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Editor's Musings

Jenny Miller

We, at the Tennessee Genealogical Society, want to remind everyone again to mark their calendars and reserve Saturday, October 8th, 2005 for the incredibly educational seminar featuring Cyndi Howells. You will find the full bio and registration form for Cyndi’s seminar on page fifty.

We do hope to see you at this seminar that is to be held at the Memphis-Shelby County Public Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Please make sure to read the interesting articles by Russell Driver on page three of Ansearchin’ describing his hard work in putting together a family book. On page fourteen, Michael A. Ports presents a story regarding the Susan Beaver family, and Margaret M. Cowart features the Bayer family Bible on page forty-three.

We ask for prayers from all of our readers for the individuals and families who have lost so much in the Gulf Coast area.
Leslie Rowles Driver\(^1\) was born in Basil, Ohio (1888, now Baltimore), grew up there and in Bremen, Ohio, graduated from Lancaster High School, Lancaster, Ohio (1908) and earned his B.S. in chemistry at Ohio Wesleyan University (1912). A few months after graduation he began his career as a clerk at the Unaka National Bank in Johnson City, Tennessee. He went on to become president of the First National Bank in Bristol, Tennessee (1940-61), president of the Tennessee Bankers Association (1939-40), and a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (1950-55). Moreover, he was a man of sterling character and sparkling personality who enriched the lives of those around him.

As the first of his fourteen grandchildren and one who lived across town for fifteen years, I knew him well. The idea of writing his biography grew from a seed planted in my head by an uncle on my mother's side of the family, Ernest Hurst Cherrington, Jr. He wrote a thirteen-page "profile" of my other grandfather, which told me more than I had ever known about this man. Ernest Hurst Cherrington, who died when I was six, was a Westerville, Ohio-based national leader of the prohibition movement.

My twenty-eight-year-old son, Christopher John Driver, never knew any of his great-grandfathers. It was for his benefit that I originally decided in 1983 to write the biography of Leslie Rowles Driver. I seemed to have been given a "package deal"—(1) the precious gift of such a grandfather; (2) the opportunity to have lived near him and known him well; (3) grandparents who were "keepers" (of letters, photographs, books, newspaper clippings, etc.); (4) research and writing skills which I much enjoyed using; (5) interest in my

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\(^1\) Leslie R. Driver was born 16 December 1888 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Sarah Elizabeth Broyles on 24 October 1916, and died 9 July 1972. Sarah was born 4 February 1891 in Washington County, Tennessee and died 19 January 1982. Leslie's father was Oliver Perry Driver born 8 August 1852 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Emma Florence Rowles on 23 September 1886 and died 26 April 1910. Emma was born 19 November 1867 in Fairfield County, Ohio and died 17 April 1949.
Grandfather and the desire to know more about him and to understand him more deeply; (6) a Christian faith which must be credited in part to his example and which he would want to share with his descendants; (7) time after a divorce and in a job with regular hours; (8) the advent of new personal computing technology; (9) an excellent local library; (10) the generous underwriting of unsold copies by my parents, Russell Broyles and Ann Cherrington Driver, as well as the liberal assistance, both financial and in other ways, by several other family members; and (11) the idea of this biography which I believe really came from above.

Lancaster High School class of 1908
As I usually said at the beginning of my many interviews with Granddad's children, grandchildren, friends, ministers, and banking associates, "I want to develop a lively portrait which will reflect Leslie Driver's life, character, and personality as fully as possible, getting to the heart of the matter and understanding him as well as another person can without having him here to answer my questions himself." The stories and anecdotes shared by those who knew my subject well proved to be especially effective in accomplishing this.

The project grew in breadth and depth as my thorough nature encountered the rich and growing constellation of sources and details, which became available to me as I turned over one "stone," and then the next. The intended reading audience also grew to include my extended family and beyond. I cannot imagine managing a project of these dimensions without a personal computer (made possible by family gifts). The importance and value of stable, well-tested software; a laser printer; faithful, daily backup; and vigilant protection from viruses (even on the old, non-Internet machine which I still prefer) cannot be overemphasized. Largely, but not solely, for the virus issue, I think our next machine will probably be a Mac.

As already stated, I wanted the book to reflect Leslie Driver's character and personality, as well as his life. I invested a significant amount of time in thinking about my grandfather and the many facets of his being. This led first to a collection of adjectives and later to the clear and strong conclusion that Leslie Driver was best described in terms of the fruit of the Spirit identified in Galatians 5:22-23, and most especially—love, joy, and peace. After this insight, his life, character, and personality seemed to fall logically and pretty obviously into the chapter divisions, which I used.

My research began with interviews in 1984; the writing began in 1987. A softbound and limited first edition for the older generation was self-published in 1994. The final case-bound edition was self-published in late 2002, and I am now, in mid-2005, completing the publicity efforts, distribution having been virtually finished last year. The project was certainly not pursued full-time, and there were some extended periods of inactivity over the years, even times when I doubted that it could be completed. However, for the vast majority of these years my motivation and energy were high—reflected in work in evenings, on weekends, during some holidays and vacations, and even a number of all-nighters. The final product contains 576 pages, 48 photographs, 1,220 footnotes, 11 pages of works cited, a substantial appendix, and a detailed index. From the beginning to the present, I maintained and worked off of a detailed list of things to do (both large and small). This frequently ran to twelve or more single-spaced pages.

I love both research and writing, but when pressed I have to admit a slight preference for research. As my sister, Betty Ann, says, there are "keepers" and there are "throwers away," and I say, "Praise the Lord for keepers!" Had my grandparents not been "keepers," almost the heart, and many of the sweetest fruits, of my research would have been missing. What follows, believe it or not, is merely a summary of the treasures I found which formed the foundation and pillars of this work:
Some twenty-two books which Granddad read and which influenced his life, many of which he marked, and all of which I read at least parts of, including the daily devotional which he used in college and the family devotional used each day and reused for some thirty years in the home created by my grandparents. This volume included, recorded in many of the margins, major incidents of family history.

Newspaper clippings containing such things as major events in the history of banks with which my grandfather was associated, as well as the many old newspapers on microfilm which I borrowed from the Tennessee State Library and Archives (through Inter-Library Loan) and those I used at the Ohio Historical Society and at Ohio Wesleyan University. It was in the back issues of the Bristol Herald Courier that I learned the details of perhaps the most significant history in the book. It is the dramatic, historic, and little-known story of how a small town in East Tennessee came together to save a bank threatened with failure during the Great Depression (the First National Bank of Bristol). In the interests of the bank, the community, and the local economy, depositors agreed to temporary restrictions on withdrawals; stockholders surrendered their stock; new stock was purchased by local citizens and business leaders, including the president of a competing bank; new deposits grew; and the bank was successfully reorganized and saved. No depositor lost a cent! The year was 1932, during a period (1929-33) when nine thousand U.S. banks closed. (See Winter 2004 issue of Ansearchin' News for the full story.)

Lengthy recorded interviews with thirteen family members and several others who knew Leslie Driver well.

My grandmother's genealogical work which traces the Driver family back to 1843 and the Rowles family back to 1682. The family tree which she developed is contained in the appendix.

Many excellent photographs reflecting virtually all periods and major areas of Leslie Driver's life which came to me from almost all corners of the family.

A great collection of personal and professional letters both to and from my grandfather, as well as several from my grandmother.

A precious assortment of my grandmother's keepsakes from their courtship, early marriage, child rearing, etc.

Two Bremen and Fairfield County (Ohio) histories, one containing a poem by my great-grandfather, Oliver Perry (O.P.) Driver, (Bremen 1834 - 1934, History Committee of the Bremen Centennial Commission, ed., 1934; History of Fairfield County, Ohio and Representative Citizens, by Charles C. Miller, 1912).

A crumbling scrapbook crammed with clippings of good advice for boys about life, this, incredibly, dating back to my grandfather's boyhood.

The softbound, and also crumbling, 1908 Lancaster High School yearbook, as well as the 1911 and 1912 Ohio Wesleyan yearbooks.
A collection of both humorous and profound quotations and clippings which Leslie Driver maintained as an adult.

Detailed notes, as well as maps, related to trips which my grandparents made together in their later years.

Historic, Chamber of Commerce information about Johnson City and Bristol, Tennessee.

Brief histories of the two churches to which Leslie and Sarah Driver belonged in Johnson City and Bristol.

Information about Leslie Driver's courses at Ohio Wesleyan; many issues of the student newspaper, including the complete text of the baccalaureate sermon preached at his 1912 graduation by Herbert Welch, then president of the University; Henry Clyde Hubbart's history, Ohio Wesleyan's First Hundred Years, 1943; President Welch's personal copies of the college catalogues during my grandfather's years there (acquired through Inter-Library Loan); Herbert Welch's autobiography, As I Recall My Past Century.

Very substantial and important bank history generously provided to me by individuals serving at a number of banks and banking organizations with which Leslie Driver was associated, including what is now SunTrust Bank in Johnson City, the Tennessee Bankers Association, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and by one surviving officer of the First National who was there with my grandfather during the reorganization and later.

Major national and international news/history, in the form of local headlines in the Columbus Dispatch and the Johnson City and Bristol newspapers, which I "sprinkled" throughout the biography to add historical context. This included the December 19, 1903 Columbus Evening Dispatch, announcing the Wright brothers's first airplane flight, an issue of the newspaper which young Leslie Driver probably personally delivered, as he did deliver that newspaper while growing up.

I made research and interview trips to Delaware and Columbus, Ohio, to Columbia, South Carolina, and to New York City, among other places.

This work was also blessed by people and items, which seemed to providentially cross my path. One was Dr. James C. Logan, E. Stanley Jones professor of evangelism emeritus at Wesley Theological Seminary and an old friend, who, after speaking in a nearby church, pointed me first to Robert E. Chiles' Theological Transition in American Methodism 1790-1935 and later to Albert C. Outler and Richard P. Heitzenrater's then recent collection, John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology. Another was an issue of Guideposts featuring an article by Norman Vincent Peale which richly described the environment and culture in which he, as well as Leslie Driver, grew up in small-town and rural Ohio around the turn of the Twentieth Century.
My goal was to organize my wealth of material in such a way that when I began to write all this material would be available to me in a single, well-organized stack of 8½ x 11-inch papers. I photocopied a substantial amount of material, and I manually input even more into my computer. Of course a scanner would have been extremely helpful; I don’t think they were available and affordable at that time. One laborious process was transcribing my interviews from the tapes. Once all the fruit of my research was on 8½ x 11-inch sheets, I organized the pages logically and chronologically, numbered each page, and developed a table of contents, an index, and a time line of important dates in Leslie Driver’s life and in parallel American and world history (for use in educating myself). The final stack contained 524 pages and stood 2½ inches high.

When I sat down to write, I already had a good start on organizing material, the chapters and some of the sections within chapters having earlier fallen pretty easily into place. However, I wanted the entire book, including each paragraph and page, to be well organized in a logical way. Having researched my subject so thoroughly and collected such a massive amount of material, it was often a significant challenge to organize and actually outline the contents of sections, subsections, etc., within chapters. For me, this was the hardest part of writing. Once I got the material organized for a section, the writing came fairly easily, and I enjoyed it. I think I do my best writing in the morning.

Inside the cover, the book contains an endsheet inside the front and back cover; a "frontispiece" (opposite the title page)—art work (by my son) of a dove bearing fruit; the title page (Figure B); the back side of the title page contains the copyright, disclaimer, and Library of Congress Control Number information; dedication page (the book is dedicated to my father and my son); table of contents; a list of photographs and the pages on which they appear; acknowledgements (four pages); the text (ten chapters); the appendix (a hundred pages—almost a small museum); works cited, two pages crediting the source of each of the forty-eight photographs used; the index; one page "About the Writer;" and the colophon (containing some specifications about the materials and construction of the book).

The font used throughout the book is Times New Roman, eleven-point text and nine-point footnotes. The book was planned so that chapters and most sections began on odd numbered (right hand) pages, often with a related photograph on the opposite, even numbered (left hand) page. A simple header line, from left hand to right hand margin, is at the top of each page. Above the line is the page number and the book title on even numbered pages and the page number and chapter title on odd numbered pages. The footnotes are sometimes substantial, taking half or more of the page. I think of both footnotes and the appendix as simply options for the reader who desires to know more about any given subject discussed in the text. In addition to my own repeated proofing and editing, I employed both an editor and a proofreader.

What I envisioned, after my years of research and writing, was a volume, which would be handed down, from generation to generation, and whose design, materials, and construction would be such that it would survive for generations, perhaps a hundred years or more. Through my own efforts and the suggestions of others who knew about my project, I was able to identify and use a few books through which I learned much about the process of book manufacturing (Figure C). For the benefit of photograph reproduction (black and white), as well as the fact that all my work in writing the book was on 8½ x 11-inch pages, I decided to stick with these dimensions. Also, partly related to photo reproduction, I selected a 60# house white opaque (500 ppi, 93.5 opacity, 94 brightness) stock. Of course this was also "archival quality" and acid free paper. Black ink only was used throughout.

The book is case-bound, using Roxite C (cover material – aqueous acrylic-coated cloth, linen finish, heavyweight, long wear, moisture resistant fabric, by ICG/Holliston), .098 binder boards, 80# plain matching endsheets, and Smyth sewn thirty-two page signatures. (This is more easily shown than explained, but I believe it is the best available construction.)
Eliminating one or two items in the appendix enabled me to make the total number of pages (576) a multiple of 32 (the number of pages in each signature), thus eliminating any blank, wasted pages as are found at the end of some books. The cover, a medium green, is stamped with imitation gold (flat, not glossy) foil—the title and author on the spine and a little fruit art work (by my wife, Jan Hinch Driver) near the lower right hand corner of the front cover.

Largely because of the computing and printing technology, which existed at the time I began the project, I provided the book manufacturer with camera-ready 600 dpi copy from my laser printer. I think the quality of the finished product is excellent, but it is now possible to achieve higher resolution by providing the copy on diskette in the format of some recent word processing software. The book was printed on an offset press. A hundred copies is about the minimum number that is cost effective for many book manufacturers, and that is what I ordered. Because there is always a potential over-run or under-run of approximately 10 percent, I actually received ninety-three books.

Resources
Figure C

Writer's Digest
Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270, 260-421-1225, www.acl.lib.in.us/genealogy/
Family History Library, 35 NW Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3400, 800-346-6044 (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints), www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHL/frameset_library.asp
BookMasters Inc., P.O. Box 2139, Mansfield, OH 44905, 419-589-5100, www.bookmasters.com (The company I would have used if I needed an alternative to Sheridan.)
Book manufacturers on my short list (which, of course, included the two above):
The Anundsen Publishing Company, P.O. Box 230, Decorah, IA 52101, 888-382-4291, www.anundsenpubl.com
Dogwood Printing, P.O. Box 716, Ozark, MO 65721, 800-862-8382, www.theozarks.net/dogwood/
The Gregath Publishing Company, P.O. Box 505, Wyandotte, OK 74370, 800-955-5232,
Having collected over time the names of book manufacturers, including those recommended by the National Genealogical Society and other knowledgeable sources, I contacted by fax a total of seventy-three book manufacturers, providing specifications (Figure D—original and not identical with the above final specifications) and requesting price quotes. I received twenty price quotes (ranging from $15 to $306 per copy) and sample books from several, narrowed this to seven (which met the specs, were within a reasonable price range, presented reputations and samples which inspired confidence, and were seriously considered), and finally selected Sheridan Books, Inc. Information about Sheridan and others that impressed me most appears in Figure C. As already stated, it was important to me to get a high quality product, and I am a detail person, so my involvement in the production process was very "hands on," even though long-distance. I was probably a demanding customer, and with few exceptions Sheridan was good to work with; I was pleased with the quality of their product. The process included digital proofs, and we maintained pretty frequent contact by e-mail and phone. I was provided with two sample copies after about eight weeks, and after these were approved the balance became due, my having made a 50 percent deposit in advance. The books (and the separate bumper mailer cartons) were shipped by truck (Yellow Transportation) to Knoxville where I picked them up, and that worked well. The total cost per copy, including the book, sales tax which Sheridan collected for Tennessee, shipping to me, packaging, postage (USPS media rate to those who received individual copies), and insurance, came to $77, not at all unreasonable for a book of this size and quality. (One copy appeared to be lost for a time, but it now seems to have been delivered to the wrong person, who did not sign for it. I found that for most locations Federal Express would have cost a little less.) This is a nonprofit project at best. Roughly half the copies of Leslie Rowles Driver: The Fruitful Prince went to immediate and extended family members. The remaining copies went to strategically placed public libraries, historical and genealogical organizations, churches, banks, and institutions of secondary and higher education, particularly those in Ohio and Tennessee with which Leslie Driver had connections or proximity, as well as a number of others nationally and internationally, including, among others, the Family History Library (Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints), Salt Lake City, Utah; Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Methodist Archives and History Center, Madison, New Jersey; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; and The National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. Overall, thirty-eight were purchased; forty-one were donated; two went to the Copyright Office; two will be used as loaners; and ten are being kept for future family members. Copies are now catalogued at the following Tennessee (and Virginia) libraries: Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City; East Tennessee State University (Archives of Appalachia), Johnson City; Johnson City Public Library; SunTrust Bank, Johnson City; Washington County Library, Jonesborough; State Street United Methodist Church, Bristol (Virginia); Tennessee High School, Bristol; King College, Bristol; Bristol Public Library (Virginia); Bristol Historical Association; Sullivan County Library, Blountville; Rocky Mount Historical Association, Piney Flats; Emory & Henry College (Holston Conference Archives), Emory, Virginia; Blount County Public Library, Maryville; Lawson McGhee Library (Knox County Public Library System), Knoxville; McClung Historical Collection (East Tennessee Historical Center), Knoxville; University of Tennessee (Special Collections Library), Knoxville; The Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville; Oak Ridge Public Library; Oak Ridge High School; Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville; Tennessee Bankers Association, Nashville.
Leslie Rowles Driver: The Fruitful Prince,
Russell Cherrington Driver

Copy: Provided camera ready or on 3.5 in. diskette by author.
Number of pages: 576 (18 signatures).
Photographs: 48 (black & white glossies).
Pasted in items: 39 (Present .5 in. top & bottom margins and .4 in. & .6 in. alternating left and right margins to be adjusted as required either with original software or by photo reduction.)
Margins: 1 inch top, bottom, sides; 1.25 in. binding side.
Proofs: To be approved by author, including photo placement, before final print run.
Papers: Probably a 60 lb., 420 ppi, archival quality, slightly off-white, antique or coated both sides stock with good opacity (Booktext Natural?), considering advice of printer. (Acid-free, long life, bond assumed.)
Ink: Black printing throughout.
Printing method: Offset lithography. If practical and a significant quality factor, copying photo pages on color copier will be considered.
Number of copies: 100 is my maximum need, but if you could also giving me a price quotes for 50, for comparison, that would be helpful.
Trim size: 8.5 x 11 inches
Edge stain: Top.
Binding: Smyth sewn signatures, perfect/adhesive bound into cover; possibly oversewn. Rounding and backing, lining-up, and crash/super included. Considering, with binder's advice, reinforcing signatures with prebinding, rebounding, or whip-stitching, and using double weight or extra strong grades of thread, crash, and lining paper.
Head- & Footbands: Yes.
Endpaper: 80 lb. kraft. Good edge and tensile strength, good folding or flexing strength, at least meeting NASTA standards.
Cover: Case bind, Roxite C. Library style hardback with high strength at the hinge and resulting resistance to flexing and tearing. Best quality, NASTA standard, binder boards (.110'). Died-through material.
Cover Print/Stamping: Title and author on spine and on front cover. Stamp spine and front cover, 1 impression gold foil.
Packaging: Option of custom fitted cardboard boxes, probably 200 or 275 lb. corrugated paper "bump end" cartons which protect corners, for half the order.
Shipping: Ship cartoned and on skids to above address.
Schedule: Schedule agreed to at time of contract/order.
Cost: Price quote and breakdown, good for 90 days, preferred. 7/26/02
But the fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 
Galatians 5:22-23

In an effort to maximize readership and use of the book, despite the limited number published, I have worked to couple the strategic library placements with varied forms of publicity designed to reach those with interests related to the book's content and to bring them to the libraries where it is available. To date, twenty articles and book reviews, several of one, two, or more full pages in length, have been or are scheduled to be published in newspapers, magazines, and journals in this country and in Wales. These publications include, among others, The Tennessee Banker (Tennessee Bankers Association), Financial Update (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta); ABA Banking Journal (American Bankers Association), Tennessee Ancestors (East Tennessee Historical Society), The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine (Tennessee Genealogical Society), OGS Genealogy News (Ohio Genealogical Society), and Cronic Powys (Powys Family History Society, Wales).

In August 2004 I was asked to do an author's talk at our local library, the new Blount County Public Library, here in Maryville. This was well publicized in the Maryville and Knoxville papers, and forty-three people attended. I discussed many of the subjects contained in this article, and, of course, I was also able to show the book and other materials related to the project. There will probably be an opportunity for me to make a similar presentation at another Tennessee library sometime in the future.

Finally, I will combine a couple of basic suggestions with several special challenges often encountered in such projects. Of course most long-term genealogical projects will extend over a period of time when there will usually be a number of family births, marriages, or deaths, which will occur and require updating. Especially with a book of anywhere near this length, it would be wise to negotiate significantly more than the approximately forty-eight hours which I was allowed for proofing. Expect there to be some differences of opinion within the family about what is included and what is not, as well as about how certain things are worded. However, a book cannot be written by a committee. More often than in the past, people decide to change their names in some way, even when they are not getting married or divorced, and marriages can result in a variety of possible names or name combinations. Be prepared to spend some time trying to keep up with changing names.

For me, the index, a very important part of such a book, was probably the most challenging part. The size of my book fairly early on began to exceed the capacity of my computer and had to be divided into twenty-three separate files. In order for it to be complete and useful, I had to do most of the index entry selections myself. Then the index feature of my software had to be run on each of the twenty-three files and then combined manually.
After the index is developed, one must be very careful about insertions and deletions in the text which could result in changing the position of page breaks, thus affecting the accuracy of the index.

Because of the appropriate and/or necessary positioning of some photographs, on some pages there was a need for vertical captions. The headers, of course, were horizontal, and the printer cannot print both vertically and horizontally at the same time. In those cases I had to either put the page through the printer a second time or cut and paste the caption. My book included forty-eight photographs and almost as many "paste-in items" (as used in the appendix). In an effort to insure proper placement of all these items, I numbered each on the back according to their page placement (lightly with pencil) and also created a log of all such items, which accompanied them to the book manufacturer. There are many opportunities for misunderstanding and error when working long-distance on a large and complex project. Anticipating and planning how to prevent such mishaps are obviously advisable. Sales tax should be paid only once, either to one's own state or to the state where the books are produced, and the rules on this vary with states and businesses. One essential ingredient in distribution, in publicity, and, indeed, in the entire project is perseverance.

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**Russell Driver**, a Massachusetts native, has lived in Tennessee for all but 20 percent of his life to date. Holding a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in education from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, his experience includes higher education, computing, and numerous applications of his research and writing skills. He is thankful for his ancestors and for his Ohio and Tennessee roots.

This article, written as a service for whatever benefit it may be to current and future genealogists and family historians, was originally published, for the most part, in *OGS Genealogy News* (Ohio Genealogical Society), and was provided by the author.

The oval photo featured on page three is of twins Leslie Rowles Driver and James Russell Driver aged about fourteen.

The Tennessee surnames found in *The Fruitful Prince*, Russell Cherrington Driver are: Blackard, Broyles, Coile, Crouch, Driver, Flick, Harkrader, Marshall, Newell, Peeler, Preston, Shumate and Williams.
Susan Beaver, Tennessee Pioneer

Michael A. Ports

Introduction

The following is the next installment in the planned series of articles on the family of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver. The focus here is on their eldest known daughter, Susan, her husband, James Thompson, and their family. Future articles on the remaining children are underway. The article attempts to place the story of Susan and her family in some historical context. It is hoped that at least some of the following material will be of interest to other researchers as well as those who are direct descendants. Of course, the author welcomes all comments, corrections, questions, additions, as well as suggestions for further research.

Researching women in the middle of the nineteenth century and earlier decades, especially in the American South, is one of the more difficult tasks in genealogy mostly because women usually left so few official records. Susan is a prime example. Often one must imply information about the life of the woman in question based upon the records left by the men in her life, namely her father, husband, brothers, and sons. Often, a complete picture may be painted and understood only if she or someone close to her left an unofficial record, such as a diary, letter, or other written document.

The Early Years

2. Susan Beaver was born circa 1795, probably in Chatham County, North Carolina. She was the eldest daughter of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver. It is presumed that she came to Tennessee with her parents sometime prior to 1809 when she was barely a teenager. She grew up and came of age in the Mulberry neighborhood of Lincoln County. She probably received little, if any, formal schooling as she never learned to read and write. Based upon the ages of their children, it also is presumed that she met and married James Thompson there circa 1811, but no official record of their marriage has been found. Unfortunately, no record of James Thompson has been found in any Lincoln County records. It is possible that James saw some military service with his local militia company during the War of 1812, as he was of prime military age, but no specific record of his military service has been found. The couple has not been located in the 1820 Census. Most likely, the couple was living with other relatives.

Pioneering in Henderson County

It is presumed that they joined her parents in the rush of settlers into Henderson County circa 1822. Genealogical research in Henderson County is difficult because virtually all of the oldest records were destroyed when the courthouse burned in 1863 and again in 1895. Therefore, the researcher must rely on records made by the state and federal governments. On May 19, 1830, James Thompson purchased a grant from the state for 50 acres of land located in Henderson County in Surveyor's District No. 9, Range 4, Section 8. James had purchased the rights to that land directly from the Register of the Western District on June 26, 1826. He arranged for his land to be surveyed on January 26, 1827. In 1830, the James Thompson household consisted of twelve persons.

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It is presumed that the oldest male and older female were James and his wife, Susan. The lone girl is presumed to be their daughter, Malinda. The seven boys are presumed to be their sons, although all of them have yet to be identified. Some or all of the unidentified young males may not have been his children. In addition, James Thompson owned two male slaves, one under 10 and one between 24 and 36 years of age. James purchased a second land grant on January 1, 1836. The 100-acre tract, located in Range 3, Section 7, on the waters of the Forked Deer River, was surveyed for him on May 10, 1832.

He must have purchased other lands, because James Thompson was assessed for 252 acres of land and two slaves in 1836. His land was valued at $1,250 and his slaves were valued at $1,300. Unfortunately, the tax list does not indicate the number of slaves that he owned. For that property he paid a total of $5.12 in taxes. His land increased in value to $1,260 and his slaves increased to $1,400 by the next year. In 1837, his tax likewise increased to $5.32.

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3 Tennessee Land Grants, Western District, Book 2-A, Page 622. Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as West Tennessee Grants.)
4 1830 Census, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 86. All Tennessee census schedules on microfilm at Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.
5 West Tennessee Grants, Book 4, Page 125.
6 1836 Tax List, District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee. Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Henderson Tax List.)
7 Henderson Tax List, 1837, District No. 3.
On February 22, 1837 James purchased a third land grant, this time for 20 acres located on the waters of the Forked Deer River. The tract was surveyed for him on June 20, 1827. It is not clear from the available records whether he paid any taxes on this tract prior to obtaining formal title in 1837. James purchased his fourth and last land grant on January 20, 1846. The fourth tract of 150 acres was surveyed for him on January 26, 1827. It remains unclear whether he used the property in any way or paid taxes on it during the intervening nineteen years.

Thirteen persons lived in the James Thompson household in 1840.  

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Again, it is presumed that the oldest male and older female were James and Susan. The next four oldest males were their sons. But, the youngest male and younger female may be grandchildren. James owned two male and two female slaves. The two males were between 10 and 24 years of age. One female was under 10 and the other was between 24- and 36-years-old. The four slaves may have been part of one family unit. From the wide age categories it is not possible to determine whether the two males were young enough to have been children of the older female. Five persons in the household were engaged in agriculture.

By 1850, all of their children had left home. Only their grandson, Samuel, was living with them. A farmer, James, is listed as 68-years-old and born in Virginia. His real estate was valued at $2,000. He could neither read nor write. Susan is listed as 64-years-old and born in Georgia. They owned two slaves, a 28-year-old black male and a 25-year-old black female. Their farm consisted of 235 improved acres and 237 unimproved acres. Their livestock was valued at $1,914 and consisted of six horses, seven mules, nine cows, fourteen cattle, thirty-one sheep, and seventy-one swine. They owned $250 worth of farm implements and machinery. Their farm produced thirty-two bushels of wheat, seventeen hundred bushels of corn, three hundred bushels of oats, thirteen bales of ginned cotton, sixty pounds of wool, fifteen bushels of peas and beans, forty bushels of potatoes, two hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, five hundred pounds of butter, two hundred-twenty pounds of beeswax and honey, $300 in home manufactures, and $400 in slaughtered animals.

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8 West Tennessee Grants, Book 4, Page 322.
9 West Tennessee Grants, Book 2, Page 565.
10 1840 Census, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 342.
11 1850 Census, Population Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 152.
12 1850 Census, Slave Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 1.
13 1850 Census, Agricultural Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 23.
Widowhood

James Thompson died sometime before 1860 as he is not listed in the census that year.\(^\text{14}\) His widow, Susan, is listed as 65-years-old and born in North Carolina. Her occupation is given as farmer. Susan valued her real estate at $800 and her personal property at $800. Also, she could not read or write. Living with her were her grandchildren, Harriet Thompson and Stephen and James Griffin. Susan owned five slaves.\(^\text{15}\) While the five slaves at first glance appear to consist of one family group, there were two slave houses on the farm. The five black slaves included a 48-year-old man, 30-year-old woman, 13-year-old boy, 6-year-old girl, and 1-year-old boy. The old home farm had been greatly reduced in size. By then it consisted of only 80 improved acres and 25 unimproved acres, in all worth $800.\(^\text{16}\) In livestock, the widow kept two mules, three cows, three cattle, ten sheep, and sixteen swine that she valued at $336. With farm implements valued at $75, she managed to produce thirty-six bushels of wheat, four hundred bushels of corn, six bales of ginned cotton, eighteen pounds of wool, one bushel of peas and beans, forty bushels of sweet potatoes, $25 in orchard products, one hundred-fifty pounds of butter, ten pounds of beeswax, one hundred-eighty pounds of honey, $100 in home manufactures, and $100 in slaughtered animals.

As previously noted, most of the early Henderson County records were destroyed when the courthouse burned. However, one volume of court minutes survives. No doubt previous volumes contained additional records concerning the settlement of the James Thompson estate. Richard Barham, the administrator of the estate, filed a suit against the heirs. The purpose of the suit is unclear. Perhaps, the suit was necessary because some of the heirs were minors. On October 3, 1860, Richard Barham filed a petition requesting the court to grant permission to sell slaves in order to pay debts.\(^\text{17}\) First, the administrator asked the court to appoint a guardian for John Thompson, George Thompson, Jr., W. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Rebeeca Thompson, Harriett Thompson, Mandy Meadows, and Malvina Meadows, all minors. It is presumed that all of the minors were grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. However, the identity of their parents remains uncertain.

On October 4th, the defendants in the continuing suit, listed as Susan Thompson, James Thompson, Houston Thompson, W. Thompson, Wise Dodd and wife, Nancy Dodd, Evan Thompson, Barton Douglas and wife, Malinda Douglas, Jonathan Thompson, and Benjamin Thompson, were requested to appear before the court.\(^\text{18}\) A second listing of the defendants in the minutes included the name George Thompson between Nancy Dodd and Evan Thompson. It is presumed that Susan Thompson was the surviving widow. It also is presumed that the other listed heirs were their children and grandchildren. However, none of the heirs apparently came to court that day. Thus, the court ordered the administrator to make a full accounting of the debts and assets of the estate before the slaves could be sold. Based upon his accounting, the court approved the sale. Thus, on February 16, 1861, Richard Barham held a public auction at his store house.\(^\text{19}\) G. H.

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\(^\text{14}\) 1860 Census, Population Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 95.
\(^\text{15}\) 1860 Census, Slave Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 24.
\(^\text{16}\) 1860 Census, Agricultural Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 31.
\(^\text{17}\) County Court Minutes, Henderson County, Tennessee, Book 1860-1866, Page 19. Henderson County Courthouse, Lexington, Tennessee. (Hereinafter cited as Henderson Court Minutes.)
\(^\text{18}\) Henderson Court Minutes, Page 20.
\(^\text{19}\) Henderson Court Minutes, Page 63.
Trice purchased Mary, Warrick, and Mary's infant child, as one lot for the price of $1,400. Again, the defendants were listed as Susan Thompson, James Thompson, George Thompson, Houston Thompson, Wise Dodd and wife, Nancy Dodd, John Thompson, George Thompson, Jr., W. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Rebecca Thompson, Harriett Thompson, James Meadows and wife, Amanda Meadows, Moses Meadows and wife, Malvina, Sidney Thomson, Evan Thompson, Burton Douglas and wife, Malinda, Jonathan Thompson, and Benjamin Thompson.

While still actively farming, the widow Susan is listed as keeping house in 1870. She is listed as 77-years-old and born in North Carolina. She valued her real estate at $500 and personal property at $400. Susan could not read or write. Also in her household were her granddaughter Harry and grandson Samuel. Working as a domestic, Harry, is listed as 25-years-old and born in Mississippi. Samuel is listed as 6-years-old. Her farm consisted of 70 improved acres and 150 wooded acres and was valued at $500. She owned one horse, one mule, one cow, one sheep, and eighteen swine together worth $275. Her farm produced fifteen bushels of spring wheat, one hundred twenty-five bushels of \textit{wm}, one dozen bushels of oats, one bale of cotton, one dozen pounds of wool, six bushels of sweet potatoes, one hundred fifty-six pounds of butter, ten pounds of honey, $100 in forest products, $45 in home manufactures, and $87 in slaughtered animals. The total farm production for the previous year was valued at $331.

Susan's age is given only in three census records. Her birth occurred circa 1786 in Georgia, circa 1795 in North Carolina, or circa 1793 in North Carolina. Perhaps 1795 is the best estimate of her birth year. Also, Susan may have been born in North Carolina prior to her family's move to Franklin County, Georgia. Susan died sometime prior to 1880, as she does not appear in the census that year. James A. Mitchell administered her estate. He filed the final settlement of her estate on October 5, 1881. He valued her estate at $138.00. After deducting $27 in costs for the administration, only $111.00 was left to distribute among the heirs, namely Evan Thompson, Stephen Thompson's heirs, James Thompson's heirs, Malinda Douglass's heirs, Nancy Dodd, and Jonathan Thompson's heirs. Thus, it seems that only two of her children survived her.

The children of James and Susan (Beaver) Thompson were:

14. i. unknown male, born circa 1812 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
15. ii. Malinda, born circa 1814 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
16. iii. Stephen, born circa 1816 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
17. iv. Evan, born circa 1819 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
18. v. unknown male, born circa 1822 in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
20. vii. unknown male, born circa 1827 in Henderson County, Tennessee.
21. viii. James, born circa 1830 in Henderson County, Tennessee.

\textsuperscript{20} 1870 Census, Population Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 2.
\textsuperscript{21} 1870 Census, Agricultural Schedules, Civil District No. 6, Henderson County, Tennessee, Page 1.
Susan Beaver evidently raised a large family, but unfortunately lived long enough to see her husband and most of her children die. In spite of the fact that she never learned to read and write, the widow, Susan, successfully managed the family farm long after her husband’s death. After a long and arduous life, she no doubt was comforted by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The foregoing article presents all of the public records that we have found concerning Susan Beaver, her husband James Thompson, and their children. The author is disappointed that he has never met any of his cousins from this particular branch of the Beaver family tree. We are indebted to the staff of many public and private institutions for their patience, cooperation, and assistance. Special mention is due the helpful staff at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Henderson County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Mid-Continent Public Library. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins, Orpha Jewel Weaver and Billy B. Lassiter, who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research.

Michael A. Ports, 5427 Mission Road, Fairway, Kansas 66205. Member, Tennessee Genealogical Society.
McMinnville – N. B. Jones lost a barn by an incendiary dynamite explosion.  
Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson and Misses Henderson will occupy in the near future, a residence in the Sullins Row on West Main Street.  
Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

Miss Artemesia Spence will leave very soon for a lengthy visit to Miss Flora Griffin in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

Messrs. Hiram Wylie, George W. Cable and George Middleton, of Davenport, Iowa are being entertained by friends in this city at this time.  
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Star lodge, I. O. O. F., was organized in this city last night with a membership of 165. The following officers were installed:

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Mrs. Tom B. Reed, of Spring City, will arrive Monday to visit her father, Dr. J. L. Shugart.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Mrs. Mary Lane has returned to Charleston after a visit to Mrs. J. B. Hoyl.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

New Telephone Subscribers

The following is a list of subscribers to the East Tennessee Telephone Company whose instruments have been put in since 1 May 1899.

228 - Brooks, Dr. I. J., res.
956 - Brooks, T. A., res.
108 - Davis Furniture Co.
514 - Dillard, J. N., res.
613 - Depul, Rev. C. W., res.
447 - George & Company
807 - Glover, David, res.
688 - Hammer, W. M.
1012 - Jordan, J. H., res.
345 - Knabe, Wm. A., office
809 - Knox Ins. Exchange, C. W. Searle, Manager
101 - Knox Sand and Marble Company
823 - Kinkaid, J. C., res.
1048 - McCammon, Dr. W. C.
854 - Mary, Dr.
555 - Noah’s Ark.
740 - Royal Union Life Ins. Company, Albert H. Lea, Agent
536 - Tillery, J. F.
967 - Wade, J. W., res.
696 - Wilson, J. W., mats.
808 - Young, J. F.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Probate Court

Janie M. Rodgers qualified as guardian to Willie A. Rodgers.
Callie Elizabeth Murphy adopted by John Miller.
Journal & Tribune, 20 May 1899

R. T. Cross qualified as assignee of J. G. Kincaid
J. E. Clark qualified as administrator of James Gammon.
L. D. Bates vs Janie M. Rodgers, order opening bids.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Oren C. Wiley qualified as guardian of Louise M. and Elizabeth H. Wiley.
Jesse L. Hensn, admr., of Jane Mattix, made final settlement and was discharged.
Journal & Tribune, 3 June 1899

Mrs. Rinda Harper, of Chattanooga, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harbison, this week.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hamilton have returned from a lengthy visit to their daughter in Atlanta, Georgia.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Mrs. Ida Harris is in Knoxville, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Luther Kearnes.
Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

Mrs. R. C. Hornsby will leave next month for an extended visit to relatives in Marion, Virginia.
Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

Miss Lula Slover left Wednesday for Jesup, Georgia, where she will
visit her brother, Tom Slover.
*Journal & Tribune*, 28 May 1899

Mrs. J. J. Brown, of Tate Spring, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Muncey.
*Journal & Tribune*, 28 May 1899

Mr. Calvin M. McClung was in Memphis last week where he, with his daughter, Miss Lida McClung, were entertained as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neeley, Jr.
*Journal & Tribune*, 28 May 1899

Mrs. L. E. Brevard entertains the Book Club next Tuesday.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

Internal Revenue Collector, John E. McCall, this week appointed Luther McKinney of McLemoresville to be stamp deputy at Memphis. Mr. McKinney is an excellent young man, and his friends in Carroll County will be gratified to learn of his luck.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

Miss Ivy Johnson is in Martin taking a special course in kindergarten instruction.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

B. D. Palmer is clerking for John Spellings & Son.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

King Lawrence and Howard Owen went to Huntingdon Monday.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

Ed Williams visited home folks in Cedar Grove Sunday.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Oscar Murray of Lexington was in the city this week.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Miss May McGill of Clarksburg is visiting Misses Edna and Eva Jamison this week.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Miss Lula Russell of Dickson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. W. Humble, this week.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Charles Townes of Huntsville, Alabama, is here this week on business and to see home folks.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Miss Lucy Simmons of Mixie is visiting her grandparents, J. M. McAuley and wife, this week.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

P. C. Clapp, of the rural route office, has been ordered to West Tennessee to lay out routes in Carroll, Benton, Henderson, Hardin and Chester Counties.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

Renzie Johnson, Jim Johnson, Robert Lankford, John Wilder, E. Hawkins, Jr., Chas. Murray and Bradshaw went to Paris yesterday to help Gleason beat the Paris team.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907
WEBB-TIPPETT

License was issued last Monday to E. F. Tippet and Mrs. R. J. Webb, of the county, to wed.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 1 June 1907

KEE-CAWTHON

Ollie Kee and Miss Vinnie Cawthon were married Thursday at the home of the bride, Elder N. L. Joyner officiating. A number of friends were present to extend congratulations.
*The Republican*, Carroll County, 23 May 1902

SIMMONS-DUKE

Mr. J. M. Simmons and Miss Anna Duke, both of this city, were married on Tuesday, the 21st, at the residence of Colonel J. H. Duke.
*The Forked Deer Blade*, Jackson, Tennessee, 25 October 1884

HILL-CARUTHERS

Two more loving hearts now beat as one -- this time it is Rev. William H. Hill and Mrs. Mary Caruthers, who were married at the residence of Miss Johnson on Baltimore Street, last Tuesday night. Mr. Hill, from Nashville, is well known in our city as a piano tuner. Mrs. Caruthers, widow of Mr. Thomas Caruthers, is well known in

Sink-Winchester

Mr. M. S. Sink of Brunswick, Tennessee and Miss M. E. Winchester were married at the bride's home in Medon, Tennessee on 12 February, Rev. F. P. Flaniken officiating.
*The Forked Deer Blade*, Jackson, Tennessee, 14 February 1885

ROBBINS-SATTERFIELD

Miss Gladys Satterfield and Ben Robbins of Oakdale, Tennessee were married yesterday afternoon at Pineville. They will leave Saturday for Chattanooga where they will make their home.
*Middlesboro Daily News*, Middlesboro, Kentucky, 30 March 1923

HENRY-NEWBERRY

Last night, Miss Dora Henry and Mr. Willis Newberry were united in marriage at the Lutheran Church, Rev. Sauer, officiating.
*The Wartburg Weekly Clarion*, 21 October 1904

AYRES-WYATT

Joseph Ayres, Esq., late of New Orleans, and Miss Mary G. Wyatt were married on Saturday last at the residence of Dr. E. F. Watkins, by the Rev. P. Alston.
*Weekly American Eagle*, 14 August 1846.
BAKER-JONES
John W. Baker, Esq. of Virginia, and Miss Mary Lang Florida Jones, daughter of the late Colonel Benjamin B. Jones, of Alabama were married in Shelby County on Thursday evening last, at the residence of Col. Edward Ward, by the Right Rev. Bishop Otey, Randolph Recorder, 5 June 1835

BEASELEY-BARTON
Mr. Robert E. Beaseley of Holmes County, Mississippi and Miss Mary Jane, eldest daughter of Major Barton of Shelby County, Tennessee, were married on Tuesday the 19th inst. Memphis Enquirer, 22 February 1839

WILLIAMS-SHOEMAKER
Tonight, at the Church Street M. E. Church, South, will be solemnized the wedding of Miss Lucy Shoemaker and Mr. P. J. Williams. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Shoemaker. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. James A. Duncan, pastor of the church, at eight o’clock. Journal & Tribune, 1 June 1899

REIS-MEAD
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Reis request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Frank Seymour Mead, Tuesday evening, June thirteenth, at half after eight o’clock, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee. Cards enclosed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seymour Mead, at home after July first, 832 Hill Street, Knoxville, Tennessee. Journal & Tribune, 1 June 1899

RICE-HAUN
On Tuesday evening, Miss Ella Rice of this city and Captain Sam Haun of the Southern Railway, were happily united in marriage by Rev. Barrows. Journal & Tribune, 1 June 1899

GANES-MYNATT
Possibly no more unique wedding has ever occurred within Corryton than that of Mr. James Ganes and Miss Artillissa Mynatt at an early hour on May the 21st standing in a bower, as it were, of roses and ferns, the handsome “twain” was made one, Rev. H. B. Clapp officiating. Immediately after the ceremony all retired to the dining room, where amidst a profusion of flowers, a wedding breakfast was served, after which they left for Knoxville, their future home. Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

KREAMER-GARDNER
Mr. E. W. Kreamer of Sword’s Creek, Virginia and Miss Grace Gardner of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania were married at the Nichols house Tuesday by Parsons Burroughs. Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

HANNAH-MCSPADDEN
Miss Susan Hannah and Mr. Walter McSpadden of Chilhowee were joined in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride on Washington Avenue last Saturday night. Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

VANUXEN-POTTER
The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy Vanuxen of Philadelphia are in receipt of cards announcing the marriage on May sixteenth of Miss Hetty Vanuxen and Mr. William Potter, one of the leading manufacturers of Philadelphia, president of the Republican League and former minister to Italy.
under the Harrison administration.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Hudson-Hayes

Mr. Henry Hudson and bride, née Hayes, have returned from an extended tour of the West and are at home to their many Knoxville friends.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Clemmer-Gamble

Benton, Tennessee, 20 May -- Dr. J. M. Clemmer, a prominent physician of Benton, and Miss Mame Gamble were united in the bonds of matrimony Wednesday, Rev. L. H. Little officiating.
Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

Mckinney-Pace

Very handsomely engraved invitations were received by friends in this city yesterday afternoon which revealed the following auspicious announcement:
Mrs. Parolee Blevins Pace invites you to the marriage of her daughter, Faniulu, to Mr. Beauford A. McKinney, Wednesday morning, the seventh of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine at eleven o'clock. First Presbyterian Church, Waco, Texas. At home after the first of July, Trinidad, Cuba.
Journal & Tribune, 26 May 1899

Tennessee
Marriages

Mumford-Morrison

Mr. Richard H. Mumford, of this town, and Miss Sarah D. Morrison were married in Pulaski, Tennessee on the 5th of February. Rev. Reed performed the ceremony.
Randolph Recorder, 16 February 1836

Soape-Stanley

Rev. Peyton Smith married Mr. John Stanley of Marshall County, Mississippi and Miss Lydia Soape, of Tipton County, Tennessee Thursday, the 28th of December 1837.
Memphis Enquirer, 13 January 1838

Giles-Bond

Mr. T. G. Bond and Mrs. Margaret M. Giles were married at the residence of E. S. Giles, Esq. by the Rev. D. P. Coffey on March 28th.
The Appeal, 5 April 1844

Weld-Christian

Mr. John B. Weld of New Orleans and Miss Mary C. Christian, daughter of Wyatt Christian, M.D., of this city were married Monday evening the 20th, by Rev. Gray.
The Tri-Weekly Memphis Enquirer, 23 July 1846

Emmanuel-Marks

Benjamin Emmanuel and Miss Juliana Marks, daughter of Alexander Marks, were married Sunday evening the 8th, by James Rose, Esquire, all of this place.
Tri-Weekly Memphis Enquirer, 10 November 1846

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Hamer-Hardison

Henry Hamer, Esq., and Miss Diana Hardison were married Saturday May 2nd, by the Rev.
Stephen Hamer. All of this county.
The Tri-Weekly Memphis Enquirer, 9 May 1846
COLE

Little Blanch, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cole, died yesterday afternoon. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence, 2518 Jefferson Avenue, this morning at ten o'clock, by Reverend J. W. Karns. Interment in Old Gray Cemetery.

Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

LOVELACE

Mrs. Lovelace, wife of David Lovelace, died yesterday morning at her home on the Kingston Pike near Beardon Station. Funeral services will be held today at the Baptist church at Beardon at 1 p. m. Friends and relatives invited.

Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

CROWLEY

Died yesterday at 12:35 o'clock, at the residence of her son-in-law, Wm. Harrell, 2009 Luther Street, Mrs. Johannah A. Crowley, at the age of sixty-nine-years. Funeral services will be conducted at the Church of the Immaculate Conception today at 3 o'clock p. m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Journal & Tribune, 10 May 1899

Tennessee Deaths

THOMPSON

Mr. J. S. Thompson, aged sixty-five, died at his home Thursday morning at seven o'clock. He came here from Powell's Station, three years ago and was one of McMillian's most respected citizens. Many friends sympathize with the bereaved family. He leaves a wife and eleven children.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

HAYNES

Panther Springs – Tom Haynes, a youth, was killed, by a runaway sawlog.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

CALHOUN

Rome -- Wayne Calhoun was drowned near here while trying to ford a swollen stream.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

ALEXANDER

Union City – The dream of Clint Adams that his friend, John A. Alexander, was dead, proved true.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

PARKS

Lavergne – Miss Clara D. Parks, one of the most popular young women of Rutherford County, killed herself with a pistol.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

FOX

Benton – Died Thursday, May 18th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fox, of this place.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

KENNEDY

Rev. P. M. Bartlett, of Maryville, attended the funeral services of Mr. W. L. Kennedy here last Wednesday.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899
HARRINGTON

Jno. C. Harrington died at his home in the Fourth District near Bud, early last Tuesday morning of paralysis. He was buried Wednesday at Zion in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. Rev. J. H. Amis, of Clinton, preached the funeral. Mr. Harrington was about sixty-years of age, was a G. A. R. man and a highly respected citizen.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

ADCOCK

Kimberlin Heights -- Dr. Ashley S. Johnson will conduct the memorial services of Reverend John A. Adcock at Thorn Grove, Sunday May 28th.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

WALKER

Ebenezer - May 20 - Mrs. Mary E. Walker, relict of the late West Walker, died at her home on the Kingston Road last Sunday. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held at Gallaher View Church on Tuesday morning.

Journal & Tribune, 21 May 1899

RAY

Fatal Accident - Bristol youth meets death in Southern Railway yard. Special to the Journal and Tribune. Bristol,

DEW

Died at his residence, 332 Dale Avenue, yesterday morning at 2:15 a. m. J. H. Dew, brother of W. A. Dew, age nineteen-years. Funeral services at residence this morning at nine o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn, Reverend Frank Jackson officiating.

Journal & Tribune, 2 June 1899

SHIELDS

Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, aged eighty-one years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Badgett, on High Street, last night at eleven o'clock.

Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

PETWAY

Mary Josephine Petway, the wife of Dr. R. G. Petway, died near Nashville, Tennessee on 20 July 1860.

The Nashville Christian Advocate, 9 August 1860

WILSON

Mrs. Jacob Wilson died at her home near Norton's Campground last Monday of consumption. She was the sister of Professor J. A. Miller of Knoxville.

Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

CATE

John Cate, an old and highly-esteem citizen, living on Mouse Creek near here, died Friday morning, aged about seventy-years.

Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

SIMS

Dr. George W. Sims, an aged negro of local note, died on Friday.

Journal & Tribune, 28 May 1899

HALEY

Caroline Haley, wife of Robert S. Haley, died in Lebanon, Tennessee July 8, 1860. She was 31-years of age.

The Nashville Christian Advocate, 9 August 1860
DATSON

Frances Elizabeth Datson, the daughter of E. B. and A. Datson, died in Clifton, Tennessee on 21 June 1860.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 16 August 1860

HUBBARD

John Benjamin Hubbard, the son of James T. and Mary J. Hubbard, of Nashville died 4 August 1860 aged 1-year-and-18-days.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 23 August 1860

DOWNING

Rufus C. Downing died in Marshall Co., Tennessee on 12 July 1860 in his 23rd year.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 23 August 1860

PAGET

John O. Paget died 10 May 1860 at house of son-in-law, Nat. Robertson, in Sumner County, Tennessee. He was aged about 78-years.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 23 August 1860

MOORE

Susan Moore, the wife of Armpstead Moore, died on 8 August 1860 in Carthage, Tennessee.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 30 August 1860

BRENNER

John L. Burke, age 31-years died in Wilson County, Tennessee 31 August 1860.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 20 September 1860

BRADLEY

James H. Bradley died in Williamson County, Tennessee on 3 August.
*The Nashville Christian Advocate*, 27 September 1860

BARNES

Mrs. Sarah Barnes, age 82, widow of John Barnes, died on 29 October in Williamson County, Tennessee.
*Whig & Tribune*, 11 November 1871

MURCHISON

William Murchison, aged 68, died near Medon, Tennessee on 8 October.
*Whig & Tribune*, 14 October 1871

PEEBLES

Thomas Peebles, aged about 80, died in Maury County, Tennessee last week.
*Whig & Tribune*, 21 October 1871

CRAIGHEAD

Mary A. Craighead, aged 84, widow of David Craighead, died in Nashville, Tennessee a few days ago.
*Whig & Tribune*, 13 July 1872

MURRR

John Murr hanged himself in Cheathan County, Tennessee on 27 June.
*Whig & Tribune*, 1872

JONES

Tommie Jones, four-year-old son of Dr. W. F. and Sarah Jones, died near Jackson, on 15 July.
*Whig & Tribune*, 20 July 1872

DUNLAP

*Whig & Tribune*, 1 February 1873

ROBERTSON

Luanna Robertson, infant daughter of W. P. and Luanna Robertson, died in Jackson, Tennessee on 17 February, aged 17-days. 
*Whig & Tribune*, 22
February 1873

OSBOURNE

George Osborne, fifteen-year-old son of George Osborne, died in Bolivar, Tennessee last week.
Whig & Tribune, 8 March 1873

STARKS

Rolley Starks, formerly of Allen County, Kentucky died in Memphis on 12 June.
The Jackson Gazette, 26 June 1824

FENNER

Dr. William K. Fenner, aged 28, died at the home of his father in Madison County, Tennessee on 2 July.
The Jackson Gazette, 3 July 1824

DYER

Joel Dyer, a Revolutionary War veteran, died 11 June in Madison County, Tennessee.
The Jackson Gazette, 18 June 1825

NIXON

Colonel Richard Nixon, aged 62, died on 25 January near Brownsville, Tennessee.
The Southern Statesman, 5 February 1831

FROST

Pleasant C. Frost, aged 21, formerly of White County, died on 5 March in Brownsville, Tennessee.
The Southern Statesman, 13 March 1831

HALE

Colonel Thomas Hale, a native of Franklin County, Virginia, died on 16 May at age 38 in Memphis, Tennessee. He had been on trip to New Orleans, and was taken ill with bilious fever in Memphis where he died.
District Telegraph & State Sentinel, 25 May 1838

CAMPBELL

Mrs. Maria C. Campbell, the wife of Dr. F. W. Campbell, died on 28 July in Madison County, Tennessee.
The Jackson Republican, 8 August 1845

VAULX

Mrs. Eliza G. Vaulx, aged 47, the wife of James Vaulx, died 12 September near Jackson. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Richard Fenner.
The Jackson Republican, 26 September 1845

HAYS

Miss Mary Jane Hays, the daughter of General Samuel J. Hays, died on 17 February in Columbia, Tennessee. She was a student at the Columbia Female Institute.
The West Tennessee Whig, 9 March 1849

PARKER

Lua Ann Parker, 20-month-and-4 days-old infant daughter of John M. and Caroline K. Parker, died on 12 October in Jackson.
The West Tennessee Whig, 12 October 1849

GHOLSON

Mrs. Sarah Gholson, aged 68, of Jackson died 31 May in Brownsville, Tennessee. Interment will take place in Jackson.
The West Tennessee Whig, 10 April 1857

WILROY

John C. Wilroy, aged 45, formerly of Virginia, died on 30 December in Memphis, Tennessee.
The West Tennessee Whig, 8 January 1858
BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BARNES' LEGACY published in The Genie, Volume 39, No. 1, is the history of William Barnes, a white farmer and soldier who served in the Civil War, who openly acknowledged and supported his former slave, Betsy, and the children she bore him.

William was born about 1823 in Tennessee to the union of Dasha (or Cacia, maiden name unknown) and Collum Barnes. In 1820 Mr. and Mrs. Barnes resided in Gallatin, Sumner County, where William was probably born.

In 1849 William purchased land in Louisiana. In 1850 he was a 27-year-old in his father's household in Keatchie, De Soto Parish, Louisiana.

William married on 18 October 1855, Parmelia A. Collins, who was born in Mississippi about 1835. She was not listed when the household was enumerated on 20 August 1860. She may have died.

William purchased three slaves, Betsy, age 20, with her two children, Lissy, age 4, and Douglas, age 2-years on 9 January 1857, for $1600 from the estate of Moses Collins of De Soto Parish. Betsy was born about 1837 in Alabama to the union of Gilly Pipkins and Simon Pipkins, Sr. In 1870 Betsy and her children used the name Pipkins. However, by 1880 she and her children bear the surname of "Barnes" and are living in the same household with William Barnes as a family.


Collum died on 26 January 1881, in De Soto Parish. William died about 1900 in Keatchie, and according to oral history is buried in the Confederate cemetery. Betsy Barnes whose headstone reads "Bessie Barnes" died on 11 March 1913. She is buried at the Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Keatchie, beside several of her children and other relatives.

THOMPSON HISTORY is included in the Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rowan County, North Carolina, Volume 19, No. 1. Peter Thompson (b. July 3, 1740, d. April 17, 1823) came to America from Scotland. On January 3, 1771, he was married to Mary Potts (b. November 15, 1753, d. December 18, 1829. The following five of their nine children relocated to Tennessee: Moses (b. May 29, 1772) married Elizabeth Suddreth, and they went to Lebanon, Wilson County; Margaret (b. April 2, 1774) married Hugh Fox (presumably) went to TN.; Henry (b. Nov 4, 1779), James (b. April 20, 1784), and Alexander (b. Oct 30, 1786) went to Maury County, TN. No other record.

JOHN M. SIMONTON BIOGRAPHY was abstracted from the January 22, 1886, edition of the Tupelo Journal and published in Itawamba Settlers, Volume 25, No. 1, the quarterly journal of Itawamba County, Mississippi History and Genealogy. J. M. Simonton was born in 1830 in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Simonton appears on the 1860 Itawamba County Federal Census, Plantersville Post Office, page 275. In 1857 John M. Simonton was listed as head of household, age 30, farmer, $22,000, born in TN. Other members of his household included N. Ruth Simonton, 25, female, born TN; Sallie E. Simonton, 2f, born MS; Anna E. Simonton, 2/12f, born MS; G. F. Buchanan 11m, TN; Robert A. Buchanan, 5m, TN; John W. Potter, 27m, $6,000, TN. The article also lists the family of J. F. Simonton (same page as John M.), and W. F. Simonton family on the 1880 Lee County Federal Census, town of Shannon, page 196-A.
J. M. Simonton served several terms (1859, 1866 and 1883) as State Senator from Itawamba County, Colonel of the First Mississippi Infantry; and elected to the first Reconstruction Convention.

In the same issue - The Village of Fulton 1860 Federal Census Record. The following were born in Tennessee: Irena E. Phillips, 25f, (wife of Eli Phillips); John A. Beachum, 26m, farmer, $1,000, $1,800 (shows editor note that John was county sheriff.); Martha A. Odom, 28F, (wife of E. P. Odom); James F. Walsh, 33m, merchant, $1,500, $10,000; Jas. E. Wright, 50m, collecting officer, $1,000, $5,000; Alford P. Gaither, 30m, merchant, $600, $10,000 and Malinda Gaither, 22f; G. B. Gaither, 38m, merchant, $300, $2000; Partin Burgess, 47m, merchant, $9,000, (living in the household of Thomas M. Baits); Ruben Wylle, 55m, tavern keeper, $4,400, $12,000; Pleasant G. Thomas, 47m, merchant, $300, $6,000 (living in the household of Egbert G. Betts); Wm. M. Gaither, 34m, retired gentleman, $500, $1,030; Joel A. Cayce, 42m, farmer, also living in household Charlotte Wallace, 57f; Wm. C. Gilbert, 32m, mayor and postmaster, $200, $1,000 and Mary M. Gilbert, 33f; Casper D. Mulder, 16m, attended school within the year (household of George D. Mulder); Francis E. Holmes, 37f, and children Jas. S. 10m, Frederick, 8m (both attended school within the year.), and Mary A. 6f.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL ROBERTSON, the Revolutionary War veteran, are covered in an article in the Limestone Legacy, Volume, No. 3, reprinted from Planters, Patriots and Pioneers, One Hundred Ninety-Five Years in Limestone County, Robertson Family in Tennessee and Arkansas. According to a family chart, Samuel was married to Hannah C. Litton. Samuel died 1836 in Hardin County, Tennessee, and reported to be buried in the Swinney Cemetery. The inventory of his estate sale mentions children Michael, John Wesley, and Samuel, Jr., as buyers. Eli, William, and Elizabeth Robertson Grinder were not buyers and probably not at the sale. Elizabeth is possibly dead or moved to Arkansas with her husband John Grinder. Michael's daughter married James Swinney, and another married John Forbus. Strawn and Childress are possibilities for two of Michael's unknown sons-in-law. Michael's son, Lewis and family are on the 1850 Jackson County, Arkansas U.S. Census.

John Wesley Robertson was born about 1803 and died 1859 in Hardin County. He married Melinda Rowswe. The Hardin County 1850 Tennessee Federal Census, family number 59, shows John Wesley Robertson, age 46, farmer, born Alabama, property value $500, Melinda 41 b, KY, Varina 19, James F. 17, William W. 15, Margaret A. 13, Frances H. 9, Samuel E. 5, Lucinda 2, all born in Tennessee. Melinda's father's household number 60 shows Thomas Rowswey, age 85, born VA, Zedrick age 38, b. KY, James H. age 30, b. KY, Elizabeth I. Robertson (possibly the I. is for Irvin), Elizabeth L. Dill age 22, and her children James C. 3, and William A. 7 months, b. TN.

The Swinney Cemetery also contains graves marked William Swinney, b. 23 Aug 1807, d. 21 January 1885, and Nancy Swinnea (Swinney). b. 14 March 1825 d. 15 Jan 1892. Nancy is likely the daughter of John Wesley Robertson.

MARRIAGE NOTICE of Mr. Josiah D. Anthony, of Haywood County, Tennessee, to Miss Hannah L. Blum, of Salem, on Tuesday evening last (the 16th of December), by Rev. E. Rondthaler, at the residence of the bride's mother. The Marriage Notices from the People's Press, Salem, North Carolina, 25 December 1879, Volume XXVII, Number 54 and reprinted in The Forsyth County Genealogical Society Journal, Volume 23, Number 1.
OBITUARIES FOR KINMUNDY, IL published in Footprints in Marion County, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, contains several former Tennesseans:

Marion County Express, Jan 8, 1920 - Brought here for burial was Othnial Williams, who was born in Silver Springs, Tenn., on June 22, 1838, and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Ross, of Tuscola (IL). He removed with his parents to Illinois in 1845 where he spent the remainder of his life, except for 3-years in the Civil War. In 1864 he married Margaret Benson at Raleigh, and they had four children. She died in 1880. He married second Anna Tackwell, and they had four children. The obituary contains the names of the eight children and two surviving brothers and three sisters.

Kinmundy Express, Feb 5, 1920 - Manson Williams was born Jan. 15, 1837, in Wilson Co., Tenn., one of 11 children, and died Feb. 2, 1920. He married Miss Julia Hall, who was soon called away leaving him alone for 52-years. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Rachel Caroline French, daughter of John P. and Elizabeth A. French, was born in Tennessee July 16, 1833, and departed this life September 7, 1918, aged 85-years-1-month-and-24-days. She was the youngest of 11 children and the last one to be called to the great beyond. When she was 2 years of age, she came with her parents to Lebanon, IL. When she was 5-years-old, they moved to Lebanon, IL., near the village of Alma. There she grew to womanhood. On August 7, 1856, she was united in marriage to George A. Kniseley of Omega. She was survived by four children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. George passed to a higher life October 7, 1870.

Thomas Wantland Purcell was born in Sullivan County, Tenn. July 18, 1839 and died in Sapulpa, Okla. on March 20, 1918, at the home of his youngest son, Arthur, where he had gone on a visit. He came with his parents to Marion County when but 2-years-old. His parents died within days of each other when he was a youth. He had six brothers and three sisters. He was united in marriage to Eliza L. Harlin on Oct 23, 1855. Nine children were born to this union. Eliza preceded him to the world beyond on November 9, 1895. He was survived by a sister, brother, eight children, 23 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Also in the same issue - April 15, 1920 - Orie Wainscott and wife, who were married on Sunday in Memphis, Tenn., stopped off here to visit relatives, while on their honeymoon.

A descendant chart for Barton Dicen Campbell, born 4 April 1856, in Lebanon, Wilson, County, Tennessee, died 24 July 1865, in Centralia, Marion County, Ill. He married prior to 1881 in Wayne County, Ill., Christina Ann Gregory (daughter of Alva Gregory and Anna Gregory), born 15 Sept 1864, in Ill., died 25 Dec 1925, in Ill. The chart includes six generations.

ABSTRACTS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE appears in The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Volume XXXI, No. 2. The following had a Tennessee connection: 11 April 1856 (Vol. 1, No. 15) - Mrs. Nancy Tinnington Hester, died in Weakley County, Tenn., on the 26th of Feb. She was the youngest daughter of George L. and Gilly Alston, and was born near Soapstone, in Wake County, NC, on the 7th November 1815. On 10 November 1843 she married Mr. W. H. Hester of Granville, where she resided until the fall of 1851, when she removed to Tennessee. At the time of her death she had six little boys, the oldest eleven, and the youngest two.
Mrs. Ferry Rainey, wife of Rev. R. G. Rainey of the Memphis Conference, died near Medon, TN on the 12th March, 30 years. She was a native of Montgomery County, NC.

The same issue has an article on Stephen Senter of Cumberland Co., NC and sons, William and Henry. Henry, with his numerous offspring, moved first to Southwest Virginia, Smyth and Washington counties and later on into Tennessee. Owing to a federal pension application by Henry’s widow, Rebecca Avent of the Cumberland Avents, Tennessee Census records, and Bible records, this branch of the Senters is well-documented.

HELENA ARTILLERY (Key’s Battery) (continued from a previous issue) in the Tri-County Genealogy (AR), Volume 20, No. 2, contains the following named individuals that enlisted in Tennessee: Joseph Lemon, J. G. MacDonald (James G.), Peter McLaughlin, Martin Monahan, John Moor, James Morgan, John Morrow, Thomas O'Donnell, Henry O'Hagen, Henry O'Hearn, Thomas Riley, John Ryan, James C. Snow, Thomas Tolmey, John Topkins, Frank Travers, George Wade, E. J. Wallace, Charles Wilson. Additional information on their rank, place of enlistment and dates of service, along with other members of the Key's Battery, can be found in the article.

ROMANCE WAS COOKING – Mr. H.A. Gailbraith of Hiawassee College, Tenn., a scion of a proud southern family, was traveling for the Wrought Iron Stove Company of St. Louis when he sold a stove to Mr. F. L. Goodnough, a member of one of the most prominent families of Bourbon County. Although Mr. Gailbraith’s stay at the Goodnough residence in Hiattville was of short duration, he met the idol of his dreams, daughter, Sadie Goodnough. After a two-year romance, the announcement of their impending marriage was published in The Fort Scott Monitor, January 31, 1900, and appears in the Old Fort Log, Volume XXXII, No. 1, Fort Scott, Kansas.

ANNIE JANE ALLEN, widow of Granderson Allen, died June 23, 1890, aged 91-years-9-months; nine miles from Nashville, Tenn.; native of Halifax Co., VA; 6 children. The obituary was published in the Nashville Christian Advocate and reprinted in Piedmont Lineages, Volume XXVII, No. 2, Quarterly publication of VA-NC Genealogical Society.

The same issue contains the following Pittsylvania County, VA, deaths from old Tennessee obituaries:

Mary N. Bucey, widow of S. Bucey, born Pittsylvania County, VA, March 13, 1782, moved to Fayette County, TN 1833 and died there, in residence of Major Isaac F. Bucey, August 27, 1852.

Martha H. Priddy, w/o John Priddy, d/o Nelson Tucker, Pittsylvania County, VA, died in Henderson County, TN, May 24, 1854 in her 58th year.

Elizabeth Robinson, d/o John and Sarah Whillock, born Pittsylvania County, VA, Dec.16, 1777, died May 7, 1855, md. Jacob Robinson of Washington County, TN, August 7, 1794, mother of 14 children, 2 of whom died in infancy.

Nancy Keatts, w/o Thomas Keatts, born Pittsylvania County, VA, Jan 10, 1784, md.1801, died Montgomery County, TN, July 1, 1858, to which county she had moved in 1819.

Joel Coleman, born May 8, 1799, Pittsylvania County, VA, married Millie, daughter of Christopher and Millie Robertson, in 1820, died near Pleasant View, TN, May 15, 1880.
INFORMATION ON DESCENDANTS of John Mills of Rowan County, North Carolina can be found in The Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rowan County North Carolina, Volume 19, Number 2. His daughter, Martha "Pattie" Mills, married James Isham Gideon, February 1, 1787 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. James was born about 1748 in Cork, Ireland, and they both died (James in 1832 and Martha in 1834) in Hawkins County, Tennessee. James and Martha had three children. Their son, John Gideon, was born June 4, 1810 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. The article also mentions Martha's siblings and some of their descendants with a Tennessee connection.

OBITUARY of General Samuel Wetherby Downs, from the Daily New York Times, August 31, 1854, is reprinted in Forgotten Louisiana, Volume 4-3, Newsletter of Northeast Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, West Monroe, Louisiana. General Downs was a native of Montgomery County, Tennessee. Information on his education and illustrious career, which included his election to the Senate of the United States, is contained in the article. He is buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Louisiana.

DOCTOR NEWNAN CAYCE FAMILY is the subject of an article in Itawamba Settlers, Volume 25, Number 2. He was born in Williamson County, Tennessee on August 16, 1812. Newnan was one of the early settlers of Itawamba County, Mississippi. He arrived in 1837, from Lawrence County, Tennessee. Newnan was accompanied by his young bride, Matilda Maria Gaither, whom he married in Lawrence County on January 12, 1837. The names of their children, all born in Mississippi, are contained in the article. Newnan Cayce died in Fulton on September 25, 1884. Matilda died on December 26, 1846. They are both buried in the Fulton Cemetery.

AFRIC AN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, is the subject of an article in Searches & Researchers, Volume XXVIII, Issue 2. An alphabetical list of the 1910 colored population in Waxahachie contains the following born in Tennessee, their sex, and age for the letters A-B: Leona Abernathy, b. abt. 1883, f; John Bacy, b. abt. 1870, m; John Bailey, b. abt. 1870, m; Walter Bannarn, b. abt. 1870, m; Ben Benson, b. abt. 1872, m; Odie Bewall, b. abt. 1883, m; Jake Brazelton, b. abt. 1882, m; Arthur Brazzleton, b. abt. 1902, m; Major J. Brooks, b. abt. 1848, m.
This is Volume 3 of a series on the vital records of the towns of Connecticut. The series covers 137 towns. The towns covered in each book are reflected in the title. The dates of coverage vary from town to town. Records include birth, marriage and death. Researchers of Connecticut and New England should review all books of the series as marriages may include individuals from other towns and states. Occasionally other information is also given as in this example—“Wilson, Archelaus, of Manchester, N.H., m. Julia H. Andrews, d. Prof. E. A., of Berlin, Oct 9, 1848, by Rev. Samuel Rockwell. A wonderful series for the Connecticut researcher.


The book has 123 genealogies of the early families of eastern and southeastern Kentucky. These families are listed alphabetically. In addition to the 123 families, each genealogy contains many of their related families. Most of the genealogies have at least 100 descendants, and some have as many as 400. Approximately 12,000 individuals are included in this massive work. In general, data on each descendant includes name, dates of birth, marriage, and death, place of residence, comments on military and public service, reference to public records and genealogical notes. Pre-immigration family histories are also given in some cases; however, the descendants are not necessarily connected directly to those individuals. Every southeastern researcher should review this book, as data is not restricted to Kentucky.
This is a resource book of genealogical data of eastern and southeastern Kentucky. Information [if available] is given on each county and is arranged per the following: first, the boundary and establishment by law of each county; then, a synopsis of the earliest court records, a list of pioneer families and finally the marriage records. Marriage records vary with each county, ranging from [1789-1804] in Mason County to [1822-1859] in Lawrence County. In addition, there are sections on Revolutionary soldiers, soldiers of the War of 1812, soldiers of the Civil War, history of the eastern and southeastern sections of Kentucky and list of pioneer members of the Kentucky legislature.


From about 1850 to the early 1900s, New York City was flooded with immigrants, who were primarily uneducated, unemployed and poor. As a consequence, their children became a menace to society and incorrigible. Through the efforts of the Children's Aid Society, some progress was made in trying to correct the living conditions of those children. One activity was the establishment of “lodging houses”, to provide homes for the homeless ones and to get them off the public streets. Another major endeavor was adoption of these children by persons living outside New York City, preferably in a rural community. These two activities met with a measure of success. A minister, Charles Loring Brace, deeply involved in the Society, proposed to “connect the supply of juvenile labor of the city with the demand of the country”. In 1928, the Society claimed they had sent 30,000 children to the country. This book is an index of the census records taken of the children living in those “lodging houses” from 1855 to 1925. If you have reached a brick wall of an ancestor who was denoted as an orphan, or who was adopted in a rural area of the country during that period, this book may hold a clue or two for you. The index is organized by census year, and the names are alphabetically listed.

This book, by James Walter Thomas, contains thirteen chapters about Colonial Maryland with footnotes and illustrations. The first three chapters cover the place of landing of the Maryland Colonists and the first capital of Maryland. The next two chapters cover the land tenure of Colonial Maryland. Chapter six covers the judicial system of Colonial Maryland. Chapters seven and eight cover the characteristic of Maryland establishment and some of Maryland’s early churches. Chapter nine covers the great seal and the flag of Maryland. The last two chapters are devoted to Saint Mary’s County, the oldest county. The Appendix contains a letter, dated August 1st 1799 written by Dr. Alexander McWilliams to his mother, regarding the opening of the “Calvert Vault” at Saint Mary’s referred to in note on pages 36 and 37. The illustrations are as follows: Chancellor’s Point, Saint Mary’s Bluff, site at First State House, Maryland’s First State House, Foundation Lines of First State house, Great Seal of Maryland under the Proprietary Government, Reverse of the Great Seal used by Cecelius, Lord Baltimore, Lesser Seal at Arms, Plate for Stamping Seal on Money, Present Great Seal of Maryland, The Maryland Flag, Map of Leonard-Town, Map of Saint Mary’s City. The footnotes were very informative and should be checked for your ancestor’s surname, as they are not listed in the index. This book is a valuable resource for libraries and for any genealogist whose ancestors came from Maryland.


Mrs. King has abstracted the earliest will of 38 Kentucky counties formed between the years 1780 and 1842 (with the exception of Crittenden County). This work covers the following counties: Barren, Bourbon, Bullitt, Caldwell, Christian, Clark, Crittenden, Daviess, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Greene, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jessamine, Knox, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Madison, McCracken, Mercer, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Todd, Warren, Washington, and Woodford. Each county is arranged alphabetically and with its own index. A general index is at the rear of the book and contains all the names mentioned in the text. This book is an excellent source for Kentucky researchers.


This work consists of selections from “The American State Papers” originally published as Monograph Numbers 5, 6 & 7. “The American State Papers” consists of British and Spanish land grants or patents made to Americans and recorded in the Register’s Office for the Mississippi Territory. Each record gives the name of the original grantee, the present claimant, date of the grant, patent or commissioner’s certificate, acreage, location of the grant,
evidence of grant fulfillment, and remarks. Over 1,000 claimants are named in this work. A few of the remarks provide evidence concerning the age of the grantee, date of original survey, names of relatives, and/or witnesses. If your ancestors received land grants or patents during this period, 1750-1784, this book would be a good source to check for your surnames.


Information about an immigrant that is found on a ship passenger list is very valuable. This can include age, country of origin, physical characteristics, who met them at the dock, or their occupation. Locating a specific immigrant can be especially difficult when the name is not found on www.ellisisland.org on the Internet or in various printed books of indexes. The indexes on microfilm at the National Archives are also very difficult to use. This directory can be of real help. If New York City was the port of entry between 1904 and 1926, The Morton Allen Directory provides a means of searching for the individual. It also covers the dates of arrival for passenger ships for the ports of Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore. It lists the steamship lines by individual years. The name and date of arrival of individual ships and port of departure are shown under each year’s heading. The first step in finding your ancestors is to assemble all-known or supposed information on the immigrant. Hopefully, the year, ship or steamship line is known. The name and date of arrival can then be found in Morgan Allen Directory -- for example, the date of arrival is 1919 from Greece. The National Greek Line had only 3 arrivals. These films can then be ordered from the National Archives or Family History Centers and examined for the immigrant. If the name is not found, several other steamship lines, which operated from the Mediterranean area can be examined. The more information known about the immigrant, the more likely the immigrant can be quickly located. Finding your ancestor on a passenger list can be difficult, but the rewards are so worthwhile. More columns of information were added in 1893, 1906, and 1907. All this gives the researcher a wonderful snapshot of the immigrant at a specific point in his life.

WAYNE COUNTY TENNESSEE DEED BOOK A, 1821-1833 & WAYNE COUNTY TENNESSEE DEED BOOK B, 1833-1838, by Barbara Crumpton, both books 8½ x 11, softcover, spiral bound, full name index. Deed Book A 121 pp., $30.00; Deed Book B, 117 pp., $30.00 s&h included. (Oklahoma residents add 8½% tax) Order from: Barbara Crumpton, 1455 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan, Oklahoma 73523, (Libraries may be billed)

Wayne County, Tennessee was established in 1817 from Hickman and Humphreys Counties. However, Wayne County is most unique in that it can be traced back to Washington County, North Carolina through Washington County Tennessee (1777), the Mero District, old Tennessee County, Davidson County, Sumner County, with all or parts of the county in Smith County, Robertson County, Montgomery County, Stewart County, and Dickson County Tennessee. As before, in her deed books, the author fully describes the lands by metes and bounds, showing adjoining land owned, previous land owners, original grants and entries if stated, and water courses. These two books are a must for anyone researching in this area of Tennessee or what was previously North Carolina.
Researchers can locate a lot of information about the early Tipton County settlers from these two volumes. Tipton County was formed from Shelby County October 29, 1823. Shelby County was formed from Western lands in 1819. Land exchanges, land sales, sale of personal property and notices of tax collection are among items listed. In Book A, a court degree details the John O. Davidson vs John Sturdivant, et al case on January 7, 1824. This involves the 1783 redemption of North Carolina species by John Davidson, who entered land not only in his name, but also in the name of other relatives, but only for his benefit. On another page, Samuel Polk was to locate a warrant for F.A. Ramsey of Knox for 127 acres for $1.50 interest on August 22, 1820. On November 14, 1828, in Book B, Henry Small sold Lot 14 in Covington to Thomas Good, Sr. for $80. Details of a marriage contract between Jacob Niswanger and Caroline Crockett, leaving much of his property to his heirs. The 12-point type and spiral spine makes these books easy to read and copy pages. These books can help tie a family to an area, aid in finding early Tipton County landowners, and are a splendid resource for family research.


This book is the first comprehensive list of state censuses available to the researcher. You might ask why state censuses are important when federal censuses are readily available. The answer is that State censuses may have information not in the Federal Census. Also, there is not the 72-year closed period like for the Federal Census, as some State Census are available much sooner. Each state is listed in this book and the year of each State Census is shown along with where the original of the census can be located. The researcher should definitely add the State Census as a source in order to get the full picture of their ancestors, and this book gives the information you need. Many times, the State Census contains information that cannot be found anywhere else.

AMERICAN PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS (A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam), by Michael Tepper, 144 pp., paperback, pub. 1988, cost: $14.95 plus $4.00 s&h for the first book and $1.50 for each additional book. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211 (800) 296-6687 Fax: (210) 752-8492

Several chapters in this book show the location of ports and availability of records for various periods as follows: The Colonial Period; The Beginning of the Federal Passenger Arrival Records; Customs Passenger Lists; Immigration Passenger Lists; The Hamburg Emigration Lists; and a checklist of Passenger List Publications. These chapters include finding aids and reference material, National Archives microfilm programs and publications, books and periodicals, and changes in locations of archives and documents. For a comprehensive record of how and where to find information about your ancestors’s arrival in this country, this book is among the best.

If you are a genealogist, amateur or professional, volunteer at a genealogical society, a teacher, writer, librarian or public speaker, I am sure you have had questions about copyright & contract law. The author of this book has answered most of these questions in an easy to read and easy to understand language. She has covered such topics as copyright basics, fair use, public domain, seeking permissions, illustrations, images, photographs, maps, works for hire, book publishing, and electronic contracts involving e-books, databases, DVDs, CDs, Web sites, etc. After each topic she includes questions and answers as to how to apply the law to genealogy. If you are engaged in any of the activities mentioned above, you owe it to yourself to obtain a copy of this book.

CD #7012 BRITISH EMIGRANTS IN BONDAGE 1614-1788, by Peter Wilson Coldham, $29.99 plus $4.00 s&h for first item and $1.50 for each additional item. Order from: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 (800) 296-6687 Fax: (410) 837-8271

If you have not found your ancestors on other ships’ lists, this is another very good place to look. The author has previously done extensive work to provide lists of immigrants in bondage, however, this CD supercedes all of his other works. In addition to previously published data, this CD contains information from previously unexplored records and some recent work from other immigration scholars. The list of emigrants is arranged alphabetically by surname, with aliases when given in the original records; parish or origin; occupation or status (many were laborers, and, if so, occupation is not listed); sentencing court, offense, month and year of sentence, name of ship, place, month and year landed in America; and English county in which sentenced. In addition, this CD contains a separate list of convict ships and a list of some 5,700 Irish transported felons and runaways, as well as the numerous sources of the information. After 1718, Maryland and Virginia became the most likely destination for these immigrants and should be a valuable resource for the genealogists whose ancestors came from those states.

INDEX TO VIRGINIA ESTATES, 1800-1865, VOL. 6, Wesley E. Pippenger, compiler, 6x9, hardcover, 571 pp, cc 2005, cost: nonmember $40.00, member $32.00 plus $4.00 s&h for first item plus $1.00 for each additional item. Order from: Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad Street, #115, Richmond, Virginia 23230-3023 Phone: (804) 285-8954

In 1930, Clayton Torrence published an index to extant Virginia wills and administrations dating from 1632 to 1800. Wesley Pippenger’s new volume has taken Virginia wills and estates in Augusta County, Rockingham County, and the independent city of Staunton forward from 1800 to 1865. Wills mentioned in Augusta County, executors and administrators, bonds, guardian bonds and will books have been alphabetically indexed. Although the majority of the will books from Rockingham County were lost, the minute books were not. The presentation of wills, estate accounts, inventories, sales, letters of administration, dower allowances, and guardianship records within the existing minute books of Rockingham County have been integrated into the index. Lastly, estates from the will books and loose estate papers of the City of Staunton have been included. The compiler is in the process of systematically indexing county records from the microfilm reels loaned to him by the Virginia State Library, thereby adding years to the estate information provided by Clayton Torrence. For the Virginia researcher, this contribution made by Wesley Pippenger is immeasurable.
CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS,
(ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, VOLUME 8, 1779-1782, by Dennis Ray Hudgins, Ed., 6x9, hardcover, 411pp., cost: $30.00 for nonmembers and $24.00 for members, plus s&h of $4.00 for first item and $1.00 for each additional item. Order from: Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad Street, #115, Richmond, Virginia 23230-3023 Phone: (804) 285-8954

In 1934, Nell Marion Nugent of the Virginia Land Office began abstracting Virginia land patents and grants. Her three volumes plus four additional volumes completed the issuance of patents and grants by the royal government through 07 of December 1774. This newly-published Volume 8 contains those land patents and grants issued by the land office, which was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1779. As land continued to be patented and not necessarily recorded between 1774 and 1779, there were conflicting land claims which had to be resolved. Volume 8 contains those patents and grants from 23 October 1779 through 01 June 1782. Entries include the name of the grantee or assignee, description of the land, the date of the survey, and/or issuance of the patent, and the cost in pounds, shillings, and pence. The index has the names of all patentees in capital letters. Some surnames with extensive listings are: Adams, Brown, Campbell, Christian, Davis, Ewing, Gilbert, Harrison, Johnson, King, Lewis, Martin, Montgomery, Payne, Randolph, Shelton, Talbot, Wilson and Young. The Virginia Genealogical Society has plans for three more volumes of the patents and grants extending through 26 June 1786.

KINGSBURY HALL: THE GENEALOGY OF A FAMILY GENEALOGY OF THE BRACEBRIDGE AND THE KINGSBURY FAMILIES, by Kenneth J. Kingsbury, two volumes, 2,160 pp., indexed in Volume II, published by Gateway Press, Baltimore, MD, $168.50 for both volumes plus $9.50 s&h in USA, $14.45 for Canada, & $15.85 overseas. Four equal monthly payments can be arranged on line using PayPal by e-mail at <ken.kingsbury@verizon.net>. send checks to Kenneth J. Kingsbury, 1703 Highgate Place, Garland, TX 75044-6855, (972) 414-0141, Fax (972) 530-2269, Cell (469) 964-0834

These special volumes are the result of 18 years of research of the Kingsbury family, and in which the lineage is proven by DNA. The research included trips to ancestral homes in Boxford, Suffolk County, England and Kingsbury Hall, Kingsbury, Warwickshire County, England, and contacts with almost a thousand individuals via e-mail. These books were written to add to earlier books by Rev. Addison Kingsbury (1901), Mary Kingsbury Talcott (1905), and Arthur Murray Kingsbury (1962). The DNA program has confirmed earlier theories that the original ancestors were lords of Kingsbury Hall, the Bracebridge family who came to Warwickshire from Bracebridge in Lincolnshire in the 12th century. DNA has also confirmed that the Kingsborough family of Ireland, that came to Canada & America after the original immigrants in 1630, were from the same Kingsbury family. Unlinked families are also included in these volumes to aid future researchers. In addition to the genealogy, the first part of Volume I contains the history of Kingsbury Hall, an analysis of the DNA program and Kingsbury trivia. Some of the other surnames in these volumes are: Adams, Alden, Allen, Anderson, Arden, Backus, Bader, Baldwin, Bell, Billings, Boyd, Bracebridge, Brown, Chandler, Clark, Cook, Crossman, Davis, Dean, Duncan, Eastman, Ellis, Freeland, Fuller, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Jordan, Ladd, Lewis, Loomis, May, Miller, Mills, Moore, Neff, Newcomb, Page, Parker, Parkhurst, Pomerooy, Porter, Rice, Richardson, Sargent, Smith, Spaulding, Tracy, Tricker, Ward, Ware, Whipple, White, Williams, Wilson, Winthrop and Wright.
Last issue, we ran this photograph along with the information below, and I am pleased to report that Jean Belser submitted the following census information: Shelley R. Cardiel, of Kirkland, WA, submitted this vintage photo of Elizabeth Turner Thompson. This photograph was taken circa 1865-70 at the Moyston's Star Gallery in Memphis, Tennessee. The photograph was found in an album belonging to Clem McClellan and also includes photographs of Mary Elizabeth Rather, born 6 October 1899, in what appears to be a christening dress. These photos were taken in Luling, Texas.

1880 Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi census:
Peter Rather, age 11, born in Mississippi, was living with his father, Daniel Rather, painter, age 70, born in Virginia and Sallie Rather, age 38, born in Tennessee.

1900 Luling, Caldwell, Texas, Precinct #2, census:
Peter Rather, born about 1869, in Mississippi, Mattie L., wife, born about 1873 in California.

1920 Luling, Caldwell, Texas, Precinct #2, census:

1930 Madison County, Tennessee census:

Thanks, Shelly and Jean, we are closer to reuniting this photo with its family!
This family Bible information was sent to Ansearchin’ by Margaret M. Cowart of Huntsville, Alabama. It belongs to her son-in-law, Christopher Dexter Potter, who is the son of Sarah Arrevia Bayer Potter, daughter of Spencer Droke Bayer, son of Joseph Bayer, son of John G. Bayer.

The Bible is written in German and was transcribed by friends of Mrs. Cowart’s, Brigitte Winch, Gisela Rieger and Almut Herkert.

The Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, Nashville, Tennessee, Published by A. H. Redford, Agent, for the M. E. Church, South, 1873.

These first two pages were inserted into the 1873 Bible probably coming from an older family Bible:

**Heiraten**

John G. Bayer, widower, born 29 April 1822 in Germany, Koenigreich Bavaria (kingdom of Bavaria) in Altenfeld. He married on the 28th of February 1858 to Elizabeth, by birth, a Bayer, born 17 August 1833, Niederauerbach, Rhein Pfalz Bavaria. They were married by W. Buhl in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
First, a daughter was born the 30th of November 1858 and was baptized in the Buris Church by Pastor Winter on the 6th of February 1859. She received the name Sarah, and the baptismal sponsors were Michael Guthermut and Mrs. Sarah. A son was born the 19th of January 1860, and he was baptized on the 15th of April 1860 by Pastor Winter and received the name Johan Georg (John George), and the baptismal sponsors were we, the parents.
Marriages in The John G. Bayer Bible

John G. Bayer and Elizabeth Bayer of Beaver County, Pennsylvania joined in the bonds of matrimony on the 28th day of February A. D. 1858, by William Buhl, J. P.

Births

Sarah was born a daughter on the 30th day of November A. D. 1858 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 6th day of February 1859 by Pastor Winter. Received the name Sarah. Witness on the act was J. Mich. Guthermut St. M.

John George was born a son on the 19th day of January A. D. 1860 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, baptized on the 15th day of April 1860 by Pastor Winter and received the name John George. Witnesses on the act were the parents.

Jacob was born a son on the 7th day of February A. D. 1861 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 12th day of March 1861 by Brother Jacob Honecker, receiving the name Jacob. Witnesses on the act were Jacob Bayer and Hentyeta H.

Joseph was born a son on the 19th day of October A. D. 1862 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 25th day of December 1862 by Reverend J. Bank receiving the name Joseph. Witnesses on the act were the parents.

A. Wilhelm was born a son on the 19th day of September A. D. 1864 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 6th day of November 1864 by Reverend W. Schmitt receiving the name Adam Wilhelm. Witnesses: Adam Dryschell and wife, Elizabeth.

Mary Elizabeth was born a daughter on the 15th day of January A. D. 1866 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 10th day of February 1867 by Brother T. (?) Werner receiving the name of Mary Elizabeth. Witnesses: Mary and Elizabeth Bayer.

Julius Heinrich was born a son on the 12th day of September A. D. 1867 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 20th day of January 1868 by Reverend S. (?) Wirner, receiving the name Julius Heinrich. Witnesses to the act were the parents.

Anna Sophia was born a daughter on the 15th day of August A. D. 1869 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and baptized on the 22nd day of October 1869 by Brother L. D. (?) Miller receiving the name Anna Sophia. Witnesses to the act were the parents.

Rebecca was born a daughter on the 5th day of November A. D. 1871 in Houston County, Tennessee and was baptized on the 9th day of September 1872 by the Reverend W. H. Graves.

David Martin was born a son on the 1st day of December A. D. 1875 in Houston County, Tennessee and was baptized on the 13th day of March 1876 by T. (?) L. Moody R. E. receiving the name David Martin. Witnesses to the act were the parents.
Sarah: born a daughter on the 30 day of Nov. 1855 in Asse Co., Pa., died on the 6 day of Feb. 1859 by Jacob Winter, son of Jacob Winter, who died the same time. Sarah, wife of the late Jacob Winter, and Sarah Winter, mother of the late Jacob Winter. 


Isaac: born a son on the 7 day of Feb. 1868 in Asse Co., Pa. 


Abigail: born a son on the 18 day of October 13, 1862 in Asse Co., Pa. 

Mary Elizabeth: born a daughter on the 15 day of Jan. 1866 in Asse Co., Pa. 


Rebecca: born a daughter on the 5 day of Nov. 1871 in Asse Co., Pa. 

Deaths

Sarah Bayer day of death on the 21st day of June A. D. 1867

Anna Sophia day of death Sunday August 13th at 11 o'clock p. m. 1893

John George the father died Saturday October 7th at 9:45 p. m. 1905

Elizabeth the mother died September 13th 1892 at 5:45 p. m. age 59-years-and-27-days

Joseph died Friday, May 6th at 1:30 p. m. 1949
Bayer—John George Bayer was born 29 April 1822 in Bavaria, Germany and died at his son, Joseph’s, home near Cumberland City, Stewart County, Tennessee, October 7, 1905, at the advanced age of 83-years-5-months-9-days.

He came to New York in 1847 and a little later in the same fall came to Rochester, Beaver County, Pennsylvania and married his second wife, Elizabeth Baier, February 28, 1858.

Both professed religion in 1860 and joined the Evangelical Church until he removed with his family to Tennessee in 1870. Here, in Stewart County, Tennessee, he united with the M. E. Church, South, by letter until 1880 when the M. E. Church was organized in that region by the Reverend Spague Davis, and in this communion he continued until called to a blessed reunion with the faithful and beloved wife and most dutiful and exemplary daughter, Anna Sophia, both of whom had adorned their Christian profession and preceded him to the heavenly home. It is difficult to speak or write too strongly of the virtues and value of this true, good man, this beloved father in Israel. He possessed the best qualities of the German race, sanctified by divine grace and consecrated to the service of God and his church. His financial means were quite moderate, but in the support of the church, its ministers and benevolences, he was an example of liberality and self-sacrifice.

When far advanced in years, being a skilled mechanic, he built almost alone an elegant church building on the hillside near his dwelling, persisting in calling it “Christ Chapel,” utterly refusing any attempt to attach his own name to the edifice.

His house was home, harbor of rest and sanatorium to the weared presiding elder little band, mostly of his and circuit preacher. He was the head and center of a own household, who were faithful amid the faithless, and great discouragements.

After a long life, harmless, pure and beneficent, his end was peace, perfect peace.

On a beautiful warm autumn afternoon his funeral sermon was preached by Reverend Brother Walkup, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, in the little church on the hillside, which Father Bayer had built almost alone. The crowd in attendance far exceeded the capacity of Christ Chapel.

Tod Cotton
Mr. Joseph Bayer died at his home near Cumberland City, May 6, 1949, from an illness of short duration. While advanced in years he was active up to the day of his death.

Mr. Bayer was born in Pennsylvania October 19, 1862, son of the late John G. Bayer and Elizabeth Bayer, but moved to this county early in life. His wife, to whom he was married September 20, 1884, preceded him in death in 1935. For years he was superintendent of a Sunday School known as Bayers Chapel and was active in the work of the Methodist Church and was a member of the Cumberland City Church, where services were held Sunday, May 8th, at 2:00 P. M., by the pastor Reverend J. C. Elliot. Burial was in the Cumberland City Cemetery. He is survived by: three daughters, Mrs. J. D. Fuller, Miss Lillian Bayer and Miss Annie Bayer, all of Cumberland City; four sons, J. C. Bayer, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; Joseph T. Bayer, Nashville; S. D. Bayer, Eutaw, Alabama; Martin H. Bayer, Cumberland City; five brothers, John G. Bayer, Greensboro, North Carolina; Jake Bayer and Will Bayer of Cumberland City; Professor J. H. Bayer, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Davis M. Bayer, Nashville, Tennessee; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Parchman, Erin, Tennessee and Miss Rebecca Bayer, Cumberland City. Pallbearers were: Plummer Powers, Edward McCracken, Leonard Thomas, Juber Harris, Morris Parchman and Laurice Morris.

Wiseman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
Cyndi Howells is the owner and Webmaster of Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, <CyndisList.com>, a categorized index to over 236,500 online resources. It has three times been voted the best genealogy site on the Web and receives more than 3,000,000 visits each month. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 24 years, is a member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. She writes for magazines and is the author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet: Netting Your Ancestors, Cyndi’s List and Planning Your Family Tree Online. Her topics will be:

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PARKER-CHITWOOD

Looking for John B. Parker born 27 March 1809 in East Tennessee. He married a Moriah (Maria) Chitwood. John died 9 March 1887 in Houston, Mississippi and is buried in Gibbs Cemetery in Houston, Mississippi. Known children were: Pleasant, James, William, David and Seabon. All of his children were born in Mississippi. John B. moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi in January 1836. Per the census, both of his parents were born in Virginia. Trying to locate him in East Tennessee.

Sylvia Harris, 5221 Rich Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38117

FRAZIER-CARR

Searching for great-grandfather Bowling (Boling) G. Frazier born in Virginia between 1803-1807. He married Jane Carr, daughter of William Carr, in Halifax County, Virginia in 1826. They moved to Davidson County, Tennessee in 1850, per census. The 1860 and 1870 censuses show him in Weakley County, TN. The 1880 census has him living with daughter and son-in-law, John and Martha King, in Martin, Tennessee.

Norma F. Austin, 10973 Point Harbor Drive, West Point, Mississippi 39773-6615

CARPENTER-STEELE

Need an Iowa marriage date, place, siblings of son, William Holliday Carpenter born 20 September 1861 in Nebraska (?) to Benjamin Carpenter and Lucinda Steele, both born in Iowa (?), however, DNA links them to Tennessee.

Grace Petron, 1205 N Old Glenn Highway, Palmer, Arkansas 99645-8643, (877) 754-3620, <gratron@yahoo.com>

BOYD-BALLENTINE-HALL-HAMILTON-TURNER

Information needed on great-grandfather Marcus Boyd, born in Tennessee c. 1822. He married Sarah Jane Ballentine in Montgomery County, Tennessee on 9 February 1850. They had the following children:

John C. b. Nov/Dec 1850 in TN; Daughter b. 15 August 1853 in Trigg County, Kentucky (died at birth); Margaret E. b. 16 August 1854 in Trigg County; William L. b. 9 April 1855 in McCracken County, Kentucky; Charles b. 21 May 1857 in McCracken County; Luther b. 1 September in 1861, McCracken County. Sarah probably died shortly after Luther was born. John C. married Nancy Hall on 22 January 1877 in Montgomery County, TN. They are

BAREFOOT-SMEDLEY-NORMAN-WELCH

Reasearching all the above names in Tennessee, with Welch and Norman in Rutherford County.

Betty N. McDougald, 9903 Kemp Forrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77080
listed on the 1880 Cheatham County census with their children, Edward Lee and Andrew Thomas. They returned to the Lovelaceville area of Ballard/McCracken County c. 1882 where John died in the winter of 1887-88.

Col. E. H. Boyd, 5851 E. Elmwood Street, Mesa, Arizona 85205-5833

**MCNEAL-MCNEIL-TIDWELL-BROOKS**

McNeal/McNeil descendant looking to connect with other McNeal/McNeil cousins in Tennessee and elsewhere. I am willing to share all my family information with you. I am descended from Young McNeal (1825-1918), CSA Civil War Vet, and Ann (Louisa) Brooks (1837-1907), married in Williamson County, Tennessee. His daughter, Eliza (Liza) McNeal, married Eli Joseph (Joe) Tidwell in Williamson County in 1888.

Larry Dean Tidwell, 113 Wood Hollow Drive, League City, Texas 77573, (281) 334-3819, <ltidwell1@houston.rr.com>  

**CHILDRESS-PORTER-NANCE-HAYES-HAYS-DRAKE-DAVIS**

Any info on William Hayes (Hays) born unknown, buried in Robertson Cemetery, Johnson Grove Road, NW of Bells, Crockett Co., TN. His son was William A. Hayes, b. 1869, and daughter, Cora Hayes. William A. married Mary Elizabeth Drake, and Cora married Tom Davis. William and Mary are buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Jonesboro, Craighead Co., AR. Cora is buried in Robertson Cemetery. Also need info on Thomas J. and Amanda Melvina (Porter) Childress. Thomas, b. AL, NC, TN c. 1820, d. 7 Dec 1900, Williston, Fayette Co., TN. Amanda, b. AR c. 1827 and d. 19 Dec 1877 in Memphis. Both are buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Their children were: Elizabeth Caroline, b. 29 Oct 1844, married Joseph D. Nance; Josephine, b. 1853; Victoria V., b. 26 Nov 1858; Florence H., b. Dec 1863; Edward and Mattie W., both born before 22 March 1866 and infant Childress. Elizabeth buried in Phillips County, (?), Arkansas. All others are buried in Elmwood.

E. V. Moore, Jr., 1401 Hardwood Trail, Cordova, TN 38016-8594, <anchorman1@bellsouth.net>  

**ADAMS-LEWIS**

Interested in exchanging information on Miles Adams born 1801 in Virginia and died 1885 in Jacksonville, Arkansas. He married Hepsy Lewis, born 1809 in South Carolina and died 1862. They were in Giles County, Tennessee in the 1840 census and in Pulaski County, Arkansas in 1850. Their children were: Jefferson R., Martha, Cary G., Miles W., Mary W., John W., David C., James J. L., Thomas Mc and Annie.

Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiwan Drive, Evergreen, Colorado 80439-8926

**SMITH-VANZANT**

Looking for documentation on the family of Joel Smith (1760-1840) of White County, Tennessee. Mary, his daughter, married Isaac Vanzant and later lived in Franklin County. Will share information.

Jerry Limbaugh, 4623 Lynchburg Road, Winchester, Tennessee 37398, <jtlimbaugh@usa.net>

**GARNER-CAID-CADESWANN-GREEN-HILL-MARCUM-HOPPER**

Seeking information on the parents and siblings of
Susannah Elizabeth Garner born about 1822 in Tennessee and John B. Caid born about 1821 in North Carolina who married 10 November 1842 in Marshall County, TN and were in Marshall County, Mississippi by 1850. The only known sibling of Susannah is Jane M. Garner, who married W. E. Swann about 1835. Possible siblings are: Mary Ann Garner, who married George W. Green 16 August 1842; Martha Garner, who married James W. Hill 4 May 1846 and G. W. Garner, who married Elizabeth J. Marcum 6 October 1840, all in Marshall County, Tennessee. The parents of John B. Caid are thought to be John born 1785-87 in NC and Leah or Sara b. 1777-79 in MD. A John Cade appears in the 1840 Henderson County, TN census with 1 male 50 and below 60 and 1 female below 70. This couple also appears on the Marshall County, Mississippi census very near the John B. Caid family. Siblings are thought to be Isaac O. Caid b. abt.1810 NC. He and his family appear on the 1840 Marshall County, TN census and he is found next door to John B., Eunice Caid, who married Jacob Hopper 6 December 1836 in Marshall County, TN. Elizabeth A. Simmons, 19 Elliott Road, Greenbrier, Arkansas, 72058-9212, (501) 679-7208,
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FISH-DONAHOE-JOHNSON-WILSON-HERDON-
DONALDSON-BELL-MAXWELL-
LAWHORN-HOOPER-FULCHORN-
RICHARDSON-ALLEN

Would like to contact anyone researching these surnames in and around Hardeman County, Tennessee.
Nora Iona Marbury, 125
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TILLER-ROBERTSON-BULL-WARR-
CLEMENTS-MARSH-PERKINS-SANDLIN-
HAYES-HAYS-LOFTIN-LAMBERT-
CARRINGTON

Would like to exchange information on these lines connected to Fayette, Hardeman Counties in Tennessee and Marshall County, Mississippi. The Tiller line of Madison County, Alabama, then to Fayette County, Tennessee. Especially George W. Tiller born about 1815 in VA, AL, TN (?).
Jennye Miller, 2050
Cordes Road,

CORNELIUS

Searching for the surname Cornelius in Alabama and Mississippi, especially near Bear Creek: Harold Cornelius, 464
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FARMER-BOYD

Information needed on Minerva Farmer and James Charles Boyd. Photos needed.
Marion Mitola, 18 Saw Mill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724-2309

RICHARDSON

Information needed on Robert H. Richardson, born 1824 in Tennessee. He moved to Illinois in the 1830's. Possible siblings are William, born 1828 and Nancy. Need to know the names of parents, other siblings and locations. Janice Schultz, 13400
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MORRISS

I am looking for the father of George Morriss of Halifax County, North Carolina. George died 1813 in Halifax County. His children were: George, William, Dunston, Penny, Milley and Anne.
Mike Morris, 6311
Grassy Point Cove,
Bartlett, Tennessee 38135
BOYD-OZELOTH

Looking for information on the following: John William Boyd, William Jackson Boyd, Loula Ozeloth. They may have lived in the Greene or Hawkins Counties area.

Betty Haworth, 10263 Paragon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45458-3915

CLACK

Information still needed on the children of James Clack of the Ware Church, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Virginia, the Moses Clack line is my interest.

Margaret Clack Cooper, 117 North Highland Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38111

TOMLINSON

Seeking information on Alford Tomlinson, died 1850-1856 in Saline County, Illinois. He was the son of William M. Tomlinson, died September 1882 in Wilson County, Tennessee. Need the names of the siblings, parents, birthplace, marriage and families.

Linda S. Myers, 404 Sango Road, Clarksville, Tennessee 37043

VINNES

Researching the Vines family of Northeast Tennessee. Andrew, born 1836, James, born 1860, Karl, born 1896. Karl’s siblings: Ruth, born 1906, Margaret (Peggy) Jane Curry on 22 December 1823 in Maury County, performed by John Kesterson. There are six known children all born in TN between 1826-1845. Between 1845-1850 the entire family migrated from TN to MS and settled in Marshall County, MS. Rev. Harris was a circuit rider for the Methodist Episcopal Church and was preaching at Pisgah M. E. Church, Giles County, TN 1835-1837 and 1832 in Maury Co. He is probably the brother of Elizabeth Harris born 1810-1812 in GA and died 21 September 1872 in Tishomingo County, MS and married Jacob Redwine Lowrimore born 1835 and died 1842 in Tishomingo Co, MS and left 4 known children – one son, James Harris Lowrimore was also a M. E. minister and settled in Texas. Elizabeth Harris Lowrimore married a second time to Thomas Walker in 1845 in Tishomingo County, MS and died 1850 and had at least three children. He too was a M. E. minister and they had at least three children. He was married three times -- once before Elizabeth and once after her death. Some records indicate Elizabeth Harris to be the daughter of Rev. Charles B. Harris but this is impossible due to both their ages. More probable a sister, but I need proof of their connection. Any clues, suggestions, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

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TGS sponsors this program to recognize and honor the settlers who came to Tennessee before 1880. To place your ancestors in this roll of honor, please request an application from Mrs. Phyllis Rothammer, Director of Certificates, at TGS. Upon completion of the application, please return it along with supporting documents or other proof of your ancestor's residency, along with a $10 application fee. Attractive certificates suitable for framing are issued to each person whose application meets program qualifications. Certificates are inscribed with the prime ancestor's name, date and place of settlement in Tennessee along with the applicant's name.

** Volunteer and Donations**

TGS is strictly a nonprofit organization. We exist to keep the history of Tennessee and our ancestors alive. Volunteers run every aspect of the society, and if you would like to join the 'cause,' please contact us. There is no job too small — remember, Tennessee is the Volunteer State! If you wish to make a donation, please contact us, and remember that all contributions are tax deductible.

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On page 60 of this issue we feature the book, Memphis-Shelby County, Tennessee: The Early Years, Selected Court and Land Survey Books: 1820 – 1855. The surnames Abbot thru Gann are the first installment of names listed in the index of this book. Please make sure to check out all of the surnames. They are not individually listed in our master index on page 59.

We ask for your continued prayers and support on behalf of Byron and Virginia Crain's daughter, Beth. Our well-wishes are extended to Beth and her family.