy Counsel of this county.
-On the same evening by the Rev. Thomas H. Nelson, Mr. William Green to Miss Eliza C. McGilton, all of this place.
-Married on Saturday last by the Rev. Mr. Ruter, Mr. Jonathan Caldwell, printer of this city, to Miss Rebecca Storts of Delaware.

SHERIFF'S SALE: I will expose to public sale on Saturday the 14 of March next at the courthouse in Knoxville all right, interest, and title that Joseph Sevier, James Sevier, John Sevier, Sarah Brown, Valentine Brown, Joshua Carland and Maryann his wife, Walter King and Nancy his wife, Daniel Vertner and Ruth his wife, Archibald Rhea and Catharine his wife, George W. Sevier, Joseph H. Windel and Joanna his wife, Samuel Sevier, William Overstreet, Jr. and Polly his wife, William McClellan and Eliza his wife, and Robert Sevier, heirs of John Sevier, have to a tract of land containing 200 acres on the south side of the Holston River on the waters of Stock Creek.... to satisfy a judgment against them as heirs of John Sevier, deceased, in favor of James Dardis. - John Callaway, Knox Co. Sheriff

-Robert Stone has lately erected in Grainger County an excellent saw-mill on Richland Creek near the mouth about 18 miles from Knoxville. He has now and will keep on hand a quantity of plank and scantling. He will furnish on short notice BOATS built in the best style or the materials to make them on the most reasonable terms.

* NOTICE: My wife Pricilla Tharp hath absconded from my bed and board and refuses to return. I do forwarn all persons from harbouring, boarding, or trusting her on my account for I am resolved not to pay a cent. - John Tharp

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March 17, 1818
-In the matter of Elizabeth Peck and Nicholas S. Peck, executrix and executor, of Adam Peck, deceased, vs. Jacob Sprinkle, the Jefferson County Second Circuit Court ruled that the respondent appears to be a non-resident of Tennessee, and ordered him to appear at the next court term in July. Notice by Alex. S. Outlaw, Clerk, by his deputy, Joseph Hamilton, Jr.

March 24, 1818
-Died in Tazwell on the 26th ult., Mr. Benjamin Posey after an illness of eight or nine days. He was one of those who nobly contributed in the Revolutionary Army to the achievement of our independence. His death is much regretted by a numerous acquaintance.

March 31, 1818
MARRIED on Tuesday the 3rd of this month, Mr. Alexander Smith to Miss Mary Kelsey, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Maxwell, all of Jonesborough.
DEPARTED this life at the home of Col. Peter Parsons in this place on Wednesday last about 11 o'clock a.m., Miss Mary Parsons after a lingering illness of some months' continuance, which she bore with unusual fortitude. Miss Parsons had acquired by her correct conduct the esteem of those who were personally acquainted with her and to such her loss will be a painful deprivation. - R. Gazette

April 7, 1818
MARRIED on Thursday evening last at Kingston by Rev. Isaac Anderson, James Mc'Campbell, Esq. of this place to Miss Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Thomas N. Clark of the former place.
-Blount County Sheriff Charles Donohoo gives notice that he will sell at the courthouse in Maryville on 23 May all the right, title, and interest which Moses Hannah had in two tracts of land in said county -- one tract whereon the widow Hannah now lives, and the other tract formerly belonging to John Hannah, Sr., and whereon John Holloway now lives. The sale is to satisfy a judgment recovered by John S. Burnett.

April 14, 1818
MARRIED
-On Tuesday evening last, Capt. John Lindsay of this place to Miss Elizabeth Bishop, only daughter of Mr. Stephen Bishop of Knox County.
-On Tuesday the 24th of March in Blount County by Rev. R. H. King, Mr. William Byrd of Saint Jerardo, Missouri Territory, to Miss Milinda Gillespie, daughter of Capt. James Gillespie.

NOTICE
On the first day of June ensuing, Mr. William Anderson will take charge of and superintend the Nolichucky Academy. From the well known abilities and moral conduct of Mr. Anderson, the moderate price for tuition and board within the vicinity of the Academy, parents will be enabled to educate their children in the best manner for a sum of money considerably less than at any other academy in the limits of East Tennessee.

Tuition for Latin students boarded by their parents --$15
Tuition for English students boarded by their parents --$10
Board per annum will be furnished with room & fireplace at $70

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DIED on Sunday morning the 5th instant at his house in Blountville, Ten., after an illness of seven weeks, Mr. Audley Anderson, for several years a merchant of said town.

April 28, 1818
WE THE TRUSTEES appointed for and in behalf of the Baptist Society to make and bring into operation the building of a meeting House in the vicinity of Knoxville and having already received encouragement from Col. John Williams who, in the politeness of a gentleman and the benevolence of a Christian, has generously bestowed to that Society a lot of land for the above purpose for which we feel ourselves grateful and bound to tender our sincere thanks to him...Signed: Robert Tunnell, John Calloway, Elijah Hickey, James C. Luttrell, John Bayless, William Aldridge, Eli Cleveland, Rice Levi, Elijah Rogers, West Walker.

DIED on Saturday the 11th inst., Miss Nancy Bailey, daughter of Mr. Robert Bailey, late of Sussex Co., Va. Miss Bailey was afflicted with the dropsy which was the cause of her death. She was in the bloom of life.

MARRIED on the 31st ult., William K. Paulding, Esq. of Fayetteville to Miss Evalina B. Trigg of Franklin County.

May 5, 1818
-Col. James Tipton of this place has been appointed by the President and the Senate, agent to the Mackinaw Tribe of Indians.

DIED on Saturday the 25th instant, Mary Murray, aged six years, daughter of Mr. Robert Murray of this county.

May 12, 1818
DIED on Sunday night the 3rd inst., Miss Sidney Gamble after a lingering indisposition of several months during which time that resignation and fortitude was displayed peculiar to those only who are persuaded of the correctness of their ways and the purity of their heart. Miss Gamble was in the meridian of life... She was interred in the Presbyterian burying ground in this place on Monday succeeding her death.

MARRIED on Tuesday evening the 12th inst. by Rev. Thomas H. Nelson, Mr. Robert C. McRee to Miss Jane Brooks, daughter of Mr. Moses Brooks of this county.

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... Letters

Editor, "Ansearchin' News:

I really enjoyed the article by Carol Mittag on "Computer-Assisted Genealogy Research" (Fall 1996 issue). I have been doing genealogical research for only three years and just bought a computer two months ago. I perhaps someone who does would post queries and education. These classes have been very helpful since I have taken basic computer classes through our local adult education. People who have used these online services could critique with different online services and genealogy programs could benefit from their experience. I suggest monthly articles on computer research. Each online seems to have a variety of resources. Perhaps people who have used these online services could critique them for us and recommend bookmarks. Also, perhaps we could help each other gather information from these online services. For instance, if I don't have AOL, perhaps someone who does would post queries and download information for my surnames and I could do the same for them through my online service. Maybe people with different online services and genealogy programs could evaluate them so those of us who are beginners could benefit from their experience.

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Editor, "Ansearchin' News:

The question posed in "Tennessee Gleanings" of the Fall/96 issue on Dolly Parton's Sevier Co., Tenn., ancestors has prompted me to respond. I could not find a copy of the current Partin Family Archives at the Dallas, Tex., Central Library to see the article being referenced. There is a hidden Parton/Partin family on the 1850 census of Sevier County.

-- 1840 U. S. census Jefferson Co., p. 301:
   Arabella Parton:
   1 male (age 5-10)
   3 females (1 under 5, 1 age 20-30, 1 age 50-60)

-- June 28, 1849, Jefferson Co. marriages:
   Arabella Partin to Thomas Hickman (wife #2)

-- 1850 U.S. Census Sevier Co., 12th Dist., No. 922:
   Thomas Hickman (65) N.C.* married within year
   Isabella (40) Tenn.* married within year
   Samuel (15)
   Sarah (21)
   Margaret (12)
   Fedric (18)
   Ahas (18)
   Jeremiah M. (20)
   William PORTER (19) [probably Partin]

*Note: The microfilm that I viewed was difficult to decipher

--Nov. 6, 1852: Katherine HICKMAN born to Thomas and Anabell
--1860 census Sevier Co., Strawberry Plains, p. 57, No. 380:
   Thomas Hickman (76) N.C.
   Abby (50) Tenn.
   Catharine (10) Tenn.

--May 27, 1861 Sevier Co. marriages:
   Thomas Hickman to Elizabeth Ingram (wife #3)

   It appears that Anabella (Partin) Hickman must have died after the June 27, 1860, census and before the May 27, 1861, marriage as Katherine Hickman and Elizabeth (Ingram) Hickman are noted in the Sevier Co., Nov 1864 will of Thomas Hickman.

--1889: Mastin Hickman, one of the 15 children of Thomas Hickman and Sarah (Ward) Hickman (wife #1, m. Aug. 20, 1814, Jefferson Co., d. 1849) ties all of this together in "Goodspeed/1889 on LaClede Co., Mo." (copy attached).

   Incidentally, another piece of LOST information is that Ahaz Hickman (noted above on 1850 census) is the "__" Hickman that married Catharine Zeakle (b. Germany ca. 1832) on Feb. 24, 1851, as shown on the Jefferson Co., Tenn., marriage records. They moved to Caldwell Co., Mo., in 1854 and are both buried there.

   This information may be of value to some Hickman, Ward, Parton/Partin, Ingram, or Zeakle genealogist somewhere who has ties to Sevier and Jefferson Co., Tenn. Perhaps they could tell me what happened to the Jeremiah Hickman on the above 1850 census. He could be a visiting relative or might even be a Parton or a Ward (who knows?) or else he died before Nov 1864 as he is not mentioned in Thomas Hickman's will.

   I certainly would like to contact anyone who might be interested in any of these families.

   Please include the enclosed updated family unit sheets in your Tennessee family files. I hope to send more updates with my membership renewal for 1997.

   Carl E. Hickman
   3500 E. Park #2206
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96-139 ANDERSON: Seeking info on Thomas Anderson, one of first trustees of Maple Spring (Cumberland Presbyterian) Church organized 1849, erected 1857. Thomas in 1840 Stewart Co. census. Is believed to have drowned in mouth of Hatchie River (1862?) according to descendant of Nancy Jane Anderson. Kenneth Anderson, P.O. Box 14320, Tulsa, OK 74109-4320.

96-140 WALL-McKNIGHT: Need burial place, picture, info on Alice Washington Wall (daughter of Nelson Wall who d. 1882, Fayette Co., and Susan Tharp who d. 1897, Honey Grove, Fannin Co., Tex.). Alice m. Albert Lewis McKnight in 1880, d. ca. 1882. Children: Lera Margaret (m. Hulie Crisp) and Reid (d. young in Arkadelphia, Ark.). Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire, Memphis, TN 38117-5647.


96-143 WATSON: Was Abigale Watson "really" a Watts? On 30 Jan 1815 she m. as Watson to James Couch in Franklin Co., Ga., both d. Bedford Co., Tenn. Her sons, trying to enroll as Cherokee Citizens, said she was dau. of John Watts, half-blood Cherokee who lived in Wills Town/Wills Valley, Ala., and used Bible record showing their parents m. 29 Jan 1815. John Watson, Sr., sold land to James Couch in Franklin Co., Ga., in 1815, and listed as Watson in 1830 Franklin census. Tressie Neal, 509 SE 70th, Oklahoma City, OK 73149-2601.

96-144 MARLAR/MARLOW/MARLER: Want to exchange info on Marlar family who lived in Giles, Fayette, and Shelby counties. 1800-1853. Need info on Charles Marlar (father of William T.), b. 16 Feb 1810 and James G. Marlar, b. 1805 probably in Giles Co. Clifford H. Marlar, Jr., 1801 Bear Creek Rd., Kerrville, TX 78028, phone (210) 367-5726, E-Mail clifkhbc@ktt.com

96-145 WILSON: Robert Alexander Wilson (b. 1823) and son, Thomas Jefferson Wilson (b. 1844) of College Grove, Williamson Co., operated stagecoach and mail routes between Nashville/Nolensville and Harpeth areas. Seeking info on researching the granting of stagecoach licenses and mail contracts. Kathryn S. Schultz, 2182 Gorham Place, Germantown, TN 38139, phone (901) 754-2419.

96-146 GOFORTH: Searching for parents and info on Thomas Jefferson Goforth, b. 23 Jul 1846 in Owensboro (Davies Co.), Ky., siblings: Jerry Monroe, Martha, Mulhuldy, William, Alexander, and Margaret. Goforth. Mother unknown; father may be William G. Goforth b. ca. 1802 in Wayne Co., son of Zachariah b. 1758. Barbara Goforth Fitzwater, 2703 Largo Place, Bowie, MD 20715, phone (301) 262-2558, barbara.fitzwater@cop.mts.dec.com


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96-148 TAYLOR: Seeking parents Daniel Webster Taylor, b. 25 Sep 1822 Nashville area, graduated Nashville, 6 brothers, 3 sisters. Mother (Maud E. ?) from Nashville/Chattanooga area; father unknown. Daniel m. 13 Mar 1849 Rutherford Co. to Mary Jane Shanklin, dau. Gordon Watson Shanklin, tanner by trade and elder Murfreesboro Presbyterian Church 1844. Family relocated Bell Co., Tex., ca. 1851. Daniel became cattleman, first Lampassas Co., Tex., judge. When he took cattle to Kansas 1872 was poisoned for his herd money. Buried there by Masons, site unknown. Archie V. Howard, 2340 Derbyshire Rd., Maitland, FL 32751.

96-149 AYERS, CLARK: Who were parents' of Baker W. Ayers, when and where were they married? Baker b. 22 Nov 1804 in Georgia, d. 23 Jun 1870 in Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo., m. ca. 1823 (based on age of eldest child) to Elizabeth B. Clark, b. 14 Nov 1808 in North or South Carolina, d. 14 Nov 1858, Denver, Carroll Co., Ark. Imogene Ayers Glau, P.O. Box 369, Greenfield, CA 93927-0369, phone (408) 674-2071, e-mail: IGlau@aol.com

96-150 FARIS/FARRIS, HINES/HINDS: Seek info on Solomon B. Farris b. 2 Dec 1823 Tenn., d. 12 May 1857 Texas, and Laurinda Hine(d)es Farris b. 20 Feb 1823 Alabama, d. 8 Jan 1914 Texas. In 1850 Williamson Co., Tex., census with children Mary E. 7 (b. in Ala.), John B. 5 (b. in Miss.), William J. 3 and Champion N. 3 (both b. in Ark.), and Margery A. Hinds. Solomon and Laurinda buried Faris Cemetery, Texas; Champion and wife, Sarah V. Faris, buried Llano, Tex., City Cemetery. Imogene Ayers Glau, P.O. Box 369, Greenfield, CA 93927-0369, phone (408) 674-2071, e-mail: IGlau@aol.com

96-151 ROBERTSON: Who was father of W. (Warren?) Peter Robertson, b. Tenn. 1796, m. Frances Calloway in 1821, and lived in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson Co., Ala.? Their oldest child, Richard Calloway Robertson, was my great-grandfather. John W. Thompson, 2144 Swannanoa Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664-3223.

96-152 CARR, JUSTUS: Seek parents for 3 probable siblings: William Carr (b. ca. 1785, m. Margaret Skiles), Mary Carr (b. ca. 1792, m. Thomas Justus), and Catherine Carr (b. ca. 1795, m. James Justus). Possibly from Jackson Co., Tenn., removed to Schuyler Co., Ill., by 1826. Later descendants in Lee Co., Iowa, and Fannin Co., Texas. Janet Pease, 10310 W. 62nd Place, Apt. #202, Arvada, CO 80004.

96-153 HICKS: Need info on Greenberry Hicks (b. 1817 North Carolina, m. Sara), Eli Martin Hicks (b. 1818 Georgia, m. Melinda J. Owens), and William B. Hicks (b. 1816 N.C.). They could be brothers as they bought land together. They were all in 1850 Hardeman Co., Tenn., census. Who were their parents? Jean Dicky, E. 26103 Moffat Rd., Newman Lake, WA 99025.

96-154 BIBB: Need wills, marriage records, etc., of descendants of Benjamin Bibb, b. ca. 1640 in Wales, d. 1703 in King William Co., Va., leaving will. What was his wife Mary's surname? Descendants removed to Hickman, Lauderdale, Davidson and possibly other Tennessee counties. Especially interested in Philamon Anderson Bibb, b. ca. 1805, m. Mary Powell Norris, where? Moved to Morgan Co., Ala., in 1840s, d. there 1872. Living next door was John Holcomb Bibb who m. Aseneth Reeves in 1823, d. 1843. Who were his parents? Elizabeth G. Irwin, Box 248, Moulton, AL 35650, phone (205) 974-5221.

96-155 DRUMMOND, SHERMAN, WALKER: Who were parents of Nancy Drummond, b. 1832 in Tenn., and shown in 1860,'70, '80 Dyer County censuses? Need similar info for Mary Ann Sherman b. 19 Feb 1837 in West Tenn., listed in 1860 Lauderdale Co. census with husband Charles Craig (b. 18 Jun 1837 possibly in Maury Co., m. 28 Aug 1856.) Also seeking parents of Adeline Sebella Walker, b. 24 May 1829 in Davidson Co., daughter of Matthew P. Walker, m. H. V. C. Wynne in Dyer Co., d. in Dyer Co. Kathryn T. Dickenson, 2335 Lovitt Drive, Memphis, TN 38119.

96-156 DANIEL: When did Walter Daniel and his wife Jane (Purveyear) Daniel die? Walter, son of William Powell Daniel, b. 1782, and Jane, daughter of Seymour Puryear, b. 1787, both in Mecklenburg Co., Va. They m. 2 May 1804 and removed to Bedford Co., Tenn., ca. 1818. Lived in vicinity of Riley's Creek. Did Walter have second wife named Jane Berry Stevens? Dorothy Roberson, 7150 Belsfield Road, Memphis, TN 38119.

96-157 BLAKE: Need info on Thomas Blake (b. 11 Nov 1782 in Va.) whose dau. Martha (b. 31 Dec 1820 in N.C.) m. Thomas Ware on 23 Nov 1843 in Wilson Co., Tenn. 1860 census shows him 83 years old and living in McNairy Co. with daughter. Sandra Hurley Austin, 3352 Addah Drive, Bartlett, TN 38133-3825.

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96-158 HOUDYSHELT: Searching for George Washington and Rebecca (Tipton) Houdyshelt descendants. Daughter, Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Houdyshelt, b. 28 Jun 1836, d. 6 Dec 1908, m. 2 Mar 1854 in Sumner Co. to Peter Martin Ozbun/Ozburn who homesteaded in Washington Co. in 1890. Peter & Elizabeth buried at Lincoln, Ark., in Beaty Cemetery, part of their original homestead. Larry Morton Ozbun, P.O. Box 658, Craig, CO 81626-0658, Phone (970) 824-3261.

96-159 BANDY: Looking for Bandy descendants. Lucy Bandy, b. 9 Mar 1813 in Pa., d. 3 Sep 1891, was married 19 Jan 1830 in Sumner Co. to Daniel Thatcher Ozbun, half-brother of Peter Martin Ozbun. Lucy and her brothers Wash and Green were triplets. Lucy and Daniel's son, Dick Pratt Ozbun and his wife Nora Rebecca Sallee, migrated from Kansas to Washington Co., Ark., and proved their homestead 14 Jun 1904. Both are buried at Beaty Cemetery, Washington Co., Ark. Larry Morton Ozbun, P.O. Box 658, Craig, CO 81626-0658, Phone (970) 824-3261.

96-160 FRANKLIN: Seeking proof that Benjamin Franklin b. 1812 Tenn. and Nancy Bickers b. ca. 1805 Ga. were parents of Joseph Franklin b. ca. 1837 Smith Co., Tenn. When and where were they married? Who were his parents? 1850 Smith Co. census shows Nancy and Benjamin's children living with her and her father Louis Bickers. Children's surnames given as Bickers rather than Franklin. Benjamin not listed. In 1860 Williamson Co., Ill., census, he is living with same children except for William and Joseph who lived next door. Where was he in 1850 and when and where did he marry Mary, his wife in 1860? Margie Gurr, 1505 Mistletoe, Mountain Home, AR 72653. (501) 425-0405. E-mail: mermaid@centuryinter.net


Obituaries

Died in Rutherford County on the 16th of June, the Revd. Mr. Tarence Burns in the 48th year of his age; 28 years as a preacher of the Gospel; born in Pennsylvania near Little York; he has left a widow and several children to lament his loss. He was a man of meek deportment and met his approaching dissolution with christian resignation and died in the full assurance of a happy immortality.

-In Williamson County on the 22nd of June, Mrs. Keighler, wife of Mr. Andrew Keighler.

-Nashville Clarion & Tenn. State Gazette, July 12, 1814

Never did we discharge a more painful duty then falls to our lot this day. Dr. L. B. Estes of Columbia departed this life on Sunday last, the day he completed his 39th year of age. As a husband, as a parent, as a citizen, as a public officer, as a Mason, and as a philanthropist, he was excelled by no man. In his death his numerous friends and acquaintances will long mourn the loss of his worth, and his family regret this premature and unexpected departure to the realms of bliss.

-Nashville Clarion & Tenn. State Gazette, Nov. 15, 1814

Died on the 13th inst., Mrs. Peggy Knight, consort of Capt. John Knight of Rutherford County. She was an affectionate wife, a kind and benevolent neighbor, a tender mother, and a humane mistress. Her death is lamented by all her relatives and acquaintances.

-Nashville Clarion & Tenn. State Gazette, Feb. 17, 1818

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FATAL OCCURRENCE, Shelbyville, Jan. 13 - - On Saturday the 31 ultimo, Peter Buckingham was shot by William Dean of which he died evening before last. - People's Advocate

WEAKLEY COUNTY ESTRAYS - Taken up by (1) Giles Baker, (2) Bazell Billingsly living in the southeast corner of Weakley County, (3) William Roberts, (4) John A. Johnson in Weakley County on the north side of Obion River on Turn Pike Road two miles from the bridge, (5) Theodrich W. Miller, 4-1/2 miles southeast of Dresden on the south side of the middle fork of Obion River. - Notice dated 3 Feb 1837 by George R. Steele, Ranger

GIBSON COUNTY ESTRAY taken up by James G. Bell living 15 miles east of Trenton on the Rutherford fork of Obion River.

Returning Gibson Guardsmen To Be Honored

The committee of arrangements for giving a public dinner in honor of the Gibson Guards at the Trenton Hotel met Feb. 2. Col Edwin Sharpe chaired the committee, and John W. Crockett was appointed secretary. A committee of 12 persons was appointed to determine the time it will suit the convenience of the Gibson Guards who recently returned to their homes from the late glorious campaign against the Seminole Indians in Florida and Alabama. The following gentlemen were appointed to the committee: Major Killingsworth, A. A. P. Grigsby, A. W. O. Totten, Amos B. Wallis, Esq., Jeptha Billingsly, Esq., Paul C. Crafton, Hugh D. Neilson, John A. Taliaferro, Esq., Willis Jones, R. P. Rains, Esq., Humphrey Donaldson, and John W. Crockett.

TRENTON FEMALE ACADEMY - This institution, under the superintendence of Mr. Henly and Miss Martin, commenced its present session on the first Monday in January ultimo and is now in most successful operation. There are at present about 35 pupils in instruction, and prospects are fair that the number will soon be much greater.

DRESDEN HOTEL - The subscriber has lately purchased and taken possession of the above property situated on the southwest corner of the Public Square in this place and favorably known as Bondurant's Hotel. - Will Bayliss, Dresden, June 6, 1837

NOTICE - All those having claims against the estate of Reuben Mays, deceased, are notified to present same to the undersigned. - J. J. Fielder, Adm., Jan. 20, 1837
Drs. Edwards and Cutler have again associated themselves in the practice of medicine, surgery, and obstetrics in their various branches in the town of Dresden. Their shop is at their old stand on the west side of the square. Prompt attention will be given by either when application is made, distance not regarded. Dr. Cutler has moved back to Dresden. - Jan. 27, 1837.

CHANCERY SALE - Pursuant to a decree in court at Trenton in the January term in the cause between Rogers, Slocumb and others, complainants, vs. Robert I. Gilchrist and others, defendants, I shall sell at public auction at the courthouse in Trenton on Wednesday, Feb. 15, the brick house and lot now occupied by Benjamin Elder as a Store House fronting on the public square and designated in the town plan as Lot #19. Also at the same time in the cause pending between Armour, Lake & Caruthers, complainants, vs. Robert Gilchrist & others, the heirs of Daniel Culp, dec'd, defendants, I shall expose to public sale two other lots with appurtenances lying on Brownsville Street in Trenton -- designated as Lots #93 and 94, being lots whereon said Culp lived at the time of his death. - John A. Taliaferro, Clerk & Master. Dated Jan. 13, 1837.

LAW NOTICE

James L. Totten - Office in Paris
Benjamin C. Totten - Office in Huntingdon
A.W.O. Totten - Office in Trenton

have formed a law partnership. They attend courts at Paris, Dresden, Troy, Dyersburg, Trenton, Huntingdon, and Benton, and the Supreme Court at Jackson. Notice dated July 21, 1836.

DRESDEN FEMALE SEMINARY - This institution will be opened on the first Monday in February next under the care of Mrs. Ann D. Jenkins and Miss Sarah T. Glenn. The branches usually taught in the best academies will be taught in this institution. There is a Terrestial Globe and an excellent Piano belonging to the Institute and as soon as an increase of patronage will justify the expense an apparatus to illustrate physical science will be procured. Mrs. Jenkins has been engaged as a Tutoress for many years in North Carolina and for three sessions has had charge of the Dresden Female Academy (an institution unconnected with the Dresden Female Seminary) and Miss Glenn's qualifications are beyond doubt. Noted Jan. 6, 1837 - Robert I. Glenn. Refer to: William Fitzgerald, Paris, Ten.; James H. Moran, Dresden; John Hannah, Mills' Point, Ky.; Dr. J. Isloo, Madrid Bend, Ten.; P. F. Stone, Rutherford County, Ten.; Thomas Boothe, Lagrange, Ten.; Gen. Joseph Briant, Nashville

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P.S. The third session of my Male School 2-1/2 miles west of Dresden will be resumed on Tuesday after the first Monday in February. Good board can be had of Mr. J. T. Rogers, Dr. J. Rogers, Mr. Israel Jones, and Mr. Levi Clark, all convenient to this school by those who wish to patronize it.

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OBITUARIES - Died in this county on the 22nd institute, Baxter Selph, aged about 22 years.

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- Departed this life on the 28th inst., Mrs. Myra Penn, aged about 34 years, wife of Mr. Jacob Penn of this county and daughter of John W. Alexander.

BANK MEETING

A large and respectable meeting of the sundry citizens of Gibson County was held at the courthouse in Trenton on the 25th March 1828 for the purpose of taking into consideration and adopting the most suitable mode of inviting the attention of the president and directors of the Bank of Tennessee to the town of Trenton as a suitable and convenient site to locate one of the branches of said Bank for the Western District. Col. Edwin Sharp was chairman and N. I. Hess, secretary, for the meeting. Appointed as a committee to prepare a suitable statistical report of the population and resources of Gibson County were: N. I. Hess, Felix Parker, Jr., James Fields, M. Underwood, M. Woodfin, B. Elder, H. D. Neilson, and A.S. Wallis. The committee withdrew and brought in the following report:

- 1838 Gibson County population - about 2000 qualified voters
- County to pay $2800 in state taxes in 1838
- Foreign & domestic merchandise imported into county for last year - about $200,000
- Exports (cotton, stock, grain, lumber &tc.) for last 4 years - about $175,000 annually


NOTICE - My land and other property will be sold on the 16th of February at a publick sale, if not sold privately previous to that time, the tract of land whereon I now live containing 250 acres and lying seven miles west of Trenton on the Dyersburg road. About 90 acres are enclosed, 80 in cultivation. The tract is of superior quality containing but little wet land ... The buildings are of hewed logs... including two rooms about 20 feet square with a passage between, an excellent barn 36x25 with other necessary buildings. A good peach orchard and a young apple orchard beginning to bear. The local situation is good being in a neighborhood of good society. - John Beazley

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THE VILLAGE MESSENGER

FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.

(Transcribed from microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives of the only known issues still in existence)

7 SEPT 1827: Married in this county on the 5th ult., Mr. Hillery Russeau to Miss Lucretia Jennings.
    Married on the 31st ult., Mr. Alexander M'Nutt to Miss Nancy Johnson.
    Married on the 30th inst., Mr. Leander Buchanan to Miss Margaret Buchanan.
    Died in this county on the 28th ult., Mr. James M'Cormack, aged about 50 years.

28 SEPT 1827: Married in this county on the 13th inst. by Rev. Samuel Harris, Mr. Isaac Buchanan to Miss Naomi Crawford, daughter of Mr. John Crawford.
    Died in this town on Sunday the 16th inst., Mr. Thomas H. Phelps, aged 44. He was a painter by trade, born in Albany, N.Y., and raised in Northampton, Mass. He had spent the latter year of his life in the western states, traveling from one town to another as his business led him. A few days since he reached this place, much reduced in consequence of a bilious attack in New Orleans, he languished a few days and expired. As he has left no relations or connections in this vicinity, this notice, it is hoped, may give them information of his fate in whatever part of the union they may remain.
    Died in this town on Monday last, Mr. Alexander M'Nutt in consequence of a fall from his horse.
    Died on Tuesday, William -- only son of Mrs. Joseph Wallace -- aged 2 years, died after a few days' illness of the croup.
    Died in this county on 19th inst., Mr. George Eaton aged about 26 years, late from Greenville Co., N.C., where his relations reside.
    Died in New York City on the 14th ult. after a few days' illness, Lucy Sylvania Hill of Mason, N.H., sister to the editors of this paper.

5 OCT 1827: Married in this county on Monday the 1st inst., Mr. James Sweet to the amiable and much admired Mrs. Barbara Key, both of this county.
    Died in this county on the 26th inst., Mrs. Lauderdale, wife of Mr. William Lauderdale, aged about 20 years.
    Died on Friday the 21st ult., Mr. William Suggs aged about 17. His death was occasioned by the fall of a burning tree in a piece of ground where he was chopping and when found he was mangled and burnt in a most shocking manner.
    Died near Pensacola, West Florida, on 10th ult., Mr. Sidney Smith aged 22, son of Maj. William Smith of this county.
    Died in the 22 year of his age near Pensacola on the 16th ult., of the yellow fever, Mr. Hoska B. Clements, son of Major B. Clements of this county. Mr. Clements was a young man of real worth, of an amiable disposition, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

19 OCT 1827: Married on Wednesday last by I. Conger, Esq., Mr. Bird Glidewell to Miss Elizabeth Stinson, both of this county.
    Married on Tuesday evening last by the Rev. James M'Lin, Maj. Richard Jones to Miss Lucretia Ball.
    Mayor Robert Dickson has proposed that the Fayetteville aldermen enact a law for better regulation of the town patrol, with a captain being appointed for a six-months' term. In addition to his night
duties, the captain would be required to patrol the streets every Sunday for four hours, and would be paid $30 in two installments for his services. Three persons between 18 and 45 years of age would be selected to serve as the night town patrol for one month.

8 NOV 1827: Married on Thursday last by Rev. Mr. M'Lin, Mr. Bezil Nelson to Miss Mary Boyles, both of this county. Married the same day, Mr. Thomas Wyatt to Miss Isabella Wham.

23 NOV 1827: Died at his residence near Lexington, Ky., on 22nd Oct, Waller Overton, Esq., a soldier of the Revolution and father of Col. A. W. Overton of Carthage, Dr. James Overton and John W. Overton of Nashville, in the 77th year of his age.

Died in Sumner County on 25th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Shelby, aged 25, consort of Orville Shelby, Esq., and third daughter of Gen. James Winchester.

Died in Columbia, Tenn., on the 3rd inst. after an unusually long and afflicting illness, Maj. Samuel Polk in the 56th year of his age.

30 NOV 1827: On the 29th inst., the following gentlemen were elected aldermen for the year ensuing: William F. Mason, A. A. Kincannon, E. H. Fletcher, Francis Porterfield, Robert Dickson, Elliott Hickman, and S. S. Holding. (The last two are new members.)

5 DEC 1827: William F. Smith offers for sale all the lands he owns in Lincoln County, viz.: 200 acres near the head of East Mulberry where he now resides. adjoining lands of Isaiah Alley and others, and 160 acres three miles below Fayetteville on Elk River. "Those who feel disposed to purchase can buy Bargains if application be made before 25th of this inst. My intention is to move to the Western District. The land below Fayetteville will be shown by Harmon Walton who lives thereon; that near Isaiah Alley by William Samson, and the tract near the head of East Mulberry by myself."

9 JAN 1828: Jacob Moyers invites those indebted to him either by note or book account to pay on or before the 25th inst. "I am under the most urgent necessity of making general collections and those who fail to avail themselves of this opportunity may expect to find their notes or accounts in an officer's hands for collection." (In Feb 1827, Moyers began a shoemaking business in the old Bank House opposite Major McConnell's.)


28 JAN 1828: The Rev. Mr. Siblee will preach the funeral sermon of the late Capt. Quarles at the house of Maj. William Smith on Cane Creek on Sunday the 27th inst.

Died at his residence in this county on the 22nd inst., David P. Monroe, Esq., a respected citizen and magistrate of this county.

B. M. Garner, Lincoln County deputy sheriff, announces those taking up strays included: Daniel W. Harrison living on the road leading from Fayetteville to Lynchburg on 17 June; Joab Buckley on the head waters of Richland Creek April 28; William Clark on the east fork of Swan Creek May 7; Thomas M'Ferrin seven miles south of Fayetteville May 7; Moses Clark on Kerr's Creek June 28; Cale Acuff on Richland Creek June 15; Archibald M'Elroy on the south side of Elk River June 30; Joseph M'Bride in the bend of Richland Creek Sept. 5; James Pinkerton eight miles south of Fayetteville Sept. 8;

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Robert B. Rainey on the head of Richland Creek Oct. 22; and G.W.C. Edmiston six miles north of Fayetteville on the Nashville Road Nov. 8.

8 FEB 1828: Married on Thursday last by the Rev. Mr. Crook, Col. Davis Smith to Miss Ruth Davis, both of this county.

Married in Franklin County, the Rev. Reuben Burrow to Miss Elizabeth Bell, Capt. John Simmons to Miss Nancy Hudnall, Mr. James Brittain to Miss Fanny Stovall.

22 FEB 1828: Married in this town on the 10th inst., Mr. Claiborne B. Worsham to Miss Ellenor G. Bryans.

Died at his residence in this county on the 8th inst., Mr. Thomas Pulley, aged 65, of a chronic complaint which he bore with Christian fortitude and resignation. One of the first settlers in this county, he was interred on a spot selected by himself beneath a tree of his own planting.

Notice: The subscriber having transacted no business as constable for about 3 months past and finally resigned that office and having frequently paid over money at public sales and sometimes to third persons where his receipt could not be produced, takes this method to notify all and every person holding any of his receipts for this collection of money to bring them forward in a reasonable time, otherwise it will be taken for granted that some undue advantage is ultimately intended by withholding them. Signed Jacob Silvertooth, Jan. 22, 1828.

14 MARCH 1828: Married on 9th inst. by Abraham Summers, Esq., Mr. John Porch to Miss Nancy Maddox, both of this county.

Died in Pulaski on 15th February, the Hon. Alfred M. Harris, late Judge of Circuit Court. (Note: An earlier issue of The Villager -- date no longer visible -- carried a biographical sketch of Judge Harris. It stated that Harris was a native of North Carolina who migrated to Tennessee at an early period, read law in the office of John Overton and, when he obtained his license to practice, selected three southwestern counties of the state as the theatre of his professional exertion. Harris resided a short time in Columbia, but as soon as the county of Giles was established in 1809-10 he settled permanently in Pulaski. About 1817 when the 6th Judicial Circuit was established, he was elected without opposition as circuit judge.)

Land For Sale: The subscriber wishes to sell the tract of land on which he now lives, containing 246 acres situated on the north bank of the Elk River four miles above Fayetteville and in perhaps as handsomely situated and pleasant a place as can be found on the river. About 80 acres of the tract is cleared on which is a good apple and peach orchard together with other improvements as usual. - Francis Patten (notice dated 26 Jan 1828).

May 2, 1828: Died at Nashville the 18th ult. Miss Frances G. Lanier, daughter of Rev. Edmund Lanier, aged 19.

At Pulaski the 4th ult., Mrs. Martha Ann Upshaw, wife of Major Arthur M. M. Upshaw of Giles County.

JUNE 13, 1828: Married at Franklin on Tuesday the 4th inst. by Rev. Mr. Cosgreve, Col. William D. Philips of Davidson County to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Dwyer, Esq. of the former place.

Died in this town on the 6th inst., an infant son of William F. Mason, Esquire.

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