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MARK THOSE CALENDARS! — TGS will sponsor two genealogical seminars this year — one in the spring and one in the fall. Both are designed to help you with your research and will feature experts in their respective fields.

The first will focus on researching Virginia records and will be presented Saturday, 29 March, by Robert Young Clay, who retired two years ago as senior genealogical reference archivist for the Library of Virginia. Without a doubt, Clay should know whereof he speaks. He spent 30 years as an archivist with the Library of Virginia. What makes him extra special for us Tennesseans (and those with Tennessee connections) is that he's one of us — a native of Dixon Springs in Smith Co., Tenn., with degrees from both the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

An artist and a genealogist, Clay now devotes his time to doing paintings and continuing to research his family lines which reach into Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and parts of Great Britain. For his seminar here, he will provide tips on delving into all types of Virginia records — land office, colonial, county, and state — and deal with research procedures, misconceptions about records, etc. The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our usual seminar spot, Hillwood (Hill's Barn) at 3570 Davieshire Drive, on the historic Davies Plantation at Brunswick.

The fall seminar will focus on researching in South Carolina and is slated for 23 August. The speaker will be Brent Holcombe, whose name is familiar to anyone who has ever done any genealogical research in the Palmetto state. Holcombe publishes his own quarterly on South Carolina genealogy and has done numerous books on the subject. More details will be coming on that particular seminar but, in the meantime, do put it on your calendar and plan to be with us.

INSIDE THIS QUARTER'S ISSUE, we hope you'll find some items that leave you saying, “Gosh, I didn't know that!” If you did know it and didn't tell us — shame, shame on you!

Did you know, for instance...

- That more than 100 Confederate prisoners of war were injured — some fatally — when a stairway in the half-finished Maxwell House where they were being held collapsed and sent them plunging down several floors? (My thanks to TGS member Joan Vickers of Hot Springs, Ark., for suggesting the topic.)
- That quite a few Tennessee Confederate solders took up residency in pro-Union Winston Co., Ala., after the war? (TGS member Dr. Betty Drake contributed this interesting article.)
- That about 100 German immigrants were left stranded on an island in the Mississippi near Memphis in 1845?
- That Lydia Russell Bean, one of Tennessee's first frontier women, taught Nancy Ward and other Indian women how to make butter and cheese and how to operate a loom? (TGS member Carol Mittag provided this historical genealogy story.)

These are just a few of the articles we hope will widen your horizons. Reading the footnotes and bibliographies may lead you to some research sources you may have missed.

GREATLY EXPANDED research facilities are being opened this spring at the new William F. Winter Archives & History Building in Jackson, Mississippi. According to a press release, the expanded facilities will have three reading rooms. The largest, the Public Reading Room, will have 20,000 genealogical and historical reference books compared with 2,300 formerly and will provide space for 150 researchers in contrast to 40 in the past. The Archival Reading Room will provide access to archival materials, Mississippiana, and rare books, and the Media Reading Room will give researchers access to 35,000 rolls of microfilm in addition to microfiche, motion pictures, sound recordings, and electronic records. For further information, contact Anne L. Webster, head reference service librarian, Mississippi Department of Archives & History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-9571.

THE LAMPLEY FAMILY is holding its 11th national reunion beginning at 10 a.m. on 21st June at Fairview Recreational Center on Highway 100 in Fairview, Tenn., outside Nashville. Those attending are requested to bring main and side dishes for an indoor potluck luncheon at noon, along with family genealogies, photos, news, recipes, and announcements to share. A group photo will be made at 11:30 a.m. An outdoor pool is adjacent to the center, and indoor activities also will be provided for children. A cemetery tour is scheduled for late afternoon. For directions or other information, call Camille Allen at (615) 368-2052.

The family’s unique motto goes like this: “We are not just Lampley: we are Sullivan, Hughes, Buttry, King, Maumung, Lanford, Tidwell, Green, Barnhill, Hudgins, Richardson, Cunningham, Stinson, Martin, Hall, Garton, Oliphant, Beard, McDonald, Overbey, Jones, Rust, Bethsbears, White, Pendergrass, Rainey, Glass, Hall, Deal, and many, many others!” Collateral family and kin are welcome.

ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS will be the featured speaker at the St. Louis Genealogical Society’s 33rd Annual Fair, “Time for New Ideas,” on 5 April at the Maryland Heights (Mo.) Center, 2344 McKelvey Road. Lectures will include computer topics, family health history, and successfully using maps in genealogy. Two special features will be “Ask the Translators” and “Ask the Experts.” For further information, contact the Society at P.O. Box 43010, St. Louis 63143 or call (314) 647-8547. Registration forms can be downloaded at http://www.stlgs.org.

HUXFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 595, Homerville, Ga., asks for help in completing a sketch on Henry C. Tucker that appeared in Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol. IV. Henry had three wives — Nancy Ann Sapp, Margaret Watson, and Rebecca Bryant — and 33 children. The Society is seeking birth, death, and marriage dates, and other info on the spouses and offspring.
Confederate Soldiers Literally ‘Go Through the Floors’

More than a hundred Confederate soldiers captured at the battle of Chickamauga fell some 40 feet when the stairway and part of three floors collapsed underneath them in the unfinished Maxwell House Hotel\(^1\) in Nashville on 29 Sep 1863.

At least 11 persons (including one civilian) were killed, and 96 injured (15 badly) in the accident described by a Union-run Nashville newspaper as “one of the most startling we have ever been called upon to chronicle.”

The Nashville Union reported that six were killed but identified only these five:

- L. B. Scott - Co. A, 9th Tenn. Inf.
- J. Wells - Co. D, 19th Ala. Inf.
- W. D. Lindsey - Co. E, 19th Ala. Inf.
- Squire Marston - Chattanooga civilian

The editor apparently didn’t read all of the stories in his own paper. Beginning 4 Oct 1863, The Union ran lists of persons who died in the U. S. Hospital in Nashville for the previous two weeks. The lists were copied from the records of W. R. Cornelius, No. 49 Church St., who had been appointed government undertaker by Military Gov. Andrew Johnson. From lists published 4 Oct and 21 Oct, it can be ascertained that at least six others perished as a result of the Maxwell House calamity:

- J. Jones - Co. H, 20th Tenn. Cavalry
- C. Swader - Co. K, 3rd Con. Cavalry
- John Bridges - Co. B, 19th Ala. Infantry
- J. C. Will - Co. C, 34th Ala. [Surname in list of prisoners is “Hill.”]
- S. O’Neal - Co. I, 50th Ala. [Surname in list of prisoners is “O’Neal.”]
- J. T. Riddell - Co. E, 50th Ala. [Surname in list of prisoners is “Riddle.”]

For a four-day period preceding the accident, Confederate prisoners of war from the Chickamauga battlefield were being brought into the city by rail car almost daily. It was estimated that 1,200 arrived in one day alone.\(^2\) Facilities were badly overcrowded, and the men were housed on the fourth and fifth floors of the partially completed hotel. About 600 were on the fifth floor.

When the breakfast signal was given on the fateful morning, many of the prisoners rushed to the head of the stairs to descend the several flights to the room being used for a mess hall. Under the sudden rush and the accumulated weight, steps leading from the two top floors gave way with a loud crash and fell with the men to the

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1 Researchers should be aware that the building was referred to by various names, to-wit: the Overton Hotel, Zollicoffer Barracks, Exchange Barracks No. 1, the Convalescent Barracks, and the Maxwell House. It was located at the corner of Cherry and Church streets. The half-completed building had been seized by District Marshall E. R. Glascock on 31 Aug 1863 under order of John Trimble, U. S. attorney for the District of Middle Tennessee, on the grounds that its reputed owner John Overton on 1 Jan 1863 had aided and abetted armed rebellion against the U. S. government and had not signed the oath of allegiance. [Legal notice, The Nashville Union, 29 Sep 1863]

2 Ibid., 29 Sep 1863.
Two of the men who lived through the frightening experience gave eye-witness accounts years later.

D. N. Ford, a soldier in Capt. B. F. Toomer’s Company of the 24th Mississippi Regiment, Walthall’s Brigade, had been captured near Lookout Mountain and brought to Nashville. He recalled having had dinner (lunch) the day before but no supper.

“When breakfast was announced, 150 men including officers were allowed to go down to eat at one time. I was very hungry, as was the case with all the boys, so about the time we thought the first crowd had finished, I with some 200 of the boys began to crowd around the head of the stairway when all at once about 20 feet of the floor gave way and we crashed down with almost the entire 200. Down we crashed through the fourth, third, and landed on the second floor, a conglomerated mass of humanity. Two of the crowd were dead on the floor, one died before he reached the hospital, and about 20 others died from injuries received in the fall.

“After I pulled myself out of the pile of men and timber with my ankle broken, I looked up to see the way we had traveled, and I saw that some of the boys were hanging on to the broken joists that they had caught hold of as the floor gave way. I suppose they were rescued later. I think the two that were dead on the floor fell from the fifth floor after we had opened up the way, as they were lying by the edge of the pile. One of John Morgan’s men said he didn’t mind the fall - it was missing his breakfast that he hated.”

Another veteran of the incident, John A. Templeton of Co. I, 10th Texas Cavalry, commented some 39 years later that he remembered the occurrence as vividly as though it had just happened. He was among five members of his company being held prisoners at the Maxwell House on the day of the calamity. While three of the group went down to eat, Templeton and another man stayed behind to hold their accoutrements. Templeton recalled:

“I loitered around the head of the stairway, and at the time the stairs gave way, I was leaning against the wall of the room around the stairs. Quicker than thought and with a noise almost deafening, we went downward, a confused mass of humanity. Fortunately, owing to the fact that I was on the outer edge of the crowd, I fell on top and, with a few others, was rescued before falling entirely to the bottom of the stairs. In the scramble, I lost my hat and requested one of the guards to go with me down another stairway to try and get either my own or someone else’s. This he politely did. On reaching the bottom of the stairs, a sight met my eyes that I shall never forget. Several poor fellows were already laid out dead, while many others were so badly hurt they were dying. Some were between the floors and were mashed almost to a jelly.”

William Hosea Isham, a private in Co. B, 17th Tennessee Infantry, was standing at the top of the stairs when the crash came. He thought he was falling to certain death but he landed feet first and found himself standing erect with many dead and wounded beneath him and piled around him. Out of the 114 who fell with him, he believes he was the only one who went back upstairs. “My survival has always seemed a miracle,” he said.

News of the accident spread quickly around the city, and hundreds of persons rushed to the scene. W. C. Collier, who was standing near the building at the time of the collapse, told of seeing Miss Lavinia Taylor who happened to be passing by. He said she stopped and raised her dress, tore off the underskirt, and rushed into the Maxwell House and began administering to the wounded. Mrs. Mary Pope Creighton of Nashville also is said to have taken one of the victims, John Rundell, to her home, passing him off to federal authorities as her own son. After she nursed him back to health, he slipped out of Nashville and rejoined his unit south of the city.

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3 Ibid., 30 Sep 1863.
6 Isham’s name was not in the list of the wounded at Maxwell House, but his pension application (BS-7341) shows that he suffered wounds of the chest, hips, and face and was disabled for about a month after the fall. He was discharged from prison at Point Lookout, Md., 19 June 1865.
7 Confederate Veteran, Vol. XI, No. 2, Feb 1903, Nashville. p. 64

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Guards were stationed around the building to hold back the crowd so the injured could be removed as quickly as possible and placed in ambulances to be taken to military hospitals in the city. Two of the six who died -- Pvt. Lindsey of Alabama and Squire Marston, a civilian from Chattanooga -- were reported to have been killed immediately, and four others died either en route to the hospital or a short time later.

On the 1st of October, the prisoners remaining at the barracks were sent by train to Louisville, Ky. From there, some were transferred to Camp Morton in Indianapolis, Ind., and others to Camp Douglas, Ill.

Twenty-five year old Capt. John S. Lakin of the 89th Ohio's Company C was commander of the barracks. His military records show he was appointed first sergeant 26 Aug 1862 and moved steadily up the ladder, being named captain 25 Feb 1863 — about seven months before the terrible accident. One Nashville newspaper said he was an efficient commander and "in no way to blame for the accident, for he has frequently warned the inmates of the barracks against crowding around the stairways." Nevertheless, the catastrophe apparently had a severe impact on him. Four months later, he resigned from the Army. Lakin died 13 Apr 1868 in Rushville, Indiana.10

Following is the list of Maxwell House prisoners that was published in the Nashville Press on 20 Sep 1863 and reprinted in Confederate Veteran, Vol. XII, No. 5, May 1905.11 (Additional information in parentheses or footnotes has been added by the Tennessee Genealogical Magazine where possible.)

TENNESSEE

1. Allison, J. - 3d Consolidated Cavalry
5. Clark, Pvt. J. A. - Co. F, 44th Infantry. [A resident of Lincoln Co., Tenn., Clark enlisted in Feb 1863, was captured 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. In accident at the Maxwell House, he suffered chest bruises. Was transferred from Nashville to Camp Morton where he remained until 6 Mar 1865. His pension application (S12150) filed 16 Sep 1910 was rejected. Clark and James T. Gray, also at the Maxwell House, came home together. Clark and his wife Mary lived at Boones Hill in Lincoln County. Witnesses supporting his pension claim included G. M. Bevels and E. F. Story, who both were in the 44th.]
7. Dickey, Pvt. John M. - Co. A, 44th Infantry. [A resident of Kelso in Lincoln County, he enlisted in Oct 1861 and served in Co. A. He was taken prisoner by Capt. Samuel Stiles under regimental command, Col. John S. Fulton. Dickey fought at Murfreesboro and was captured at Chickamauga. In pension application (S15227) filed 9 June 1917, he said his back and hip were badly injured in the accident and he never fully recovered. Dickey was kept in prison until end of war and was discharged at Rock Island, Ill. When he filed for a pension, he was a widower with two dependents, a daughter, 26, and a granddaughter, 4. Dickey was described as 5' 10" with fair complexion, sandy hair, hazel eyes. Dr. J. P. Farrar stated that John's left hip was partially paralyzed. Application rejected on grounds that his property (244 acres valued at $3,200) exceeded limit.]
9. Etchman, N. - Carnes' Battery [attached to 84th Tenn.]
10. Gray, James T. - Co. B, 44th Infantry. [Born in Lincoln County, enlisted 7 Dec 1861 in Co. B under Capt. Bell and Col. John Tarron and participated in all of regiment's engagements except Shiloh. Was captured 19 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. In accident at the Maxwell House, he suffered hip injury and was partially disabled. Kept in prison until Mar 1865 when released at Camp Morton. Was living near Mulberry in Lincoln County when he filed pension application (S11355) 6 Jul 1909. His 35-year old daughter was living with him, and he had been working as a pike tollgate-keeper for $10 a month. Owned no property. John M. Dickey, fellow prisoner, said Gray was badly injured in accident. Pension granted.]
11. Henderson, R. H. - Co. D, 4th Tenn. Cavalry. [Organized in May 1862 with men from Wilson, Marshall, Bedford, Rutherford, Smith, Marion, Coffee, and Franklin counties. In action at Parker's Crossroads, Franklin, and Chickamauga. Records also show an R. H. Henderson, who was a corporal in Co. D, 8th Cavalry.]

11 The list also was reprinted in the Memphis Appeal (then being published in Georgia).
12 The 44th, organized 16 Dec 1861 at Camp Trousdale, Tenn., was composed of men from Coffee, Grundy, Franklin, Lincoln, and Bedford counties. The unit lost 74% of its men at Shiloh and was consolidated with the 55th, becoming the 44th Consolidated Regiment.
12. Horner, Butler - Co. B, 9th Tenn. Regiment. [No one found in Co. B by this name. Closest to it is Bart Horam, a private in Co. B whose name also appears as Barkley Hourn and other variations. He enlisted at Chattanooga 9 Dec 1862. Captured near Chickamauga 19 Sep 1863, sent to prison hospital at Nashville 29 Sep, then to Louisville, Ky., 1st Oct, and to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, 10 Oct. Said he was Irish. Took oath of allegiance 22 May 1865. Described as 5'3", black hair, blue eyes, florid complexion.]

13. Jones, J. - Co. H, 20th Tenn. Cavalry (Russell's). [Died 2 Oct 1863 at U.S. Hospital in Nashville. Name in government undertaker's list published 4 Oct 1863 in the Nashville Union. Records state that Russell's Cavalry also was called 15th Reg., and its men were from Gibson County. A J. J. Jones is listed in Co. I, 15th Reg.]


16. Killingsworth, Cpl. John T. - Co. H, 17th Infantry. [Captured at Chickamauga 20 Sep 1863. Badly disabled in accident at the Maxwell House, suffering hip and back injuries, arm and wrist fractures, and bruises. Earlier had been accidentally shot in left shoulder by comrade at battle at Corinth. Was kept imprisoned almost to end of war. Returned to his command in Va., was paroled at Augusta, Ga., about May 1865, and came home. Pension application filed 10 Apr 1900 was accepted (S-2665). He was then living in Lewisburg, Marshall County. Had 3 sons, 2 daughters whose ages in 1900 were 28, 26, 24, 21, 12. Two were married, and only one was living at home. Died 17 Feb 1923 at a Nashville hospital leaving his wife, Nancy Tillman, whom he married 16 Feb 1869. John was born 3 Aug 1845 in Bedford County, and Nancy 14 Mar 1845 in Marshall County. Her widow's pension application (W7883), filed 9 Apr 1923, was accepted.]

17. Knox, C. - 4th Tenn. Cavalry. [A William C. Knox was brevetted a 2nd Lt., Co. B, 4th Cavalry.]


23. Scott, L. B. - Co. A, 9th Regiment, Tenn. Infantry. [Died 30 Sep 1863 from injuries sustained in collapse of stairs at the Maxwell House. Date of death published 4 Oct in Nashville Union. Scott had enlisted as a sergeant 23 May 1861 at Jackson, Tenn. Was captured 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga and sent to Nashville. Co. A, called the Dancyville Grays, was enlisted at Dancyville, Tenn., with most recruits from Haywood County; others from Fayette. Records show a 2nd Lt. William Scott and a 3rd Lt. W. H. Scott in same company who likely were his relatives.]


25. Swader, C. - Co. K, 3d Consolidated Cavalry. Described as "dangerously injured" on list of prisoners in accident, he died in the U.S. Hospital in Nashville 2 Oct 1863. Name on government undertaker's list published 4 Oct 1863 in the Nashville Union. Scott had enlisted as a sergeant 23 May 1861 at Jackson, Tenn. Was captured 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga and sent to Nashville. Co. A, called the Dancyville Grays, was enlisted at Dancyville, Tenn., with most recruits from Haywood County; others from Fayette. Records show a 2nd Lt. William Scott and a 3rd Lt. W. H. Scott in same company who likely were his relatives.]


27. Tucker, Pvt. Marion J. - Co. D, 9th Tenn. Infantry. [Enlisted 5 June 1861 at Jackson, Madison County, Ky. Was captured at Chickamauga 19 Sep 1863. Imprisoned at the Maxwell House; sent to Louisville, Ky., and then Camp Morton, Indianapolis, for exchange. Took oath of allegiance 23 May 1865.]

28. Walker, D. - Co. E, Consolidated Cavalry

ALABAMA


32. Hill, J. C. - Co. C, 34th Ala. [Died 1st Oct 1863 at U.S. Hospital, Nashville. Surname is given as Will in list obtained from government undertaker and published 4 Oct in the Nashville Union.]


34. Lamb, J. S. - Co. D, 50th Ala.


38. Poe, L. M. - Co. E, 28th Ala. Volunteers [Condition noted as "dangerous" in injured prisoners' list. He died 29 Sep 1863, according to Nashville Union of 1 Oct 1863. Military records show his first name was Larkin. Some sources list him in Co. A rather than E.]


40. Reece, William - 1st Alabama Legion
42. Riddle, J. T. - Co. E, 50th Ala. [Died 6 Oct 1863, according to government undertaker's list published 21 Oct. Surname given as Riddill.]
43. Smith, J. P. - Co. C, 16th Ala.
44. Vandeveer, G. - 37th Ala.
46. Wells, J. W. - Co. D, 19th Ala. [Died 30 Sep 1863 at U.S. Hospital, Nashville, according to government undertaker's list published 4 Oct in the Nashville Union.]

ARKANSAS

50. Kendall, R. - Co. K, 13th Ark. Infantry [Full name was Robert S. Kendall. He was a sergeant.]

GEORGIA

55. Foster, S. A. - Co. C, 1st Battalion, Ga. Sharpshooters [His name is given as Sheppard Foster in other sources.]
56. Fox, R. - Co. E, 37th Ga. [First name was Robert. Was in the Infantry.]
64. Williams, M. - Co. B, 1st Battalion, Ga. Sharpshooters

KENTUCKY

69. Taylor, John - 2d Ky. Cavalry

LOUISIANA

70. Burke, M. - Co. I, 13th La.

MISSISSIPPI

77. Cox, J. D. - Co. A, 28th Miss.
79. Gilmore, B. - Co. B, 34th Miss. [May have been Barion Gilmore who was in Co. D and Co. G of 34th Inf.]
80. Harris, J. T. - Co. B, 29th Miss.
82. McAllister, J. - Mississippi Cavalry
83. Moodie, W. A. - Co. F, 34th Miss. [Surname probably Moody]
84. Ogle, J. L. - Co. B, 29th Miss.
88. Starnes, J. S. - Co. F, 29th Miss. Infantry
89. Summers, S. - Co. I, 37th Miss. [A Smith Summers, Jr., is listed in Co. I, 27th Miss. Inf.]
TEXAS

90. Bailey, C. H. - Co. L, 14th Texas
91. Burke, J. H. - Co. Q, 10th Texas. [Identified by comrade as Sgt. John H. Burk of Co. I, 10th Texas Cavalry. Was captured at Chickamauga in late Sep 1863 and held at Maxwell House. Mentioned in Sid Johnson’s Texans Who Were the Gray.]
92. Eckhart, G. T. - Co. I, 10th Texas. [Identified by comrade as Pvt. George T. Egbert. Was captured and held at Maxwell House in Fall, 1863. Survived war.]
93. Odom, C. G., Pvt. - Co. I, 10th Texas. [First name was Cornelius. Was captured in Fall, 1863 and held at Maxwell House. Survived war.]

VIRGINIA


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95. Heinstran, N. - Cort’s Battery [No soldier with this exact name or unit found in compiled Confederate rosters. The name Nicholas Heinzen, which may have been the same man, appears four times. Once in Pritchard’s Co., Ga. Light Artillery, once in Co. F, Ga. 36th Inf. (Villepique’s), once in Marshall’s Co., Tenn. Artillery, and once in Co. F, 1st Conf. Infantry. Only other mention found of Cort’s Battery is in Confederate Veteran where a W. J. Hanna told a meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in S.C. that he was color bearer for Cort’s Battery. Neither his company nor place of residence was identified. Numerous soldiers named W. J. Hanna found in various states in other sources.]

SOLDIERS IN ACCIDENT BUT NOT ON LIST PUBLISHED:

96. W. D. Lindsey - Co. E, 19th Ala. [one of two killed immediately]

99. Pvt. Moses Walters - Co. I, 10th Texas Cavalry. [Survived war. Lived at Santa Anna, Tex.]

CIVILIANS:

100. W. C. Evit
101. H. B. Fowler
102. J. Fowler
103. S. V. Green
104. W. Lambert
105. J. Mathew

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Union Citizens of Memphis Prepare for Visit by Major Gen. U. S. Grant

[From the Memphis Bulletin, 26 Aug 1863]

An adjourned meeting of the Union citizens of Memphis for the purpose of adopting measures for a suitable reception of Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant was held at the Hall of Merchants’ Exchange 26 Aug 1863. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Joseph Tagg, and Mr. J. M. Tomeny continued to act as secretary.

Appointed as a committee to wait upon Gen. Grant on his arrival and present to him resolutions recognizing his distinguished services were R. Hough, J. B. Bingham, A. J. Miller, J. M. Tomeny, and Dr. A. Gregg. Dr. Gregg was named chairman of the arrangements committee with members A. Hitzfield, A. J. Park, A. P. Burdett, and S. O. Shorey. Appointed to the reception committee were Messrs. Hough, Bingham, Miller, Gregg, and Tomeny. Gen. Grant and Adjutant Gen. Thomas arrived in Memphis on the evening of 25 Aug and stopped at the Gayoso Hotel.■
Tennesseans On 1867 Voter Registration, Loyalty Lists in Winston Co., Ala.
Contributed by TGS member Dr. Betty S. Drake, 1106 N. 31st Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401

After the Civil War, the federal government required citizens in the states that had seceded to sign loyalty oaths in order to have voting rights reinstated. Winston County, in northwest Alabama, had been overwhelmingly pro-Union during the war, but it is interesting to note the number of former Confederate soldiers who stayed or migrated there after the war. Winston was among the few counties which recorded each individual's place and date of birth. The men listed below gave Tennessee as their place of birth. The complete list can be found on the Winston County web site, [http://wccs.lsu.edu/1867vote.htm](http://wccs.lsu.edu/1867vote.htm)

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Andrew Jackson Given Lock of President George Washington's Hair

On 22 Feb 1825, Eliza W. Custis wrote a letter from Washington City to Gen. Andrew Jackson, praising him for his achievements and enclosing a lock of President George Washington's hair. She wrote:

"The birthday of Washington is the fit time for a tribute of respect to him Whose glorious Achievements place him next to the father of our country. On this day I present to Gen. Jackson a ring of the Hero's hair of the colour it was when he led our soldiers to victory -- it was made in this city and of American gold. Wear it in remembrance of him who was first in the hearts of his country and of her who gives it to you with her best wishes for your health and happiness."

Jackson replied swiftly and eloquently on the same date from Washington City:

"My Dear Madam:

"By the hands of our mutual friend, Gen. LaFayette, I have had the extreme satisfaction of receiving a ring containing the hair of George Washington which you have done me the honor to present. Believe me, I shall retain, and wear it, with the greatest pleasure. I will wear it in remembrance of your kind opinions expressed towards me, and of the illustrious and revered man, the recollection of whose virtues and disinterested patriotism none can ever be unmindful of. Could the present you render me be at all increased in value it would be by the consideration that its presentation has been through one who devoted herself early in life to the service of our happy country, and who was the friend and associate of our beloved Washington.

"I pray you to accept my kind wishes for your health and prosperity in life. With great respect and regard, I am your most obedient servant."

(From the Sparta, Tenn., Review, 27 Apr 1825)
ARMOUR
Died on Friday, 5 Dec [1851], Mrs. Elizabeth C. Armour, consort of William Armour, Esq., aged 50 years.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 8 Dec 1851

McCUNGL
The death of Mrs. Eliza J. McClung which took place in this city at 9:30 p.m. Thursday evening brings sadness to the hearts of our people. It is true she had nearly attained the period alloted to human life, being in her 70th year, yet age had left undimmed those rich and ennobling graces of heart and manners which ever characterized her long and eminently useful life. She was the daughter of Calvin Morgan -- a name honored among the early pioneers of East Tennessee - and the relict of Matthew McClung who died some 25 years since, but whose memory is cherished by our old citizens as one who exerted an important influence in the early and substantial development of Knoxville. She was the mother, we believe, of six children, four of whom survive her.
-Knoxville Whig, 20 Aug 1879

BISHOP
Rev. Jonathan Bishop, aged 76 years, 2 months, and 12 days, died of congestive fever 8 Sep 1879 at his residence in Knox County after an illness of nine days, all of which he submitted to with Christian patience, leaving undoubted evidence of his spiritual welfare, having spent 42 years of his life in the ministry. A devoted companion and 10 children mourn his loss.
-Knoxville Whig, 13 Sep 1879

NORVELL
Joseph Norvell, Esq., a distinguished and estimable citizen of Nashville, died Thursday, 7th Jan [1847] of apoplexy. He was a native of Garrard Co., Ky., born in 1793.
-Western Wkly. Review, Franklin, 22 Jan 1847

HENDRICK
W. M. Hendrick, an old citizen of Charlotte, Dickson County, died on Sunday last [4 Aug 1867] in the 81st year of his age.
-Nashville Gazette, 8 Aug 1867

SMITH
Died on Tuesday morning, 6 May [1851] at the residence of J. L. Webb in this city, Mr. John G. Smith of Tipton Co., Tenn., formerly of Granville, N.C.
[Nashville & N.C. papers, please copy.]
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 May 1851

HALL
Died Tuesday, 19th Jan [1847] Mr. Richard Hall, aged about 72 years. He was an old and respected citizen of this place and survived his estimable wife who died here on 23d December.
-Western Wkly. Review, Franklin, 22 Jan 1847

SEAY
Died in Nashville on Saturday night last, 16 Jan [1847], Mrs. Jane Seay, wife of Mr. Samuel Seay of the firm of Seay & Shepherd and sister to Dr. W. H. Wharton.
-Western Wkly. Review, Franklin, 22 Jan 1847

ANDREWS
Died Monday, 11th Jan [1847], Mrs. Margaret Andrews, wife of Mr. Stanfield Andrews and daughter of Mr. Thomas Shelton.
-Western Wkly. Review, Franklin, 22 Jan 1847

BRUCE
Departed this life in Murfreesboro on 9th inst, Mrs. Mary R. Bruce, consort of John Bruce and daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Henderson, aged nearly 44 years. She was member of the Presbyterian Church for many years.
[Abstracted]
-Western Wkly. Review, Franklin, 22 Apr 1847

LITTLEFIELD
Friends and acquaintances of Mr. C. A. Littlefield are invited to attend the funeral of his late wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Littlefield, this evening from the residence of Mr. James Jenkins, Union St.
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 May 1851
BLESSING
The body of Michael J. Blessing arrived from Chicago yesterday morning in charge of his brother, Charles J. Blessing, his widow and orphaned daughter, and his partner, Ed Greenwood. He died of gastritis, aged 45 years 11 months 26 days. The funeral will be this morning from St. Peter's Catholic Church. The Memphis Cotton Exchange passed a resolution of respect. [Abstracted]
-Memphis Appeal, 21 Sep 1889

ADKINS
Mr. H. W. Adkins, aged 86 years, 10 months, died at the residence of his son, J. H. Adkins, on 27 Dec 1885. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him and was much esteemed by his Masonic brethren, being the oldest Mason in Montgomery County. He was a charter member of Freedom Lodge.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 5 Jan 1886

ROACH
Died in Montgomery County on 10th Jan [1866] after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Margaret Roach, mother of our townsman Winfield Roach, in the 70th year of her age.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 12 Jan 1866

BRYSON
Died in Clarksville on 11th Jan [1866], Mr. Robert Bryson in the 71st year of his age.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 12 Jan 1866

FRIERSON
The Hon. Samuel D. Frierson, chancellor of the 4th Chancery Division of Tennessee, died suddenly at Pulaski on 11th Mar [1866]. He held court Saturday in his usual health. His remains will be forwarded to Columbia, his place of residence. He was eminent in his profession and his loss will be greatly felt.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 16 Mar 1866

PEARY, ELLIS
Died in Clarksville on the night of 13th Jan [1866] of smallpox, Mr. B. R. Peary, late senator in the legislature from Montgomery County. He was about 65 years of age. Also dead of smallpox on 13th Jan, Mr. William Ellis, aged about 40.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 19 Jan 1855

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

WHEELock
Died at the residence of Joseph A. Green in Tipton County on 1 Mar [1859], Mary Wheelock, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. A. and Ellen R. Wheelock. Funeral services will be from the Memphis & Ohio Railroad depot this morning, with services by Rev. Mr. Hines at Winchester Cemetery.
-Memphis Bulletin, 3 Mar 1859

McCLean
Mrs. E. B. McCLean died Wednesday night [29 June 1887] at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tatum, on Gilmer Street. She was the wife of E. B. McClean who was at one time mayor of Murfreesboro.
-Chattanooga Times, 1st Jul 1887

ANDERSON
Last night [8 Dec 1825] departed this life, Jackson Anderson, son of James V. Anderson, Esq., aged 3.
-The Newspaper, Jonesborough, 9 Dec 1825

GOODALL
Last night the sad news of the death of Mrs. Ellen Goodall, nee Crittenden, was brought to The Times office. She was before her marriage one of the brightest, most piquant, and most popular young ladies of Chattanooga. The wife of Robert M. Goodall, she died at their home in Nashville of congestion of the stomach after six days' illness.

Only last September, Mr. Goodall, a prominent merchant of Nashville, brought her home from Chattanooga, a happy bride. Previous to living in Chattanooga, she resided in Montgomery, Ala., and was a great favorite in Nashville. The funeral, which took place at the residence at 66 N. Vine Street in Nashville Sunday morning, was conducted by Drs. Witherspoon and Strickland. Interment was at Mt. Olivet. Both her parents are dead and her only immediate relatives are a brother and sister, both too far away to be at the burial.
-Chattanooga Times, Saturday, 2 Jul 1887

KEYS
Another white-robed soul has knocked at the entrance gates of the jasper-walled house and found a home with loved ones in the mansion above.

Mrs. Mary J. Keys, nee Swanay, born 5 Sep 1829, departed this life 29 June 1906. She was married to James Miller Keys 26 Jul 1847. To them were born 11 children, five of whom with her husband have preceded her to the spirit land. She leaves six children, three brothers, one sister, 30 grandchildren, and many friends to mourn her loss. [Abstracted]

(Note: The obituary is signed by Nola and Geneva Keys, Jonesboro)
-Rural Search, Limestone, 23 Oct 1906

EMBREE
Departed this life on the evening of the 9th Dec [1825] after a long illness, Mrs. Susannah Embree, consort of Elijah Embree, in the 27th year of her age. She was for many years a pious and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
-Jonesborough Journal, 6 Dec 1825

MAHONEY
Mrs. Frank Mahoney died Saturday [29 Sep 1907] of typhoid fever and was buried Sunday at Mt. Bethel. She leaves her husband and three children.
-Rural Searchlight, Limestone, 3 Oct 1907

BROYLES
Stephen D. Broyles, aged about 40 years, died at his home in the Painter community Sunday morning [4 Nov 1906] of typhoid fever after an illness of about six weeks. Mr. Broyles, more familiarly known as "Blind Steve," had spent the latter years of his life traveling throughout East Tennessee, holding musical concerts. Being blind from infancy and possessing rare musical talent, he devoted all his time to that art. He leaves an aged father, a little daughter, a brother, and a sister to mourn his departure. The funeral was conducted Monday morning by Rev. W. S. Bandy at Pleasant Hill.
-Rural Searchlight, Limestone, 8 Nov 1906
HARRIS
Died in Memphis last evening [4 Nov 1850], Mr. Wm. T. Harris, for many years a resident and merchant at Randolph, Tenn. He died at the residence of his brother, E. O. Harris, Esq. The funeral will be this morning from the Episcopal Church.
-Memphis Enquirer, 5 Nov 1850

TATE
Mrs. Simpson Tate, the former Sarah Edington, died in Denver on Thursday, 1st Aug [1895]. She went to Colorado some months ago in hope of regaining her health, but for some weeks has been gradually declining and family members were called to her bedside. The remains will arrive in the city at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon and be taken at once to Elmwood for private services.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 3 Aug 1895

KIRKPATRICK
The community of Ripley was greatly shocked yesterday [4 Aug 1895] by the death of Rev. John D. Kirkpatrick, D. D., of Lebanon, Tenn. He had come to Ripley two weeks ago on a visit to his nephew, J. W. Kirkpatrick, and other relatives. On 24 Jul he went to Open Lake with a fishing party and as he was walking a plank from the boat to the shore, he fell and broke his thigh bone at the hip joint and suffered other general injuries. He died yesterday morning. The remains were carried to Lebanon last night for interment. His wife and son and his brothers, L. M. and L. C. Kirkpatrick, arrived before he died. For some years, he had been a professor in the theology department of Cumberland University at Lebanon. He was a man of great learning and ability, widely known all over the country as an able and distinguished minister. He had just attained the 58th year of his age.
-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 4 Aug 1895

MCALL
Anderson McCall, one of the oldest and most universally respected citizens of Knox County, died at his residence in the 21st Civil District on Wednesday. We have known the deceased for more than a quarter of a century and can bear testimony to his many traits of character.
-Knoxville Whig & Chronicle, 5 Jan 1876

BALLANFONt
John Ballanfont, aged 80 years,2 died at his home in Culleoka Sunday, 4 Mar [1900]. Funeral services were conducted at his residence Monday morning by Rev. W. J. Ormand and he was buried in the family graveyard. He was one of Maury County's oldest and best known citizens and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was at one time a candidate for Congress from this district and served one term in the state legislature. He is survived by 10 children.
-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

GRACEY
Mr. Barnett Gracey of Campbell's Station had the sad misfortune to lose both his beloved wife and daughter last week. Miss Gertie Gracey died Tuesday night, 27 Feb 1900, after several days' illness and Mrs. Gracey died Thursday morning, 29 Feb 1900. Their funerals were conducted at the same time at the home Friday morning by Rev. Mr. Brown of Lewisburg, and they were buried in the Old Evergreen graveyard.
-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Snyder
Mrs. Will Lovell, aged 26, died Wednesday, 28 Feb [1900] at her home in the Bear Creek neighborhood. The remains were taken to the home of her father, Mr. Vestal, on Knob Creek where the funeral was conducted Friday and burial was at the same place.
-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Barker
Mrs. Sarah Barker, wife of Isaac Barker, died at age 63 at her home Saturday, 3 Mar 1900. The remains were taken to Nashville Sunday for the funeral and burial. She had been in poor health for some time. One of the oldest residents of the city, she leaves her aged husband and six children.
-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Derryberry
Last Sunday night at his home in the Lasea neighborhood, Mr. John T. Derryberry, aged 80, entered into his last sleep. His funeral was conducted at his home Monday by Elder Green and burial was in the family graveyard. The deceased belonged to one of the oldest and best known families in the county and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His noble character and true Christian life drew to him many friends. He leaves his wife and 14 children.
-Columbia Journal, 7 Mar 1900

Lynch
Garry G. Lynch, born in Smith Co., Tenn., 7 Sep 1834, died at his residence in Goldman, Ark., 6 Feb [1893] after an illness of nine days of congestion of the liver and kidneys, the outcome of swamp fever. He married Miss Mary E. Richards in Houston Co., Tex., at her home in Argyle on 25 Sep 1866. He joined the Church in East Carroll Parish, La., in 1871.
-Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, 2 Mar 1893

Snyder
Died on Wednesday morning, 4th Feb [1852] in the town of Wittsburg, St. Francis Co., Ark., Mrs. Mary E. Snyder, consort of Peter M. Snyder, formerly of Memphis, aged 21 years.
-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 14 Feb 1852

2 Born 7 Mar 1820, he actually died three days before his 80th birthday. He married Eliza Easter Turner at Hillsboro, N.C., 2 Oct 1844, according to McBride's Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly, 1796-1969 which lists their children as Josiah Turner, Sallie, Susan, Wm. E., Eliza, John, Jonathan Hunt, Maderson Frierson, Martha Booker, Lucy, and Eva Ballanfant.

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BRIEN
Died on the morning of the 14th June [1867], Mrs. Luzette Briuen, wife of Col. D. Briuen, deceased, in the 28th year of her age. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of her father. Jos. A. Aldrich, Esq., nine miles from the city on the Murfreesboro Turnpike on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 10 o'clock in the morning. Services will be conducted by Rev. T. Fanning. The late Col. D. and Luzette will be buried at Mount Olivet at 4 o'clock the same evening.

-Nashville Daily-Gazette, 16 Jun 1867

HUMPHREYS
We have just received the sad intelligence of the death of that sterling republican, able jurist, upright, honest, noble-hearted citizen, the Hon. Parry W. Humphreys, formerly member of Congress from Tennessee, judge of the Supreme Court at one time, and conspicuous candidate for governor of that great state. He departed this life at Hernando, DeSoto Co. [Miss.] on Saturday last [23 Feb 1839] at the bank of which he was president. We know not a public man in the country who desired to be more deeply lamented at his death than Judge Humphreys.-Reprinted from the Marshall Co. (Miss.) Republican in the Nashville Union of 25 Feb 1839

BURGESS
Died in Nashville Tuesday evening, 15th inst., after a tedious illness in the 28th year of his age, Mr. Albert Bramant Burgess, formerly a merchant and for several years a resident of Nashville. He had returned from Texas after an absence of some months to reach his last home indeed and had been followed therby by his many relatives and friends to whom in their melancholy bereavement it was still a consolation

"That friendly hands his dying eyes closed,
And those that loved in death his limbs composed."

......Sincerely do we sympathize with the early widowed wife, the parents bereft of an only son, and those whom his loss has left brotherless. His funeral was attended by the Masonic brotherhood and a military company, some of whom had been his companions in the Florida campaign.

-Nashville Union, 11 Feb 1839

Baker
Died at his residence in Shelby County ten miles from Memphis on Saturday evening [9 Mar 1852], Mr. William F. Baker, one of our most valuable and highly esteemed citizens.

-Memphis Daily-Appeal, 12 Mar 1852

Jett
Died 20 Jan 1852 at her residence in Lauderdale County, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Jett, mother of Col. J. F. Jett of Memphis. She died after a short illness in the 63rd year of her age. One who knew her well bears high testimony to the many bright virtues and adorning excellence of her character.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 25 Jan 1852

Barnard
Died at the residence of her son, David W. Munroe, of Hickory Wythe, Fayette County, on 25th Jan [1852], Mrs. Mary Barnard in her 76th year. She was born 25 Nov 1776 in the city of Richmond, Va., but had been a resident of Hickory Wythe for the last 15 years where, by her eminent virtues as a christian and neighbor, she won a large number of friends and the esteem of all who knew her.

-Papers of Richmond, Va., and Boston, Mass., are requested to copy.

-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 24 Feb 1852

Thomas
Mrs. Ora (Coleman) Thomason died 30 Nov 1889 after six hours' illness. Born in Nov 1867, she married Ed Thomason in Dec 1882... She was the mother of several children, all of whom died in infancy except Little Coleman who lived to be three years old when in January 1888 God claimed him, too. Mrs. Thomason is survived by her husband, mother, and stepfather.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 7 Dec 1889

Mendenhall
Died on 5th Sep [1863] at her residence 12 miles east of Memphis, Mrs. Sarah Mendenhall, relive of Samuel Mendenhall, dec'd, in the 82nd year of her age.

-Memphis Bulletin, 8 Sep 1863

Grider
Died at the residence of W. H. Grider in Wetumpka, Ala., on 14th Sep [1863] of consumption, his brother, John S. Grider, formerly of Memphis, in the 27th year of his age.

-Memphis Daily-Appeal, 24 Sep 1863

Pigue
Mr. James A. Pigue, one of the oldest merchants of Nashville, died at his residence on Vine Street Tuesday [11 Feb 1890]. In 1850 he married a Miss Brown of this place, who lived 10 years after her marriage.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 15 Feb 1890

Williams
Died in Memphis on 21 June 1863, Mrs. Anne M. Williams, wife of Dr. J. J. Williams and the daughter of Stephen K. Sneed, deceased, late of LaGrange, Tenn. She has many friends among the scattered exiles of the South...[and was] eminent for her Christian virtues as well as her social graces. The elements of moral and personal beauty had so blended in her nature as to place her among the most attractive women of her time. Surviving are her husband and little children.

-Memphis Appeal, 21 Sep 1863 [Abstemted]

Luxton
Died of congestive chills at his mother's residence six miles from this city on Raleigh road, J. M. Luxton, half-brother of Gen. Forrest.

-Memphis Bulletin, 6 June 1863

Armour
Died in this city 4th June [1863], James Armour, aged 57. His funeral will take place from his late residence on Madison street this Friday evening. Service by the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

-Memphis Bulletin, 6 June 1863

Summers
Died in Memphis 2 June [1863], Jennie P. Summers, daughter of Mr. M. T. and Mrs. A. Summers, aged 2 years 14 days.

-Memphis Bulletin, 7 June 1863

Cheatham
Died in Nashville at the residence of Dr. W. K. Bowling at nine o'clock Monday night, 28 Sep [1863], Dr. John L. Cheatham in the 32d year of his age.

-Nashville Union, 29 Sep 1863
Lydia Russell Bean: A True Frontier Woman

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Early in 1769, Lydia Russell Bean traveled with her husband, Capt. William Bean,1 and their children from Pittsylvania County, Va., to the wild frontier and into the pages of Tennessee history.

William and Lydia were the state's first family of white settlers, and their son, Russell, born shortly after their arrival, had the distinction of being the first white child born within Tennessee's present boundaries. Lydia also assured herself a place in history as a real frontier heroine when she was captured by the Cherokee Indians.

Born 29 Sep 1726 in North Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., Va., she had two brothers, George2 and John Russell. Most researchers believe their father was William Russell. Lydia's husband, William Bean, was born 9 Dec 1721 at St. Stephen's Parish in Northumberland Co., Va.3 He lived in Augusta County, and served in its militia in 1742. His name appears in Capt. George Robinson's company. Indians made repeated attacks on Augusta County, and this might have forced his move to the southeast.

No official record has been located of Lydia and William's marriage or the births of the following children except Russell:4

(2) Robert Bean - b. ca. 1745-50; d. 1793, Hawkins Co., Tenn.; m. Rhoda Lane (b. 1764, d. 1801).
(5) John Bean - b. ca. 1760; d. before 1782; m. Sarah Jordan.
(7) Jane Bean - b. 1766, Halifax Co., Va.; d. 24 Nov 1798.
(8) Sarah Bean - b. 1768, Pittsylvania Co., Va.; d. 1861 in Missouri; m. John Bowen.

On 1 Oct 1747, William entered a large tract of land on Dan River in Halifax County. His last official act recorded in Halifax County was in 1753, when he was among citizens appointed to lay off a road "from William Bean's to the Court House." He and his son, William, Jr., owned 1,083 acres and are listed as land owners in Capt. Peter Perkins' Company of Pittsylvania Co., Va.5 Many transactions in Halifax and Pittsylvania counties bear his signature. On 26 Aug 1768, William and Lydia sold 150 acres in Pittsylvania County to Jeremiah Walker for 20 pounds. That same year he also sold land to Gideon Marr on the north side of the Dan River near Wenas and, after establishing himself in the area that was to grow into the state of Tennessee, William on 25 Jul 1769 sold an adjoining 650 acres to Nicholas Perkins.

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1 The surname was spelled Been, Beene, and Bean on various records.
2 There is some disagreement among researchers about Lydia and George's father and their place of birth. The Registers of North Farnham Parish, 1603-1814, compiled by George S. H. King, shows Lydia born to a Joseph and Sarah Russell on 29 Sep 1726, and a George Russell born 30 Nov 1729 to George and Mary Russell. Other sources show Lydia and George's parents as James Russell. It appears there is little to support any dissertation other than Lydia, George, and John Russell were siblings.
4 Some sources speculate that William may have had a previous marriage to a 'Lida', and she may be the mother of the first five children listed above. ["Grainger, Tenn., Marriages From 1796 to 1850," Tennessee Marriages, CD #229, Marriage Records Early - 1850, Southern States, Vol. 1, Automated Archives, Inc.]
5 Pittsylvania was created from Halifax County.
After the boundary between the Cherokee Indians and the adjacent colonies was adjusted by the Treaty of Hard Labor in October 1768, many border settlers were tempted to move farther into the great wilderness. William was the first to venture farther into the West to stake his claim, traveling from his home in Virginia to the Watauga River basin where it is believed he had previously hunted with Daniel Boone. The latter had left proof of his travels through this area by an inscription he carved on a giant beech tree on the waters of Boone Creek which read, “D Boon, Cilled a Bar in Year 1760.”

William cleared a patch of land between the Watauga River and the mouth of a stream on Boone’s Creek to build his cabin. The place was wisely chosen. The cabin he constructed was on the side of a ridge hidden from any Indians who might pass by in a canoe along the river. The falls at the mouth of the stream prevented the turning of a canoe out of the river into the creek. The spot also has been described as being beside a small river, where the stream widened and bubbled and made music over the boulders, forming a convenient crossing place, and a scene of wild beauty.

Other Virginia family and neighbors soon followed the Beans west, as well as Regulators from North Carolina escaping the tyranny of the royal governor, William Tryon. The new settlers from Virginia included their son, William, Jr., who did not accompany them on their move, and Lydia’s brothers, John and George Russell, and George’s wife, Elizabeth, who was William’s sister.

William and Lydia as well as their family and friends who had settled in the area were under the impression that they were in Virginia’s territorial limits, but a 1772 survey disclosed the adventurous pioneers were actually located on Cherokee hunting ground and beyond the jurisdiction of both Virginia and North Carolina. Not wanting to move back and lose the hard work they had done on their plantations, the Wataugans signed a 10-year lease with the Cherokees. Soon after the signing, the Wataugans formed the Watauga Association for the purpose of law and order. The organization is believed to have been the first political body organized in America free and independent of any other government rule. William Bean and George Russell were among the 13 “Commissioners” elected by the association. The Wataugans purchased their land from the Cherokee Nation in 1775, and the following year petitioned North Carolina for recognition of their government, which was termed “Washington District.” The November 1777 session of the General Assembly approved the formation of Washington County, assigning it the boundaries of most of present-day Tennessee.

In July 1776, the militant Cherokees prepared to attack the illegal settlers of the white communities who had encroached on their hunting ground. The Overhill warriors, who were said to have numbered about 700, planned to separate into three forces and attack the Holston, Nolichucky, and Watauga settlements. Nancy Ward, the Ghigan or Beloved Woman of the Cherokees, disapproved of killing civilians and was able to warn several settlements in advance of the attacks, giving the pioneers time to defend themselves or flee to the forts for protection.

During a lull in the first attack on Fort Watauga, James Cooper and 12-year old Samuel Moore slipped out of the fort on some harmless mission. They were caught near the mouth of Gap Creek. While attempting to escape across the river, Cooper was shot and scalped. Young Samuel was captured and taken to the temporary camp of Chief Old Abram on the Nolichucky River. It was reported that Lydia was late in leaving her cabin and was captured by a band of braves as she rode on horseback from her home to the Watauga Fort. She also was taken to the temporary camp.

A white trader who had accompanied the Indians on this campaign served as an interpreter. He told Lydia she was to be killed and, as he spoke, a warrior cocked his gun and held it in a threatening manner. The chief through the interpreter questioned her as to the strength of the white people and the number of forts. Lydia was not intimidated and replied in a manner that gave the chief the impression that the settlers were well able to take care of themselves. She told him that the settlers had enough guns, powder, and lead to stop any attack, and sufficient water and food to last a long time.

When Old Abram lifted the siege, he returned to the Overhill Towns, and took Samuel, Lydia, and two or

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6 The tree was located a 10 miles north of what is now Jonesboro, Washington Co., Tenn.
7 On 16 May 1771, troops led by Tryon defeated 2,000 colonists known as Regulators at the Alamance battleground near Burlington. The colonists had taken up arms against the British because of unjust fees and high taxes. [Source: World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 13, p. 375. Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, 1962.]
three scalps as his only spoils of war. Lydia was imprisoned at Toqua, a town near Chota, and Samuel was carried off to Tuskegee, where he was tortured in a barbaric, savage way before being burned at the stake.

Lydia, formally condemned to death, was taken to a mound where an upright stake pole was buried near the center. She was tied to the pole with leather thongs, and then dry tree branches were laid at her feet and lighted. The frenzied savages were gloatting over their chance to sacrifice their second captive. Defeat had whetted their remorseless appetites. Nancy Ward, having learned of the torture and burning, suddenly appeared. She went on the mound and kicked the burning branches away, stomped out the remaining small flames, and cut the thongs. Nancy then turned to the angered warriors and spoke with harsh words, "It revolts my soul that Cherokee warriors would stoop so low to torture a squaw. No woman shall be tortured or burned at the stake while I am Honored Woman." Nancy led Lydia down from the mound through the glaring warriors and took her to Chota.

While Lydia was recovering at Nancy's home, the Indian woman expressed an interest in learning how to make butter and cheese from cow's milk. Nancy had acquired a small herd of cows and was eager to interest her people in raising their own meat and farm crops. Lydia taught Nancy and members of her family how to produce butter and cheese. With wildlife in the forest dwindling and traders' supplies increasing in cost, Lydia also taught Nancy how to set up a loom, spin thread or yarn, and weave cloth. Until this time, the Cherokees were wearing clothing made from a combination of animal skin and loomed cloth purchased from the traders. The skills learned from Lydia had far-reaching consequences on the Cherokees as they became Europeanized in terms of gender roles. The women became housewives and the men became farmers.

William, his sons, and his brother-in-law, Capt. George Russell, served under Col. Sevier at the Battle of King's Mountain in October 1780.

William died in the spring of 1782 and his will was probated in the May session of the Washington County Court. 'Liddy,' as William referred to her in his will, received a Negro girl "Grace," horses, cattle, household goods, land, and a mill which at her death was to go to son Russell. The remainder of the estate was to be divided among their children. Sons William, Robert, and George were designated as executors.

The Washington County 1787 tax list shows Lydia as having 400 acres and two black poles. She died before 18 June 1788 in Washington County (now Grainger), and, in accord with William's will, Russell inherited the land and a mill. The Indians killed two members of Lydia's family after her death. Her brother George was killed in the fall of 1796 or early 1797 while on a hunting trip from his home on German Creek in Grainger County. Her daughter Jane was struck by an arrow while sitting outside knitting on 24 Nov 1798.

Lydia and William's descendants are as plentiful as raindrops down the mountainside. Much has been documented about the courage and independent nature of the frontiersmen. Only a few lines in the history books refer to Lydia's capture by the Cherokee Indians. She was a pioneer wife, and courage and bravery were expected of her.

Perhaps no other woman in Tennessee history better exemplifies the term 'frontier woman' than Lydia Russell Bean.

SOURCES
- Allen, Penelope Johnson: Leaves From the Family Tree.

Valuable information on some of the earliest settlers of Alabama's Jefferson and surrounding counties is contained in these transcripts from eight newspapers by a genealogical historian. Most of the material for the book came from the Birmingham Iron Age for the eight-year period from 1874 through 1881, but there's also a year's worth of death and marriage notices from The Jones Valley Times, Jefferson County's earliest known surviving newspaper which was published in the town of Elyton. James M. Norment was editor and sole proprietor of the short-lived Times which was published for about a year beginning some time in 1854.

Besides tidbits of information about the citizens of Jefferson and its neighboring counties, the newspapers gleaned quite a bit of information about residents elsewhere, both in Alabama and out, from exchanges with other publications. The book makes for interesting reading. For instance, there's this item which the author says actually appeared as a news item in The Birmingham Observer of 10 June 1881: "Died on the night of June 9th, the Gold Fish at Rowlett's Restaurant."


Various Beason genealogical accounts are combined with vignettes of family struggles and achievements in this handsome and scholarly family book that should provide a valuable keepsake for current and future generations. The book opens with information on the family's early English roots, its surname (originally Beeson), and its coat of arms before embarking on a history of 12 generations in America. The two earliest family members came over in 1638, with Jonathan Beeson settling in Delaware and Thomas Beeson in James City County, Va. The family quickly spread into North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and even Florida. The Beeson/Beason name appears in records of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. One Alford Beeson (1795-1865) was a private in Gen. Andrew Jackson's army, joining the Tennessee Militia in 1813 and participating in the Creek Indian campaign and the battles of Horse Shoe Bend and New Orleans. Other family members with Tennessee connections were North Carolina-born Jonathan Beason, Sr. (1769-after 1850) and Jehu Beeson, Sr. (1777-ca. 1815-16) who came to Jackson Co., Tenn., in 1804. They were among fifth-generation Beason/Beesons in America. Eventually family members moved into the Midwest and the Far West, and today can be found in virtually all of the U.S.


Newberry was among the several counties formed from the old Ninety-Six District in about 1782, and this book is filled with names of its early pioneers, businessmen, physicians, and soldiers. More than half of the book is devoted to biographies of 49 Newberry citizens whose records, according to the author, are incomplete or absent from other histories. These are followed by genealogies of some 60 pioneer families. The book also contains inscriptions from old cemetery markers, and abstracts of some 18th-century wills.


Two volumes, combined into a single little book, provide a directory of more than a thousand Scottish soldiers who helped defend and settle the American colonies. They came to New England and possibly Virginia as early as the 1650s, arriving in chains as prisoners of war. A century later, the British government began recruiting and sending Highland Regiments to serve in the French and Indian War, allocating them land as a major incentive. Names of individual soldiers, taken from manuscripts and printed sources, are arranged alphabetically. Information on each varies, but may include the soldier's place of birth, time of arrival in North America, civilian occupation, date and place of death, and source of the information.


The author prefaces each of her volumes with the statement that her aim is not to furnish complete genealogies of the families presented, but rather to bridge earlier records so that descendants can trace their own lines without great difficulty. The three volumes, combined into one, contain information on some 7,500 pioneers who migrated to the Midwest during the last quarter of the 18th Century and the first quarter of the 19th. Also included are details on about 150 allied families. The genealogies, based on the earliest known records, were first published privately in 1939 and 1941. While unfortunately there is no index to the entire three-volume edition, a full-name index to the first two volumes can be found at the end of Volume 2.
# Clay County Marriages, Volume A

Transcribed by Mark Williamson, 3707 Timberline Drive, Apt. 6, Memphis, TN 38128
from Microfilm Roll #9, produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville
J.P. = Justice of the Peace  M. G. = Minister of the Gospel
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**NOTE:** The marriage records below are in the order in which they appear in the Clay County record books. Some 1873 records and even one 1874 record are mixed in with 1871 and 1872 entries.

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Thomas Jefferson Campbell of this state has been elected clerk of the House of Representatives. He is a good Whig and formerly a member of Congress from this state. So far every thing has been done very well.

Memphis Daily Enquirer, 17 Dec 1847

Major William Ledbetter of Rutherford County has been elected president of the State Bank of Tennessee, and Col. Samuel R. Audson, cashier.

Memphis Daily Enquirer, 11 Jan 1848

Among arrivals in our city yesterday we notice that of our young friend, Capt. Wheat of the Tennessee Cavalry. He went out to Mexico summer before last as a lieutenant in one of the Memphis companies of the 3rd Regiment. When the term of service of that corps expired and the regiment returned home, the young lieutenant raised from among his comrades a company of volunteer cavalry of which he was chosen captain. In this capacity he has been with the column of Gen. Scott ever since, participating in the great battles around the city, rendering good service and acquiring by his gallantry an enviable distinction as a chivalrous soldier. The captain we believe is on his way to Nashville where his father, Rev. Mr. Wheat, pastor of the Episcopal Church, resides.

Memphis Daily Enquirer, 12 Jan 1848

[Editor’s Note: The following related paragraph is taken from the Nashville Daily Gazette of 23 May 1867: “The remains of Capt. John Thomas Wheat who fell at Shiloh, accompanied by his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wheat, reached Nashville yesterday and will be buried from Christ Church this evening at half past 4 o’clock.”]

Jo Edwards, famous Sumner County cotton planter, bought in six bales of the staple yesterday from his farm near Saundersville.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 30 Apr 1867

Friends and acquaintances of C. A. R. and Kate M. Thompson are invited to attend the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Anne White at their residence on South Vine St. today at 12 o’clock. Services by Rev. R. F. Bunting.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 30 Apr 1867

We were pleased to meet in this city yesterday our old friend, Capt. Jack Roger of Sumner County. He served under Jackson at the battle of New Orleans and also witnessed the first battle of Manassas.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 21 May 1867

The doors of the new Fourth National Bank will be thrown open to the public on Wednesday, 22 May [1867]. James Whitworth is president and John Porterfield cashier. Directors are Daniel Hillman, R. H. Gardner, B. S. Rhea, O. F. Noel, Byrd Douglas, Samuel Watkins, William H. Evans, A. Hamilton, and James Whitworth. A strong team.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 21 May 1867

Our long-time townsman Jo. Trabue, now a citizen of Memphis, was in the city yesterday and goes from here on a voyage to Europe and before his return will visit the Paris Exposition.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 14 June 1867

James C. Martin, Esq., newly appointed register of voters for Bedford County, will open his books and begin business tomorrow.

Nashville Daily Gazette, 16 June 1867

The George Washington Rifles will give a grand military ball on Wednesday evening, 22nd Feb [1854], to celebrate Washington’s birthday at the Court Room in the Exchange Building. Capt. F. Ringwald is manager, and other officers are G. Fiedtner, Charles Heidel, G. Shinaizzaier, and E. Kaltman.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 2 Jan 1854

We had the pleasure of attending the barbecue at Cedar Creek, Greene County, on 11th Oct [1844] ... About 4,000 people stood their ground amid torrents of rain and heard the Hon John Blair make a powerful speech and then listened to Orville Bradley, Esq., for more than an hour make one of his powerful Tariff speeches. They then rushed to the barbecue and partook of it.

Jonesborough Sentinel, 19 Oct 1844

Samuel B. Cunningham, having regained his health, has resumed the practice of medicine with Dr. William R. Sevier.

Jonesborough Sentinel, 19 Oct 1844

David T. Patterson, Greeneville, and Francis M. Davis, Blountville, announced 15 May 1844 they would practice law in partnership in the circuit courts of Carter, Sullivan, Washington, Greene, and Cocke counties and in the chancery courts at Jonesborough, Greeneville, and Rogersville.

Jonesborough Sentinel, 19 Oct 1844

A. J. Dougherty ran an ad in the Rural Searchlight, published in Limestone, Tenn., on 25 Oct 1906. He was advertising his general repair shop for wagons, buggies, and hacks. His address was listed appropriately as Jockey, Tenn.

Hugh Klepper and his three sisters — Mrs. Jack Gillespie, Mrs. Dr. Brison, and Mrs. R. E. Gobble — have four living grandparents, all of whom are over 80 years of age. The children of Mrs. Gobble and Mrs. Brison thus have four living great-grandparents in their 80s — namely, Uncle Johnnie Klepper, 88, Aunt Mary Ann Klepper, 85, of Limestone; and A. R. Moulton, 84, and Mrs. Moulton, who passed her four-score mark the first of this month at Fall Branch.

Limestone Enterprise, 16 Feb 1911

Jacob Howard has been appointed by the legislature of Tennessee as entry taker for Washington County in place of Col. John Nelson, resigned.

Farmer's Journal, 25 Nov 1825
Information has been received at the Department of State, Washington, of the death at Kingston, Jamaica, of Mr. John T. Neal of Tennessee, late U. S. consul at that place. -Nashville Union, 16 Feb 1863

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In Want of Assistance: A young man named James H. Cavender, who served in Forrest's command during the late war and who lost a leg at the Bay Springs, Miss., fight, is at present in the city and desires to raise some money with a view of completing his education so that he will hereafter be fitted for mercantile pursuits. He is represented to be a worthy gentleman and we commend him to the benevolent. -Nashville Gazette, 27 June 1867

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In Town - Our former fellow citizen, Col. Jesse W. Page, now of Cincinnati, was in the city yesterday looking as handsome as a two-year old and as fleet of wing as Muggins at Saratoga.1 -Nashville Gazette, 23 Aug 1867

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Our fellow citizen Sandy Carter returned yesterday from his Northern tour. He visited Niagara Falls. -Nashville Gazette, 24 Aug 1867

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To de SICK & DISTRESSED: Dr. Solm. Casner ATTEND on de hed of de lick Creke und wants to led de peples know dat he thall ben at de ome from de nex Mondy, only ven his on de visst to de sick peples, und he vill [treat] ebery disease, und vill tell vat is de maturt by de vatur, he vill alfo do fluistice by ebery peples that vill call on his cuse where und keep de sick peples which is only two miles from Col. Newmens, he vill give good ushage, he vill not charge too much. November 18, Green Conte. -Washington Newspaper & Advertiser, 9 Dec 1863

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The subscriber offers for sale at Public Auction on the 25th day of December next the whole of his Personal Estate consisting of Negroes, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, grain, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, &c., &c. Twelve months' credit will be given, the purchaser giving bond and approved security. -William King, Sept. 25, 1863 -Washington Newspaper & Advertiser, 25 Sep 1863

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The lefthand side of the Charlotte road from Cave Johnson's corner to C. H. Robert's has been gravelled and denizens of that locality can now come to town without sticking in the mud. -Clarksville Chronicle, 5 Jan 1866

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The steamer Alice is now commanded by W. B. Russell and will run the Cumberland river trade. Mr. Gabe Russell is the polite and accommodating clerk and will take pleasure in attending to the wants of all who may have business with him. -Clarksville Chronicle, 5 Jan 1866

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Whereas I on the 5th day of May last past was lawfully married to a young woman by the name of Hannah Smith, daughter of Richard Smith of Washington County, and have continued together ever since under the character of husband and wife; and now for reasons best known to ourselves, we have unanimously agreed to separate from each other, and live as formerly. I therefore take this method of notifying the public at large not to make any contracts nor have any other dealings with her in any manner wherein I may be made culpable for I am determined to pay no debts, neither be accountable for any of her future conduct. -Thomas Blair -Washington Newspaper & Advertiser, 25 Sep 1863

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Ed Jewell was in Nashville yesterday after returning from a fishing excursion to Reelfoot Lake. Ed commenced life as a cabin boy on the steamer Dover in the Cumberland River and is well known and greatly esteemed by our river men. He is now junior member of the firm of Wolf, Derringer & Co., jewelers, in Louisvile, Ky. -Nashville Gazette, 9 Nov 1867

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The Bank of Nashville has been reopened at No. 39 Union Street with N. Hobson, president, and Frank P. Cahill, cashier. Mr. Hobson is one of the oldest bankers in this country and is well and favorably known not alone in this county but throughout the entire South. We congratulate him upon being again at his old post. -Nashville Gazette, 9 Nov 1867

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We had the pleasure of a visit yesterday from Gen. N. B. Forrest who is at present in the city on business. To look upon him in the private walks of life and scan his mild looks and quietness of demeanor, the stranger would never suppose him to be the man who startled the world by his dash and gallantry and whose daring exploits won for him the title of the greatest cavalry leader in the late war. -Nashville Gazette, 19 Nov 1867

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Our friend James A. McClure returned yesterday morning hale and hearty from a business trip to Memphis. -Nashville Gazette, 19 Nov 1867

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We learn that ex-Gov. Isham G. Harris arrived at Paris, Tenn., on Sunday evening last, direct from Liverpool. The town of Paris literally turned out and gave him an ovation of a character which by its overflow of kind and genuine welcome must have touched the heartstrings of the patriot who has been an exile from this country for over two years. -Memphis Avalanche (reprinted in the Nashville Gazette, 30 Nov 1867

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Big real estate deal - A few days ago, Gen. R. S. Ewell sold to Newton McClure of this city 708 acres of land in Giles County for the sum of $26,913. -Nashville Gazette, 13 Sep 1867


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1 Muggins was the horse that had just won the races at Saratoga.

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Doubting Thomases Was The Right Thing To Do..
Sept. 17, 2002

Dear Ansearchin' News:

May I offer a correction on the footnote to the Thomas obit on Page 8 of the Fall 2002 issue -- just for any future queries you may have.

According to my records, which are mainly from the DAR application #352906 of Frances Ina Stewart Davies (mother of Ellen Davies Rodgers), Isaac Jetton Thomas is the son of John Thomas and Mary Jetton. This John Thomas was the Revolutionary War patriot ancestor of their family and my Thomas family. Ms. Ellen sent the application to me several years ago when I was getting my DAR papers together. Other than the wrong parents, the wife and children (cited in the footnote) are correct.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This was the footnote referred to:

"His [Dr. Isaac Jetton Thomas'] parents are identified as Isaac and Elizabeth (Massengill) Thomas of North Carolina in the Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly 1796-1969. He came to Maury County in 1814 where he practiced medicine for some 30 years. He married Asenath Houston. Their children: Isaac Jetton, Jr., James Houston, John Adison, Charles Harris, and Martha Patience Thomas."


Somewhere along the line there was a mixup between Dr. Isaac Jetton Thomas who was Juanita Cook's relative and Isaac Thomas, the Indian scout and trader who carried Nancy Ward's warnings to the white settlers. In browsing Tennessee census indices and the Internet, we were amazed at the large number of Isaac Thomases who lived in the state ... and the equally large number of children whose first two given names were Isaac Thomas.

We also found the erroneous information that Isaac Jetton Thomas was the son of Isaac Thomas and Elizabeth Isabella Massengill cropping up in at least two other places -- one in a genealogical quarterly published in Tennessee and the other in a genealogy site on the Internet. Both probably took their information from the same source we used. We hope the two accounts that follow -- developed after further research on our part -- will distinguish between at least two of the many Isaac Thomases!

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Isaac Thomas Of Maury County

Isaac Jetton Thomas -- a medical doctor in Maury County, Tenn., for three decades -- was born 23 Oct 1781 in Iredell Co., N.C. He was one of 12 children born to John and Mary (Jetton) Thomas.1

On 28 Oct 1807, Isaac married Asenath Brevard Houston, a daughter of Revolutionary War Capt. James Houston and his wife, Asenath Brevard.

Seven years later, Capt. Houston gave his daughter and her husband Isaac 200 acres of land on Little Bigby Creek in Maury Co., Tenn. The captain had acquired the land from a kinsman, James Reese, who in 1793 had received a 5,000-acre grant for his Revolutionary War service.2

As stated by Capt. Houston in the deed, dated 17 June 1814, Isaac and Asenath were living at that time in Cabarrus Co., N.C.3 They apparently moved soon afterwards to Tennessee, and began construction of a house on a hill overlooking the creek and Campbellsville Pike. Isaac named the house "Montrose."

The family attended Reese's Chapel -- also known as Ebenezer Church.4 A clue as to their arrival in Maury County is found in the church's burial records which show that Lidia Caroline Thomas, infant daughter of Isaac and Asenath Thomas, died 29 July 1815, only 11 days after her first birthday.5

Isaac was among the earliest physicians in Maury County, and practiced in the Bigbyville area some eight or nine miles south of Columbia. He served as a legislator for two years in the House of the 16th Tennessee General Assembly (1825-1827).

Although some sources state that Isaac and Asenath had five children, records at Ebenezer Church indicate they had seven.

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1 John, b. 15 Aug 1754, N.C., d. 15 May 1829 in Iredell Co., N.C. He and Mary Jetton (b. 11 Dec 1760, d. 2 Jul 1839), m. 11 Feb 1779. Source: Tennessee DAR Society's Membership Roster and Soldiers, Vol. 2, p. 726.
2 Houston's wife Asenath and Reese's wife Elizabeth were sisters. They were daughters of Robert and Sarah (Craig) Brevard.
3 The deed was proved by E. R. and R. S. Houston at Maury County Court's Nov 1814 term and registered 10 Aug 1815. Source: Maury Co., Tenn., Deed Books A-F, 1807-1817, compiled by Virgina Wood Alexander, Columbia, Tenn., 1965, p. 120. (Reprinted 1981 by Rev. S. E. Lucas, Jr., Essexley, S.C.)
4 It was the first Presbyterian Church in Maury County, and is believed to have been formed ca. 1805. Reese donated the land for the church.

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ISAAC THOMAS OF MAURY COUNTY (continued)

Isaac and Asenath’s children were: 6

1. James Houston Thomas - born 22 Sep 1808 in Iredell Co., N.C.; moved to Maury County in 1815; graduated from Jackson College, Columbia, Tenn., in 1830; admitted to bar in 1831 and began practice in Columbia. Married 20 Dec 1832 in Maury County to Margaret M. Stephens (b. 10 Dec 1810; d. 12 Aug 1849), daughter of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Stephens, who was the first Episcopal minister in Maury County. After his marriage, James H. became a communicant of the Episcopal Church. He and Margaret had nine children. Became law partner of James K. Polk in 1841, and the partnership continued until Polk became president. Was appointed by state legislature as circuit attorney-general, serving from 1836-1842; represented Tennessee’s Sixth District in the U.S. Congress 1847-1851; and was a member of the Provisional and first Congress of the Confederate states. Is believed to have been only Tennessean who served in both U. S. and Confederate Congresses. When federal troops occupied Maury County in 1862, it is said that a price was put on his head, and members of Buell’s Cavalry went to Bigbyville on 28 Mar 1862 and searched Montrose looking for him. He escaped capture by going south. 7 Resumed his law practice in 1865, continuing until mid-January 1875 when his health failed. James H. died 4 Aug 1876 at the residence of his son, A. S. Thomas, Esq., near Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., Tenn. He and Margaret are both buried in St. John’s Cemetery at Ashwood, Maury Co., Tenn.

2. John Addison Thomas - b. 28 May 1810 in Iredell Co., N.C. Appointed to U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1833 and later became commandant of the school

3. Lidia Caroline Thomas - b. 18 Jul 1814; d. 19 Jul 1815; buried in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

4. Infant daughter [name unknown] - b. 19 May 1816; d. 9 Jul 1816; buried in Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

5. Isaac J. Thomas, Jr. - b. 12 Jun 1817; d. 20 Nov 1859; buried in Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

6. Charles H. Thomas - b. 16 Aug 1819; d. 27 Jul 1835; buried in Ebenezer Church Cemetery


Asenath died 23 Aug 1824 and is buried in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery, along with three of her children. About five years after her death, on 14 Apr 1829, Isaac married Mrs. Mary M. “Polly” Kimble in Maury County. 9 Polly was the widow of James Kimble who died in 1827, and the mother of three, William H., Ann E. and Mary B. Kimble. 10 Polly died 25 Oct 1830 at age 34, and is buried in the Thomas plot at Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

On 13 May 1834, Isaac married Mrs. Martha M. Rutledge in Maury County. 11 He died 10 years later on Aug 14 1844 in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and is buried with his family in Ebenezer Church Cemetery.

SOURCES IN ADDITION TO THOSE CITED IN FOOTNOTES:


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9 Ibid., op. cit., p. 39. Also reported in the National Banner, Nashville, 25 Apr 1829


11 National Banner & Nashville Daily Advertiser, 10 Jul 1834. Also Whitley, op. cit. [Note: Isaac’s middle initial is erroneously given as “W” instead of “J” in the latter reference.]
Isaac Thomas, the Indian trader, soldier, and scout who is considered the founder of Sevierville, Tenn., was born in Virginia in 1735.1

He is said to have begun his trade with the Indians by carrying merchandise on pack horses from Williamsburg, Va., to the Cherokees and swapping it for peltries which he took back to Virginia.2 In about 1755, Isaac located among the Cherokees in the vicinity of Fort Loudon, Tenn.,3 and lived among them for about eight years.

The Indians had great respect for Thomas because of his immense strength and courage. Described as “a near giant,” he once interfered in a fight between two Cherokee braves who were about to go at each other with their tomahawks. Isaac stepped between them, wrenched the weapons from their hands, and then threw each of the braves into the Tellico River. Later one of them -- Atta-Culla-Culla -- saved Isaac’s life at the Fort Loudon massacre.4

Isaac lived in a log cabin at Echota where he kept the trader’s usual stock of powder and lead, guns, traps, and other articles of value to the Indians. He was highly regarded by Nancy Ward, the revered Cherokee woman who befriended the white settlers and was called by some “the Pocahontas of the West.” Nancy kept Thomas informed of any hostilities planned against the settlers by the Indians, and Isaac passed these communications on to John Sevier and James Robertson of the Watauga Settlement.

At midnight on 7 July 1776, Nancy Ward went to Isaac’s cabin and advised him that the Cherokees were about to launch a major attack against the colonists and he should get word to them as quickly as he could. Isaac left immediately for the settlements, some 150 miles or more away. His hurried trip through the wilderness took him only three days and is credited with having saved more than 200 lives. Had it not been for the warning communicated by Isaac, it is doubtful that Sevier could have withstood the overpowering force of the entire Creek and Cherokee nations that was brought against him.5 Soon afterward, Isaac piloted an expedition under Col. William Christian and was paid five shillings a day for his 46 days of services.6 He then aided Sevier as a guide in his many campaigns against the Creeks and Cherokees. During the Revolutionary War, Isaac continued to work closely with Sevier, helping guide Tennessee soldiers directly over King’s Mountain in South Carolina, surprising and defeating the British on 7 Oct 1780. The battle marked a turning point for the Americans in the war and earned for Tennesseans the title of “the Overmountain men.” About two months later, Isaac also was an aide to Sevier in the battle at Boyd’s Creek in the west end of Sevier County.7

After the war, Isaac gave up his life as a trader and settled at the forks of the Little Pigeon River where he had received a land grant from North Carolina for almost a thousand acres. On 11 June 1789, he married Elizabeth (Massengill) Timothy8 in Washington, Tenn. She was the widow of A. Timothy, who had been killed by the Indians on the Little Tennessee River, and had one daughter, Polly Timothy.9 Elizabeth’s parents were Henry Massengill and his wife, Mary Cobb, prominent and early settlers of Tennessee. The Massengills had

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1The Tennessee DAR Society’s Membership Roster and Soldiers, Vol. 3, 1970-1984, pp. 683-684, gives Isaac’s birth date as 1775 which may have been a typographical error in view of the birth dates listed for his children in the same entry. The error is corrected in Register of Qualified Soldiers & Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Tennessee, compiled by Mary Kay Parrish Hudson, Tennessee Society, DAR, 2000, p. 607. Thomas’ birth date is listed as 1835 on a plaque at the Sevier Museum of History & Art at Sevierville, Tenn., and two historical markers erected in Sevierville by the Tennessee Historical Commission.
2Bond, Octavia Zollicoffer: Old Tales Retold or Perils & Adventures of Tennessee Pioneers. Smith & Lamar Publishing House of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn., and Dallas, Tex, 1900, p. 63.
3Cisco, Jay Guy: Public Men of Tennessee, Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, Box 5, Folder 10.
4Ibid. The other two survivors at Fort Loudon have been identified as Patrick Jack and Capt. Stuart.
5In recognition of his service to white settlers, the Virginia Assembly voted to give Isaac Thomas a reward of 100 pounds.
6Williams, Samuel Cole: Tennessee During the Revolutionary War, Tennessee Historical Commission, University of Tennessee Press, 1974, pp.27, 35-36, 53-54
7Created from Jefferson County in 1784.
8Elizabeth was born in Northampton ca. 1759.
9Polly quickly became established in her stepfather’s affections, and in his will he accorded her the same considerations he gave his own daughters. Her husband is identified in Isaac’s will as Samuel Douthit (now usually spelled Douthit).
The first court of Sevier County in the Territory of the United States south of the River Ohio convened in Isaac and Elizabeth’s home on 8 Nov 1794. Two years later, the court met again in the Thomas home — by then in Sevier Co., Tenn. — and this time appointed commissioners to locate a site for a county courthouse. During the Indian Wars, Isaac was used as an interpreter for peace treaty negotiations and land purchases, utilizing the communications skills he had developed in his years of trading with the Cherokees.

Isaac and Elizabeth had eight children, all born in Sevier County:


(2) Lucretia Thomas - b. ca. 1 Aug 1786, d. 21 Feb 1830. Married Robert Wear, son of Col. Samuel and Mary (Thompson) Wear, on 30 Dec 1802 in Sevierville. They lived in Blount Co., Tenn.

(3) Else/Ailsey Thomas - b. 15 Apr 1788; m. Jonathan Eppler. They moved to Carroll Co., Mo., about 1821. A certified copy (made in 1854) of Isaac Thomas’ will was found in Eppler family papers by their great-grandson, Leonard J. Eppler of Cisco, Tex., in Dec 1925. The original will, made in 1818, was lost when Sevier County papers were destroyed.

(4) Ellis Thomas - b. 1790 d. 1820 in Blount Co., Tenn. His children - Malinda, Napoleon, Isaac, and Ellis Thomas are named in his father’s will dated 28 Oct 1818.

(5) John H. Summerville Thomas - b. 24 Jan 1794; m. Hannah Andes in 1815; d. in Dallas, Tex., in 1875.


(7) Henry M. Thomas - b. 28 Oct 1798; d. 3 June 1871 in Sevier County; m. Sarah “Sally” R. Porter (b. 14 Dec 1801, d. 27 Dec 1884), daughter of Mitchell and Penelope Porter who came to area from Virginia. Henry and Sarah are buried in Shiloh Cemetery, Sevier County.

(8) Dennis M. Thomas - b 31 Aug 1800; m. (1.) Jarus ___; (2) Charlotte Chambers 18 Aug 1868 in Sevierville; d. 1873.

Isaac was in his 80s when he died 30 Oct 1818 in Sevierville, and Elizabeth was 71 when she passed away in 1832. Today three historic markers on U.S. Highway 411 at Sevierville’s city limits on the west side and also on the south — note that Indian trader Isaac Thomas’ home was the town’s first courthouse, fort, and tavern.

In 1776, his contemporaries and his home state did better by him. The General Assembly, meeting at Williamsburg, Va., on 18 Dec, recognized that Isaac “at sundry times and at the risk of his life” gave information to frontier inhabitants of intended Indian incursions and saved the lives of many hundreds of people. For this “great and essential service to this country,” the legislators voted him a reward of 100 pounds.

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(To be continued)
Wilson-Moore
Married on 1st Jan [1866] by Rev. R. S. Hunter, Mr. J. I. Wilson to Miss Jennie B. Moore, all of this city.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 5 Jan 1866

Morrison-Trotter
Married in Montgomery County on 4th Jan [1866] by Thomas Mills, Esq., Mr. Thomas Morrison to Miss Missouri Ann Trotter, daughter of James M. Trotter, all of this county.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 5 Jan 1866

Wood-Brown
Married at the residence of the bride’s father in Montgomery County on 13th Mar [1866] by Dr. J. M. Potter, Mr. Alex S. Wood to Miss Betty J. Brown, daughter of Mr. A. G. Brown. We congratulate our friend Alex, who was defeated in the late race for sheriff, that he has made so pleasant a capture and been elected to a more important office by one vote.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 16 Mar 1866

Allen-Lowe
Married at the residence of the bride’s father in Montgomery County on 14th Mar [1866] by Dr. I. B. Walton, Mr. D. D. Allen to Miss Matt T. Lowe, daughter of the Rev. Lewis Lowe, all of this county.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 16 Mar 1866

Lane-Hubbard
Married in Jackson, Tenn., on 2d Mar [1859] by the Rev. Dr. Rivers of Florence, Ala., Mr. J. Jay Lane, Esq., of New Orleans and Miss Alice Hubbard of Jackson.
-Memphis Bulletin, 3 Mar 1859

Howell-McCorkle
Married 16 Apr 1860 in Decatur (Meigs County) by the Rev. Albert Hyden, Col. J. A. Howell of Rhea County to Miss Vina McCorkle of Decatur.
-Knoxville Whig, 28 Apr 1860

Leuty-McPherson
Married on 12 Apr 1860 by the Rev. S. Philips, Mr. Benton Leuty and Miss Virginia McPherson, all of Rhea County.
-Knoxville Whig, 28 Apr 1860

Tennessee Marriages

Warner-Hickman
Mr. Louis Warner and bride, the former Miss Lillian Hickman of Davenport, Iowa, have returned to Chattanooga after a week’s sojourn on Walden’s Ridge. They were married 2 Aug [1890] at the Baptist Church in Davenport.
They are at home to friends at Mrs. Lynch’s boarding house, corner of Vine and Lindsey Street.
-Chattanooga Times, 3 Aug 1890

Smith-Jennings
Col. J. Curtis Smith of Dayton, Tenn., and Miss Miriam Jennings of Philadelphia were married at the home of the Rev. J. B. H. McCraw on Wednesday afternoon, 30 July [1890].
-Chattanooga Times, 3 Aug 1890

Hulse-Dillard
In the presence of a few friends at the bride’s residence on White Street Wednesday evening [30 Jul 1890], Mr. Oleg Hulse and Miss Ellen Dillard were happily married, the Rev. Mr. Orr officiating.
Mr. Hulse is an engineer on the Western & Atlantic road, highly esteemed among his associates, and has won a most lovely and lovable bride. They will reside on B Street.
-Chattanooga Times, 3 Aug 1890

Shields-Stockberger
Married at the home of the bride’s parents four miles east of Chattanooga on Thursday, 31 Aug 1890, Mr. Perry Shields and Miss Nannie Stockberger who were made happy for life by joining hands and hearts.
-Chattanooga Times, 1 Sep 1890

Dalton-Doughney
Mr. Martin Dalton and Miss Ella Doughney of Nashville were married last Wednesday morning [13 Jul 1887] by Bishop Scannell at the Catholic Church in this city. They have gone East on a bridal tour.
-Chattanooga Times, Sunday, 17 Jul 1887

Born-Newman
Yesterday [30 Jun 1887] Mr. Edward Born was married to Miss Electra Newman at the lodge of Forest Hills Cemetery, ‘Squire Giffie performing the ceremony. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Born, Sr., whose husband is the faithful keeper of the cemetery and the father of Edward by a former wife. In other words, the son becomes the brother-in-law of the father and the elder Born becomes the father-in-law of his sister-in-law.
-Chattanooga Times, 1 Jul 1887

Payne-McNabb
Mr. James N. Payne of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Lula McNabb of Cleveland, Tenn., were married at the residence of the bride’s parents last night [14 Jul 1887], the Rev. J. S. Porter of Loudon officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few friends being present.
-Chattanooga Times, 15 Jul 1887

Herron-Beattie
Married on 7 Oct 1863 by Elder D. E. Burns, Mr. Lewis A. Herron of Shelby Co., Tenn., to Miss Adelaide Beattie of Canton, Miss.
-Memphis Appeal, 16 Oct 1863

Bovell-Henley
The many friends of Miss Bonnie V. Henley and Steve W. Bovell will be surprised to learn of their marriage which took place 19 Sep [1907] at the home of Rev. Upchurch.
They left home at noon on Thursday as if nothing unusual was in contemplation but, ere they returned, the happy secret had leaked out and on their homeward way they were hailed by many strewing flowers and congratulations and good wishes along their path.
Mr. Bovell is the only son of S. A. Bovell, editor of The Herald & Tribune. After spending five years in the Western states, he returned to his home about two weeks ago. He has been in Rockford, Ill., for the past year. The couple left Monday for the West.
-The Rural Searchlight, Limestone, 3 Oct 1907
Gaut-Lucky
Married at the residence of the bride's father yesterday evening, 8th Mar [1866] by the Rev. Nathan Bachman, the Hon. J. H. Gaut of Cleveland, Tenn., to Miss Ella A. Lucky, daughter of Judge S. J. W. Lucky of this place.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 9 Mar 1866

Herndon-Dinwiddie
Married in Montgomery County on 14th Jan [1866] by the Rev. Mr. Crawford, Mr. Thomas Herndon to Miss Sallie B. Dinwiddie, all of this county. -Clarksville Chronicle, 15 Jan 1866

Riggins-Lee
Married in this city on 25th Jan [1866] by C. Faxon, Esq., Mr. George B. Riggins to Miss Bettie Lee, both of this city. -Clarksville Chronicle, 26 Jan 1866

Smith-Adkins
Married at the residence of the bride's father on 17th May [1866] by the Rev. Lewis Lowe, Mr. James D. Smith to Miss Henrietta T. Adkins, daughter of Thomas Adkins, all of Montgomery County.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 25 May 1866

West-Leigh
Married at the residence of the bride's father in Clarksville on 22nd Aug [1866] by the Rev. J. B. West, Mr. Johnson B. West and Miss Dannie Leigh, daughter of G. W. Leigh, all of this city.

Birds that have been long imprisoned, when freed are sometimes known to return to their cage. So it seems with our friend Johnson. After nearly two years imprisonment on Johnson's Island, he has snuffed the free air but a moment ere he voluntarily becomes a prisoner for life ... [but] those who know the sweet little woman who has bereft him of his wits can well excuse him.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 24 Aug 1866

Burnley-Young
Married in this city on 15 Aug [1866] by Elder Miles, Mr. H. R. Burnley, Jr., to Miss Mattie J. Young, daughter of P. J. Young.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 24 Aug 1866

Doak-Lockert
Married in Clarksville on 29 Aug [1866] by the Rev. T. D. Wardlow, Mr. Henry M. Doak to Miss Maggie Lockert, both of this city.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 31 Aug 1866

Fite-Mann
Married 15th Aug [1866] in Montgomery County by the Rev. H. L. Burney, Mr. L. B. Fite of Nashville to Mrs. Martha Mann of Cartage, Tenn. -Clarksville Chronicle, 31 Aug 1866

Bourne-Beach
Married the 22nd Aug [1866] at the residence of the bride's father in Prince Edwards Co., Va., by the Rev. E. W. Roach, Mr. James H. Bourne of Port Royal, Tenn., to Miss Fannie A. Beach. Those of our community who remember Mr. Bourne as a most gallant soldier of the 14th Tennessee Regiment will tender him their hearty congratulations upon having won so peerless a bride.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 31 Aug 1866

Smith-Wall
Married in Montgomery County 23 Aug [1866] by the Rev. A. T. Crawford, Mr. Green Smith to Miss Sallie E. Wall.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 7 Sep 1866

Dale-Jenkins
Married at the residence of Mrs. McClain near Clarksville on 4 Sep by the Rev. W. W. Gardiner, Mr. James M. Dale of Russellville, Ky., to Miss Emma Jenkins of this city.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 7 Sep 1866

Darnell-Prewitt
Married 24th Aug [1866] in Montgomery County by J. B. Halyard, Esq., Mr. John Darnell, aged about 85 years, to Mrs. Elizabeth Prewitt, aged about 75. Success to the young couple.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 7 Sep 1866

Martin-Jackson
Married 4th Aug [1863] by the Rev. Dr. Goodlett, Mr. Joseph Martin to Miss Jackson, all of this city.
-Nashville Union, 6 Aug 1863

Rosson-Pickering
Married in Montgomery County on 24th Oct [1866] by the Rev. J. H. Walton, Mr. W. B. Rosson of Robertson County to Miss Bettie Pickering, daughter of W. G. Pickering of this county.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 2 Nov 1866

MacRae-Morris
Married at the Episcopal Church in Clarksville on 12th Sep [1866] by the Rev. Mr. Riggold, Mr. George W. MacRae, formerly of this place, to Miss Fannie M. Morris, daughter of Col. John D. Morris of this place.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 14 Sep 1866

Solomon-Bratton
Married on 6th Sep [1866] by the Rev. W. H. Armstrong, Mr. James E. Solomon to Miss Lavinia A. Bratton, all of Clarksville.
-Clarksville Chronicle, 14 Sep 1866

Poincexter-Gee
-Clarksville Chronicle, 14 Sep 1866

Wright-Burgess,Tarkinoton-Davis, Fleming-Ellison
Married on Thursday evening last [12 Feb 1852] by J. Waldran, Esq., Mr. Thomas Wright to Miss Juliann S. Burgess, all of Shelby County.

On the same evening by the same, Mr. Joseph C. Tarkinton to Miss Martha L. Davis; also Mr. A. T. Fleming to Miss Matilda Ellison, all of Memphis.
-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 14 Feb 1852

Kenney-Klinck
Married Thursday evening, 12 Feb [1852] by the Rev. Dr. B. F. Hall, Mr. M. W. Kenney to Miss Caroline Klinck, all of this city.
-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 14 Feb 1852

Cox-McKnight
Married 24th Feb [1852] by Rev. H. L. Gray, Dr. William S. Cox of Louisiana to Miss Emma McKnight of Shelby Co., Tenn.
-Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 25 Feb 1852
Smithwick-Strange  
Married on the evening of 25 Nov [1847] by the Rev. Mr. Gray, Mr. James F. Smithwick of Tallaboa to Miss Lucy V. Strange of this place.
-Memphis Daily Enquirer, 27 Nov 1847

Darden-Jackson  
Married at the Methodist Church in Cedar Hill, Tenn., Miss Georgia Jackson to Mr. James Darden, Rev. J. W. Jordan officiating. Attendants were Harry England and Miss Lila Ayers, George W. Darden, Jr., and Miss Mamie Jackson. Miss Addie Ruffin presided at the organ. A reception followed at the home of Col. O. L. Batts.
-Clarksville Chronicle 7 Dec 1889  
(Reprinted from the Nashville Herald)

Perrin-Light  
Frank E. Perrins of the Southern Life Insurance Co. of Nashville was married in Louisville yesterday to Miss Sallie E. Light of that place.
-Nashville Gazette, 21 Nov 1867

Hill - Jackson  
Married 4th Aug [1863] by the Rev. E. D. Stevenson, Mr. James Hill to Miss Fannie Jackson, all of Nashville.
- Nashville Union, 6 Aug 1863

Gray-Shields  
Married at the residence of William H. Lucas, Esq., on Thursday evening, 8 Oct [1863], Dr. W. S. Gray and Miss Sue B. Lucas Shields, both of Edgefield.
- Nashville Union, 10 Oct 1863

Wright-Sehon  
- Nashville Union, 23 Oct 1863

Breest - Southgate  
Married 10 Nov [1863] by the Rev. Mr. Ford, Mr. Arthur A. Breest and Miss Lucy G. Southgate, all of this city.
- Nashville Union, 11 Nov 1863

Coleman - Hunter  
Married Thursday, 12 Nov [1863] by P. B. Coleman, Esq., Mr. Benjamin F. Coleman and Miss Mattie E. Hunter, both of Nashville.
- Nashville Union, 13 Nov 1863

Knott-Polk  
-Memphis Daily Appeal, 10 Sep 1863

Pierce-Bradhaw  
Married in Cincinnati, O., on 8 Jul 1863, by Rev. A. D. Mayo, Mr. Arthur E. Pierce of the Commissary Department, Memphis, to Miss Ada Bradshaw of Yellow Springs, Ohio.
-Memphis Bulletin, 5 June 1863

Hardy-Hayes  
Married 17 Jul 1867 by the Rev. Mr. Rutledge at the residence of Mr. Alex McRae, Miss Ellen Hayes of London, England, to Mr. William Hardy of Edgefield.
- Nashville Gazette, 19 Jul 1867

Hoensch-Adams  
Married in Waverly, Humphreys Co., on 5th Aug [1867], Mr. Frank A. Hoensch and Josephine Adams.
- Nashville Gazette, 11 Aug 1867

Majors-Harrison  
Married Saturday, 10th Aug 1867, at 11 o’clock a.m. by the Rev. Sawrie at the residence of Dr. J. W. Morton, Mr. Robert H. Majors of Memphis to Mrs. Helen M. Harrison of this city.
- Nashville Gazette, 11 Aug 1867

Venable-Ledbetter  
Married in this city last week by the Rev. J. M. Halsell, Mr. James R. Venable to Miss Rachel Ann Ledbetter. A large party assembled to do honor to the occasion and to congratulate the happy couple who were linked by the bonds of holy wedlock.
- Nashville Gazette, 29 Aug 1867

Collins-Burns  
Married on Tuesday, 21 Oct [1867] by the Rev. W. R. Warren, Mr. James H. Collins to Miss Manella E. Burns, daughter of M. Burns, Esq., all of Nashville.
- Nashville Gazette, 1 Nov 1867

Wilkin-McEwen  
Mr. D. F. Wilkin and Mrs. Lucie Curd McEwen, both of Nashville, were married 12 Nov [1867] at the residence of the bride’s mother, Mrs. Hayden T. Curd, in Louisville, Ky., by the Rev. J. W. Cunningham.
- Nashville Gazette, 14 Nov 1867

Morgan-Lawton  
Married 22 Aug 1867 by the Rev. J. M. Stokes at the residence of the bride’s father in Scriven Co., Ga., Mr. Alexander E. Morgan of Nashville to Miss Georgia Lawton.
- Nashville Gazette, 29 Aug 1867

Wilkes-Wilson  
Married Thursday, 3rd Oct [1867] in Decatur, Ga., at the residence of the bride’s father by the Rev. Dr. Wood, James H. Wilkes of the house of Reid, Chadbourn & Co., Nashville, to Miss Wilson, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Wilson of Decatur.
- Nashville Gazette, 8 Oct 1867

Callaway-Kirk  
Married at the residence of the bride’s father in Jackson, Tenn., on the evening of 8th Oct [1867] by the Rev. Joseph H. Evans, Mr. William J. Callaway to Miss Emma Kirk, both of this place.
- Nashville Gazette, 12 Oct 1867

Drake-Branham  
Married at the residence of the bride’s father near Castalian Springs, Sumner County, on Thursday evening, 17 Oct [1867] by the Rev. H. B. Boude, Dr. Ed L. Drake to Miss Saltie B. Branham.
- Nashville Gazette, 22 Oct 1867

Hogue-Clark  
Married at the First Presbyterian Church on 31st Oct [1867] by the Rev. R. F. Bunting, Mr. Harvey F. Hogue of Murray [Maury] County to Miss Susie P. Clark, daughter of the late James P. Clark of this city.
- Nashville Gazette, 1 Nov 1867

Alexander-Rudisill  
Married on 22nd Feb [1848] by Rev. G. M. Coons, Dr. J. M. Alexander of Whitesville, Miss., to Miss Margaret A. S. Rudisill of this city.
- Memphis Daily Enquirer, 25 Feb 1848
Tennessee Marriages

Gilbert-Sikes
Married at the residence of the bride's father in Rutherford County on 19th Nov by Rev. Mr. Seplh, Capt. John V. Gilbert of the firm of Gilbert, Parker & Co. of Nashville, to Miss Addie Sikes, daughter of Jesse Sikes, Esq. -Nashville Gazette, 21 Nov 1867

Steele-Shields
Married at Cayce's Springs on Wednesday morning, 4th Dec [1867], Mr. R. L. Steele to Miss Mary V. Shields, daughter of Benjamin F. Shields, Esq. -Nashville Gazette, 5 Dec 1867

Essex-Shelby
Married in Galveston, Tex., on 12th Feb [1852] by Rev. J. C. McCormick, Mr. William Essex, Esq., of Louisville, Ky., to Miss Kate Belle Shelby, only daughter of Col. Thomas Shelby of Coahoma Co., Miss., formerly of Nashville, Tenn. -Memphis Eagle & Enquirer, 24 Feb 1852

Ellis-Bryan
Married on Thursday last, 6th Jan [1848], at the residence of O. F. Wimbly, Esq., by Rev. D. B. Clayton, Dr. William D. Ellis to Miss Elizabeth Bryan, both of DeSoto Co., Miss. -Memphis Daily Enquirer, 12 Jan 1848

Stephens-Carter
Married Tuesday morning, 27 Oct [1863] by the Rev. Dr. Howell, Dr. Joseph L. Stephens of Ohio to Miss Medora Carter, eldest daughter of A. C. Carter of this city. -Nashville Union, 29 Oct 1863

Irwin-Shivers
Married Sunday morning, 1st Nov [1863] at the residence of the bride's father by Squire Willis, Mr. T. J. Irwin to Miss Martha B. Shivers, both of Davidson County. -Nashville Union, 3 Nov 1863

Bell-Butler
Married at the home of the bride's father on the 12th of Aug [1863], Mr. Carson H. Bell of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Lizzie Butler of Nashville. -Nashville Union, 13 Aug 1863

1844 Sullivan County Notice Identifies Wassam Family

Elizabeth Wassam, whose husband John Wassam died intestate in Sullivan County in 1844, filed a petition in county court on 23 April that year seeking allotment of her dower in the lands he owned at the time of his death.

A legal notice in the Jonesborough Sentinel, directed to her husband's legal heirs and Administrator George Burkart, indicates the couple had six children including a deceased daughter, Elizabeth Wassam Akard. The other five: Jonathan, John, and Jacob Wassam, Catherine Wassam Weaver, and Sarah Wassam Brisco.

Warren Residents Recommend Moses Ray for Justice of Peace

A petition asking the appointment of Moses Ray, Esq., as Warren County justice of the peace in Capt. Richard W. Jones' Company was presented to the Tennessee General Assembly in 1817. Ray was described in the petition as "a man of stability ... with capacities adequate for the office."

Signatures of Col. William Douglass and Capt. Richard Jones led off the list of petitioners.


Three Tennesseans Die From Smallpox in Union Prison

Deaths of three Tennesseans from smallpox at the Alto (Ill.) military prison were reported in the Memphis Appeal of 24 Sep 1863.

The three were: James L. Knight of Davidson Co., Tenn., who died 16th Aug 1863; D. Lewis, citizen of Tennessee, and William C. Wheeler, a private in Neil's Tennessee Regiment, who both died 12th August 1863.

Letters to the Editor...

As I wrote my check for my 2003 Society dues, I asked myself - Why? The only answer at which I could arrive is: I enjoy reading the material more than any other genealogical publication. I especially enjoy the stories and letters that have been handed down through the generations, which are so generously donated and published in "Ansearchin' News." My family did not talk about their past, and so I have no family traditions to pass on to my children.

My ancestors were movers. They arrived in Sevier County sometime around 1794 by way of New Jersey, Massachusetts, and North Carolina. My great-great-great-grandfather died in Bedford Co., Tenn., in 1836. His son left Tennessee for Alabama sometime between 1815 and 1820. My great-grandfather moved to Kentucky, and my grandfather moved to Indiana where my father was born, then moved the family to Texas in 1909 so I am a first-generation Texan. Even my own children were not born in Texas. I've lived in six states and three foreign countries. My daughter was born in Libya, North Africa, and my son in South Carolina.

When one moves, one must by necessity leave so much behind, and I know beyond a doubt that my great-grandchildren will have a more difficult time learning about my family than I have learning of my ancestors. It's sad, but true of all who follow after us.

As past Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Editor for our genealogical society, I commend you, the staff and officers of the Tennessee Genealogical Society for a job so well done. I know firsthand how hard it is to publish a publication such as yours.

Most respectfully,
Charles C. Culver
1502 Osage Trace
Harker Heights, TX 76548-2272

Editor's Note: The TGS editorial staff and officers deeply appreciate your kind words. Comments like yours make it all worthwhile!
James M. Green .... 'An Honest Man'  
(1822 - 1900)

by
his great-great granddaughter,
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It was about 1818 when young Joseph Green accompanied his father, Shadrach Green, on the long and arduous journey from Rutherford Co., N.C., to McMinnville, Tenn., to attend an Old Baptist Association meeting. Little did he know that there he would meet his future wife, Sarah Mooney, who had come with her parents from Illinois to attend the same meeting.

Fortune intervened and the two young people met, fell in love, and soon married. They apparently liked the Warren and DeKalb county area so well they settled and lived there the remainder of their lives.\(^1\) Joseph's name appears on the 1836 Warren County tax list, which shows him the owner of 150 acres in District 14.\(^2\)

Census records indicate that their son, James M. Green, was born 22 Mar 1822 in Tennessee.\(^3\) There is some debate among family members as to what his middle initial stands for. One descendant of a branch of the family says it was for his mother's family name Mooney, but his niece, Laura Belle (Green) Wall, who knew her Uncle James, insisted his middle name was Monroe.\(^4\) He is designated by the name James M. or by the initials "J. M." on all known documents.

Nothing is known of his early life but, as an adult, he possessed striking physical features with his dark complexion and massive dark hair in contrast to his azure blue eyes. He stood five feet, nine inches tall.\(^5\)

As a child, James must have been taught well in the ways of earning a living from the soil for he became a farmer and evidently a successful one. The 1901 sale of his estate following his death indicates that James had amassed a considerable quantity of personal property. His livestock included horses, cows, and chickens; his farm equipment consisted of wagons, plows, a harrow, and various farm implements and tools; and his household goods were made up of furniture, accessories, and much linen of all kinds. The large number of churns and bee stands lists in the inventory of his estate suggests that in addition to earning income from sales of butter and honey, the family must have regularly enjoyed eating hot biscuits oozing with fresh butter and honey.\(^6\) James' watch sold for $4.50, and while the farm bell brought only $2, it must have been a valued possession. Its ring in the middle of the day regularly signaled a temporary cessation of field work and a hurried walk to the house to enjoy a hearty "dinner" followed by a brief nap before resuming the day's work. When the bell rang at an unusual hour, it signaled an emergency which needed immediate attention.

James' secondary interest lay in real estate. He liked buying farm property, improving it, then reselling it.\(^7\) Various debts owed him at the time of his death show he was a generous lender of money and credit. Census records of 1860 indicate that James continued formal schooling, even as an adult. He apparently maintained a keen interest in education, serving as a director of Green's College, a school in the Bluff Springs community bearing the family name.\(^8\)

He was 39 years old when the Civil War was declared. Within a few months, he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Camp Smart, Tenn.\(^9\) He must have reflected on the serious nature of his decision because on the same day he enlisted -- 6 Sep 1861 -- he submitted to the rite of baptism. James joined Capt. John W. Towles' Co. A, 5th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, as a private.\(^10\) The unit was organized 11 Sep 1861 and was accepted into the

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\(^{1}\) Moore, Docia Green: Descendants of Joseph Green and His Sons, Shadrack and James Mooney, p. 49. Written 1969; unpublished.


\(^{5}\) Confederate Military Records, Tennessee State Library & Archives, 403 7th Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37243-0312.

\(^{6}\) Warren County Court Records, Feb 1901, Settlement of Estate of J. M. Green, Deceased


\(^{8}\) Ibid., p. 51.

\(^{9}\) The camp was established at McMinnville in 1861. A historic marker designating its location can be found two miles south of town on Tennessee Highway 108. [Source: "American Forts East," www.geocities.com/natforts/tn.html]

\(^{10}\) The company was successively designated as Co. B, Mountain Rifle Regiment, Tenn. Volunteers; (2d) Co. A, 35th Tenn. Regiment; and (2d) Co. A, 35th Infantry Regiment.
service of the Confederate States on 31 Oct 1861. Muster records show Pvt. Green present at Corinth, Miss., on 27 Mar 1862, a few days before the battle of Shiloh. He survived the battle, but was reported sick in Knoxville on the company’s July and August muster roll. James was discharged 15 Dec 1862 at College Grove, Tenn., receiving $42.50 for his last 3½ months of duty, including $4 in travel pay for the 40-mile trip back to McMinnville.

At home again in Warren County, James resumed his farming and real estate dealings for many years. He outlived three wives who together bore him a total of 13 children.

On 7 Nov 1839, James had married his first wife, Elizabeth Nunn, (probably in Warren County). Her parents, William Nunn and Elizabeth Wood, had migrated to Warren County from Shenandoah Valley, Va. James and Elizabeth had four children before her death 7 Jan 1846:

(2) Elias Nunn Green - b. 11 Apr 1842 in Warren County; m. Mary Jane Cantrell, daughter of William Riley Cantrell and Maude Constance Magnes, on 5 May 1864 in DeKalb County. Mary Jane d. 9 Sep 1910, and E. N. d. 4 Oct 1910. Both are buried in Old Bledred Cemetery, DeKalb County.
(3) Sarah Elizabeth Green - b. 7 Jan 1844 in Warren County; m. Elias “Frog” Taylor on 31 Jan 1869 in DeKalb County.

On 8 Aug 1846, James married 27-year old Sarah Womack, daughter of James and Margaret (Bowers) Womack. Sarah bore eight children, all born in Warren County, before she died 2 Nov 1883:

(1) Susan Louvina Green - b. 31 May 1847; m. L. Monroe Potter on 18 Dec 1867 in Warren County.
(3) Shadrack “Shady” Green - b. 30 Apr 1850; m. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Jessie and Charlotte (Womack) Smith on 6 Dec 1869 in Warren County.
(4) Arsey W. Green - b. 9 Apr 1852; m. Lydia Goodson on 3 June 1872 in Warren County.
(5) Henrietta Green - b. 23 Mar 1854; m. Leander LaFayette “Lee” Rigsby on 7 Dec 1877 in Warren County.
(6) Joseph R. Green - b. 4 Apr 1856; m. Martha K. Sullivan on 22 Mar 1874 in Warren County.
(7) Nancy Green - b. 11 Apr 1858; m. James R. P. Rigsby on 18 Nov 1867 in Warren County.
(8) James Monroe Green, Jr. - b. 18 Apr 1860; m. Maervia D. Nunnelly on 13 Mar 1884 in Warren County.

James married his third wife, Mary Angeline (Mullican) Hendrixson, on 2 Dec 1884 in Warren County. She was a widow, and the daughter of Jeremiah and Wilmouth (Allen) Mullican. James and Mary had one son, Cornelius Cleveland “Neoley” Green, born in Warren County in 1885. Mary died 12 Oct 1899.

By the end of the century, James and 14-year old Neoley were living alone. The 1900 census reports James as an invalid. He died 23 Sep of that same year, and lies buried in Potter Cemetery in Warren County beside his last two wives. His tombstone bears the emblem of the fraternal insurance order, Woodmen of the World, of which he was one of the first members.

Also etched on the simple stone slab are these words:

“An honest man — the noblest of God’s works.”

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11 On that day he was temporarily appointed 2nd sergeant, being later returned to private.
12 One document indicates he reenlisted in 1863, but Confederate military records are insufficient to verify a second term of service.
13 Wiseman, pp. 246-247.
14 Parsley, Jorene W.: DeKalb County Marriages, published 1990, Smithville, Tenn., p. 38
15 Ibid.
16 Mary Ann was the author’s great grandmother.
Crockett County Deeds
Volume A, Installment 5
Abstracted from Microfilm Roll 26, Produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville
Available at the Tennessee Genealogical Society Library, Brunswick, Tenn.

Pages 189-190. Deed dated 21 Jan 1873: For consideration of $2,000, N. T. Perry conveys 100 acres in Crockett County District No. 11 to S. S. Perry. Tract is bounded by property of J. Tucker, G. F. Curtis, R. Stallings, W. Clark, and Jeton. Homestead is not included but is reserved. Witnesses: Asa Griffin, J. B. Griffin. Deed acknowledged by N. T. Perry before B. H. Harmon, Crockett County notary public, 3 Feb 1873. Recorded by county register on same date.

Pages 191-192. Deed dated 1 Apr 1871: For consideration of $422.50, James A. and Mary E. Follis convey to Harrel Spragging a parcel of land in Madison Co., Tenn., District No. 18. Parcel adjoins land belonging to Cozart heirs and contains 21 and 1/8th acres. Witnesses: S. S. Watkins, R. J. Williams. Deed acknowledged separately by Mary E. apart from her husband before Francis J. Wood, Crockett County clerk, and S. S. Watkins, acting justice of the peace for Crockett County, on 3 Feb 1873. Registered in Crockett County on same date.

Pages 192-193. Deed dated 16 Dec 1872: In consideration of $1,700, Hiram A. Partee of Shelby Co., Tenn., conveys to M. P. G. Farmer of Crockett County a tract of land in Crockett County's 13th Civil District. Partee once sold same land to James H. Parker as part of Turnage tract. Partee bought the land through his attorney, E. J. Reid, at courthouse door in Dyersburg on 7 Feb 1871 when it was sold as James H. Turner's property to satisfy a judgment in Partee's favor. After deducting sales to Stallings & Singleton, tract now sold contains about 112 acres and includes hereditaments and appurtenances. Partee appeared 16 Dec 1872 before James Reilly, Shelby County court clerk, and acknowledged executing the deed. Deed and certificate were registered 3 Feb 1873 by R. T. D. Fouche, Crockett County register.

Pages 194-195. Deed dated 27 Dec 1872: For consideration of $1,443, Isaac A. Nunta conveys to Andrew Jordan a tract in Crockett County, District No. 13. Property adjoins that of H. E. Farmer, and contains 51 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances. Excepted from sale is one-half acre with a schoolhouse upon it for school purposes. Deed signed by Nunta on 28 Dec 1872. Acknowledged by Nunta 3 Feb 1873 before county court clerk, and registered same date.

Pages 195-196. Deed dated 17 Apr 1873: For consideration of $4,000 (in eight payments of $500 each), William T. Mays and wife, Susan B. Mays, convey to W. C. Hay a 200-acre tract of land that Bethenia H. Curtis conveyed to Susan on 27 Apr 1868. Tract adjoins on which E. B. Curtis now resides (of which said 200 acres is a part), and that which formerly belonged to Thomas H. Lanier. Hay is to take possession of the 200 acres at E. B. Curtis' death or at whatever time Susan would have been entitled to its possession. Deed acknowledged by the Mayses 7 Feb 1873 before Crockett County court clerk, with Susan privately acknowledging she signed it freely and voluntarily. Registered same date.

Pages 197-198. [Date of deed not filled in]: For the love and affection they entertain for the Methodist Episcopal Church, Susan B. Mays and William T. Mays of Crockett County convey to church trustees W. J. Davis, B. F. Park, and L. Williams, and their successors one acre of land in county's 14th Civil District. Property adjoins 40-acre tract of L. Williams, that was sold to him by B. Mays from 220-acre tract deeded to her by her mother, Bethenia H. Curtis. Conveyance is made "in trust that the premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship, for the use of the ministry and membership of the M. E. church in the United States of America ...." Acknowledged before county court clerk 7 Feb 1873 and registered same date.

Pages 199-200. Deed dated 25 Jan 1873: For consideration of $1,600, Green L. Poplin of Butler Co., Mo., conveys to Alexander C. Fife of Crockett Co., Tenn., a parcel of land with improvements in Bells Station. Property begins on Jackson road eight feet from W. T. Hope's land, runs to stake on depot road to a lot in name of Sugar Mclemore, and contains 1-1/2 acres and appurtenances. Witnesses: James Williams, T. F. Cook. Acknowledged by Poplin before J. J. Farrow, Crockett County, notary public, 25 Jan 1873. Certified by county court clerk 8 Feb 1873, and registered same date.


Pages 202. Deed dated 4 Feb 1873: For consideration of $1,678.10, C. A. Boswell conveys to John T. Stamps a tract in Crockett County's District No. 9 containing 1024 acres. Tract is bounded by that of Joel Ferguson, J. F. Robertson, Booth,
and D. V. Avery. Boswell acknowledged deed before M. C. Holms, Gibson County court clerk, on 4 Feb 1873. Registered 10 Feb 1873 in Crockett County.

Page 203. Deed dated 13 Feb 1873: For consideration of $1,400, F. J. Wood and William Best of Crockett County convey to John Webb & Co. of same county a certain storehouse and lot in town of Bellville on Memphis & Louisville Railroad. Property begins at northwest corner of Lot No. 30. John F. Wood was county court clerk, and William Best was circuit court clerk. They acknowledged deed before Isaac M. Johnson, county court chairman, at his office in Alamo on 14 Feb 1873. Deed was registered same date.

Pages 204-205. Deed dated 15 Feb 1873: For consideration of $500, R. A. Vandyke, executor of will of Visa Hinton, deceased, of Crockett County, conveys to G. B. Cooke a 20-acre parcel on waters of Town Creek, together with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Parcel is part of tract upon which Solomon Hinton lived at time of his death, and adjoins land of S. S. Booth, J. R. Holmes, and J. E. Moore. Witnesses: W. F. Poston and R. G. Harris Deed acknowledged by Vandyke before county court clerk 17 Feb 1873 and registered same date.

Pages 206-207. Deed dated 15 Feb 1873: For consideration of $675, R. A. Vandyke, executor of will of Visa Hinton, deceased, of Crockett County, conveys to J. R. Lyon a 52-acre parcel with hereditaments and appurtenances on waters of Pond Creek, being part of tract upon which Solomon Hinton resided previous to his death and including the Mansion House taken from west end of tract. Property adjoins 30 acres sold to J.R. Holmes, and lands of Baker Harrell, John E. Moore, and G. B. Cook. Deed acknowledged by Van Dykes 17 Feb 1873 before county court clerk, and registered same date.

Pages 207-208. Quit-claim deed dated 17 Feb 1873: For consideration of $300, J. R. Holmes and wife, Martha Ann Holmes, release to Nancy Caroline Vandyke and quit-claim forever all of their title, interest, and estate in 100 acres parcel of land lying in Crockett County District No. 8 on which Chambers Vandyke lived until his death. Parcel adjoins land of the late Solomon Hinton on the east, S. S. Booth on the north, J. W. steel and Z. P. Warren on the west, and Z. P. Warren and James T. Cornell. Deed acknowledged jointly and separately by the Holmes before county court clerk on 17 Feb 1873, and registered same date.


Pages 210-211. Deed dated 15 Feb 1873: For consideration of $750, R. A. Vandyke, executor of last will of Mrs. Visa Hinton, deceased, of Crockett County, conveys to J. R. Holmes a 30-acre parcel of land on Pond Creek upon which Solomon Hinton resided at time of his death and is taken from tract's northeast corner. All hereditaments and appurtenances are included. Property adjoins that of Mrs. Vandyke, J. R. Lyons, G. B. Cook, and S. B. Booth. Acknowledged by Vandyke before county court clerk on 17 Feb 1873, and registered same date.

Pages 212-213. Deed dated 17 Feb 1873: For consideration of $679.18, Wilson Williams conveys to William E. Blarton two parcels of land in Crockett County's 3rd Civil District. One parcel, containing 15 and 54/160 acres, adjoins that of John Richards. The second parcel adjoins property of James Vanpool's occupant entry and John Casey's entry, and contains 41½ acres. The purchase price is to be paid with $500 in cash, and one note for $179.18 due 1st Dec 1873 with 10% interest from date. Williams acknowledged deed before county court clerk 18 Feb 1873, and it was registered same date.

Pages 213-214. Deed dated 17 Dec 1872: For consideration of $1,500, James A. Carter and wife, Nancy "Nannie" Carter, convey a four-acre lot in Crockett County District No. 5, Bell's Station, with all improvements thereon to Elisha Farrow. Property begins at Cherryville Road and runs north with College Street to W. Jelk's land. Also adjoins Crichlow's tract. The Carters acknowledged the deed jointly and separately before J. J. Farrow, notary public for Crockett County, on 31st Dec 1872. Certified by county court clerk 18 Feb 1873, and registered 19 Feb 1873.

Page 215. Deed dated 2 Nov 1872: For consideration of $1,300, A. C. Fife conveys to Elisha Farrow a 128-acre parcel in Crockett County, District No. 7. Property adjoins that of S. P. Green, _____ Stalen (first name not given). Parcel is land that Fife and Farrow bought from Henry Webb heirs. Witnesses: J. B. Morton, T. T. Norvill. Fife acknowledged deed before J. J. Farrow, Crockett County notary public, on 17 Feb 1873. Deed was certified by county court clerk and tax paid on 18 Feb 1873. It was registered 19 Feb 1873.

Pages 216-217. Deed dated 20 Feb 1872: For consideration of $844.20, T. T. Norvill and wife, Sallie Norvill, of Crockett County convey to Edmund Norvill of same county a 45-acre parcel of land with appurtenances in Crockett County District No.
6. Land is part of Entry No. 174 made in name of Adam R. Alexander for 640 acres on Forked Deer River. Property begins at northwest corner of entry and runs to Spencer Payne's west boundary, then to T. T. Norville's northeast and northwest corners. T. T. and Sallie Norville expressly waive all rights or interest in property that may result from any state laws relating to homestead exemptions. Witnesses: R. G. Cates, C. J. Tidwell. Acknowledged jointly and separately by the Norvills before county court clerk 21 Feb 1873 and tax paid. Deed registered on same date.

Pages 218-219. Deed dated 13 Feb 1873: For consideration of $50, Duke Klyce and wife, Louisa Klyce, convey to Daniel White, Wm. H. Powell, Wm. T. Poston, E. B. Curtis, Joseph Green, and Obadiah Vernon, trustees, and their successors in office forever, a tract of land in Crockett County to be used as a dwelling for ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Tract begins at southwest corner of Klyce's land, and adjoins property of William Sims and James Thompson. Witnesses: J. R. Lyon, J. J. Taylor. Deed acknowledged before county court clerk 14 Feb 1873. Louisa Klyce separately acknowledged signing deed "understandingly and without compulsion" in appearance before clerk on same date, and again before J. P. Warren, Crockett County justice of the peace, on 22 Feb 1873. Deed was registered 24 Feb 1873.

Pages 220-222. Deed dated 18 Apr 1873: For consideration of $1,545, J. M. Swindle; A. D. R. Swindle; W. D. Swindle; Izabella Jane Swindle; Jasper N. Rice and his wife, Keziah C. Rice; W. D. Rice and his wife, Jane W. Rice, convey to J. F. Robertson all their interest in a 51-acre tract in Gibson Co., Tenn., District No. 2. Land is part of a tract belonging to the heirs of Isaiah Swindle, deceased. Property begins at north boundary line of J. F. Robertson's home tract, runs to east boundary line of 55-acre tract belonging to Moses W. Robertson heirs, then to James Wright's east boundary line, to west boundary of J. F. Robertson's home tract, and to A. R. D. Swindle's southeast corner. Deed acknowledged before Crockett County court clerk 26 Feb 1873, with wives separately acknowledging they executed deed voluntarily. Registered 3 Mar 1873.

Pages 222-223. Deed dated 4 Feb 1873: For consideration of $1,182, John T. Stamps and wife, Cynthia A. Stamps, convey to C. A. Boswell a tract in Crockett County District No. 11, containing 39½ acres. Property begins at old Gibson and Dyer counties' line, and adjoins lands of P. B. Nance and Thomas Bell. Witnesses: J. F. Robertson, T. H. Avery. Deed acknowledged separately by Cynthia Stamps before J. F. Robertson 13 Feb 1873, and by John Stamps before county court clerk 3 Mar 1873. Registered same date.

Pages 224-225. Deed dated 12 Nov 1872: For consideration of $414.16, Willis W. Williams of Madison County conveys to Edward W. Mathews of Madison County, a 50-acre tract in Crockett County known as the Mary Boykin dower. Tract is bounded by property of C. M. Boykin. Deed acknowledged by Williams before J. W. Roseman, Crockett County notary public, 12 Nov 1872. Certified by Crockett County court clerk and tax paid 3 Mar 1873; registered same date.

Pages 225-226. Deed dated 12 Nov 1872: For consideration of $1,186, Cleon M. Boykin and wife, Mary E. Boykin of Crockett County convey to E. W. Mathews of Madison County a 33-acre tract adjoining Mary Boykin's dower and J. B. Boykin's south boundary. Deed acknowledged by Cleon M. Boykin and separately by his wife, Mary E. Boykin, before J. W. Roseman, Crockett County notary public, 12 Nov 1872. Certified by Crockett County court clerk and tax paid 3 Mar 1873; registered same date.


Pages 230-232. Deed dated 1st Jun 1872: For consideration of $448.18, T. A. Peacock, P. E. T. Binford, Sarah J. Reamney, and J. D. Smith, trustee, convey to M. M. Smith a tract in town of Friendship containing 172ths acres. Peacock, Binford, and Reamney are surviving partners of firm, Peacock, Binford & Co., and J. D. Smith is trustee [see preceding deed]. Purchase price is amount bid by M. M. Smith at public sale of land by J. D. Smith, and is secured by notes due seven months from date.

1 Her name is given as Sarah J. Rainey in list of grantors at beginning of deed, and as Sarah J. Reamy at end of deed description and also in statement by F. J. Wood, Crockett County court clerk, attesting that she acknowledged the deed before him 5 Jun 1872.
1. Pages 232-234. Deed dated 17 Oct 1872: For consideration of $2,931.25, Madison Cozzart and wife, Ann Cozzart, convey to James Emerson a 100-acre tract with hereditaments and appurtenances in Crockett County, Civil District No. 3. Tract is same land on which Cozzart was then living. Property adjoins that of Norvel Spragins and J. A. Marlow. Witnesses: W. A. Johnson, W. R. Emerson. Deed was separately acknowledged by Ann Cozzart 11 Jun 1873 before S. S. Watkins, Esq., of Crockett County. It was acknowledged by Madison Cozzart 8 Jan 1873 before Crockett County court clerk Francis J. Wood, and separately 11 Jan 1873 by Mrs. Ann Cozzart before S. S. Watkins, acting justice of the peace. Deed and certificates registered 4 Mar 1873.

2. Pages 234-236. Deed dated 18 Jan 1873: For consideration of $1,873, Z. Wainwright and wife, Amanda Wainwright, convey to E. F. Parker a tract in Crockett County's Civil District No. 6 containing 502 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances. Parker paid $500 in cash, and executed and paid two notes, including one for $1,030 due 25 Dec 1873 and other for $500 due 25 Dec 1873. Land, located east of Alamo, is same conveyed by William Bowling to James Bowling, then by James Bowling to Perry Farrow, by Farrow to C. H. Green, and by Green to Z. Wainwright. Property adjoins that of John Stokes, Thomas Jackson, John Oldham, and Wainwright acknowledged deed before John M. Hickey, Maury County court clerk, in Columbia 13 Dec 1872. Registered in Crockett County by Register R. T. D. Fouche 6 Mar 1873.

3. Pages 237. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: For consideration of $175 and payment of costs in suit now pending in Crockett County Circuit Court and known as Galoway & Rainey vs. Thomas Young et al, the receipt of which is acknowledged, W. S. Rainey and W. Galoway release and quit-claim to Thomas Young a parcel of land in Crockett County situated in 13th Surveyor's District, Range 6, Section 2 on south side of middle fork of Forked Deer River. Property adjoins that of John Stokes, Rainey and Galoway acknowledged deed before John M. Hickey, Maury County court clerk, in Columbia 13 Dec 1872. Registered in Crockett County by Register R. T. D. Fouche 6 Mar 1873.

4. Pages 238. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: For consideration of $175 and payment of costs in suit now pending in Crockett County Circuit Court and known as Galoway & Rainey vs. J. H. Williams et al, the receipt of which is acknowledged, W. S. Rainey and W. Galoway release and quit-claim to Williams a 30-acre parcel of land with hereditaments and appurtenances in Crockett County situated in 13th Surveyor's District, Range 6, Section 2 on south side of middle fork of Forked Deer River. Property adjoins that of Thomas Jackson, John Stokes (including and excluding 20 acres claimed by Mrs. W. N. Ditto). Rainey and Galoway acknowledged deed before John M. Hickey, Maury County court clerk, in Columbia 13 Dec 1872. Received and registered in Crockett County 6 Mar 1873.


6. Pages 240-241. Deed dated 23 Oct 1872: For $588.70 in cash and further considerations, J. B. Parker conveys to G. W Bettis 100 acres in Crockett County. Further considerations are that Bettis (1) redeem 100 acres executed for $1,437 under chancery court order at Brownsville in suit of J. H. Parker vs. J. B. Parker, and (2) execute to J. B. on this date a note for $421.33 due 24 Dec 1872 with 10% interest and another for $652.97 due on same date with interest. Land adjoins property of Henry Buck, A. E. Work, and Buck Nunn (including 168 acres conveyed to him 17 May 1866 by W.W. Willis and wife, Emily J. Willis, by deed registered in Haywood County, Book Y, pp. 94-95). Acreage conveyed by Parker in this deed is taken from north part of described tract. Lien is expressly retained by Parker for payment of notes described. Deed witnessed by W. H. Foster, John M. Parker, W. B. Cannaday, and Franklin P. Oldham. On 6 Mar 1873, Cannaday and Oldham appeared before Crockett County court clerk to verify that Parker acknowledged to them that he executed the deed. Deed was registered 6 Mar 1873.

7. Pages 242-243. Deed dated 10 Mar 1873: For consideration of $800, John J. Blaydes of Madison Co., Tenn., conveys to William H. Montague of Crockett County his interest in the dower interest of Mrs. Lucy A. Thomas, formerly Mrs. Lucy A. Blaydes. Property, containing 147 acres, is in Crockett County Civil District 5 and is located west of Bell's Station on the M&L Railroad adjacent to lands of Guthrie and J. Traylor. Witness: W. A. Johnson. Deed acknowledged by Blaydes before Crockett County court clerk 10 Mar 1873 and registered same date.

[To be continued]
Tennesseans Turned Texans
Former Bedford County Resident Kenneth Anderson
Elected Vice President of the Republic of Texas

His untimely death on 3 Jul 1845 was perhaps the only thing that prevented former Tennessean Kenneth Lewis Anderson from becoming the first president of the Republic of Texas. As vice president, he had presided over the Senate session at Washington-on-the-Brazos in June when it approved annexation and died from a fever while en route home. He had been considered the leading candidate for the presidency.

Anderson had come to Texas from Bedford Co., Tenn., with his wife and children in 1837. Born 11 Sep 1805 in Hillsborough, Orange Co., N.C., he was the son of Kenneth and Nancy (Thompson) Anderson. By 1824 the Andersons were living in Tennessee, probably having come in a party with Nancy's father, Theophilus Thompson, and his sons Samuel, Richard, and Newcomb and their families.

About a year after the family's arrival in Tennessee, Kenneth married Patience Burditt, believed to have been the daughter of William Burditt and his wife, Patience DeLoach Hart, former residents of Edgefield District, S.C., who had migrated to Shelbyville in the early 1800s. Kenneth and Patience had two sons, Theophilus and Malcolm Anderson, who would become judges in San Antonio, and a daughter, Jane Belle, who in 1847 would marry Kentucky native Henry Williams Sublett, a lawyer and member of Texas' first state legislature.

By 1826 Kenneth — at age 21 — had become Bedford County's deputy sheriff and in four years advanced to sheriff. Several of his wife's relatives had migrated to Texas in the early 1830s, including her sister Lavina who married Joseph Rowe. The lure of land and family ties proved irresistible. In the fall of 1837, Kenneth sold four lots in Shelbyville and, with his family, headed for Texas, arriving 1st December. They settled in San Augustine County, which was one of the first formed in the new Republic of Texas and was the home of the Rows. As in Bedford County, Kenneth in 1838 served successively as deputy sheriff and then sheriff of San Augustine County. In the meantime, he began studying law and was appointed collector of customs for his district in 1839.

Records of the General Land Office show that 640 acres were certified in Kenneth's name 7 Oct 1839, with an unconditional claim issued to him on 18 Nov 1844. He is listed on the 1840 tax roll as having 30 acres in San Augustine under complete title. His other property at the time consisted of three slaves or "blacks," one gold watch for which he was taxed $3, plus one wooden clock and one saddle horse which were taxed at $1 apiece.

In 1841, Anderson was elected to the House of Representatives of the Sixth Congress. He won by the largest majority in San Augustine County's history up to that time, and was quickly elected House speaker. Anderson, a close associate of former Tennessean Sam Houston, led an unsuccessful attempt to impeach President Mirabeau B. Lamar and Vice President David G. Burnet who were opposed to annexation. In 1842 he is said to have helped convince Gov. Houston to veto a popular but dangerous bill which sought to force an invasion of Mexico.

After completing one term in the House, he returned to St. Augustine to enter law practice with Royal T. Wheeler. Anderson later was associated for a time with J. Pinckney Henderson and Thomas J. Rusk in what was then considered the most famous law firm in Texas.

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1 Kenneth and Nancy married 12 Jun 1801 in Orange Co., N.C. [Source: Orange County Marriage Bonds.]
2 Nancy is identified as Theophilus' daughter in Orange County deed 18:90.
3 Schack, Elizabeth: John Theophilus Thompson (1750s-1826), privately published, 1997. Timothy and Helen Marsh's book, Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, 1807-1852 shows that Samuel and Newcom Thompson were operating a tanyard in Bedford County in 1823.
4 The Handbook of Texas Online. [http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/SS/hai1.html]
6 He sold Lots 25, 26, and 27 to William S. Watterson of Coffee Co., Tenn., on 23 Sep 1837 [Bedford County Deed Book GG, p. 225] and another lot to John J. Faqua [Source: Marsh, Timothy & Helen: Chancy Court Records of Bedford County, p. 39].
8 The annual tax on Negroes in the Republic of Texas at that time was $1 each for those under 15 years of age, $3 for those from 15-50 years old, and $2 for those over 50. The amount Anderson paid is not indicated. [Source: 1840 Citizens of Texas, Vol. 2, Tax Rolls, Austin, Tex., 1984, p. 170.]
10 Wheeler in 1857 would become chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court. [Handbook of Texas Online, op. cit.]
11 Henderson was elected first governor of Texas in 1845, the post for which Anderson had been considered the leading candidate. [Ibid]
12 Rusk was commander in chief of the Army of the Republic of Texas, and showed outstanding leadership at San Jacinto. He was later major
In December 1842 Anderson became district attorney for the Fifth Judicial District, and two years later was a candidate for vice president of the Republic on a ticket headed by Anson Jones. His opponent, Patrick Jack, died before the election and Anderson's election was virtually unanimous.

In June 1845 when the question of annexation came up in the Texas Congress, Anderson presided over the session despite an illness. When a favorable vote was cast and the Congress adjourned, he left immediately for home. He had gone only 20 miles when his fever flared up and he was forced to stop at the Fanthorp Inn in what was then Grimes County. He died there 3 Jul 1845 and was buried in the Fanthorp Cemetery. In 1846 the town of Fanthorpe was changed to Anderson, and a new county was established and named in his honor.

IN 1817 MAURY COUNTY –

Columbia Suffers Growing Pains; Residents Call On Legislature To Act

With Columbia, Tenn., suffering 'growing pains' in 1817, its citizens called on the General Assembly for help. Some of the Maury County town's leading residents submitted a petition asking the legislature to take action similar to that requested by the town of Franklin at the previous session. They pointed out that Columbia's population and growing importance made it "absolutely necessary" to enact laws for regulating the town and should be delayed no longer.

The citizens called on the legislature to:
(1) appoint James Walker, Edward W. Dale, and Samuel McDowell justices of the peace;
(2) increase stock in the state bank to allow establishment of a branch bank in Columbia; or
(3) issue a charter for a bank on the town's own strength, using the nearly $20,000 in proceeds from the sale of town lots after first applying some of the funds to building a bridge across the Duck River opposite Columbia and keeping public buildings in repair.

Signers of the petition were:

Southerners Convey Poignant War-Time Messages

Some personal items were inserted in the New York News of 11 Sep 1863 by Southerners seeking to communicate with relatives separated by the war. Here are some that were reprinted in the Memphis Daily Appeal of 3 Oct 1863:
- Mrs. J. Knox Canfield, New York, desires any information concerning her husband formerly of Wilson Co., Tenn.;
- To John A. Johnson near Rome Ga., Lizzie and Harry are in the country near Nashville, Tenn.
- To Frederick R. Sanborn, formerly of Wilson Co., Tenn.: We both remain at the same school, etc. - M. and J.
- To Martin T. Dickson, Jasper Co., Miss. - Ned and Kate are well. Do let us hear from you. - Martin.
- To George R. McNally, formerly of Montgomery, Ala. - Your wife died on 1st Sep, etc. - M. J. S.
- To Lingamore of Atlanta, Ga. - Yours of May 26th rec'd., etc.

1 Alphabetized for easier name searching.
THE OBITUARY of Tennessee-born Robert E. Lee appears in Ray County Reflections, Vol. 11, No. 2, published in Richmond, Mo., by the Ray County Genealogical Association. Lee, born 14 Apr 1832, was the son of Burel Lee of Tennessee. He had been a Ray County resident for more than 65 years, and was a large land owner. Surviving were his third wife, the former Mrs. Nannie Bulin of Ohio; and six children (three other children preceded him in death). Lee died 4 Oct 1920 at the age of 88.

In the same issue of Reflections is the obituary of Mrs. Sarah (Clevenger) Hunt who died at the age of 91 at the home of her daughter in Vibbard. Mrs. Hunt's mother, Margaret Wills, was a native of Rutherford Co., Tenn. Her father, John Clevenger, went to Ray Co., Mo., in 1819, making the trip from Tennessee in a keelboat with a party of other people.

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A CIVIL WAR incident involving the Will Parks family in the Shollow Ford community of Unicoi County appears in The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly, Vol. 43, No. 184. The incident was told by 93-year old Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Howell Garland of Erwin, Tenn., whose mother, Mary Jane Parks Howell, told the story to her and her children many times. Mary Jane Parks was eight years old during the war. The incident involved the escape of Will Parks from Confederate solders led by Col. Keith.

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Gleanings
FROM HERE 'N THERE
Mentions of Tennesseans
—in Our Exchanges

TWELVE Tennessee-born residents of Phillips Co., Ark., are listed in the 1860 mortality index printed in Tri-County Genealogy, Vol. 17, No. 3. Their name, age, cause of death, and month of death:
- Robert Biggers, 35, murdered, July; Henry Cable, 19, pneumonia, Jan.; Mary Cavins, 32, childbed fever, June; Jane Floyd, 28, childbed fever, Oct.; Sarah Grant, 33, consumption, June; Sally W. King, 18, rheumatism, Mar.; Sally McGee, 26, consumption, May; Mary J. Mitchell, 40, pneumonia, Mar.; Mary J. Rock, 28, inflammation, May; Ira G. Roper (male), 25, pneumonia, Mar.; Lucinda Wells, 5, diarrhea, July; and David Worley, 9, cause unknown, March.

Thirteen Tennessee natives were in the 1870 mortality index for Phillips County. They were Richard Barron, 21, pneumonia, Aug.; Francis H. Bowman (female), 24, brain inflammation, Feb.; Newton Copeland, 23, consumption, Feb.; Roxana Corbin, 23, childbirth, Feb.; Eliza J. Dean, 20, consumption, Jan.; Lucy Gest, 44, consumption, Feb.; Ella Gray, 23, childbirth, Feb.; Adda A. Mayo, 22, meningitis, Jan.; Bob Newsome, 68, stabbed, Sep.; James Nichols, 40, liver access, May; Edwin Oder, 34, consumption, Mar.; Benjamin Ring, 32, consumption, Apr.; William Ring, 32, consumption, May.

The same issue of the Tri-County Genealogical Society quarterly includes an ad inserted in the Brinkley (Ark.) Argus of 31 Aug 1906 by James L. Combs, RFD No. 1, Mason, Tenn. It was headed: "A Wife Wanted."

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THE MARRIAGE of Maj. John C. Porter of Sandy Hill, Tenn., to Miss Sarah Ann Blanton in Tennessee on 29 Apr 1834 is listed in Kentucky Ancestors, Vol. 37, No. 3. The information was taken from the Frankfort, Ky., Commonwealth.

A LETTER written by Archibald Durham while traveling in Tennessee in 1832 is included in a divorce petition to the North Carolina General Assembly published in the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. XXVIII, No. 4. The petition was filed by his wife, Susan (Mitchell) Durham of Burke Co., N.C. When Susan married Durham in Caswell Co., N.C., in 1830, she was a widow with three children. Her first husband, James Sherley, died in 1829. Archibald and Susan moved to Burke County in 1830 and he became involved beyond his ability to pay. In 1832 he abandoned her, leaving her with no maintenance or support for herself, their daughter, and the three children from her first marriage. Also in the divorce petition is a letter written in 1832 by Albert Yerger, Pulaski, Tenn. The divorce was granted in 1834.

Another divorce suit, this one by Mary T. Epes of Warren Co., N.C., alleges that her husband Peter Epes, left her and their infants in 1829 and went to Nashville, Tenn., where he took a job with Col. Richard C. Napier. The petitioner charges that her husband was living in adultery with Betsy Alexander and others in Dickson Co., Tenn., and submits letters from James Rucks, Nashville lawyer, and Benjamin Kelly of Stewart Co., Tenn., to support her charge. The General Assembly granted the divorce in 1834.

Elsewhere in the same issue are 1842 Chatham Co., N.C., court minutes which note that the guardian bond of Elizabeth Bynum of Dickson Co., Tenn., was presented in open court and ordered to be registered. Mrs. Bynum was guardian of her children, William M., Mary Ann, and Parasle E. Bynum. Also registered were two powers of attorney from Elizabeth Bynum to Orville B. Caldwell.

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CHATTANOOGA resident Percy C. Adair was among those who received World War I draft registration cards in Cobb Co., Ga. The list appears in Family Tree Quarterly, Vol. 12, No. 4, published by Cobb County Genealogical Society. Adair was born 2 Feb 1892 in Cobb County.
A COLLECTION of newspaper columns written by Anne C. (Huff) Bridge whose father was Tennessee-born Leonard Corder Huff, is published by the Caldwell Co., Tex., Genealogical & Historical Society in Plum Creek Almanac, Vol. 20, No. 2.

Mr. Huff's second wife, Martha Louise Meriwether, also was a former Tennesseean. Mrs. Bridge's columns tell of early days in Luling, Texas.

CRAVEN FAMILY researchers will find a bonanza in "From Alamance Creek... to Elk Creek," published in Ray County (Mo.) Reflections, Vol. XI, Nos. 3 & 4. A 20-page history of the family is divided between the two issues, and contains numerous mentions of those who came to Tennessee.

Joseph Craven, born in Randolph Co., N.C., in 1746, was the first member of the family to come to Tennessee. He died in Overton Co., Tenn., in 1830. One of his sons, Meredith Craven, was born in Anderson Co., Tenn., in 1806. Solomon Craven, born in Cabarrus Co., N.C., in 1804, married Sarah Kincaid in Campbell Co., Tenn., in 1829 and they moved to Ray Co., Mo., where they lived for about 35 years before migrating to Oregon. Solomon died 12 June 1878 at age 74.

LETTERS from some Tennessee cousins to their aunt, Anna Howe, in Jefferson Co., Ill., are published in The Saga of Southern Illinois. Vol. XXIX, No. 4. The letters are from descendants of Abraham and Keziah Jones who were in the Davidson Co., Tenn., area before statehood. Abraham died in defense of Fort Nashboro in 1782, leaving a son, Shadrack (b. ca. 1776-78), and a daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones (b. ca. 1779-1780). Shadrack married Cilla Dowlen in Davidson County in 1803, and Betsy married Thomas Watts in Davidson in 1807. Their mother, Keziah, married a man named Berry about 1790 and had four more daughters whose married names were: Nellie Felts, Mary Harris, Keziah Reeves, and Annie Howe. All of the letters to Annie were from relatives in Robertson Co., Tenn.


Sarrah Robertson of Lauderdale Co., Ala., sold 100 acres in Bedford Co., Tenn., to William A. Robertson of Lauderdale for $10 in 1824. The land was on the north side of Spring Creek in Bedford County, District No. 2. Sarrah was an heir of Ezekiel Robertson.

A STORY about a band of Tennesseans who migrated to Missouri in 1841 and formed a Methodist colony is featured in the Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal, Vol. XXII, No. 4.

The migrants launched their boats from the mouth of Beaver Creek in Jefferson Co., Tenn., and arrived in Jackson, Mo., two months later. Making the journey were John Eudaley, Dudley Cox, Reed Cox, Elliot Cox, Nathan Davis, James Eudaley, James D. Franklin, Walton Summers, John Shell, John Wiseaver, John A. Walton, and their families. Shilds King and family joined the group at Louisville, Ky.

In Dec 1841 the group made a permanent settlement on Cane Creek [about 18 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff] where regular services were held in members' homes for several years. In 1847 the group established the Shiloh Camp Ground which became known as "the mother of preachers." It was equipped to house and feed a large group of families for several weeks, with individual log cabins and a large community kitchen and storehouse. Meetings were held there every year until the war. The camp reopened at a new site after the war.

THREE TENNESSEE soldiers are among ancestors of the Hot Springs Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Listed in Vol. 25, No. 2 of The Melting Pot Genealogical Society quarterly, they are:


- Thomas Walton Winkler, b. 3 Apr 1831 in Sneadsville, Tenn., enlisted 17 Dec 1862 as a private in Co. G, 5th Tenn. Cavalry (McKenzie's). Was captured 13 Mar 1864. Married Martha Elizabeth Slaight 13 Apr 1876 in Mountain Valley Ark. She was b. 10 Jan 1851 in Garland Co., Ark. Thomas died 6 Feb 1899 in Mountain Valley, and Martha d. there 31 Dec 1929.

- William J. Woody, b. 1835 in Maury Co., Tenn., was a private in Capt. Sparkman's Co., Tennessee Light Artillery. He married Frances Marion Caldwell in Maury County 1 Mar 1859. She was b. 4 Nov 1842 in Maury, and d. 28 Nov 1927 in Gideon Mo.

The same issue of The Melting Pot contains two stories from the Alabama Courier, Athens, Ala., about Mrs. Delila (Caldwell) McKinney, a Tennessean who died 29 Sep 1881 in Limestone Co., Ala., at the age of 102 years. Born in East Tennessee, she moved with her mother's family to a point on Ragsdale Creek in Giles Co., Tenn., while quite young. She married James McKinney, a lifelong Alabamian. They settled on land in the Indian reservation that later became Limestone County, and their home was twice burned by soldiers for trespassing. James later purchased the land he had cleared when it was put on the market. He died 13 Nov 1865 at age 92. Mrs. McKinney had nine children, six of whom were living in 1879, including her youngest, 54-year old Squire Jack McKinney of Gildersboro.
Dyer County Deaths, 1908 -1909

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School District 1

Cunningham, J. F. - Died 5 Nov 1908 of congestion. White male, aged 7 months. Born in Dyer County.

Robertson, Johnnie - Died 28 Nov 1908 of congestion. Black male, aged 4 years. Born in Dyer County.


Williams, Ellis - Died 23 Jan 1909 of fever. White female, aged three years. Born in Dyer County.

Bell, Ollie - Died 8 Jan 1909 of consumption. Black male, aged 2 years. Born in Dyer County.


Jackson, Finis - Died Jul 1909 (day not given) of fever. White female, aged 2 years. Born in Dyer County.

Biggs, Conway - Died 30 May 1909 of meningitis. White male, aged 7 years. Born in Dyer County.

Stark, Sam - Died 2 May 1909 of consumption White male, aged 21, single, farmer. Born in Gibson County.

Rogers, Carolina E. - Died 24 Feb 1909 of old age. White female, aged 76 years, single. Born in Mississippi.

Patrick, Louie - Died 13 June 1909 of stomach problem. White male, aged 1 year, 2 months, 11 days. Born in Dyer County.

Bell, R. A. - Died 25 Feb 1909 of unknown cause. White male, single, aged 35 years, 8 months, 4 days. Farmer. Born in Dyer County.

Bowen, Wm. E. - Died 3 Jun 1909 of fever. Black male, aged 21 years, single, farmer. Born in Dyer County.

Smith, Geo. W. - Died 23 Oct 1908 of consumption. White male, aged 21 years, single, farmer. Born in Dyer County.


Messer, William D. - Died 9 Mar 1909 of consumption. White male, married, aged 38 years, farmer. Born in Chester County.


Jones, Geo. W. - Died 5 Mar 1909 of rheumatic heart. White male, married, aged 35. Born in Crockett County.


Rollan, Glen Hawkins - Died 2 Nov 1908 of consumption. White male, aged 7 years. Born in Lauderdale County.


Smyrnley, Thomas Elbert - Died 18 Dec 1908 of pneumonia. White male, single, aged 50 years, 7 months, 3 days. Farmer. Born in Crockett County.

Golden, Harry E. - Died 20 Sep 1908 of heart problem. White male, aged 23 days. Born in Dyer County.

Hollaid [first name not given] - Died 21 Nov 1908 of fever. White male, aged 2 months. Born in Dyer County.

Brassfield [first name not given] - Died 3 June 1909 of unknown cause. White female, aged 2 days. Born in Dyer County.

Flowers, Edgar P. - Died 2 Sep 1908 of cholera. White male, aged 1 month. Born in Dyer County.


Ellis, Sam - Died in Sep 1909 in Kentucky of c. chill. White male, aged 10 years. Born in Kentucky.

Infant of D. T. Young - Died 18 Sep 1908 of unknown cause. White female, aged 4 days. Born in Dyer County.

Infant of J. T. Daniels - Died in Apr 1909 of pneumonia. White male, aged 2 months. Born in Dyer County.

Davis, Irvin - Died 11 Sep 1908 of consumption. White male, aged 4 years. Born in Dyer County.


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<td>Ferguson, Dav</td>
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<td>Scales, Mrs. T. J.</td>
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<td>Dyersburg</td>
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**School District 4**

**Unincorporated Area in District 4**

**Sawyers, Vertie B.** | Died 6 Jan 1909 | Dyer County of consumption      | Dyersburg              | White female, married, aged 17 years. Born in Gibson County.                          |
| Neely, Susan | Died 13 Jul 1909 | Dyer County of old age          | Dyersburg              | White female, single, aged 87 years. Born in South Carolina.                          |
| Jenkins, Ollie | Died 29 Aug 1908 | Dyer County of pneumonia        | Dyersburg              | White female, aged 1 year. Born in Dyer County.                                      |
| Richards, James Henry | Died 13 Jun 1909 | Dyer County of pneumonia        | Dyersburg              | White female, aged 1 year. Born in Dyer County.                                      |
| Pugh, Martha C. | Died 27 Feb 1909 | Dyer County of consumption      | Dyersburg              | White female, single, aged 43 years. Born in Wilson County.                           |
| Palmer, Georgia Bell | Died in child birth 3 Jul 1909 | Dyer County of old age          | Dyersburg              | White female, married, aged 32 years. Born in Dyer County.                            |
| Vincent, Annie Bell | Died 27 Oct 1908 | Dyer County of diarrhea         | Dyer County             | White female, aged 1 year. Born in Dyer County.                                      |
| Adams, Gerter | Died 5 Jun 1909 | Dyer County of m. fever         | Dyer County             | Black female, aged 1 year. Born in Dyer County.                                      |
| Moore, Sawney | Died 11 Jul 1909 | Dyer County of m. fever         | Dyer County             | Black male, single, aged 70 years. Born in Murfreesboro, Tenn.                        |
| Tucker, Martha | Died 1 Jun 1909 | Dyer County of cancer           | Dyer County             | Black female, single, aged 72. Born in Dyer County.                                  |
| Noel, Allen | Died 7 Oct 1908 | Dyer County of rheumatism       | Dyer County             | White male, married, aged 32. Born Gibson County.                                    |
| Pruitt, M. E. | Died 20 Nov 1909 | Dyer County of paralysis        | Dyer County             | White female, single, aged 68. Born Carroll County.                                  |
| Frith, Aaron | Killed 2 May 1909 | Dyer County of                 | Dyer County             | Black male, aged 18 years. Born in Dyer County.                                      |
| Ferguson, Ry Lee | Died 4 Jul 1909 | Dyer County of consumption      | Dyer County             | Black female, aged 3 years. Born Dyer County.                                        |
Decatur County Vital Statistics

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NOTE: Entry #21483 is death of unnamed (or name unknown) infant. Parents' names not given.

#21484 - Infant Bingham - Died 4 June 1909 in School District 1 of unknown cause. White female, aged 2 years 3 mos.

#21485 - Willie Gathing - Died 4 Feb 1909 in School District 1 of unknown cause. White female, aged 2 years 3 months.

#21486 - Avie Montgomery - Died 17 Jan 1909 in District 1of spinal problem. White female, aged 2 years.

#21487 - Hubert Mays - Died 12 Jul 1908 in District 1 of unknown cause. White male, aged 10 months. Born in Decatur County.

#21489 - Infant Lomax - Died 2 Mar 1912 of unknown cause. White male; age not given. Born in Decatur County.

#21490 - Jeffry Dunavant - Died 24 Apr 1912 in District 4 of "swelling." White female, aged 3 years. Born in Decatur County.


#21492 - Ola Elliott - Died 16 Dec 1911 in District 4 of nerve trouble. White female, married, aged 37. Born in Decatur County.


#21494 - Alton Meggs - Died 12 Feb 1914 in District 4 of pneumonia. White male, aged 9 months. Born in Decatur County.

#21495 - Willie Hobbs - Died 6 Dec 1911 in District 4 of pneumonia. White male, aged 1 year 6 months. Born in Decatur County.

#21496 - Bettie Laster - Died 15 Dec 1911 in District 4 of dropsy. White female, married, aged 65. Born in Warren County.


#21498 - Jewel Montgomery - Died 23 Jul 1910 in Decatur County of unknown cause. White female, aged 3 hours. Born in Henderson County.

#21499 - John P. Clemney - Died 4 Jan 1911 in District 10 of scarlet fever. White male, aged 4 months. Born in Decatur County.


#21503 - Infant Jones - Died 14 Jan 1912 in District 4 of unknown cause. White female, age 1 day. Born in Decatur County.


#21506 - ___ Wheeler - Died 10 May 1910 in District 10 of unknown cause. White male. Marital status and age unknown.

#21507 - Razie Sawry - Died 19 Dec 1909 in District 10 of convulsion. Black female, aged 2 years. Born in District 10.

#21508 - Sam Sawry - Died 7 May 1910 in District 10 of consumption. Black male, married, aged 74 years. Farmer. Born in Henderson County.


#21510 - S. D. Mays - Died 26 Jul 1911 at Parsons of flux. White male, aged 10 months. Born at Parsons.


#21512 - Mary K. Rummage - Died 15 June 1911 at Parsons of consumption. White female, married, aged 30 years. Born at Parsons.


#21514 - Clem Jones - Died 31 Mar 1910 in District 10 of pneumonia. White female, married, aged 30 years. Born in Henderson County.

#21515 - (Unidentified infant, aged 1 hour.)

#21516 - Infant Blanton - Died 6 Feb 1909 in Parsons following premature birth. Black male, aged one-half day.

#21517 - Clabern Sullivan - Died 17 Dec 1908 in Parsons of hives. White male, aged 26 days. Born in Parsons.
Joking Between Two Old Friends
In Tipton County Ends in Bloodshed

What started out as friendly bantering about taking the oath of allegiance ended tragically in Tipton County in the fall of 1863.

According to newspaper accounts in the Memphis Bulletin and the Nashville Union, two of the county's oldest and most respectable citizens -- A. W. Smith, a former probate judge, and Isaac Bledsoe -- were sitting on the porch of the Townsend House in Covington on 30 Sep when they began to kid each other about taking the oath. The two, who were considered the best of friends, had both been within the federal lines and both strenuously denied having taken the oath.

They chatted good humoredly for some time and then Smith reportedly made some remarks that offended Bledsoe, who rose to his feet and declared he would slap Smith. When Bledsoe carried out his threat, Smith drew his knife and thrust it in Bledsoe's thigh, severing the femoral artery, and then struck him in the side. Bledsoe died the next day.

Blountsville Destruction Reported

Most of Blountsville has been reduced to ashes, the Memphis Appeal reported 13 Oct 1863. The paper, then published in Atlanta, had gleaned some particulars of the federal raid on the Sullivan County town from The British Advocate. Those whose homes and effects were consumed included W. W. James, John Powell, J. Fain, Sr., Dr. N. G. Dulaney, E. P. Cawood, Rev. N. G. Baldwin, Mrs. Martha Rhea, F. L. Rumgardner, and Maj. J. G. Evans. The courthouse and jail also were burned.
WOODSIDE: Seeking more info on Robert and Jane A. Woodside family who migrated to Dyer County before 1850 from N.C. Dyer 1850 census shows Jane (b. 1804) a widow with these children: R. A. (Robt.), b. 1828; J. E., b. 1830; M. M., b. 1833; A. M., b. 1836; and P. C., b. 1838. Arnaudia M. Woodside (b. 1836) m. Frances Montgomery 3 Oct 1860 in Dyer. Their children: A. T., b. 1862; J. S., b. 1865; Robt. F., b. 1866; Thos. M., b. 1869; and A. Jane, b. 1874. Frances m. (2) Kendrick Woods 13 Dec 1876 in Crockett Co. Another A. M. Woodside, b. 1799, was living near Jane’s family in 1860. His wife Janie (b. 1804), children M. M., b. 1833, and P. C., b. 1839. His family and Robert and Jane’s family appear to have same names or initials. I am trying determine if one or two Woodside families migrated to Dyer.

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COCKE (COX): Seeking info on John D. Cocke (Cox), son of Solomon D. Cocke, grandson of Henry, Jr., and Lucy (Terrell) Cocke; great-grandson of Henry, Sr., and Katherin Holt Cocke (Cox).

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PHOTO RESOURCES: Am trying to find a picture of my grandfather, Emerson Bodkin of Humboldt who d. in 1930s. He founded the Bodkin Funeral Home there. The Boone Co. (Mo.) Historical Society here in Columbia has a wonderful collection of negatives taken by early local photographers. It’s indexed and you can request copies. Does Gibson County or adjacent counties have such a resource?

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QUINN, FERGUSON: Catherine Quinn m. Henry Ferguson in 1839 in New Orleans. Their son, William Henry Ferguson, was born in La. in 1840. By mid-1840s, family was in Shelby County where Henry and Catherine are listed as witnesses on some birth, marriage, and will records. I believe these to be somehow related to Catherine. St. Mary’s Cathedral shows records of marriage and births (children) of Bridget (Quinn) Maroney, and Mary Maria (Quinn) Leman. Catherine’s brother was Thomas Quinn who married Martha Guthrie. Thomas, Henry, and Catherine are buried at Elmwood.

Clarence P. Russell
506 Peterson Lake Road
Collierville, TN 38017-1843

COOK, REED: Check 1870 census (Roane?) for a Jacob Michael Cook, b. ca. 1815. I think he was m. to Nancy Reed.

Helen Hyatt Spillers
606 Lindsey St.
Reidsville, NC 27320-3614

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PATTERSON: Would like to contact and share genealogy research on Patterson of York Acquisition District, S. C., abt. 1770 - 1790. Wish to prove a Revolutionary soldier.

Mrs. John R. Barnett
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Bellaire, TX 77401-4203

DOUGHERTY, HERBERT: John Dougherty was in Franklin Co., Tenn., 1812-1840. Was he the same John Dougherty (wife Catherine Anne) who was in business with Nathaniel Herbert in Huntsville, Madison Co., Ala., in 1819? Will exchange Dougherty data.

Henrietta B. Cragon
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Dallas, TX 75243-4168

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CEMETERY ADDRESS SOUGHT: Seeking burial site, gravestone dates and info for Frederick Turner, b. 12 May 1762, d. 4 Aug 1829, possibly Smith County. He was married to Mary “Polly” Jones, b. 28 Oct 1762, d. 9 Jan 1829 (Smith Co.?). Between June 1793 and Oct 1799, they moved from Craven Co., N.C., to area that became Smith Co., Tenn.

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BURNETT, GORDON: Continue to search in 1800 time frame for parents of two of my female Tennessee ancestors: (1) Cynthia Burnett, daughter of Lewis Burnett (m. Hoskins and Miller), and (2) Elizabeth Gordon, probably daughter of John and Elizabeth Gordon (m. Downing).

Robert A. Fetters
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fetters@bright.net

EVANS: Seeking family of Caroline Evans, b. 6 Dec 1831 Tenn., m. Asa Hurley 1848; d. 16 Dec 1916 in McNairy County. It is said that Caroline was an orphan and was raised by the Strawn family.

Evelyn D. Sigler
5903 Island Forty Road
Memphis, TN 38127-1650
MARY JONES: Married Abraham Vandeventer abt. 1773. Abraham d. bef. 1837 in Sullivan County. Who were Mary's parents? Was her father Isiah Jones? When and where did Mary die?

John Silliman
126 Mountain Rd.
West Hartford, CT 06107-2916

NEILL, PRICE: Would like info on John Neill family listed in 1830 Tipton County census. Also seeking info on Wilkes A. Price who m. Mary Harriet Neill.

Peggy Neill
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SMEDLEY: Researching William Smedley. Believe he migrated to Bedford County by 1812 with families of Burditt, DeLoach, Hart, King, and Rainey. William was in White County in 1820 and McMinn County in 1830. Lived in Georgia and Alabama with or near Indians. In 1860 was back in Tenn., living in Bradley County.

Betty Nelson McDougald
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GOFORTH: Am trying to connect my g-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Goforth, b. 1846 Ballard Co., Ky., to family of Wm. G. Goforth listed in 1850 Wayne Co., Tenn., census. Thomas m. (1) Eley Elizara Wicks in Ky., 1866, (2) Rhoda Nice Caroline Staggs in Lauderdale Co., Tenn., 1868, (3) Amanda Smith in Dyer Co., 1879, and (4) Josephine Clementine Cannon Allen in Dyer Co., 1881. Believe Thomas' father may have been Wm. Goforth, b. ca. 1802 Tenn., son of Zachariah Goforth, but can't make connection.

Barbara (Goforth) Fitzwater
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RAINES, HUE: Seeking parents of John Wesley Raines (b. 1839 Tenn.) and Mary Jane Hue (b. 1846 Tenn.). John and Mary Jane m. in Paris, Henry Co., Tenn., 11 Feb 1864. Both died in Henry Co. bef. 1900. John is in household of Lewis Davis (minister who m. them) in 1850 & 1860 Henry County censuses. Cannot locate Mary Jane in Tenn. in 1850. Is she perhaps in Miss.? Both are listed with their children in 1870 & 1880 Henry Co. censuses.

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LARK, FRENSELY, VERNON: Looking for info on Dennis Lark's parents. Dennis b. abt. 1776 in Va.; d. in Rutherford Co., Tenn., 1851; m. Nancy Vernon abt. 1807. They had two children: (1) Lucinda, b. 1808 Rutherford Co., m. Charles Alford Frenseley in Rutherford Co. in 1825, d. 1836; (2) Winny Lark, b. 1812.

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SIMERLY: Seeking info on father of William Simerly, b. 1850 in Carter County. Mother was Nancy Simerly; grandfather Henry Simerly. William's father possibly Cherokee Indian.

Carol Basile
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TRADER: Col. William H. Trader, CSA, moved to Shelby County in 1850. Father died 1860 (Winchester?). Moved to Ark. 1860. In Ark. 1st Battalion, Trader's State Cavalry. In 1865 was back in Memphis. With Schoolfield, Hanauer & Co., grocer and cotton firm. Any additional info available?

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PEWIT(T), WRIGHT: Seeking descendants of Thomas Pewit(t) who was in Perry County in 1840. Believe most of them ended up in Lauderdale County. Thomas' sister, Winna, m. a Wright. Does anyone have any info on their children - Louisa, Hubbard, Wiley, Laura, and Franklin?

Hal Pewit
909 Cottonwood
Woodland, GA 30695-4314

BELEW, WHITE: Hunting for George Belew and wife, Sarah White Belew, who migrated from South Carolina to Roane County about 1840.

Elsie D. Yoder
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LAYROCK: Sandy Layrock is listed in Tallahatchie, Miss., in 1870 census. Am in need of info prior to 1870. Sandy was a black male.

Curis L. Dillhunt
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Memphis, TN 38133-0900

CARREL: Am looking for the father of my g-g-grandfather, Robert Carrel, who married Sally Cochran on 24 Dec 1811 in Sumner County. I have an account of their son, James Carrel (1813-1870) in A History of Cuba, Tenn., pp. 108-109. Sumner County 1820 census lists a James Carrel on Page 6, so I am eager to get names of other adults -- perhaps in a will, deed, or some other document in Sumner or adjoining county -- as this household may be "my" Carrels.

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JOHNSON/JOHNSTON: Searching for info on Gregory Johnson or Johnston, b. in Virginia; living in Williamson Co., Tenn., in 1850.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33405-2541
MOOR/ MOORE, HILL, SCANTLING: Seeking info regarding parents, siblings, and family members of John Moor/Moore who left and died 12 Mar 1804 in Jefferson County. It mentions wife (name?), son-in-law John Hill, son John, and daughters Sarah and Mary. Did Sarah m. John Scantling in 1806 in Jefferson County? Is she the widow Sarah Scantling shown in 1820 Floyd Co., Ind., census?

Jean Garren
2204 W. Moss
W. Peoria, IL 61604-5444

KNOTT, MARTIN: Seeking data on Henry E. Knott and Camilla Martin, parents of Katherine "Kate" Knott, who was b. 5 June 1854 in Bradford, Tenn.

Nita Walker Raybourn
207 Wilshire Lane
Newark, DE 19713

FORTUNE: Who was Edmond Fortune? Letters 1890-1910 to him from daughters Beatrix and Gertrude Edwina in Catholic boarding schools in Memphis and Sewanee indicate he was probably divorced, mining engineer, traveled extensively. His mother was alive in California in 1897.

Joan Vickers
110 Pine Meadows Loop
Hot Springs, AR 71901-8229

RUSSELL: Seeking info on parents of Christopher Marion Russell, b. 22 Nov 1842 in Stewart County. Parents were Tillman Gates Russell and Martha Hogan. Family in Williamson Co., Ill., by 1855

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Charlotte W. Williams
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Memphis, TN 38181

SCARBROUGH: Need info on deaths of Gilbert Scarbrough, b. 1st Oct 1894 in White County, and his sister, Anna, b. 1895, married a Miller. They were children of Geo. Monroe Scarbrough. May have gone to Kentucky.

John E. Scarbrough
701 Fairview Avenue
Murfreesboro, TN 37130


Hilton Robinson
2018 Trailwood
Burleson, TX 76028

ROBERTS: Seek descendants and info on Stephen R. Roberts, b. in Pa. 1793, lived in Sumner Co., Tenn., ca. 1811-1834; moved to Washington Co., Tex., ca. 1834. Still there in 1850 Texas census.

Linda Shafer Myers
404 Sango Road
Clarksville, TN 37043-5406

HOLDEN, PACE: Looking for info on Eli Holden, b. ca. 1831 in Middle Tenn., probably lived in or near Bedford County. Married Sarah L. Pace in Dec 1850 in Bedford; had a son, William Charles Holden, b. 1855. They moved to Muhlenberg Co., Ky., by 1860.

Patrick Holden
6331 Rue Sophie
San Antonio, TX 78238-1533

BEATY: Will share info on Dr. Abel E. Beaty, b. 1828 Tenn., d. 1890 in Memphis, m. Mary Lucinda Bond (b. 1837 Tenn., d. 1878 Shelby County).

Nina Sadler Bell
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STEVEN/S/TRENBURGH/SEAS: Seeking info on John Stevens/Stephens, b. ca. 1776, possibly Wake Co., N.C., d. 12 May 1831, Bedford Co., Tenn. Had son, Josiah, by 1st wife (name unknown) whom he m. ca. 1796 in N.C. Josiah b. there 3 Nov 1801, then removed to Gibson Co., Tenn. John m. second time to Martha A. Gulley ca. 1820.

Grace L. Magione
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St. Charles, MO 63304-1437

CALVERT, MURRAY: James Calvert lived in McMinn County, m. Kizzie Murray in 1906. He lived with William Calvert and his mother, Martha Peacock Calvert. Don't know if he was adopted by William. The Calverts were neighbors of Gilbert Murray and Mathilda Fitch Murray. They lived in Pond Hill area.

Yvonne Young
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BRUTON, ROLAND: Need data on family of James B. Bruton (b. ca. 1847, d. 8 Feb 1875), lived in Bedford and Lincoln counties. Wife: Nancy A. Roland. Children: Nancy Edna (b. ca. 1864), Mary F. (b. ca. 1866), Susie E. (b. 25 Mar 1868, m. [Harvey], Catherine C. (b. 25 Jan 1872, m. Whitworth), and James (b. ca. 1874).

Kenneth Bruton
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Sherman, TX 75092-8601

HOON, ODOM: Who were parents of Annie E. Odom (Odum, Odem, Oden) who was b. in Obion County 1879 or earlier? When did Annie d. and where is she buried? She m. Frank B. Hoon 1st Jul 1897 in Mississippi Co., Mo. He d. 23 Apr 1931 in Memphis, buried at Elmwood. Daughters Gracie and Rosa both still in Memphis in early 1940s. Rosa m. Charles Enoch Bruce in Memphis.

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BLACK: Need any info on William, Nelson, or James W. Black who came to “frontier” (W. Tenn.) from N.C. in 1830s. Was Sterling Monroe Black the S. M. Black who later was in Chester County and at Bell Station, Crockett Co., in 1880? Also need James W.’s parents and first wife. He m. (2) Nancy C. Alston in Fayette County 1848, d. there 1861. Daughter Mary Elizabeth “Bettie” Black m. (1) Col. John W. Evans, (2) James Harvey Norvell, both of Crockett Co.

Mrs. James C. Sinclair
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Memphis, TN 38117

GREEN: Am trying to locate family of Able Nelson Green who was b. in Tennessee in 1815, lived in Tishomingo Co., Miss., d. in Wise Co., Va. It is probable that he had a brother named Willis Green.

Marjorie Green
8093 Cinders Road
Bartlett, TN 38133-2021

CAPPs, MoulTTON: Would like info on Benjamin Capps and Sally Moulton who m. in Davidson County in early 1800s. Was his mother Dinah Spence/Spencer Kennedy Vick?

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WAGGONER: Will appreciate info on parents of Daniel Waggonner (b. 1815 Tenn.) or his wife Cassandra McFarland (b. 1826 Lincoln Co.) whom he m. in Benton Co. 1842. Suspect the Daniel Waggonner, Sr., listed in 1850 Benton Co. census as aged 65, b. N.C., could be his father or grandfather. Family moved to Missouri after 1850 census. Known ancestor: Joshua Christopher Waggonner, b. 1853, Barton Co., Mo.

Betty Branch Waggonner
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Imboden, AR 72434

LEWIS: Who were parents of Henry H. Lewis b. in N.C. 5 Dec 1809? He m. Celia Ford in Caswell Co., N.C., on 28 Dec 1825; d. in Loudon Co., Tenn., on 6 Oct 1868.

Jane S. Buckner
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Salem Creek, TN 37373

CARTWRIGHT: I believe my ancestor Kezzi Cartwright (b. N.C.) m. Levi B. Anderson (b. 1794) in Tenn. — either Haywood, Tipton, or Lauderdale County. One daughter b. in Lauderdale. They moved to Clay Co., Ill., but can find nothing on them after 1860 Illinois census. They have just vanished. Did they move back to Tennessee? Any help appreciated.

Virginia Angle Buttes
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BILLINGSLEY: I am searching for anyone related to Calvin Billingsley or his brothers, John William, Elias Young or David Crockett Billingsley, all of Marshall Co., Miss.

Dixie W. Avey
1021 Huntington Place
Heber Springs, AR 72543

SEAY, HOWELL: Help! I've searched 22 years for parents of Andrew Jackson Seay, b. Sep 1830 Tenn. or Ala., m. Mary A. Howelv in Oregon Co., Mo., in 1852. After living 40 years in Izard Co., Ark., he d. Apr 1910 in Mobeetie, Wheeler Co., Tex. Not found on any 1850 census. Josiah Seay (his brother or uncle?) on 1850 Overton Co., Tenn., census, then to Mo. by 1853.

Frances Dodd Intravia
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North Las Vegas, NV 89030-5419


Sandra Austin
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LOYD/LLOYD: Need info on Loyd/Lloyd family of Hardin County ca. 1850-1860.

Sunny C. Daily
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Pittsburg, TX 75686-7659

VAN HOOK, BLEDSOE: Need info on marriage of John Henry Van Hook and Sarah Ann Bledsoe in Shelby County in 1844. Sarah Ann was daughter of Benjamin Bledsoe and Permelia Grimes from Fayette, Ky.

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BUNCH: Anyone researching Joseph Bunch? He came from Va. to S.C. in 1800, then to Tenn. in 1810 was in Grainger Co., in 1815 Dickson County where he died. Any help on this family appreciated.

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Waldorf, MD 20603-5902

NELSON, PEACH: Looking for any info on Benjamin H. Nelson and spouse, Frances Peach, both born in England. They were in Alabama between 1835-1849. Don’t know county, but they had two girls — Emma (b. 1843) and Sarah (b. 1845).

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janesjones@aol.com

WILSON: Looking for descendants of John Wilson, son of Marion Wilson, husband of America Lyons, d. in Memphis.

Scott F. Wilson
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Millington, TN 38053

IF YOUR QUERY didn’t appear in this issue, look for it in the next one!
Brenda Glennie  
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is looking for any info on these Humphreys County surnames:  
- Batton  
- Knighton

Emilie Esmonde  
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esmonde@lightstream.net  
is researching these names:  
- Jones  
- Pressley

Ogie J. Lawson  
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South Bend, IN 46614-5857  
ogiej29@msn.com  
is researching the families of  
- Robertson Meadows (1800-1884), Lauderdale County  
- Allred family names:  
- Webb  
- Jenkins  
- Childress  
- Carson

Joseph Mitola  
18 Saw Mill Rd.  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724  
is researching these names:  
- John R. Farmer  
- James W. Boyd  
- Ralph Fletcher

Russell P. Baker  
525 Magnolia Drive  
Mabelvale, AR 72103  
is researching these surnames:  
- Spence - in Madison, Haywood, Dyer counties  
- Baker - in Hickman, Maury, and Lawrence counties  
- Standridge - anywhere, any time

Marion Laster  
709 Holt Lane  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
welcomes contacts on:  
- Forrester, Dunaway, and Reeves families – Hickman and Humphreys counties  
- Herring, Lynn, Wherry, Redditt, Scott, and Jones families and descendants – Shelby County

Gloria Ferguson Jones  
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Memphis, TN 38104-5810  
is looking for information on:  
- McArthur Clark – b. 18 Jul 1821 Ky.; served in Union Cavalry, Mo.; m. Elizabeth Asbell, b. 10 Nov 1827, Ky.; had 10 children  

Grace Uspshaw  
368 Greenway Place  
Memphis, TN 38117  
is interested in the following surnames:  
- Hall  
- Irby  
- Bruce  
- George  
- Somers  
- Allen  
- Woods  
- Thomas  
- Tomlinson  
- Hamilton  
- McCain/McKeen

Virginia Beach Jimenez  
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will be happy to exchange info on:  
- Hammer  
- Cannon  
- Taylor  
- Otwell  
- Churchwell  
- Gosselin  
- Wall/Walls

Jeri L. Corbitt  
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is researching the following families in Tennessee:  
- Elisha Corbitt & Mary Gann, Hamilton Co., 1790-1850s. Am particularly curious about a Tyner Corbitt in Hamilton ca. 1830s.  
- Isaac Curry & Fannie Hayes, Hamilton & Jefferson Co., 1800-1850s  
- John Jamagin & Mary Smith, Grainger Co., 1790-1810

Hazel J. (Southall) Hayes  
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is researching these surnames:  
- Southall  
- Hughes  
- Grooms  
- Allen  
- Berry  
- Kuykendall  
- Martin  
- Smith  
- Landrum  
- Highfill  
- Roberts

Anne S. Cole  
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is in search of info on:  
- Donelson, John  
- Cole  
- Sharp  
- Turner  
- Austin  
- Bybee

Betty L. Russell (Mrs. Wm. H.)  
318 S. Iron St.  
Ironton, MO 63650-1403  
is searching for information on her Tennessee connections:  
- Carson  
- Houston  
- Lackey/Lacki  
- Long  
- Rice  
- Scoby  
- Sprinkle  
- Thomson/Thompson

Theodore B. “Tim” Sloan  
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Covington, TN 38016-3334  
is researching these names:  
- Bradford - Sumner Co., Tenn.  
- Mobley - Tenn. & Ark.  
and the following in South Carolina:  
- Sloan  
- Quarles  
- Woodward  
- Simmons  
- Harrison

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Status Report On Some Gold-Prospecting Tennesseans Is Received in Memphis

An update on some Tennesseans participating in the California Gold Rush in 1850 was published in The Memphis Daily Enquirer of 28 Jan 1851.

The news came in a letter dated 14 Dec 1850 from San Francisco and written by Col. W. W. Gift to Henry Van Pelt, senior editor of The Enquirer.

Gift wrote that he had traveled some 8,000 to 10,000 miles in the previous six to eight months, visiting numerous mining districts. He found the mines near the Valley country had been well worked and predicted that men working in that area in the future would not average making more than $4 a day. Gift said he believed great hauls would be made in the mountains some 300 miles above San Francisco in the future.

Reporting on fellow Tennesseans he had seen during his travels, Gift wrote: "Our worthy friend and fellow townsman, William H. Lauderdale, died here on the 3rd inst. of typhoid fever. His father was up in the mines and as yet is not apprised of his son’s death. Dr. Wheaton is here, also Charles Stewart and son, John McKeon and Mr. Houston. Robert Anderson and young Wyatt have left for Stockton where they will meet Major Wyatt."

"H. H. Means is at Stockton. I received a letter from him yesterday, [he is] well [as is] his son."

"William M. Perkins is here [and] well, with a dary [dairy?] making money. Jo. Dun is here with Morgan in the auction business and it promises well. James Rich, Jr., is here in a good practice. Jesse D. Carr is here and has made a large fortune. Some say $200,000; it is very large — make no mistake."

"Ben Dowel has been here but left; Dr. Curtis and brother are at Sacramento, Calif.; both well. Major Gillis is in the mines doing very well, better than any of his Tennessee friends."

In a letter dated 24 Jan 1851 from the House of Assembly in San Jose, Calif., and published in the Memphis paper 17 March, Col. Gift wrote enthusiastically about the “beauty and splendor” of California that he had seen during the previous six months.

“This land may well be entitled the ‘Italy of America,” he declared.

Gift also reported he was employed as sergeant-at-arms of the California House at a salary of $20 per day.

The Enquirer carried a story in its issue of 6 Feb 1851 stating that Dr. Joseph Stout and William Stewart of Nashville had drowned in the sinking of the steamer John Adams. They were on their way home from California."

Capt. Garrett Dies

Died at his residence on Trigg Avenue [Memphis] 23 Jul 1885, Capt. Silas S. Garrett, aged 49. He resided in the city for a number of years, during which time he was captain of police. On 15 Nov 1889 he was appointed local inspector of steamboat hulls, and was elected supervising inspector of the 6th District, with headquarters at Memphis. It was at the house of his uncle in Virginia that the assassin Booth was killed. Garrett leaves two daughters and a son. One daughter, Mrs. Pearsall, who has two children, resided with him on Trigg. His other daughter is the wife of Harry Bahler, the scenic artist formerly of this city but now of Chicago. His son Charles, about 17, resided with his father.
An 1845 Puzzler —

What Became of the German Immigrants
Stranded on Mississippi River’s Island 65?

The waters of the Mississippi River have covered over what used to be
known as Island 65 not far from Memphis ... but contradictory stories remain about an unusual incident that took
place in the area more than a century and a half ago.

In its edition of 19 Dec 1845, the American Eagle, published at Fort Pickering, carried “a card” or notice that
read as follows:

TO THE PUBLIC
Mississippi River, Island No. 65

Monday, 16 Dec 1845

We the undersigned German passengers on board the Steamboat Independence commanded
by Capt. James O’Hara, on her upward trip from New Orleans to St. Louis on Monday, the
15th day of December, were put on shore after having paid our passage as evidenced by our sev-
eral receipts for the same (care was taken however not to name the Steamboat or the Captain but
the Clerk only) at Island 65 under the pretense of lightening the Steamer, said bar being difficult to
pass in consequence of low water, with directions from the Captain to proceed above the bar and
there wait for the boat where she would stop and take us all on board again.

After having been landed and proceeded to the point designated, we ran after the boat and gave
signal of our desires and condition and, to our astonishment and grief, we were left upon this de-
sole bar, destitute of provisions, destitute of friends, speaking a foreign language, and exposed to
the inclemency of cold weather; spending the freezing night of the 15th in the open air on the
beach of the Mississippi without food or covering. But was this all? No! The husband was sepa-
rated from his wife, the father from his little children. When we were directed to go on shore for
the purpose above stated, some of our company were returned on the independence and by their
not stopping to take us in as promised, the separation took place as above stated. There were in all
about 100 in number of passengers landed on the beach and in view of bettering our forlorn and
starving conditions, we separated into several parties, some wandering in one direction, some in
another, and what has been the fate of our unfortunate friends we are unable to say.

We the undersigned remained on the beach all night. On the morning of the 16th inst. to our
inexpressible joy, we perceived a steamer approaching us from below; we hailed the noble
Empress and her gallant commander, W. F. Mix, promptly responded to our signal by sending
his small boat for us which conveyed us on board where we were welcomed and our wants
abundantly supplied.

STEINBURGER
HULSMAN
KELLERMAN
KLEINSHNEIT
SHULTZ
STEINBURGER
STEINBURGER

The immigrants’ story was verified by passengers on another steamboat who ran a “card” in the same issue. It
reads:

1 Now known as Jackson Point near Helena, Ark.

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"We the passengers on board the Steamboat Empress, commanded by Capt. W. F. Mix, bounded from New Orleans to Cincinnati, take great pleasure in stating the following facts as they came under our immediate observation:

On the morning of the 16th inst. about 9 o'clock, we were hailed by seven persons on the beach of the Mississippi just above Island 65 to which signal Capt. Mix responded by sending his small boat on shore to take them in. When they arrived on board, they proved to be seven Germans consisting of five men and two women (after being interrogated by one on board who spoke the German language fluently) narrated their piteous [experience?] and their distress to the Captain. He to his immortal credit immediately rounded to and proceeded to the point designated by the Germans (being by this time several miles above the point where the seven were taken in) in search of the remainder of the unfortunate persons. After having arrived at the point designated, he fired several signal guns and waited a considerable time in hopes of being able to hear something of the unfortunate people. But to his great regret, he was compelled to leave without having it in his power to afford that relief of which he would have been proud.

"Would we be going too far or saying too much when we, with one accord, give utterance to the fact that Capt. Mix gave the strongest evidence upon this heart-rendering occasion that he possessed a heart embodying within itself all those noble and generous feelings which characterize a high-minded and honorable man and worthy model to command an Empress!

J. B. Westert C. Boans G. Oberdink D. Baker N. Lapp C. Grun
J. B. Hoyt W. Brindyke H. Brinkhoff H. Mns Holt J. Copp J. Bloomel
E. Lytkenhof Ann M. Duhue A. Stratman F. Smith A. B. Lindy W. Schon
T. R. Davidson A. Petibone R. Walker W. F. Larkin S. W. Case M. Casey
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T. Herren A. Harny"

The Eagle reported that, in corroboration of the above, Mr. E. H. Sheppard, who was on the Independence bound for Memphis, also was induced to leave the boat with a mule and he, too, went to the point where the Captain told him he would take them on board again and even chased the boat seven miles on shore, but to no avail. The paper concluded: "What has become of the poor German emigrants, no one knows. Wholly ignorant of the country; they doubtless wandered into the wilderness in hopes of finding settlements; and that many of them have perished with starvation and cold, there can be but little doubt. The Independence is a slow miserable boat and we were at the river Tuesday evening when she arrived at this place. She had on board a great many Germans who were huddling around the butcher's block buying meat as if really famished and attracted great notice for their eagerness to get food; we did not then know of their condition."

In a few weeks, Capt. O'Harra contacted the paper after having seen the article. The Eagle reported 30 Jan 1846 that O'Harra had published a statement "entirely to our satisfaction," vindicating himself from all charges made against him and that a passenger on board corroborated the vindication in a published statement. [Unfortunately, two issues of the paper are missing from the microfilm and the statements of O'Hara and his corroborating passenger must have been in one of them.]

In its 30 Jan account, The Eagle said the Germans who signed the charge against the captain had been "ignorantly led" as to inhuman conduct on Capt. O'Harra's part and further adds: "The Captain states that he did land some 100 Germans on the lower end of the Island and all of them -- with the exception of the few who signed the statement sent to us for publication -- were taken on board his boat again at the upper end of the island. These few -- instead of passing to the head of the island with the others -- did not do so and were consequently left and supposing the others had wandered off into the wilderness to freeze and starve published the statement denouncing the captain. O'Harra also said that neither Sheppard nor his jackass were passengers on the boat."

The story doesn't end there, however. On 5 Feb, The Eagle did an about-face following a visit from Sheppard himself and ran this statement: "No gentleman stands higher for unimpeachable veracity and uprightness than Egbert H. Sheppard, Esq., of Haywood County. He is known by hundreds of Memphis citizens and ... having had an interview with Mr. Sheppard, we are now satisfied that Capt. O'Harra is not as free from the charges alleged against him as we had supposed ..." The paper reported that Sheppard was in the process of getting certificates from passengers on board The Independence showing that O'Harra did behave very badly toward his passengers and had told several falsehoods in his statement.

Whether Sheppard obtained the certificates is not known, but apparently those involved decided to let the matter drop. No further stories on the subject were found in The Eagle."
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"Twas the first day of the census, and all through the land,
Each pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.

He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride,
His book and his quills were tucked by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there,
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.

The woman seemed tired, with lines on her face,
And wisps of brown hair tucked back into place.

She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table,
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.

He asked her of children, Yes, she had quite a few...
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not yet two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.

She noted each person who lived there with pride,
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age ...  
The marks of the quill soon filled up the page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head ...  
And felt her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth, she ... “never forgot,”
Was it Georgia? Or Alabama? Or what?

They had come cross the sea, of that she was clear,  
But she wasn’t quite sure how long they’d been here.

... They spoke of employment, of schooling and such,
They could read and write some, but really not much.

When the questions were answered, his job there was done,
So he mounted his horse and rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear,
“May God bless you all for another ten years.”

Now picture a time warp ... it’s now you and me,
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow,
As we search for “THAT ENTRY” from long, long ago.

Could they ever imagine on that long ago day,
That the entries they made would affect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearnings we feel,
And the searching that makes them so lovingly real?

Would they understand our efforts, our struggles,
To reach back to touch them because they are ours?

Hush now a while, we can hear if we listen the words they impart,
“Our blood’s in your veins, and our love’s in your hearts.”

-Author Unknown

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