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TENNESSEE ANCESTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

TGS sponsors this program to recognize and honor the early settlers who helped shape the great state of Tennessee. Persons wishing to place their ancestors in this roll of honor are invited to submit an application with supporting documents or other evidence proving their prime ancestor lived in Tennessee or the area that became Tennessee before 1880. Family charts or computer printouts are not considered sufficient proof. Each application must be accompanied by a $10 fee.

Attractive hand-lettered certificates suitable for framing are issued to each person whose application meets program qualifications. The certificates are inscribed with the prime ancestor's name, when and where he or she settled in Tennessee, and the applicant's name. For applications and additional information, write Jane Paessler, Director of Certificate Program, at the TGS address.

TGS SURNAME INDEX

TGS members can obtain information from the ancestor surname file by writing Directors Jean Crawford or Marilyn Van Eynde at the TGS address. Indicate the surname and given name of the person you are searching for, and at least one date and one location. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped long envelope. If the information is available, you will receive two photocopy pages of up to 10 surname cards of your ancestor or fellow researchers. Any additional information will be supplied at 50 cents per page (five cards to a page). Please restrict requests to no more than one per month, and to only one family name per request.

If you haven't submitted your own surname cards yet, please print or type vital data on 3x5" index cards and mail to TGS. Include ancestor's name; date and place of birth, death, and marriage; spouse and parents' names; your own name and address, and the date the card was submitted.
TWO major contributions have been made recently to TGS in memory of our founding president, the late Virginia Walton Brooks. The memorial contributions, contributed to the Society by her granddaughter, Ann Martin Putnam of Sanford, N.C., include a beautiful 40x40” oil painting of Virginia. It was done by noted Memphis portrait painter Paul J. Penczer in 1955, and now graces our reception room.

The other memorial gift is Virginia’s genealogical library. The collection consists of some 469 genealogy and history books, many of which are signed editions. More than 200 of the books are on Virginia, and others focus on Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Carolina, the Huguenots, and various family histories. TGS is indeed fortunate to receive such a generous contribution which will greatly enhance our library and be of immense value to all of our membership.

We can think of no more fitting tribute to the woman whose vision brought Tennessee its first state-chartered genealogical society. This way, she lives on in our midst and continues to add to genealogical knowledge -- both now and in the future.

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JEAN ALEXANDER WEST, who makes so many important contributions to Ansearchin’ News with her abstracts of various county records and her knowledge of genealogical information, has provided some interesting follow-up to the story in our last issue about Theodosia Quigley Trout [“The Yellow Fever Story with a Happy Ending,” p. 32]. When Pat Rogers Hall, Vista, Calif., sent us the story, she expressed the hope that some of Theodosia’s descendants would turn up as a result. As it turns out, Jean West lived next door to one of Theodosia and Ira Trout’s daughters for many years. Her name is Mary Lou Turner, and she now lives in Hernando, Miss. The only other one of the Trout children still living is Elizabeth Spencer who resides at The Parkview retirement home here in Memphis.

Jean also steered me to Ellen Davies Rodgers’ history of the Episcopal Church in West Tennessee, The Holy Innocents. From it, I learned that the Trouts had seven children:

1. Theodosia Gailor Trout - b. 19 June 1896 at Mason, Tenn., d. 2 Aug 1897 at Como, Miss.
2. Frederick Irenaeus Trout - b. 21 Jul 1897, Como, Miss., lived in Tupelo, Miss.
3. Catherine Naomi Trout - b. 13 Oct 1899, Grenada, Miss., m. F. F. Frazier, Sr., lived in Memphis
5. Irenaeus Trout - b. 15 Oct 1903, Memphis, d. 8 Jul 1905, Clarksdale, Miss.
6. Elizabeth Wilmot Trout - b. 18 Jul 1908, Punta Gorda, Fla., m. E. F. Spencer, living in Memphis
7. Mary Louisa Trout - b. 31 Dec 1911, Grenada, Miss., m. L. L. Turner, living in Hernando, Miss.

What I wouldn’t have given months ago to have found this resource which -- embarrassingly enough -- is in our own TGS library! In all my years of editing, though, I’ve never seen it fail -- as soon as something you have written gets into print, additional information turns up! Many of you family history writers probably know what I’m talking about.

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TGS MEMBER Samuel T. Davidson of Tallahassee, Fla., brought up a good point in a recent letter. It’s about a sin of omission that’s committed by far too many genealogists. And that’s the failure of so many folks to acknowledge a reply to their queries.

Mr. Davidson puts it this way: “It would appear that courtesy would demand that the recipient of a reply to their query acknowledge the receipt thereof. Even if the information is irrelevant or useless, the responder should receive some reply. The lack of some sort of reply negates the phrase ‘will exchange information’ which is sometimes seen.”

He’s got a mighty good point there. I responded to one man’s query on the Internet about mutual relatives in Bedford County -- and it was like dropping a bottle with an enclosed message into the ocean. I’ve wondered ... Did my message reach its destination? Did it shock him so that he couldn’t muster a reply? Did his computer blow up .... or did he die and was cremated? All sorts of things come to mind.

Ansearchin’ News now carries more queries per issue than any of the exchange quarters that come into the TGS library. It’s a valuable section for our members’ perusal and we hope to keep it that way. So, please, when you get a reply to your query, do take the time to drop a thank-you note to the sender. You’ll make friends that way ... and who knows? That person may send you some more info in the future. Mind your manners [and feather your nest].

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TGS is fortunate to have so many outstanding members. Among them is Verna Baker Banes, who writes a genealogy column, “Heritage Happenings,” for The Huntsville (Tex.) Item. Some time back, she wrote for permission to use the article we ran about the Coffee County, Tenn., history class that restores an old cemetery each year. The morning after her version of the story was printed, she had a call from a reader wanting more information about ordering the books for Bedford and Coffee counties. (It helps to spread the word!)

Verna writes that all lines of both her mother’s and father’s families had deep roots or “stopped off” in Tennessee. She and her husband Tony are currently involved in updating a 1992 Walker Co., Tex., cemetery book. Both are in their 77th years, and are still busy with family, church, and civic responsibilities. Verna says their days are full. She sends her letter by saying, “Thanks for the TN Genealogical Society!” And we say, “Thanks for Verna and Tony Banes!”

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IF WE’RE NOT carrying items from time to time on the county where your ancestors lived, drop us a line and let us know. With 95 counties in the state, it’s easy to miss some of them. So do let us know the ones you’re particularly interested in, and we’ll do our best to come up with something for you!

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When he was 74, **Col. Ezekiel Polk** of Hardeman County wrote his own epitaph. He was proud of his 20-line poem (it rhymed) and he left instructions in his will for it to be “done on durable wood as there are no rocks in this county fit for gravestones.” Ezekiel also instructed that the marker be well painted and placed upright at his head with a weeping willow planted at his feet.

The time was 24 June 1821. And Ezekiel never dreamed that two of the lines in his epitaph would be circulated during the 1848 presidential campaign in an attempt to embarrass his grandson, **James Knox Polk**, who was a candidate for the nation’s highest office. It doesn’t take much imagination to pick out the couplet in Ezekiel’s epitaph that set off the political wrangle:

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"Here lies the dust of old E.P.
One instance of mortality;
Pennsylvania-born, Car’lina bred,
In Tennessee died upon his bed.
His youthful days were spent in pleasure
His latter days in gathering treasure.
From superstition lived quite free
And practiced strict morality.
To holy cheats was never willing
To give one solitary shilling.
He could foresee, and foreseen
Could equal most of men in being
That church and state will join their power
And misery in this country shower.
The Methodists with their camp-brawling
Will be the cause of this downfalling.
An era not destined to see
It waits for poor posterity.
First fruits and tenths are odious things
And so are bishops, priests, and kings."
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When Ezekiel died on 31 Aug 1824, his wishes were carried out. But two decades later when the lines about the Methodists were circulated in an attempt to defeat his grandson, a family member removed the marker from the Hatchie burying ground, chipped out the controversial lines, and carried it to the home of Ezekiel’s son, **Edwin Polk**, where it reportedly lay under his house for years. In 1849 Edwin contributed land in southwest Bolivar to be known as the Polk Cemetery and “to be forever a family burying ground.” Ezekiel’s remains were moved there in the early 1850’s and a second monument (minus the original epitaph) was erected. Close by was buried Ezekiel’s faithful servant, “**Uncle Jim**” who had followed him from Pennsylvania to Middle Tennessee and finally West Tennessee. For years to come, Ezekiel would be remembered as the “man with two tombstones.”

**James K. Polk**’s political opponents in the presidential race continued to try to embarrass him. They first charged that James’ father **Samuel Polk** was a Tory. However, a little checking revealed that Samuel was not born until 1772 and was less than three years old when the Revolutionary War started.

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1. Located about three-quarters of a mile north of Bolivar
2. The original tombstone was said to have been placed in the yard of Edwin and Octavia Polk’s home Mehlien
3. **James K. Polk** apparently didn’t share his grandfather’s views about the Methodists. Six days before he died, the former president was baptized by a Methodist minister.

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Polk's opponents then decided to try to make the Tory charge stick against Ezekiel. But son Edwin gathered affidavits and went to North Carolina where he proved the charges false.  

As one of Polk's supporters said, "The false charges were intended not so much to defame the memory of the patriotic dead as to affect the popularity and well earned fame of Ezekiel's grandson."

A look at Ezekiel's life reveals the unfairness of the charges. He had been born in Cumberland Co., Pa., near what is now Carlile on 7 Dec 1747, the seventh child of William Polk and his wife, Margaret Taylor. In about 1750 his parents moved to Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina. Years later, he and his brother Thomas attended the meeting in Charlotte to draft a declaration of independence. Ezekiel is said to have been one of three men who drafted the first document advocating absolute independence for the American people. It was approved by Mecklenburg County citizens at the Polk family residence on 20 May 1775. On 18 June 1775 Ezekiel was commissioned as captain of the South Carolina Rangers by the Council of Safety of South Carolina. He and his nephew, William Polk of Raleigh, N.C., were in an engagement against the Tories at Rayburn's Creek, S. C. In 1780 when Lord Cornwallis and his men were en route from Camden to Charlotte, they forced Ezekiel out of his home, threatening to burn his house and destroy his property. Like hundreds of other patriot Whigs, Ezekiel resigned his commission and took protection under the British commander to save his family and property. He later broke the protection and again took up arms for the patriot cause. Pursued by the British army, he managed to escape and form a scouting party of patriots who annoyed and fought the British in South Carolina for the remainder of the war.

After the Revolution, he became sheriff of Mecklenberg County. About 1806, Ezekiel and his family migrated to Maury County, Tenn. After Isaac Shelby and Andrew Jackson signed a treaty with the Chickasaw Indians on 19 Oct 1818, Ezekiel was one of the first settlers in the area that became Hardeman County. He was 72 when he left his home in Maury County to venture into land where only Indian feet had trod before. Migrating with him were his brother Thomas, his son William, his sons-in-law Thomas McNeal and Thomas Jones Hardeman, and his young grandson Rufus P. Neely who made the journey on ponyback carrying slabs of bacon. Because sufficient provender could not be taken for the horses in those days, they had to depend on grass by the roadside. One morning shortly after arising, Ezekiel found the horses had disappeared. He attempted to rouse the sleeping campers.

"McNeal, get up -- the horses are gone! Rufus, get up -- the horses are gone and we'll have to walk back home! Hardeman, get up -- the horses are gone!"

As the story goes, Hardeman growled, "D__n the horses!" and turned over to continue his nap. Eventually the horses were found grazing about a mile from the camp.

After settling in the area, Ezekiel and Major William Ramsey each gave 50 acres as the site for a town [Bolivar], both reserving the privilege of a choice lot. Ezekiel was noted for his benevolence to the poor.

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4 The defense against the charges was published in a pamphlet entitled, "A Vindication of the Life and Revolutionary Services of Col. E. Polk," published by the Tennessee State Central Committee and printed by John P. Heiss, Nashville.
5 It was drafted one year before Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.
6 Created in 1823 from the Western District (Indian lands)
7 Hardeman County was named in his honor
8 Progenitor of the Newbern family in Hardeman County
9 Ezekiel's home -- situated west of town -- was destroyed by Federal troops during the Civil War.
Hardeman County records show he donated small tracts of land to three poor families collaterally related to him. Ezekiel was married three times, and had nine children. His first wife, whom he married in Mecklenburg Co., N.C., ca. 1769 was Mary Wilson, daughter of Samuel Wilson. She died 29 Nov 1791. They had eight children:

- **Thomas** - born 5 Dec 1770, probably in Tryon Co., N.C., died 1814, married Abigail Irvin
- **Matilda Golden** - b. 5 Dec 1770 (Thomas' twin sister), d. 20 Sep 1853 at Springfield, Mo.; m. (1) on 3 May 1792 to John Campbell [1792-1816], (2) in Dec 1821 to Philip Jenkins in Maury Co., Tenn.
- **Samuel** - b. 5 Jul 1772 prob. in Tryon Co., NC., m. Jane Knox in 1794; d. 1827, father of Pres. John Knox Polk
- **John** - b. 1774 probably in York Co., S.C., d. 1804
- **Clarissa** - b. 25 Dec 1782 prob. in Mecklenburg Co., N.C., d. 8 Dec 1846 at Bolivar, Tenn.; m. Col. Thomas McNeal in 1803 in Williamson (later Maury) Co.
- **Louisa** - b. 1787 prob. in Mecklenburg, N.C., d. 26 Dec 1869 at Bolivar, Tenn., m. (1) Capt. Charles Rufus Neely in Maury Co., Tenn., in 1802, (2) Dr. Clinton C. Collier in Hardeman County.

He and his second wife, Bessie “Polly” Campbell Davis, had no issue.

Ezekiel’s third wife, whom he married in 1812 in Maury County, was Soffia/Sophia (Neely) Neely, the daughter of James Neely and the widow of Leonard Neely. She lived for 20 years after Ezekiel’s death. They were the parents of four children:

- **Charles Perry** - b. 27 Oct 1813 in Maury Co, Tenn.; d. 1893, m. Ellen Matilda Fitzhugh
- **Eugenia** - b. 1815 in Maury Co., d. 16 Oct 1895 in Wilburton, Okla.; m. Alexander Neilson in Hardeman County
- **Benigna** - b. 30 Jul 1816 in Maury Co., d. 27 Jan 1886 in Memphis; m. William Henry Wood on 18 Jul 1834 in Hardeman Co.
- **Edwin Fitzhugh** - b. 6 May 1818 in Maury Co.; d. 4 Apr 1854 at age 36 in Bolivar, m. Octavia Rowena Jones, daughter of Calvin, on 30 Jul 1846 in Bolivar. She d. 13 Jul 1917 at age 91. Children: Pauline, who d. in infancy; and Octavia, b. 10 Mar 1848 in Bolivar, m. Tudor F. Brooks on 7 Sep 1869 at Bolivar.

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Franklin County’s Manchester -- A Thriving Town in the 1880’s

With a pride equal to that of any Chamber of Commerce, *The Manchester Times* of 20 Jan 1888 reported that the town’s number of mercantile firms had grown from seven to 13 in only five years.

I. J. Greer was singled out as the merchant who not only had been in business the longest, but was the first to have a brick storehouse erected in Manchester.

“He started with a small stock of goods about ten years ago and each succeeding year has found him with more goods and a larger trade,” the paper noted. “He is assisted by Frank Campbell, charming young bachelor who -- were it not for his bashfulness -- would be making some woman happy.”

Moving on around the square, *The Times* recognized E. S. Hough as “proprietor of one of the neatest and well stocked drugstores in this section of the state.” The editor added, “We do not suppose there is a better business man in this entire county.”

The firm of Wooten & Winton, formed in 1882, was apparently the largest mercantile store in town. James C. Winton, Jr., one of the partners, was general manager. Sales in December 1887 exceeded those of the same month in 1886 by $2,400, it was reported. Besides the proprietors, three salesmen -- William and Charley Rodes, and Simeon Ashley, Jr. -- were required to wait on the customers who daily thronged the store.

Doing business under the firm name of J. G. Wilkinson & Co. were Joe Green Wilkinson, Thomas H. Willis, and Stephen M. Winton. They were assisted by Robert Leming. The business was located in a brick building at the corner of Depot and Spring Streets. John P. Adams was identified as proprietor of the neatest store in town. “He takes pride in keeping his goods in proper shape.”

Burger & Alwood recently moved to a new brick storehouse and added largely to their dry goods stock, according to *The Times*. J. H. Burger and William Alwood composed the firm, and John K. Perry was described as “their gentlemanly clerk.” Price & Lecroy dealt in drugs and groceries, and had full lines of both. J. Ernest Price was store clerk.

Manchester had three exclusive grocery firms -- W. J. Taylor’s, W. T. Ferguson’s, and Turner & Gould’s. Bright & Harmon took charge of the old Grange stock when that institution ceased business. They handled dry goods, groceries, sewing machines, and organs. Dr. I. N. Jones was said to have been doing a good business with his general merchandise store, and kept a well-selected stock. The newest mercantile firm to enter the field was that of J. H. Smith & Sons which moved into the old Grange stand with a new stock.

*The Times* also reported that W. R. Lannon had returned from several years’ residence in Texas and would soon open a grocery business in Manchester.

Oakland, Tenn., Had Its Share Of Senior Citizens in 1890

A reporter from the Memphs Public Ledger who visited Oakland some 30 miles east of Memphis in early 1890, found it a pleasant town and a delightful place to visit. At that time, the little settlement on the Tennessee Midland Railroad between Memphis and Jackson boasted two hotels, a steam grist mill, a cotton gin, and a livery stable -- not to mention its generous share of senior citizens.

Among octogenarians who had passed nearly their entire lives in the Oakland vicinity were: Capt. B. Kyle, Mrs. Harriet McCully, Messrs. Henry Pitman, W. Murphy, R. Bradshaw, Bird Stafford, and Dr. P. W. DuPree.

Then there was Mrs. Mary Pearce, described as “a venerable and excellent old lady” living near town who had reached her 96th year and was said to be as spry as most ladies 60 years of age. A South Carolinian by birth, she removed to Oakland at an early day, raised a large family, and had been a devoted Presbyterian for more than 70 years. In her possession were two ancient relics she prized highly. One was a powder gourd with the date 1628 carved on its side. Her husband’s father carried it through the Revolutionary War. The other was a book of sermons by John Flavel which was published in London in 1715.

Among the town’s intelligent and wide-awake business men found by *The Ledger* were: T. L. Irwin, dry goods and groceries; J. H. Flippin & Co., general merchants; Mathews & Mathews, dry goods, groceries, and notions; Jeff C. Pierce, furnishing goods, boots, shoes, etc.; Morrow & Kyle, druggists and chemists; C. S. Cassels, druggist; L. B. Lamb, real estate agent; G. S. Anderson, liveryman; T. R. Timberlake & A. M. Mason, contractors and builders; J. L. Waggner, woodworker and wagonmaker; William Hall, undertaker; C. Irwin, brick mason; Peter Broom, blacksmith; Cassels & Morrow, physicians; and Capt. Ben Flippin, owner and proprietor of a large steam gin and grist mill. Prof. R. O. Prewitt, principal of Oakland Academy, and his full corps of assistants were said to be building up a fine school. The story appeared in the 16 Jan 1890 issue of the *Memphis Public Ledger.*

**CENSUS TIPS**

The 1900 and 1910 censuses provide clues as to the number of children born to a woman. Column 11 of the 1900 census and column 10 of the 1910 census show how many children were born to each woman, and successive columns in each census tell how many of those children were still living. This information can help you determine if you have identified all the children in a given family, and whether any were deceased when either census was taken.

SOURCE: The Record, News from the National Archives and Records Administration, Vol. 4, No. 3, Jan 1998, p. 26
Thousands Of Tennesseans Trek To California In ‘49 Gold Rush

The 1848 discovery of gold by New Jersey carpenter James Wilson Marshall at Sutter’s Mill on the American River in California drew a rush of immigrants from all over the world -- including a sizable number from Tennessee.¹

In the two years following the discovery, more than 90,000 people migrated to California and by 1854 the figure had exceeded 300,000 -- or one of about every 90 people living in the United States.²

In its 30 Dec 1848 issue, the Memphis Weekly Appeal commented that the California gold mania was at least dividing everyday gossip with the cholera.

By 3 Feb 1849, The Appeal acknowledged that the discovery of gold was real: “The whole civilized world seems to be electrified, astonished, and amazed at the profuse yieldings of these mines. Both the old world and the new and the islands of the oceans are sending forth their hundreds and thousands to plunder the mines of their rich treasures.”

But life on the new frontier was not always as envisioned. A former citizen of Memphis, who identified himself only as “W. C. S.,” wrote from San Francisco on 31 Jan 1850 about the high cost of living. “Boarding at a respectable hotel, including eating and sleeping accommodations, costs $400 per month, and washing $8 per day.”³ [In terms of 1997 dollars, this would be equivalent to $8,000 a month for board and $160 a day for laundry.]⁴

Nevertheless, prominent men gave up their positions and headed West. Col. Samuel W. Bell, for instance, resigned as Knoxville postmaster and left for California.⁵

As in most states, a number of California-bound mining companies were organized and outfitted in Tennessee. Usually the men paid a specified membership fee and agreed to put their daily take into a general fund from which profits would be equally distributed. The company’s directors took care of transportation arrangements and provisions. The plan appealed to many ‘49ers because it offered a degree of safety in numbers, especially on the overland trails.

A. M. Rosborough, the Nashville Whig’s principal editor, left Thursday, 18 April 1850, for California by the overland route. The Memphis Eagle reported, “He goes out as superintendent of the Tennessee Mining Company with a steam engine and suitable machinery for gold mining in the quartz region.”⁶ Others in the company were J. Litton Bostick, Dr. W. Farmer, James Bostick, E. Taylor, and a Negro boy. The men were obliged to work as a joint stock company for 18 months from the time of their departure. Traveling with them “for mutual protection against the dangers and vicissitudes incident to the route” were J. B. Rosborough [A. M.’s brother], J. R. Groves, and a Negro boy.

The Hope Mining Company, formed in Nashville and Clarksville, had left Saturday, 13 April, taking the Isthmus route. G. A. Harrell, Esq., headed the group that included Dr. Joseph W. Stout, J. W. Jadkins, William Stewart, William Carpenter, B.

¹ Historian Walter T. Durham estimates that by the end of 1852, there had been at least 4,500 Tennesseans in California since the beginning of the Gold Rush. From 1848 to 1850, California’s population increased from about 20,000 to 380,000.
² The Sacramento Bee, 18 Jan 1998
³ The Memphis Eagle, 22 Mar 1850.
⁴ Based on figures from the Sacramento Bee.
⁵ The Franklin Weekly Review, 15 June 1849

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F. Thomas, Samuel E. Williamson, Lewis Sharp, and D. A. Wilkins.  

Another company going via New York and the Isthmus left 21 May for the land of gold. Dr. P. W. Martin was superintendent, traveling with his son [name not given], Dr. J. W. King (treasurer), R. H. Harvey, James Peacock, Thomas B. Childress, W. J. Childress, James R. McCall, and Irbin Stephenson (colored man).  


The men apparently were members of a mining company headed by Wilson and Love. The paper reported that a letter had since been received from James Allen of the group saying they only stayed in San Francisco a single night and left for the mines 12 July.  

An unidentified Memphian who left for California via Fort Smith, Ark., in April 1849 wrote from Sacramento City in September that enormous wages were being paid for all kinds of labor.  

"Teamsters are getting from $300 to $400 a month, and common day laborers $10 per day," he said. "I know one of our company who is getting $10 a day for grinding coffee."  

By October 1850 signs of disillusionment began appearing in local newspapers. Commented The Memphis Eagle on 29 October: "We have not heard of a solitary instance among the many emigrants to California from this section of a 'fortune' having been made. Ninety-nine out of 100 never accumulate as much as they spend in reaching the seductive and delusive El Dorado."  

According to one estimate, 10,000 individuals died the first year of the Gold Rush because of inadequate shelter, poor food, disease, lack of medical supplies, and crime. Another historian wrote that 1 in every 5 miners who came to California in 1849 was dead within six months, a rate so high that insurance companies refused to write new policies for those going to the gold fields.  

California was admitted to the Union on 9 Sep 1850 but it was almost six weeks before the news reached the new state. In preparation for statehood, voters had approved a state constitution on 13 Nov 1849 and elected Tennessee-born Peter Hardee-man Burnett as their first civil governor. He was inaugurated 22 Dec 1849. Meanwhile, the state's General Assembly selected William McKindree Gwin, a former resident of Sumner Co., Tenn., and John C. Fremont as its two U. S. senators who would take their seats when statehood was won.  

California's first treasurer, Richard Roman, also was from Middle Tennessee as was its first secretary of state, William Van Voorhies, a former Maury County attorney who had been sent to California by President James K. Polk as a special mail agent. Two other Tennesseans, David F. Douglass, formerly of Sumner County, and W. R. Bassham were among the 16 members of California's first General Assembly.  

Tennesseean James K. Polk was U.S. president when gold was discovered, and his December 1848 announcement that the discovery was authentic set off the stampede to what was to become the Golden State. Polk had long championed statehood for California and, although he died before it was achieved, the state recognized its debt to him in a public memorial service.  

On 30 Aug 1849, the San Francisco newspaper Alta California declared, "The citizens [of California] will forever cherish the name of James K. Polk while they enjoy the blessings promoted at his hand."  

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6The Nashville Whig, 13 Apr 1850
7The Nashville Whig of 23 May, 1850, quoted in The Memphis Eagle, 28 May 1850
8The Memphis Enquirer, 20 Nov 1849
9Even so, the Gold Rush continued into the mid-1850's
10The Sacramento Bee, 18 Jan 1998
References to “the elephant” crop up repeatedly in letters and reports from the California Gold Rush days.

Those who were planning to travel west announced they were “going to see the elephant.”

Those turning back claimed they had “seen the elephant”... or “seen the elephant’s tracks”... or “seen the elephant’s tail.” Regardless of which variation they used, it was pretty clear that they’d seen as much of the animal as they cared to see.

The expression was older than the Gold Rush, having originated about the time elephants were first featured in circus parades.

It seems that a farmer, on hearing a circus was in town, loaded his wagon with vegetables and headed for the market. He had never seen an elephant and was excited about the prospect of finally getting to see one.

On the way to town he met the circus parade which was being led by the elephant. The farmer was thrilled at the sight of the beast, but his horses were terrified. They bolted, overturning the wagon and completely ruining all his vegetables.

But the farmer was unperturbed. “I don’t give a hang,” he said, “because I have seen the elephant!”

California’s 1st Senator
Was Sumner Countian

William McKendree Gwin, considered by many as the most influential political figure in California’s early days, was born near Fountain Head in Sumner Co., Tenn., on 9 Oct 1805. He was the second of seven children born to Rev. James and Mary Gwin. His father, a native of Wales, had removed from North Carolina in 1790. A Revolutionary War soldier and a Methodist minister, he was a friend of Andrew Jackson and served as chief chaplain for his Louisiana expedition. James also was a close friend of Methodist Bishop William McKendree of Tennessee, and named his son for him.

Young William Gwin was President Jackson’s protege and served for six months as his personal secretary in Washington.

William was given professional training in both law and medicine. He was admitted to the bar at Gallatin in 1826, and in 1828 received a medical degree from Transylvania University in Kentucky. He began his medical practice in Clinton, Miss., where he married Caroline Simpson. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Caroline died before 1834. Meanwhile, Pres. Jackson in 1833 had appointed Gwin U.S. marshal for Mississippi. In 1837 Gwin married a young widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hampton (Bell) Logan, at Vicksburg in 1837. In 1840 he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives, where he served a single term before returning to private life because of financial obligations. In 1845 he moved to New Orleans as a federal commissioner to superintend construction of the U.S. customs house.

When the Gold Rush started, Gwin headed for California in the spring of 1849. His avowed purpose was to help California achieve statehood and then return to Washington as its U. S. senator. He did both, being responsible for writing most of California’s constitution and serving as the state’s senator for two terms with distinction. He was instrumental in establishing a mint in San Francisco, initiating surveys of the Pacific coast, and deepening channels of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. He wrote the 1851 California land title law, and introduced bills for an intercontinental railroad and telegraph lines, and for a navy yard and depot at San Francisco. In 1851 the California legislature passed a resolution of appreciation for his work.

Because of his Southern sympathies, Gwin fell from favor during the Civil War. In 1861 he was briefly imprisoned at Fort Lafayette, and in 1865 was held for eight months at Fort Jackson. No charges were made in either case. During much of the war, Gwin and his wife and their three children—Lucy, Carrie, and Willie—took refuge in France.

After the war, they returned to California. Meanwhile, the Palomas quartz mine in Calaveras County, which Gwin had acquired in 1851, paid off and Gwin was said to have been a wealthy man when he died 3 Sep 1885 while on a business trip to New York. He was buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

12 Their first child, Mary Bell Gwin, died in Washington in Aug 1852 at age 11.
In his autobiography, Peter Hardeman Burnett said he had been a pioneer most of his life.

"I was born a pioneer as Nashville at the date of my birth [15 Nov 1807] was but a small village, and Tennessee a border-state but thinly populated," he wrote, "and whenever, since my arrival in California, I have seen a party of immigrants with their ox-teams and white-sheeted wagons, I have been excited, have felt younger, and was for the moment anxious to make another trip."

His pioneering trait is reflected in the fact that he left tracks in four states: Tennessee, Missouri, Oregon, and California. Burnett, who incidentally added the second "t" to the family surname, was the son of George and Dorothy [Hardeman] Burnett. George was born in Pittsylvania Co., Va., on 26 Sep 1770 and died in Clay Co., Mo., on 22 Feb 1838. Dorothy, the daughter of Thomas and Mary [Perkins] Hardeman, was born in Davidson Co., Tenn., 15 May 1786 and died 17 Mar 1843 in Platte Co., Missouri. They married in Davidson County in 1802.

In 1827 son Peter took a job as a clerk for Parson Peck in Hardeman Co., Tenn. There he met Harriet W. Rogers, who had recently moved into the county with her father, Peter Rogers, and other family members from Wilson County. Harriet was born in Tennessee in 1812. She and Peter were married 20 Aug 1828. They had six children:

1. Dwight J. Burnett - b. 23 May 1829 in Hardeman Co., Tenn., m. Mary Wilcox in Sacramento City, Calif., in Jan 1850
6. Sallie C. Burnett - b. 27 Sep 1841 in Platte Co., Mo., m. Francis Poe in San Jose, Calif., on 21 Nov 1860, d. in Sacramento City, Calif., 24 May 1861

After some unsuccessful experiences in the mercantile business, Peter studied law and began practicing in 1839. He was soon appointed district attorney in Platte County. In 1843 he organized and was captain of an ox-drawn wagon train that set out from Independence, Mo., for the Oregon territory. One thousand persons made up the train which is believed to be the largest that ever crossed the plains.

During the five years Burnett lived in Oregon, he became a member of the territorial legislature and a Supreme Court justice. In September 1848 he organized and led the first wagon train of immigrants from Oregon to California.

Burnett tried his hand at panning for gold but made only a modest strike. In the vernacular of other 49'ers, Burnett declared he had "seen the elephant" and turned to new fields of endeavor. John Sutter, Jr., offered him a job selling lots in the newly laid-out city of Sacramento. Peter did well, eventually making about $50,000 in the real estate business. He donated a lot as a building site for a church at 7th and K Streets in Sacramento.

In 1849 he was elected governor of California, winning easily over his opponents. He resigned as governor in early 1851 to take care of personal business. He later practiced law in San Jose, was a Sacramento city councilman, a California Supreme Court justice [1857-58], and founder and president of the Pacific Bank in San Francisco. His wife Harriet died in 1879. Peter died a wealthy man on 17 May 1895 at the age of 88.

(1) Dwight J. Burnett - b. 23 May 1829 in Hardeman Co., Tenn., m. Mary Wilcox in Sacramento City, Calif., in Jan 1850
(2) Martha Letitia Burnett - b. 29 Apr 1833 in Clay Co., Mo., m. Caius T. Ryland in Alviso, Santa Clara Co., Calif., 23 Jan 1851
(4) John M. Burnett - b. 4 Feb 1838 in Liberty, Clay Co., Mo., m. Ellen Casey in San Francisco on 27 Apr 1863
(6) Sallie C. Burnett - b. 27 Sep 1841 in Platte Co., Mo., m. Francis Poe in San Jose, Calif., on 21 Nov 1860, d. in Sacramento City, Calif., 24 May 1861

Burnett soon found that his $10,000 salary as governor (paid not in gold but in depreciated state script) was inadequate to cover his expenses.

**Gold Rush Section**

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Lucius Lucullus Battle was only 20 when he graduated from the Memphis Medical College in the spring of 1849. The city was in the grip of a cholera epidemic and, like hundreds of others in the vicinity, L.L. was hit hard -- not by cholera, but by the gold fever. His parents, William and Chloe (Boddie) Battle, III of nearby Arlington, were less than enthusiastic when their son told them of his decision to join the Gold Rush. He left the family home at Arlington on horseback for Memphis with only one or two dollars and added to his capital by borrowing $40 from Gen. C. B. Frazier.

Many '49ers had started to California via Panama but could get no farther than the Isthmus because of the scarcity of ships. Consequently, L. L. and his party decided to take the overland route via Fort Smith and Santa Fe. Accompanying him on the journey were Dr. Charles Cullen of Richmond, Va., W. G. Perry, Petersburg, Va., and a Negro man named Hambledon who had been in the Seminole Indian War in Florida and with the U. S. Army during the Mexican War. About 10 Mar 1849 they erected a tent on the bluff at Memphis as headquarters for the California Gold Hunters. In all, about 108 men signed up for the trip. The group chartered Capt. Angus Greenlaw's steamboat, the J. L. Webb, to take them to Fort Smith, Ark., with all their worldly pos-
sessions -- ranging from a wagon and team to a pie pan. L. L. took along his medical books and surgical instruments plus a six-gallon keg of brandy in case anyone got snake bitten.

The boat pushed off from Memphis on 20 March amid the firing of guns and the warm salutations of friends. It was L. L.'s 21st birthday.

After an 11-day journey via Post, Pine Bluff, and Little Rock, Ark., they landed at Fort Smith where some 12,000-15,000 men had assembled to prepare for the long journey to the gold region on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains. L. L., in his journal, wrote that the men were from 18 to 65 years old, from every state in the Union, and from every profession and calling that could be imagined. They formed into companies of not less than 100 men.

"I have seen as many as 40 or 50 steers to one wagon and 15 to 20 men trying to drive them," he recalled. "The drivers were lawyers, merchants, preachers, doctors, and planters -- and they all whipped and cursed alike."

For weeks, the men worked their way through the mud. "Some days we wouldn't go half a mile," L. L. remembered.

Finally, he and his companions organized a company of 20 men and seven wagons which they thought would be strong enough to go on through semi-civilized Indian territories to the Comanche Nation where they expected to wait for some of the larger companies to join them before attempting to go through.

"We traveled for six weeks at the rate of six miles a day through the mud," he said.

Following a fight with the Indians, the men arrived at Camp Disappointment where they teamed up with some others and formed the Washington Company of 108 members. With Morgan Cook of Nashville as captain, the new group left the camp on the 1st of May -- 15 men on horses and the rest on foot.

During a 10-week ordeal of crossing the desert, the men became so weak from lack of food and water that they were unable to carry their rifles and had to abandon them. By the time they arrived in California, only 60 members of the company remained.

"It took eight months for us to get to San Diego," L. L. wrote. "The day I left Memphis I weighed 155 pounds, and the day we reached San Diego I weighed only 120. I think we were the poorest and most emaciated men that ever assembled on the American continent."

At San Diego, which then was a village of only 400 to 600 people, the men sought passage on the steamship Oregon for San Francisco. On the ship L. L. ran into two men from Memphis, Prof. Bibly and Roscoe Field, but neither recognized him. The third Memphian he met up with was Major George Wyatt who asked him his name. When L. L. told him, the major exclaimed, "I had lief meet a son! Your people all believe you are dead. The night before I left home your brother Fred and sister Teuny stayed at my house and I have a letter and some money for you sent by your sister, Mrs. Turley."

Through the benevolence of the ship's captain and crew, all 60 men were taken aboard and landed in San Francisco without charge. L. L. tried his hand at panning for gold on the waters of the Calaveras and met with moderate success. He soon left the mining area and talked with a family friend about opening a medical practice in the area. The friend, who was a brick mason, told him the medical field was so crowded that he had two doctors and a lawyer carrying hods on his brick jobs. Having 'seen the elephant,' L. L. decided to return home without further glimpses. "I returned with a little more money than I started out with and an experience of pioneer life that cannot

1 William Battle (III) was b. 24 Apr 1790 in Nash Co., N.C., and m. Chloe Crudup Boddie of Wake Co., N.C., 24 May 1812. Chloe, b. 16 June 1796, was the widow of Nathaniel Boddie and the daughter of John and Mourning (Dixon) Crudup. L. L., one of William and Chloe's 12 children, was b. 20 Mar 1828 near Raleigh, N.C. The Battles moved to Shelby Co., Tenn., in 1830 and settled in an unbroken wilderness known as 'Dark Corner' about three miles north of Arlington. William d. 14 Sep 1874 and Chloe 21 May 1864.

2 At this point, L.L.'s father came to the bluff and gave him all the money he thought he would need for the trip.

3 His son-in-law, Robert M. Anderson (1824-1872), was later lieutenant-governor of California. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn.
now be obtained in the United States,” he wrote later. “I had never been a hundred miles from home before, but in a little over 18 months I had traveled 200 miles on horseback, 3,300 miles on foot, and 8,000 miles by water.”

After returning to Arlington, he began his medical practice. On 11 Dec 1854, he married Martha Chester, the daughter of Robert I. and Elizabeth (Hays) Chester of Jackson, Tenn., who was born 3 June 1832. They had six children:

- Dr. William Boddie Battle - b. 19 Dec 1855 near Jackson, Tenn.; d. 24 Mar 1946; m. (1) on 8 Jan 1880 to Adrian Sherrod of Fayette Co., Tenn., [b. 16 Sep 1858, d. 14 Nov 1904], they had five children, (2) Blanche Sherrod. [b. 25 Nov 1871, d. 21 Mar 1956]. William practiced medicine at Gallaway [Fayette Co.], Tenn.
- Elizabeth Hays Battle - b. 1858, d. 1862
- Jane Royster Battle - b. 29 May 1860; m. 27 Feb 1880 to Dr. William John Jones (b. 17 Feb 1857 at Bartlett, Tenn., d. 14 Dec 1895 at Memphis). Had five children.
- Mary Ormond Butler Battle - b. 2 June 1863, d. 18 Nov 1929, m. Lunsford Pitt Cooper II [b. 20 Oct 1859 - d. 28 Mar 1925]. Had eight children.
- Bell Battle - b. 1866, d. 1933, m. John Cunningham (1859-1925) on 6 Jan 1886. Had seven children.
- Sandol Humphreys (Miss Pat) Battle - b. 6 Sep 1868, d. 25 Nov 1944. Taught school in Memphis and Shelby County.

Martha died 1 Apr 1872, and in 1874 L.L. married Mrs. Frances Middleton Hays Preston. Frances died in 1891, and the following year L. L. took a third wife, Mrs. Polly Finnie Riley. She died in 1894, and L. L. died two years later on 16 Jul 1896.

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**J. W. Horton Fatally Stricken On Way To California**

John Wesley Horton, about 25 years of age, died 11 Sep 1849 on his way to the California gold rush. News of his death was received by his brother, H. H. Horton, of Williamson Co., Tenn., in a letter from B. F. Hudson.

Young Horton had started to California with a Lincoln Co., Tenn., mining company, and fell sick with a fever while en route. He was ill for two weeks and died on the first day’s travel in the desert. Hudson said Horton was buried at the first well called Alorna 15 miles west of the Colorado River.

The death was reported in the 7 Dec 1849 issue of the *Franklin (Tenn.) Weekly Review* which called Horton “an estimable member of the Methodist Church, a man of sterling integrity, and great energy of character.”

Hudson in his letter also reported that Rev. Malt Marshall and others of the company were all well.

**California Agriculture Booms**

The Memphis Eagle on 10 Jul 1850 reported that boxes of garden seeds which originally cost $9 were then selling for $100 in California and shecyes which cost $8 were disposed of for $45. One man near San Jose was said to have made $50,000 by raising potatoes.

**East Tennessean John O’Brien Writes Home**

Sacramento City, Calif.
19 [month illegible] 1850

“Arrived in San Francisco the 23rd of June and started for the mines on the 26th. After arriving in this city, I met with an acquaintance who wished me to join him in the provision and grocery trade. I agreed to do so but expressed the wish first to see the ‘Elephant.’

“Accordingly, I went up on the American River ... prospected a little, and satisfied myself I could do better in the city and, with that belief, retreated.

“The high stages of the rivers and creeks have been a severe drawback in the mining community.

“...You are aware that the richest diggings are on the bars of the rivers and banks. When the water is high, it runs so rapidly in the holes that it is impossible to work them. The rivers are falling and those who have claims are doing well.....

“I was surprised to find on my arri- ving here so much disappointment. I met many going home after a few days’ stay -- some who had not even seen the mines.

**Martin Dies En Route To California Gold Fields**

The death of 20-year old James Hall Martin of Sumner County was reported in the *Franklin, Tenn., Weekly Review* on 15 May 1849.

A typographer by trade, he died en route to California on 29 April and was buried at Danville, Mo., by his fellow travelers. James was the son of Peter H. Martin.

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“The boys from old Washington [County] have all arrived safe with the exception of John Cox, the Battles, and Green and Woods. They all left Panama the 1st of June and I expect them daily. James Broyles has had an attack of the fever and has been staying in the store room and is now walking about. Say to his mother and father that he is entirely out of danger and will be able to go to work in a short time.

“Taking everything into consideration, I will not advise anyone to come to this country. To those who intend coming, I would advise [them] ... to start with no less than $300.”

-JOHN T. O’BRIEN

(Abstracted from *The Rail-Road Journal & Family Visitor*, Jonesboro, Tenn., 5 Oct 1850)
California's First Census
Taken in Late 1850
California's first census, taken in late 1850, revealed a population of 92,597. Some say this figure was about 50,000 under the true number.

The census also showed that 73 percent of California's population was between the ages of 20 and 40, and 92 percent was male.

The "Gold Rush" counties for which 1850 census records are still available are Sacramento, Amador, El Dorado, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Sierra, Nevada, Tuolumne, and Placer. Records for San Francisco, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties have been lost. A list of Tennesseans reported in these counties in 1850 will be carried in Ansearchin' News, beginning on the next page of this issue. More listings will appear in subsequent issues.

A Miner's Breakfast

New Engander Edward Gould Buffum and a fellow gold miner stopped at a store in Coloma, Calif., one morning in 1848 and bought a few groceries for breakfast. Here's Buffum's account of it:

"Mac and myself ... ate and drank with great gusto, and when we had concluded our repast, called for the bill. It was such a curiosity in the annals of a retail grocery business that I preserved it." The itemized bill:

One box of sardines .......... $16.00
One lb. of hard bread .......... 2.00
One lb. of butter ............... 6.00
One-half lb. of cheese .......... 3.00
Two bottles of ale ............... 16.00
Total $43.00

Some 4,000 Believed To Have Died On Overland Trails

The fate of some Argonauts (as many of the '49ers called themselves) may never be known. It is estimated that 4,000 of the emigrants died on the overland trails to California.

J. Goldsborough Bruff, leader of the Washington City company, made a habit of recording inscriptions on every graveboard he saw. His entries became more frequent after passing the forks of the Platte River.

The graveboard of a Tennessean identified only as "C. Taylor" was among those found by Bruff. No date is on his marker, but he died of cholera and typhus and apparently was buried in the vicinity of fellow travelers who all died in June of 1849.

Other listings of apparently nearby graveboards: Lemuel Lee, Vandalia, Ill., aged 64, died June 3, cholera; Capt. Pleasant Gray, Huntsville, Tex., 43, died June 9, cholera; Rachel E. Pattison, aged 18, died June 19, 1849.

Willis Dies in Sacramento City

John Willis, former LaGrange, Tenn., resident, died in Sacramento City, Calif., 26 Jan 1850. The news was not received in Tennessee until 16 April 1850 when The Memphis Eagle ran a brief story and asked North Carolina papers to copy it.

14Placer and Nevada were created in 1851 from Yuba; Sierra in 1852 from Yuba; Amador from Calaveras in 1854; and, Plumas from Butte in 1854. All the others were original counties.
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**Southgate Dies In Kentucky**

G. M. Southgate, Esq., formerly acting magistrate in Nashville, died at the residence of his son, Dr. Bernard Southgate in Boone Co., Ky., on 7th April 1867. He was in the 67th year of his age, having been born in Richmond, Va., in 1798.

In 1832 he became a citizen of Covington, Ky., then removed to Nashville in 1857 for the benefit of his wife's health. He left last July, as was his custom, to spend the summer months with his children in Kentucky. In early March, he was seized with a nervous debility and gradually declined. For a number of years, he was one of Cincinnati's most prosperous merchants. -Nashville Gazette, 14 Apr 1867

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**Samuel Mosby, Native of Virginia, Dies In 78th Year**

(Abstracted from microfilm at the Memphis' Shelby County Library of the Memphis Public Ledger, 4 Mar 1886)

Samuel Mosby died 3 March 1886 at the residence of Mrs. Prestige, No. 75 Union Street in Memphis, after a brief illness. He was born in Hanover Co., Va., on 26 Nov 1809 and therefore had entered his 78th year.

He came to Memphis in 1825 and was actively engaged in business as a clerk and merchant except for the four years of the war until 1878. Since then he has given close attention to his large property interests in this city and home affairs at Ridgeway some 12 miles east of the city on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. His health had failed him somewhat of late and about 10 days ago he removed to the city to be within easy reach of physicians.

Mr. Mosby entered the employment of Gen. Nat Anderson, merchant, as a clerk in 1825 and in 1843 became a partner with his brother-in-law T. W. Hunt. The firm was dissolved in 1854 and was restarted in 1868 with Clarence P. Hunt as partner.

Mr. Mosby was married first to Miss Susan W. Hunt by whom one son, Walter, was born. He was killed at the battle of Perryville. Mosby's second wife was Miss Sarah Leake who died in 1878 of yellow fever. Seven children, two of them sons, survived as a result of this marriage.

Mr. Mosby was married in 1881 to Mrs. Lucy Fisk, a sister of his second wife. He acquired a fortune of perhaps a quarter of a million dollars, but he leaves his family an even more valuable legacy of an untarnished name and example that is to be emulated.

He was an Episcopalian. Services were at Calvary Church, with pall-bearers Jake M. Wood, J. L. T. Speed, Carrington Mason, William Bowles, Sr., S. P. Read, W. A. Wheatley, D. T. Porter, George Winchester, J. J. Rawlings, W. W. Messick, W. S. Bruce, and H. L. Brinkley.

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Pocket-Size Bible of 1860 Raises Interesting Questions

Nancy Smith of Memphis is one of those people who just can't walk by a collection of old books at a junk dealer's, antique shop, flea market, or any place else. She always has to stop, look them over, and on occasion buy some. One such book she has owned for at least 15 or 20 years is especially intriguing. It's a small New Testament printed in 1860 by the American Bible Society of New York and "translated out of the original Greek, with the former translations diligently compared and revised." The intriguing part is the inscription in the front of the Bible. It reads:

"Presented to
H. Hamilton
C. Williams
H. White
while in Norfolk jail on a charge of
Bein in the African Slave Trade
Oct 23d 1860"

Another entry states that the Bible was presented to the trio by Eli Cuthrill, a Norfolk, Va., publisher who made a practice of giving Bibles to prisoners. Nancy learned this much about Cuthrill from the Norfolk library, but so far has been unable to identify the three prisoners. Anyone who can provide some information on the men or the history involved is asked to contact Nancy at 1353 Garden, Memphis, TN 38134, phone (901) 372-7448 or write Ansearchin' News.

Estrays Taken Up in 1827
In Rutherford County

Ranger B. Gannaway ran a notice dated 27 Dec 1827 in the Murfreesboro Vidette [10 June 1828 issue] listing names and residences of nine persons who had taken up estrays. Listed were:

- Wells Cooper, living on head waters of little Harpeth two miles east of Versailles, one bay horse
- William Walker, 11 miles southeast from Murfreesborough, one bright sorrel stud
- John A. Lowe, living on the waters of Cripple Creek six miles east of Fox's Camp, one filly
- James Timms, three miles north of Abbot's mill, one dark brown filly
- Joseph Ramsey, living on the east fork of Stone's River near Readyville, one sorrel mare
- Arthur M'Crary, living on the headwaters of Cripple Creek, one sorrel horse
- John Lytle, eight miles west of Murfreesborough on the road leading to Franklin, a bay colt
- David Morris, living two miles north of Murfreesborough, one bay horse
- James McKnight, living on the head of Bradley's Creek, one iron grey horse.

Where Was Morning Star, Tennessee?

My William H. Spearman died 24 Nov 1886 in Morning Star, Tenn. This is also his burial place. Would like to know the location of Morning Star. It is not listed in today's maps.

Willie Sue Vieira
1181 Live Oak Trail
Liberty Hill, TX 78642-4726

EDITOR'S REPLY: A directory of Tennessee postoffices shows that Morning Star was the name of a post office established in Washington County on 7 Aug 1878. The post office was closed on 30 Nov 1900 and moved to Jonesboro. The book, Washington Co., Tenn., Tombstone Inscriptions, Vol. II, compiled by Charles M. Bennett and the Watauga Association of Genealogists and published in Nashville in 1978, lists the Morning Star Independent Baptist Church Cemetery. Its location is described as being on Helton Road behind Ashby Methodist Church. When the inscriptions were copied in 1973, the oldest marker was dated 1973. If you'd like to do further checking, see letter below.

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White Rock, Kans., Also Among the Missing

In October 1862, according to a family record, my great aunt Rachel Harrison married Alexander Marsh in White Rock City, Jewell Co., Kans. I couldn't find the town on any map. I had two cousins who lived nearby. They drove the back roads looking for signs of habitation. No luck. I wrote to the U. S. Geological Survey. They had the facts. We were off base. The town name was White Rock, not White Rock City. It was located just over the line in Republic County, not Jewell County. Most importantly, the White Rock post office, established in 1870, was discontinued in 1900. It had died as have 6,000 other Kansas towns, an estimate I noted in Forbes magazine.

The Geological Survey provided a precise written description of White Rock's location and pinpointed it on a 1:100,000 scale map. They sent a page from Kansas Post Offices by Baughan, two pages from Bulletin of the U. S. Geological Survey, No. 154, dated 1898, and two pages from Kansas Place-Names by John Rydjord. The source for this great service, which took about three weeks, is: U. S. Board on Geographic Names, U. S. Geological Survey, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 20192-0523, E-mail address: www.usgs.gov

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4635 Chickasaw Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for passing along this information. It should be helpful to many of our readers.
Early Giles County Deeds, Book B
Abstracted by Jean Alexander West from Tennessee State Archives Microfilm Roll 70

Pages 94-95: Dated 29 Mar 1810. For consideration of $1,000, William Terril Lewis of Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to Richard Hightower of Williamson Co., Tenn., 405 acres lying in Giles County. Property, granted to Lewis by Grant #1796, adjoins George Doherty's 5,000-acre grant on the west. Witnesses: Alexander Donelson, Jr., James Fitzsimmons, H. Rutherford. On back, deed was acknowledged at Davidson Co. Court session of July 1810 by Lewis, and ordered recorded 16 Jul 1810. Andrew Ewing, Clerk.

Pages 95-97: Dated 3 Feb 1807. For consideration of $3,000, Thomas Hickman of Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to Abraham/Abram Maury and John Walthall of Williamson Co., Tenn., 2,786 acres in Middle District of Williamson County on Richland Creek of Elk River adjoining George Doherty's SW corner. Land is part of 5,000-acre grant to Robert Hays by Grant #105 dated 10 Jul 1788. Hickman bond to Maury dated 16 Dec 1796. Witnesses: W. Barrow, John Q. Talbot, Thomas Talbot. On back is written receipt of Probate Court, dated 14 June 1808: This day John Walthall rec'd a separate indenture, it being part of within mentioned tract for which he gave a receipt to Thomas Hickman, and agrees that if the land which falls in his part should not be of the quality described, he will take the deficiency in other lands as agreeable to the bond referred to. Acknowledged by Abram Maury. On back: Davidson Co. Circuit Court, 12 March 1810. This indenture between Thomas Hickman and Abram Maury & John Walthall was acknowledged in open court by Thomas Hickman and Abram Maury, and ordered recorded. J. Randolph McGavock, Clerk.


Pages 100-101: Surveyor's certificate, State of North Carolina, Middle District, Entry #1143, dated 31 Oct 1783. Ed Harris, district surveyor, certifies on 1 Mar 1785 that he has surveyed for Henry Mumford 5,000 acres on south side of Duck River and both sides of Long Creek. Witnesses: Mark Robertson, David McKee. Will White, Secretary.

State of N.C. Grant #79 to Henry Montford for 5,000 acres in Middle District on Duck River on both sides of Long Creek. Dated 10 Jul 1788. J. Glasgow, Secretary. Sam Johnston. A true copy. Will White.

Pages 101-104: Dated 11 Jul 1809: 5,000 acres conveyed by Stephen Childress, high sheriff of Williamson Co., to George W. Campbell of Knoxville by order of former county court clerk John Armstrong at time of his death owed $1,030.02 which was balance of a $1,587.15 judgment issued in name of William T. Lewis against heirs of said John Armstrong and his real estate in April 1802 Davidson County court. On 28 Sept 1807, Sheriff Childress, by his Deputy Wm. Hulme, sold at auction 5,000 acres in Williamson County on Richland Creek at the mouth of Robinson Creek for $1,034.02 to highest bidder, George W. Campbell, by his agent Joseph Phillips. Land was assessed $1,000 with H&A. Witnesses: J. Whorton, Will Williams, Jno. Dickinson. Deed acknowledged and certified at April 1809 court term. N. P. Hardeman, Williamson Co. ct. clk. Recorded 3 Oct 1809, Book B, p. 136. Nicholas Scales, Williamson Co. registrar.

Pages 105-106: Dated 21 Mar 1796: For consideration of $100 in Spanish dollars, John Lockhart, one of heirs of Samuel Lockhart, dec'd, of North Hampton Co., N.C., conveys to Elijah Robinson of Davidson Co., Tenn., U.S. Territory south of Ohio River, 1,000 acres of land in Indian Territory on Elk River. Tract adjoins 3,000 acres surveyed by Robert Weakly, being part of 5,000 acres granted Sam'l Lockhart by state of N.C. on 10 Jul 1788 in Grants #59 and 66 recorded in North Hampton Co. On back of conveyance: Davidson Co., Tenn., 21 Jan 1811. Witnesses: Daniel Ross and Thomas Molloy. Ross swears that Thomas Molloy has been dead long since, but that signature is his handwriting. Andrew Ewing, Clerk.

Pages 106-108: Dated 12 Oct 1810: For consideration of $200, Oliver Williams of Williamson Co. conveys to Caleb White, Giles Co., 120 acres on eastern waters of Indian Creek of Elk River adjoining property of George Doherty and John Purviance's 3,000-acre tract on north. Land originally granted to Nathan G. Pinson by Grant #2217, with H & A's. On back: Nicholas P. Hardeman, Williamson Co. ct. clk., certifies deed was acknowledged in Oct 1810 by Williams and orders it recorded.

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Pages 110-111: Dated 10 Apr 1810. For consideration of $5.00, John Dabney, Sr., of Williamson Co., Tenn., conveys to William Dabney, Giles Co., 160 acres on Big Creek waters of Richland Creek, adjoining John Dabney, Sr.’s 1,250-acre tract purchased from William T. Lewis, with all H.& A. Witnesses: John White, John Dabney, Jr. In Giles Co. ct. session 18 Feb 1811, White and Dabney acknowledged and certified deed, and German Lester, ct. clk., ordered it recorded.

Pages 112-114: Dated 18 Dec 1810. For consideration of $1,000, Howell Tatum of Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to John Walthall, Williamson Co., Tenn., 320 acres in District 2 on east side of Richland Creek of Elk River in Giles County. Tract adjoins lands of James Lewis (as assignee of Tipton Lewis), Isaac Price, John Marr, Ezekiel Polk, and Montfort, and was granted to Tatum by Grant #2749. Witnesses: David S. Deaderick, Robert Searcy. In Jan 1811 term of Davidson Co. court. David Deaderick and Robert Searcy certified deed as witnesses, and Andrew Ewing, ct clk., ordered it recorded.


Pages 119-120: Dated 4 Oct 1810. For consideration of $1.00, Nathan G. Pinson, Lincoln Co., Tenn., conveys to Oliver Williams, Williamson Co., 120 acres on Indian Creek of Elk River in Giles Co. Land with H&A granted Pinson by Grant #2217 and adjoins that of George Doherty and John Purviance. Witnesses: Elliott Hickman, William Smith. Deed proved by Hickman and Smith in Williamson Co. Jan 1811 court session, and certified 30 Jan 1811 by Nicholas P. Hardeman, ct. clk.

Pages 121-122: Dated 10 Apr 1810. For consideration of $10, John Dabney, Sr., Williamson Co., conveys to John Dabney, Jr., Giles Co., 160 acres on Big Creek, a branch of Richland Creek, with H&A. Witnesses: J. White, Wm. Dabney. Deed proved in Giles Co. court Feb 1811 term by witnesses. Ordered registered by German Lester, ct. clk., 18 Feb 1811.

Pages 122-124: Dated 29 Mar 1810. For consideration of $1,000, John Haywood, Davidson Co., Tenn., attorney, conveys to John Yance, Giles Co., 500 acres on Richland Creek adjoining Bumpuss Rd., property of Thos. Brittain (?) marked by Robert Weakley, and property of Charles Polk surveyed by Geo. Breckenridge, with H&A. Witnesses: John Mayfield, William Ramsey. If tract is more than 500 acres, surplus shall belong to J. Haywood. If tract is less than 500 acres, he will make up deficiency. Witnesses: John Mayfield, Wm Ramsey, John Graves, Elijah Anthony. Deed proved in Giles Co. ct. by Elijah Anthony and John Graves. Ordered registered 20 Feb 1811 by German Lester, Giles ct. clk.

Pages 124-129: Dated 4 May 1810. For consideration of $2,500, James Patton and Andrew Erwin of Asheville, N.C., convey to James Reed, Giles Co., one-half of a parcel of land on Richland Creek adjoining William Raney’s southwest corner. Land is part of 500 acres originally granted by state of North Carolina to Stokely Donaldson [Donelson] on 17 June 1790 by Warrant 532. Donaldson conveyed 532 acres of original grant to Augustin Woodcliffe who on 10 Jul 1790 sold it to James Patton, Andrew Erwin, and James Reed. Patton and Erwin jointly conveyed to James Reed one-half or 2500 acres of the grant with all H&A. Signed by James Patton, Andrew Erwin, and James Mitchell. Witnesses: John Jones, Samuel Jones. In Dec 1810 term of Giles Circuit Ct., deed proved by Samuel Jones, John Jones, and by James Mitchell, attorney for Patton and Erwin. James Berry, clk., certified deed and ordered it registered 11 Dec 1810. Also recorded with deed is plat drawn of 5,000 acres in State of N. C. Middle District by warrant from entry taker, Grant #532 dated 27 Oct 1783. Surveyed for Stokely Donaldson, 5,000 acres on Richland Creek, a branch of Elk River adj. Wm. Raney’s southwest corner. Surveyed 18 Mar 1786 by J. M. Lewis, deputy surveyor for Middle District, with Angaley (?) Jeter and Turner Williams, chain carriers. Also filed is N. C. Grant #155: For consideration of 10 lbs. per 100 acres, grant is made to Stokely Donaldson for 5,000 acres.

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in Middle District on Richland Creek adjoining William Raney's southwest corner if registered in Registrar's office within 12 months. Dated 17 June 1790. Signed 10 Jul 1790 by N.C. Gov. Alexander Martin and Sec. J. Glasgow.


State of Tennessee, Grant #1219, part of Warrant #117 dated 31 Jan 1803 issued to Howell Tatum and entered 25 Aug 1807 by #319. Granted to Tatum and heirs 33.5 acres on waters of Elk River in District 2, fractional section of Range 1 adjoining line run by James Bright as Congressional Reservation line at Howell Tatum's east line to Samuel Lockheart's 2,000 acres, surveyed 22 Jul 1808 with H&A. Dated 30 June 1809. Signed by Gov. John Sevier, Sec. R. Houston.

Pages 132-133: State of Tennessee, Grant #1220, Warrant #94, dated 7 Jan 1803 and issued to Howell Tatum, entered 10 Dec 1808 by #3. Grant consists of 88.5 acres in Maury Co. District 2 adjoining Tatum's 100 acres at northwest corner to fractional section of Range 1, supposedly on Reservation, with H&A. Surveyed 31 July 1808. Grant dated 30 June 1809, signed by Gov. John Sevier, Secretary R. Houston.

Pages 134-135: State of Tennessee, Grant #1218, Warrant #124, dated 31 Jan 1803 to Howell Tatum, entered 23 Dec 1808 by #46. Grant consists of 77.25 acres, District 2, on one of Elk River branches adjoining his 44-acre tract. Surveyed 30 Jul 1808, with H&A. Signed 30 June 1809 by Gov. John Sevier, Sec. R. Houston.

Pages 135-136: State of Tennessee, Grant #1221, Warrant #110 dated 31 Jan 1803 to Howell Tatum, entered 10 Dec 1808 by #4. Grant consists of 44 acres in District 2 adjoining Congressional line run by Mr. Bright. Surveyed 30 Jul 1808, with H&A. Signed on 30 June 1809 by Gov. John Sevier, Sec. R. Houston.

Pages 137-138: Dated 18 Feb 1811. For consideration of $100, deed of trust between William Hanby, Nelson Patteson, and German Lester, in order to secure $300 debt owed by Hanby to Lewis Kirk. Hanby, conveys following to Patteson and Lester: Negro woman Cinthia and her child, four cows and calves, four yearlings, 30 hogs, two beds and furniture, bay mare and bay colt, three pots, two ovens, one skillet, one kettle. After 8 Feb 1813 and after legal advertising of sale, Patteson and Lester are to sell foregoing to highest bidder for ready money and reasonable charges. Signed by Hanby, Patteson, and Lester. Witnesses: Will Ball, B. M. Patteson, N. A. Patteson. Registered 25 June 1811.

Pages 139-141: Dated 18 Jul 1810. For consideration of $240, Howell Tatum, Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to John Jones, Giles Co., 80 acres on Richland Creek, a branch of Elk River, adjoining boundary of old grant in name of Stokely Donelson, Henry Montford's Grant #82 for 5,000 acres, and Charles Genard's SE corner. Tract granted Tatum by state of Tennessee Grant #2118 with all H&A. Witnesses: Somerset Moore, William Parker. Registered 26 June 1811.


Pages 144-146: Dated 14 Aug 1810. For consideration of $5,052.87, William Polk, Wake Co., N. C., conveys to Martin Lane, Wilson Co., Tenn., and Thomas Lane, Bedford Co., Tenn., 1,347.50 acres on Richland Creek of Elk River in Giles County. Part of 3,000-acre grant (#49) to Thomas Polk by state of North Carolina dated 10 Jul 1788; land adjoins Larkin Cleveland's southeast corner, with all H&A. Witnesses: John B. Hogg, Blackman Coleman. On back: B. C. Coleman, Rutherford Co., Tenn., court clerk, ordered certification 1 Oct 1810.

Page 146: Plat of Henry Montford's 5,000-acre tract. State of North Carolina Middle District warrant #1843 from state entry taker dated 31 Oct 1793. Land located on south side of Duck River on both sides of Long Creek, crosses and recrosses creek. Surveyed 1 Mar 1785 by E. Harris, deputy surveyor. Witnesses: Mark Robertson, David McRee.

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Page 146-147: State of North Carolina Grant #79 to Henry Montford for 5,000 acres on Long Creek. Registered 28 June 1811 for 10 lbs. per 100 acres, paid to state treasury. Boundaries as above, with all H&A. Signed by Gov. Samuel Johnston, Sec. J. Glasgow, 1788. Recorded in Secretary’s office.

Pages 148-149: Dated 1 Jan 1811. For consideration of $600, Howell Tatum, Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to Nathan Bass, Giles Co., 326.25 acres on Indian Creek adjoining Bright meridian, and lines of George Doherty and Joshua Richman. Land conveyed to Tatum by Grant #2769 with all H&A’s. Witnesses: Thomas Marks, Lester Morris, James Goldsbury. On back of deed: Proved and registered 18 Feb 1811 by German Lester, Giles Co. ct. clk.

Pages 150-153: Dated 1 Jan 1811. For consideration of $600, Howell Tatum, Davidson Co., Tenn., conveys to Joshua Richman, Giles Co., 281.75 acres on Indian Creek of Elk River, adjoining north boundary of Grant #276 to Tatum, southwest corner of Grant #2768 to Tatum, Grant #2769 to Nathan Bass, Grant #2766 to Tatum, and Grant #2767 to Tatum with all H&A. Witnesses: Thomas Marks, Lester Morris, James Goldsbury. On back of deed: Proved by witnesses in Feb 1811 Giles Co. court term. Registered 18 Feb 1811 by German Lester, ct. clk.


State of N.C., Middle District, Certificate of Survey for Warrant #1633 dated 10 Apr 1784 from North Carolina entry taker for 1,470 acres granted to Jethro Sumner on east waters of Richland Creek of Elk River, adjoining Micager Green Lewis. Surveyed by R. Weakly and chain carriers Amos Moore, Charles Anderson. Surveyed 17 Mar 1786.

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Thirty ‘Young and Beautiful’ Ladies Graduate from Mr. Ward’s Seminary

Diplomas were conferred on 30 ‘young and beautiful’ ladies at Mr. Ward’s Seminary on Friday evening, 28 June 1867, according to The Nashville Gazette of 30 June.

The graduates presented Principal W. E. Ward with a splendid marble clock which he assured the donors would grace the seminary as long as the institution should exist. The Gazette said the principal might well feel proud of his success as a teacher, having only commenced his school since the close of the war and having “almost obtained in this brief time a pre-eminence over any other school in the South.”

Graduating were:

- Hattie Abernathy, Leighton, Ala.
- Anna Bramlitt, Nashville
- Mattie Bright, Nashville
- Loulie Buford, Pulaski
- Delia Buford, Pulaski
- Mary E. Curry, Nashville
- Mary Clem Curry, Nashville
- Mattie E. Dillin, Nashville
- Katie Donelson, Nashville
- Alice Fitzpatrick, Cornersville
- Eugenia Ford, Kosciusko, Miss.
- Emme Hamilton, Nashville
- Faustina B. Harris, Cornersville
- Cora Hoffa (home not given)
- Mild Kennedy, Pulaski
- Florence A. Lee, Spring Hill
- Anna McAlton, Hickman, Ky.
- Florence McLean, Middleton, Ky.
- Missie McLean, Middleton, Ky.
- Amanda Nell, Carrollton, Miss.
- Ellen S. Pullen, Pulaski
- Cora Bell Reed, Pulaski
- Decia Reed, Pulaski
- Sallie C. Ridley, Murfreesboro
- Fannie J. Robinson, Huntsville, Ala
- Mollie W. Robinson, Huntsville, Ala
- E. Clapton Sproull, Cartersville, Ga
- Tabitha D. Wherry, Hendersonville
- Izora Wilkes, Culleoka, Tenn
- Eliza Winston, Nashville
The rattlesnakes were hibernating. The temperature was in the mid-50s and the sun was shining. It was a perfect day in February to go “hunting” for a cemetery. We finally had permission to go on private property to search for the Long cemetery. In the mid-1800s, our maternal great-great-grandfather, William Long, had owned land near Reelfoot Lake in Obion County, Tennessee. We had heard tales of a Long cemetery for years, and we were hoping this would be the day we would find his burial place. He died of winter fever in March 1860.

Armed with cameras, tracing paper, pencils, and note paper, we were ready for this adventure. From Wynnburg, Tenn., we drove east on Lake Road, turned left on Greasy Lane, and headed for the Bluff Road. Our destination was a farm-machinery shed once owned by a friend of the family. The farmer who had given us permission leased the land for his cattle.

Our first obstacle was a rusted barbed wire fence. The largest opening we could find did not look much larger than our heads, and certainly not large enough for our derrieres. We had to shed our winter jackets, and use our gloves to hold the barbed wire while we managed to wiggle through. Thank goodness we had worn our boots, because we found ourselves in the middle of an area where the cows had just left. Stepping carefully, we spotted a footbridge over a small creek running east and west. This creek emptied into a large creek running north and south. Our instruction was to follow the large creek about 400 yards. Across the creek on another hill was an old, deserted, weathered, farm house. It appeared to be over a hundred years old. The wood was dark gray and the sun cast shadows in the paneless windows. It seemed as though we had stepped back in time. Everything was still, with the exception of the water flowing in the creek. We stopped to make pictures and enjoy this view from the past.

We scurried up and down hills, slipping and sliding. We squeezed through two more rusted barbed wire fences, pushed branches out of our way, and walked in old leaves sometimes up to our knees. We had to hang on to dead trees to keep from falling or sinking into soft places in the earth. We traveled much farther than planned, and decided to turn back. Just as we had given up all hope, we finally spotted a tombstone in the distance. It stood about three feet tall and glistened from the sun shining through the bare branches. We were so excited. We kept looking back through the thicket to make sure it wasn’t a mirage. We were a little disappointed, when we found only four tombstones and one funeral home marker, and not a Long among them. However, our great-grandmother, Sarah Cravens, had married a Gentry after her husband William’s son, Benjamin Ferrell Long, died, so it is possible William could be buried in one of the several unmarked graves. A couple of the tombstones were broken and very worn from the weather. We had to use tracing paper to get complete information. We recorded the following:  

BROWN, Mrs. Joe, died Apr 27, 1944, age 85 yrs 2 mos 20 days (Funeral home marker)
GENTRY, John R., June 16, 1885 - Jun 16, 1887, son of S. C. & S.A.
GENTRY, (appeared to be Rena H.), Feb 1897 - Oct 24, 1897, “Dau of J. M. Gentry”
HUMPHERS, Nancy, Jun 15, 1812 - Feb 15, 1885, “Wife of Calvin”
STARKES, Mary A., Mar 17, 1804 - Feb 22, 1890, “Wife of J. E.”
We found what appeared to be a wagon trail, which probably was used to bring coffins up the hill, and followed it back to the creek. Although we had spent about three hours at the site, we still were not ready to call it quits. Since it was such a beautiful day, we decided to search for another graveyard we had visited about 25 years earlier. We drove north on Bluff Road trying to remember where it was located. The area looked familiar. Finally we stopped at a mobile home where a man was in the yard. He told us an old graveyard was on the other side of his fence and up a hill. Well, barbed wire and hills had not stopped us yet. We could not read some of the tombstones because they were so old, and some were covered with too much brush and earth. The cemetery appeared to have been abandoned for a long time, and we were surprised to see a few with more current dates. We recorded the following:

- **Barnett, B. B.**, Dec 24, 1830 - Nov 7, 1883 (This was a male. Inscription referred to dearest brother.)
- **Buchanan, W. R.**, Dec 27, 1861 - Dec 12, 1889
- **Grazalla, Jordan**, Jan 27, 1858 - Aug 18, 1879
- **Cashion, Charles Lewis**, May 27, 1953 - Dec 30, 1953
- **Cunningham, A. C.**, Jun 26, 1860 - Dec 22, 1899
- **Cunningham, Joe E.**, 1869 - 1935
- **Cunningham, Dolph**, Apr 20, 1900 - Jun 16, 1911, “Son of M. F. & A.”
- **Cunningham, George R.**, 1906 - 1956, “Father”
- **Cunningham, James P.**, 1899 - 1982
- **Cunningham, Samuel B.**, Jul 19, 1858 - Nov 26, 1878
- **Farris, W. H.**, Mar 21, 1888 - Jun 22, 1901 (enclosed by iron fence)
- **Grazalla, Jordan**, Jan 27, 1858 - Aug 18, 1879
- **Gurtner, Ellen**, Jun 1, 1832 - Sept 3, 1912, “Age 80 yrs”
- **Gurtner, George**, Died Oct 1852 (age was beneath the surface)
- **Gurtner, George T.**, Dec, 1858 - Jun 9, 1865, “Son of G. & N. E.”
- **Hall, Etta R.**, 1885 - 1920
  - John T., 1872 - 1936
- **Humphreys, Robert E. Lee**, Jul 20, 1924 - Mar 4, 1950
- **Neel, W. A.**, Feb 22, 1857 - Sep 2, 1901
- **Reeves, George W.**, Apr 28, 1832 - Mar 26, 1907
  - Nanny P., Aug 20, 1852 - Jul 7, 1932, “His Wife”
- **Reeves, Opal**, Jan 20, 1915 - Apr 10, 1935
- **Riley, George B.**, Dec 10, 1839 - Mar 23, 1889, “Age 49 yrs 3 mos 13 days”
- **Sadler, J. W.**, 1872 - No date
  - Martha, 1874 - 1944
- **Sadler, Neal**, May 6, 1876 - Mar 15, 1927
  - John D., 1920 - 1944
- **Wyatt, George**, Jan 20, 1886 - Mar 28, 1905

The sun disappeared and it was getting dark. It was beginning to feel like February again. We plan to go back after the rattlesnakes start their next long winter nap.

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When the people of Tennessee voted to secede, a large number of citizens in East Tennessee remained loyal to the Union. Fearing there would be acts of rebellion and sabotage against the Confederacy, Brigadier General Felix K. Zollicofler issued a broadside on 7 Aug 1861 warning the citizenry that “treason to the State cannot and will not be tolerated.”

Near the village of Mohawk in Greene County is an area known as Lick Creek Valley. About a mile north is Harmon’s Valley where part of the left bank was called “Pottertown.” A thriving pottery business had been there for generations because the clay on the banks of Lick Creek was in abundant quantity and of excellent quality for pottery-making. Among those who pioneered in the pottery business were the Harmon, Haun, Hinshaw, Vestal, Hendry, Carter, and Morgan families.

The East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad had been cut through the area in 1858, with tracks crossing Lick Creek on wooden trestles. When the Civil War began, the Confederates recognized that the ET&VA was a key link for moving troops and supplies to the Virginia front and determined to control and protect it at any cost. In an effort to head off any sabotage of the railroad, the Confederate government sent an army of thousands into the upper East Tennessee area and kept patrols all along the line. Guards were posted around the clock at bridges, trestles, and stations.1

On the night of 8 Nov 1861 some 50 to 60 pro-Union men gathered at the home of Jacob and Matilda Harmon and finalized plans to burn the railroad’s bridge over Lick Creek. They considered the deed an act of patriotism, and had confidence in the promises of “protection” they had received from high levels of the U. S. government.2 When that protection did not materialize, the Confederate government took swift and terrible action. The bridge-burners who could be identified were doomed. Most of them have never been identified, but five of those who gathered that night were soon to lose their lives: Jacob Harmon, Jr., and his son Thomas Henry Harmon, Jacob Madison Hinshaw3, Henry Fry, and Christopher Alexander “C. A.” Haun (the ancestor of my stepfather Charles Harmon Britton).4

C. A was a master potter5 -- some say one of the best in Tennessee history -- as well as a poet and songwriter. After the burning of the bridge, he returned to his farm at Midway. In late November 1861, Confederate soldiers came to the farm and searched the house and barn but failed to find him.

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1 Harry B. Roberts, Old Times In Greene County, Vol. II, 1989
2 Rev. Wm. B. Carter, pastor of a Rogersville, Tenn., church, met with President Lincoln, Major Gen. Geo. B. McClellan, and Secretary of State Wm. H. Seward and won their approval of his plan for simultaneous burning of nine main railroad bridges between Bridgeport, Ala., and Bristol, Tenn., on 9 Nov 1861. Under the plan, Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, commander of Union forces in Eastern Kentucky, was to advance an army toward Knoxville at the same time to seize and control that rail center and allow the Unionists to revolt against Confederate domination. Lacking sufficient troops and transportation, Thomas did not undertake his mission of liberating East Tennessee but stayed in Kentucky. The invasion was said to have been postponed indefinitely without Lincoln’s knowledge.
3 Surname also appears as Hensie in some sources, and Hinchie in others.
4 Haun and Hinshaw were neighbors, and both were potters.
5 One example of his work is held by the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville. Only two are known to have survived.
As they were about to leave, one of C.A.'s brothers walked up and asked the soldiers what they were doing. When they told him, he said C.A. was in the house because he had seen him earlier that day. The Confederate soldiers went back into the house and this time found C.A. between the mattresses on the bed. A female relative who was there throughout the episode became very angry, and yelled, "His brother told on him!"

Meanwhile, Confederate Secretary of War J. P. Benjamin had given explicit instructions to Col. W. B. Wood at Knoxville concerning the bridge-burners, notifying him that: (1) all persons identified as having been engaged in bridge-burning were to be tried summarily by drum-head court martial and, if found guilty, were to be executed on the spot by hanging;\(^6\) and (2) all not proved to have been so engaged were to be treated as prisoners of war and sent with an armed guard to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to be imprisoned until the end of the war.

The first of the men to go on trial were Jacob M. "Matt" Hinshaw and Henry Fry. They were tried, found guilty, and hanged all in one day -- 30 Nov 1861. Their bodies were left hanging for about 24 hours in Greeneville before being taken down. In Knoxville on 10 Dec 1861, Haun and the two Harmons were tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged at noon the next day. While in the Knoxville prison awaiting his trial and execution, C.A. was allowed to write a few letters, and several of these are still in possession of family members. He is said to have written his final letter while sitting on his own coffin waiting for his sentence to be carried out. On the day of his trial, he wrote his family, neighbors, and friends:

> "I have had my trial but have not heard my sentence. I fear it will be bad. They may take my life and they may not. I cannot tell as yet. When I hear my sentence, I will write again. If I should not reach home soon I want you all to do the very best you can. Betsy [his wife], take care of your corn for bread. There is going to be hard times about bread, and have that ware finished off and get shoes and clothing and something to go on as you think best. I may be sent to Nashville. If I am, when my time is out I may come home if it is the Lord's will that I should live that long. The Lord only knows what is my doom. Be that as it may, I feel that my soul is with God. Children, be good to your mother and to one another and serve God. He is your Father. Really my prayer is that you all will live for God so that you may meet me in peace forever where trouble and sorrow are unknown. If tears could do you any good, you would be blessed."

Haun went on to discuss a copper mine which he apparently owned, and advised his wife to rent it until their son Jacob (then 13) was old enough to manage it. He urged his wife to have a written agreement between himself and Nathan Haun concerning the mine registered and recorded, and get Charlie Dickerson and V. H. Bolling to prove it in court. In the letter, C.A. included the words of a ballad he had written his family and requested that Clark [unidentified] sing it one time. It went like this:

> "Dear Betsy, for I call you so
  Farewell for a little season
Dear Jacob, my son, for I call you so
  Farewell for a little season
Dear Becky Jane, for I call you so
  Farewell for a little season
Dear Sarah, my daughter, for I call you so
  Farewell for a little season
Dear Martha, my daughter, for I call you so,
  Farewell for a little season." \(^7\)

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\(^6\) Benjamin added: "It would be well to leave their bodies hanging in the vicinity of the burned bridges"

\(^7\) C.A.'s wife Betsy gave birth to their fifth child, Mary Ann, two months after his death.
In a separate letter to his wife the same day, C.A. gave her specific advice about where she should live, and how she should bring up the children.

“I want you to move where we used to live on Arthur’s place -- where he can sorter see to you and the children and work for him in place of to and fro among strangers.

“Make the children read the testament every Sabbath that they are not at preaching -- and every opportunity that you have talk to them as you have heard me do and keep them away from all bad company. Do not suffer them to use bad words nor quarrel with one another, and learn them manners. It will be for their benefit. If anyone comes to you hungry, turn them not away empty if you have it for them and the Lord will bless you more abundant.”

C.A. also asked his wife to pay off his debts, collect those owed him, sell his clay mill, pottery-making equipment, and supplies, etc. "Do the best you can," he said, “This is a hard task, directing you with my death so near but I want to [give] the best advice I can while on earth ... Dear wife, here is the hard part, closing the last letter to you and my children forever on earth.”

On 11 December, the last day of his life, C. A. wrote his jailer, Colonel Baxter, the following:

“Colonel Baxter -- I have to die today at 12 o’clock. I beg of you to have my body sent to Midway Post Office directed to Elizabeth Haun. This much I beg of you, this 11th day of December 1861.

C. A. Haun

According to my calculations, I am this day 40 years old, 3 months and 3 days”

He apparently was assured by Col. Baxter that his wishes would be carried out because in his final letter to his wife, C. A. wrote:

“Dear Elizabeth -

I have the promise that my body will be sent home to you.
O live for heaven
Oh my bosom friend and children
Live for heaven, I pray.
My time is almost out, dear friends, farewell to this world --
farewell to earth and earthly troubles.

C. A. Haun”

Haun died on the gallows at Knoxville, and his body was shipped home to Midway Station. When the body arrived at the post office, the postmaster was said to have sent a message to Betsy saying: “Come get this damn Yankee carcass or I’ll dump it out in the road.” According to family tradition, one of C.A.’s brothers heard of this and, went immediately to the post office and whipped the postmaster. C. A. was buried in Concord Baptist Church Cemetery. His daughter Rebecca saved the Union flag which was on his coffin and the family still has it.

On 17 December 1861 two other bridge-burners, Jacob Harmon, 43, and his son, Thomas Henry Harmon, 22, were hanged the same day. The son went to the gallows first, and his father was forced to watch. The rope broke on the first attempt, and Thomas Henry’s half-lifeless body was hanged a second time. Then Jacob mercifully faced his own death.8 The two are buried at Old Harmon Cemetery between Mosheim and Mohawk Mill.

8 Jacob was born 2 June 1818. He and his wife Malinda Self (b. 26 Jan 1818 - d. 30 May 1872) were parents of 7 children: James Clinton Harmon (1831-1852), Thomas Henry (b. 2 Sept 1839, d. 17 Dec 1861); Mary P. (b. 30 July 1838, d. 7 August 1863), Andy J. (d. 20 Sept 1874), M. P. (b. 26 Aug 1855, died 4 Jan 1915), Neal, and Bessie Harmon Everhart.
A sixth man, Harrison Self, also was tried and convicted for the Pottertown bridge-burning. His execution was set for 4 p.m. on 26 Dec 1861. In the meantime, Harrison’s daughter, Elizabeth Self, asked Knoxville editor William G. Brownlow -- who at that time was in the Knoxville jail -- to write a dispatch for her to Confederate President Jefferson Davis imploring him to pardon her father. Brownlow’s letter was apparently quite effective. President Davis commuted Self’s sentence to imprisonment for the rest of the war. Following Self’s trial, Daniel Smith and Jacob Myers were tried and found guilty of having some connection with the burning of the Lick Creek bridge. Both were sent to prison in Tuscaloosa.9

The hangings of the five men stirred quite an uproar and caused the Confederate government much embarrassment. Several years later, Congress passed a special act compensating the lawyers of the condemned men. All five of the executed men were posthumously made members of the U.S. Army’s 2nd Tennessee Infantry Regiment, Co. F.

On 2 Jul 1864, another special act allowed pensions for the widows and 20 orphans of the executed men. C.A.’s widow, Elizabeth “Betsy” Haun, was authorized to begin receiving an $8 monthly pension on 11 Dec 1864. Each of her minor children was to get $2 per month until reaching the age of 16.

HAUN FAMILY GENEALOGY

Christopher Alexander Haun was born 14 Sep 1821 in Greene Co., Tenn., the son of Daniel and Magdalene (McDonald) Haun. On 29 Dec 1846 in Greene County, C. A. married Elizabeth Cobble who was born in 1828 [parents unknown]. C. A. died 11 Dec 1861 in Knoxville, Tenn., and Elizabeth died 10 Mar 1909 in Greene County. They were the parents of five children:

1. Jacob Daniel Haun - b. 28 Jan 1840, d. in 1907; m. Catharine Ann Ragan on 13 Nov 1867 in Greene Co.
2. Rebecca Jane Haun - b. 26 Dec 1849, d. 30 Jul 1933; m. Andrew Jackson Brown on 15 Aug 1867 in Greene Co.
3. Sarah M. Haun - b. 11 Nov 1855
4. Martha Haun - b. 19 Sep 1859, m. James Calaway Ramsey
5. Mary Ann Haun - b. 7 Feb 1862, m. Ward (?)

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9 The Knoxville Whig of 5 Mar 1864 reported that all suspects were arrested and held until a drove of 100-200 was collected and then marched off to Tuscaloosa. The article mentioned the names of Truit, Pickens, Hodge, Bible, Thornburg, Meck, Hunt who apparently were among them.
Abstracts of Early Marion County Deeds, 1831
(Abstracted from Deed Book C as copied by the W.P.A. in 1936 and microfilmed by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville)

PAGE 1: On 10 Jan 1829 Ferrell Belsher conveys 840 acres to Wiley Belsher for $1,000. Property conveyed consists of two tracts: (1) 640 acres lying on the Tennessee River known as the reservation taken by John Walker, Jr., and the place whereon Ferrell Belsher now lives, and (2) 200 acres adjoining the reservation where the town of Jasper is situated and the lands of Roswell Hall and David Rankin, with all appurtenances. Witnesses: James Hall and William J. Standefer. Proved at August 1830 county court session by Standefer. Other witness, James Hall, now living in Georgia. Benjamin R. Montgomery and John C. Everett proved Hall's signature. Acting on behalf of Court Clerk John Kelly, Deputy Clerk William J. Standefer certified deed on 25 Jan 1831 and ordered it registered. Deed registered 1 Apr 1831.

PAGE 2: On 26 May 1830, Luke Hendrix conveys 14-1/2 acres to Jesse Stinnett for $100. Property is on waters of Little Sequatchee adjoining lands of Hendrix and Reuben Stinnett, and is part of Tennessee land grant #6276 to Hendrix. Includes hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: Jesse Humble and James Griffith. Proved at August 1830 court session on testimony of witnesses. Deputy Clerk Wm. J. Standifer certifies deed on 24 Jun 1831, and deed is registered 2 Apr 1831.

PAGE 3: On 19 Sep 1828, Jonathan Eaves conveys 60 acres to Mark Follett for $400. Property is in Marion County on the waters of Battle Creek in Sweeten's Cove, and is the remainder of a 160-acre tract grant to Eaves by the State of Tennessee and is the place where he now lives. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: Asa Womack, William Eaves. Proved at August 1830 county court session by oaths of William Eaves and Obediah Bean who swears he saw Womack witness deed. [Womack now non-resident of Tennessee.] Certified by Court Clk. John Kelly on 24 June 1832, and registered 4 Apr 1831 by William Standifer, Deputy Clerk.

PAGE 4: On 17 Jul 1830, Joseph Martin and John S. Martin convey 100 acres to Hiram Hatfield for $17. Property entered in Marion County entry taker's office on 16 Aug 1825 by David Curnutt, the plat and certificate being assigned by Curnutt to John S. Martin. Land lies on the southeast side of Sequatchee Creek and includes the place where Joseph Martin formerly lived. Surveyed 13 Jan 1826, with its appurtenances. Witnesses: Stephen Richards, Claiborn Gott. Proved in November 1830 court session by Richards and Gott. Ordered certified and registered by Clk. John Kelly at his office in Jasper on 7 Dec 1830. Registered 4 Apr 1831 by William Standifer, Deputy Clerk.

PAGE 5: On 18 Mar 1830, Absolom Deakins and George Stewart convey 100 acres to Hiram Hatfield for $781. Land is part of 140-acre tract Deakin and Stewart bought from heirs of Landon Carter, deceased, on the Sequatchie river. Witnesses: Allen Kirklin and William Stewart. Proved at Nov 1830 county court session. Ordered certified and registered on 8 Dec 1830 by Deputy Clerk William Standifer. Registered 4 Apr 1831.

PAGE 6: On 6 Mar 1830, Mark Follett conveys 60 acres to Obediah Beene for $500. Land is on the waters of Battle Creek in Sweeten's Cove, being the remainder of a 160-acre tract originally granted Jonathan Eaves by the state of Tennessee and being the place where Eaves formerly resided. Included are hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: Robert Beene, Benjamin Salmon. Proved at Aug 1830 county court session. Certified by Deputy Clerk William Standifer. Registered 4 Apr 1831.

PAGE 7: On 1st Aug 1829, Alexander Standridge conveys 50 acres to Robert Payne for $300. Property, originally granted to Standridge by the State of Tennessee, is on the waters of Battle Creek in Sweeten's Cove and includes place where Standridge now lives together with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: Obediah Beene, William Womack. Proved at Nov 1830 county court session by Beene. Womack now non-resident of state. Certified by Deputy Clerk William Standifer on 7 Dec 1830, registered 5 Apr 1831.

PAGE 8: On __ Aug 1830, Hopkins L. Turney of Franklin Co., Tenn., conveys 130 acres to David Rankin of Marion County for $300. Land is on southeast bank of Sequatchee river a short distance above the north and northeast corner of Rankin's tract. Includes hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: John Kelly, James Jones. Proved in August 1830 county court session. Ordered certified by Deputy Clerk William Standifer on 24 Jan 1831. Registered 5 Apr 1831.

PAGE 9: On 9 Sep 1829, Andrew Branson conveys 90 acres to Erasmus Alley for $240. Land is on southeast side of Sequatchee river beginning in old field where road leading from Kelly's bridge runs square out from the river ... then runs up river to stake in upper corner of river as specified in Grant No. 12450, then south along line of said survey and another survey in the name of James Standifer to the road leading from said bridge ... it being the whole 80-acre tract granted by the State of Tennessee to James Standifer by Grant No. 12450 and part of 85 acres granted to him by the state in Grant No. 12451, with...
hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: John Rice, William Arnett. Proved in November 1830 county court session. Deputy Clerk William Standifer certified deed on 8 Dec 1830, and it was registered 5 Apr 1831.

PAGE 10: On 17 Sep 1830, Joseph Hawkins conveys 50 acres to David Chaudoin, Jr., for $150. Property is situated on the northwest side of Sequatchee river on the ridge between Big and Little Sequatchee near the head of the ridge between Philips and Copelin's. Includes hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: Burgess A. Matthews, James Chaudoin. Proved in Feb 1831 county court session; registered 6 Apr 1831.

PAGE 11: On 10 Aug 1829, John Burgess conveys 60 acres to David Chaudoin, Jr., for $300. Tract is on northeast side of Little Sequatchee at mouth of Hall's branch, and includes 8 acres originally granted by the State of Tennessee to Alexander Coulter on 29 July 1822 and conveyed by Coulter to George Carroll and from him to Burgess. Balance is adjoining 52 acres granted by the state to Burgess by Grant No. 13137 dated 11 Aug 1826. Includes hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: John Kelly, James Chaudoin. Proved in Feb 1831 county court session by oaths of witnesses. Registered 6 Apr 1831 by Deputy Clerk William Standifer.

PAGE 12: On 11 Feb 1831, Hinichia Gilliam sells Sarah, a Negro woman aged about 21 years old, to David Rankin for $350. In the bill of sale Hinichia warrants that Sarah is "sound and a slave for life." Witnesses: Gilbert Sims, Samuel W. Roberson. Registered 6 Apr 1831.


PAGE 14: In deed of trust dated 24 Oct 1830, William P. Rice by his attorney in fact, John Rice, Jr., conveys 100 acres to George W. Rice for $127 and one-half cent. The property on Cumberland Mountain was entered in the Marion County entry taker's office by a certain Cox, being the same land he sold to William Hill and by him to William P. Rice, the tract being known as Rice's saw mill, together with hereditaments and appurtenances. Property is conveyed with the following conditions: (1) John Rice, Jr., is to pay George W. Rice $41.88, the amount or balance of a $62.88 note executed by John to George on 20 Oct 1830; (2) John is to pay George $20 for a note executed by Thomas Pickett and John to Daniel R. Rawlings on 10 Nov 1829 and made payable by 1st Jan 1830; (3) John is to pay George $41.12-1/2, the balance of a $44.75 note executed by John and William P. Rice to Daniel R. Rawlings on 14 Oct and payable on the 1st of December next, (4) John is to pay and satisfy George Rice, for note executed to Daniel R. Rawlings on 28 Nov 1829 and made payable the following 1st Nov with interest and expense on 25 Dec next, (5) John must pay George the amount specified on said notes before 25 Dec next or this instrument to be void and George, after giving 10 days' notice of time and place of sale at three places in Marion County, is authorized to sell the property to the highest bidder at the courthouse in Jasper and apply the proceeds to the foregoing notes. Any overplus to be paid to John Rice, Jr., or William P. Rice after paying the expense of the sale, and George W. Rice authorized to make title to person purchasing same. Witnesses: David L. Schoolfield, Erasmus Allen. Registered 6 Apr 1831.


PAGE 16: On 3 May 1830, John C. Everett and William Arnett, both of Marion County, convey to James Erwin of the town of Nashville, Davidson County, two lots in Jasper. Everett and Arnett executed notes to J. Kirklin and Livingston for $959.73 payable six months after the date in the U. S. Bank in Nashville and $595.73 payable nine months after date. Everett and Arnett are desirous that Kirklin and Livingston be secured in payment of said debts and for the further sum of $5 paid to them by James Erwin, they grant Erwin two lots in Jasper designated in the original plan of the town as Lots No. 63 and 71 containing one-fourth acre each on which there is an unfinished two-story brick house. If the notes are not paid, the property is to be sold to the highest bidder after 20 days' notice. Witnesses: John H. Draper, Alex Jackson. Proved in Davidson County Court April 1831 session. Certified by Henry Ewing, Davidson Co. court clerk. Registered 28 Apr 1831.


PAGE 20: On 16 Sep 1830, Nathaniel Davis, Sr., and James Davis of Marion County convey to Elisha Kirklin of Bledsoe County and Allen Kirklin of Marion 591 acres including appurtenances for $2,650. Land is on Sequatchie river, being same where Allen Kirklin now lives. It adjoins south boundary line of 10,500-acre surveyed and granted to John Sevier and 640-acre tract less 49 acres where William Barker now lives. If by virtue of an older and better title, they are evicted from said land, Nathaniel, James, and their heirs will refund to Elisha and Allen and their heirs the sum of $4.48 per acre with interest from time of eviction. Witnesses: Samuel H. Gott, John Roberts. Proved in May 1831 county court session by oath of witnesses and ordered certified. Registered 14 June 1831.

PAGE 21: Bill of sale dated 18 May 1831: Three Negroes sold by Sheriff James Jones, to Erasmus Alley. In Aug 1830 session of Marion County Court of Pleas & Quarter Session, Alley recovered a judgment against John M. Campbell for $167.30 plus the costs of the suit and also at the Feb 1830 session he recovered $1127 for costs of a suit against William L. Holt as executor of the last will and testament of Elisha M. Holt. Afterwards, the Marion County court clerk’s office issued executions on both judgments. William Jones, deputy sheriff, levied the judgment on three Negro slaves — Dianah, Letty, and Harriett — as the property of Campbell and Holt and, after due notice given according to law, sold the three at public auction, with Erasmus Allen being the highest bidder. Bill of sale certified at May 1831 court session; registered 14 June 1831.

Bill of sale dated 13 May 1830: Samuel B. Mead sold Negro man Dick to Erasmus Allen for $418. Dick was described as about 25 years of age, sound and “senseable,” clear of any impediment, and a lawful slave for life. Witnesses: John Rogers, William Bryant. Proved in May 1831 county court session; registered 14 June 1831.

PAGE 22: In deed dated 24 Feb 1831, Joel Marshall of McNairy County conveys to Reuben Smith of Marion County 122.5 acres for $500. Land is on southeast side of Sequatchie River adj. property of John Baker, George Lane, Douglass’ 50-acre survey and includes house and plantation where Reuben Smith now lives. Witnesses: John Baker, Thomas Smith. Proved by oath of witnesses at May 1831 court session; registered 14 June 1831.


PAGE 24: On 5 Apr 1831, William Hale conveys to George Harris 100 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances for $400. Land is on north bend of Tennessee River adj. lands of Pleasant McBride taken in 250-acre survey, one at 12.5 cents per acre on 16 Jul 1824, No. 272, and the other at one cent per acre bearing date of 16 Nov 1826, No. 6, and Kelly’s corner. Wit.: Pleasant McBride, A. Kelly, Jr. Proved at May 1831 court session, acknowledged by Hale. Registered 15 June 1831.

PAGE 25: On 28 Sep 1830, Alexander Kelly, Jr., conveys to William Hale 60 acres for $555. Land is on bank of Tennessee River adj. property of Charles Harris, being the tract granted Alexander Kelly, Jr., by Grant #13128 with hereditaments and appurtenances. Wit.: Isam Hale, George Harris, Pleasant McBride. Proved May 1831 court session; registered 15 June 1831.

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PAGE 26: On 13 Dec 1829, Green H. Pryor conveys to William Holloway 100 acres with appurtenances for $500. Land adj. that of Thurman & Moore on northwest side of Sequatchee River at head of spring now made by Holloway and James Elledge to 50-acre survey made by Elledge. Wit: Jeriah Holloway, John Holloway. Proved at May 1831 court; registered 16 June 1831.

PAGE 27: On 18 May 1831, James Jones, sheriff, conveyed 210 acres to Daniel R. Rawlings. At May 1831 session of Marion Court of Pleas & Quarter Session, Alexander Coulter recovered a judgment against Elijah Hornbeak for $103.28 and one-half cent plus costs of suit. At February session, Daniel R. Rawlings and Thomas J. Haslerig, partners trading under the firm name of Rawlings & Haslerig, recovered three judgments against Hornbeak: one for $80.20, another for $89.99 and one-fourth cent, and a third for $99. Orders of sale were granted for all three judgments to the plaintiffs on a tract of land owned by Hornbeak. The land was sold at the courthouse in Jasper on 18 Apr 1829 to June 1831.

PAGE 28: Power of attorney dated 16 May 1831. John Southgate of the borough of Norfolk in Virginia in a letter to David W. Dickinson, Esq., of Rutherford Co., Tenn., names him his true and lawful attorney to recover and receive from the administrator of estate of John McIver, deceased, who resided in Rutherford Co., whatever may be due him from said estate. Also authorizes Dickinson to dispose of: (1) 10,500-acre tract of land belonging to Southgate in Marion County and originally granted by state of North Carolina to John Sevier, (2) 3,500-acre tract in Overton County on Wolf River, being the moiety of 8000 acres conveyed to him by John Sevier, the other moiety having been conveyed by him to Gordon and by Gordon to Moses Fisk who in 1818 made to Southgate a reciprocal conveyance and division of 8,000 acres as will more fully appear by deed dated 27 Jul 1818 and registered in Book E, page 284, etc. Southgate further authorizes his attorney to sell a 1,000-acre tract conveyed to him by John Sevier by a deed dated 9 Apr 1803 and registered in Williamson County Court Book No. 1, page 338. Witnesses: John Peters, Robert E. Taylor. Virginia Norfolk County Court on 16 May 1821 ordered letter certified following Southgate's acknowledgment. William Wilson, clerk. Arthur Emmerson, presiding court justice. Certified 16 May 1831, registered 17 June 1831.

PAGE 29: In deed of trust dated 6 Oct 1829, John McIver of Rutherford Co., Tenn., conveys 320 acres to Green H. Pryor of Marion County for $490.80. Land is on southeast east side of Sequatchee Creek or river adj. lands of McIver. Assignees Joel Hilliard and Richard Hudson. Said tract was granted by state of Tennessee to McIver by Patent No. 185766 (?) dated 1st Jan 1823 with appurtenances. Deed is made upon trust, however, that if Andrew McCallie, James Anderson, and John Looney, all of Marion County, or their securities shall on or before 1st Nov 1830 pay Pryor $191.80 with interest from 24 Oct 1829, this being the balance due from them to McIver on account, the original purchase of said tract per agreement drawn by Col. John Kelly. Suits have been instituted and judgments recovered by McIver against McCallie, Anderson, and Looney for the whole consideration, agreed to be paid by them for the land. Balance still owed on judgment of $491.80 must be paid by them to Pryor before 1st Nov 1830 with interest.

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Mrs. Phoebe (White) Nelson Dies in Carter County

Died in Greene County on 29th June 1860 at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. A. H. Matthais of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Phoebe Nelson, relic and widow of Daniel Nelson, Esq., formerly a resident and merchant of Knoxville.

The daughter of Benjamin White, then residing on Big Pigeon in Greene County (now Carter County), she was born 7 Jul 1786 and removed with her father to Knoxville. He put up the house now occupied by Dr. Paxton on Gay Street, one of the oldest structures in town. An emigrant from Virginia, he had been in the Revolutionary War, serving in the Virginia Regiment at King's Mountain and in nearly all of the Indian battles that occurred in the settlement of Tennessee and, though an old man, was under Col. Williams in the battle of Horse Shoe in 1814.

Her maternal ancestors were of Revolutionary stock and acted their part in the service and in the toils and dangers incident to frontier life. In 1809 she was married to David Nelson, long-time citizen of Knoxville where they resided till 1828 when they removed to Carter County. -Brownlow's Knoxville Whig, 28 Jul 1860

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Tennessee Soldiers of 1814 Sleep in Cemetery on Banks of Coosa (Ala.) River

Developed from information contributed by Don Cleveland, 93 Limbaugh St., Sylacauga, AL 35170, phone (256) 245-8345

They were soldiers under General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814 .... and today they rest in the peace and quiet of a small cemetery located on the banks of the Coosa River and Cedar Creek in Talladega County, Alabama. The graveyard, located about 10 miles south of Childersburg and 15 miles southwest of Sylacauga, has a plaque inscribed:

>To the memory of General Jackson
and his Tennessee Volunteers
while camped here in 1814.
He fought the battle of Horse Shoe Bend
and discharged his volunteers.
All were from Tennessee.

Each gravemarker lists the soldier’s name and rank, whose company he served in, and what part of Tennessee he was from.

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Sgt., Newlin’s Co.
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BRIANT SMITH
Pvt., Laughmiller’s Co.
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EDWARD KING
1st Lt., King’s Co.
East Tenn.

ELIAS WADDLE
2nd Lt., Laughmiller’s Co.
East Tenn.

WILLIAM P. HARDEN
Pvt., Newlin’s Co.
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ARCHIBALD NAIL
Pvt., Newlin’s Co.
West Tenn.

ENOCH RECTOR
Pvt., White’s Co.
East Tenn.

THOMAS PITCHERY
Pvt., Trimble’s Co.
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JOHN USHER
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WILLIAM CLOUD
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ROWLING RICE
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JACOB BRUNER
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GEORGE GROSS
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THOMAS J. JOHNSON
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Pvt., Griffin’s Co.
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Pvt., King’s Co.
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PETER MASONER
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SAMUEL McCONKA
Corp., King’s Co.
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Pvt., Everitt’s Co.
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ABLE RICE
Mus., Newlin’s Co.
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GEORGE HELLUMS
Pvt., Chiles’ Co.
East Tenn.

JACOB MOUNT
Pvt., Buchanan’s Co.
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JAMES BOAZ
Pvt., Buchanan’s Co.
East Tenn.

Another Tennessee soldier’s grave in the area is that of Col. George Hill who stayed in Alabama after the war and was given a land grant from Gen. Jackson. The colonel is buried in the Hill Cemetery about four miles west of Sylacauga. His tombstone is inscribed:

GEORGE HILL
FEB 7, 1797
JAN 3, 1867

His wife’s marker bears the following inscription:

JANE HILL
1804
1855...
NOTE: This survey is the third in the progression of Shelby County Land Records which have survived. Survey Book A, covering grants in the 11th Surveyors' District, was printed in Ansearchin' News, Vol. 29 (1982) and Vol. 30 (1983). Occupant Entry Book B was published by Jean Alexander West in 1985, and copies of that publication are available at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and several other libraries. They also are for sale through the Tennessee Genealogical Society. The following transcript of Survey Book B does not include Pages 89, 92, 253, and 254 of Survey Book B which were missing from the photocopy of the original book. Plats are included with each entry. Unless stated otherwise, all surveys through September 1849 were certified by John Wherry. Photocopies are available at the Memphis/Shelby County Archives, 33 S. Front, Memphis, TN 38103.

Page 1, #1 - 1 Jul 1842: Entry #2 for Moses Hickerson, 141 acres, Range 8, Sec. 4 including occupant claim. Adjoins lands of Wm. D. M. Night, George Doherty, Thos. D. Dalby, Robert Young, Isaac B. Hickerson. Certified 19 Sep 1842 from original survey of 28 Oct 1839 by John Ralston. Chain carriers: Jas. Carroll, Jas. N. M. Night.


Page 4, #4 - 1 Jul 1842: Thos. M. Moore, 200 acres, including occupant claim as assignee of Abel Grace, Range 6, Sec. 1 on Winchester State line, crosses Nonconnah Creek twice. Certified 10 Nov 1842 from Jon D. Graham's 1830 survey.


Page 6, #11 - 1 Aug 1842: William Rogers, 18 acres including occupant claim as assignee of Wilson Bright, Range 5, Sec. 2, adj. property of East Tennessee College [President and trustees Robert Strauther, Martin P. Scott, Gooch & Strauther]. Certified 22 Nov 1842 from original survey of 27 Sep 1838.


D. B. O’Banion, 39 acres, including occupant claim as assignee of Phillip H. Dalby, Range 8, Sec. 4, adj. Wilson Cage, Robert Young, George Doherty, 1,000 acres. Certified 20 Dec 1842 from John Ralston’s field notes. Chain carriers: James Carroll, Jas. N. McKnight.


Harden W. Bateman, 200 acres including occupant claim as assignee of Unicy Alsup, Range 9, Sec. 4 on Island #40 in Mississippi River adj. Hiram Russel on bank of Mississippi River. Certified 3 Apr 1843 from survey 9 Aug 1833 by H. Bate.


John Brashares, 150 acres including occupant claim, Range 4, Sec. 2 adj. E. Brown. Certified 4 Apr 1843 from original 29 Apr 1830 survey by John D. Graham.


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Page 17, #54 - 5 Sep 1843: Thomas C. Crenshaw, 129 acres, Range 5, Sec. 2, adj. property of Cumberland College trustees, Warner Harrell, James Gillespie, Andrew Shaine. Certified from 15 Sep 1836 survey.


Page 18, #51 - 4 Sep 1843: Benjamin West, 100 acres, Range 5, Sec. 1. Certified 30 Dec 1843 from John D. Graham's survey of 11 May 1830.

Page 18, #57 - 2 Oct 1843: Jordan Hill, 200 acres, Range 6, Sec. 4, adj. R. J. Hales, Aquilla Reddit, crosses Loosahatchie River twice, Asa Redditt. Certified 27 Dec 1843 from R. Bate's survey of Apr 1833.


Page 20, #77 - 3 Jan 1844: Joseph T. Allen, 140 acres including his occupant claim, Range 4, Sec. 2, adj. a spring, T. C. Crenshaw. Surveyed 13 Jan 1844 by John Wherry.


Page 24, #84 - 5 Apr 1844: Edward Cherry, 195 acres, Range 9, fraction of Sec. 4, Island #40 in Mississippi River, adj. Nathaniel Patten, meanders with river, Royster & Bransford, Hall/Hale. Certified 15 Mar 1838.

Page 24, #79 - 12 Jan 1844: Henry A. Young, 140 acres, including occupant claim as assignee of A. D. Young, Range 4, Sec. 1, adj. Wm. A. Tharp, Wm. Gee, Thomas Bounds, and Winchester state line. Certified 28 Nov 1843

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Page 26, #85 - 5 Jul/Feb: Heirs of Joshua Pursen, 83 acres, including occupant claim as assignee of Lewis Brown, Range 8, Sec. 3, adj. Thomas Hickman, A. B. Carr, John Ivin, T. Talbot. Surveyed by John Ralston [no date], chain-carriers: I. B. Bickerson, N. Costlow (?).


Page 27, #96 - 1 Apr 1844: Heirs of David Royster, 195 acres, Range 4, Sec. 3 adj. J. W. Hunt, East Tennessee College property, McLernore & Hopkins. Certified 19 Apr 1844 from H. Bate's survey of 19 Apr 1833.


Page 28, #52 - 4 Sep 1843: Whitfield Harrel, 107 acres, Range 6, Sec. 1, adj. A. Atkinson, Wm. Brandon, range line between 5 and 6. Certified 6 Aug 1844 from John Wherry's 1837 survey.

Page 28, #100 - 7 May 1844: Whitfield Harrel, 482 acres, Range 9, fraction of Sec. 4, adj. John Ralston, east bank of Mississippi, meanders with river. Certified 6 Aug 1844 from Jul 1821 survey.


Page 31, #69 - 1 Jan 1844: Thomas Dickens, 200 acres by occupant law, Range 8, Sec. 5, adj. George Doherty, Thomas Polk. Certified 29 May 1844 from T. B. Hall's original survey of Sep 1836.


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Page 34, #117 - 2 Dec 1844: Thomas S. Simpson, 200 acres, Range 6, Sec. 1, adj. H. Hill, Joseph McDowell's 5,000 acres. Certified from J. D. Graham's original 1830 survey.

Page 34, #120 - 3 Dec 1844: John Reaves, Jr., 181 acres, Range __, Sec. __, adj. James Irwin, Jno. Reaves, Sr., Turner. Certified from H. Bate's survey of 2 May 1833.


Page 35, #111 - 24 Oct 1844: Thomas Wortham, 200 acres, Range 5, Sec. 5, adj. John Reaves, James Irwin. Certified from John Ralston's original 1831 survey. (Written in margin - Grant #928)

Page 36, #107 - 2 Jun 1844: N. B. Shepherd, 37 acres, Range 6, Sec. 1, adj. Shepherd's 67 acres at northeast corner, W. Harrell's 107 acres at southwest corner, #52. Certified from John D. Graham's original 1830 survey.

Page 36, #104 - 3/8 Jun 1844: James Harris, 186 acres, Range 4, Sec. 1, adj. Peter Peterson, assignee of W. D. Freeman, crosses Wolf River twice. Certified Sep 1844 from original survey of 3 Feb. 1837.


Page 41, #135 - 27 Jan 1835: Benjamin Williamson, 202 acres, Range 4, Sec. 2, adj Cumberland College property. Certified 27 Jan 1845.


Page 42, #165 - 5/3 Feb 1845: Jesse M. Tate, 125 acres, including and excluding 65 acres of John Pope, Range 7, Sec. 3, adj. William Tapp, East Tenn. College property. Certified 5 Feb 1845.


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Page 47, #174 - 7 Apr 1845: Thomas Youngblood, 200 acres including his occupant claim as assignee of John Page, Ranges 5 & 6, Secs. 3 & 4, adj. Rhea, A. Pillows. Certified 7 May 1845.

Page 50, #166 - 7 Apr 1845: Thomas Youngblood, 200 acres including his occupant claim as assignee of John Page, Ranges 5 & 6, Secs. 3 & 4, adj. Rhea, A. Pillows. Certified 7 May 1845.

Page 52, #143 - 3 Feb 1845: William Miller, 186 acres, as assignee of G. W. Ford, Ranges 7 & 8, Secs. 2 & 3, adj. Wm. Brinkley. Certified from S. B. Choate's original survey of 29 May 1831.


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BUCK
Departed this life yesterday morning at the residence of W. W. Hart, Miss Emily Buck, sister of Mr. Silas Buck. This bereavement is peculiarly distressing and melancholy as it has pleased a Wise Providence to take from this worthy gentleman within a few weeks a beloved wife, a mother, and a sister. -The Memphis Appeal, 10 Nov 1843

PETWAY
Died the 3d of February [1862], Mrs. Mary E. Petway, consort of the late Hinchy Petway, Jr., of pulmonary consumption. Divine service at Mulberry Street Church this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Warren.
-Nashville Daily Gazette, 4 Feb 1862

WYNNE
The Lebanon Register learns from a private letter that Mr. W. H. Wynne, former well known resident of Wilson County, was killed at his house in Mississippi on the 2d inst. by accidental discharge of a gun which he was engaged in cleaning out.
-Nashville Daily Gazette, 14 Apr 1867

BRIEN
Died at his residence near Nashville on the evening of the 14th inst., Carlton D. Brien, aged 37 years, eldest son of the Hon. John S. Brien. Suffering for more than two years from that dread disease consumption, he was never heard to utter a complaint.
-Nashville Daily Gazette, 14 Apr 1867

MOSELEY
Died in Fort Pickering on Friday last [16 Sept] after an illness of a few hours, Mrs. Sarah Moseley, eldest daughter of Hugh Roland, Esq.
-The Memphis Appeal, 22 Sep 1843

HAUN
Mrs. Martha Haun, wife of Mr. Haun, formerly of Sweetwater, Monroe County, and daughter of Daniel Heiskell, Esq., died at her home in Missouri on the 31st of April last. She was about 35 years of age. She was an affectionate and obedient daughter, a loving and confiding wife, and a beloved and loving sister.
-Knoxville Whig, 25 May 1861

Obituaries

DAVIS
Died on 11 Feb 1864 in Knox County, Mrs. Nancy Davis, wife of Michael Davis, Esq., aged 87 years. The deceased resided in this county for 66 years.
-Knoxville Whig, 5 March 1864

CHASE
Mr. William Chase, an old and honored citizen, died of yellow fever at his residence in North Memphis at 8 o'clock the morning of 6 Sept 1878. He was born in Washington Co., Pa., on 8 June 1809 and moved to Memphis in the fall of 1875. Although 69, he was well preserved, vigorous, and erect.
-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 6 Sept 1878

FARMER
Died in Clarksville on 22nd Jan [1862] after a brief illness, T. T. Farmer, aged about 40.
-Nashville Daily Gazette, 4 Feb 1862

BONHAM
Died at Gallatin in Sumner County on 25 Sep 1865, Olive Bonham, aged 86 years one month 10 days. She was born in Loudon Co., Va., from whence she moved with her father, Isaac Saffelle, to Greene County. She was married in 1796 to Benjamin Bonham with whom she removed to Blount County where he died in 1861, leaving her aged and infirm to struggle alone with the trials of life. Her youngest son, Capt. J. S. Bonham with whom the parents had resided, was forced to leave her on account of the war, he being a fine Union man. The captain removed her to Gallatin where she spent the remaining months of her life. She raised 12 children -- five daughters and seven sons -- three of whom are ministers. She was buried beside her little granddaughter, Rosie Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. J. S. and L. E. Bonham.
-Knoxville Whig, 28 Mar 1866

MILLER
Died on 13 Aug 1878, John Hart Miller, son of Henry G. and Lizzie S. Miller, aged 17 years 7 months.
-Daily Memphis Avalanche, 14 Aug 1878

RANKIN
Departed this life on the morning of 7th Oct 1865 at the residence of his father near Dandridge in Jefferson County, Dr. William T. Rankin, late assistant surgeon of the First East Tennessee Cavalry, U.S.A., aged 26 years and 11 days.
-Knoxville Whig, 22 Nov 1865

ROYSTON
Mrs. Elizabeth Royston, daughter of Rev. Samuel Watson, died at her residence in Greene County of congestive chills on 23 Oct 1860. She was born in Prince William Co., Va., on 4 Aug 1785 and was consequently 75 years of age. She was married to Joshua Royston in Edgefield District, S. C., on 25 June 1802 and raised a respectable family of sons and daughters. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had been for 60 years. A woman of vigorous mind and great kindness of heart, she has gone to reap the reward of the faithful.
-Knoxville Whig, 24 Nov 1860

MILLER
R. Park Miller, formerly a resident of Knoxville, died in Nashville of consumption on Wednesday, 27th Feb 1861. He was a man very much respected during his residence in our midst and the melancholy tidings of his death have cast a shadow of gloom over the hearts of many of his old friends and associates. In his profession he was surpassed by few and it may be truly said that in his death the typographical corps has lost one of its most valued members. He leaves a wife and several children. His remains were brought to this city and deposited in the burying ground on Methodist Hill.
-Knoxville Whig, 9 Mar 1861

JONES
Died at 11 a.m. on 3 Sep in Panola Co., Miss., Mr. David Jones, aged 47 years seven months, and 16 days. A native of Wake Co., N. C., he migrated with his father and family to Bedford Co., Tenn., and moved to Mississippi in 1836. He was a high-minded honorable gentleman, a benevolent neighbor and hospitable citizen, and a kind master. He was buried with Masonic honors.
-Memphis Enquirer, 12 Oct 1849

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**VACCARO**

Died of old age and debility at 7 o'clock Monday morning, 12 Aug 1878, in her 80th year at the residence of her son at 132 Adams St., Nicoletta Vaccaro, beloved mother of Antonio, Bartolomee, and A. B. Vaccaro.

-Daily Memphis Avalanche, 14 Aug 1878

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**HARVEY**

On the first Sabbath of August 1864, Rev. S. B. West delivered an eloquent sermon in memory of George W. Harvey, Co. B., 5th East Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, who died at Nashville on 4 Jan 1863. Born in Roane County on 28 Jan 1842, George made a profession of religion at age 18 during a revival at Marietta in Knox County and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He parted with his home, dear parents, and kind friends in East Tennessee to seek refuge on northern soil where he spent the rest of his life in the service of his once happy country. The memorial service was held at the residence of his father, Rufus Harvey, a few miles west of Loudon.

-Knoxville Whig, 14 Sep 1864

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**MONAGHAN**

Died on 13th Aug 1878 in Memphis, Mary E., beloved wife of James Monagahan, aged 42 years.

-Daily Memphis Avalanche, 14 Aug 1878

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**GRiffin**

Died 16 Aug 1865 at Buffalo in Grainger Co., Mrs. Preshil Griffin, wife of William C. Griffin, aged 24. She was the daughter of John and Rachel Douglas, now living in Texas. She leaves three children, one an infant two months old.

-Knoxville Whig, 27 Sep 1865

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**BLOOMER**

After a protracted illness, James D. Bloomer died 8 June 1878. He was born 11 Nov 1813 in Hawkins County and at the time of his death was 64 years 7 months and 27 days of age. He joined the Baptist Church at Blackwater near Kyle's Ford, now in Hancock County, in the winter of 1846. In May 1851 he and ten other members organized the Rockcastle Church in which he was a deacon until his death.

-Rogersville Spectator, 4 Jul 1878

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**OBITUARIES**

**CLINGAN**

Died at his residence in Bradley County on the 1st Feb 1864 of smallpox, A. A. Clingan.

-Knoxville Whig, 5 March 1864

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**KNEELAND**

Died 2 Sept 1855 at this place, Dr. John Kneeland, druggist, in the 42nd year of his age. He had been living in our community but a few months. He leaves a young widow to whom he had been married 11 months.

-Rogersville Times, 6 Sept 1855

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**TAYLOR**

The Honorable A. W. Taylor of Carter County died 11 Oct last. He was an aged man and from the usefulness of his life, the purity of his character, and the goodness of his heart deserves a notice at our hands which cannot be granted to all men who died. His father was a pioneer of East Tennessee -- one of the men who fought the savage Indians all along the banks of the Watauga, at Long Island, and at the celebrated ford of the French Broad. He followed gallant Campbell to King's Mountain in 1778 and fought bravely in that engagement. He saw Ferguson fall, saw American arms triumph, and British army prisoners and his country free. Then he retired to his farm on the banks of the beautiful Watauga and spent the remainder of his life as a peaceful and quiet tiller of that soil for which he had so gallantly fought. A. W., a son of the old soldier, was born on the farm on which he died. He was a lawyer in the truest sense of the word -- a man who made use of his talents and superior legal knowledge for the benefit of his neighbors and county. He served two or three terms in the state legislature and left his mark on the records of Tennessee as a wise and conservative statesman. He died in his 58th year, leaving a large family.

-Rogersville Times, 4 Dec 1856

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**WOOD**

Died on Tuesday, 13 Aug 1878, of congestion of the brain, John E. Wood at his residence at the corner of Main and Exchange streets.

-Daily Memphis Avalanche, 14 Aug 1878

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**HUGHES**

Mrs. Susie Hughes departed this life at the residence of her son-in-law, John H. Hill, Esq., seven miles west of Franklin on 15 June 1875. She was born in Pittsylvania Co., Va., on 24 Oct 1785 and hence was in the 90th year of her age. In early life she joined the Primitive Baptist Church at McConnico's near Franklin and for nearly 70 years was an exemplary member. She suffered greatly the last four months simply from weariness in her long and toilsome life's journey. Her last words: "I want rest!" A little while before her death, she called her little grandchildren, Willie and Tommie Hill, to her bedside and entreated them to meet her in Heaven. She was the mother of nine children, and had 55 grandchildren, 95 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She said she had lived long enough and told her friends and family not to weep over her departure.

-Franklin Review, 24 June 1875

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**CHEVILETTE**

Departed this life on the 15th ult. at the residence of Andrew R. Govan, Esq., near Somerville in Fayette County, Mrs. Louisa Chevillelette, late of Orangeburgh District, S. C., in the 65th year of her age. After encountering the trial and perplexity incident to a removal and journey from South Carolina, Mrs. Chevillelette sickened on the day of her arrival at the home of her son in the bosom of whose very dear family she intended to spend the remainder of her life. She died one short month after her arrival.

-Memphis Enquirer, 30 Dec 1837

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**POPE**

Departed this life on the 27th ult., Mrs. Louisa Pope, consort of John Pope, Esq., of this vicinity, aged 36 years.

-Memphis Enquirer, 4 Nov 1837

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**WINSTON**

Died in Boon Co., Ky., on the 11th ult. in the 19th year of her age, Mrs. Marcia Searcy Winston, consort of Mr. William Winston, Jr., and daughter of Col. Charles D. McLean of Shelby County, Tenn.

-Memphis Enquirer, 4 Nov 1837
MACDONALD
Mrs. MacDonald died of consumption on 25 Nov 1868, Solon Hodge MacDonal in the 26th year of his age. He was a member of Co. C, 18th Tennessee Regiment, CSA, and a member of Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge whose members buried him with their usual honors at his father’s residence near this city. He left a wife and one child.
-Murfreesboro Monitor, 5 Dec 1868

DAVIS
Died on Thursday morning, 7th Jan, Mr. John Davis, old and highly respected citizen of this county, after an illness of four months. Born in Kings County, Ireland, in 1777, he was in the 70th year of his age at the time of his death. His life was one of eventful interest. At one period he was a merchant in Washington, Pa., surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences of a thriving and prosperous industry and blessed by all the social and domestic enjoyments which his wife, children, and friends could confer. Losses occasioned by his kindly feeling and unsuspecting confidence in his fellow men compelled him to close his business. He migrated to Tennessee and for nearly 14 years, ever since the opening of the Franklin and Nashville turnpike in 1833, he has served as keeper of Gate No. 4.
-Western Weekly Review, Franklin, Tenn., 15 Jan 1847

JETTON
William M. Jetton died on the morning of the 17th of November at the residence of his father, Lewis Jetton, in Cannon County. He served as a soldier in the 18th Tennessee Regiment during the [Civil] war and was severely wounded in the fall of Atlanta near its close. He died from the effects of his wounds. Born 8 Sep 1842, he was an exemplary and worthy young man.
-Murfreesboro Monitor, 28 Nov 1868

HENDERSON
Died 12 Oct 1849 near Sommerville, Tenn., Col. B. H. Henderson in the 67th year of his age. Born in Campbell Co., Va., near Lynchburg in 1782, he removed with his father to Sumner County at age 17. He was educated at Lexington, Ky., where he studied law with the Hon. Tilding Turner, for many years judge of the Criminal Court at New Orleans. He entered law practice in Maury County ca. 1805 and married in 1810. [His wife survived him, but her name is not given.] In 1815-16 he was elected to the U. S. Congress. After his term, he moved to North Alabama where he joined the Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. In 1828 he removed to Sommerville and was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church there.
-Memphis Enquirer, 13 Nov 1849

COOK
Miss Alpha B. Cook, born 15 July 1868, died 20 February 1888. Though so young, she had long assumed the many responsibilities of the family, bestowing unremitting care upon her little afflicted sisters.
-Manchester Times, 24 Feb 1888

TIPTON
Died in Blount County 3 Nov 1849, Mr. William Tipton in the 88th year of his age. He was one of the earliest settlers of this county and a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Born 13 Feb 1761 in Shenandoah Co., Va., he entered the service as a mere boy under Capt. Langdon in 1776. He was at the siege and stormy battle of Tarannah where he was severely wounded and left on the field all night as dead. He was a brother to Capt. Abraham Tipton who was under Col. Joseph Crockett and fell at Briergass Creek 20 Sep 1781 and also to Capt. Jacob Tipton who raised a company in Greene Co., Tenn., and fell at St. Clair’s defeat. William fought under his gallant father at the battle of Frankland; and was in the Creek War with Gen. Jackson. He came to Tennessee, then a territory, at an earlier age and remained until his death a true specimen of the pioneer.
-Knoxville Whig, 24 Nov 1849

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In the town of Charlotte on Monday, 11th October [1819] by Sterling Brewer, esq., Mr. Isaac H. Lanier to Miss Betty Vanleer, daughter of B. W. Vanleer. On Tuesday, 12th October, Mr. Charmal Corban to Miss Elizabeth Whitledge.

-Town Gazette & Farmers Register, Clarksville, Tenn., 18 Oct 1819

At the residence of Wiley Hickerson, Esq., this afternoon [Thursday, 20 Jan 1888] at 2:30 o’clock by Rev. S. E. Wilson, Mr. John Rayburn and Miss Susie May. This was a “runaway” match, the “old folks” objecting, and ended as usual — the interested parties having their way.

-Manchester Times, 20 Jan 1888

By Rev. F. A. Ross on Thursday evening, 22nd Dec 1831, Mr. Henry A. Rathbone to Miss Annas R. Powel, daughter of the Honorable S. Powel, all of this county. -Rail-Road Advocate, Rogessville, Tenn., 16 Feb 1832

At the residence of the bride’s mother on 24 Dec 1894, Prof. Isaac A. Armstrong to Miss Stella L. Beal. Rev. W. M. Christian, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiated. The groom, formerly of Bradley County, was educated at Grant Memorial University at Athens, Tenn., and now has charge of the public school of McKinney, Texas. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary T. Beal and one of Hawkins County’s best young ladies. -Rogersville Herald, 26 Dec 1894

At Sewanee House on Thursday, July 4th, by Rev. Father Welsh, Mr. John H. Wood to Miss Lizzie O’Brien, all of this city. -Nashville Gazette 6 Jul 1867

Married on the evening of the 25th inst. by Rev. Mr. Gray, Mr. James F. Smithwick of Tallaloosa to Miss Lucy V. Strange of this place.

-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 25 Nov 1847

On 22 April at the residence of the bride’s parents in Arkansas Co., Ark., by Rev. H. C. Horton, Mr. W. D. Lavender of New York, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Nannie W. Ross. -Memphis Daily Appeal, 28 Apr 1857

On the 6th June at the residence of the bride’s father, David Ralston, Esq., on White’s Creek by Rev. Dr. A. J. Baird, Mr. J. N. Bray and Miss Lou E. Ralston, all of Davidson County.

-Nashville Gazette 11 June 1867

At the residence of the bride’s father in Jackson, Tenn., on the morning of 17th May 1864 by Rev. J. H. Gillespie of the Presbyterian Church, Capt. E. B. McClanahan to Miss Bettie Simmons. -Memphis Appeal (published in Atlanta, Ga.), 29 June 1864

At Panther Springs in Jefferson County on 6th May by Rev. B. K. Cunningham, Dr. Jos. P. Conway to Miss S. S. Senter, eldest daughter of the late William T. Senter. -Brownlow’s Knoxville Whig & Independent Journal, 19 May 1849

On 26 April by Rev. William Carey Crane, Mr. H. B. Wolfkill and Miss Susan Ann Hightower. Our friend Wolfkill ... was looked upon as a confirmed bachelor, only fit to fold sheets of paper, but he has relieved himself from the odium attached to single life and can now fold something more precious. -Memphis Daily Appeal, 28 Apr 1857

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-Manchester Times, 13 Jan 1888

Married in Jackson, Tenn., on 2nd inst. by Rev. Dr. Rivers of Florence, Ala., J. Jay Lane, Esq., of New Orleans and Miss Alice Hubbard of Jackson.

-Memphis Evening Bulletin, 3 March 1859

Married on Thursday evening last [28 Sep 1843] by the Rev. Samuel Watson, Mr. Joseph H. Hawley to Miss Susan C. Brown, all of Memphis.

-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 6 Oct 1843

Married at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last by Rev. A. Mizell, Mr. Mike H. Atkins to Miss N. E. Porter, all of Henry County. The happy groom with his beautiful bride left on Monday evening for Paducah with the congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends.

-Paris Intelligencer, 13 Feb 1874

In the city of Nashville on the 19th ult., Col. William L. Martin, Senator-elect from Wilson County, to Mrs. Mary L. Barry.

-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 6 Oct 1843

In McMinnville on the 21st ult., Mr. Pleasant H. Price to Miss Malvina Hord.

-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 6 Oct 1843

In Davidson County on 25 July by Rev. Geo. Hagan, Mr. John Bell Gleaves to Miss Annie Ridley.

-Nashville Gazette, 29 Jul 1866

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-Memphis Evening Bulletin, 3 March 1859

At the residence of the bride’s mother in this city on the 26th June by Rev. Robert A. Young, Mr. John H. Bankston to Miss Sallie S. Bowers, all of this city.

-Nashville Gazette, 28 June 1867

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Present in court were Moses D. Harper, James Thomas, David Hogan, Sheriff John B. Hogue, Clerk A. S. Hord. Court appointed James A. Marshall, S. W. D. H. Anderson, Horace Head, James I. Moffatt, and Alfred Gibbs as Troy patrol for next 12 months, with Marshall as captain. Allen S. Hord was allowed $5 to supply his office with papers for next 12 months. Court ordered that: (1) Thomas E. Page be taken from Wm. Gray and added to list of hands for Pleasant Hudson, overseer of Lake Road; (2) Alfred Nolen's hands work under Aaron Cline on Dresden and Mill Point Road.

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William Calhoun, Joel D. Dunegan, Jesse Harrison, William Sanders, John P. Crockett, and A. Crockett were appointed to change Mills Point Road from Nelley's ferry on North Fork of Obion River, leaving road leading from Samuel C. Henry's.

1 April 1850

Present were Justices of the Peace Moses D. Harper, James Thomas, David Hogan, William Haislip, William E. Montheral, Cage Hale, Cleaber Wright, William Caldwell, Thomas P. Cooper, John Holloman, Sheriff John B. Hogue, and Clerk Allen S. Hord. Court ordered that settlements with Reuben Hamit, administrator of estate of Charles Evans, dec'd; and Thomas P. Cooper, administrator of estate of William M. Cooper, dec'd., be recorded.

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Inventories returned by Clarissa Stroud, administratrix of estate of Silas Stroud, dec'd, and J. Y. Wilborn, administrator of estate of Jonas B. Meadows, dec'd., were ordered recorded. J. B. Pullum was allowed $3 for making a coffin for a man found in Mississippi River, name unknown.

Court appointed: (1) Ezekiel Heraldson, Franklin White, Gabriel Henderson, A. O. Corum, and William Cage to change part of road leading from Standley's bridge to state line, between Grove Creek and Moscot Road; (2) Jonathan Haislip as overseer on North Fork and Hickman Road from L. Adams' mill to William Calhoun's land, with following hands to work on road - C. Pleasant, R. Pleasant, Samuel Carmack, David Pruett, Harmon Hauser, H. Elkins, Benjamin Blake, and John Maupin; (3) M. Gaskins to replace Wm. D. Pickard as overseer on Dyersburg Road and to work same distance as before; hands - S. A. McCollum, E. Enloe, William Gimmerson, E. G. Ephlam, John Motheral, W. E. Motheral, John R. Pickard, George Simmons, James E. Brown, Mathew Pickard, William Carroll, and John Agnew.

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Court received petition, dated 1 April 1850, from Elizabeth Tanner, John H. Carpenter, Martha J. Carpenter, Tyree Tanner, Sarah F. Tanner, and Luther Tanner, heirs of Burwell S. Tanner, who died in March 1849 and left two Negro slaves to distribute to his heirs. Court clerk ordered to sell slaves and distribute proceeds. His widow, Elizabeth Tanner, and John H. Carpenter were named administrators of estate. Court appointed Lee Norrid, Charles H. White, James Davis, Joseph C. Culbertson, and James Caldwell commissioners to change road marked from Republican Meeting House intersecting Mills Point Road near Samuel McDaniels. J. Y. Wilbourn recorded his stock mark.

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Court ordered recording of reports from: (1) commissioners appointed to change road from Horace Allen's, intersecting Dresden Road near Allen's new shop; (2) commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow and family of Levi Ragan, dec'd. Court clerk Allen S. Hord was ordered to draw four copies of Statutes of Tennessee and distribute copies to District #7 officer David Hogan and District #9 officers C. M. Wright and Thomas P. Cooper.

J. A. Ragan, administrator of estate of Lewis Ragan, dec'd, returned an account of sale of effects and it was ordered recorded. Court appointed: (1) John C. Butler administrator of estate of John Williams, dec'd, and he posted $350 bond with J. M. King, Geo. P. Summers, C. M. Wright, and Thomas P. Cooper as securities; (2) Rebecca A. Moultrie and George P. Summers as administrators of estate of Moses Moultrie, dec'd, and they posted $600 bond with J. M. King, A. M. Wall, Thomas P. Cooper, and C. M. Wright as securities.

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Report received from commissioners who marked road from A. R. Cummingham's old mill on South Reelfoot intersecting with road from James Caldwell's near John Caldwell's. Court appointed: (1) C. M. Wright, William King, Joseph Neely, Moses Wright, and John Ward to examine road from Little Richland Creek to intersection with old road near Robert J. Benton's; (2) Benjamin Landrum as overseer on road from Allison's mill to Dyersburg Road, with William Allison, Charles Cunningham, Westley Harris, Jesse Nix, and Enoch Ward as hands to work on road; (3) John Neil as overseer on road from Ebenezer Meeting House to Allison's mill with hands to be James Hart, Thomas Buchanan, John Pickens, Edward O'Connor, William Vincent, and John Buchanan. Sheriff John B. Hogue asked court to qualify Pleasant H. Marberry as deputy sheriff.

6 MAY 1850

Present: Justices of the Peace Moses D. Harper, James Thomas, David Hogan, William Caldwell, James M. Wilson, A. A. Calhoun, William E. Motheral, William Haislip, Cage Hale, Sheriff John B. Hogue, and Deputy Clerk Pleasant H. Marberry. Court allowed John L. Moultry $10 for services as District #5 revenue commissioner for 1850. John M. Craig and Henry Maupin were released from any liability as securities of James Fair, to whom Mary Jane Nichols and Harvey Nichols, children of Wm. Nichols, dec'd, are bound.

Court appointed: (1) Walter J. McDaniel to replace Allen Jones, who resigned as overseer on Hickman Road from 6-mile post to Kentucky line; (2) James Caldwell as overseer on Mills Point Road from Col. White's to 11-mile post, with Austin Brown, Dr. Scott, James Davis, Marcus Glover, Thomas Lonon, John Good, Samuel Parker, James Park, and John Killion to work as hands. Court ordered recording of reports from (1) jury that marked road from Republican Meeting House to intersection with Mills Point Road near Samuel McDaniel's, continuing until it crosses Hickman's fence and intersects road again near Larkin Children's and (2) jury named to change part of road leading from Standley's bridge to state line, between Lower Creek and Moscow road, to satisfy Alfred Nailor.

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Court appointed: (1) Elizabeth Perry administratrix of estate of John Perry, dec'd, and she posted $120 bond with John Y. Brown and Austin Brown as securities; (2) Thomas J. Nolen administrator of estate of Stephen Mitchell, dec'd, and he posted $600 bond with Rubin Anderson and John Crockett as securities; (3) Martha Campbell guardian of ______ [names not filled in], minors, and she posted $300 bond with Allen Jones as security.

Copy of James M. Wilson's commission as Justice of the Peace for District #6, dated 22 April 1850 and signed by Gov. W. Trousdale and Sec. of State W. B. A. Ramsey, was received and recorded.

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Regarding petition from Elizabeth Tanner, Tyree H. Tanner, John H. Carpenter, Martha J. Carpenter, Sarah F. Tanner, and Luther Tanner to sell three slaves -- a woman, girl and boy -- two of whom were mentioned in original petition, court ordered original decree void and ordered all three slaves to be sold.

Sheriff John B. Hogue asked that Norton Oaks be qualified as deputy sheriff. Court ordered recording of settlement with Jonathan Whiteside, guardian of Mary E. Harper, minor.

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Court received and ordered recording of: (1) inventory from Jonathan Whiteside, guardian of John M. Harper, minor; (2) settlement with George W. Bright, guardian of Sarah A. James and Elizabeth James, minors.

Rubin Hamit submitted bid of $47.50 to take care of John Parker, pauper, for one year.

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Court ordered recording of report from jury appointed to change Mills Point Road leading from Nelm's ferry on North Fork of Obion River near Saml C. Henry's lane and running along his orchard. Norton Oaks was appointed to help Registrar S. S. Calhoun collate Book A, which was transcribed in 1849. Hiram Morgan produced in court one wolf scalp as proof that he killed wolf in Obion County. State to pay bounty. Court allowed James Thomas $10 for services as District #11 revenue commissioner for 1850.

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Bennett Marshall, executor of estate of William Fisher, dec'd, returned inventory of effects. Regarding petition of Elizabeth Tanner et al, clerk was ordered to sell slaves after giving 15 days' notice. William Haislip was appointed to serve two-year term as coroner, starting 1 Apr 1850, and he posted $4,000 bond with S. S. Calhoun, Norton Oaks, James I. Moffatt, J. B. Hogue, and S. W. Cockran as securities.

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Court received copy of Frederick C. Brown's commission as Justice of the Peace, dated 17 May 1850 and signed by Gov. William Trousdale. Court allowed: (1) Reuben Hamit $24.87 balance due him for keeping pauper John Parker; (2) William Carter $2 for amount of jury ticket he lost; (3) William Caldwell $10 for taking list of 1850 taxable property; (4) William Haislip and James Holloman $10 each for taking list of taxable property as revenue commissioners for 1850.

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Court allowed Sheriff John B. Hogue $41.30 due him as costs in following cases of State of Tennessee vs: Jno W. Dunlap (two cases); John Overall; E. E. Westbrook and others (two cases); Robert N. Lewis (two cases); John Mott and others; E. E. Westbrook; A. S. Hord and others; F. D. Brown and others; R. B. Brown and others; S. Adams (two cases); and A. Adams. Sheriff also was allowed $32.53 as costs in following cases of State of Tennessee vs: Peter Wynn; R. H. Marshall (four cases); E. D. Farris (two cases); C. H. McAlister; John Wilson (three cases); B. B. Barker; Jonathan Bullock; A. Buchanan; James Caldwell; E. W. Caldwell; H. K. Brown; W. H. Caldwell; R. H. Marshall; E. D. Farris, vs F. D. Brown; J. J. B. Camp, John J. B. Camp, H. Pryor; E. W. Caldwell, James Cary.

Report was received from Caldwell Pleasant, who was appointed at December term to open a road.

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William W. Graham was elected constable in District #10 on 16 April 1850, and posted $4,000 bond, dated 3 June 1850 and signed by William W. Graham, F. C. Brown, Nat Stephenson, W. H. Caldwell, John Crockett, and J. H. Meacham.

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Austin Maupin, appointed guardian of H. J. Hauser, L. B. Hauser, L. J. Hauser, and David W. Hauser, minor heirs of Anthony Hauser, dec'd, posted $2,000 bond with John T. Abington as security. Regarding petition from John W. Davis and Elizabeth M. Davis, it appeared to court that petitioners' father, James Davis, died possessed of occupant claim described in petition. Court ordered clerk to sell land, pay costs, and give balance to guardian of petitioners.

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Elijah Thomas, pauper, was let to Joseph Bond for bid of $50.40. Court allowed Willis Jones $41.50 for keeping Elijah T. Wynn, pauper, for 12 months up to 3 June 1850.

1 JULY 1850
Court allowed Clerk Allen S. Hord $20 for making out a tax book for 1850 and $20 for furnishing a copy of it. Thomas P. Hord, W. W. Edmonds, and Meridith Carroll were appointed commissioners to lay off one year's support for widow and family of Henderson C. Pickard, dec'd.

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William Haislip was allowed $30 for holding elections in 1850. Court ordered recording of inventory from Thomas J. Nolen, administrator of estate of Stephen Mitchell, dec'd., and elected Cleber M. Wright to fill unexpired term of David Hogan dec'd, one of court quorum.

Court appointed: (1) John Timberman, James Sandford, Philip A. Wright, Rolly Walker, and Samuel M. Simpson to mark a road starting at Eber Jenne's mill on Mill Creek and intersecting road from Troy to Sharp's ferry between John Miller's and John W. Miller's; (2) John W. Miller overseer on Dyersburg Road from his house to Dyer County line.

Court ordered jury summons for 1850 October term of circuit court to be issued as follows: District #1 - James Thomas, James N. Cullom, Thomas Sailes; District #2 - Cage Hale, William Haislip; District #3 - Anderson Calhoun, George W. Mosier; District #4 - William Craig, Brinkley B. Barker; District #5 - James M. Wilson, Julian Nale; District #6 - Moses D. Harper, David Canady, Samuel B. Shores, William L. Hickman, William Pickard, John Moffatt, Thomas G. Anderson; District #7 - J. W. Webb, Benj. J. Jackson; District #8 - James M. Hunter, Starky Purrus; District #9 - David Hogan, Aaron Sharon; District #10 - Nathaniel Stephinson, Calvin Bell, District #11 - James Henderson, George Morrow

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Court appointed James Darnoll overseer on Troy to Dyersburg Road from 8 to 12-mile post, with hands to work on road being Washington Wyatt, James Waldrop, Abner Nall, James Nall, Howell Stroud, James Stroud, Martin Henry, John Huffstutter, George Huffstutter, Adam Huffstutter, Harvy Wilson, F. Langley, and William T. Shelton. Benjamin F. Mead was named to replace John Timberman as overseer on new Dyersburg Road from hill near Thomas Hamilton's to B. F. McWherter's lane, and to work same hands as before.

B. L. Stovall, trustee, brought into court two receipts for revenue collected and paid by Samuel C. Henry and requested court to have them recorded. Receipt #4091 Branch Bank, Tenn., dated 19 Sept. 1849 at Trenton, shows $102.80 was received from H. J. P. Westbrook as amount due and owing on account for revenue collected as circuit court clerk from 1 Sep 1847 to 26 June 1848. It was signed by Jno. A. Talliferow for Anthony Debrill, treasurer. Receipt #4426, dated 11 Feb. 1850, Nashville, $91.47 was received from Saml Henry as amount audited to him by Receipt #4436 and due on account of revenue he collected as circuit court clerk for year ending 1 Sep 1840. It was signed by A. Debrill, treasurer. Court allowed Samuel C. Henry $14.16 for costs in case brought by State of Tennessee vs. Thomas G. Janes, and $17.47 in case vs. Benjamin Blake and A. M. Bedford

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B. L. Stovall, trustee, was given $194.27 credit as amount of two receipts returned to court by Samuel C. Henry.

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Court ordered recording of settlement with Moses D. Harper as guardian of Rebecca H., Sarah A. L., Martha T., Hamil, and Mary Jane Hood, minor heirs of McDaniel Hood, dec'd., along with inventory of wards' effects. Samuel C. Henry, trustee, was allowed following costs in State of Tenn. vs. S. H. Baner - $13; Daniel L. Wright and William McGraw - $17.33; Hiram H. Mills - $16.62; Edward D. Farris and Charles McAlister - $12.62.

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P. H. Marberry was allowed these costs in State of Tenn. vs: E. E. Westbrook, F. D. Brown, and John J. B. Camp - $6.25; E. E. Westbrook, F. D. Brown, David Chapman, Henry Travis, and John J. B. Camp - $6.25; John Overall - $6.25; John W. Dunlap and Frederick D. Brown - $7.50. Court appointed: (1) Thomas J. Nolen administrator of estate of Napoleon Mitchell, dec'd, and he posted $500 bond with John Crockett as security; (2) Leonard P. Pickard administrator of estate of Henderson C. Pickard, dec'd, and he posted $120 bond with Cleber M. Wright and Pleasant H. Marberry as securities.

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Court received copy of William Wynn's commission as Justice of the Peace, dated 4 June 1850 and signed by Gov. William Trousdale and Sec. of State W. B. A. Ramsey. John Neal was appointed overseer on Lake Road from 5-mile post to Dyersburg Road to Mills Point Road. Hands to be Travis George, Uriah Straton, Robert Pollock, Jonathan Pollock, and William Paxton.

Regarding petition from John W. Davis et al, dated 1 July 1850, court stated it was to petitioners' interest to mention in their petition the land sold by their guardian, Allen Janes. Court heard petition in matter of Anthony Houser, who died in 1849 leaving 96 acres to his wife Sarah Houser and Hamilton, H. J., Lewis B., L. J., and David W. Houser. Land was Lot #1 in division of 228 acres among heirs of Joseph Houser and was allotted to Gertrude Kersey. Court ordered Johnston Harper, Lysander Adams, Benjamin K. Harper, and Caldwell Pleasant to partition off widow's dower rights.

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Court appointed: (1) Hord C. Stephenson overseer from Franklin Denahour's house to his wood yard on Mississippi River with road hands to be men living around him, including John Thompson; (2) Mans Burton overseer on road from Eber Jenne's mill intersecting Dyersburg Road near Camp Ground, with hands being Benjamin W. Sandling, Joseph Sandford, Thos. T. E. Williams, and Jeremiah Wescott. Court named Burton L. Stovall administrator of David Hogan's estate and Stovall posted $200 bond with J. B. Hogue and Joseph Sandford as securities.

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Court appointed Lewis Huffstutter guardian of Abigail, John, and Henry F. Ott, minors, and he posted $500 bond with John Crockett and Thomas P. Cooper as securities. John Cloar, Lee Gray, William A. Hord, James Hamlin, Hugh Wilson, Daniel Wilson, and Alfred Howard were appointed to mark a road from Mill Point Road on a dividing ridge by William Janes', crossing North Reelfoot below mouth of Taylor's Creek, and crossing Kentucky line at point where road comes in from Mills Point.

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Court allowed James B. Harper $1 for book purchased for ranger's office; B. L. Stovall, administrator of estate of David Hogan, dec'd, $12 (amount owed Hogan as one of quorum); and Norton Oaks $1 for furnishing clerk a book for 1850 tax list. William D. Reeves was appointed overseer on the road leading from James B. Harper to Reelfoot Lake and ordered to work same distance and hands as Thomas Turner.

(To be continued)
A Lost Graveyard Found

Hale Tombstones Uncovered at Shelby County Construction Site

Contributed by Lincoln Johnson, 1524 Russwood Rd., Memphis, TN 38108, phone (901) 685-6350

Few formal cemeteries existed during the early settlement of our country. As land was purchased, the owner often designated a plot on his land for a family burial ground. In most communities a stone mason was available to cut, erect, and inscribe a tombstone when a family member died. If a stone mason was not available, some family member might cut a bit of information into a field stone. In quite a few cases, the family eventually would move on to another area. The land then would pass to other owners, and the family plot would be neglected. Some stones would fall and be slowly covered by debris ... and others might be taken by vandals to be used for stepping stones or other purposes. All physical evidence that the family burial plot ever existed would vanish, and the memory of that family in that particular area would be ...lost.

But sometimes fate takes a hand. And so it happened recently in Shelby County where land once used for agriculture is being rapidly converted to residential and commercial use, and earth is being moved and leveled. One such area is on the north side of Old Brownsville Road not far from Brunswick, in what was politically designated as Civil District 8 in the early life of the county. In the process of moving soil there, the developer unearthed a tombstone, two foot stones, and some headstone bases. By the use of probes, it was determined there had been nine graves in this family plot. The only clue to the family’s identity was one complete stone. It was inscribed:

SARAH JANE HALE
BORN 1832
DIED 1846
FATHER N. HALE
MOTHER S. W. HALE

The two footstones bore the initials S.W., and probably were from the mother’s grave. The size and date on one headstone base suggests that possibly an infant was buried there in 1834.

In the 1840 census for Shelby County, there is only one head of a family with the Hale surname and a given name that begins with the letter N -- and that was Nicholas Hale. Further checking determined that in 1830 a Nicholas Hale had a 200-acre land entry in the county’s Civil District 8. He apparently lost this property as a result of the Civil War as there is no further record of his ownership of this land. When he died in the 1870’s he was living in Civil District 2.

Genealogical records show Nicholas was the son of William Hale and Priscilla Cage. William’s father Nicholas Hale -- whose father and grandfather also were named Nicholas Hale -- removed from Virginia to Sumner County. (The family’s history shows one or more Nicholases in every generation.) The first Nicholas was the son of George Hale, and was born in England in 1620. He migrated to America and settled in what became Lancaster Co., Virginia. He died there in 1671. William’s grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War and was buried in Washington County. William married Priscilla in Sumner County. She was the daughter of William Cage (1745-1811) and his wife Elizabeth Douglas who lived at Cage’s Bend.

Checking of various Shelby County census records revealed that the children of the Nicholas Hale [who came to Shelby] and his wife Sarah were William, Priscilla, John (Henry), Theophilus, and Mary Hale. Sarah apparently died between 1836 --the date her daughter Mary was born -- and 1840.

The 1850 census shows their son William had a wife Martha and a son Nicholas, who then was only a year old. No further records of William and Martha were found in Shelby County after 1850. Their son Nicholas was living with his grandfather when he died in the 1870’s.

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Continued checking determined that, one by one, these family members disappeared from local records. The last family member whose existence could be determined was Theophilus Hale. He had been a member of the 52nd Tennessee Confederate Infantry during the Civil War and was captured twice. The first time he was exchanged, but the second time he was held in a Union prison for several months before the war ended. The last evidence of Theophilus was in 1880 when he was living in St. Francis Co., Ark., with a wife and three young children.

Nicholas was not the only member of the Hale family who migrated to Shelby County. There also were his brother, Edward Douglas Hale, who eventually moved to Arkansas, and two sisters, Elizabeth (Hale) Young and Priscilla "Prissy" (Hale) Hale, and their families.

Edward married Hetty (Fleetwood) Madry in Shelby County on 17 May 1828. He died in 1869. Elizabeth, born in 1789, married Joseph Young in Sumner County. She died 5 Nov 1821.

Prissy, born 2 Jul 1799 in Sumner, married Edward M. Hale in Shelby County. She died ca. 1839.

Perhaps someone who reads this article can shed some light on what happened to the descendants, if any, of this particular Nicholas Hale family. And then that early-day Shelby County family will no longer be ...lost.

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**Former Confederate Officer R. C. Williamson Dies in Memphis**

Capt. R. C. Williamson died at his residence on Vance Street at half past 9 o'clock this morning. He had been failing in health and strength on account of an acute throat trouble for some months. He was about 48 years of age, and was born in Tipton County, the son of a noted and brainy minister.

Much of his earlier life and manhood was spent at Somerville in Fayette County. He received a liberal education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar a few years before the war. Williamson made a splendid record as a Confederate officer. After the war, he located in Memphis, where he engaged in the practice of law and married Miss Talbot of this place. He was a noble-hearted man, the soul of honor and true friendship, and a leading member of the Masonic fraternity.

- *Weekly Public Ledger, Memphis, 26 Jan 1886*

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**Could This Have Been Your Long Lost Ancestor?**

The following epitaph was found on a headboard erected in a church yard at LaGrange, Tenn., according to *The Nashville Gazette* of 10 September 1867:

"Here lies old twenty per cent,
The more he made the less he spent;
The more he made the more he craved,
If he's gone to heaven, we'll all be saved."

The board was said to bear no other inscription.

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1 Nicholas moved from Sumner County to Henry County before coming to Shelby. *ANSEARCHIN' NEWS*, Fall 1998

Dr. Millett, editor and publisher of U. S. Scots Magazine, has compiled a book rich with Scottish historical facts and interesting narratives about historical Scots that remain well known to this day. He provides statistical background information regarding the Scottish presence in the colonies of early America, focusing on the Scots in respect to their emigration, socioeconomic standing, their homeland, and how well they assimilated into the colonial society. The book does not offer much in terms of genealogical data, but those working on family lines that came from Scotland will gain a broader perspective of the social and economic influences of the Scots and how they viewed their new homeland. In fulfilling their potential, the author says, the Scots became thoroughly American because their dreams and values were so compatible with those of the U. S.

SCOTTISH QUAKERS AND EARLY AMERICA, 1650-1700 by David Dobson. 1998. 5-1/4”x8-1/4” paperback 52 pp., $10.95 plus $3.50 postage. Clearfield Co, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, phone (410) 625-9004

The author in his introduction informs the reader that Quakerism came to Scotland with the Cromwellian Army of the Occupation in the 1650’s. By 1657 the Army had been purged of Friends, and some of these men became missionaries in Scotland. After much persecution, several shiploads of Scottish Quakers left the ports of Leith, Montrose, and Aberdeen for East New Jersey. However, not all aboard ship were Quakers. Some were Covenanters who had been liberated from prison, while others were Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Roughly 500 Scottish Quakers who came to America in the late 1600s are listed alphabetically in this volume. The book is a rich source of genealogical data for those researching this time period.

AMERICAN DATA FROM THE ABERDEEN JOURNAL, 1748-1783 by David Dobson. 1998. 5-1/4”x8-1/4” paperback, 102 pp., $14.00 plus $3.50 postage. Clearfield Co, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, phone (410) 625-9004

Scotland’s newspapers could be one of the most fruitful sources for genealogical researchers, but are largely overlooked. For instance, the National Library of Scotland offers researchers 350 years’ worth of newspapers, the earliest of which is a London publication that dates back to 1641. In this booklet, the author abstracts references to colonial America from one of Scotland’s oldest continuous newspapers, The Aberdeen Journal, selecting only material originated by Scottish sources. The book covers a time period when many reforms were being made in America. Scottish emigration was strong during these years, and the papers are sprinkled with ads for indentured servants, news of happenings in the colonies, felons being banished to American plantations, and details on Scottish regiments fighting in the French and Indian Wars and the Revolution. Of special interest are the names of ships that traveled from Scotland with dates and destinations clearly stated. Some 750 references from the newspaper are arranged in chronological order with the number of the issue in which the article appeared.

JACOBITES OF 1715, NORTH EAST SCOTLAND, and JACOBITES OF 1745, NORTH EAST SCOTLAND by Frances McDonnell. 1998 reprint of 1996 editions (two volumes in one). 5-1/4”x8-1/4” paperback, 96 pp, $12.50 plus $3.50 postage. Clearfield Co, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, phone (410) 625-9004

The Jacobites were followers of the House of Stuart who, on a number of occasions, attempted to regain the throne of Great Britain from the House of Hanover. Many natural supporters of the Prince (Charles Edward Stuart) came from the Catholic Highlands, but a significant number of Scottish Jacobites were to be found in the North East. Not all supporters were voluntary. Many were forced out by their feudal superiors. Many more claim to have been forced out in an attempt to regain their freedom from imprisonment after Culloden, where the campaign’s final battle was fought. Those who could do so escaped to France, some were forcibly transported to the New World (Maryland and Virginia in particular), and others returned home and evaded capture. This book provides information regarding some 2,000 individuals, with various details such as location of residence, occupation, family names, where imprisoned (if so), date of death, etc.
THE GREAT WAR by Christina K. Schaefer. 1998. 6x9" hardcover, 204 pp., indexed. $22.50 plus $3.50 shipping. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Phone 1-800-296-6687 (orders only).

World War I has receded far enough into the past to provide a genealogical challenge. This book is an effort to catalog service records and related sources on an international basis, covering soldiers participating in the war from Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Canada, and the U.S. as well as India, Australia, Japan, South Africa, and Brazil. Sources are cited for a wide range of records from personnel papers, unit records, embarkation lists, death and casualty reports to pension records and diaries. A section entitled, “Research Tips,” describes the organization of military records in specific countries along with their condition and comprehensiveness. In developing this guide, the author consulted with the Army Pentagon Library, the Navy Department Library, the Library of Congress, the Family History Library, the Hoover Institution (Stanford University), England’s Public Record Office, and the national archives of at least a dozen countries.

AMERICAN PLACE NAMES OF LONG AGO by Gilbert S. Bahn. 1998. 6x9" hardcover, 347 pp., $35.00 plus $3.50 postage. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Phone 1-800-296-6687 (orders only).

The disappearance of place names since the end of the 19th century has made it difficult in many cases to locate the county or area in which an ancestor lived. To help solve some of these mysteries, the author has extracted 100,000 listings from an atlas published in 1898 by George F. Cram. Reproduced from the last 106 pages of Cram’s 500-page atlas, the detailed index contains the names of “every county, city, town, village and post-office in the [continental] United States,” with its population according to the 1890 census and the county in which it was located. The names are arranged alphabetically by states. The section on Tennessee takes up about 11 pages (three columns to the page), and includes such fascinating place names as Mouse Tail, Number One, Pokeberry, Regret, Rip Shin, and Possible. [They’re in Perry, Sumner, Sevier, McMinn, Carter, and Overton counties respectively.] It also provides valuable information on 1890 place names in Oklahoma which at that time was partly Indian Territory and partly Oklahoma Territory. The two divisions are in their respective alphabetical positions in the index. Besides the book’s obvious genealogical benefits, it’s fun to read.


Reading old handwriting is an essential skill for genealogists and historians, and this book could take you a long way down the road to acquiring that art. It contains nearly 100 early American documents with the author’s transcription on a facing page -- allowing you to check your own transcription against hers. The documents are arranged according to complexity, allowing the reader to attain proficiency in reading them at a natural rate of progression. The author says that some of the most difficult letters to be aware of especially in 17th century handwriting are the lowercase letters c, e, h, r, s, and t. Capitals of these letters also may present problems. In addition, it should be remembered that the lowercase d was often looped back to the left, and the letters I, J, U, and V were used interchangeably. She gives tips on mastering these difficult or unusual looking letters, and advises that when you can master these, you’re ready to begin reading 17th and 18th century American handwriting. The book also contains useful information on numbers, dates, abbreviations and contractions, and standard terms found in early American records. And a big bonus for surfers: she lists Internet sites that will help you learn to read that early penmanship, plus a number of sites that now are carrying original local genealogical records -- bad handwriting and all.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF CLAIMS RECORD OF PATENTS GRANTED 1740-1775 by Weynette Parks Haun. 8-1/4x11” soft cover, 252 pp., full-name index, place name and miscellaneous index. $35.00 plus $2.00 postage. North Carolina Research at Home, Attn: Weynette Parks Haun, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423

As the title suggests, this book -- compiled from papers of North Carolina’s Secretary of State -- contains lists of land patents granted there from 1740-1755. But more than that, it also lists claims made in anticipation of obtaining patents. The author explains that even though a person made a claim for land, he did not necessarily receive a patent for that land. Apparently a fairly large supply of ‘blank’ patents was circulating among the population at that time and, in several instances, the claimants specified the patents were issued by a certain governor at a time when in fact no patents were issued for that period (1729-1735). As an additional help to the genealogist, the book carries a list of spelling variations and “look-alike” names.
CRAVEN COUNTY, N.C., DEED BOOK 1 ABSTRACTS. DEED BOOK 5 (Wills) 1797-1775 by Weynette Parks Haun. 8-1/4x11" soft cover, 202 pp., full-name index and miscellaneous index. $30.00 plus $2.00 postage. North Carolina Research at Home, Attn: Weynette Parks Haun, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423

These abstracts of Craven County’s deeds books I and V, were made from microfilm produced by the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. They provide extremely useful information, including family names and relationships, occupations, neighbors, the history of ownership of certain tracts. Deed Book V is largely made up of wills, and some of the deeds in Deed Book I contain as much family information as normally found in wills. In a 1762 deed, for instance, one Cornelius Loftin makes an outright grant of all his real and personal property to his children -- giving each child’s name and what each received. The first few lines of a 1740 deed also demonstrate the amount of information that can frequently be gleaned from these instruments: “John Pettiver late of the City of London, Poulterer, now of Chowan Co., nephew & heir at law of John Pettiver, late of Perquimans Prect, deceased, to Benjamin Talbot of Chowan Co., School Master, brother in law to sd John Pettiver ....” The wills themselves not only are filled with names and relationships, but provide interesting reading as well.

VETERANS OF TALLAHATCHEE CO., MISS., compiled by Helen Staten Arnold and Nick Denley. 1998. 5-1/4x8-1/4" paperback, 111 pp., $13 (postage included). Pioneer Publishing Co., P.O. Box 408, Carrollton, MS 38917, (601) 237-6010.

Lists of Tallahatchie County men who served in various conflicts from the Civil War through the Persian Gulf War have been compiled and alphabetized in this book. The first two chapters deal with the Civil War and include a 1907 enumeration of Confederate soldiers and widows. Military discharges for county veterans from 1917 on are listed with information for obtaining copies from the chancery court (of which author Denley is clerk). The book ends with a roster of Tallahatchie County war dead.

JOHN THEOPHILUS THOMPSON (1750s-1826) by Elizabeth Thompson Schack. 1997. 8-1/2 x 11" spiralbound. 134 pp., including 24-page section of family charts and full-name index. (Book is not for sale, but some extra copies are available on a “first come” basis. Write Mrs. Schack at 49 E. 73rd St., New York, NY 10021-3564)

Those interested in preserving family history for their children and grandchildren should get some good ideas from this book written by Chattanooga-born Elizabeth Thompson Schack. She and her cousin, Mary Thompson-Lewis LeBrecht, worked together on the research and Elizabeth wrote the book. She says it is not intended to be a scholarly work or an orthodox family history but a mixture of family lore, documented facts, and assumptions based on records. John Theophilus Thompson, born ca. 1750s in Frederick Co., Md., is believed to have been the son of Richard and Mary Thompson of Frederick Co., and the grandson of John and Sarah Thompson. Theophilus acquired 200 acres in Orange Co., N.C., on 13 March 1780 for 100 shillings and lived there for almost 35 years, serving as road overseer, operating an ordinary, and occasionally witnessing a neighbor’s will. He and his wife, Mary Newcomb, had six known children and possibly others. Their oldest son Joseph, moved to Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn., about 1814 and the rest of the family followed about six years later. Members of the family are now spread across the country. In conclusion, the author writes, “We haven’t found any great, illustrious persons but then we’ve not found any terribly bad persons either -- just a very nice American family.” That’s what we’d call a goodly heritage.

McHale

If any person knows anything of the whereabouts of John McHale who formerly belonged to the First Tennessee Cavalry, he will confer a favor by leaving word at this office or sending through the Post-office to E. E. Jones. His sister has not heard from him since a year ago last June. - (Nashville Daily Gazette, 30 Dec 1865)

WILLIAMS

Information wanted of Lewis Williams of Blount County who was conscripted at Knoxville in April 1863 and sent to Vicksburg. He has not been heard of since the rebel retreat from Big Black river. Any information given as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his friends at Friendsville, Blount County. - James B. Cochran. (Knoxville Whig, 5 Mar 1864)

STREET

The following was included in a letter to the mayor of Memphis dated 17 Aug 1878:

Am anxious to learn the whereabouts of Whiting P. Street, 20, 5' 10-1/2" tall, and sandy complexion. Has been left about $150,000 by recently deceased relative and his presence here is much desired. The last intelligence from him states he left Cheyenne for New Orleans and, thinking he may have stopped in your city, I take the liberty of addressing you. - D. F. Perkins, Holyoke, Mass.

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Queries

(Please type or print query submitted and limit length to five lines or less. All queries will be edited for length and clarity, and will be used in the order received. Counties and towns referred to in queries are in Tennessee unless otherwise indicated. All queries should be Tennessee-related. Please acknowledge all responses to your query. TGS members are entitled to one free query each year and can run additional queries for $3 each. The charge for non-members is $5 for each query submitted.)

BOND: Seeking info on John Bond, brother of Dr. Samuel Bond and Dr. Washington Bond of Shelby County. Robert E. Winkler, Jr., 5988 Lawnmill Drive, Bartlett, TN 38135

BOND: Looking for descendants of Robert Bond, b. 1794 N.C., d. ca. 1856 Wilson Co., Tenn., m. 31 Mar 1812 to Polly Benthall (Benton on license), daughter of Laban Benthall, Sumner Co. Robert and Polly’s 8 children, all b. in Wilson Co., were Martha, Daniel, William, Robert, Jr., Thomas, John, Alfred, and Albert. My ancestor William m. Elizabeth Stewart and went to Morgan Co., Ill., ca. 1851. Mrs. Wm. J. Vernatti, 702 N. 11th Ave., Ozark, MO 65721-9309


SANDERS: Need parents of William H. Sanders, b. 1803 in Jefferson Co. Father was John Sanders, but I cannot find definite connection to an individual. Also need connection to a John Sanders whose will was probated in Jefferson Co. in 1796. C. Robert Sanders, 2151 Kirby Pkwy., Memphis, TN 38119-6627

STANFIELD: Seeking info on James C. Stanfield, Jr., and wife Rachael, and James C. Stanfield, Sr., and wife Martha. Jr. b. in Tenn., moved to Ark. in 1843. Martha moved to Ark. and was living with son James, Jr., ca. 1850. Lucille Arnoldus, 28109 McClaren Ave., Taft, CA 93563


ARMSTRONG: Who were parents of Dida Mira Armstrong who was b. in Tenn. ca. 1791 and m. Berkley/Buckley Donaldson in Williamson Co. in 1811? Moved to Wayne Co. ca. 1820, Hardeman Co. by 1830/40. Children: John Berkley, Martha Walker (m. Wm. Fulghum), Robert Grundy, Caswell H., and Calvin K. Berkley d. in 1842 and Dida Mira moved to Old Tishomingo Co., Miss., where 1850 & 1860 censuses show her living with son Robert. Apparently d. after 1860. Descendants moved to Wise Co., Tex., in 1870’s. Bettie Parker Gustafson, 8348 Rosemark Rd., Rosemark, TN 38053-5724

BIGGS, GILLESPIE: Researching John Biggs and Gillespie in Blount Co. in 1800s. Any info appreciated. Charlotte Meldrum, 7053 Knighthood Lane, Columbia, MD 21045

GOLDEN: Need info on descendants of William Pinkley Golden I, b. 1843 in Ala., d. 1913 in Dyersburg, Tenn. He m. Sarah Elizabeth York, b. 1845 in Ga., d. 1934 in Dyer Co. Also researching Kee, Stephenson, Green, Chronister, Reddick, Thomason, Vaughan, Richardson, Bolding, Thurmond, Beaver, Bedwell, Sweet, Chambers, Hunter, Holland, Clark, Devlen, and Turnage. Mrs. Herman R. Shaw, 22992 Trailwood Ln., Tomball, TX 77375-7108

McCORMICK: Seeking parents of John McCormick, b. 1824 in Va., m. Harriet ___ , b. 1829 in Va. John and Harriet both d. in Loudon Co., Tenn., area in 1862, he of Civil War wounds and she in childbirth. Their six children, all b. in Tenn.: Elizabeth (1849), Elsey (1851), William (1854), Sarah (1857), John Albert (1859), Peter Franklin (1862). I am descendant of Peter. What happened to others? Mrs. Norma Keller, 13527 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR 97233-1752


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HAWKINS, HOBBY: Need info on parents and siblings of Levi Hawkins, b. 1825, m. 18 Apr 1844 to Sarah Hobby, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (?) Hobby who lived in Marshall Co. in 1850 and 186_. (Part of county taken into Giles Co. in 1870-80). Could Henry Hawkins be Levi’s father? E-mail: EDSsmith@mindspring.com

WALLING: Looking for ancestors of Abigail Walling who m. Thomas VanDeventer ca. 1800 in Sullivan County. Father may be Stephen Walling. Please send reply to John E. Silliman, 126 Mountain Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107-2916

OWENS: Seeking parents/grandparents of William Wesley Rogers/Rodgers, b. 4 Feb 1807 in Ga.? He m. Elizabeth Bouten in Davidson Co., Tenn., on 17 May 1831 and was residing in Chattanooga by 1880 census. Died 18 Jan 1889 in Gallatin Co., Ill. His parents were b. in N.C. Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, CA 91786-7141

TUCKER, WHITE: Re 1860 Humphreys Co. census, want any info on B. D. Tucker, 60, b. N.C.; Martha 53 b. in Ga.; and Butler Leonard, 18. Butler m. (1) Eliza Jane Bunn, (2) Martha Jane White, d. in Red River Co., Tex., in 1913. Mrs. Charlotte Tucker, 201 Los Encinos Ranch Rd., Wimberley, TX 78676

ROGERS/RODGERS, BOUTEN: Who were parents and siblings of William Wesley Rogers/Rodgers, b. 4 Feb 1807 in Ga.? Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, CA 91786-7141


ANN (?) RICE: Seeking info on Ann, b. 1801 in Va., d. 1859 in Franklin Co., Tenn., m. Ransom Rice. Was she daughter of William and Elizabeth Acklin Hines and sister of Samuel Hines (b. 1804 Va.)? Connie Butterfield, 3044 Bush Parkway, Carmel, IN 46033-3645

MARSH: Would like to correspond with Tennessee descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth Marsh of Anson Co., N.C., or his son Simeon Marsh. Mrs. Tom Stallworth, P.O. Box 766, Chester, SC 29706.

WILLIAMSON, BYERS: Would appreciate names of parents of Jane Williamson Byers who d. in Williamson Co. after 1816. She was wife of Wm. J. Byers. Will exchange info and pay postage and copying costs. Mrs. J. R. Barnett, 106 McTigue Dr., Bellaire, TX 77401-4203

ADAMS: Does anyone know parents of Martin Adams who moved to Ray Co., Mo., in 1820s? He m. Nancy Clevenger, daughter of Richard Clevenger of Cocke Co., Tenn. Martin was murdered on Main Street in Richmond, Mo., in 1840’s. Carol K. Proffitt, 10397 Franklin Rd., Richmond, MO 64085

DUNLAP: Need info on family of Moses Dunlap. b. ca 1775, d. 1841 in Henry Co. In 1808 he m. Margaret Sears in Ky. She was b. ca 1787 in Va. (?), d. in Tenn. Was his family from Pa. or Va.? Margaret Edwards Lessar, 16 Five Points Rd., Rush, NY 14543-9420

GALLAGHER, COLLINS, DUNCAN: Would like to correspond with anyone researching families of (1) Wm. Gallagher, b. 26 Jul 1794, m. Sallie Paul, child: Amanda Gallagher b. 19 May 1846 Cocke Co.; (2) Moses/Moze Collins, b. ca 1774, m. Anna Botts, b. ca. 1774 in N.C., child Joshua Collins, b. ca. 1811 in Claiborne, Tenn., (3) Frank J. Duncan, b. Mar 1861 in N.C., m. ca. 1883 to Millie G, b. May 1862, child Murphy Duncan b. Dec 1890 (?) Dyer, Tenn. Jerry H. Collins, 2035 Poplar St., Waukegan, IL 60087-5014, phone (847) 244-4737, E-mail: Jerry.Collins@abbott.com, or Jerry_H_Collins@msn.com

GILKEY, JUSTUS: Seek ancestry of Mary (Gilkey?), wife of Moses Justus who lived in Blount Co. in 1800, later in Jackson Co., and by 1820 in Crawford Co., Ind. Their granddaughter was named Mary Gilkey Justus. Janet Pease, 10310 W. 62nd Place, Apt. 202, Arvada, CO 80004

ALLEN: Seeking info on parents of Benjamin Allen (b. 1779 N.C.) who m. Sarah Voorhies on 10 Aug 1811 in Maury Co., Tenn. Madalyn Teal, 17078 Vinland, Addison, TX 75248-1052

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OLIVER, REASONS: Need info on Wm. Oliver who m. Rebecca Matilda Follis in Madison Co. on 17 Mar 1853. He d. Aug 1855. They had one child, Eugenia Tennessee. Oliver who m. Wm. T. Reasons in Crockett Co. on 7 Aug 1872. Was Wm. Oliver’s father Wm., Sr.? Did his family move to Tenn. from Ky.? Need more info on family in Madison Co. Will share info on Follis and Reasons family. Don L. Porter, 183 Trails Lane, Waverly, Tenn. 37185


WALKER: Seeking relatives of Buckner and/or Robert Walker families. Betty Hopkins, 204 W. Pine, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744

BUTLER, LEONARD, LUMPKIN: 1850 Shelby Co. court records list several of my ancestors working on New Raleigh Rd. from Coe’s Mill to Zacheriah’s (mill!), along with these hands: Hoeman, Lynch, Stance, Rudisill, Black, Smith, Howard, Cune, Williams, Morehead, Gaddy/Guddy, McGraw, Wilkins, Monday, Wells, Champlin, McMahan, Greenlaw, Mitchell, England, Turk, Watt, Hanly, and Woodward. Do any of you descendants of these others know location of New Raleigh Rd., Coe’s Mill, or Zacheriah’s? Anne Butler Black, 507 W. 19th St., El Dorado, AR 72730

REDDING, McCULLAR: Seeking info on parents of Nancy Jane Lou Redding, b. 3 Feb 1862 in McNairy Co., d. there 6 Feb 1931. She m. Samuel Houston McCullar. Carolyn Grooms, 642 Sagewood Dr., Collierville, TN 38017-6134

RODY: Looking for Roady (many different spellings). Moses Roady had sons Peter, Josiah, Nathaniel, Thomas, Young, C. H. B. Roady. In fact, Moses-Zenith(?) family included 12 children. Ermine Roady Stewart, P.O. Box 1167, Camarillo, CA 93011-1167

WOOD: Does anyone know of William J. Wood and wife Perlina J. who lived in Knox Co. in 1850? Living in same household was Sarah Brindley, aged 75, b. in Va. William was b. in Ga. Helen T. Brindley, 4579 Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019-8578

SEAY, HOWELL: Who were parents of Andrew Jackson Seay, b. 1830 Tenn. or Ala., m. 1852 to Mary A. Howell, Oregon Co., Mo.? Have Howell info from Sumner, Smith, and Macon counties, Tenn., and Mo. to share. Frances Dodd Intravia, 2704 Carroll St., North Las Vegas, NV 89030-5419

DAVIS, JENKINS, MOTHERSHEAD: Seeking descendants of Samuel Jenkins, b. 1823, m. in Granville Co., N.C., 1844 to Julia Davis, b. 1822. Living in Smith Co., Tenn., by 1870s. Children: Mary, Thos. H., Martha, Sarah E., Frances Julia’s cousin, Robert Thos. Davis, b. 1850, on 1870 Granville Co. census but not 1880. Did he move to Smith Co.? Also seeking info on Isaac Mothershead, b. S.C., in War of 1812, in White Co., Tenn., after 1850. I maintain data bases for all Davis families in Granville, N.C., and all Mothershead (various spellings) families in U.S. Trudie Davis-Long, 8213 Mapleview Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771. E-mail: brinlong@ersols.com

McDOWELL: Need parents and birthplace of Charles Henry McDowell, b. ca. 1869, d. 1921 in Haywood Co., m. Dora Etta Askew, daughter of George H. Askew and Sarah Buckner, living in Jackson in 1902. Mrs. R. F. Keen, 4731 Nail Rd., Olive Branch, MS 38654-0619

ROGERS, PRICKETT, JARRETT: Seeking parents and burial place of Mary Ella Rogers, b. 20 Mar 1854 in Bethel, Giles Co., Tenn., m. (1) Wm. Jacob Prickett on 29 Apr 1883 in Rogersville, Lauderdale Co., Ala., (2) Levi Jarrett on 2 Oct 1889 in Limestone Co., Ala. She d. 28 May 1900 at Tickridge in Limestone Co. Russ C. Prickett, 617 Bloomingfield Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89128-6045

HELP WANTED: Looking for Wilkerson, Acuff, Stacy, and Carroll lines in Tennessee. Jo Ann & Tom Wilkerson, 12533 W. 82nd Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66215

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HAMILTON/HAMBLETON: Seeking parents of Jacob C. Hamilton (Hambleton) b. 1832/33 Tenn., m. Jane Franks in Giles Co. in 1858. Lived in Mo. until 1878; d. in Texarkana, Ark., after 1907. Avis Oliver, 559 W. Davis Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-4037

SOWARD: What was maiden name of Henry Soward’s wife Mary? When and where did she die? Mary b. ca. 1780 N.C. (Anson Co.?), moved to Knox Co., Tenn., ca. 1813 from Rutherford Co., N.C. Also resided in Roane Co., Tenn. Will exchange info. H. Martin Soward, III, 5215 Dove Nest St., San Antonio, TX 78250-4708

TALLEY, CRUMLEY: Seeking parents of William Talley, b. ca. 1845-49 in Cocke Co., m. Sara Crumley ca. 1866. Still in Cocke Co. in 1870, moved to Ala. by 1900. Children: Jesse, Emma, Sarah, Beverly, James M. (b. 1874), Linnie, Lannie (Carolina), Delia, Johnny, Nannie, Bradley, Phoebe. Janis Micalizzi, 55 Elmree Lane, Levittown, NY 11756

ROOKE-R, PATTELLO: Seeking info on John Rooker, b. Va. ca. 1798, was in War of 1812, d. 23 Dec 1853 in Madison Co., Tenn., m. Dec 1815 in Warren Co., N.C., to Elizabeth Pattillo, b. ca. 1799. Rooker Bible shows she died 15 May 1841. Among her 11 children: Nancy (m. Peter Reeves), Rebecca (m. Thomas Irvin Reeves), Elizabeth (m. Roland Green Harris). I have info on others. Ms. C. C. James, 236 State Rte. 152 W., Humboldt, TN 38343

ATKINS: Need info on George Atkins, b. 1790 in N.C., m. Nancy , moved to Henry Co., Tenn. One son was Wm. James Atkins. Suzie Ball, 1788 Chartwell Trace, Stone Mountain, GA 30087-2205

BAKER, MILLER: My earliest known ancestors were George and Margaret (Miller) Baker who m. in Jefferson Co. in 1809. Previous researchers suggested George was son of English descendants who settled in Sevier Co. Does anyone have any data to help me prove this? James E. Baker, 17819 Highway U U, Jefferson Co., MO 63353-9608

HOLDEN: Who were parents of Charles Gardner Holden who lived in Fairfax Co., Va., at time of 1790 census? He apparently had two sons at this time. Sons may have been in Rutherford Co., Tenn., ca. 1840-60. James H. Holden, 28999 Brown Springs Rd., Sedalia, MO 65301

GERALDS/GERELDS: Searching this surname in Lincoln and Franklin counties 1840-60 and James Gereld’s marriage to Drucilla Greer in Lincoln County in 1842. Betty Davis, 3137 N. 68th, Kansas City, KS 66109; E-mail: bmdavis@swbell.net


MILLER-LEWIS: Need ancestors of Hinsley Miller and Mary Lewis who probably lived in Middle Tennessee about 1850. Martha R. Hodges, 1837 Dorrie Lane, Memphis, TN 38117


CUNNINGHAM: Searching for parents of Joseph Benjamin Cunningham, b. 1834 possibly in Memphis, apparently d. in Missouri. Was m. 22 Apr 1860 in Knox Co., Mo., to Nancy Edens, b. 1837 in West Va. Glenn H. Cunningham, 23 Sunrise Lane, Lake Ransom Canyon, TX 79366

PRICE, DICKINS, DONOTTO: Seeking info on family of Parthenia Dickins, daughter of Robert Dickins and Mary Brown who m. Edward Donotto in Granville Co., N.C., in 1812. Their daughter, Parthenia Edward, b. in Rutherford Co., Tenn., m. John Williamson Price in 1843. Mrs. Scott Dunlop, 604 Huron St., Shreveport, LA 71106

RECTOR, WALKER, BREEDING, GREEN: Am researching these surnames in Overton Co., Crossville, Cumberland Co., Tenn. Do you know parents of Valena Green? Joan Mericle, 14403 Little Blue Rd., Kansas City, MO 64139

BARBER: Need info on families of Tapley A. and Cynthia Barber who lived in Henderson Co., Tenn., in mid-1800s. Pat Jones, 5015 B. Sun Valley Rd., Oakwood, GA 30566-3115

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DUNAVANT, HOLLIMON: Need anything on these surnames. All I have is that Mary Jane Dunavant m. Joseph W. Holloman in Lauderdale Co. in 1844. Any help appreciated. Biffle Owen, 2948 Pangbourne Co., Germantown, TN 38138.

MERRIMAN: Seeking info on Charles Merriman in Maury Co. ca. 1800. Where and when did he marry Betsy Cook? Who were their parents? Dorothy Dodd, 3733 C. R. 190, Carthage, MO 64836-8451.


FESMIRE, WHITTLE: Looking for info on family of Boalam Fesmire (1800-1884) and wife Kizzie. Their son William and his wife had daughter Alice who m. Giles Whittle about 1890. Barbara Parker, 3565 Englishill, Bartlett, TN 38135-2311.


LOCK: Need parents and siblings of William Lock b. in Tenn. in 1830, m. (1) Rhoda Boyd Jones in 1850, and (2) Martha Ellen Thomas ca. 1864. Martha M. Miller, 9023 Central Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613-5087.

ALFORD, HOLLINGSWORTH: Seeking birthplace, parents of William Alford (b. Va. after 1780) and his wife Sarah “Sally” Hollingsworth (b. Va. ca. 1780-90). They m. 8 May 1823 in Davidson Co., Tenn., and were in Trenton, Gibson Co., by Sept 1829. Children: Elizabeth, James W., and Thomas Jefferson Alford. Kathryn Schultz, 2182 Gorham, Germantown, TN 38139, phone (901) 754-2419.

WHITE, EVANS, DUNCAN, GOSNELL: Need proof that Jacob D. White (b. N.C. 1820, m. Eliza J. Evans in Carroll Co., Tenn. in 1843) was son of John White (b. N.C. 1792) and Sarah Duncan (b. Va. 1793) who were in Carroll Co. in 1840. Also seeking John and Sarah’s lineage. Jacob and Eliza’s children: Mary A., John J., and Sarah Ellen (my great-grandmother who m. J. C. Gosnell.) Anne G. Styles, 2311 Pimmit Dr., #919, Falls Church, VA 22043-2823.

TAYLOR: Searching for parents of Daniel Webster Taylor who was b. in Central Tennessee area and attended school there. He published Murphreesboro Telegraph in 1840’s. Archie V. Howard, 7025 Brookgreen Terrace, Mathews, NC 28105-2205.

PATTERSON: Thomas Patterson (b. 1818 TN) m. Permelia Caroline Reeves in 1843, lived in Green Co., Ala., then Pontotoc Co., Miss. Children: James, Marcellous (m. Mary Ann Rodgers), Joel (Miriam Hooker), Theodore (Nancy Thornton), and Permelia (James Hooker). Thomas in 1840 Green Co., Ala., census without any known relatives nearby. DAR records show his parents were James Patterson and Nancy Simpson. Where were they in 1840? Winnie Brooks, 4221 Hermosa St., Corpus Christi, TX 78411, E-mail: wab@worldnet.att.net.


JOHNSON: Need to verify that Hugh M. Johnson and Parmelia Strother were parents of Lucy A. Johnson, b. Aug 1847 in Tenn. Lyle D. Sexton, 141 Lucinda Ct., Franklin, TN 37064.

HALFORD: Seeking info about children of (1) Jacob Halford who appears in 1830 Wayne Co. census or (2) Sirrell Halford who is in 1820 White Co. census. Trudy L. Witt, 15637 Woodwick Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70816-1519.

WILSON: Seeking info on Joseph Wilson (b. 1766 Va., d. 1835 in Blount Co., Tenn.) and Joseph Newton Wilson (b. Jul 1819 in Blount Co.) Also will exchange research on Tedford, Dickson, Caldwell, McKamy/McCamy, and McClurg lines. Newton Wilson, 2579 Madrid Way So., St. Petersburg, FL 33712-3933.

TOWNSEND: Will exchange info on Joseph Townsend who was in Overton Co. by 1810, d. Jan 1840 in Carroll Co. Children, all b. in Va. from 1782-1804, were Nancy, John, Joseph, Stephen, Nathaniel, Rachel (m. George Hern), Martha, and Albert. Josephine A. Saugg, 860 W. Delta, Union, OR 97883.

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MCMULLAN: Seeking father of James McMillan of Blount Co. who married a Kennedy in 1824, according to a Knoxville news item. James A. McMillan. 6945 Scofield Rd., Ripley, OH 45167-8967

SEARCHING for these Tennessee lines: Campbell Co. - Douglas, Davis, Perkins, Brown, Broyles; Dickson Co. - Slayden, Shelton, Reynolds, Bush; Greene Co. - Sears; Hawkins Co. - Hart; Montgomery Co. - Givan (also ended with en, in), Nebbitt, Thomason. Will share. Vivian Thomason Sharkey, c/o Moffatt, 3711 Joy Lane, Waldorf, MD 20603

EVANS, WELCH: Seeking parents, siblings John D. Evans, b. 24 Dec 1810, d. 30 June 1887, m. Sarah Welch (daughter of Nicholas Welch and ___ White?). Lived at White Oak Creek on Perry/Wayne co. border. Related lines: Briley, Culp, Helms, Howell, Richardson, Still, Walker. Paula DeGraf, 1558 Anna Way, Petaluma, CA 94954-5458. E-mail: JasmineSpr@aol.com


FORD, COFFEE: Ralph Ford, b. 16 Feb 1754 in Guildford, Surrey, England. Married Elizabeth Coffee, b. ca. 1763, possibly in Claiborne Co., Tenn. Need proof of marriage and proof that George W. Ford, b. 10 Jan 1789/90 in Md., was their son. Myrtle Harwood, 9007 Fanita Rancho Rd., Santee, CA 92071-3949

MULLINS: Need parents and siblings of Elizabeth Mullins, b. 1800 in Va., m. in Wilson Co., Tenn., before 1866 to Wilson Price. Lived in Jefferson Co. until 1827. May be related to David D. and Athaliah Mullins. Diana Roderick, 7225 Night Hawk, El Paso, TX 79912

HOOPER: Who were parents of William Franklin Hooper, b. ca. 1815 in N.C.? He m. Margaret J. Hamilton, b. ca. 1817 in Tenn. Their daughter Pricilla Madeline Hooper b. 19 Jul 1848 in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tenn., according to obituary. Helen Rebin, 18201 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Sonora, CA 95370-8795

LONG, MILLER: Who were parents, siblings of Minos Milas Long, b. 9 Aug 1824? 1850 Texas census shows him b. in Tenn. Moved ca. 1848 to Texas, m. 8 Jan 1856 in Bastrop Co. to Amanda Miller. Children: Sarah Fannie, Anna Belle, Lillie Adele, Josephine Ewing, Howard Hugh, Milas, John T., and Frank Louis. Where was Minos before 1850? Howard Long, 1510 Betty Jo Drive, Austin, TX 78704-2648

HOLLAND, MCCARTY: Will exchange info with anyone researching Holland/McCarty lines in Cleveland, Tenn. Bill Holland, 6314 Teakwood Ct., Burke, VA 22015-3419

HIXSON: Am still trying to prove correct parentage of Pleasant Hixson, b. 16 May 1823 in Bledsoe Co. to either Samuel and Sarah (Hixson) Hixon or Timothy and Rebecca (Hughes) Hixson. Floyd M. Hixson, 1712 Harvard Ave., Clovis, CA 93612-2678

RICE: Rowland Rice, b. 12 Dec 1781 in Shrewsbury, Mass., d. 6 Nov 1814 at Ft. William, Ala., as private in West Tenn. militia. He m. Pheraha Warner, Bedford Co., Tenn., ca. 1809/1810. Need descendants of their orphaned children, Ebenezer and Sarah "Sally" Rice, raised by grandfather Ebenezer Rice, who came to Maury Co. in 1799 as missionary to Chickasaws. Shirley Malone Fritsche, 2099 Chingford Cove, Cordova, TN 38018-5123

DO YOU HAVE TIES TO GILES, LAWRENCE COUNTIES? Interested in corresponding with anyone who has Stanford, Davis, Harrison, Lunsford, or White lines in these areas. Mrs. Verna M. Carroll, 412 Fourth St. So., Amory, MS 38821

ESTES, NEAL, ELMORE: Moses Estes d. in Wilson Co. ca. 1815. His daughter Mary m. (1) ___ Neal, (2) William Elmore. The Elmores in Hardeman Co., ca. 1830. Any info appreciated. Ellen M. Crawford, 9749 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85748-3358

ANDERSON, BOYKIN, COCKE, MACLIN: Seeking info on parents of Elizabeth Margaret (Eliza) Anderson, b. ca. 1805 in Hawkins Co., m. Osborne Hale Boykin. Her parents were Joseph M. Anderson and Sarah Cocke. I know nothing more about Joseph. Sarah's parents were William Cocke and Mary Maclin. Kay Lewis, 1018 N. Plains Park, Roswell, N.M. 88201, phone (505) 622-0967

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