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SOMETHING for everyone? We hope so. At any rate, this issue contains genealogical information on a wide range of people... all the way from songstress Jenny Lind to gang member Frank James. Sandwiched in between are a lot of others who didn't grab as many headlines but nevertheless contributed to Tennessee history.

In gathering information, I found that some of the people associated with the famous and infamous were every bit as interesting. For instance, there was P. T. Barnum who was surely a trailblazer in public relations. P.T. himself wrote all the advance press releases for Jenny, signing them with an assumed name, and mailing them to newspapers at the next tour stop. In one, he was unable to restrain his paternal pride, referring to his daughter (who accompanied them on tour) as 'the beautiful Miss Barnum.' Reading news reporters' accounts of the 1850s, you soon realize what a sensation Jenny created in Europe as well as over here. In London, all sorts of clothing and accessories from topcoats to boots were named after her. When she appeared in New York, The Liberator wrote:

"New stores, saloons, and hotels are christened 'Jenny Lind'... steamboats, locomotives, stages, and all vehicles are 'Jenny's'... fond mothers call their babes and sportsmen their cows and pigs 'Jennys'... in short, 'Jenny' is the 'Jenny'-ric term for all these things."

Of the literally thousands of articles named for her, at least one retains her name today. That's the Jenny Lind bed still found in furniture stores across the country.

THE JAMES WOMEN who stood by their men long before Tammy Wynette did hers were stories in themselves.

Frank and Jesse's mother, whose maiden name was Zerelda Cole, at age 17 left a Catholic convent in Lexington, Ky., to marry young Robert James who was studying to be a Baptist preacher. After he was ordained, they moved to Missouri and had four children (one of whom died) before the reverend left for the Gold Rush in California where he died three weeks after his arrival. She had an unhappy second marriage before marrying Dr. Reuben Samuels. The couple suffered much tragedy and heartbreak over the years. When Union soldiers hanged Dr. Samuels at his Missouri farm and left him to die, Zerelda [6'2" and weighing over 200 lbs.] cut the rope and carried him into the house. He carried rope bums on his neck the rest of his life. Later when detectives heard the James boys were coming to see their mother, they threw a bomb [some say a flare] into the house, killing the Samuels' eight-year old son Archie and blowing off Zerelda's hand. Her lower arm later had to be amputated. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1905. Dr. Samuels died three years later, and Zerelda three years after him. She was on a train coming home from a visit to Frank and Ann who were then living in Oklahoma when she died from a heart attack at age 87.

OUR THANKS to Ernest R. Pounds of Bradford, Tenn., for providing us with a story about Skullbone and how the town got its unusual name. The story also includes mention of the oft-told story that Frank James once taught school there.

We're also grateful to Norma Austin of Memphis who contributed an interesting story for our "Tennesseeans Turned Texans" feature. Norma's Dalby ancestors migrated to the Lone Star state from Tennessee in 1839 and had a town and health spa named for them. And we also thank Jay Buck of Bartlett, Tenn., for supplying us with a copy of the diary kept by his Virginia ancestor, Hunter Marshall, during the closing days of the Civil War.

SOME MORE MEMORIES of Stanton, Tenn., have come to the fore in a letter from Sara Stuart Venters of Huntsville, Ala., to TGS member Jean Crawford. Mrs. Venters' mother, the late Henryette Maxwell Stuart, was the person to whom Adams Colhoun wrote his reminiscences of Stanton which we began publishing in the last issue and are concluding in this one. Sara wrote:

"Having grown up in Stanton, I remember several of the people mentioned and know the locations to which Mr. Colhoun referred. My grandparents built their home next door to the Colhoun house and Mother lived there with her family until she married Dad [Clifton Hugh Stuart]. The Colhoun place had been bought by L. E. Harris. Mr. Harris' daughter, Nell, still lives there. Mother's childhood home was torn down shortly after she died.

"Stanton was a wonderfully secure and safe place to live when I was a child. It had a thriving downtown business district. On Saturday the streets and stores were crowded with buying and socializing. As a teen, I clerked at A. T. Beaty's grocery store, and we were busy from early morning until late at night every Saturday. On Sunday the town was locked up tight. On Sundays the churches were full. Community activities were centered around church, home, and school, and there was never a lack of homegrown entertainment. Yes, there was a Depression on, but money wasn't required for the wholesome, creative lives we led!

"It is no wonder to me that Stanton produced so many good, productive citizens who now live all over the country. Mother frequently talked about small towns being the backbone of America; she loved her town and worked hard to make it the best, as did most of her contemporaries."

Mrs. Venters also recalled that her father was quite helpful to her mother in her genealogical research, "spending many hours charming the little old ladies who kept the records in the many courthouses they visited around the country." While her father understood courthouses and their personnel, her mother was the genealogist in the family and a historian as well. Among her writings is an article on the Asbury community (known to area residents as Harris' Store) that appeared in Haywood County History, published in 1989 by the Brownsville-Haywood County Historical Society.
The Year a Swedish Nightingale Sang in Tennessee

If your ancestors lived in Tennessee in 1851, they might well have come down with a case of Lindomania. The outbreak of the fever in the state reached epidemic proportions in February and March that year, with West and Middle Tennessee being the hardest hit areas. Memphis and Nashville were among the 17 cities in the United States privileged to host Jenny Lind during her concert tour of the United States under sponsorship of Phineas T. Barnum. And no one who saw and heard the woman considered the greatest coloratura soprano of her time ever forgot it... or ever ceased talking about it.

The Swedish Nightingale—as she was affectionately dubbed—gave a single concert at the Odd Fellows' new hall in Memphis at the unlikely hour of 11 a.m. Friday, 14 March 1851. Earlier that morning, Memphians crowded the riverside and the downtown area waiting to catch a glimpse of Europe's most famous musical celebrity. She arrived from Natchez on the palatial steamship Magnolia and was whisked off to the Odd Fellow's Hall. Despite the series of uncertainties and delays that had mounded her Memphis appearance for weeks, not one of the new hall's 1,004 seats was unoccupied when Miss Lind finally took center stage.

Only a month before, Barnum in a letter to Memphian F. H. Clark that was published in The Memphis Appeal wrote: "It is impossible to give a definite answer as to whether we will be able to give a concert in your city. If so, we will send an agent 10 days in advance to make the necessary arrangements." On 22 February, Memphis restaurateur Bob O'Hanlon ran this ad in The Appeal:

MADEMOISELLE LIND,
AT
ODD FELLOWS' HALL!
Barnum Will Come! - Do You Believe It?

R. T. O'HANLON has been officially informed that this distinguished personage will visit Memphis, and in order to be prepared for this immense occasion, he is now dispatching orders to New Orleans, for the best of everything in his line.

Just received by the Mohican and Bulletin, the best lot of OYSTERS ever served up in this city.

Call to-night.

1 The Memphis concert was the 60th Miss Lind had given since her arrival in New York on 1st Sep 1850.
2 Her real name was Johanna Maria Lind. Born 6 Oct 1820 in Stockholm, Sweden, she was the daughter of Nicholas Jones Lind and Anna Marie Fellborg.
3 The hall, located on Main Street, was only a few months old, having been completed in December.
4 Issue of 10 Feb 1851.
5 O’Hanlon’s restaurant, known as The Exchange, was on Main Street.
M’LLE JENNY LIND
WILL GIVE A
GRAND CONCERT,
At the Odd Fellows’ Hall in Memphis,
ON THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 13TH, 1861, at 11 o’clock—Doors open at 10 o’clock.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.
OVERTURE, “La Dame Blanche” — BOIELDIEU
ARIA, “Sorgette,” (Maometto Secondo) — Rossini
SIGNOR BELLETTI
ARIA, “Perche non ho del vento,” — DONIZETTI
M’LLE JENNY LIND
FANTASIA ON THE VIOLIN, “Il Tremblo,” DE BERiot
Mr. JOSEPH BURKE.
TRIO for voice & two flutes. (Camp of Silesia,) MEYERBEER
. — (Composed expressly for M’lle. Jenny Lind)
. M’LLIEJENNY LIND.
MESSRS. KYLE AND SEDE.

PART 2
OVERTURE, Fra Diavola, — — — AUBER
CAVATINA, “Largo al factorum.” (I Barbiere) — ROSSINI
SIGNOR BELLETTI

THE BIRDSONG, — — — TAUBERT
M’LLIE JENNY LIND.

LA TARENTELLA NAPOLETANA, — ROSSINI
SIGNOR BELLETTI
BALLAD, “Home, Sweet Home,” (I Clar) BISHOP
M’LLIE JENNY LIND.

THE HERDSMAN SONG, known as the Echo Song, a Swedish melody, —
M’LLIE JENNY LIND

CONDUCTOR. — — — MR. JULIUS BENEDICT

Books containing the words of the songs 25 cts. The price of admission has been fixed at $5.00 — and in order to give all an equal chance the choice of seating will be offered at auction, on Wednesday morning, March 12th, at 10 o’clock, at Odd Fellows’ Hall, by G. B. Locke & Brother, Auctioneers.

Seats not sold at the auction may be secured at the above place at the ticket office.

M’lle Jenny Lind has engaged passage on the Magnolia, and is expected to arrive early on the morning of the concert. Should she be detained beyond the hour appointed, the Concert will take place within one hour after the arrival of the boat.

On 27 February, word came from New Orleans: “It is extremely doubtful that Miss Lind will give any concerts between New Orleans and St. Louis.” But on 4 March, it was formally announced: “M’lle. Jenny Lind will give a grand concert at the Odd Fellows Hall in Memphis on Thursday morning, March 13, 1851, at 11 o’clock.” It was further stated that she would arrive in Memphis on the Magnolia early in the morning of the concert, and that doors of the hall would open at 10 o’clock. Seats would be offered at auction on March 12 at 10-1/2 o’clock by G. B. Locke & Brothers, local auctioneers.

The Memphis Appeal commented, “The divine Jenny will favor us with one of her concerts on the 13th instant. The programme presents a brilliant bill of fare and our citizens will no doubt rejoice that they are to be favored with an opportunity of listening to the heart-moving strains of the fair enchantress.”

Memphis merchants Henry Chrystal & Edward L. Smith at 14 Jefferson Street — eager to make the most of a sales opportunity — advertised they had just received on the steamer Memphis “a lot of Jenny Lind cook stoves — a new innovation and a splendid article.” P. Flavio, who ran a music store on Jefferson, announced he had “all of Jenny Lind’s songs.”

But still another delay concerning the concert was in the offing. Dates and times for the Natchez and Memphis concerts had been based on a Saturday departure from New Orleans. When the boat was unavoidably delayed in arriving at the Crescent City, the only way the appointed times for the concerts could be kept was to leave on a Sunday. When Miss Lind was informed of this, she adamantly refused to travel on Sunday and would not discuss the financial loss she would sustain as a result of the last-minute change. The Memphis concert was then rescheduled for some time Friday morning, 14 March. Tickets went on sale at 10 o’clock the morning of 12 March, although the exact starting time for the concert was still uncertain. On the 13th, the local paper reported “nearly all” the seats for the concert had been disposed of at auction. The tickets went for $5 each with premiums ranging from 50 cents to $20. E. T. Nichols, Barnum’s agent at Memphis, said the few remaining seats would be disposed of at private sale and the concert would positively come off at 11 o’clock Friday morning.

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1 The program was in error regarding ‘The Herdsman Song’ which was written by Miss Lind’s singing teacher, Hass Berg. ‘Echo Song’ is a Norwegian melody.

2 This was standard procedure on the tour.

3 The two manufactured tin, copper, and sheet iron ware, and were wholesale dealers in stoves, grates, and related products.

4 A ticket costing $5 in 1851 would have cost $102.25 in 2001.
The morning after the concert, The Memphis Appeal led off its review by stating, "Well, the Nightingale has come, has caroled, and flown. Barnum has made $7,000, and the good citizens of Memphis are left to ascertain whether they have been benefited to the amount of the price paid for their tickets."

The Appeal went on to concede that Miss Lind probably "possesses greater vocal powers than any other living female"... "seems the very personification of goodness"... and is "more an angel than her singing is angelic."

Up the road in Hardeman County, the Bolivar Herald labeled the concert "an insult," saying Miss Lind's visit to Memphis "only lasted about three hours." The editor of The Western Weekly Review, published in the Williamson County seat town of Franklin, apparently also feasted on sour grapes. He commented: "Jenny Lind was yesterday morning exchanging her musical notes with the people of Memphis for bank notes. She took five dollars from each of those who heard her except the few fools who agreed to pay a large premium for occupying the front seats. Viva la humbug!"

From Memphis the singer went to St. Louis for five more concerts. In the meantime, uncertainty had arisen in Nashville — as in Memphis — as to whether the concert would actually take place. Barnum had sent his agent to find a site in Nashville that could seat 1,500 people. After rejecting a tobacco ware house, which appeared to be the only available building large enough, Barnum's agent tried in vain to schedule the concert in some of the local churches. The Western Weekly Review gleefully reported, "It is very uncertain about Miss Lind visiting Nashville at all, the trustees of the new Presbyterian church there having refused to let her sing in their house."

Barnum then sent a telegram saying he had decided not to bring Jenny Lind to sing in Nashville. Even so, enthusiasts from neighboring counties continued to engage hotel rooms in case the singer did come to the city. Finally on 22 March it was announced that the new Adelphi Theatre had been selected as the site for the concert and would add a third tier of seats to provide increased accommodations. Two days later, Barnum wired E. G. Steele, local leader of efforts to arrange the Nashville concerts, that Jenny's first concert in Nashville would take place Monday evening, 31st March. An auction for concert tickets was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, and J. G. Turner, proprietor of the Verandah Hotel, bought the first ticket for $205. The second ticket sold for $15, and prices for other tickets averaged from $3 to $10.

On 29 March, Miss Lind and her troupe arrived in Nashville for concerts No. 66 and 67, and checked into an elaborate suite at the City Hotel while Barnum and his associates took rooms at the Verandah. The Memphis paper took note of Jenny's arrival in the state capital, saying it "seems to have created a great sensation, the excitement running higher than was ever before known in Nashville."

Nashville resident Mary Hamilton Thompson Orr, described the situation this way: "Every hotel

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5 Actually, total ticket receipts in Memphis were the second lowest of Miss Lind's 53 concerts. Barnum's own ledger of accounts showed they totaled only $4,530.56.
6 The Nashville City Intelligencer, 8 March 1851.
7 The Adelphi, only about eight months old, had the second largest stage in the United States.
8 Barnum's ledgers show receipts for the two Nashville concerts totaled $12,034.30 for an average $6,017.15.
and boarding house in the city are full [sic] and the cry is 'still they come.' You cannot imagine what a crowd we have ... the square and streets around the square are thronged almost equal to Broadway for almost the entire population of the surrounding country -- both village, town, and hamlet -- are now with us and from neighboring states."

The day after her arrival, Miss Lind accompanied by Mr. Barnum, his daughter Caroline, and her friend Mrs. Lyman, drove out to visit the Hermitage. Barnum had visited former President Andrew Jackson there six years earlier, and the old Negro servant he had met then showed the group around the house and grounds. It was at the Hermitage that Jenny for the first time heard mockingbirds singing in the trees and was said to have been "completely enchanted."

Work to expand the Adelphi Theatre had not been completed by the night of the first concert, despite frantic efforts by the management. Some concert-goers had to sit on rough planks in the new section and contend with the wind blowing through holes in the walls and ceilings, but the late March weather was said to have been pleasant and no one seemed to mind. The musical program presented at the first Nashville concert was identical to the one in Memphis, but was varied the second evening [2 April]. The Nashville American carried glowing reviews of both, declaring that Miss Lind's voice in most respects "may be considered as near perfection as anything human can be ... her power completely astonished the audience."

Jane Thomas, long-time Nashville resident, wrote of going to hear Jenny, whom she described as "small and slender ... [and] dressed in pink silk made very simple."

"She sang 'The Last Rose of Summer' and one or two other old songs. The Echo Song was especially beautiful, and when she was singing it her throat would swell out like a bird, and you could hear the notes die out in the distance -- just an exact imitation of an echo."

From Nashville, Miss Lind and some of her troupe traveled by stagecoach via Benton's springs in Robertson County, Tenn., to Mammoth Cave, Ky., where they spent the day before continuing on to Louisville for her next concert. Following appearances in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, the singer and her entourage returned to New York for a new series of concerts. When Jenny's accompanist returned to England to accept a position as conductor in London, she immediately offered the job to young Otto Goldschmidt in Germany who had been a pupil of Mendelssohn's and had accompanied her a number of times in Germany and England. He immediately accepted and joined the group in America. In Philadelphia on 9 June 1851, at the conclusion of her 93rd concert, Jenny Lind terminated her contract with Barnum, after paying a $32,000 forfeit. During her nine-month contract, she had sung an average of one concert every three days and was physically exhausted. She and Barnum ended their business relationship on good terms and remained firm friends through the ensuing years.

Before leaving America, Jenny gave 40 additional concerts on her own over the next seven months and in the meantime, her friendship with Otto Goldschmidt deepened. On 5 Feb 1852 they were married in Boston at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Grey Ward. Jenny presented her farewell American concert 24 May at New York's Castle Garden, and sailed for Europe a few days later. The Goldschmidts eventually made their home in England. They had three children: Walter Otto (born in Dresden in 1853), Jenny Maria Catherine (b. 31 Mar 1857 in Dresden, m. Raymond Maude), and Svend David Goldschmidt (b. Jan 1861). When she was 67, it was learned that Jenny had terminal cancer. She suffered a stroke in Sep 1887 and died at home 2 Nov surrounded by her family. Her benevolence and generosity -- coupled with her talent and dedication -- made Jenny Lind a woman to be admired and remembered with affection.

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RODGERS
NASHVILLE, Jul 31, 1866 - Coroner C. W. Norvell held an inquest on the body of G. W. Rodgers of Bledsoe County on the morning of the 28th inst. He died very suddenly in this city and the verdict was rendered by a jury that he came to his death from an overflow of blood to the brain causing congestion of the same and producing instant death. Mr. Rodgers was principal of Sequatchie College. Pikeville, Tern. -Nashville Gazette, 31 Jul 1866

SWEENEY
We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Sweeney at the house of Mr. J. Ready on S. Union Street about one o'clock yesterday morning. He had complained of a slight indisposition on Sunday night, but no person had any apprehension of the serious consequences until midnight, about an hour after which he died. -Nashville Gazette, 31 Jul 1866

MORRIS
Another of the pioneer citizens of Memphis is gone. Major Walter B. Morris is dead. He died at his residence in Fort Pickering on Saturday morning [7 Jan 1854] at 2 o'clock after a protracted illness in the 57th year of his age. He was buried yesterday afternoon. The Masonic Order, of which he was a brother, were present and followed his remains to the grave. -Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1854

ETHRIDGE
Died in Memphis on Sunday night last [19 Feb 1854] of consumption at the residence of William Park, Gordius P. Ethridge, aged 35. He had been confined to his bed since November last. For many years, he was a citizen of Memphis where by his many good qualities both of head and heart, he had drawn around him a large circle of warm and devoted friends. -Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 Feb 1854

SELBY
Died on 28th June [1872] at 7 p.m., Judge Louis Selby, aged 72. Friends are invited to attend the funeral this afternoon from the residence of Mr. G. W. L. Crook, 125 Adams st. -Memphis Avalanche, 29 June 1872

TENNESSEE
OBITUARIES

McGRATH
BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., Jan 9, 1880 - Mr. Mike McGrath, one of the yellow fever heroes of 1878, acting as mayor of this city during that epidemic, died last night [12 Jan 1880] and was buried this evening with honors by the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was a member, occupying the position of D. D. G. C. All business houses were closed this evening, and a large concourse of citizens followed his remains to the cemetery. -Memphis Public Ledger, 13 Jan 1880

HANNAH
OLIVER'S SPRINGS, Tern., Jan 11 1879 - During the last three months, Major John H. Hannah has been confined to his room by sickness. Most of the time he had to keep to his bed and suffered a great deal. Early this morning he died, and one and all feel that one of our best men has been taken from our midst. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor, and always kind and patient. He left a wife and two bright little boys. A native of East Tennessee, Hannah was a gallant Confederate soldier, attaining the rank of major in the 19th Tennessee Regiment. After the war, he settled in Louisville, Ky., and was in business there several years. During that time, he married Miss Lillie Girding, daughter of a prominent German citizen who had to leave East Tennessee once on account of his Southern sympathies. For several years, Major Hannah has lived at Oliver's Springs in Anderson County near Knoxville where he died. He was a genial gentleman, and as a true a man as ever lived. -Memphis Public Ledger, 14 Jan 1880

THOMAS
From the Fayette Falcon, we learn that M. Isaac Thomas of Hickory Wythe in that county died on Saturday last [4 May 1867] from the effects of a bite received from a mad dog some time last summer. -Nashville Gazette, 10 May 1867

ANDERSON
Mary B. Anderson died in Clarksville on 11 Dec 1878. She was born at "Bleak Hill" in King William Co., Va., 4th Mar 1807. She was descended from one of the oldest and best known families of Virginia. In this line was Sec. William Nelson of colonial memory and his son, Thomas, one of the signers of the Declaration of Indepedence and governor of Virginia. Her education was conducted almost entirely under her parental roof and along with her brothers in the course of preparation for the University, and her familiarity with Latin and Greek classics was for many years a source of delight. She was left early in life a widow with six children to rear. [Abstracted] -Clarksville Chronicle, 4 Jan 1879

NOLEN
Mrs. Priscilla Asbury Nolen, widow of the late Rev. John M. Nolen and daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Cage, died at her home in Montgomery County of typhoid pneumonia on 26 Dec 1879. She was born in Bedford Co., Tenn., on 4 Aug 1817. At age 18 she professed religion at Baker's Camp ground and joined the Methodist Church. Her death closes out "Uncle Neddy" Cage's family, three members of which have died during the present year. -Clarksville Chronicle, 10 Jan 1879

TITUS
Departed this life at Beersheba Springs, Warren Co., Tenn., on Saturday, 3rd Aug [1844], Mr. R. E. Titus of the firm of F. and R. E. Titus of this city in the 28th year of his age. He visited the Springs for the benefit of his sadly bereaved consort whose health was delicate, and was himself attacked with bilious fever which terminated his earthly career in something less than two weeks. Few will be more missed and mourned. -American Eagle, Memphis, 16 Aug 1844

SNEED
Died in LaGrange, Tenn., on 20th Sep [1845], Mrs. Elizabeth G. Sneed, consort of William B. G. Sneed, in the 22nd year of her age. -American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845
PROVINE
Died at his residence in Somerville, Fayette County, 30 Jul 1844. Alexander Provine, Esq., age 63. Born in East Tennessee, he emigrated in early life with his parents to Kentucky then to Wilson Co., Tern., where he became a husband and parent and lived until 1835 when he removed with his family to Fayette County. He embraced religion in the memorable revival in Tennessee and Kentucky in 1800 and attached himself to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He commanded a military company at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend against the Creeks. He was an acting justice of the peace for many years, and a Fayette County trustee at his death. A more perfect model of virtue has rarely if ever appeared.

-Herald, Nashville, 4 Aug 1844

HESSING
The death of Mrs. Anna M. Hessing, venerable mother of Mrs. F. Benziesick and Mrs. Kate Burton, removed from Memphis another of its early inhabitants. She came to this country from Europe and lived first in New Orleans from which place she came to Memphis 47 years ago. Her husband, a well known musician in his time, was the first musical director of the old Memphis Theatre and occupied that position until his death in 1861. Since that time, Mrs. Hessing has remained a widow. She leaves besides her two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Though in her 77th year, her heart was young and she entered into her grandchildren's joys with keenest delight. She was a member of Third Presbyterian Church, Chelsea. The funeral will be from her residence at 88 N, Second. [Abstracted]

-Herald, Nashville, 28 Jun 1887

MAGEVNEY
Died in Memphis yesterday morning [5 Jun 1855] of inflammation of the stomach, Mrs. Mary Magevney, wife of Michael Magevney, aged about 40 years. The funeral will be from the residence on Market St. at 9 o'clock this morning.

-Herald, 6 Jun 1855

BUNTING
Died in La Grange, Tex., on 5 Aug 1854, Mrs. Nina E. Bunting, wife of Rev. R. F. Bunting, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place and daughter of Dr. S. H. Doxey, late of Hardeman Co., Tern.

-Herald, 7 Sep 1854

SCOTT
Died at Paducah, Ky., on 12 Jul [1854] after a painful illness of 12 days, John A. Scott of Yorkville, Gibson County, Tenn.

-Herald, 14 Aug 1854

CONWAY
Died at the residence of his son Owen Conway in Memphis yesterday morning [22 Sep 1854] at 7 o'clock, Mr. Thomas Conway, Sen., at the advanced age of 82. The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. today from his son's residence opposite the City Hotel.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Sep 1854

TITUS
Died yesterday morning [6 Jun 1855] at 3 o'clock of typhoid fever at the residence of her father, Frazor Titus, Esq., Mrs. Mary E. Edmondson, wife of James H. Edmondson of this city, in the 22nd year of her age.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 13 May 1856

BARKER
Mrs. E. Marion Barker died at her residence in Clarksville at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, 10 Sep [1881] in the 78th year of her age. One of the city's most venerable and estimable citizens, she had resided in this place since it was a small village. A native of Virginia, she came to Clarksville with her husband, Edward S. Barker, in 1826. He died in 1849 leaving her a widow with four children.... Her funeral will be at the Episcopal Church at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and from there the remains will be carried to the family burying ground at Meriville and interred by the side of her husband.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 12 Sep 1881

ANDERSON
Mr. Peter Anderson, an old and esteemed citizen of Montgomery County, died of pneumonia on 17th Jan 1876. He removed to this county from Virginia 20 years ago and resided at the same homestead until his death. He leaves four children, two brothers, two sisters, and many friends. His funeral will be at the Presbyterian Church in Clarksville on Wednesday, with Rev. J. W. Lupton conducting the services. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 22 Jan 1876

SEABURY
A telegraphic dispatch was received yesterday chronicling the death of Mrs. Mary M. Seabury, wife of our former fellow citizen, John M. Seabury. She died in Brooklyn, N.Y., yesterday morning [23 May 1867] in the 69th year of her age. She was a Nashville resident for over 30 years, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

-Nashville Gazette, 24 May 1867
EDWIN & ELIZA STREET
Died at Fort Pickering on 25th June [1845], Mr. Edwin Street, aged 31 years. In his death, society has lost a worthy and estimable citizen. Died at Fort Pickering on 2nd July, Mrs. Eliza Street, widow of the late Edwin Street, aged about 25 years.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 4 Jul 1845

MCCALL
Died yesterday [3 Jun 1867] at 9 p.m., Dr. James K. McCall. Friends are requested to attend his funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his father, Dr. Alex McCall, No. 35 S. Cherry St. Services will be conducted by Rev. P. S. Fall.

-Nashville Gazette, 4 Jun 1867

MAGUIRE
The Nashville Baseball Club at a called meeting 9 May 1867 passed a resolution of tribute to their companion and friend, James Maguire, late a worthy and esteemed member of the club who had just died suddenly. The resolution described Maguire as "a cherished companion and friend whose good conduct and spotless character was an ornament to the social circle and gave promise of a life of usefulness as a citizen." Members voted to wear the usual badge of mourning at all matches in which their club was a party during the current season. The resolution was signed by James Boner, chairman; William Moore and James Doherty, committee men; and M. J. McKee, secretary.

-Nashville Gazette, 10 May 1867

COPELAND
Died at Raleigh [Shelby Co.] on 26 Sep last, Isabella Copeland, wife to N. W. Copeland. Also at Macon on the 6th inst., Ida Clay, infant daughter of the above.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 31 Oct 1845

ROGERS
Col. John C. Rogers of Fayetteville died at his residence of consumption on 31st Jan [1846]. He was one of the presidential electors of this state in behalf of Col. Polk and had previously served in the legislature. He was married only three weeks before he died in his 29th year.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 20 Feb 1846

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

SOMMERVILLE
Died in Nashville on Sunday morning, 26th Apr [1846], John Sommerville, Esq., at the advanced age of 75 years 10 months. No similar event for many years past has caused as great a sensation in the community. Respected and esteemed by all who knew him, either personally or by reputation, his death was regarded as a public loss. He was born at York in the state of Pennsylvania on 25 June 1770. In 1789, being then only 19 years of age, he emigrated to Knoxville where he resided until 1799 when he removed to Nashville where he resided with the exception of about three years which he passed at Palmyra in Montgomery County until the date of his death. For the last 35 years, he has been exclusively associated in different banking institutions in Nashville.

[Abstracted]

-Nashville Whig, 30 Apr 1846 (reprinted in American Eagle, Memphis, 6 May 1846)

GOODE
Died in Covington, Tenn., on Sunday morning [20 Dec 1846] in the 87th year of his age, Col. Thomas Goode. He was born in Mecklenburg Co., Va., on 12 Feb 1760 and in his 16th year when the bugle of war first sounded over the Revolutionary struggle, he joined the First Virginia Regiment and spent five years as a soldier in the service of his country during which time he was with Gen. Washington and shared in the hardships and glories of the time. He was at the battles of Trenton and Princeton, was a survivor of Cornwallis &c., and wore through life marks of his suffering. On 15 March last, he was separated by death from the companion of his youth and old age with whom he had lived 67 years, after which time his decline was more rapid. For 55 years, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A large number of friends attended his funeral and burial services conducted with the honors of war.

-Gen. Magazine, 1847

McNUTT
Died at the residence of her husband near Memphis on 20th June 1846, Mrs. Frances McNutt, consort of Rev. A. G. McNutt, in the 32nd year of her age.

-American Eagle, 3 Jul 1846

DOUGLAS
The Hon. Addison H. Douglas passed away quietly at his home at 401 Shelby St. [Memphis] yesterday evening after a month's painful illness. He was connected more or less with the history of Shelby County for nearly 50 years and for all his life, save a short time he resided in DeSoto Co., Miss. At one time he was mayor of Memphis and has sat on the bench of the Shelby County Criminal Court. He was born 28 Aug 1820 in Wilson County. His parents and grandparents were born in Tennessee, and his paternal grandmother was in more than one engagement with Indians at Fort Lick Creek. She loaded guns while the men fought the savages back. His father, Burchett Douglas, served in both houses of the state legislature from Wilson and Fayette counties and was speaker of both houses. Addison, one of seven children, graduated with honors from Clinton College in 1837. Six years later he was admitted to the bar at Somerville and after a few months' practice moved to DeSoto County where he farmed and dealt in real estate until 1850 when he came to Memphis and has resided ever since. He was elected mayor in 1855 and it was during this time that the Memphis & Charleston railroad was completed. In 1884 he was elected criminal court judge. Upon his admission to the bar, he married Mrs. Robertson of Hardeman County and she died five years later, leaving a wee baby girl who is now Mrs. West of Mississippi. In 1850 he married Miss Elizabeth B. Randolph and they had six children. She died in 1886. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 4 Sep 1894

BUTLER
Died in Madison County on Saturday, 9th &c., of inflammation of the brain. Birwell Butler.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 18 Aug 1851
GARRONE
Mrs. Louise Garrone, aged 56 years, died at the residence of her son-in-law, L. A. Keith, at the corner of Beale and Manassas at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, 9 Jan 1895. The funeral will be from the residence this morning, with services at St. Patrick’s.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 10 Jan 1895

REID
Edward L. Reid, town marshal of Collierville [Shelby Co.] died 5 Sep [1894] after a short illness. Reared near Fisherville, he belonged to a well known and prominent family. He was serving his second term as marshal. He leaves a wife and two children. His remains will be interred at the old hamestead this afternoon.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 6 Sep 1894

WADDELL
Dr. John Newton Waddell, one of the most prominent educators and theologians in the South, died at Birmingham on 9th Jan [1895], aged 83. His death was the direct result of injuries from a fall down a flight of stairs two months ago at the house of his kinsman, Dr. Amzi Godden, in Birmingham. He never fully regained consciousness. From 1865 to 1874, he was chancellor at the University of Mississippi at Oxford and it was he who prevented the Republicans and Negroes from taking possession of the institution in reconstruction days. From 1879 to 1887 he was chancellor of Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn. He was author of a number of educational works and was widely known and beloved throughout the South, especially in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. His remains will be buried at Clarksville.
-Memphis Appeal, 10 Jan 1895

QUARMBY
Died in this city on 31 Aug 1851 of chronic inflammation of the stomach and bowels, Mrs. Elizabeth Quarmby of England in the 44th year of her age.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 2 Sep 1851

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

McMAHON
Died at the residence of her son-in-law, E. M. Durham, in Vicksburg, Miss., on Monday, 18 Jan [1895] in the 74th year of her age. Mrs. Emily Esther Mc Mahon. She was the widow of Col. J. H. McMahon, and the mother of Mrs. Nannie D. Pinkney of Pueblo, Col., A. H. D. Perkins of Memphis, and Mrs. E. M. Durham of Vicksburg. The funeral will be at Elmwood Cemetery after arrival of the morning train from Vicksburg today.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 30 Jan 1895

LEWELLING
Died in this city on 12th Feb [1851] of pneumonia, Stephen W. Lewelling, formerly of North Carolina and for the last three years a resident of Memphis. None knew his character but to respect and admire it.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 14 Feb 1851

GAINES
Died on Thursday morning (14th inst.) in this city, Gen. P. G. Gaines, in the 50th year of his age. Born in Robertson Co., Tenn., he removed to the Western District in 1829. For the past 20 years, he has resided in Memphis. In 1839 he was elected to the legislature from Shelby County. [Abstracted]
Memphis Daily Appeal, 18 Aug 1851

YOUNG
Died at his residence at Hickory Wythe, Tenn., on the morning of 14 Aug 1851, Dr. George M. Young after a protracted illness of 2 1/2 months. He leaves a wife and many relatives to mourn his loss.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 19 Aug 1851

MARSH
Died in this city on Saturday, 27th Sep [1851], at 4 p.m., William Marsh, formerly of Giles County. Aged 44 years.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 30 Sep 1851

CLARK
Mr. John C. Clark, one of our most worthy and enterprising citizens, died yesterday [29 Sep 1851] from the effects of a burn received while waiting on a sick brother. He was in the act of mixing a preparation of turpentine when it accidentally took fire and his clothing become saturated with it. He was burned so seriously that he lingered only 12 days.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 30 Sep 1851

DRUMMOND
Died in Shelby County of consumption on 5th Dec [1851], Andrew Drummond, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, aged 32 years 7 months.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 8 Dec 1851

HARRIS
Died in this city last evening at the residence of his brother, E. O. Harris, Esq., Mr. W. T. Harris. He was for many years a resident and merchant at Randolph, Tenn. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend his funeral this morning at 10 o’clock from the Episcopal Church.
-Memphis Daily Eagle, 5 Nov 1850

PICKETT
Died at 3 o’clock on the morning of the 24th Dec [1850], Miss Maria T. Pickett, second daughter of Mrs. Ann F. Pickett of this city. During the Fair given by the Odd Fellows of this city, her dress accidentally came in contact with a candle and took fire. She and her sister and another young lady were enveloped in flames. Miss Pickett was buried the evening of the 24th. A large concourse of citizens and Odd Fellows turned out for the funeral. This melancholy event has thrown a deep gloom over many who mourn sincerely the untimely fate of the young and beautiful young woman. This, we understand, is the only occasion on which the Odd Fellows as a body have ever attended the funeral of any one not a member of their order.
(Huntsville, Ala., Advocate and Banner of Peace, Lebanon, Tenn., please copy.)
-Memphis Daily Eagle, 25 & 27 Dec 1850
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EUNICE Y STUBBLEFIELD
Named in will: Deceased husband - Raleigh Stubblefield; Son - Joseph Benjamin Stubblefield
Granddaughter - Alice Augusta Stubblefield (only child of John Henry Stubblefield)

Pages 2-4

JAMES FULTON of Morristown, Jefferson Co., Tenn.
Named in will: Brother - Andrew J. Fulton of Claiborne Co., Tenn.; Trustee - James A. Carriger;
Tenant in common in land in Josh Bell Co., Ky. - Dr. James H. Morrison, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

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JAMES COURTNEY
Executrix named in will: Fanny Courtney (refused to serve). Court-appointed executors: William and John Courtney.
Named in will: Wife - Fanny Courtney; "A girl we raised" - Mary L. Kesterson, a minor

Pages 6-7

JOHN HARTMAN
Named in will: Oldest daughter - Sarah A. Creech; Second daughter - Rebecca A. Creech; Third daughter - Margaret Mefford; Eldest and only son - Marshall Hartman
Gift will dated 9 Dec 1871. Witness: George McAnally
Named: Daughters - Rebecca and Sarah; Son - Marshall

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JAMES HAUN

ISAAC HULL of Jefferson Co., Tenn.
Will dated 11 Feb 1870. Witnesses: Jethro Hill, Alford H. Hill
Named in will: Son - Henry. Wife referred to but not named.

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JOHN MANSFIELD
Named in will: Wife - Martha J. Mansfield

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JOEL HAUN
Wife and "all my children" - referred to but not named.

Pages 11-15

ABRAHAM B. FUNKHOUSE R
Named in will: Sons - John W., Josiah N., and Porter A. Funkhouser (the youngest and under 21); Daughters - Mary A. (Funkhouser) Curtis, Delila Jane Funkhouser, and Amanda Elizabeth (Funkhouser) Rodgers

1Hamblen County was established 31 May 1870 by the state legislature from parts of Jefferson and Grainger counties.
HAMBLEN (continued)

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W. A. BROWN
Will dated 12 Aug 1873. Proved 1 Sep 1873. Witnesses: S. C. Davis, Jesse R. Ott, James P. Carriger

Named in will: Eliza Fort's heirs, Penelope Brown's heirs

Pages 17-18

GEORGE RAYLE

Named in will: Daughter and grandchildren - Jane Andre (wife of Erastus Andre) and her children - referred to but not named; Granddaughter - Eliza Jane Rayle (daughter of his son, James Rayle, Jr.); Sons - Jesse Rayle, W. J. Rayle, and deceased son, Pleasant Rayle

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MARY C. LANE
Will dated 29 Jul 1873. Proved 4 Sep 1873. Witnesses: Wm. R Homer, Penelope C. Brower.

Named in will: Husband - Yarlton Lane; Father - Benjamin Davis (deceased)

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CALEB W. ROBERSON

No persons named in will. Left estate to Church of Christ

STOKLEY W. WHITE

Executor: Jameson White


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ELIZABETH WHITE

Executor: William G. White


Elizabeth specifies that she wants to be buried at Bent Creek graveyard.

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ANNA C. PRYDE

Named in will: Mother - Mary A. Pryde; Father - John Pryde.

Pages 24-25

JAMES CHANEY

Executor: William Chaney, Alexander Helton

Named in will: Son - Wm. Chaney; Deceased sons - Jackson Chaney, Elisha Chaney; Son-in-law - Alexander Hetron; Daughters - Elizabeth Chaney, Orlena (Chaney) Noe; Grandchildren - Joseph and James Chaney (children of deceased son Elisha).

Appoints son William Chaney guardian of Joseph and James.

Referred to but not named - deceased wife; children of deceased son Jackson Chaney

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WILLIAM HARRISON of Morristown, Hamblen County

Executors: G. B. McCrady, Dr. G. T. Magee

Named in will: Wife - Elizabeth Jarmagin Harrison

Referred to but not named - three daughters
HAMBLEN (continued)

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JOSEPH WORLEY
Executors: Wm. J. Donaldson, H. S. Worley, R E. Kingsley
Codicil dated 11 Mar 1875, witnessed by J. P. Haun, W. B. Taylor.
Mentioned but not named - heirs of Stephen C. Brown.

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EPHRAIM MOORE
Executor: George S. Eckel.
Named in will: Wife - Sydnah Moore; Son - S. T. Moore; Grandsons - George C. and Ephraim L. Moore (minor sons of my deceased son Ephraim L. Moore); Daughters - Eleonor Jones, Ailcey C. Angle, Mary Ann Hale, Louisa Walker; Granddaughters - Ettie Jackson (daughter of my deceased daughter, Clementina Jackson), and Elizabeth Rankin (daughter of my deceased daughter, Martha Jane Newman).
Named but relationship not stated - James Hale

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JAMES WOOD

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MARTHA J. LOVE
Named in will: Husband - William H. Love; Grandson - Marion Grant Camper/Cowper.
Refers to house in Rheatown, suburb of Momstown, as adjoining property of Joel Duncan, Mrs. Lawhorn, Barter Whitson

Pages 34-35
RICHARD THORNHILL
Named in will: Wife - Margaret Thornhill; Daughters - Margaret E. and Elizabeth Bowers; Girl children [granddaughters] of Elizabeth Bowers, daughter of Margaret E. Bowers who has other children
Named but relationship not indicated - R A. Cline, C. C. Cline

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SUSAN E. MORRIS
Named in will: Husband - Drury Moms; Father - Daniel C. Carmichael; Infant daughter - Susan; Other children - John, James T., Daniel C., Mollie E., and Ellen P. Morris.
Named but relationship not indicated - James P. Evans, who conveyed 165 acres to her in Hamblin (formerly Grainger) County free of her husband's control. Land is bounded by that of Robert J. Daniel, Robert Lloyd, James T. Carmichael, Jesse Livingston, and Samuel Smith.

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THOMAS BARTON JARNAGIN
Named in will: Wife - Eliza P. Jarnagin; Daughters - Mary E. and Laura A. Jarnagin; Son - Hugh Jarnagin.

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NAOMI TRENT
Named in will: Daughter-in-law - Salina F. Trent, wife of son, John H. Trent; Sons - John H. and William A. Trent; Daughter - Nancy Bowlen.
JAMES M. SHANNON


Named in will: Wards (nieces and nephews) - Mary Scott Moffit, William W. Moffit, and Louisa S. Moffit.

Mentions her brother and sister but does not give names.

JOHN RICE


Named in will: Wife - AdaIsaId (marriage contract in Rutledge, Grainger Co., Tenn.); Son of first wife [not named] - Joseph M. Rice; Sister - May, residing in County of Tryone, Ireland; Trustees - Wyatt Stubblefield, George W. Folsom; Friend - F. W. Taylor, Sr., attorney

ANDREW J. DONALDSON


Named in will: Faithful and true friend - Esther Staples.

HARRIETT COBB


Named in will: Youngest daughter - Mary Cobb, a minor.

Appoints Aron Duff as Mary’s guardian.

W. P. ROGERS


Named in will: Uncle - Isaac Rogers; Father - Joseph Rogers; Sister - Rutha Darnell.

Nephew - Milton Darnell whom he names to manage property left to his (Milton’s) mother Rutha.

Appoints Daniel J. Taylor guardian of father. Leaves house and lot on Cumberland St. to Elizabeth Rogers (relationship not stated).

WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Will dated 4 Sep 1873. Witnesses: S. C. Davis, Obadiah D. Robertson, A. T. Howry

Named in will: Wife - Mary Robertson; His three sons - James D., Obediah B., and John D. Robertson. Refers to daughters but does not name.

RACHEL E. WALKER

Will dated 13 Jan 1879. Witnesses: Jameson White, C. L. Lane.

Named in will: Husband - Preston Walker; Daughter and grandchildren - Mollie Creech and her children.

Appoints John Whiteaker and Robert Estes to divide her land into equal lots.

ELIZABETH JARNAGIN HARRISON


Named in will: Deceased husband - William Harrison; Daughters - Mary A. Pence, Hannah J. McCrary, Martha L. Naff; Granddaughter - Lizzie May Naff (daughter of Martha L. Naff)

MARY W. RIGGS


Named in will: All her children and grandchildren - William E. D. Johns, Pleasant M. Riggs, granddaughter Mary C. Dodson, children of Samuel Thompson; children of Samuel T. Riggs, and children of Eliza Jane Dodson. Wants her property to be divided into five equal shares.
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taxes on the second Monday in July
heirs of William
Taylor McNabb
District: ordered that they be exposed to public sale
(daughters of Frederick Scruggs); Annie
Sally and Lucy D. Scruggs; Nieces
her daughter Lucy.

JOHN H. WEAVER
Will dated 17 May 1876. Witnesses: Rice Thompson, William Williams.
Named in will: Wife - Hannah Williams; Daughters - Addy Williams, Cate McGee, and Wilia Williams; Sons - Ezekiel, Gideon, and Josiah Williams; Heirs of my deceased daughter, Molly C. Noe - Hannah, and Wilia E. Noe; Grandson - Robert A. Noe, son of deceased daughter Nancy M. Noe.

MARGARET SHAW
Named in will: Sons - Thomas, James, and Landon; Daughter - Ambersil McMahan

WILLIAM SAMPLE, S R
Mentioned in will but relationship not stated: Ezekiel H. Sample, John S. Sample, Telugetes(?) Sample, Fullius Cicero
Sample. Refers to wife but does not name her. Mentions note he holds on Felix W. Brown.

SALLY BAYLESS
Named in will: Sister - Martha E. Webster (wife of C. A. Webster, Cynthia, Ky.); Brother and sister-in-law - Wm. C. and Lucy D. Scruggs; Nieces - Sallie E. Jarnagin (daughter of John Jarnagin), Mary Reese Scruggs, Sallie E. Witt and her daughter Nora, and Lucy J. Hale (daughters of Wm. C. Scruggs); Sallie B. Scruggs; Sallie B. and Eliza D. Scruggs (daughters of Frederick Scruggs); Annie Malony (wife of Hugh D. Malony); Aurilla Scruggs (wife of E. B. Scruggs), and her daughter Lucy.
Refers to her deceased father but does not give his name.

Johnson County Land To Be Sold To Public For Unpaid 1843 Taxes

The Johnson County Circuit Court at its March 1844 term ordered that some 15 tracts of land be put up for public sale because of default of 1843 taxes.

According to a legal notice in the Jonesboro Sentinel of 19 Oct 1844, former Sheriff Calvin J. Moore earlier had bid off 10 of the tracts on behalf of the state. The court ruled, however, that the sale and purchase of the tracts were void and ordered that they be exposed to public sale again. Date of the second sale was to be 16 Nov 1844.

The tracts to be resold were listed as:

- Civil District 1: William Carter, 25 acres; James Ham, 100 acres; John Lowe, 100 acres; Slaughter, 400 acres;
- District 2: David C. Moody, 75 acres; District 4: William M. Martin - 55 acres, William Profitt - 50 acres; District 5: Taylor McNabb - 50 acres; Madison Johnson - 100 acres; District 6: Abel Duggar, 50 acres; Taylor McNabb, 150 acres;
- District 7: Armstead Cooper, 30 acres; Taylor McNabb, 300 acres; District 8: James B. Riley, 640 acres.

Meanwhile, Clerk Alex D. Clark of Taylorsville announced the following additional tracts would be sold for unpaid taxes on the second Monday in July 1844:

- District 1: John K. Farris, 200 acres; District 2: William Gentry, 100 acres; District 5: James Bunton, 316 acres; heirs of William Bunton, 1,100 acres; and Wright Mooreland, 146 acres.
FROM A PRIVATE LETTER received in this place on Tuesday evening last, we are furnished the following concerning the sad fate of the deceased: "I suppose you have heard, ere this, of the death of Mr. S. H. Brazzleton, which was remarkably strange indeed! He left home on Saturday for Cairo. He took an overdose of Morphine, and then saturated a cloth with Chloroform and spread it around his head, and killed himself in his room at a hotel in that place...." (Friday, 611111875)

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING of last week, Mr. R. W. Blevins, living in the 6th Civil District of this county, was doing some hauling with a pair of mules and wagon, and his little son aged about four years, accompanied him. The little fellow was seated in the body of the wagon, when Mr. Blevins left the team a moment. The mules took fright and ran away, throwing the little boy out and killing him instantly. -- Tennessee Transcript (Friday, 1012911875)

DIED On the 16th inst., at Shady Hill, Mrs. Geo. H. Buck Aged 82 years. (712311875)

DIED In this county, on the 21st inst., Mrs. Jennie Ashcraft, age about 80. (1012911875)

OUR FRIEND L. T. Bell and family, together with Gen. J. W. G. Jones, left yesterday morning for Newbern, Tenn., to bid farewell to Gen. T. H. Bell and friends previous to departing for California. (1111211875)


DIED In this county on the 14th inst., Mr. Ransom Cunningham. Age 80 years. (618111875). Tribute of Respect, Constantine Lodge No. 64 F. & A. M.....Whereas the Supreme Architect and Alwise Ruler of the Universe has seen fit...to remove from our midst our aged and dearly beloved brother, Ransom Cunningham. Said brother departed this life at the residence of his son, E. W. Cunningham, on the 4th day of June, 1875, in the 80th year of his age. He left a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. (7/30/1875)

DIED In Henderson County last week, Cunningham Cox. Aged 61 years. (713011875)

DIED In this county on the 17th inst., Willie J., son of Alick Fesmire, age 4 years. (1012211875)

FROM THE WOODBURY PRESS. Our community was greatly shocked on Tuesday morning by the sad intelligence that Samuel Hawkins, son of John Hawkins, Esq., residing near Short Mountain, had met his death in a most frightful manner on Monday afternoon on his father's farm...young Samuel went out on the farm, riding a mule, to herd some cattle. Soon afterward the mule was seen running through the field dragging the boy under his feet. At the sight of this, Mr. Hawkins ran...to the rescue of his unfortunate son; but he was too late to be of any service. He found only the bruised and lifeless form of the child....It is supposed that he was thrown and his feet entangled in the reins as he fell, when the mule became frightened and ran away. (Friday, 611111875)

DIED In this county on the 18th inst., Sarah, wife of Wesley Hughes, age about 28 years. (10/22/1875.) Departed this life Oct. 19th, 1875, Sarah C., wife of D. W. Hughes and daughter of John and Caroline Fesmire, aged 28 years....May the husband and child and all the surviving friends meet Sarah in heaven. (1012911875)

ON THURSDAY of last week, Col. John L. House and his son, Mansfield, were shot at Franklin, Tenn., by D. F. Griffin and W. M. Allison. Col. House was killed on the street; his son was still alive at last reports. Col. House was a Confederate officer during the war, and commanded the 1st Tenn. Regiment. Griffin was city marshal and Allison, attorney and recorder of the town. (1012911875)

REV. GEO. K. BROOKS will preach the funeral of Martha B. Hart and an infant of L. T. Daulton, at Olive Branch, next Sunday morning....(Friday, 1012911875)

AT A REGULAR MEETING of Western Star Grange, No. 511, P. of H., held Nov. 6th, 1875, the following resolutions were adopted. Resolved, That since our last communication, it has pleased our Divine Master above, to call from earth our beloved brother, Addison S. Hall... (11/12/1875)
DIED. In the 6th district of this county on the 18th inst., Mrs. Macajer Joyner, age 83 years. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In Henderson Station on the 17th inst., infant son of Hiram Johnson. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 15th inst., Mr. J. M. Daniel, age 87 years. (10/22/1875)

NEAR JACKS CREEK in this county on the 19th ult., a young man, Robert Lee, while out hunting stopped, leaned his body against the muzzle of his gun, and commenced cleaning a trough, when his gun slipped and was, by accident discharged, the contents entering his side, killing him... (7/2/1875)

NOTE. Whereas on or about the 5th day of Oct., 1872, one Robert Lowery departed this life intestate in the county of Henderson, State of Tenn., whereas, on the 8th day of Oct., 1872.... Ebenezer E. Lee, was duly appointed and qualified....as the administrator of the estate of the said Robert Lowery... (7/23/1875)

DIED. On the 19th in Purdy, Geo. E. Meeks. (7/30/1875)

DIED. In the 6th district of this county on the 20th inst., Mary Matthews, age 6 years. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 17th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Frank Owens, age about 30 years. (10/12/1875)

THE FUNERAL of elder J. R. Reed will be preached at the residence of the deceased's widow .. next Sunday. (Friday, 10/12/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 26th inst., Polly, wife of John Robbins, age 55 years. (10/12/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 18th inst., Mrs. H. M. Robertson, age 74 years. (10/12/1875)

THE FOLLOWING marriage licenses have been issued since our last report: L. H. Rhodes & Francis Rhodes, Bell Andrews & Eliza Cotrell, G. A. Davis & Delaney Jones, Geo. W. Garner & M. E. Franklin, ___ P. Chumney & Francis White, G. W. Beacham & Nancy J. Hodgin, J. L. White & Mary Bell, Lum Johnson & Elizabeth Alton. (11/26/1875)

DIED. On the night of the 25th inst. at this place, of diarrhea, Clara, daughter of L. A. Stanford, age seven months. (8/27/1875)

MARRIAGE LICENSES. R. D. Thompson & Maggie Ross, B. F. Sears & F. A. McKenzie. (7/12/1875)

DIED. At Buena Vista on the 28th ult., Mrs. Joseph H. Williams. Age, about 85 years. (6/11/1875)

DIED. In this county, August 14th, of cholera infantum, James Dennis, infant son of Dr. N. M. and Almeda F. Williams. He was in his second year... (8/27/1875)

DIED. In the 9th district of this county on the 14th inst., Mrs. John G. Watson, age about 47 years. (10/12/1875)

DIED. In this county on 15th inst., Eli Washburn, age about 80 years. (10/12/1875)

DIED. On the 16th inst., at Shady Hill, Mrs. Geo. H. Buck. Aged 82 years. (7/12/1875)

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MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's mother in Jackson, January 12, 1876, by Rev. W. M. Patterson, Miss Callie A. Muse to Mr. Ed. L. McCollum of Henderson, Tenn... (11/21/1876)

THE MANY FRIENDS and acquaintances of J. T. Hood and T. J. Horn regret that they have left us bound for Texas, where they intend to locate for a time... (1/8/1876)

DIED. In this county near this place very recently, Mrs. Sallie Hinson, aged about 62 years, wife of Isom Hinson. (11/28/1876)

Bost, Parker Doss to Elizabeth Rhodes, R. M. McLenecok to R. A. Brown, L. L. Amis to A. A. Amis, M. L. Thomas to Caledonia Joyner, T. N. Rhodes to M. B. Lassiter, W. H. Phenix to Susan J. Adams, F. A. Barr to S. J. Gateley, J. M. Davis to M. A. Stewart, T. N. Crocker to M. M. Thomas, Edmond Pierson to Martha Douglass. (112111876)

DIED. In Decatur county at his (Dixie) Mills, Feb. 17, 1876, John Smith of this place. Aged about 61 years. The deceased was a citizen of this place for many years. He leaves a wife and several children. (2/25/1876)

LETTER: Marlin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1876 - Editor Reporter: Three years ago I left the home of my childhood, and the place of my birth to go, I knew not where, until I found myself in the beautiful land of Texas. I have received within the last two months, by every mail, letters from my Tennessee friends asking for a description of Texas....C. C. Cawthon. (2/25/1876)

DIED. In this county, near Juno, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., John W. Anderson. Aged about 50 years. The deceased was in town on Monday the 3rd inst., apparently in good health and promise of long life. Monday or Tuesday after he returned home, he was out in the lot among the stock where he received a kick from a mule, and it is supposed was the cause of his death. (411411876)

DIED. In this county on the 7th inst., in the 11th district, Mary Veteto, wife of A. B. Veteto. Aged about 33 years. (411411876)

SALE OF REAL ESTATE. Thomas H. Green, Adm'r of Robert P. Cooper, dec'd., vs. Wm. H. Cooper, Charles Cooper et al, heirs at law, and creditors of said Robt. P. Cooper, dec'd.....I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse door in Lexington, on Monday, 5th day of June, 1876, a certain tract of land containing about 130 acres, lying in the 7th civil district of Henderson county....and purchased by R P. Cooper at the sale of lands belonging to the estate of Thos. Bed, deceased....(4/14/1876)

MARRIED. In Madison county near Jackson on the 13th inst., Mr. John Griswell of this place to Miss Katy Welch (412811876)

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report, April 7: L. R. Reed to F. T. White. Major B. Teague to Beldora F. Houston. (412811876)

DIED. In this county on the 25th of April near Shady Hill in the 14th district, Burrell Johnson. Aged about 70 years. Near the same place and in the same district on the 27th of April, Ben Edwards. Aged about 18 years. Very suddenly near Scott's Hill in this county, John Austin. Aged about 21 years. (515111876)

MARRIED. At the residence of Sam. Howard on Thursday, 26th April...by the Rev. R S. Swift, Joseph P. Parker to Miss Mary E. Barnhill. (515111876)

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report, April 21: E. W. Ridley to Lydia C. Prince, Joseph P. Parker to Mary E. Barnhill, Thomas L. Taylor to Mattie Barnhill, Alex. Roland to Fronia Watson, John L. Aldridge to Mary A. Tackett. (511911876)

Memphis Women Formed Book Club In 1837

The Ingleside Club, a book club, was one of the first women's groups organized in Memphis. It was formed 4 Mar 1837 in a meeting of 13 women at the residence of Mrs. S. M. McCallum. Mrs. McCallum was elected first president of the group, and Mrs. John W. Falls was named the first secretary.

Other charter members were Mrs. M. L. Meacham, Mrs. Alston Boyd, Mrs. C. L. Ficklen, Mrs. Frayner Edmondson, Mrs. J. N. Falls, Mrs. Fred Orgill, Mrs. Re. H. Vance, Mrs. C. B. Bryan, Mrs. W. D. Beard, Mrs. A. B. Goodbarr, Mrs. A. Mason Cooke, and Miss Frankie Johnson.
Albert Wegner, physical director of the University YMCA, was a student and graduated at the end of my first year. He led a group of us on a camping trip some 50 miles through the country to Mt. Thunderhead on the state line in the Smoky Range (now in the middle of Great Smoky Mountains National Park). Cloyd Read, Billie Bates, Bill Edelen, Jon McSpadden, Otho Atkin, Norman Pittman, Percy Bishop, Ben Edgerton, W. C. Essary and some others were in the group. Bates had one leg and rode the wagon. The others walked alongside the vehicle that carried tent and supplies.

Among other experiences, we were first mistaken for "revenuers" and mistrusted, but when we won the confidence of the mountaineers we contacted, we laid a silver dollar on a stump one night (as we were told we might do) and the next morning found a jug of "mountain dew," the original 'white mule.' This, when we got to Knoxville, we put into small bottles as souvenirs for each party. Positively, not a drop of it was imbibed. For one reason, we did not trust its purity but we did respect its potency. At night when the darkness was densest, the stars were the most beautiful I'd ever seen -- so clear and bright. Far to the west, the line of light that was the city of Knoxville was the only suggestion of civilization that reached into our quiet retreat.

At the outbreak of war with Spain in April 1898, I tried to enlist in the army. I was considered too young for an officer and there were already enough privates for the regiments (later a fourth) allotted for Tennessee. So J. H. Vorhies, my roommate, and I volunteered and were accepted at once for YMCA Army work. We were sent to Camp Chickamauga, scene of the bloodiest battle of the War Between the States. There we spent the time until the war was over. I was most of the time with the 4th Ohio, the 1st Illinois, and the 5th Missouri regiments. We returned to school in October, and our war service won us exemption from all examinations we had missed in June. I'd probably have flunked if it had been otherwise.

Very soon after matriculating, I joined the Philomathesian Literary Society. The reason for joining that group rather than Chi Delta was that at the time it was the underdog, having lost the last two or three intersociety contests. I thought there was greater opportunity and greater need for my ability, if any. I did not like an organization with initials only for a name, and those initials Green and meaningless. The societies encouraged debate, oratory, and declamation. Several society medals came to me, and I was a member of a two-man debating team in two intersociety contests which we won. Most of my first friends belonged to the other society.

Athletics attracted me. I belonged to the football squad. Though I was not heavyweight and weight meant a lot in those days of the game -- I played end, tackle, and guard as well as occasionally quarterback and halfback. Speed was a qualification for me and in some intercollegiate games, I substituted in one or another position. Some medals came to me in field day events in which I liked particularly the distance runs -- quarter-mile and over. For some years after I left college, my half-mile record stood. One of my most painful experiences was a mile race. Ben Edgerton, a fellow runner in the YMCA dormitory, was defending champion one season. M. E. Glouster was a challenger. We were on the last lap and in the home stretch with Ben leading and me at his heels gaining on him, and Glouster a distant third. Ben, weary and staggering, was quite difficult to pass him. He swung back, our feet tangled, and he fell. I had fouled him and, of course, I stopped. Glouster went on to win. Ben was swell about it, feeling he would have lost any way and this gave him an out.

Though some of my best friends were fraternity members, I did not join as I was active in YMCA work and had many friends who were rather drastically anti-fraternity. My closest friends were Kappa Alpha members, and I joined them shortly before graduation. I think they particularly welcomed me as otherwise they would have had no member in the graduating class that year. Horace Colhoun, my cousin, was at the University with me through my last year. He joined SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) fraternity.

One of the sports greatly enjoyed at the University was boating -- sometimes rowing down right to the University Experiment farm, sometimes up the Tennessee (formed a few miles above Knoxville by the Holston and the French Broad), up one of the other of these rivers to float back with the stream, singing and picnicking. Occasionally, we would take a steamer, freighting our boats up to Dandridge or Strawberry Plains, then float downstream, making a day and part of the night of it. Generally, there were girls along for we had a coeducational school and did not wish to ignore any of its opportunities.
Now we go back to what I believe was the point of greatest depression in my life. I graduated from the University of Tennessee in June 1899. I had not missed many opportunities to learn while at the school. Not that I was bright; I was merely always interested to learn. But nothing seemed to have prepared nor disposed me for any calling. The way was not clear to the ministry though an Alexander Scholarship was open for me at Princeton University and a similar opportunity at Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn., a school afterwards moved to Memphis. I had no idea what to do. But I had a very firm conviction that soon brought me out of the blues that the Father of us all had something for me and would make it known if I'd look around. I went to Nashville. Something led to my going one morning to the Bell Teachers Agency. Mr. Bell gave me several references. He told me he had a kinsman in Dallas who was enthusiastic about that region, and one of the references was to Garland near Dallas.

I wrote there and received a prompt reply. It was from Howell T. Livingston who was reared in my home country, was my Greek tutor at the University, and who after all that -- knowing me as well as he did -- urged me to come to Garland to teach with him. He warned that I'd have to stand the Texas examination including Texas history. I crammed, went to Texas, took the examination, and taught through two years. The school board urged me to continue, but the state secretary of the YMCA asked me to be secretary at McKinney. I was there two years.

The greatest event of that period was my meeting Ada Stuart Richardson, daughter of William H. Richardson, who had been pastor of the McKinney Presbyterian Church and still lived there as a home missionary and evangelist. Somehow, pretty promptly, immediately as a matter of fact, I was in love with her. I don't think she ever really fell for me, but she promised to marry me if I would reform and get a job at which I might make a living for the big family we would have. I reformed, gave up all idea of the ministry, got a job as a reporter on the *Dallas Morning News*. She took to teaching. It was eight years before she agreed to try out married life. We were joined in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas June 12, 1911. We boarded at Mrs. Charles Welland's, roomed at Mrs. W. G. Milburn's. Then we roomed with Mrs. Edmund Burks and her daughter Lois (Mrs. William Leftwich) who became a good friend of Ada's. We had an apartment with Mrs. Baird. There we were living when the "Big Family" -- Martha Stuart -- amved March 3, 1914. On October 1, 1914, our home at 46___ Virginia was completed and we moved in.

Daughter was our wonder child, an every-minute joy. She never had a very serious illness, the worst being an ear infection that threatened until the eardrums were pierced. Dr. Oscar Marchman, who had brought the girl into the world at Baylor Hospital, was consulting specialist. Dr. Creer was the family doctor. Martha went through Fannin Public School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and Southern Methodist University cum laude (or was it "Good Lordy?"). She married Clyde M. Harrison March 27, 1941. William Clyde Harrison came along May 29, 1942, and Patricia Ann Harrison came Nov. 25, 1943. From here on, we've been making history and not paying much attention to recording it.

In response to a request from Mrs. C. H. Stuart in 1956, Adams Colhoon continued his reminiscing and wrote these additional recollections of early days in Stanton.

Back in my school days when Prof. Powell -- I think his initials were T. K. -- was principal, other pupils included a Stuart (C. H.?), Lee Powell, brother of the professor; and John Kelso. Of course, there were many others whom I seem to remember as if it were yesterday we played and were supposed to have pursued needed knowledge together.

If by helicopter I were to be deposited in Stanton, I believe I'd like first to descend into the old home place, now the property, I believe, of Mr. Harris. I seem to feel at home in every square foot of the place with the homegrounds, the orchard, the barnyard, and garden on five acres ... some five acres in the grove in front, and another five in cultivated land extending to the railroad. My folks made their home there in the spring of 1873 before I had come along. The house had been built several years before by Lemuel Thomas.

Across the railroad and an open trace was the Presbyterian church, the grave of its first pastor, Mr. Ingram; immediately behind it the belfry to the east with the sweetest-toned bell I've ever heard. Still to the east, the manse, Gothic-gabled like the church. This building burned in 1894 and it was over-exertion at the fire that took the life of my father, Nathaniel Dick Colhoon. Between the belfry and the manse was and is "The Monument," erected by Nathan Adams in memory of his father-in-law, Joseph B. Stanton, and mother-in-law, Grace Arrington (Taylor) Stanton. Besides the two crypts for them (into which their bodies were never placed), there are two other crypts into which the bodies of Mr. Adams and his wife were laid. This church was successor to old "Emmaus" which had been erected in 1830 west of the site that was to become Stanton. It was (and maybe still is) near Keeling and was given to colored Presbyterians when white members moved to Stanton or Mason. Almost due north across private property a good quarter-mile was and is the Baptist Church. West from this was the schoolhouse of wonderful memories on a steep slope. A Masonic Lodge used the second story. Among teachers were Prof. Tanner who with Prof. Crowder had a school in Dancyville ... Prof. Powell who, I think, was trained in the Dancyville School, married Miss Jennie Smith, and taught first in "Do-Me-Goox"... a rather queer professor whose name escapes me but he had

1 Joseph Stanton's wife was Lucy. His daughter was Grace.
one blue eye, one brown; wore button shoes and when they began to run down he swapped feet for them ...

Prof. Beverley Tanner, son of the first-named, who named Jennie Maddox; and Prof. George T. Pace, a Presbyterian ministerial student.

The Presbyterian manse that burned in 1894 was styled to match the church. It was shaped like a cross with the entrance beneath a gable, facing south. East and west ends were steeply gabled, too. The front part of the structure was two-story. Walls of the second story rose about four feet then sloped with the roof to make a wall-ceiling with about a three-foot flat open side. The roof was Gothic, steep and high. The front, like the church, was not weather-boarded, but the rest of the outer walls were. Kitchen and dining room were one story. It was a very pretty and comfortable place.

In the old days, a frame store stood on the southeast corner of the Square, directly in front of the Scott home, which was back up a hill. Gibson & Nash merchandised there. Afterwards, it was occupied by Felsenthal & Schaefer. The Negroes called them “dem Jews,” but loved to trade with them. Next to this store, on the northeast corner of the Square was a frame store in which Will Reeves had a drug store. My brother Robert was employed there until he left for Texas. Tom Hicks used this place later. A row of frame buildings faced the north side of the Square. In the first of these near the Reeves store was Horace Woods’ grocery. Up the line was the Post Office, then John Coppedge’s brick, then Flech Ragland.

A stage mill once stood on the big Square in front of the Presbyterian Church, along the railroad. The whole area used to be covered with tall stacks of staves, seasoning. Mr. Hildebrand was superintendent. He had four daughters and a son, Joe. One daughter married Willis Martin. Another, Mr. Bullefin, of Brownsville. South and east from the railway station was a grist mill and cotton gin. In my early days, Joe Ware was operator and operator. Later Capt. Nash operated it. Still later, it was the Douglas sawmill. I remember that as a small chap I accompanied Henderson Somervell, a Negro preacher-yardman, to the grist mill. We carried two bushels of corn. We paid nobody, and I was amazed that we went home with two bshules of meal. I had seen old “Priest,” a Negro mill hand, take some corn from the hopper when we poured it in. I thought that would short us in meal. It did in weight, but not in volume.

Pardon this additional ramble, but I never seem to tire in covering that wonderful place in the old days ...

P.S. We had no bank but seven saloons in Stanton at one time. We got rid of them by abolishing the corporation.

[In May 1965, Mrs. Stuart sent Adams Colhoon maps of the town of Stanton which led to the following comments.]

Your maps were keen. Barefooted, I have traversed everywhere shown within four or more miles of the home. I surely have reveled in studying these outlines and the names and residences indicated. I was greatly pleased to hear from Gene Crafton, my childhood “buddy.” Of all the boys in town with whom we played, he is about the only one left. Others have scattered over the country. Some have gone to the “Long Home.”

Mr. Mapes was a “character.” He had no close friends of any sort. He was not gregarious. He ‘lived’ — if that we may call it — in a shack across the railroad from the Scott residence. It stood on a sort of bluff on a triangular lot, the sharp angle of which was at the Negro Methodist church. Across the street or road, as it was then — was the Tom Hicks family home. The shack and lot belonged, I believe, to Dr. Claxton. Wasn’t that where Bland Coppedge built his home that burned? The railroad passed through a sort of “cut” at that point. Once upon a time, a freight car that was on a switch got out of hand some way and rolled to the main track at that ‘cut.’ A passenger train, Memphis-bound at 3 a.m., collided with that car, sent it spinning back into the switch, demolishing a part of the platform around the depot. The engine ditched on the south side of the track and buried itself deep in the earth. Alex Smith, the engineer, was badly hurt and lost his right eye. The fireman had jumped. No one else was badly hurt. Only baggage and mail cars were derailed. This train passed through Stanton like — well, you know what.

The Spencer home, after the death of the old folks, was occupied by Mr. Rudd who was related to the Albrights. Almost back (north) of the Spencer home was the Alonzo Gilliam home. Mrs. Gilliam was a daughter of Mrs. Middlebrook. One winter five of the seven children died with typhoid fever, I believe. Only Ora — afterward Mrs. Perry Wilkerson — and a baby brother survived. West and across the street almost behind the John Coppedge home was the Bell place. It was well-built but never painted in my day. On your map this is shown as L. C. Newman property. I never knew why the designation or any family of the name in Stanton. Across the street from the school building, still westward, was the Methodist church. The two churches and the school building stood in a very pretty grove — through all of which and around the churches the school pupils played. Still westward was and is the Stanton Cemetery.

The main north-south street of Stanton, starting at the Square, turned sharply northwest at the edge of the business section. Just at the start of the street was a brick store which I remember first as Ragland, Collins & Company. Across the street was vacant, but now is the site of a bank. Back of the R-C store was a livery stable. Almost across from the stable was a frame building, once a store of W. C. Pyles, later of J. R. Freeland. Beyond this store was once a doctor’s office. Still beyond, the home of Dr. William Claxton. Across the street, the John F. Coppedge home. He had married Miss Lelle Martin and built a house with three front gables. The Claxton home later burned. Just past the three homes, the street turned. On the right was the home of Grandma Burns, mother of Miss Anna who named Thomas L. Martin. Mrs. Burns was later Mrs. Price. Mrs. Martin was the mother of Dr. Harry L. Martin and Miss Anna Lou Martin, now Mrs. Gilliam F. Jones. Next on the right was the Thomas Coppedge home, later the home of Mr. Leslie Williams and Annie Nolen Williams, parents of Mrs. William B. Nash.
In the old days, the next feature was a pond dug by Capt. Henry M. Nash. Beyond this was the home erected by Capt. Nash, a Confederate soldier from Arkansas who married Frances Ware. Their two sons were Ware, who died in Waco, Tex., and William, who married Nannie Somervel. William Nash and Miss Nannie were parents of Dr. William B. Nash and Jo Somervel Nash, now Mrs. George Somervel. Capt. Nash married a second time, Carrie Ware, sister of his first wife and widow of Mr. Craft, father of Eugene Calhoun Crafton, who still lives in the family home of the parent Craftons.

Beyond the Nash home, as one passes along the Covington road, is the great house erected by George Ware when he brought his family from South Carolina. This was later occupied by Andrew Jackson Gibson who married Jennie Ware; still later by Charles Tucker and his family with four children, Joseph, William, Minnie, and Lizzie. Across the street from the Tucker home were the homes of William Henry Maclin near the Methodist church and next to that the George N. Albright home. This was the father of G. N. Albright, Jr. Beyond the Albright home was the residence of Dr. George G. Ware, son of the builder of the Tucker home.

In the old days there was an area of about a mile with no homes. Then a crossroad running almost north-south. In the southeast angle was a graveyard, all that remained of what was once Wesley, the deserted village. There was a moldering brick vault, memorial to "Agers," I believe. To the north was the home of Henry Ware who named Mary Maclin. They called his place "Choteh." I never knew why. West of this was the home of the family from which he had taken Mary Maclin. I believe the Maclin home burned since my day (more than 60 years ago). Robert F. Maclin had a home just west of this. Still farther lived William F. Black, who named a "Hunt." [Sally Coppedge.] Not far away was the home of Fenton Hunt, Mr. Kimbrough, Nehemiah Chaney, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Baucum, and Nat Williams.

South from old Wesley about a mile, Joseph B. Somervel reared his home. He had come from North Carolina. His wife had been Mary Jones. Their children were Walter, who died in Texas; Henry; Rosa, who was Mrs. James K. Gibson; Jo, who was Mrs. Jim "Pony" Meux; and Nannie, who was Mrs. William B. Nash. Jo Somervel Nash, granddaughter of the builder, lives in the great old home. Another mile, the home of George Collier. His daughter, Mrs. Swain, lived across this Somerville road at the intersection with the Stanton-Memphis highway of that day. Later Mrs. Swain became Mrs. Truss, mother of Catherine and Lucy. Catherine married Horace Colhoun. Their daughter, Catherine Truss Colhoun, lives in Junaluska, N.C. Lucy married Charles Coppedge and they lived in the old Collier home. Henry and Armistead Colhoun, sons of the original settler, lived and died in Memphis.

In the southeast angle of the Memphis-Covington highway was the home of James K. Gibson, who married Rosa Somervel. Their children were Nathan Adams, Joseph Somervel, James Knox, Rosa Volk (Mrs. White of Anniston, Ala.), and Mary (Mrs. H. M. Nash, Jr.). Headed back toward Stanton (not visiting the homes of Mr. Black and Mr. Newman but hoping to meet in Stanton Mrs. Bland Coppel, who was Miss Newman) nor that of Nat Reeves (Mrs. Newman was Miss Reeves) and traveling eastward, the highway made a right angle, turning to the left. At the point of the angle, south and east, was the log house, a very attractive place, once the home of Wiley Taylor, brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph Stanton. [It was] later the home of Mrs. Nolen and her children, William Nelson, Nettie Nelson (Mrs. William J. Coppedge), Annie Nolen (Mrs. Leslie Williams), and Miss Maude Nolen. This house was later the home of William Reeves with sons Tom and Will.

Headed north toward Stanton, a traveler passes on the left the Jim Meux place, originally a log house. Far to the right hand of the traveler is what was originally the home of Joseph B. Stanton. The big house burned. Joseph H. Ware, cousin of Grace Amington Stanton Adams, was reared in the Adams home, inherited the place, built a more modern structure and lived there until the family moved to Memphis. Children were William Stanton, John Boyd, Grace Amington, Annie (Mrs. Sanford of Covington), James, and Joseph. Henry Morton Nash, Jr., nephew of Capt. Nash, who reared him, married Mary Gibson, built a home next to the Meux place towards Stanton, and reared Isabel (Mrs. Sam Bobo of Murfreesboro, Tenn.), Morton, Jr., and James K.

In Stanton across the highway or street from the Ham's home, the first house was occupied by the Ingrams, the Phillips, the Will Jones (parents of Marshall and Paul), and the Taylors, Ed and son Edmund. Then the Burroughs home, later the Presbyterian Manse that burned, the Middlebrook home, and the Flem Williams home where his daughters still reside. North and west from the public square was the Scott home later occupied by Perry Wilkerson's family (his wife Ora Gilliam was Mrs. Middlebrook's granddaughter); then the C. Spencer home (his wife was a sister of Mrs. Stanton and he for many years was station agent at Stanton); the Bell home; the Gilliam home; the Dillard place (afterwards the Wellons home); the home of P. R. B. Brown (father of Mrs. Tom Coppedge, Thomas F., and Richard, and grandfather of Dr. Everett Coppedge of Cleveland, O., and Mrs. Ocie Coppedge Cleveland Bickelhaupt who now lives there); and Eugene C. Crafton, Sr., whose daughter was Avril Taylor and whose sons were Joe Reeves Crafton and Dr. Eugene C. Crafton, Jr.).

South and west from the Square on the Brownsville road was the Tom Hicks home on the right. The first Tom Hicks was a large, strong man who was the town blacksmith. He was very good-humored, but on occasion would be very profane. But after he was converted and joined the Baptist church, he never used a bad word and would lead in public worship, even in prayer. He had daughters Lida and Kate, and sons Thomas and Worth.

On the left, after my day, was the Bland Coppel home. But I knew only a little farther out a Compton place occupied by Henry Gilliam and his wife whom we knew as "Miss Minnie." A little farther, still on the left, was the Goldsmith home. Quite a little more, and there was the Campbell home — the wife a sister of Mrs. Burroughs, and the children Lucy, Cora,
Eula and Beulah (twins), William, and George. Far out, several miles from town, were homes of Bud Wilkerson (famed as a ballplayer on the Stanton team), Fred Sweet, Fletcher Karr (with daughters Nannie and Susie), and Dr. James H. Meux (the brother of "Pony" and sometimes called "smiling Dick"). James Meux and Jo Somervel had children — Dr. George, who married Miss Garrett, and Tempe Somervel, who married John Farley and lives in Memphis.

There are many other interesting persons of the old days such as Flem Williams; Dr. William H. Claxton who had the drug store; George W. Martin whose home was just north of the Presbyterians' first manse; Miss Tiny Agers, a greatly beloved maiden lady who lived next to the Martins. The Martin house later was the home of Thomas F. Brown who married Grace, daughter of A. J. and Jane Ware Gibson. There was Phil Bourne, who married Sally Pugh. Mrs. Pugh was the mother of SaUy and Lucv, and a sister to Mrs. Sallie Chaney and Mrs. Wood, mother of Horace, Kate, and Myrtle. Others:

- Miss Jennie Tanner, daughter of one school principal and sister of another in Stanton, is now a resident of Dallas, Texas.
- "Old Man* Mapes was the only plasterer and bricklayer in Stanton in the old days. He was a patient soul, very deliberate, but did a good job.
- The Misses Kerr lived next to the Methodist church.
- The Holland home was next, southward. Will Tucker married Miss Holland.
- Next south, the John Bourne home. Later occupied by Griffin.

Northward near Old Wesley is Carter's Hill, said to have been the scene of a runaway in which Carter was killed. A little farther north in the woods was Sulphur Spring where many a summer community picnic was held. Shepherd's Lake toward Brownsville and north of the L&N railway was another picnicking place and mighty good fishing. Nearby was Pumpkin Seed Lake, also good fishing. My father, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Newman used to go down past Sulphur Spring to the Hatchie River and camp-fish. They'd take Will Tucker, Nat Newman, and me along to play, fish, and help with the trot lines. Always we had a Negro cook and roustabout.

[One last story by Adams Colhoun, written to Mrs. C. H. Stuart on May 23, 1956]

You asked and I failed to answer about the Griffin family. Father Griffin was not on hand in my day and I never heard his history. Mother Griffin lived in the John Bourne place. [Wasn't that on a street called “Boswell" or some such name? We always referred to it as "The Back Street." The others paralleling it were Middle and Main.] The Griffin sons were Joe, Fred, and Billy. Fred was induced by somebody to visit Texas with a view to residing. He passed through a lot of level land and finally detained at Midland. A flat world was all around him — not a sign of cultivation — just grazing area. He watched his train going westward for more than an hour. He could still see the smoke. No oil and no diesels were in Texas in those days. No lake or pond was visible. Fred stayed at the depot. He had no desire to be a cowboy. He took the next train eastward and returned to Stanton while he still had the money.

Billy, the youngest, married. He lived across the street from the Bourne place, a little north of the colored Baptist church — due west from Miss Tiny's. Mrs. Griffin, the mother, was noted for saying she liked "things in season." She had no use for ice cream in summer nor strawberries in winter.

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Our Special Thanks to Mrs. Carolyn Furr of Stanton, Tenn., for obtaining permission from the children of the late Mrs. Henryette Maxwell Stuart for us to publish for the first time the letters she received from Adams Colhoun. Mrs. Stuart’s daughter, Mrs. Sally Stuart Venters of Huntsville, Ala., wrote that her mother was quite knowledgeable about the history of Stanton and its residents, and through the years corresponded with many different people who shared her interests. "Mr. Colhoun was one of them I am happy to cooperate with you in publishing the letters for historical and genealogical purposes because I believe my mother would approve." We are most grateful to Mrs. Venters and her brother for allowing us to make this historical perspective of Stanton available to our readers, and to Mrs. Furr for taking the initiative in our behalf.
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#1556 - Cager Martin - Died of whooping cough 22 Feb 1912 at Shelbyville. Aged 1 month. White male. Born at Shelbyville.

#1557 - Katherine Stewart - Died of bold hives 5 Jul 1911 at Shelbyville. Aged 3 months. White female. Born at Shelbyville.

#1558 - Alex Stewart - Died of bold hives 14 Jul 1911 at Shelbyville. Aged 4 months. White male. Born at Shelbyville.


#1570 - Sam Helton - Died of consumption 5 May 1912 at Sylvan Cotton Mills, Bedford. Aged 22, white male, single. Employee of Sylvan Mills. Born at Shelbyville.

#1571 - Maud Cunningham - Died of stomach trouble 16 Sep 1911 at Sylvan Mills. Aged 1 year, 6 months, 5 days, white female. Born at Sylvan Mills.


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#1578 - ___ Clanton - Died a few hours after birth in Aug 1911 [day not stated] at Murfreesboro and Shelbyville. White male.


#1580 - Aubrey Stephens - Died from cold and croup 25 Nov 1908 at Mullins Chapel, Bedford. Aged 10 months, black male. Born at Mullins Chapel.


#1584 - Belle Phillips - Died of heart trouble 7 Feb 1911 at Haley, Bedford County. Aged 27, white female, married. Born in Jackson Co., Tenn.


#1587 - Infant [no name, no parent listed] - Died of croup 7 Jan 1912 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 4 months, white male. Born in Coffee County.


#1589 - Mamie(?) Blackburn - Died of fever 15 Sep 1911 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 15, white female, single. Student. Born in Coffee County.


#1595 - Jesse Temple - Died of gunshot wound 3 Sep 1908 in Bedford County, 7th School District. Aged 22, black male, single. Born at Shelbyville.


#1598 - Willie Young Cunningham - Died of hives 6 June 1909 in Bedford County, 7th School District. Aged 5 months, white male. Born in 7th District.

#1599 - Frank M. Story - Died of old age in Jan 1912 [day not indicated] at Shelbyville. Aged 84, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Shelbyville.


#1601 - Mary Ella Parsons - Died of measles and consumption 1st Apr 1912 in Bedford County, 8th School District. Aged 39 years, 6 months. White female, married. Born in 8th District.


#1603 - Poplin infant - Died of unknown cause in May 1909 in Bedford County, 10th School District. [Exact day and age not given.]


[Editor's Note: This concludes the 9-part series on Bedford County Vital Statistics.]
Dalby Springs, Once Famous Health Spa, Owes Its Name To Tennessee Family

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Great Niece of Knight Dalby

Dalby Springs — once a thriving community in Bowie Co., Tex., bordering Oklahoma and Arkansas — was founded by Tennesseans at the time of the great migration to the Republic of Texas. To induce new settlers, Texas was offering conditional certificates that would entitle the head of a household to 640 acres of land to be surveyed out of the public domain. The only requirement for prospective land owners was to live on the acreage and perform the duties of a citizen for three years.

That was no problem for Warren Knight Dalby and his family who left Shelby Co., Tenn., in early 1839 and headed for Texas in ox-drawn covered wagons. Journeying with him were his 25-year-old wife Lucinda, a native North Carolinian whom he had married in Bedford Co., Tenn., on 16 Feb 1830, and their five sons, ranging in age from eight years to infancy: Joseph Gordenitia “J. G.” Dalby (born 30 Mar 1831 in Bedford Co., Tenn.), Green Davis Dalby (b. 22 Dec 1832 in Bedford Co.), Fountain Moffitt Dalby (b. 28 Aug 1834 in Shelby Co., Tenn.), Benjamin Bullock Dalby (b. 25 Oct 1836 in Shelby County), and Jesse Knight Dalby (b. 27 Sep 1839 in Shelby County).

Also making the trip were Warren’s mother, Ann (Bullock) Dalby, widow of Knight Dalby who had died 29 Oct 1827 in Bedford County; three brothers, Phillip A. Dalby (b. 30 Apr 1808), Thomas D. Dalby (b. 11 Aug 1812), and Jack Cooper Dalby (b. 5 May 1815); and two sisters, Agnes Dalby (b. 30 Jan 1804) and Martha Christian Dalby (b. 16 Sep 1817).

Upon their arrival in Texas, Ann received a land certificate (No. 400) on 20 Dec 1839 for 640 acres in what was to become Bowie County. Warren was issued Certificate No. 6 on 4 May 1841 for 640 acres in the same area, and set about building a double-log house from oak trees growing on the land. It consisted of two rooms, 18-20 feet long and about 16-18 feet wide, with a hall 10 feet wide between them and a shed on one side of each room. His brother Phillip6 was issued a certificate for a survey of land operations, were listed as Green D., 17; Fountain, 16; Benjamin B., 14, and Jessie, 11.

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1 Warren had moved to Shelby County from Bedford County some time between 1832 and 1834.
2 Born 9 Nov 1813, she was a daughter of Jesse and Mary Davis. [Source: Family Bible.]
3 Her name is listed as Nancy in the 1820 Bedford County census and in her husband’s will probated in Nov 1827. Ann may have been her middle name or a nickname. Born 29 Jul 1775 in Granville Co., N.C., she was the daughter of Micajah and Frances (Pryor) Bullock.
4 Knight, the son of John and Christian (Bullock) Dalby, had migrated from Granville Co., N.C., to Bedford Co., Tenn., where he purchased land from John Bradford in 1818 and additional acreage some time later from William Chambers. Knight and Ann, who had married in Granville Co., N.C., in about 1796, had nine children.
5 Three of Knight and Ann’s children had died earlier. Edward B. Dalby (b. 16 Dec 1797), died 12 Aug 1834. Sarah Ann Dalby (b. 10 Sep 1810), died 18 Dec 1827, two days before the death of her sister, Frances "Polly" Dalby. Both girls died about a month before their father’s death on 27 Oct 1827.
6 Phillip had married Mary Womble, probably in Bedford County. A farmer, blacksmith, gunsmith, and cattleman, he also built a house on his land and passed it on to his son, Clyde N. Dalby, who lived there many years after his father died 27 Dec 1881.
In the late 1840s, a spring of red mineral water -- about the color of medium-strength tea -- was discovered on the family's land, resulting in the settlement being named "Dalby Springs." After Warren installed a curb or "gum" made from a hollow section of a sweet gum tree, the water flowed in a fairly strong stream. It was cool, pleasant-tasting, and was thought to have some medicinal virtues. Even with the limited communications of that time, news of the health-giving water soon spread over a large area. This, coupled with the abundance of game and fish, drew numerous visitors to the area and created a need for guest accommodations. Warren added a second story to his original house and enlarged it in other ways and began using it as a sort of hotel. In a short time, a small village developed around the springs.

Eleven years after the death of his first wife, Warren married Amanda Mitchell in neighboring Titus Co., Tex., on 16 Nov 1857 and two years later built a new house on 80 acres on the south side of his survey land in Bowie County. Their first child, Lucy Mitchell Dalby, was born 30 Dec 1858, and their second, Sally Holmes Dalby, was born 7 April 1861 -- only five days before the Civil War began. What had been a peaceful existence for the Dalbys -- like so many other families -- ended abruptly.

Five of Warren's sons and a nephew went to war, and some never came back.

Three sons -- Joseph, Jesse, and Benjamin -- had enlisted as privates in Company K of the famous 11th Texas Cavalry on 2 Oct 1861 at Camp Reeves, Tex. Joseph, who had been serving a little over a year as Dalby Springs' first postmaster when he enlisted, was killed near Griswoldsville, Ga., on 22 Nov 1864. Jesse was put on special duty on 30 Dec 1861, and died of pneumonia in a hospital near Columbus, Miss., on 11 May 1862 at age 23. Of the three, only Benjamin survived the war. Promoted to 2nd lieutenant and then to lst, he was wounded at Murfreesborough, Tenn., on 31 Dec 1862. Warren's two other sons -- Fountain and Green -- both enlisted as privates in Co. H, 32nd (15th) Texas Cavalry on 19 Feb 1862 at Boston, Texas. Warren's nephew, James W. Dalby, who was Phillip A. and Mary (Womble) Dalby's first child, also was in the 11th Texas Cavalry and was killed at Shiloh.

Warren was a man of high moral values, great strength, and endurance, as were all the Dalby men. He was religious, often reading his Bible at night by the light of a small brass lamp which he had to hold in his hand. Warren died 5 Mar 1889.

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7 Dalby Springs was the collective name for four springs that, according to archeological evidence, had been used by prehistoric peoples for thousands of years. The four were the Great Red Spring, the Salt Spring, Black and White Sulphur Wells, and the most famous - the Headache Spring.

8 An observer in the 1870s reported that as many as 50 to 75 people were at the springs to drink the water which was said to have been good for dyspepsia, skin and kidney diseases, and for barrenness. "If Abraham and Sarah had visited this spring, Isaac would have figured 50 years earlier in Biblical history," he added. [Gunner Brune's Springs of Texas, Vol. 1, published by Branch-Smith, Fort Worth, in 1981. Quoted in The Handbook of Texas Online, http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/View/Dal/p02.html.]

9 He sold 400 acres of his survey land with his original house on it to Robert Battle in 1859.

10 Warren and Amanda's other children: Frank Jackson Dalby (b. 17 Apr 1863), Robert Lee Dalby (b. 12 Dec 1866), Nora Agnes Dalby (b. 27 May 1870), Lola Lisle Dalby (b. 27 Oct 1872, d. 24 May 1893), and Norman Leonard Dalby (b. 17 Feb 1876).

11 Other family members who were postmasters at Dalby Springs were Green D. Dalby, appointed in 1877, and Phillip A. appointed 8 Nov 1897. The post office there was discontinued in 1954, and the mail was thereafter sent to DeKalb.

12 Fountain died 10 Apr 1879, and Green 28 Dec 1884. The 1880 census, taken by Green on 1 June 1880, does not list Benjamin in the Dalby household. He married Bettie Scooggins in about 1872 and died 10 Aug 1898 in Woodland, Tex. [Source: Judge Norman Leonard Dalby's manuscript Dalby Family History, written in 1968. Judge Dalby, Warren and Amanda's youngest son and a resident of Texarkana, Tex., was 93 when he wrote the family history. He married Esther Gaston Fulbright, a native of Jackson, Tenn., on 7 Jan 1883.]

13 The church, said to have been built of knotless pine, was erected in 1888 to house a congregation that had existed for almost half a century.
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Bondsman: J. S. Jarrett | 13 Jul 1878  
14 Jul 1878 | J. W. Gilbert, J. P. |
| 111  | T. C. Mitcalf to M. L. Blankenship  
Bondsman: W. B. Mitcalf | 12 Aug 1878  
15 Aug 1878 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 112  | Bayless Bennet to Rachel Higgins  
Bondsman: John Mashburn | 8 Sep 1878  
8 Sep 1878 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 113  | A. J. Bowman to Laura Runion  
Bondsman: John Bowman | 25 Sep 1878  
25 Sep 1878 | J. W. Gilbert, J. P. |
| 114  | Isaac McNabb to Elizabeth Starnes  
Bondsman: Baptist McNabb | 2 Oct 1878  
7 Oct 1878 | John G. Johnson, M. G. |
| 115  | Isaac Crosswhite to Nancy Guinn  
Bondsman: James C. Roberts | 17 Oct 1878  
21 Oct 1878 | Wm. McInturff, J. P. |
| 116  | Jupeter Jones to Hannah Wilson  
Bondsman: L. D. Williams | 10 Sep 1878  
15 Sep 1878 | R L. Rowe, J. P. |
| 117  | J. W. Ollis to Polly Stanley  
Bondsman: W. C. Emmert | 7 Oct 1878  
7 Oct 1878 | R L. Rowe, J. P. |
| 118  | A. G. Rowe to Surfina Baker  
Bondsman: John McInturff | 8 Nov 1878  
8 Nov 1878 | J. M. Anderson, J. P. |
| 119  | A. H. Garland to Julia C. Lyle  
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14 Nov 1878 | P. H. Johnson, J. P. |
| 120  | A. B. Tipton to Hester Johnson  
Bondsman: H. C. Banner | 7 Dec 1878  
8 Dec 1878 | Wm. M. McInturff, J. P. |
| 121  | Jasper Barnes to Luisa Boen/Been  
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7 Jul 1878 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 122  | Josiah S. Tilson to Fannie Pate  
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| 124. James M. Gunn to Lydia A. Runion  
| 125. W. N. Moore to R. J. Runion  
Bondsman: L. S. Tilson | 5 Dec 1878 | 5 Dec 1878 | J. H. Moore, M. G. |
| 126. Wesley Hensley to Malinda Crowder  
Bondsman: William Crowder | 14 Dec 1878 | 31 Dec 1878 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 127. Jobe White to Sarah White  
| 128. William Roberts to Sarah Matilda Massa  
Bondsman: L. W. Sams | 26 Dec 1878 | 26 Dec 1878 | W. E. Tilson, J. P. |
| 129. N. B. Phillips to C. R. Moore  
| 130. Anderson Nannie to Narcissa Blankinship  
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| 131. William P. Norris to Amanda J. McInturff  
Bondsman: J. W. Norris | 19 Jan 1879 | 19 Jan 1879 | J. M. Norris, J. P. |
| 132. C. W. White to Martha A. Chandler  
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| 133. Eli Woodby to Eliza Britt  
Bondsman: W. S. Tolly | 27 Jan 1879 | 27 Jan 1879 | S. S. Wright, M. G. |
| 134. David Hileman to Betty Ann Hobson  
Bondsman: James Loveless | 31 Jan 1879 | 31 Jan 1879 | Wm. McInturff, J. P. |
| 135. Thomas S. Deaver to Jane Rice  
Bondsman: N. C. Banner | 1 Feb 1879 | 2 Feb 1879 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 136. W. E. Higgins to M. A. Rice  
Bondsman: S. E. Higgins | 21 Jan 1879 | 23 Jan 1879 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 137. William Tittle to Sarah Miller  
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| 138. Adolphas Shelton to Caldonia Shelton  
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| 139. H. W. Metcalf to Rachel Blankenship  
Bondsman: Absalom Metcalf | 15 Feb 1879 | 16 Feb 1879 | A. Harris, J. P. |
| 140. D. L. Carpenter to N. A. Sexton  
| 141. J. W. Sneyd to D. S. Campbell  
Bondsman: B. S. Sneyd | 28 Feb 1879 | 28 Feb 1879 | David Bell, M. G. |

(To be continued in next issue)
Attic of Old House in Memphis Yields A Lost Family Bible

An attic in an old house in Memphis has yielded a Family Bible that once belonged to a Greene Co., Ga., couple, Reuben A. and Mary Credille.

Information from the Bible was contributed by TGS member Martha Yvette Young whose late grandmother, Mrs. Sue Machisio, found it in the mid-1950s when she bought the house near Bellevue and South Parkway. Thinking it had been overlooked in moving, she contacted the former residents only to learn that the Bible had been in the attic when they moved there so they decided to leave it. A marriage license inserted in the Bible reveals that Reuben A. Credille and Mary A. Hines were married 28 Nov 1852. Clippings of their obituaries from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate show both were life-long residents of Greene Co., Ga. Their marriage lasted 48 years, produced four sons and two daughters, and ended with her death in 1900. Reuben died two years later.

So how did the Bible get to Memphis? It took a bit of sleuthing to find out, but information from the obituaries and the magic of www.google.com put us in contact with John Gentry, a family member who lives in Richmond Hill, Ga., and happens to be a genealogy enthusiast himself. John’s great-great-great grandfather, Reuben Smith, settled in Greene Co., Ga., on land granted to him for his military service during the Revolutionary War. Three of Reuben’s daughters married Credilles (William, Henry, and Gray), and John is related to Reuben both through his son, John Smith, and through Gray and Mary Smith Credille.

John believes the Bible found in Memphis was given to Mary “Lizzie” Credille (b. 26 Jul 1870) by her father Reuben before his death in 1902. Lizzie had married Henry William Smith at Liberty Church in Greene Co., Ga., on 19 Nov 1890. They had two children, Fred Holley Smith, born 29 June 1892, and William Calhoun Smith, born 12 Dec 1895, and lived in Atlanta before coming to Memphis in about 1921. According to the city directory, the family lived at 1814 Forrest Avenue and Henry was manager of Couch Brothers Manufacturing Company. Over the next three years, he worked for the National Water Proofing Company in a supervisory position and in 1926 became a floor man for Bry’s Department Store. Their son, William Calhoun Smith, lived with them and traveled for the Ford Motor Company. On 23 June 1925 in Memphis, he married Martha Day Chambers. His parents are believed to have moved to Florida in about 1927 or 1928. William and Martha then moved to an apartment at 68 N. Pauline and he worked as a salesman for the Miller Rubber Company of New York (located on Poplar) for several years before apparently moving from the city.

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1 Pronounced “Kre-DELL.”
2 Mary (whose middle name was Amanda) was the daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth B. Hines, also of Greene County. The first Methodist Conference in the state of Georgia was held in Nathaniel’s home, according to Mary’s obituary. After Nathaniel’s death, Mary’s mother and sister, Henrietta Cornelia Hines, moved to Atalla Co., Miss., in December 1852. Henrietta married Hiram L. Meek in Mississippi in 1866. Henrietta’s obituary was also found in the Bible, died 16 Dec 1886 in Montgomery Co., MI.
3 Also found in the Bible is the obituary of Reuben’s brother, Dr. William H. Credille, who died 23 June 1902, just three months before Reuben’s own demise of 8 Sept 1902. William had been born 14 Feb 1837 in Greene County, and, like his brother, lived there all his life. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army throughout the war, and on 2 Feb 1865 married Fannie Blythe, who, along with two grown daughters, survived him. Another obituary in the Bible is that of Augustus Alexander Kimbrough, a cousin.
4 Fred married Mary L. Will in Atlanta on 6 Jul 1918 and apparently did not move to Memphis.
5 They are not listed in 1932 or 1933 city directories.
The recovered Family Bible and the family photos and tintypes it contained are now in the possession of Peggy Smith Tucker (Mrs. Robert D.) of Atlanta, and were objects of great interest at a Smith-Gentry reunion in September.

**Pictorial Family Bible**

containing the Old and New Testaments, **Apocrypha**, Concordance, and Psalms in Metre

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**Presented to The Family of Mary Credille by Reuben A. Credille**

**MARRIAGES**
- M. D. Smith and Alice C. Credille were married by Rev. W. P. Lovejoy Sep 1st 1879
- W. F. Credille and Anna Little were married by Rev. P. Lewis Nov 9th 1880
- R. A. Credille and L. C. Holley were married at Pensacola, Fla. May 28th 1889
- H. W. Smith and M. L. Credille were married at Liberty Church Oct 19th 1890
- Dr. Robert Lee Credille and Willy Calhoun were married in La. - 1896 - Jan 15
- Ammie A. Credille and Noah Riley were married Nov. 26 1897
- Fred H. Smith and Mary Lewis Will were married in Atlanta, Ga. July 6th 1918

**BIRTHS**
- R. A. Credille (Sen) was born March 12th 1826
- Mary A. Credille was born Aug 11th 1828
- William F. Credille was born Feb 13th 1854
- Alice C. Credille was born Jan 29th 1857
- R. A. Credille (Jun) was born Dec 20th 1859
- Ammie A. Credille was born June 20th 1862
- R. L. Credille was born Nov. 20th 1864
- Mary L. Credille was born July 26th 1870
- Alice C. Credille was born Aug 4th 1881
- **Mattice** G. Credille “ Jan 9th 1884
- Alma C. Credille “ Aug 29th 1886
- Little Ethel Credille “ Dec 4th 1888
- Reuben A. Credille, Jr. “ June 15th 1891
- Ammie F. Credille “ Feb 2nd 1894
- Mary E. Credille “ May 12th 1896
- Nathaniel H. Credille “ Aug 8th 1898
- Fred Holley Smith “ June 29th 1892
- William Calhoun Smith “ Dec 12th 1895
- Camille Weiss Credille “ Nov 22 1896
- Alfred Holley Credille “ Dec 22nd 1899
- **Ruth** Sina Credille “ Feb 23rd 1900
- Katherine Elizabeth Smith “ Apr 25th 1921

**DEATHS**
- Mary Eliza Credille died Apr 6th 1898
- Nathaniel Hines Credille died Sept 22nd 98
- The infant of H. W. & M. L. Smith died July 24th 1899
- Mary Amanda Credille died June 21st 1900
- Reuben A. Credille (Sen) died Sept 8th 1902
- Reuben A. Credille Jr Died Jan 1922
- Lidia (?) Credille Smith Died 1926

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6 Liberty Church is located in Greene Co., Ga.
**Crockett County Deeds**

*Volume A, Nov 1872-Jan 1873 [Installment 4]*

*Transcribed from Microfilm Roll 26, Produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville*

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**Pages 131-132.** Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: R. W. Flemming and wife, Susan A., of Crockett County convey to John F. Sinclair as chairman of Crockett County board of commissioners, six acres for location of county site (seat) Alamo for use and benefit of new county of Crockett. Land is part of tract Flemming bought from R. H. Burns and was taken from his southwest comer, bounded by a stake north of Church st., east of Mulberry st., to a stake on Elm st. The six acres include lots known in town plan as #7, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79. Susan Flemming acknowledged deed separately before Francis J. Wood, county court clerk. Deed was registered 30 Nov 1872.


**Pages 135-136.** Deed dated 2 Dec 1872: For consideration of $2,259.06, J. F. Robertson conveys to T. F. Conley 90-acre tract in Crockett County, Civil District 7, bounded by property of W. A. Nichols, S. J. Stephens' tract sold to Conley, and land of R. Swanner. Acknowledged by Conley before Court Clerk Francis Wood 2 Dec 1872 and registered same date.


**Pages 142-145.** Deed dated 8 Jul 1867: For consideration of $870, to be paid in two installments, Littleton Medlin of Haywood County conveys to W. A. Webb of Haywood County 29 acres in said county taken from west boundary of tract where Medlin now resides. Property adjoins that of Robert Emerson. Included are all appurtenances and hereditaments. Witnesses: Isaac M. Johnson, John T. Burns, F. E. Mahon, Robert Emerson. On 11 Dec 1872, Johnson and Burns...
applied before Francis J. Wood, Crockett County clerk, and swore they witnessed signing of deed by Medlin, since deceased. Deed registered 11 Dec 1872.


Page 147. Deed dated 10 Feb 1871: H. B. Avery, one of the executors of the B. G. H. B. Avery estate, conveys to J. F. Avery, the other executor, a tract of land in Crockett County, 13th Surveyors' District, Range 4, Section 1. Tract begins at southwest corner of 86-acre parcel entered in name of N. J. and C. W. Cherry, and contains 50 acres more or less. Acknowledged 13 Dec 1872 before county court clerk. Registered same date.

Page 148. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: H. B. Avery and J. F. Avery, executors of B. G. H. B. Avery, deceased, of Gibson County, in consideration of a clause in deceased's will dated 10 Feb 1871 by which for love and affection he granted his son W. A. G. Avery 63 acres in Crockett County, 10th Surveyor's District, Range 4, Section 1, convey said land to him. Acreage is bounded by that of James F. Avery and Henry Babb. Deed acknowledged and registered 13 Dec 1872.

Page 149. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: H. B. Avery and J. F. Avery, executors of B. G. H. B. Avery, deceased, of Crockett County, in compliance with a provision in deceased's will, convey to Charity W. Avery, his widow, a 70-acre tract with all appurtenances lying in Crockett County, 10th Surveyors' District, Range 4, Section 1. Land is bounded by that of W. A. G. Avery's 63-acre tract near the graveyard and the District line. Deed acknowledged and registered 13 Dec 1872.

Pages 150-151. Deed dated 4 Dec 1872: For consideration of $2,500, L. B. Fielder, executrix of the will of William P. S. Fielder, conveys to Anthony P. Stallings 125 acres in Crockett County, 11th Civil District, adjoining land of Robert Davidson, Abram Lagier, and G. J. Evans. William P. S. Fielder, a resident of Dyer County, died in 1857 leaving a will in which he requested that all his real estate be sold by his executrix when his youngest child arrived at the age of 21 with proceeds being divided among his heirs. M. A. F. Fielder, deceased's youngest child, is now 21. Consideration is to be paid by initial $1,000 in cash, a $1,000 note due 25 Dec 1873, and a $500 note due 25 Dec 1874. Deed witnessed by Dennis Tatum and Luke Tatum. Acknowledged by executrix 16 Dec 1872 and registered same date.


Pages 154-155. Quit-Claim Deed dated 14 Dec 1872: R. W. Sims of Crockett County, as attorney in fact for Jones Tapp & Co. of Jefferson Co., Ky., now in liquidation, releases to C. T. Woodson and wife, N. E. P. Woodson, all title and interest in 95 acres in Crockett County's 3rd Civil District. [Note: Consideration appears in the record as follows: "the sum of seven and three dollars & forty five cents ($703.45) in hand paid..." See next deed.] Land adjoins that of Baxter J. Williams, Anderson Williams, and H. H. Hudgens, and is conveyed to company by Madison County sheriff, R. M. May, on 1st Jul 1872. Property, sold by him as sheriff on 16 Dec 1871 after Madison County circuit court issued writs of vendee exponas, was that of C. T. Woodson and wife. Witnesses to deed: E. W. Byrd, G. H. Evans. Proved and registered 17 Dec 1872.

Page 155. Deed dated 14 Dec 1872: For consideration of $703.45 in cash and 12-months' note for $396.55 with 6% interest, C. T. Woodson and wife, N. E. P. Woodson, of Crockett County convey to Willis Byrd of Crockett County 95 acres in 3rd Civil District. Property adjoins that of Baxter J. Williams, Anderson Williams, and H. H. Hudgens. Deed acknowledged separately by N. E. P. Woodson on 16 Dec 1872, and registered 17 Dec 1872.


50-acre tract. All appurtenances and hereditaments included. Deed acknowledged jointly and separately by the Smiths 21 Dec 1872 and registered same date.

Pages 160-161. Deed dated 24 June 1872: Frank G. Sampson, Dyer County chancery court clerk, conveys four acres to Mary Jane Echols, administratrix of James T. Echols. Under court decree issued at Nov 1870 term in suit brought by administratrix against James B. Echols and others, clerk sold real estate at public auction on 14 Jan 1871 at Friendship, Tenn., to administratrix for $155, subject to her dower. Clerk's report was confirmed by court at its Oct 1871 term, and he was ordered to execute deed to Mary Jane Echols upon receiving her payment. Parcel adjoins lands of Sinclair & Rice near Friendship in Dyer (now Crockett) County and north boundary of E. E. Hawkins. Deed acknowledged 25 June 1872 by Sampson before Zack Watkins, deputy clerk for W. M. Watkins, Dyer County clerk. Registered in Crockett County 31 Dec 1872.


Pages 162-163. Deed dated 25 Dec 1872: For consideration of $210, for which a note has been executed, J. D. Smith conveys to Monroe J. Webb and wife, Sarah L. Webb, Lot No. 5 in town of Friendship, Crockett County. Land adjoins property where Smith now resides, the northwest corner of the Methodist Church, and the Masonic and Odd Fellows lot, and contains one rod and 14 poles. A special lien is reserved on lot to secure payment of note, and the burnt chimney now standing on lot is also reserved from this conveyance. Deed acknowledged and registered 3 Jan 1873.

Pages 165-166. Deed dated 24 Dec 1872: For consideration of $770, H. H. Mahon and wife, Matilda C. Mahon, convey to William F. Poston 2 1/2-acre tract in town of Alamo, Crockett County. Tract adjoins land of J. P. Burns, and is same tract bought by R. R. Ferguson from Sidney Cates' 52-acre tract. Acknowledged separately by the Mahons before Clerk Francis Wood 3 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

Pages 166-167. Deed dated 6 Jan 1873: For consideration of $225, Dr. E. T. Austin conveys to Philemon J. Bowers a 2-acre lot on south side of town of Alamo located east of Bells street, south of Cedar, north of Vine, and west of Mill streets. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: R S. Thompson, T. G. Johnson. Acknowledged and registered 8 Jan 1873.


Pages 175-176. Deed dated 18 Dec 1872. For consideration of $600, Robert H. Jenkins and wife, Susan A. Jenkins, convey to W. P. Hoppers a 20-acre tract in Crockett County District No. 1. Parcel adjoins northeast corner of Hoppers' tract. Witnesses: J. Box, Dempsey Jenkins. Acknowledged by Jenkins, and separately by his wife on 20 Jan 1873 before county court clerk. Registered same date.


Pages 179-180. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873. For consideration of 35-acre tract of land conveyed to her on 24 Jan 1873 by Thomas Cooke and valued at $1,452.25, Mary E. Cooke conveys to Thomas Cooke a 38-acre tract bounded by land of Mrs. Bryant's dower, John Bell's northwest corner, Mankaby's east boundary and northeast corner. Mary is present wife of Thomas Cooke and former widow of William L. Cooke, deceased. Property is part of 60-acre tract conveyed by T. J. Montigue to Mary E. Cooke, then the widow of William Cook, deceased, under the name of Elizabeth Cook, by a deed dated 23 Apr 1866 and registered in Haywood County Deed Book Y, p. 90 on 8 May 1866. Witness to deed of 24 Jan 1873 is W. A. Johnson. Deed acknowledged and registered 24 Jan 1873. [Note: Surname spelling varies in this document.]

Pages 181-182. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873. For consideration of 38-acre tract of land conveyed to him on 24 Jan 1873 by his wife Mary E. Cook, and valued at $1,352.25 and the further sum of $100 in cash, Thomas Cook conveys to said Mary E. Cook a 35-acre parcel of land. Property is on south side of M & L Railroad and is same tract Thomas deeded to J. R. McDonald on 16 Oct 1871 and registered in Haywood County Book No. 3, page 228, on 26 Dec 1871. It adjoins land of Robert Mitchell, B. S. Jones. Witnessed by W. A. Johnson. Acknowledged and registered 24 Jan 1873.

Pages 182-183. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873. For consideration of $1,352.25, to be secured by notes, Thomas Cook and his wife, Mary E. Cook, of Crockett County conveys to George Tatum of said county the 38-acre tract deeded to said Thomas Cook by his wife, Mary E. Cook, on 24 Jan 1873. Tract is bounded by Mrs. Bryant's dower, northwest corner of John Bell's property, northeast corner of Mankaby's land. Witnessed by W. A. Johnson. Acknowledged by Thomas, and separately by Mary, both on 24 Jan 1873. Registered 25 Jan 1873.

Pages 184-185. Deed dated 27 Jan 1873. For consideration of $250, E. T. Austin conveys to C. A. Goodloe a 2-acre lot in town of Alamo, Crockett County. Lot is on south side of town, east of Bells street, south of P. J. Bowers, north of Vine St. and is known as Lot No. 2 in Austin's Division of lots. Acknowledged and registered 27 Jan 1873.

Pages 185-186. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873. For consideration of $1,200, Green L. Poplin of Butler Co., Mo., conveys to Benjamin C. Bettis a lot in Bells Station, Crockett County, adjoining Sandlin's property. Witnesses: J. Williams, G. W. Moss. Acknowledged before county clerk 27 Jan 1873; registered 30 Jan 1873.

Pages 186-187. Deed dated 28 Jan 1873. For consideration of $1,000, C. B. Stewart and wife, J. Lou Stewart, convey to G. W. Rooker (1) a 20x80' lot in the town of Gadsden on the Memphis & Ohio Railroad in Crockett County known on plan of Depot grounds as Lot No. 18, and (2) half of Lot No. 19 fronting 12½ feet by 80 feet back. Two lots contain in all 2600 square feet. Witnesses: R. G. Sanders, W. R. Evans. Acknowledged individually 29 Jan 1873 before J. W. Roseman, notary public, Crockett County. Certified by county court clerk 30 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

Pages 188-189. Deed dated 28 Jan 1873. For consideration of $1,000, George W. Rooker and wife, Ann E. Rooker, convey to C. B. Stewart town lot No. 12 in Gadsden on Memphis & Ohio Railroad in Crockett County. Lot is 26 feet wide and 80 feet deep, containing in all 2080 square feet. Witnesses: R. G. Sanders, W. R. Evans. Acknowledged by Rooker and wife separately before J. W. Roseman, Crockett County notary public, on 29 Jan 1873. Certified by county court clerk at Alamo 30 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

*(To be continued in next issue)*
GEORGE W. HARRIS has been appointed postmaster at Knoxville in place of F. W. Earnest.

*** - Memphis Appeal, 15 Aug 1857

WE SEE ANNOUNCED the death of Mr. Plummer Kirkpatrick, California emigrant from LaGrange, Tern. He died at Sacramento City about the first of last November [1850] of cholera.

*** - Memphis Appeal, 11 Jan 1851

FROM The Maury Intelligencer we learn that the elegant residence of Judge Cahal was consumed by fire on the morning of the 25th [Sep 1849]. The blaze was discovered about 3 o'clock and had made such progress it could not be arrested. Most of the furniture was saved by great exertions on the part of those who happened to be present, but the Judge's library and valuable papers were destroyed. The fire was the work of an incendiary. The judge was absent, holding court at Lawrence.

*** - Memphis Enquirer, 2 Oct 1849

COL. WILLIAM F. KERCHEVAL of Fayetteville has been appointed attorney of the United States for the Middle District of Tennessee, vice Thomas D. Moseley, removed.

-Memphis Enquirer, 3 Oct 1849, reprinted from the National Intelligencer, 21 Sep 1849

A DISPATCH dated 30 Sep [1895] from Germantown, Shelby Co., Tenn., states: "Mr. McCoopin and the Messrs. Burnes, all land buyers of the Northern States, accompanied by Frank Tribble, arrived here this morning for the purpose of purchasing homes. Two of them have bought homes near Germantown and others will no doubt do so."

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 30 Sep 1895

*** - Knoxville Daily Whig, 11 June 1870

THE SADDLERY ESTABLISHMENT of Maj. Thomas O’Conner on Gay St., west side between Clinch and Church St., has become one of the most important and successful manufactures of Knoxville.

-Knoxville Daily Whig, 11 June 1870

D R M. L. ROGERS of this city exhibited to us yesterday a single strawberry measuring 42 inches in circumference and 41 inches long.

-Knoxville Daily Whig, 11 June 1870

ROLFE S. SAUNDERS of this county, proprietor of the "Dorsey-Golddust" stock farm and late candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, has been appointed Lieutenant of the Capitol Police at a salary of $1,800. His friends when they visit the National Capitol will find him dressed in a nice suit of blue clothes profusely ornamented with brass buttons, and the same genial good-natured Rolfe as when he was a "son of toil."

-Knoxville Whig & Chronicle, 5 Jan 1876

FROM The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette we learn that the families of Messrs. B. W. Macrae and W. W. Wallace of Fauquier County and Lucien Dale of Prince William County have started in company to seek new homes in Tennessee. We understand that the emigration number[s] 140, white and colored, all told.

-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 3 Oct 1841

COL. THOMAS H. CALLOWAY, president of East Tennessee, Virginia, & Georgia Railway, who has been for some time in precarious health, is now on a visit to Saltville, Va.

-Knoxville Daily Whig, 11 June 1870

THE FIRST CHILD born in Trousdale County is Locke Dalton’s.

-Knoxville Daily Whig, 20 Aug 1870

THREE TENNESSEEANS were among those killed in a wreck on the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad near Goldman, Ark., in May 1892. Their names as officially listed were: Mrs. R. B. Clark, Winchester, Tern.; R. D. Crompton, Nashville, Tenn.; and James Morgan, Memphis. Because of high water, railway officials hired a steamer to go down the Arkansas River and bring the dead to Pine Bluff.

-Columbia, Tenn., Current, 26 May 1892

OUR YOUNG friend Sam B. Dow, late of the Assessor’s office, returned yesterday from a brief visit to his friends in New Hampshire. We are sorry to hear he proposes in a few days leaving for Texas, which will probably be his future home. Wherever he may locate, he will be found to be a man made of true mettle - affable, courteous, and brave, and withal a disciple of Nimrod.

-Knoxville Daily Whig, 18 Feb 1870

*** - Knoxville Whig & Chronicle, 19 Jan 1876

WE LEARN from Mr. J. T. Ambrose that commissioners of the new county of Unicoi met a few days ago and elected the point for a county seat, giving it the name of Vanderbilt. Col. J. K. Miller, Mr. John H. Barclay, and Mr. Ryburn have purchased property there and will build and engage in the goods business.

-Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 5 Apr 1876

MR. JOE CALLOWAY of Cleveland has been to New Mexico and returned. He reports it is a splendid country for stock-raising but not very desirable to live in.

-Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 5 Apr 1876

W. C. REID, an old citizen of Bedford County but now of Texas, is here on a visit to friends and relatives.

-Shelbyville Commercial, 5 Dec 1884
IN THE 10TH CIVIL DISTRICT of Sevier County on Friday morning, 2nd June, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, Mr. Guy S. Hale, aged 72 years, and Mr. Prater Gibson, aged 85, died within a few minutes of each other.

-Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 21 Jun 1876

THE OAKDALE PROPERTY known as "the Johnson place" was sold on Monday last by trustee Col. W. J. Betterton and was bid off by Major Carpenter at $1,130 for their creditors.

-Reprinted from the Kingston East Tennessean in the Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 21 Jun 1876

MISS EMMA GALLOWAY has gone to Eagle Nest, Miss., to be the guest of Miss Gertrude Alcorn.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 14 Jun 1888

MISS ANNIE BRUCE today returned home from Philadelphia where she has been attending a girls' school.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 14 Jun 1888

MISS SARAH E. LOWENSTEIN this morning left for Long Branch and the White Mountains to remain during the summer.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 Jun 1888

W. B. SHEARON, merchant of Middleton, Tenn., today bought an interest in the Memphis firm of M. C. Pearce & Company.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 Jun 1888

REV. R A. VENABLE today left for Blue Mountain, Miss., to deliver an address to the girls graduates at Blue Mountain College.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 Jun 1888

MR. AND MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS and their daughter, Miss Winnie Davis, yesterday were passengers from New Orleans on the steamer T. P. Leathers. They are going to Briarfield, Mr. Davis' plantation near Vicksburg, Miss., where Miss Davis remains a few days before going to New York to spend the summer as guest of Mr. Joseph Pulitzer whose husband is editor of the New York World.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 21 Jun 1888

MRS. S. P. ANDERSON, formerly Miss Alice Snowden of Memphis, today returned to her home in Jackson, Tenn.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 5 Jun 1888

MRS. S. J. MILLER has returned to Shelbyville and occupies her residence near the Big Spring. She proposes, as soon as she can get things arranged, to take day boarders. We heartily welcome Mrs. Miller back to her old home.

-SHELBYVILLE COMMERCIAL, 5 Dec 1884

JAMES P. GRUNDY and Joseph Branch Southall, attorneys and counsellors at law, will practice in all courts held in Nashville and in circuit and chancery courts at Franklin.

-Nashville Union, 1 Feb 1839

FIRE IN LEBANON - Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock the Brick-house of Mr. Richard Buchanan about three miles from this city took fire and was entirely consumed. It is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. Most of the furniture, as also the out-houses, saved. No insurance.

*** -Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

JAMES HORNBEAK, Esq., has been appointed Post Master at Locust Grove [Weakley County] in this state.

*** -Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

THE DWELLING of Mr. John Trigg at Memphis was consumed by fire on 22d Jan 1839.

-Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

BENJAMIN D. SMITH, Jesse J. Finley, and George S. Golladay, all late of Tennessee, will practice their professions in partnership in most or all of the counties of North Mississippi, in the superior courts at Jackson, and the Federal court at Pontotoc. Their office is at Grenada.

-Yallobusha Co., Miss. -Nashville Union, 6 Feb 1839

M. A. LONG, attorney at law, Shelbyville, will practice in the circuit and chancery courts of Bedford, Franklin, and Cannon counties.

-Nashville Union, 6 Feb 1839

TRUSTEES of Tusculum Institute have secured the services of Rev. C. G. MacPherson, A. M., as principal. They intend to make the school a permanent institution in which will be taught all branches of literature usually taught in the best academies and colleges in the Western country. Trustees are Enoch Ensley, Hays Blackman, E. M. Patterson, G. B. Goodwin, and James May.

-Nashville Union, 8 Feb 1839

SUPT. PHILLIPS of Elmwood Cemetery says his records from Aug. 16th to Nov 1st show 1,580 yellow fever interments.

-MEMPHIS AVALANCHE, 13 Nov 1878

EMIGRANTS from Ohio and Pennsylvania are said to be settling in considerable numbers in Hickman County on the fluit-growing, sheep-raiseing ridge south of White Bluff Station on the Northwest road, in the mountain caves in Overton and Fentress counties, and in the rich bottom lands of Bradley County.

-Nashville Appeal, 1 Jun 1868

CITIZENS of Memphis, South Memphis, and vicinity are requested to meet at City Hall on Wednesday evening, 7 Nov [1849], at early candlelight for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of uniting the two towns and enlarging the limits thereof.

-MEMPHIS ENQUIRER, 7 Nov 1849

A BRIDAL PARTY came down yesterday on the steamer Alert. The bridegroom was our young friend Whiteman of the firm of Whiteman Bros., who captured one of the fair maidens of Celina on the Upper Cumberland.

-Nashville Gazette, 5 May 1867


#21432 - B. L. GORE - Died 19 Feb 1911 of intestinal obstruction in Decatur County. Aged 25, white male, married. Teacher. Birth place not given.


#21442 - JONA E. HEAFFER - Died of unknown cause at Thurman, Decatur County, 11th School District. Aged 15 days old. Born at Thurman.

#21443 - ELGIE PEARCY - Died 14 Sep 1911 of consumption in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 18 years, white female, single. Born in 4th District.


#21445 - INFANT (unnamed) MYRCLE - Died of unknown cause 29 Jul 1911. Aged one day, white male. Born and died in Decatur County.

#21446 - WILLIE DEISAN - Died of enlarged liver 13 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. White female, one month old. Born in Decatur County.


#21448 - INFANT [unnamed] TILMAN - Died of unknown cause 21 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 3 days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21449 - MAGGIE NEAL - Died of consumption 1 Dec 1911 in Decatur County. Aged 10 years, white female. Born in Decatur County.


#21452 - MARY WYATT - Died of paralysis 9 Apr 1912 at Decaturville. Aged 37 years, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21453 - LOISE LUNA - Died of whooping cough 13 Sep 1912 at Decaturville. Aged 10 months, white female. Born in Decaturville.


#21456 - NANCY PRATT - Died of pneumonia 20 Mar 1912 in Decatur County, 10th School District. Aged 73, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21457 - GENIE PRATT - Died of pneumonia 9 Sep 1911 in Decatur County, 10th School District. Aged 2 years, white female. Born in 10th District.

#21458 - MANGRUM - Died of unknown cause 12 June 1912 in Decatur County, 10th School District. White male. First name, age and marital status not indicated. Born in 10th District.

#21459 - UNNAMED INFANT - Died 23 Dec 1912, white male, 9 days old. Born and died at Beacon, Decatur County, 6th District.


#21461 - CETIE DURBIN - Died of bold hives 17 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 16th District. Aged 16 days, white female. Born in 16th District.

#21462 - UNNAMED INFANT - Died of unknown cause 10 Feb 1912 in Decatur County, 10th District. Aged 2 days, white female. Born in 10th District.

#21463 - FRANCIS EVANS - Died of epileptic fit in Decatur County 21 May 1912. Aged 56 years, white female, married. Born in Henderson Co., Tenn.


#21466 - UNNAMED INFANT - Stillborn 19 Mar 1912 near Perryville. White female.

#21467 - UNNAMED INFANT - Died of whooping cough 6 Oct 1911 on Parsons, Route 10. Aged two months, white male. Born on Route 10.

#21468 - BETTY RHOADES - Died of consumption 29 Oct 1911 on Parsons, Rt. 10. Aged 51, white female, married. Born in Perry County.


#21470 - MARTHA HALLIE - Died of pneumonia 14 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 70, black female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21471 - MARTHA GREAR - Died of consumption 6 Jan 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 74, black female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21472 - JUDY (?) HOUSTON - Died of consumption 28 Jul 1911 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 22, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21473 - JAMES CHARLES BLANTON - Died of pneumonia and hives 14 Sep 1909 in Decatur County. Aged 1 month, 1 day, white male. Born in Decatur County.


#21475 - ABNER GOOCH - Died of infection 22 Nov 1911 in Decatur County. Aged 6 years 6 months, white male. Born in Decatur County.


#21477 - LONNIE MILLER - Died of fever 1 Mar 1912 in Decatur Co., 5th District. Aged 5 months, white male. Born in 5th District.


#21479 - LOTTIE BLACKMAN - Died of spinal meningitis 26 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 10 years, white female. Born in 5th District.

#21480 - GUSS (?) GREER - Died of consumption 1 Jun 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 12 years, black female. Born in Decatur County.

#21481 - JOE MILLER - Died of stomach congestion 15 Mar 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 2 years, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21482 - C. H. TUCKER - Died of catarrh, fever, or combination of the two on 9 (?) Mar 1909 in Decatur County. Aged 5 years, white male. Born in Decatur County.

(To be continued in next issue)
Batson-Daniel
Married at Danielsville, Dickson Co., Tenn., on 23rd Dec [1875] by the Rev. Mr. Parish, Mr. John C. Batson and Miss Enola N. Daniel.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 8 Jan 1876

Campbell-Lewis
Married at River Cliff near McMinnville, Tenn., on 4 Jan 1876 by Rev. L. Holmes, Mr. James W. Campbell of Nashville and Miss Mary D. Lewis, daughter of George T. Lewis.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 13 Jan 1876

Taylor-Bynum
Mr. Arthur K. Taylor and Miss Mary F. Bynum were married last night [29 June 1894] by the Rev. Dr. Patterson. The marriage was somewhat of a surprise to their friends, for although they were engaged, the wedding was not to come off for some time. Miss Bynum, as sweet and accomplished a girl ever lived, was formerly a resident of Memphis but recently her family moved to Lakeview, Miss. Yesterday she came to Memphis and was met by Mr. Taylor and in talking the matter over, they came to the conclusion that it was no use to postpone the marriage. J. B. Myrick was dispatched in search of a marriage license and, when it was obtained, the couple and their friends repaired to the residence of Dr. Patterson where the ceremony was performed.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 30 June 1894

Ford-Reiney
HUMBOLDT, June 27 - Two of the most prominent people of this place were married this evening at the bride's home by Rev. R. P. Mahon. The distinguished contracting parties are Rev. F. H. Ford of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Miss Bell Reiney, both of this city. Rev. Ford is a minister of high standing in his denomination and is known for his works of charity and spotless character. Miss Reiney is a woman of rare accomplishments and is distinguished for her gentle and graceful manners and personal charm.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 28 June 1894

Tennessee Marriages

Small-Cary
Married on Thursday evening, 1st Jan [1846] by Rev. P. W. Alston, Henry D. Small, Esq., to Miss Mary Jane Cary, both of this city.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 9 Jan 1846

Fuller-Horton
Squire Mathews yesterday [10 May 1867] gracefully performed a marriage ceremony uniting in the iron bonds of wedlock, Mr. Ira Fuller to Miss America E. Horton, both of whom seemed as happy as possible under the circumstances.
-Nashville Gazette, 11 May 1867

Bray-Ralston
Married on 6th June [1867] at the residence of the bride's father, David Ralston, Esq., on White's Creek by the Rev. Dr. A. J. Baird, Mr. J. N. Bray and Miss Lou E. Ralston, all of Davidson County.
-Nashville Gazette, 11 June 1867

Looney-Roland
Married by Rev. J. H. Gray in Fort Pickering on Tuesday evening [1st Jul 1845], Col. David Looney to Miss Mary Roland, daughter of Hugh Roland, Esq.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Bradley-Featherston and Wynne-Featherson
Married in Shelby County by Rev. John H. Gray on Thursday evening, 3 Jul 1845, Mr. William T. Bradley to Miss Susan S. Featherston. On the same occasion and by the same, Mr. William G. Wynne to Miss Harriet Featherston.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Brown-Saunders
Married at Nashville on Thursday evening, 16th Sep [1845], by Rev. J. T. Wheat, the Hon. A. V. Brown, governor-elect of the state of Tennessee, to Mrs. Cynthia Saunders of Davidson County.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845

McComb-Nash
Married on Tuesday, 2nd Sep 1845, at Middle Haddam, Corn., by Rev. Sylvester Nash, Mr. James M. McComb of Memphis to Miss Elizabeth W. Nash of the former place.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845

Finley-Lamb
-American Eagle, Memphis, 7 Nov 1845

Dougherty-Hill
Married in Yalobusha Co., Miss., on 31st Oct [1845], Mr. William D. Dougherty of Steamboat Bulletin to Miss Lucy S. Hill.
-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Pritchard-Hill
Married 18 Sep [1877] at the residence of the bride's mother in Madison County by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jeter C. Pritchard of Bakersville and Miss Augusta L. Hill of Mars Hill, N.C.
-The Journal, Jonesboro, Tenn., 11 Oct 1877

Barkley-Bowman
Married 12 Sep [1877] by Rev. A. G. Register, Mr. Samuel K. Barkley to Miss Bettie Bowman, daughter of B. M. Bowman, all of this county.
-The Journal, Jonesboro, Tenn., 13 Sep 1877

Matthews-Strong
Married on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. John G. Matthews of Graves Co., Tex., to Miss Sarah Jane Strong of Tipton Co., Tenn.
[Austin, Tex., Gazette, please copy.]
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1851

Evans-Trotth
Married on Wednesday, 29th Jan 1851 in the vicinity of Oakland, Tenn., by Rev. T. H. Bayliss, Mr. James S. Evans to Miss Cornelia F. Trotter, all of Fayette County.
[Nashville & Louisville Advoates, please copy.]
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 11 Feb 1851
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Mr. Hiram D. Ditto to Miss Martha O. Cox

Mr. Wesley P. Cundiff to Miss Mary E. Oram

Mr. William H. Cook to Miss Margaret McPherson

Mr. James O. Pate to Mrs. Rosy Coleman

Mr. Edward Robinson to Miss Susan Clark

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On New Year's Eve, 31 Dec 1846
by Wm. F. Carter, Esq.

Mr. William J. Buckingham to Miss Viney Prince

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by Rev. M. L. Andrews:

Mr. Wm. J. Bateman to Miss Sarah Jane Wright, daughter of Mr. William M. Wright

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by Rev. H. B. North:

Dr. Jesse G. Corn to Miss Elizabeth K. Blythe

Mr. Cameron H. Lockridge to Miss Elizabeth H. Darden

On 14th Jan 1847

William S. Davis to Miss Rachel Burnes

De Woody-Pharr

Married at Raleigh 27th Aug [1851] by Rev. David L. Gray, William L. Dewoody, Esq., to Miss Jane M. Pharr-- all of Shelby County. The above was accompanied by several tempting delicacies including a bottle of sparkling champagne in which all hands drank to the fair bride and the happy man the joys of a never-ending honeymoon.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 30 Aug 1851

Bowles-Haskell

Married in Jackson on Thursday, 13th Nov [1851] by Rev. Dr. McCollough, Mr. William Bowles of the firm of Bowles & Smither of Memphis to Miss Carolina Haskell of the former place.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 18 Nov 1851

McClellan-Coleman

Married in Burleson Co., Tex., on 7 Jan last, Mr. William J. McClellan, formerly of Williamson Co., Tenn., to Miss Sarah Coleman.

-Western Wkly Review, Franklin, 14 Mar 1851

Hill-Snead

One of the most brilliant and beautiful weddings that ever took place in Memphis was solemnized last night at 8 o'clock in Calvary Church when Miss Louise Bethell Snead of this city and Crawford H. of Denver were united in marriage. The Episcopal ceremony with its solemn impressiveness was performed by Rev. F. P. Davenport, D. D., rector. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity showing how much the fair bride was loved that people would venture forth on such a stormy night... After the services at the church, a reception for relatives and immediate friends was held at the residence of Col. and Mrs. H. M. Neely at 300 Adams st. Their elegant mansion was aglow with light from the first floor to the third and fragrant with myriads of roses and lilies. There is not possibly in all the South a more palatial home, both of construction and furnishings. When the bride was an infant, her mother died and Col. and Mrs. Neely took her and brought her up as their own. Mrs. Neely is not only the bride's sister but the only mother she has ever known. The groom is the son of Sen. Hill of Colorado, a gentleman of great wealth. The couple left last night for the East where they will remain for some time before going to their home in Denver. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 16 Jan 1895

McClanahan-Green

Married near Whiteville [Hardeman County] on Tuesday evening, 4th Feb, by Rev. Philip Walker, Mr. Hampden McClanahan of Jackson, Tenn., to Miss Lucy K. Green, daughter of Major John C. Green of the former place.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 14 Feb 1851

Greer-Holcombe


-Marshall, Tex., Republican, reprinted in Memphis Daily Appeal, 14 Feb 1851

Tennessee Marriages

Williamson County Is Scene Of 1846-47 Holiday Weddings

[From the Western Weekly Review, Franklin, Tenn., 15 Jan 1847]

On Christmas Eve, 24 Dec 1846
by Rev. M. L. Anderson:

- Mr. William R. Reams to Miss Sarah J. Allen
- Mr. G. W. Moppin to Miss Mary Corzine
- Mr. Hiram D. Ditto to Miss Martha O. Cox
- Mr. Wesley P. Cundiff to Miss Mary E. Oram

On 29 Dec 1846
by Rev. James C. Anderson:

- Mr. Green McPherson to Miss Emeline Forehand
- Mr. John Sheffield to Miss Celia Vaughn
- Mr. Henry J. Bragg to Miss Dolly E. Joyce

On 23 Dec 1846
by Rev. James Marshall:

- Mr. James N. Page to Miss Susan Stocket
- Mr. William A Baucum to Miss Catharine H. Hemphill
- Mr. William W. Burgh to Miss Margaret L. Alexander

On 17th Dec 1846
by Rev. W. W. Gray:

- Mr. John B. Sudbury to Miss Susan E. Jackson

On 19th Dec 1846
by George W. Armstrong, Esq.:

- Mr. Willis H. Cook to Miss Margaret McPherson

On 15th Dec 1846
by Gilbert Marshall, Esq.

- Mr. Charles O. Pate to Mrs. Rosy Coleman
- Mr. Edward Robinson to Miss Susan Clark
- Mr. Isaac H. Hise to Miss Elizabeth A. Vaughan
- Mr. James M. Coleman to Miss Elizabeth Thweatt
- Mr. Wyatt A. Hale to Miss Mary C. Riggs
- Mr. James L. Clay to Miss Nancy Terry

On New Year's Eve, 31 Dec 1846
by Rev. James Marshall:

- Mr. James A. Rogers to Miss Beth B. Hughes
- Mr. Bennett A. Hargrove to Miss Mary A Williams
- Mr. James F. Conor to Miss Elizabeth S. Harris
- Mr. William J. Buchanan to Miss Sarah P. Adams
- Mr. Willis Canzon to Miss Zilpha A.
- Mr. William Wall to Miss Ruthy H. Maddox
- Mr. Thomas Johnson to Miss Nancy E. Pate
- Mr. John Jackson to Miss Elizabeth Kingston
- Mr. William McPherson to Miss Elizabeth Pritchitt

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- Mr. Wm. J. Bateman to Miss Sarah Jane Wright, daughter of Mr. William M. Wright

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by Rev. H. B. North:

- Dr. Jesse G. Corn to Miss Elizabeth K. Blythe
- Mr. Cameron H. Lockridge to Miss Elizabeth H. Darden

-On 14th Jan 1847

- William S. Davis to Miss Rachel Burnes
Frazer-Wall
Married Thursday evening, 13th Nov [1851] by the Rev. W. B. Beaver, Jeremiah Frazer, Esq., to Miss Emily Wall, daughter of Frederick Wall, Esq., all of Fayette County.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 Nov 1851

Sullivan-Walker
-Fayetteville, Tennes, papers please copy
-Memphis Daily Eagle, 5 Nov 1850

Trueheart-Scrugg
Married in Germantown [Shelby County] on 5 Dec [1850] by S. W. Ledbetter, Esq., Mr. George W. Trueheart to Mrs. Maria Scrugg, both formerly of Virginia.
-Memphis Daily Eagle, 16 Dec 1850

Buffalo-Howell
Married 17 Dec [1850] by J. Waldran, Esq., Mr. W. A. Buffalo to Mrs. Mary Jane Howel, all of this city, formerly of Holly Springs, Miss.
-Memphis Daily Eagle, 19 Dec 1850

Atlee-Sehorn
Married at Athens, Tenn., in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. on 19 May [1870] by Rev. J. J. Mank er, assisted by Revs. R. D. Black and J. S. Petty, Mr. B. G. Atlee and Miss Nora Sehorn, daughter of W. M. Sehorn, Esq., all of Athens.
-Knoxville Whig, 21 May 1870

Malone-Cossett
-Memphis Enquirer, 5 Oct 1849

Webb-Kizer
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jul 1857

Tennessee Marriages

Giles-Phillips
Married by Rev. L. B. Gaston in Tishomingo, Miss., on Wednesday, 25th Nov [1857], Mr. R. M. Giles of Memphis to Miss Sue F. Phillips of Tishomingo.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 29 Nov 1857

Wendel-Bradford
Married in Brownsville on 16 Jul [1857] by the Rev. Mr. Collins, Mr. J. P. Wendel, professor of music in the Brownsville Female Seminary, to Miss Julia B. Bradford, daughter of the late Carroll Bradford.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 17 Jul 1857

Hammer-Cockrill
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Aug 1857

McElrath-Pavatt
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Aug 1857

Wells-Woodruff
Married at Rahway, N. J., on 11th Aug [1857] by Rev. S. S. Sheddan, Mr. W. E. Wells of Memphis to Miss Annie P. Woodruff, daughter of Mr. Jacob L. Woodruff of Rahway.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 26 Aug 1857

Dugger-Willis
Last Thursday evening [24 May 1900] at the bride’s home at Ashwood, Rev. John High united in marriage Miss Beulah Willis and Mr. Joe Dugger. Attendants were Miss Lottie Willis and Walter Griffin, Miss Mary Rains and Robert Willis, Miss Mary Dugger and Hayes Irvine. A reception followed the ceremony. The next day the couple left on a short bridal tour to Nashville. They will reside at Ashwood.
-Columbia Journal, 30 May 1900

Anderson-Smith
Married in Immanuel Church at LaGrange on 4th Sep [1857] by the Rev. Mr. Page, Mr. James H. Anderson, Esq., of Holly Springs, Miss., and Miss Lide G. Smith.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Sep 1857

Reed-White
Married on Wednesday evening, 1st Jan 1851, by the Rev. George W. Coons, the Rev. Wyly M. Reed of Leighton, Ala., to Miss Mary Caroline White, daughter of the late Col. John D. White of Shelby County.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1851

Maddox-Sherwood
Married in St. Louis on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. J. Goodier, Dr. J. W. Maddox of Memphis to Miss Harriett V. Sherwood of St. Louis.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 4 Jan 1851

Matthews-Strong
Married on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. John G. Matthews of Graves Co., Tex., to Miss Sarah Jane Strong of Tipton Co., Tenn.
- Austin Gazette, Tex., please copy
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1851

Fitzpatrick-Cook
Married on the evening of 30 Dec 1850 by George J. Bibb, Esq., Mr. Peter B. Fitzpatrick to Miss Susan Cook, all of Lauderdale Co., Tennes.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 11 Jan 1851

Cooper-Goodyear
Mr. Carroll P. Cooper and Miss Pearle Goodyear were married yesterday afternoon [12 Jan 1892] at Central Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Mahon officiating. Mr. George Goodyear and Miss Margaret Cochran, Mr. William Cooper and Miss Ruth Mahon, their attendants, escorted them down the aisle, preceded by Messrs. Louis Gibson, R. L. Kellar, Julian Heard, and R. S. Gantt, ushers. The groom has lived in Memphis about five years and is employed in the auditor’s office of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear. The couple left for the East and after a short stay there will proceed to Florida for several weeks.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 13 Jan 1892
Seaton-Trotter

Married at the residence of the bride’s mother on Thursday, 2 June, 1870, by Rev J. D. Lawson, Mr. W. B. Seaton and Miss Sallie V. Trotter, all of Sevier County.

(Soldier’s Gazette, please copy.)

- Knoxville Daily Whig, 11 June 1870

Harris-Tucker

The many friends in Mt. Pleasant of Mr. Hunter G. Harris were surprised to learn of his marriage which occurred at St. Peter’s Rectory in Columbia last Wednesday [23 May 1900], his bride being Miss Mary E. Tucker of that city. Rev. Baker P. Lee performed the ceremony.

-Reprinted in Columbia Journal, 30 May 1900, from the Mt. Pleasant Chronicle

Acree-Allen


-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Sep 1857

Hurt-White

Thursday afternoon [6 Feb 1901] at one o’clock at the home of the bride’s father, Mark H. White, near Beasley in Marshall County, Miss Daisy White and Mr. B. E. Hurt were united in marriage. He is a native of Maury County, residing near the Marshall County line. He enlisted and served in the late First Tennessee Regiment in the Philippines and was one of the few soldiers who returned from that country via the Suez Canal.

-Columbia Journal, 13 Feb 1901

Wood-Porter

Last Wednesday afternoon [28 Feb 1900] at the home of the bride, Mr. Thomas Wood and Miss Lillie May Porter were united in marriage, Rev. W. A. Provine performing the ceremony. The groom is an employee of the L&N Railway and the fair bride is the popular daughter of Mrs. Jack Porter. They will make their home in Nashville.

-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Tennessee Marriages

Robertson-Whittaker

Friday evening last [2 Mar 1900], Mr. James Robertson of Williamson County and Miss Bettie Whittaker were married at the home of the bride’s mother, Mrs. Hart, on 13th St., Rev. J. F. Beasley officiating. The couple left the next morning for their home in Franklin.

-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Blasdell-Pickard

A special from Franklin to The American yesterday announces the marriage of Mr. H. C. Blasdell and Miss Dina Pickard of Mt. Pleasant. The wedding took place Sunday afternoon [4 Mar 1900] at the home of Elder E. B. Coyce in Franklin who performed the ceremony. The bride, who was visiting Miss Pearl Jennings, is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. Louis Pickard of Maury County. The groom is a promising young businessman of Mt. Pleasant, being associated with Columbia phosphate Company. The couple is spending a few days in Nashville and will reside in phosphate City.

-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Mcmillan-Higgins

Married on 16th Jan [1852] by J. Waldran, Esq., Mr. Alexander McMillan and Miss Ann Higgins, all of this city.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 18 Jan 1852

Mask-McKinnie

Married on the evening of 31st Dec 1851 by Rev. Thomas Taylor, Dr. James M. Mask and Miss Elizabeth J. McKinnie, daughter of David McKinnie, all of Hardeman County.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 20 Jan 1852

Baugh-Stone

Married on Wednesday evening, 14 Jan 1852, by Rev. Joseph E. Douglass, Mr. William A. Baugh to Miss Julina P. Stone, all of Fayette County.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 22 Jan 1852

Quincy-Bloomington

Married on 30th Jan 1852 at the residence of Mr. Ruck in South Memphis by Rev. Tobias Dickey, Mr. Josiah Quincy to Miss Virginia Bloomington, all of this city.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 3 Feb 1852

DeLoach-Norvell

Married on Tuesday evening, 27th Jan 1852, by Rev. J. B. Ferguson, Mr. Claiborne DeLoach, Esq., of Memphis to Miss Imogene A. Norvell, daughter of Mr. Mose Norvell of Nashville. Reprinted from the Nashville Gazette of 30 Jan 1852 in the Memphis Daily Eagle & Enquirer of 6 Feb 1852

Smith-Hathaway

Married on Thursday, 5th Feb [1852] at the residence of Dr. Porter, Mr. Edward L. Smith of the firm of Crystal & Smith to Miss Sarah V. Hathaway, all of this city.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 7 Feb 1852

Poindester-Bronaugh

Married in Shelby County on 4th Feb [1852] by Rev. A. W. Young, Dr. J. S. Poindester of Christian Co., Ky., to Miss Anna Louisa Bronaugh, daughter of Jeremiah Bronaugh, Esq., all of this vicinity.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 7 Feb 1852

Frank-Dietz

Mamed on 13 Jan [1852] by Rev. Dr. Haasel, Mr. T. F. Frank of Memphis, Tenn., to Miss Emily Dietz of this city.

-From the Chillicothe, O., Correspondent of 17 Jan 1852, reprinted in the Memphis Eagle & Enquirer of 7 Feb 1852

Perkins-Proudfoot

Married in Brownsville, Haywood County, on Thursday, 5th Feb 1852, by Rev. J. E. Bright, Dr. Benjamin F. Perkins of Claiborne Parish, La., and the son of Nicholas Perkins, Esq., of this county, to Miss Jane W. Proudfoot, daughter of William Proudfoot of this place.

[The Franklin, Tenn., Review and Raleigh, N.C. papers will please copy]

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 14 Feb 1852

This third volume of Mr. Pippenger's indexes of the various items recorded in Virginia will books covers those in 22 counties in the southwestern and extreme northern part of the state -- namely, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe. Primary sources of the information were microfilmed records from the Library of Virginia. Some of the will books contained not only wills, but a number of other legal instruments. For instance, the references in this volume pertain to nearly 41,000 records including wills, inventories and appraisals, accounts or settlements, guardianship bonds and accounts, estate sales, plats, military certificates, bills of sale or deeds, dower records, and bonds of various types. It all adds up to a tremendously helpful reference work on Virginia.


Watauga County, once part of the famous Old Watauga Settlement, was established in 1849 from Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, and Yancey counties in northwest North Carolina. This history, first published in 1915, gives a wide-ranging view of the county's first settlements, its Revolutionary and Civil War activities, and its early schools, churches, roads, and railroads. Throughout are names of early settlers and rare anecdotes. An entire chapter is devoted to Daniel Boone who is said to have hunted through the mountains of the county for several years before 1769. Of special interest to genealogists are the biographical sketches of prominent families that comprise the book's last 76 pages. Among them: Adams, Baird, Banner, Bingham, Blackburn, Blair, Brown, Bryan(t), Cable, Coffey, Cottrell, Council, Critcher, Davis, Dugger, Eggers, Elrod, Farthing, Franklin, Gragg, Greene, Greer, Grider, Grubb, Hagaman, Hardin, Harman, Hartley, Hayes, Hodges, Holtzclaw, Horton, Ingram, Isaacs, Lenin, Lewis, Linney, Lovill, McBride, McGhee, Mast, Miller, Moretz, Morphew, Nog Penley, Perkins, Presnell, Reese, Rivers, Sands, Shearer, Sh e d, Shull, Smith, Story, Swift, Tatum, Tester, Thomas, Todd, Trivett, Tugman, Van Dyke, Vannoy, Ward, Watson, Welch, Wilson, Winebarger, Winkler, Woodring, Yountz.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY OF GRANVILLE Co., N.C., and MARSHALL Co., TENN., by Elizabeth T. Schack. 2002. Spiral-bound, 195 pages including family trees, illustrations. $10 per name index. Those who believe the information may be pertinent to them can obtain a copy by writing the author at 49 E. 73d St., New York, NY, 10021-3564.

This family history focuses on ancestors and descendants of the Williams family and its connections to the Allison, Boyd, Camden, Haislip, Harris, Ogilvie, and Peace families. It starts with Patriarch William Williams who came to Virginia or Maryland in the 1750s or '60s, was in Granville Co., N.C., by the mid-1770s, and most likely married Nancy Haislip by whom he had nine children. Following her death, William married Sarah Peace and they had two children before he died in 1813. Two years later, his son, William, Jr., migrated with his wife, Elizabeth Allison, and children to Bedford Co., Tenn., settling in the area that later became Marshall County. Elizabeth's sister Sarah married William's brother James (a minister) and they, too, came to Middle Tennessee where they gave their new home the distinctive name of "Civil Order." Within a few years, children of the old patriarch would be spread through Tennessee's mid-section -- taking root in Montgomery, Marshall, Bedford, and Williamson counties. It would be great to be able to establish connections to these people whom the author describes as "not great world shakers -- just decent people who prized their families and learning and being good neighbors." But even if it's impossible to do so, the author has put her findings together in such an interesting way that anyone related or not -- will enjoy reading it.

CD-ROM Review by Carol Mittag


This CD contains images of the Society's quarterlies for 25 years, providing vital records, biographies, census records, Bible records, book reviews, land records, location resources, queries from individuals, and more. To view the images, you must first download the special version of Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 included with the CD, which is compatible with Windows 98, Windows 2000, and Macintosh. Both require 32 MB of RAM (64 MB recommended). System requirements of available hard-disk space are 115 MB for Windows and 105 for Macintosh. On-screen instructions for searching and navigating are included, and printing a copy will save you from having to refer back to the page. Using this enhanced version of Adobe's Acrobat Reader, you can perform a wide range of searches by word, date, phrase, or proximity; open document hits; scroll through results; and print. The "Find" and "Search" features work well, but the search icon is not found on the toolbar. The CD contains 105 documents.

Searching for two surnames brought results of 6 and 21 hits, and a search for two locations resulted in 21 and 58 hits. Not all were true hits and, while it takes time to page through and read all the results, it provides some interesting reading. Using the Bookmarks section, you can navigate individual volumes by year or article. The items are hyperlinked, allowing you to go directly to a section in the quarterlies by clicking on its name. This CD should be a helpful tool for those who do not have access to the hard copies, want to save time, or just enjoy some North Carolina genealogy.
Hunter Marshall, Sr., Describes Last Days of Civil War

Hunter Marshall, Sr., was one of the original members of Moorman's Battery, Stuart's Horse Artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. In the following pages from his diary, he tells of seeing Gen Robert E. Lee two days before the surrender at the Appomattox Courthouse and also relates conditions and events of the ensuing days. Marshall was born 19 Mar 1841 in Appomattox County, Va., and died 23 June 1913 in Charlotte, N.C. After the war, he was a tobacco manufacturer in Lynchburg, Va., and later moved to Charlotte. The original of his diary is owned by his grandson, Charles Mosely Marshall, 1728 Queens Rd., Charlotte, and was copied in 1979 to make the contents available for review by family members. This copy was contributed to The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine by Jay Buck, 2454 Jenwood, Bartlett, Tenn., who is the great nephew of Hunter Marshall, Sr. The original spelling has been retained, but the passage has been paragraphed and punctuated to make it easier to read.

"The last time I saw Gen'l, Robert E. Lee was at Farmville, Va., on the 7th day of April 1865, two days before the Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. He looked care worn & depressed. We were ordered to move on as rapidly as possible in the direction of Lynchburg and not to allow any delay in the march by teams giving out nor the road to be blockaded for one minute from any cause. Our Army was in a dreadful condition & we realized the Situation fully, as everything was on the ragged edge. There was no food for man or beast & no prospect of getting any soon.

"My Company reached New Store, Buckingham Co., Friday night & stopped to rest. Saturday morning early each man in my Company was given a ear of Corn from a corn crib as his ration for the day and this was the last ration that I received from the Confederate government.

"I was dismounted as my Horse had given out & was abandoned on account of his condition. I got permission from Capt. Shoemaker to go to my Father's home who lived about 10 miles West of Appomattox Co. House and get a fresh Horse & join my Company before reaching Lynchburg. I walked home, getting there about 9 o'clock Saturday night, a distance of 35 miles. My Father was greatly surprised to see me & more so to hear that the Army was so near. I told him the situation of the Army & that I was dismounted & came to get a Horse, he gave me the best horse he had with bridal & saddle.

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1 Major R. F. Beckham headed Stuart's Horse Artillery. Moorman's Battery was one of six such units under his command.
"Sunday morning early I started out mounted & well equipped to join my Company. Pretty quick heard the firing of Artillery in the direction of Appomattox Co. House. Knowing the roads and the topography of the country very well, I started off in the direction of Spout Spring in order to strike the Lynchburg road and join my Company. When I reached Spout Spring, I met some of the Cavalry of our command and they told me that Gen'l Robt. E. Lee had surrendered & they knew Nothing of the terms of the surrender & were getting out [of] the way as fast as possible and that I had better do the same for I was liable to be picked up by the Yankee Cavalry at any minute.

"So I returned home and informed my Father of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Co. House. My Father had Three Sons in the Army, viz. Hunter Marshall, John W. Marshall, & Robert E. Marshall, and was himself an enrolling officer in the County of Appomattox.

"On Monday the 10th of April there was a squad of Yankee Cavalry coming towards my Father's house. I being on the alert not knowing the terms of surrender got out of the way. They came to the house on a pillaging & robbing expedition and treated my parents terrible badly. They searched the house, breaking & bursting up trunks, Beauress, &c., waving their Pistols in the faces, & using all sorts of oaths for not furnishing them with everything they call[ed] for.

"On the 13th of April I met several Confederate soldiers passing through my Father's farm who had been paroled, & were on their way home. After looking at their paroles & seeing the conditions, I went to my Father's & remained there getting my parole soon afterwards in order to keep from being Molested by the Yankees & to be on the safe side as everything was in confusion & we could not tell what a day would bring forth.

"The Yankees sent their Wagons & Cavalry to my Father's & they carried off all the provisions of every description that they could find, both for man & beast. They even went through every Negro Cabin & took the last peice of Meat away from each one. So we had starvation facing us both black & white after the Yankees finished with us. We had to go about 8 miles & borrow corn for bread & we happened to have several fresh milch cows & this gave us enough to keep up on until we could do better.

"That summer our horses made the crops entirely by grazing. My Father informed his Negroes of their freedom after Lee's surrender & gave them the option of leaving or remaining with him. They all decided to stay & did remain until the 1st of Jan'y 1866 & even then they all did not leave.

"There was one thing that happened whilst the Yanks were robbing & destroying most everything at my Father's that were proud of. My Father had a very fine Mule which he raised & the Yankees got him & put a bridal & Saddle on him with straps &c & commenced packing on him bed clothes & other articles stolen. Had him tied to the front porch & one of the Yanks came out of the house & walked behind him & slapped him on the hips & just at that time (David) the mule "let drive" at him with both heels & struck him squarely in the face, knocking him down in unconscious condition.

"The other Yanks came to him & did all they could to restore him & during the confusion & excitement they lost sight of the Mule who had waked off in another direction towards his pasture. These Yanks soon saw this one that was kicked was in a serious condition so they pulled out my Father's carriage & took one of his horses & hooked him up & started back to Grant's Army at Appomattox House, but the man that the mule kicked died before going very far & they abandoned the carriage leaving it on the road which my Father afterwards got back.

"David the Mule who killed a Yankee and then walked off to the pasture, not only saved himself but the bridal & saddle & all the articles that had been taken out of our house. He was a valuable animal before but this act made him much more so & gave him quite a reputation in all that neighborhood.

"The horrors of such a War as we foom 1861 to 1865 between the North & South were simply indescribable."

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ARMSstrong, Donaldson: Who were parents of Dida Mira Armstrong, b. ca. 1791 Tenn.? She was m. in Williamson Co. in 1811 to Berkley Donaldson (b. 1780 Caswell Co., N.C.). They moved to Wayne Co. ca. 1820, and Hardeman Co. by 1830. Their children b. in Williamson Co.: John Berkley (b. 1811), Martha Walker (b. 1813), Robt. Grunby (b. 1817), Born in Wayne Co.: Caswell H. (b. 1821) and Calvin K. (b. 1826). Dida Mira moved to Old Tishomingo Co., Miss., after Berkley d. in 1842. Was living with son Robert in 1850 & '60 censuses. Apparently d. before '70 census.

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SANDERLIN, Dempsey: Wm. Wilson Sanderlin m. Elizabeth "Betsy" Dempsey 13 Jul 1805 in Sanderlin Bluff (later Raleigh, Tenn). They had twin boys, Dempsey and Ezekiel, b.1809. Interested in Ezekiel's ancestors and descendants as he was my gg-grandfather. He lived in Fisherville. Will share info on Sanderlin.

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GREEN, Thompson: Need parents of Sarah J. Green, b. ca. 1849 in Lexington, Henderson County. Married Wilson T. Thompson in Obion County on 29 Nov 1868.

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Fitch, Murphey: Who were parents of Mary Fitch, wife of John Murphey (b. 1755 Culpeper Co., Va)? How was she related to Abraham Fitch with whom they probably came to Claiborne Co. from Orange (Caswell Co.), N.C., in ca. 1790? Mary and John's children: (1) Abraham [m. Sarah Purvine in Claiborne, Mary Walker in Caswell Co.]; (2) William [m. ___Gains in Claiborne]; (3) Barbara [m. Harper/Hopper;] and (4) Nancy [m. ___Daily]. John drew Rev. War pension. John and Mary both d. New Market, Tenn., where they lived with daughter Nancy.

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Berryhill, Paschall: Wish to contact & exchange info with anyone researching these surnames, especially in Tenn., including the several different spellings of Paschall.

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Crouch: Need info on Milner F J K.? Crouch in Tenn. early. On 1836 Henry Co. tax record; later in Overton County. Who were his parents? When did he marry and what was his wife's name?

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1871 Letter from a New Settler
(From the Memphis Appeal)

June 13, 1871

"I have been in your State about a year and would advise any persons hunting a home where land is cheap and good to come to Weakley Co., Tenn. Our farmers average about 1,000 lbs. of tobacco per acre and about 8 barrels of corn per acre. Cotton grows well here. Land sells from $10 to $30 an acre, according to improvement. We expect a cross railroad here from Jackson to Mayfield.

"I will just say for the benefit of those laboring under the idea that a Northern man was not safe here: (1) I have been treated by those that were Rebels as any person could be by Radicals and I feel just as safe here as I did in Indiana; (2) People are more tolerant here than there. A man can speak his mind as free and as safe here as there, and create less feeling and confusion."

- J. W. CREWS

Letters to the Editor

I just wanted to let you know that thanks to you a Roberts researcher now knows where his ancestor, John B. Roberts, is buried. Ronny Roy of Vicksburg contacted me back in January and I was not able to help him. Eventually, I was researching Roberts e-mail messages and sent him the info about a John B. Roberts buried in Chester County. He had never been able to confirm his family line in Henderson County so here's a big THANK YOU.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Am delighted to have played a small part in helping someone find where an ancestor is buried. But the person really deserving the thanks is Betty Hughes who uncovered the information while cleaning out her genealogy files, and passed it along in the hope that it would be of help to someone out there. Chalk one up for Betty — And for yourself for relaying the information!

Officers of 2nd Tennessee Regiment in 1847
Thank Steamboat Captain and Crew

Officers of the Tennessee Volunteer Infantry's 2nd Regiment ran a notice in the Memphis Daily Enquirer on 28 Nov 1847 publicly thanking Capt. Twitchell and other officers of the steamboat Missouri for their kind and gentlemanly department and also for the perfect order and discipline instituted and sustained on board the magnificent steamer of which they have charge.

The Kingdom of Skullbonia And Its Inhabitants

By Ernest R. Pounds, 228 West Main St., Bradford, TN 38316

Nestled among the green fields and wooded pine hills of northwest Tennessee where the Goosefoot and Shade's Bridge Road crosses the Bradford-Trezevant Highway is Skullbone, capital of the Kingdom of Skullbonia. Nothing is mythical about the kingdom or its capital. Both are as real as many of the larger and more well known places of the world. Skullbonia's geographical limits have never been clearly defined. Over time, they have expanded to reach from the Tennessee River to the great Mississippi. Its capital of Skullbone is located at a mid-point between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, and an equal distance from the Atlantic Ocean. With an about three miles east-northeast of Bradford in the northwest comer of Gibson County, two miles south of the Obion River's southern fork. Its inhabitants have included some of the most popular people in the world as well as some of the roughest renegades known to man.

Some travelers through Skullbone will say it is no more than any other small community, but history proves otherwise. For one, there's the origin of its unusual name. Beginning in the early 1800s and continuing for almost a century, the community staged events rare to other parts of the United States -- bare-knuckle boxing matches in which all blows and punches had to be delivered to the head. Under the verbal rules governing the matches, hitting below the collar was a foul. There was no set number of rounds, nor no definite time for an individual round. Each round lasted until one of the contenders was knocked to the ground, and the number of rounds continued until a combatant or his second was satisfied that he had "had enough." The Skullbone boxing matches were organized bouts scheduled at regular dates and places. Always well publicized in advance, they drew unbelievable turnouts.

Historians of the area say the first fight of this nature was between the undisputed champion of North Gibson (later called Skullbone) and a challenger from one of the nearby communities - possibly Goosefoot, Frog Jump, Goat City, or Holly Leaf. When people in other areas of the state heard of the Skullbone boxing matches, they began to send their prizefighters there to compete. In most every case, there were two matches between the contestants -- one at Skullbone and the other in the challenger's home community. Once a community established itself as part of the "fist and skullbone" fights, it became part of the Kingdom of Skullbonia. If its fighters decided they had taken enough fists to the head and dropped out of the fighting, the community would no longer be considered in the kingdom.

According to many old-timers and several county histories, the best "fists and skullbone" fighters of the pre-Civil War days were the Groomses and Mitchells of southern Weakley County (neighbors to the north), the Oxfords and the Bray brothers from Benton County, and some of the Youngs from Skullbone.

C. Reid Dowland, lifelong historian and prominent citizen of Skullbone, listed the best post-Civil War fighters as being Webb McCaleb, Jim Martin, Jim Taylor, William "Sallie Bii Parker, "Big Bill" Dowland, and some of the Young clan. Webb McCaleb was the last undefeated champion of the Kingdom of Skullbonia He and Jim Taylor once fought a grueling match that ended in a draw. It was a favorite topic of conversation for more than a hundred years.

Skullbone has had other claims to fame through its history. Many older citizens still talk about the days when it was a riverport with industry, a school, several stores, and a post office. Shade's Bridge, just down the road, was a shipping point on the Obion River for freight shipped to Memphis, New Orleans, and distant points. It also was the site of a skirmish between the Confederates and Yankees during the Civil War. Skullbone had a big general shop that made a variety of things including shoes, farming implements, boats, cradles, and coffins. Capt Isaac Mathis

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1 Much of the information in this article is from Pounds' recent book, Tennessee's Last Kingdom, and one he wrote in 1980 entitled A History of Skullbone (Old North Gibson), Tenn.
2 The coveted prize that went to the winner was said to have been a stalk of bananas. [Jennings, Peter. The Tennessee Sampler, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 1985, p. 85.]

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and Henry Dowland manufactured boats and other wooden articles, and Grief Buckner ran a furniture factory. Elisha Hedgecock, who had a thriving blacksmith business in the eastern end of the 'kingdom,' was quite an inventor in his day. In 1870 he patented a "fore-wheel-brake" wagon, the first of its type. Elisha also made the first "ground hog" wheat thrasher in the United States, and sold the patent to the J. I. Case Company. One of his descendants, Dave Hedgecock, built the first automobile registered in Gibson County. He did his work in his blacksmith shop in Bradford.

Skullbone had several saloons right up in town at different times, and Arthur Holt, the barber, says a whiskey still also was located uptown near the baseball diamond. William McCaleb, a grocer and Skullbone's last postmaster, recalls, "Back in the old days, there was a distillery in town to which you could take your apples and peaches and get brandy, or take corn and get whiskey." It is said that during the Civil War, Skullbone had Gibson County's only big distillery whose output was bought by the Federals for Union soldiers.

Some of Skullbone's other claims to fame:

- It was the only place in the world with "mule wheel" power, created by a mule walking and turning a large upright wheel that revolved on a fixed axle. It was used to power a furniture factory.
- It had the only baseball team in the county if not in the entire world whose players wore no masks, mitts, guards, or gloves, yet it beat many regional teams in West Tennessee.
- It has been considered the most politically conservative region in the United States. Its 17th Civil District of Gibson County voted more than 2 to 1 against Franklin D. Roosevelt every time he ran for president, and in recent years has voted against some Democratic candidates as much as 3 to 1.

Skullbone has had many inhabitants over the past century or so. It has been the home of Grand Ole Opry stars, foreign diplomats, county school superintendents, nationally known produce dealers, internationally known businessmen, state senators, bankers, teachers, doctors, and others.

Among its notables was "Uncle" Green Smith, who came to Skullbonia in 1805 and lived to be 115 years old. He once estimated that in his lifetime he had made at least eight flatboat trips along the Obion River beginning at Shade's Bridge and ending at New Orleans. He remembered stopping off at Memphis "when there was only one store, run by a Mr. Phillips."

C. Reid "Clipper" Dowland, an internationally known traveler and hotel entrepreneur until his death in 1964, was the person primarily responsible for publicizing Skullbone. His father, Emerson Etheridge Dowland, was appointed the town's first postmaster in 1898, and tried to get the new post office named for Clipper, then five years old. Postal authorities, however, informed him there already was a Clipper, Tenn. Recalling the "fists and skullbone" fights of the town's past, Mr. Dowland then suggested the name "Skullbone" and authorities approved it.3 The young boy whom everybody called Clipper grew to manhood and became a prosperous hotel owner and avid traveler, not only taking in the sights of the United States but of the entire world. Wherever he went, Clipper promoted Skullbone. He would erect signs in distant parts of the world telling the direction and distance to Skullbone, Tenn., and then back in Skullbone, he had signs put up that gave the distance and direction to all the major cities in the world as well as to the communities belonging to the Kingdom of Skullbonia. Even after he had gone to the city and achieved financial success, this man of large stature and an even larger heart found time to return home and hold family reunions and help in community projects.

Clipper was responsible for musicales being brought into Skullbone. These were primarily composed of Negroes who thrilled the audiences in the shady grove around Skullbone with their picking, singing, and dancing. He also was responsible for the Grand Ole Opry of Nashville coming almost in its entirety to the small community to perform for the tremendous crowds that gathered for the entertainment, bringing their entire families with their box lunches. Among "Opry" stars appearing at Skullbone were Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys, the Ole Solemn Judge, Duke of Paducah, the Fruit Jar Drinkers, and Annie Lou (native of Skullbone) and Danny. Clipper has been described4 as a rare and unique citizen, an independent thinker, both in politics and religion. He always contended there were no finer people on earth than the citizens of Skullbone.5

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3 Skullbone had been called North Gibson until creation of the new post office in 1898.
4 Gibson County: Past and Present, op. cit.
5 Dowland interviewed numerous old timers in the Skullbone vicinity in the late 1940's and early '50s with the idea of putting the interviews together in book form. He died, however, before completing his work. His unpublished papers, the source for some of the information in this article, can be viewed at the Gordon Browning Museum & Genealogical Library in McKenzie (Carroll Co.), Tenn.
Alexander Franklin James — widely known as Frank James the outlaw, Civil War soldier, member of Quantrill's guerillas, and brother of Jesse Woodson James — is said to have taught school in Skullbonia for a time in his later years. Hundreds of stories have been written or told about Frank and Jesse. Some are true, and some doubtless are highly exaggerated.

Two stories about Frank and the landdom of Skullbonia have circulated for years.

John Cloyd, long-time resident of the Hollyleaf community, once gave this account of Frank as a teacher in the community:

"Frank James taught part of a year at Walker's School. He boarded with Lige Greer's daddy and Lige went to school to him. A book peddler came along one day and sold Lige a book with some pictures of the Jesse James gang in it. Lige recognized them. When Lige went back to school the next day, he told the teacher, 'That's you in there.' The teacher told Lige, 'If you ever tell this, I'll kill you, sure as you are a man.' He didn't tell a single word for a long time."

A few years ago, another tale about Frank James and his association with Skullbone — told by a Cumberland Presbyterian minister — appeared in an article by J. V. Dowtin in the Milan Mirror-Exchange:

"The first year my brother Travis and I were in Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., we boarded with Rev. and Mrs. John Bryant. They lived in Atwood, our hometown, before moving to McKenzie to educate their three sons. The Bryants had been reared near Hollyleaf and Skullbone... While they were in grammar school, a tall, wiry character was hired as their teacher. He called himself Fred Johns and was the strictest of the teachers. Mr. Johns fell in love with one of the older girls who was 16 or 17 years old. I knew this girl after she was married and had grown children. Although he was rather discreet, all the pupils soon knew his infatuation for the girl. One of them wrote something uncomplimentary about this girl on his slate and placed it where Mr. Johns would be sure to see it. When he saw it, he became very angry. Jumping up on the stage, he brandished a pearl-handled knife in one hand and a $20 gold coin in the other. Stamping fiercely up and down the stage, he offered the gold piece to anyone who would tell him who had written on the slate. Of course, no one told him. But there was no more uncomplimentary writing on the slate.

"The man in whose home Mr. Johns boarded boasted that no person had ever beaten him out of a dime. A month or six weeks before school was to close, Mr. Johns disappeared in the night. A few months later, the landlord received a note which ended with, "You can no longer brag that no one has ever beaten you out of any money. I left without paying you my board bill. Respectfully, Frank James."

This author related these two stories to a meeting of the Carroll County Historical Society in the mid-1980s. Some of those present chuckled and scoffed at the idea that Frank James ever lived in this area or that he had one time been a school teacher. When the meeting was over, an elderly lady, probably in her mid-80s, came up to me in a wheelchair. She said, 'I just wanted you to know that those stories were true about Frank James being a school teacher in the Hollyleaf community. I know they're true because I've heard my father tell them many times. In fact, Frank James boarded with my father when he taught school near here. He would borrow Dad's buckboard every morning and ride across the Obion River to the school."

Drive to Skullbone today and you will find only a few houses, one store, the decrepit remains of two others, and a new community center. Across the road from the store is a century-old church that has been remodeled and a slowly filling cemetery nestled on a slightly sloping grassy knoll. Immediately to the side of the store is a memorial built by the citizens of the community in memory of Gary Cates, a 22-year-old soldier from Skullbone who gave his life in Vietnam. An American flag flies over the memorial daily.

Down the road from the store is a new Skullbone Music Park that has featured such acts as Molly Hatchett, George Jones, and Willie Nelson.

Quite a few people drive out to Skullbone each year to visit the place that has been heard of the world over. The late Tennessee Gov. Gordon Browning signed a proclamation in 1953 recognizing the Territory of Skullbonia in West Tennessee as "a place of tradition and song and happiness... a delightful place to live... and a worthy successor to the rugged frontiersmen who built its early tradition."

Some believe the stories about Skullbone.

Others do not.

But few places have produced stories as colorful as those that emanate from the unique kingdom of Skullbonia and its capital of Skullbone.
WHO WAS BEN J. WOODSON
OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN.?

In the late 1870s, Ben J. Woodson won a blue ribbon for his Poland China hog at Davidson County's annual agricultural fair. Woodson, a farmer in the White's Creek area a few miles outside of Nashville, was known by his neighbors as a hard-worker. Besides raising registered hogs, he grew corn, oats, and wheat crops and often rode his own horse in local races.

When he wasn't farming, Ben worked at part-time jobs -- sometimes making cedar buckets at the Prewitt-Spurr Lumber Company and at other times hauling logs with a four-mule team for the Indiana Lumber Company. Some of his fellow workers wondered why Woodson always kept a horse saddled and bridled at the mill and also at his house, but dismissed it as an idiosyncrasy of a man they all believed was a Yankee (and a carpetbagger at that). He was a registered voter in Davidson County, and cast his ballot in the local elections. His circle of friends included Sheriff Timothy Johnson, Judge Cantrell of the 8th Circuit Court, and Nashville detective Fletcher W. Horn.

Woodson had come to Davidson County in about July 1877 and stayed at the home of the widow Harriet Ledbetter on White's Creek, putting in a wheat crop that fall. Over the next three years, he moved frequently, renting in succession the Josiah Walton place on White's Creek, the Jeff Hyde farm on Old Hyde's Ferry Road, and the Felix Smith farm on White's Creek. On 6 Feb 1878, his wife -- whom he called “Fannie” -- gave birth to a son. They named the boy Robert Franklin but, curiously, Ben sometimes referred to the baby as “Mary.” The 1881 Nashville city directory lists Ben as residing at 814 Fartherland St. in Edgefield in the eastern part of the city. He had rented the house for $8 a month, paying realtor John Trimble, Jr., $8 in advance and another $8 for the March rent. When Trimble went to notify Ben that the house had been sold and would no longer be for rent, he found to his surprise that the house was vacant and the Woodsons had vanished.

It would be some time before Trimble learned that his tenant's real name was not Ben D. Woodson -- but Frank James, whose name was emblazoned on "WANTED posters all over the country.

After the Northfield, Minn., bank robbery of 27 Sep 1876 and the manhunt that followed, Prank and his brother Jesse had decided to hide out in Tennessee and perhaps take up fanning and start a new life. They left Liberty, Mo., in two covered wagons -- each pulled by a span of horses -- their wives inside. Jesse's wife Zee held young Jesse, Jr., on her lap. Prank had hired Tyler Bums to drive his wagon, 'and Jesse got his half-brother, John T. Samuels, to drive his. The James brothers rode horses alongside the wagons, bypassing the towns, and rejoining the wagons in the sparsely populated areas. They camped together at night.

Frank later said they ranged across Southeast Missouri and crossed the Mississippi River directly into Tennessee "between the 1st and 6th of January [1876]." The brothers parted company in Tennessee, with Jesse and his family settling in the "Bottoms section" of Humphreys County where they lived on a farm rented from Banks.

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1. Her maiden name was Ann I Anna Ralston, and she was the daughter of Samuel Ralston, wealthy Independence, Mo., businessman. Born 25 Jan 1853, she was a college graduate and a school teacher before her marriage on 6 June 1874 in Leavenworth, Kansas. She died in 1944 at the age of 91.


3. His full name was Alexander Franklin James. Born 10 Jan 1843, he was the son of Rev. Robert S. James, who married (1) Robert Comer Poor, and (2) Ida Anna James. Born 10 Jan 1843, she was a college graduate and a school teacher before her marriage on 6 June 1874 in Leavenworth, Kansas. She died in 1944 at the age of 91.

4. Jesse, whose middle name was Woodson, was born 5 Sep 1847 in Clay Co., Mo. He was assassinated 3 Apr 1882 by Bob Ford in St. Joseph, Mo. On 24 Apr 1874, Jesse had married his first cousin, Zerelda Amanda Mimms, daughter of John Mimms, on 24 Apr 1874 after a nine-year courtship. (John Mimms' wife was a sister of Rev. Robert S. James.) Zee, as she was called, was born in Kentucky in 1845 and died 30 Nov 1900. [Source: Steele, op. cit.]

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Link Jesse -- who took the name of John D. Howard -- was said to have been a good farmer, and had an excellent racehorse called “Red Fox” which always won the local races. While living in Humphreys County, Zee gave birth to twins who died when they were only about a week old. They were named Gould and Montgomery for the two doctors who delivered them. J. D. is said to have shaped and carved the tombstones for the infants’ graves on the Link farm.

In 1879 while on a grain-buying trip to Nashville for the firm of B.S. Rhea & Son, J. D. had a chance meeting with his brother in Nashville and visited in his home at White’s Creek. Soon after, the Howards moved to Nashville and lived for a time with the Woodsons, as indicated in the 1880 census which shows Ben J. Woodson, 40, as head of a household that included Fannie, 27, and Robert, 2. Living with them were a brother-in-law, George D. Howard, 32; a sister-in-law, Josie, 29; and their two children, Charley, 4, and Mary, 1. All of the adults were shown on the census as having been born in Maryland, and all of the children in Tennessee.8

Later the two families lived a few blocks from each other in Edgefield in the eastern part of the city. James Moffat, L&N depot master, who was a neighbor of J. D. Howard and a "poolroom acquaintance" of Ben Woodson, said he never saw the two of them together.9

In 1881, the brothers left Nashville hurriedly after one of their gang members, Bill Ryan, made a scene in a local saloon and was arrested. Fearing their identities would soon be revealed, they fled Tennessee (leaving their wives behind) and headed for Kentucky -- where they parted company in Nelson County. Frank went by train (passing through Memphis on the L&N) to the home of his sister, Susan James Parmer,10 in Northern Texas where he stayed for about four months before returning to Nelson County to meet his wife and child who had been visiting her brother, Samuel Ralston, in Sonora, Calif.

Frank and his family were living in Lynchburg, Va., when they learned of Jesse’s assassination on 3 Apr 1882 in St. Joseph, Missouri. A few months later, Ann Ralston James (Frank’s wife) met with Missourian Gov. Thomas Crittenden to relay Frank’s offer to surrender if he could be assured of a fair trial. The assurance was given, Frank surrendered on 5 Oct 1882, and went on trial the following August in Gallatin, Mo., for the murder of Fred McMillan, a stone mason who had been killed in the 1881 train robbery at Winston, Mo. The trial attracted such a crowd that the judge moved it from the courthouse to the opera house, and announced that only those who got tickets from the county sheriff would be admitted.11 Former Confederate Gen. Jo Shelby -- one of the most popular men in Missouri -- was among Frank’s 39 witnesses.12 After two and one-half hours of deliberation, the jury acquitted Frank of the murder charge. Some time later, he was taken to Huntsville, Ala., to be tried for the murder of the government paymaster at Muscle Shoals. Frank was acquitted of this charge, too, when no one could positively identify him as being at the scene.13 He again was arrested and this time was taken to Boonville, Mo., to face charges in the Otterville train robbery that had taken place eight years earlier. Public sentiment was overwhelmingly against a trial, and the case was dropped. On 21 Feb 1885, Frank James was a free man.

To support his wife and son, he worked in various jobs over the next few years -- including a job in a Nevada, Mo., shoe store followed by one in a Dallas shoe store; a job as doorkeeper at the Standard Theatre in St. Louis; assistant starter at the Fair Grounds racetrack in St. Louis; and a role in a traveling Wild West show. Tiring of the circus atmosphere, he returned to the James family farm near Excelsior Springs in Clay County where he charged a 25-cent admission fee to tourists who came to gawk. In a few years, this became his chief source of income.

Frank died in Clay County from a stroke on 18 Feb 1915 at age 72.14

It is reported15 that his wife Ann, who was at his side when he breathed his last, looked at him for a few moments and then said, "He is gone -- the best husband who ever lived."
Chester County Court Minutes, 1891
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Abstracted by Jane Park Paessler from Microfilm Roll 5 produced by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville

Page 47 - July 6, 1891
Court appointed W. C. Trill administrator of estate of M. J. O'Neal who died intestate. Trill posted $7,000 bond with J. W. Baird and Luke Trice securities. W. H. Thomas, Dr. R. J. Williams, and J. A. McCullen were appointed to set apart one year's support for Mrs. Eva O'Neal, widow of M. J. O'Neal.

Page 48 - July 9, 1891
W. C. Brown vs. Carroll Beaver et al: Notice was served on defendant that taking proof will be sufficient for all defendants.

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Dower petition from Samantha Jordan: P. W. Davis and N. J. Hodges gave proof of fair rental of the blacksmith shop to which Samantha Jordan is entitled.

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Trustee is credited with school warrants issued to M. E. Rhodes, Y. A. Jackson, J. H. Holmes, R. H. Fields, Miss Hattie Massengill, J. M. Reeves, H. G. Sewell, and J. W. Stewart.

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W. C. Arnold, guardian of Cornelia Lane, resupplied records lost in the courthouse fire. Court received a report from D. M. Tull, guardian of Blanch Robinson.

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Court ordered filing of reports from: (1) Hiram Johnson, guardian of Mamie, Joe, and Zeddie Johnson, minor heirs of M. T. Johnson, dec'd; (2) Z. T. McCall, guardian of minor children of R H. Barham, dec'd; (3) W. T. Cason, administrator of estate of C. M. Cason; (4) N. L. Davis, guardian of Susan N. and Alice Davis, his own minor children; (5) G. L. Priddy, guardian of Mattie Thomas et al, minor children of James Thomas, dec'd; W. R. Browder, guardian of David E. Browder et al, his own minor children.

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Page 62 - August 3, 1891
J. A. Crook vs. Harriet Walsh, administrator et al: Court refused to allow defendants to alter their answers on file.

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R. H. Davis, executor, et al vs. I. J. Galbraith, guardian, et al: Report was made on sale of lot adjacent to W. H. Horn and J. M. Troutt that was bid off by G. L. Priddy. Bid was held open until Aug. 1st when it was sold to N. L. Davis, who gave note with P. W. Davis as security.
R J. Williams, W. H. Thomas, and J. A. McCulley reported they set apart one year's support to Mrs. Eva O'Neal, widow of M. J. O'Neal, and her family.

W. H. Hodges and wife vs. Wm. Arnold, guardian et al: Report was received from clerk along with exception filed by Wm. Arnold, guardian of Cornelia Lane, and Wm. Arnold and wife, Mary Etta, stating it appeared that land can be partitioned to set apart one-third interest to W. H. Hodges and wife, A. L. Hodges. Court appointed N. T. Buckley, A. A. Anderson, and J. W. Seaton to partition lands of W. W. Lane, dec'd, with two-thirds going to Mary Etta Arnold (nee Lane) and Cornelia Lane.

Reports were filed by W. A. Clement, guardian of Wm. H. Frank et al, minor children of J. W. Frank, dec'd; and W. W. Williams, guardian of J. D. and Endora Browder.

Reports were filed by: D. B. Williams, guardian of Amanda N. Williams et al, his own minor children; and J. F. and L T. O'Neal, administrators of C. H. O'Neal estate, on sale and inventory.

Warrants were drawn on: M. J. Robbins, trustee; Austin Robbins, idiot; R. L. Hamlett and J. C. Garner, grand jury witnesses; John P. Thomas, trustee of Henry Gillespie, pauper; Moore and Walters on courthouse contract. Road warrant was drawn on L. P. Wamble in District 7.

W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver et al: Clerk is to report on what assets of estate of James Beaver, dec'd, were received by Carroll Beaver, administrator.

Court appointed E. L. Sanford administrator of estates of Peter Cason and Harriet Cason, dec'd. Peter Cason died intestate, and at time of his death was administrator of estate of Harriet Cason, dec'd. Sanford posted $500 bond with F. L. Clark and E. W. Rodgers as securities.


Court appointed S. D. Anderson administrator of estate of Sarah Short, dec'd, and he posted $600 bond with J. B. Hardeman, C. G. Hardeman, and D. G. Johnson as securities. W. R Campbell was named guardian of Ida M. McKenney, and posted $300 bond with J. H. Smith and W. R. Fry as securities.

Court received inventory reports from W. C. Trice, administrator of M. J. O'Neal's estate, and W. M. Bray, administrator of Annie E. Jackson's estate.

S. E. Reid, W. R. Jones, and J. R. Reid reported they had set apart one year's support for Mrs. Jane Hurt, widow of J. M. Hurt, and family. Placed on docket: claim on J. H. Wright and judgment against J. W. Williams and Hiram Johnson.

Court received report of sale and inventory from E. L. Sanford, administrator of Peter Cason's estate.

Court received reports from E. L. Sanford, administrator of Harriet Cason's estate, and from W. C. Arnold, guardian of Cornelia Lane. Warrants were issued to H. D. Franklin, J. D. Johnson, and A. C. Bethune.

Court appointed John P. Thomas, W. C. Robbins, and F. E. Garland to set apart one year's support for Mrs. Bettie C. Johnson, widow of Hiram Johnson, and family. Report of W. H. Latham, administrator of Asa Latham's estate, was received and ordered filed.

Report from W. C. Brown, guardian of Homer Brown, was ordered filed.

Petition of J. D. Shelton vs. Mary M. Fields: Court ordered inquiry as to unsound mind of Mary M. Fields.
Petition of W. H. Hodges and wife vs. Wm. Arnold et al: N. T. Buckley, A. A. Anderson, and J. W. Seaton reported they partitioned lands of W. W. Lane, dec'd, as follows: (1) to A. L. Hodges, 55 acres adjacent to Robt. Arnold and Mose Latham as shown on plat by E. S. Hunt, county surveyor, (2) remaining 167 acres to Mary Rta. Arnold and Cornelia Lane. Parties are to pay attorney's fees to J. S. White and M. F. Ozier.

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J. A. Crook vs. Harriet C. Walsh et al: Clerk to hear proof and report on personal assets of W. C. Walsh, dec'd, that are in hands of Administrator H. C. Walsh, what debts have been paid, and value of real estate.

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Samantha Jordan's petition for homestead and dower: Petitioner is to pay cost of petition and taxes.

Petition of W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver, administrator et al: Continued to next term.

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W. C. Farrow, administrator vs. J. C. Crook et al: Resident defendants Olivia Crook, J. B. Crook, Jennie Carroll, J. R. Carroll, Elizabeth Farrow, Joe E. Farrow, and Rupert Farrow having been served and publication having been made for non-residents, cause has been set for hearing. Clerk is to report assets of estate of P. B. Farrow, dec'd, and publish notice to creditors as originals were lost in courthouse fire.

Petition of L. O. Estes et al vs. Allie Putman et al: S. L. Estes has been made a party of complaint by publication and has not appeared. Complainants and defendants are heirs of A. G. Estes, dec'd, and are due interest in land: Court appointed J. S. White as guardian to defend rights of Allie Putman; unknown heirs of N. W. Estes, dec'd; unknown heirs of John Estes, dec'd; and unknown heirs of Lucinda Burkhead, dec'd, who are all minors.

Petition of J. E. O'Neal vs. Mamie Jordan et al: Court allowed following insertions in original bill: (1) on line 15 - "all minors under 21 except Samantha Jordan and A. A. Anderson, administrator", and (2) on line 5 of page 2 - "executed his title bond to convey to Wm. D. Jordan the lot where purchase money should be paid."

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Petition of A. Morse et al vs. Lillia Hendrix et al: Court appointed A. W. Stovall guardian of Lillia Hendrix and Willie O'Neal.

Petition of Betty Ozier et al vs. Mary Ophelia Marow et al: Case continued.

W. M. Bray, administrator vs. B. P. Hall et al: Defendants Watkins Hardin, Joe Hardin, and Bertie Hardin were served and publication to appear was made for other unknown heirs of Alice Hardin (nee Hall), B. F. Hall, and B. F. Hall, Jr.; Charles Hall, J. H. Hall, and unknown heirs of another unknown brother of A. E. Jackson. Dr. Willie Perkins (nee Hall), wife of W. Perkins, and J. W. Johnson and wife, Virginia Johnson (nee Hall), are non-resident defendants. All named have failed to appear. Clerk is to report on assets of estate of Annie E. Jackson, dec'd.

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E. F. Murchison, who was elected justice of the peace to fill vacancy created in District 6 by death of Hiram Johnson, posted $500 bond with W. C. McCallum and R. J. Williams as securities.

E. E. Kee, elected justice of the peace to fill vacancy in District 4 caused by resignation of W. C. Trice, posted $500 bond with W. C. McCallum and Z. T. McColl as securities.

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Court received report of E. N. Tabler, E. L. McCallum, and Robt. Purdy who were appointed to examine settlements with courthouse and various county offices.

N. T. Buckley, trustee, reported settlement of county revenue on Justices of the Peace J. D. Shelton, L. J. Massengill, J. M. Pike, W. B. Skinner, and J. M. Malone.

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County warrants were issued to Sheriff J. D. Johnson, Geo. Kerr, Dora Games, Henry Denny, J. L. McWilliams, C. R Scarborough, H. D. Franklin, John Cason, A. A. Anderson, Wm. Horn, Jeff Johnson, E. N. Tabler, W. E. Glover, B.
Political Candidates Gird for Battle in Davidson County in Spring of 1862

Despite the Civil War, candidates for political office in Davidson County were plentiful in the spring of 1862. By 4 Feb, those who had announced their candidacies in the Nashville Daily Gazette for the upcoming March election included:

- For Circuit Court Judge in Davidson and Williamson counties - Turner S. Foster
- For Circuit Court Clerk - David C. Love (running for reelection)
- For Sheriff - John K. Edmundson (seeking reelection), James H. Hinton, Jesse W. Page
- For County Court Clerk - Kosciusko Branch, John B. Keeling, Capt. W. L. Foster, G. S. Newsom
- For County Trustee - W. J. Taylor (for reelection), C. M. Cowardin
- For County Revenue Collector - T. C. Lanier, Martin L. Alexander, John A. Miles, J. T.
- Byram, E. F. Everett, W. D. Robertson, George P. Norvell, Acton Young, Esq.
- For Constable in the Nashville District - John E. Newman, W. T. Wright, and P. A. Hughes

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It more often occurs to me than it once did, as I do my genealogy searches and help others with theirs, that regardless of what the records say ... things are not always what they appear. And the more we delve into all this, the more we know it. We are always turning up this thing or that thing, having an elder tell us "the rest of the story" in whispers not to be repeated, wondering what secrets are buried now never to be told, what mistakes were made in the record-keeping (on purpose and not), and a bit of chagrin (but a bit of humor, too!) is often the case as I peruse that "documented" family tree of mine.

I wonder what 'they' might have to say about it if they could ... "Well, here I stand -- not that they know it -- and I don't know whether to laugh or weep for the pity of it. They have me married to my grandmother's sister, and my father married to my wife, and apparently my wife has three children I did not know about. I am glad she named one of them after me. That tintype they have my name on is actually my sister-in-law's uncle's brother who just happened to have almost the same name as me, but let me tell you he was sneaky as a barnyard rat and I really hate being known for all eternity as walking around with his ugly mug.

"All this they are so proud of is thoroughly documented, of course, and I wish I could just step right in and tell them how they got the documentation in a tangle worse than sister's knittin'. They also have no clue where I am planted and I could tell them that, too; that I am actually the center of attention as the county courthouse is right over the top of me and hasn't a clue I rise each night to scramble through the records and hoot over what is missing, what is not filled out properly, and what is filled out totally wrong.

"I could tell them a thing or two about that census taker they are all so sure has the right answers. He never was all that bright to start with (lucked in the side of the head by a mule when he was a youngin’), stayed two sheets in the wind most of the time and, if he didn't feel like taking roll, he just sat down and made up a thing or two. Why do they think we could spare him from the farming to do this mess anyhow??? Foolishness it was, and we were much too busy for it, and so we spared what we could for the foolishness.

"Of course, they do not want to know all this... I am sure they don't, because if they knew all that then they would know they have not a chance at learning the real story as those of us who know it are waiting on this side for them and there is no U. S. mail routes between. Now that great-great-great granddaughter of mine is mighty proud because she thinks my pap was a Revolutionary War soldier and that apparently is something mighty big to be in this day and age. Hmmm... maybe better she does not know that my pap never fought with anything much except my ma which might after all have been worse than the King's men, so maybe he deserves the honor after all. She also is proud because she thinks her many greats grandpap got hung by the King's men for being a Patriot. Fact is he got hung for being a hoss thief, but maybe that is not so bad either since he stole the hoss off the grandpa of my sister-in-law's uncle's brother that was that sneaky barnyard rate. He stole the hoss off the barnyard rat's grandpa in order to go fetch the midwife to deliver the youngin that they have down as his own but was not, actually the wood's colt of the hoss owner who wouldn't claim it.

"Not that we don't have some things to be prideful of, we surely do. But I am telling you right here and now when these kinfolks of mine cross over to my side of the river it is going to take from now till eternity to set them straight."
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