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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear TGS members,

A big THANK YOU to the many people who helped me with my first issue of Ansearchin' News. Jennye Miller kindly and patiently formatted the articles I sent her in bits and pieces, which were sometimes too long and sometimes too short. Loretta Bailey and Jim Bobo encouraged researchers I did not know well to send in articles and prepare abstracts from microfilm for publication. The library volunteers were always helpful, and cheerfully found whatever materials I needed.

I see my job as that of an editor, who compiles materials others send in. (You don't really want to read 60 pages of my writing!) So: please send me your family histories, Bible records, genealogy charts, and short articles (3-5 pages) on any research you have done which might be of interest to other readers. We especially need material from counties in Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee, since we are the Tennessee Genealogical Society! What county did your family come from? Would you like to transcribe some microfilms for us and find out more about your own ancestors at the same time? We will order microfilms if we don't have them in our library now, and will help you get started.

Reading and abstracting microfilms is slow work, but very rewarding. I have discovered a lot "between-the-lines" from studying Henry County microfilms from the early 1800's. My great-great-great-grandfather's older brother, state senator Peter "Old Pewter Foot" Kendall, appeared in the records frequently, in land transfers, as a witness for others, and as the guardian of my great-great-grandfather and his brothers and sisters. Not much on Moses, but lots on his family.

Again, thank you for your help and support. Have a nice summer!

ANN KENDALL RAY
FROM THE PRESIDENT

When the Germantown Administrators and I began merger-discussions in February of 2005, we knew that the building being considered for our collection had been built as a library. We thought we could "splash on" a little paint, clean the carpets, hang a couple of new lights and move in "by Christmas." It doesn't work that way.

The moving date is now projected for Mid-October, 2006. We have requested permission of the Davies Manor Association to stay at our present location, on a month-to-month basis, until the new building is completed.

Welcome to the real world of libraries in '06.

In addition to the aesthetics of the old building, which requires reconstruction of the front wall and redesign and replacement of the roof, you must consider humidity control. A complete vapor barrier, including installation of double-pane windows, must be installed in the stack-room. Fire and safety standards must be met. Do you install a chemical fire suppression system or water sprinkler? Where do you put the stand-pipes? Will an electronic fire alarm suffice? Are toilets handicap accessible? Do you choose hard-wire or wireless for the internet? What lighting do you choose? Do you put carpet in the conference rooms or tile? Do you rebuild the entry foyer? What else?????

Now that I've shared with you some of my frustrations, let me also share some of my enthusiasm and excitement for what we are building.

First, I am most appreciative of the Germantown City Administration and Engineering Department, (that answered most of the above questions) and their Library Board, for their commitment, in both talent and money, to make this new research center beautiful and significant resource for the Genealogist and Historian.

The mission of this new entity is to preserve and share across generations the history and culture of the South, its wit and wisdom, its families and economics. The Society solicits grants of money and gifts of collected material that will help us contribute to the success of this mission.

As the center piece of this new facility, The Tennessee Genealogical Society will maintain "a society for the study, investigation, and acquisition of genealogical history and records." We will continue to search for and publish new Tennessee material. We will enhance the existing collection of genealogical and historical material. We will identify and train volunteers in various aspects of managing a library, a publishing company, a research center, a speaker's bureau, an electronic communication center, and other targets-of-opportunity that will assist you in ancestral and historical research.

And as always, we search for ways to add value to the membership of both the local member and the subscriber. May I have your suggestion?

James E. (Jim) Bobo, President
KINFOLKS FOUND IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY, TN.

transcribed from microfilms of Court Minute Book A by Bettie B. Davis
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p. 227 - June 3, 1839 – David A. Posey was appointed guardian for his granddaughter, Virginia Hill Keller, and entered into bond.

p. 236 - August 5, 1839 – Margaret Burke, one of the guardians for the minor heirs of Arnold Burke, dec'd, came into court and surrendered her guardianship. Sampson Smith was appointed guardian for William T. Burke, Caladonia T. Burke, Mary J. Burke, Elinor A. Burke, and Robert A. Burke, minor heirs of Arnold Burke, dec'd.

p. 241 - September 2, 1839 - Henry R. Chambers, Esqr., was paid $5 for holding an inquest over the dead body of Samuel Miskelly.

p. 248 - November 4, 1839 – Mark Glidewell has died; the widow relinquished her right to the administration to Thomas L. Clark and letters of administration were issued to him. His securities on bond of $200 were Thomas B. Cousins and Able H. Pope.

p. 249 - December 2, 1839 – William Fullen has died intestate; John Fullen applied for letters of administration and entered into bond with Hiram C. Keller and William P. Gaines, his securities, in the sum of $500.

p. 255 - January 6, 1840 - Charlotte Bibb was ordered to bring her child Moses into court the first Monday in February that he may be provided for as the law in such cases directs.

p. 257 - James Barfield, Esqr. was allowed $5 for holding an inquest over the body of a dead negro named Warren.

p. 260 - February 3, 1840 – Rezin S. Byrn, David P. Posey, and John Stone are appointed commissioners to divide the estate of Samuel Rudder, dec'd, between John W. Rudder and Elizabeth Rudder and report to the next term of the court. Moses E. Stone was appointed guardian for John W. Rudder, minor heir of Samuel Rudder, dec'd, and entered into bond of $2000 with John Thompson and John C. Barnes, his securities.

p. 263 - March 2, 1840 – Edwin H. Hinton was appointed guardian for his daughter, Mary E. Hinton, a minor of the age of 10 years.

p. 264 - The last will and testament of Amos Rounsaville was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of Stith Richardson and William S. Walpole.

p. 277 - April 6, 1840 – John Flippin has died intestate. John L. Flippin was issued letters of administration.
Philip Burrow has died intestate and the next of kin to the deceased not making claim to the administration and J.M.C. Robertson, the largest creditor, laying claim to the administration proving his debt on oath, it is ordered that he have letters.

p. 278 - Ordered that Ezekiel Farmer bring Moses, an illegitimate son of Charlotte Bibb, into court at the next term on the first Monday in May then and there to be dealt with as the law directs.

p. 290 - May 4, 1840 - Ezekiel Farmer, in obedience to the order at April term 1840, brought into court Moses Bibb, an illegitimate child of Charlotte Bibb, who was bound an apprentice to Ezekiel Farmer to learn the occupation of farming. Leroy F. Lockard became his security for the faithful performance of his duties to (Moses) and the payment of what the court directed him to be bound to pay Moses Bibb at the age of twenty-one.

p. 291 - Joseph Wardlaw informed the court that Thos. D. Fisher, guardian of Juretta Niswanger, has gone to parts unknown, probably Texas, and that the estate of Juretta G. Niswanger, minor heir of Jacob Niswanger, dec'd, was suffering in consequence. The court appointed William P. Gaines her guardian. He entered into bond with David P. Posey, R. C. Campbell, and Hiram C. Keller his securities.

Hiram C. Keller was appointed guardian of Hiram W. Keller, minor heir of Imri Keller, dec'd. He entered into bond with J. C. Barnes, Elijah Lake, and G. L. Rutherford his securities.

p. 294 - June 1, 1849 - The last will and testament of Susan C. Marley, dec'd, was presented and proved by the subscribing witnesses E. H. Hinton, Henry Summerow, and Guilford Jones.


p. 299 - W. D. Lee was appointed guardian of Malvina A. and Josiah C. Marley, minor heirs of Adam Marley, dec'd, in place of Mrs. Susan C. Marley, former guardian, dec'd, whereupon said William D. Lee with Stith Richardson and H.A.G. Lee, his securities, entered into bond.

p. 306 - August 3, 1840 - Pleasant G. Davenport produced the last will and testament of George Moore, dec'd, wherein he was appointed executor and offered it for probate. Its validity was contested by William A. Cleaves who entered into bond.

p. 308 - I. D. Coachman has died leaving no will and Mrs. C.A.R. Coachman having relinquished her right to the administration in favor of Benjamin S. Tyus and Thomas W. Tyus, and they having entered into bond, letters of administration issue to them.
William Turner, David M. Henning, Thomas Rice, and John Rice are to lay off to C.A.R. Coachman, widow of J. D. Coachman, dec'd, her year's provision and report in November.

Reubin Alphin, who was appointed guardian of John H. Johnson, Washington Johnson, Polly W. Johnson, Sally Johnson, and Nancy Johnson, minor heirs of Sally Johnson, dec'd, resigned the appointment and the court appointed James H. Given guardian in his place.

October 5, 1840 — Isaac Braden, Coroner, is to be paid $5 for holding an inquest on the body of John Cochrane.

Jeremiah Cotter has died leaving no will and Absolam G. W. Byrn applied for letters of administration on the estate. He entered bond and letters were issued.

John Cochrane had died leaving no will and the court is satisfied to John Fletcher's claim to letters of administration. He entered bond and letters were issued.

The last will and testament of George More, dec'd, was produced and the execution proved by witnesses Carter Whitson and James M. Barber. Pleasant G. Davenport, the executor named in the will, was issued letters testamentary having entered into bond.

David A. Bradford was chosen guardian of William T., Mary Jane, Eleanor Ann, Robert A. and Caledonia T. Burke, minor heirs of Arnold Burke, dec'd, in place of Sampson Smith, former guardian, dec'd. Bradford entered into bond. [Bradford had married their mother 12 Feb 1839 – BBD]

Michael Cleaves has died leaving no will and William A. Cleaves, having applied for letters of administration, and the Court being satisfied as to his claim, letters of administration were issued.

November 2, 1840 — The last will and testament of Jonathan Jones, dec'd, was produced and the execution thereof proved by Lovick Lanier and Pleasant Gardner, witnesses thereto. John H. Lanier, one of the executors named in the will, will have letters testamentary, having entered into bond.

December 7, 1840 — Ordered that Sarah Coleman be paid $15.50 for the funeral expenses of John Williams, a pauper.

January 4, 1841 — Ordered that James A. Morris bring Sarah Jackson, an orphan, into court at the next term to be dealt with according to law.

Charlotte Andrus has died leaving no will and Samuel P. Andrus, having applied for letters of administration and the court being satisfied with his claim, letters are ordered to be issued.
Matthew Turner has died leaving no will; letters of administration were issued to Jonathan Laney.

February 1, 1841 – The court bound Mary Jane Dyal, an orphan, to Mary Elkins, and ordered P. C. Dyal to have his apprentice bond given up and be released from any further liability on the orphan's account.

Ezekiel Farmer, who was charged with having begotten an illegitimate child on the body of Charlotte Bibb, came into court and entered into bond with approved security, he and his securities acknowledging themselves indebted to the court conditioned for the faithful payment to Charlotte of the money allowed her by law.

Isaac J. Pinson, who was charged with having begotten an illegitimate child on the body of Delphia Byler, came into Court and entered into bond with approved security, he and his securities acknowledging themselves indebted in open court for the faithful payment to Delphia of the penalty mentioned in the bond.

April 5, 1841 – Ordered that Isaac Braden, Coroner, be paid $5 for holding an inquest on the body of a negro belonging [to] Edmund Fitzpatrick.

Ordered that James McElyea be paid $7.62 ½ for funeral expenses incurred by him in the burial of James Neary, a stranger.

April 6, 1841, p. 351 – Alexander Strickland has died leaving no will and Griffith L. Rutherford has applied for letters of administration. Issued.

July 5, 1841, p. 358 – The court appointed Joshua Wright guardian of Demarius Reynolds, one of the minor heirs of Joel Reynolds. Wright made bond with John H. Maxwell and Saml. Lusk securities.

Mary Graves, alias Mary Young, has died leaving no will. Lance Graves applied for and was issued letters of administration with Rezin S. Byrn and Absolam G.W. Byrn as securities.

Richard H. McGaughey was appointed trustee for the benefit of Wm. T. Morehead and Marena O. Morehead in a marriage contract in place of H.A.G. Lee, dec'd.

August 2, 1841 – George Williams has died leaving no will. David Williams applied for letters of administration, and they were issued.

Rezin S. Byrn, William Conner, and Robert C. Campbell, Esquires, were appointed to divide 5 slaves belonging to the estate of Mary A. Graves, alias Mary A. Young, between Lancy Graves and the heirs of William P. Young. They are to report to the October term.
G. L. Rutherford, sheriff and collector of the public taxes, reported on persons failing to pay poll tax. Henry Edney was dead, and those who had left the county were: Wilson C. Baker, D. Millsap, Neill McLeod, Wiley Voss, R. F. Moore, Elisha Roberson, James Bourk, Michael Briscoe, H. W. Caulkins, James Conway, William Carrol, John Conley 1st, John Conley 2nd, William Conley, William Coyle, William Carson, James Donaldson, Gabriel Frasier, Michael Holham, James Laney, James Murphy, John Martin, and Thomas Shanley. Mary Ramsey who owned 3 slaves had also left the county.

Henry A.G. Lee has died, and Margaret Lee, his widow, having relinquished her right to the administration to William D. Lee, it is ordered that letters issue to him. He entered into bond of $3000 with Guilford Jones and Benjamin T. Porter as his securities.

The will of John Walpole [Warpool], dec'd, was produced and proven by Edmund Wright, Zachariah Mitchell, and John Russell, the witnesses. William Warpool and Benjamin Warpool who were appointed administrators in the will, were issued letters and entered into bond of $6000 with Robert Crichfield, Benjamin T. Porter, Thomas D. Warpool, and John Russell, securities.

John Russell, Samuel C. Robertson and William B. Sawyer were appointed to divide the slaves of John Walpole, dec'd, according to the provisions of his will. Slaves are Martha, Holly, James, Ebberlina, Rose, Eunice, June, and Minerva.

Robert Ford has died intestate. Henry F. Rutherford was appointed administrator with Stith Richardson and John L. Flippin securities on his bond.

Green B. Temple has died leaving no written will. Nancy Temple was made administrator with Robert C. Campbell and William D. Lee her securities.

Stith Richardson, Henry F. Rutherford, and Samuel Hooper were appointed to set off to Margaret E. Lee, widow and relict of Henry A.G. Lee, dec'd, her year's provision and report in January.


G. L. Rutherford, Sheriff and collector of publick tax reported the following [uncollectible] taxes: William D. Cooper was insolvent. The following had left the county: Neil McLeod, Michael Horner, F. McCoy, Daman Millsaps, Henry Edney, Lazarus Inman, Richard T. Moore, Elisha Roberson, James Bourk, Michael Briscoes, Hiram W. Calking, James Conway, Michael Conway, William Carrol, John Connelly 1st, John

p. 390 - December 6, 1841 – Willie Dodd, who had become security of Samuel P. Anders, administrator of Charlotte Anders, dec'd, conceives himself in danger of becoming liable because of the conduct of Anders [was spelled "Andrus" in minutes of January 1841], and he appeared to ask the court to summons Samuel P. Anders to give new and counter security or to appoint another administrator in his place. The court ordered a summons.

p. 391 – Samuel C. Robinson, John Russell, and Wm. B. Sawyer who were appointed in November to divide the negroes mentioned in the decree divided them among Caroline Walpole, Thomas Walpole, Francis Walpole, John Walpole, William Walpole, Catharine Walpole, Benjamin Walpole, Mary Walpole, and Rebecca Walpole. Slaves were Martha, Holley, James, Eveline, Rose, Eunice, Jane, Minerva.

p. 392 - Isaac Braden was appointed guardian of Mahala Braden, John Braden, Martha Braden, Elizabeth Braden, Wiley Braden, Harriet Braden, Robert Braden, and Sarah Jane Braden, minor heirs of Martha Yergen. Robert C. Campbell and A. H. Pope were securities on his bond.

p. 393 – Eleanor Wood has died leaving no will; William Wood was made administrator with Joseph Taylor and Jonathan L. Hearring securities.

p. 394 – Clerk was ordered to issue notices to Gilly Hunter, guardian of William Hunter; Robert West, guardian of Francis Marian [and] Rachael Caroline Virginia Millen; and to Moses E. Stone, guardian of John Rudder, requiring them to appear at next term and give new and counter security.


Gilly Hunter, guardian of William Hunter, minor heir of Mabry Hunter, made bond of $800 with Wm. P. Gaines and Hiram C. Keller her securities.

Moses E. Stone, guardian of John W. Rudder, minor heir of Samuel Rudder, made bond of $3000 with Griffith L. Rutherford and John Thompson his securities.

p. 397 - Henderson Jones is dead leaving no will; Joseph Currie was made administrator.

(to be continued)
Sarah Beaver, Arkansas Pioneer

Michael A. Ports*

Introduction

The following article is the sixth installment in the continuing series of articles concerning the children of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver of Henderson County, Tennessee. The focus now is on their daughter Sarah, her husband John Lewis Moose, and their family. Additional articles on the remaining children are planned and underway. It is hoped that their descendants as well as other researchers will find their story both interesting and informative. It also is hoped that others will step forward with new information.

Researching women in nineteenth century America can be problematic because women often left so few public records. The case of Sarah Beaver is typical in that regard. In fact, she is mentioned in no official records that have survived. Therefore, much of what can be learned about Sarah must be inferred from the public records left by her husband. In addition, one must rely on other secondary sources of information.

The Early Years in Tennessee

6. Sarah Beaver was born circa 1805 in Alabama, the daughter of Stephen and Nancy (White) Beaver.\(^1\) Because that portion of northern Alabama was not yet open to settlement, it seems more plausible that she was born during their difficult trek from Georgia, through the Alabama wilderness, and ending in Tennessee. When she was just a toddler, her parents arrived in that part of Bedford County, Tennessee that became Lincoln County in 1809. There she grew up in the Mulberry Creek neighborhood. When she was about seventeen years old, her family moved further west into Henderson County. It was there it is presumed that she met and married her husband John Lewis Moose. John, born August 20, 1803, was the son of John and Susannah (Heffner) Moose of Lincoln County, North Carolina.\(^2\) Family tradition holds that on his twenty-first birthday, John left home to seek his fortune. He apparently settled for a time in Henderson County, Tennessee where it is presumed that he met and married Sarah Beaver. Their courtship could not have been a long one. Based solely upon the ages of their children, Sarah Beaver and John Moose probably were married circa 1825 in Henderson County. Soon after their marriage, the couple

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moved further west into Fayette County, Tennessee. In 1830, the young household of John Moose was comprised of just four people.\(^3\)

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The young boy probably was their son James and the young female probably was their daughter Mary. The two adults no doubt were the parents John and Sarah. They owned no slaves, but primarily were engaged in agriculture. John Moose was living in Fayette County in 1836 when he stood as security for his brother-in-law John Beaver’s estate.\(^4\) In 1836, John Moose owned 147 acres of land valued at $1,470.\(^5\) No record has been located of him either acquiring or disposing of that property. He owned no slaves. His poll tax and property tax totaled $0.76.

### Moving to Arkansas

Soon thereafter, circa 1838, John moved his family to Arkansas. Descendants claim that he first settled in Conway County, but no record of him there during that period has been found. By 1840, John was living in Big Rock Township, Pulaski County, Arkansas. It was there that he first appears on the tax rolls. J. L. Moose was assessed for his poll tax, one horse valued at $100, and twelve cattle valued at $230.\(^6\) In 1840, the John Moose household included eight people.\(^7\)

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As the oldest male, John is listed in the correct age category, but his wife is not. Perhaps the enumerator simply erred. The oldest boy probably is their son James, the middle boy their son Michael, and the two youngest boys their son Edwin and an unknown son. The older girl probably is their daughter Mary and the younger girl probably is their daughter Adaline. John Moose owned no slaves, but was engaged primarily in agriculture. In 1841, John again paid his poll tax in Pulaski County. His horse was valued at only $50,

\(^3\) 1830 Census, Fayette County, Tennessee, Page 35. On microfilm at Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

\(^4\) Probate Records, Fayette County, Tennessee, Court Minutes, Book A, Page 98. Fayette County Courthouse, Somerville, Tennessee.

\(^5\) 1836 Tax List, District No. 6, Fayette County, Tennessee. Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

\(^6\) Pulaski County, Arkansas Tax Rolls, 1828-1838 and 1840-1849. All Arkansas tax records on microfilm at Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

\(^7\) 1840 Census, Pulaski County, Arkansas, Page 100. All Arkansas census schedules on microfilm at Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.
but his twelve cattle remained valued at $230. In 1843, J. L. Moose was assessed for his poll tax, two horses worth $120, and eight cattle worth $94.

Late in 1843, John moved his family to Union County in southern Arkansas. In 1844, J. L. Moose paid his poll tax there, but was assessed for no real or personal property. He then moved back to Arkansas. His wife Sarah died there circa 1845, but no official record of her death has been located. Nor has the location of her burial been discovered. While the year and place of her death is proven only by family tradition, it does not contradict any known records. In 1845, John paid his poll tax in Union County. He also was assessed for four horses valued at $200, one jack valued at $50, and fourteen cattle valued at $160. In 1848, J. L. Moose was assessed for his poll tax and for two horses valued at $95.

Joining the Gold Rush

In the spring of 1849, John was bitten by gold fever. Accompanied by his sons James and Edwin, he made the overland journey to the California gold mines to seek his fortune. They were among the first to reach the gold fields after the thrilling discovery at Sutter’s Mill. James returned to Arkansas soon thereafter; and Edwin died in California, leaving his father to strike it rich by himself. In 1850, J. L. Moose at 47 years of age was the oldest miner in his camp. Also in his camp were seven other miners: Wm. W. Joyce, E. L. Mongomery, T. Depen, Lewis A. Lee, Michael Gagson, B. M. Harbur, and Coleman G. Manashall. One presumes that John headed their camp because he was the oldest by at least a dozen years. John L. Moose stayed in California for some twenty years, yet little record of him there has been uncovered.

Not long thereafter, John moved to Nevada County to seek his fortune. On May 23, 1855, John L. Moose sold a tract of land to Mrs. Mary Downey for $400. The tract consisted of a lot on the south side of Main Street in the town of Rough and Ready. The lot measured 50 feet along the street and extended back 250 feet. It was adjacent to a ten pin alley, the "Downey House," and the "Marshall House." He signed his name as J. L. Moose. Unfortunately, no record has been found of John acquiring that property. The name Rough and Ready for a town certainly is peculiar. It was the first township in Nevada County in which a settlement was made. The town and township were so named for the Rough and Ready Company which settled there in 1849. Gold was found and miners rushed in and the town boomed. By 1856, the town contained some three hundred buildings. The local placer mines became exhausted about that time and the town began

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8 Union County, Arkansas Tax Rolls, 1838-1856.


10 1850 Census, Population Schedules, Yuba County, California, Page 306. All California census schedules at National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

11 Land Records, Nevada County, California, Deed Book 1, Page 83. Nevada County Courthouse, Nevada City, California. (Hereinafter cited as Nevada Deeds.)
to decline rapidly. In 1859, the town almost was destroyed by fire and never fully recovered.\textsuperscript{12}
By 1860, John was working as a gardener in the town of Rough and Ready.\textsuperscript{13} Living alone, he is listed as 56 years old and born in North Carolina. He valued his real estate at $200 and his personal property at $100. On February 27, 1861, J. L. Moose sold his interest in a water right to E. W. Roberts for $50.\textsuperscript{14} His interest consisted of "an undivided thirdpart of a certain water ditch for miningpurposes commonly known as the McCharles Ditch in Rough and Ready Township conveying water from the main head of Squirrel Creek near the Primrose House to Bunker Hill and Randolph Flat." He signed the deed as J. L. Moose.

On August 19, 1864, J. L. Moose sold another tract of land to E. W. Roberts of Grass Valley for $350.\textsuperscript{15} The tract was located on the south side of Rough and Ready adjacent to the main ravine and included the water right, ditch, and flume. He signed the deed as J. L. Moose. On January 19, 1865, Joseph M. Maguire, James Hewett, James Downing, and J. L. Moose sold their mining interests and claims to A. A. Smith and John Smith for $150.\textsuperscript{16} The men sold their undivided interest in half of a certain quartz ledge, quartz mining lands, and mining claims known by the name of the Moose quartz ledge. The subject mining interests were located about one quarter mile northwest of Rough and Ready on the road leading to Whitesell’s Ranch. All of the partners signed their names to the deed.

On March 2, 1865, E. W. Roberts of Grass Valley sold a tract of land to J. L. Moose for $175.\textsuperscript{17} The tract was situated on the south side of the village and included a water right, privilege ditch conveying water from the main ravine to the tract, all out houses, flumes, and other improvements. On October 15, 1866, J. L. Moose sold this mining tract to Joseph Schletthouer for $500.\textsuperscript{18} J. L. Moose also owned a house and garden lot on the south side of Main Street in Rough and Ready. He was assessed for property taxes every year from 1862 through 1866, but not thereafter.\textsuperscript{19} Unfortunately, no record of him having purchased or sold that property has been located. John Moose probably left California late in 1866 or early in 1867.

\textsuperscript{12} Poingdestre, J. E., 1895 \textit{Pictorial History of Nevada County, California}. Cornstock Bonanza Press, Grass Valley, California, 2000.
\textsuperscript{13} 1860 Census, Population Schedules, Nevada County, California, Page 417.
\textsuperscript{14} Nevada Deeds, Book 9, Page 299.
\textsuperscript{15} Nevada Deeds, Book 15, Page 57.
\textsuperscript{16} Nevada Deeds, Book 22, Page 600.
\textsuperscript{17} Nevada Deeds, Book 25, Page 662.
\textsuperscript{18} Nevada Deeds, Book 25, Page 661.
\textsuperscript{19} Assessors Records, Nevada County, California, 1862-1879. Nevada County Courthouse, Nevada City, California.
Returning to Arkansas

By 1869, John Moose had returned to Arkansas by taking a boat from San Francisco to Panama, crossing the isthmus on foot, and taking another boat to New Orleans. From there he traveled by steam boat to Conway County, Arkansas to live with his son James. In 1870, John was living at his son's home in Morrilton. The 67-year-old is listed as a native of North Carolina. The occupation column on the census schedule contains the notation MD. It is presumed that is an error, as surely John had not become a medical doctor while in California. According to all other available records, he worked as a farmer, miner, and gardener. Also according to the census, he owned no real or personal property in Arkansas.

In 1880, John still was living in Morrilton with his son. The widower then was 77 years old. The notation "At Home" is given for his occupation. North Carolina is given for the place of birth for him and both of his parents. John L. Moose died at the home of his son James in Morrilton on January 2, 1888. He was laid to rest in the Moose Family plot at the Elmwood Cemetery in Morrilton. Etched into one side of the tall obelisk monument is the notation, "John L. Moose 1803-1887." Without further proof, it is not possible to resolve the apparent discrepancy in the reported dates of his death. No probate was entered for his estate.

The children of John Lewis and Sarah (Beaver) Moose were:

44. i. James Miles, born March 21, 1827 in Fayette County, Tennessee.
45. ii. Mary, born November 16, 1829 in Fayette County, Tennessee.
46. iii. Michael Harrison, born December 29, 1830 in Fayette County, Tennessee.
47. iv. Adaline, born November 29, 1832 in Fayette County, Tennessee.
49. vi. unknown son, born circa 1836 in Fayette County, Tennessee.

Conclusion

Unfortunately, not much is known about Sarah Beaver because she is not mentioned explicitly in any records that have been found. It is presumed that she shared her siblings' strong sense of family, as her husband and children stayed close to her sisters and brothers-in-law who also migrated to Arkansas. Sarah and her husband raised their

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21 1880 Census, Population Schedules, Welborn Township, Conway County, Arkansas, Enumeration District 38, Sheet 35.
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children to become fine, upstanding, and worthy members of their community. Many of her descendants still live in and around Morrilton. It is indeed unfortunate that more information about Sarah has not survived.

Her husband must have been an interesting character. That he was at the same time self confident, resourceful, and adventurous is evident by his setting out to seek his fortune as soon as he reached manhood. Walking from North Carolina across the Appalachian Mountains to West Tennessee was no mean feat for a young man of just twenty-one years during that era. After about ten years of farming in Fayette County, he again struck out for the newly opening lands of Arkansas. It is presumed that trek also was an arduous adventure for John, Sarah, and their six young children. One wonders whether they traveled alone in a wagon or were accompanied by other families seeking better lives in Arkansas. Of course, it goes without saying that rushing off to the California gold fields in 1849 must have been an exciting adventure. John did not strike it rich, but he did manage to earn a living both as a miner and gardener while in California. One suspects that his return trip by sea down the Pacific coastline, by foot across the jungles of Panama, and by steamer back home to Arkansas was another adventure. No doubt, John L. Moose had many interesting stories to tell his grandchildren while he enjoyed his twilight years.

The foregoing article presents all of the public and private records that have been found concerning Sarah Beaver, her husband John Lewis Moose, and their family. 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, Arkansas History Commission, Henderson County Courthouse, Fayette County Courthouse, Pulaski County Courthouse, Union County Courthouse, Nevada County Courthouse, Conway County Courthouse, and the very kind ladies at the Mid-Continent Public Library and the Little Rock Public Library. Also, many thanks are due to our cousins Ann McClung Hailey, May Hope Moose, and Charlotte Scharnhorst, who generously shared their research with us. Hopefully, others will step forward with new information as well as suggestions for further research. 

* 5427 Mission Road, Fairway, Kansas 66205. Member, Tennessee Genealogical Society.
Page 244-45  DEED  3 August 1843

STERLING WITHERS of Marshall County, Mississippi, sells to JESSE TATE of Shelby County, Tennessee, for $3,500, part of town lot in Memphis, Tennessee, and designated in the plan of said town, by the original deed of Proprietors, as lot #208, near Poplar and Main Street and the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Memphis and upon which TATE and WITHERS have created 3 store rooms fronting on Main Street. (This is a long involved deed, setting out explicit boundaries, seeming to be created to assure that WITHERS and TATE share equally).

Witness: A L L E N, M. A. KERR signed: STERLING WITHERS.
State of Tennessee Shelby County 7 August 1843, JOHN W. FULLER, Co. Clerk. The deed was filed in Note Book One, p. 115, on 7 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

Page 245-47  DEED  3 August 1843

Indenture between JESSE M. TATE of Shelby County, Tennessee, and STERLING WITHERS, of Marshall County, Mississippi and ALBERT G. WITHERS, of Marshall County, Mississippi, paid by ALBERT G. WITHERS, through his father, STERLING WITHERS a town lot in Memphis, Tennessee, designated in the plan of the Proprietors as lot #208, described in the preceding deed, the north room of which had been conveyed to JOHN P. TREZEVANT. This deed conveys to ALBERT G. WITHERS the middle room in the said block; the south room being occupied by WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM.

Witness: S. M. ALLEN, M. A. KERR signed JESSE M. TATE, STERLING WITHERS
State of Tennessee Shelby County 7 August 1843, JOHN W. FULLER, Co. Clerk
Deed filed in Note Book One, p. 115 on 7 August, 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

Page 247  DEED  26 May 1843

For two hundred and three hundred fifteen dollars, SARAHBELL BRACKIN sells to WM. M. IRWIN a Negro girl slave named MARIAH, older than 23 years.

Witness: S. RODGERS, E. RODGERS, J. R. IRWIN, H. ROLAND signed SARAH M. BRACKIN, E. RODGERS and J. R. IRWIN appeared before JOHN W. FULLER, Co. Clerk, Shelby County, Tennessee [and] affirmed the deed as witnesses. The deed was filed in Notebook One on 9 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar by W. S. DEWOODY, deputy Registrar.
JEPTHA BREEDING, of Tippah County, Mississippi sells to WILLIAM LYNCH of Shelby County, Tennessee, for a note for $102.50 due 25 December 1843, a lot in Germantown, Tennessee, numbered 20 in said town plan.

Witness S.W. LEDBETTER, J.Y. BOWEN signed JEPTHA P. BREEDING S.W. LEDBETTER and J.Y. BOWEN appeared before JOHN W. FULLER, County clerk, Shelby County, Tennessee and affirmed the above sale 9 August 1843, the deed was filed in Note Book One, page 115 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

PETER FITE sells to NATHANIEL SANDERS, both of Shelby County, Tennessee, for $700.00 a tract of land on Wolf River in Shelby County, Tennessee, Range 5, 11th Surveyor's district, being a part of a Grant dated 25 June 182—, granted by State of Tennessee to SAMUEL and ALEXANDER IRWIN, for 640 acres. NATHANIEL SANDERS made a not for $100.00 dated 2 June 1843, due 25 December 1843.

Attest: M. T. IVY (?) SANDERS signed PETER FITE State of Tennessee Shelby County 9 August 1843 JOHN W. FULLER, County Clerk The deed was filed in Note Book One, p. 115 on 9 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

President of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Memphis, Tennessee, sells to ISAAC C. FOSTER, 120 acres in Shelby County, Tennessee and off the north end of the west half of section 8 township, Range 4 west, payment made by ISAAC FOSTER, of $263.16 plus 2 notes of $248.39, another for $146.25, due 1 January 1844. signed S. WHEATLEY, President.

State of Tennessee Shelby County: SETH WHEATLEY, appeared before JOHN W. FULLER, County clerk, affirming the said deed JOHN W. FULLER by JAMES ROSE, deputy clk. The deed was filed in Note Book One p. 115 on 10 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

DAVID PARK of Shelby County, Tennessee, executed a deed of trust to JOHN PARK and WALTER D. PARK, dated 4 September 1839 in Register's Office Shelby County, Tennessee in book _____, conveying certain lots of ground or real estate, personal property to said JOHN and WALTER D. PARK, to secure payment of certain debts, JOHN PARK transferred the deed of trust and a parcel of land to JAMES BRADY for
$3459.00 on 2 September 1842, said lot in Memphis, Tennessee, Shelby County, fronting on Exchange Square. A description of the lot followed.

No witnesses; signed JOHN PARK, Trustee for DAVID PARK [ D. PARK]
State of Tennessee Shelby County JOHN PARK and DAVID PARK affirm deed to County Clerk, 12 August 1843, JOHN W, FULLER, Clerk by JAMES ROSE, deputy clerk The deed was filed in Note Book One p. 116 and recorded by W. P. REAVES, Registrar

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COURT DECREES 1st Monday in June, 1843

At a Circuit Court held at the town of Raleigh, Shelby County, Tennessee. the Honorable WILLIAM DUNLAP, judge of the 11th judicial circuit to petitioners: JAMES R. TAYLOR and his wife SUSAN TAYLOR and WILLIAM BRILEY. Petition exparte. 20 June 1843, final hearing, the judge decreed that the mill and 40 acres of land valued at $1760.00, also, title to Negro man Mose, valued at $375.00 be taken from WILLIAM BRILEY and vested in SUSAN TAYLOR, formerly SUSAN BRILEY. In addition, it is decreed that 125 acres of land valued at $843.00 and a Negro man (Jordan?) valued at $550.00 be divested from SUSAN TAYLOR, formerly SUSAN BRILEY and vested in WILLIAM BRILEY.

SUSAN TAYLOR and husband, JAMES R. TAYLOR are to pay WILLIAM BRILEY, $749.25 being the difference of said lands and Negroes. Petitioner to pay court costs.

JAMES R. BROWN, clerk of Shelby County Court Shelby County affirms the court decree; by W.L. DEWOODY deputy clerk. The decree was filed on 16 August 1843 in Note Book # One page 116. Recorded 17 August 1843 by W.P. REAVES, Registrar by W.L. DEWOODY, deputy clerk

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DEED 7 August 1843

LEMUEL AUSTIN of Shelby County, Tennessee sells to EDWIN HICKMAN, also of Shelby County, Tennessee for $500.00 ½ center lot of Subdivision of lot # 27 in South Memphis, Tennessee, said subdivision known as the North of SETH WHEATLEY'S lot which was bought of HICKMAN and AUSTIN. The following description of the land was unreadable.

Witnesses signed: LEMUEL AUSTIN, E.F. RUTH, P. G. GAINS. 10 August 1843, E.F. RUTH and P.G. GAINS affirmed deed to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk, Shelby County, Tennessee by deputy clerk: JAMES ROSE. Deed filed on 18 August 1843, in Note Book One, p. 116 W.P. REAVES, Registrar
BIL OF SALE

2 July 1843

THEOPHILUS PRITCHETT sells Negro slaves WILLIAM, aged about 23 years; DAVID about 22 years of age and _______ about 12 years old to R. H. PATTILLO for $500.00. Seller warrants the slaves are healthy, sound of kind and slaves for life. The sale was conditional that seller will pay R. H. PATTILLO, $1520.00 on 1 July 1844.

Witnesses JOHN F____ITY signed THEOPHILUS PRITCHETT, WILLIAM CARTER 6 August 1843, JOHN W. FULLER, County Clerk The mortgage was filed 19 August 1843 in Note Book One page 116. Recorded 21 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar

DEED OF LEASE

21 April 1843

A.H. BOWMAN sells to G LOCKE for $550.00 in annual installments by notes payable to said BOWMAN, for $110.00 each 5 years from the date, until 1 January 1849, lots in Memphis, Tennessee. One lot located on South side of Adams Street east of J.M. SPEAKES. Another at the comer of Third St. and Jefferson. The remainder of the deed of lease sets forth what will happen if LOCKE defaults.

Signed G. B. LOCKE, A. H. BOWMAN per J. T. TREZEVANT, atty. Description of lot on Adams Street Lot on Jefferson Street is #412

Memorandum: The parties further agree that the said BOWMAN, lends to LOCKE for the time stated (i.e. 1 January 1849) the lot lying East of the Jefferson Street lot, notes to be $150.00 each, with LOCKE paying the taxes. Signed A. H. BOWMAN, J. T. TREZEVANT, atty G. B. LOCKE 17 August 1843, J. T. TREZEVANT attorney for BOWMAN and G. B. LOCKE affirmed sale and the method of payment. JOHN W. FULLER, Co. Clerk by JAMES ROSE, deputy clerk Deed of Lease filed on 19 August 1843 in Note Book One p. 116 by W. P. REAVES, registrar

DEED OF LEASE

24 July 1843

G.B. LOCKE sells to WILLIAM F. and D. HUGHES for $700.00, by notes, the Adams Street lot in the foregoing deed (see pages 256-57) under the same conditions.

No witnesses; signed G. B. LOCKE, W. F. HUGHES, DAV. HUGHES, 25 July 1843, W. F. HUGHES and DAVID HUGHES affirmed the deed of lease to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk, by deputy clerk, JAMES ROSE. Deed of lease was filed on 19 August 1843 in Note Book One page 116; recorded 22 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES Registrar

DEED OF MORTGAGE

27 May 1843
G.B. LOCKE sells to A.D. HINKLE, for $223.33 to be paid in notes by HINKLE lot #479 in Memphis, Tennessee on Jefferson Street. This deed of lease is similar to the two preceding deeds. Complicated details and method of payment in case of defaults are included.

Signed G.B. LOCKE, A.D. HINKLE 2 August 1843, G.B. LOCKE and A.D. HINKLE affirm deed and method of payment to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by deputy clerk JAMES ROSE. Deed of mortgage filed on 19 August 1843 in Note Book One p. 116. Recorded 22 August 1843 by W.P. REAVES, Registrar.

GEORGE W. SMITH promises to pay GARDNER B. LOCKE $600.00 for the east half of lot # 251 located on Court Square in Memphis, Tennessee. If the said GEORGE W. SMITH can not make the payments to the Farmers and Merchants Bank, the sale is void.

Signed G. W. SMITH, 12 August 1843. GEORGE W. SMITH affirmed the deed of title to JOHN W. FULLER County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, deputy clerk 19 August 1843. The title bond was filed in Note Book One p. and recorded on the 22 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar.

SAMUEL LEAKE of Shelby County for $300.00 sells to JOSEPH HARRIS, a free man of color, two Negroes, FANNY, the wife of said JOSEPH HARRIS, and her child, VIRGINIA. Witness: THOMAS PITMAN, R.H. CROUCH signed: SAMUEL LEAKE. THOMAS PITMAN and R. H. CROUCH affirm the bill of sale to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, deputy clerk. The bill of sale & certificate of probate was filed on 19 August 1843 in note book One p. 116 and recorded on 22 August 1843 in Book O p. 260. W. P. REAVES, Registrar, by N. L. DEWOODY, deputy.

JESSE ISLER of Shelby County, Tennessee, on 13 January 1843 made a deed of trust, recorded in Shelby County Tennessee, to JEPTHA (Fowler?), trustee, for the purpose of saving the family’s and GERARDUS BUNTYN'S security for said ISLER, when his bond for an office from a decree of Chancery Court in Somerville, Tennessee, Supreme Court of Tennessee in amount of $7260.66 in favor of JOSEPH B. PATTON against said ISLER. ISLER lost the case on 18 January 1843 in Tennessee Supreme Court.

In August of 1843 a public sale was held in Memphis, Tennessee. THOMAS C. CRENSHAW bid $415.00 for CRICE, $500 for PHIL, $390.00 for JAMES, $350.00 for JUDY, $530.00 for HENDERSON. This sale to settle above debt. Witnesses: R.E.
TITUS, THOS. J. COGBILL, signed: JEPTHA FOWLKES, [who] acknowledged the bill sale to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, Deputy Clerk 19 August 1843 the bill of sale was filed in Note Shelby County Book One, p. 116 and recorded on 22 August 1843 in Book O, p. 260-261 W. P. REAVES, Registrar by W. L. DEWOODY, deputy registrar

Page 261  DEED  5 April 1843

For $750.00 ROBERTSON TOPP sells to CHARLES LEFLAND (Leflard, Lefleur?) a lot, # 18 in Block # 19 in South Memphis, Tennessee, a part of original country lot # 491.

Witnesses: W. O. LEFLAND, J. P. DAVIS, signed ROBERTSON TOPP, GEORGE A. McCALL, by his attorney in fact. ROBERTSON TOPP 8 August 1843 acknowledged the deed to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, deputy clerk 21 August 1843, the deed was filed in Note Book One p. 116 and recorded on 22 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES, Registrar, by W. L. DEWOODY deputy registrar

Page 262  DEED  7 June 1843

Between SETH WHEATLEY and THOMAS PITTMAN, both of Shelby County, Tennessee. For $600.00 SETH WHEATLEY sells a parcel of land near Memphis, Tennessee, being the west part of original country lot # 501, between Poplar Street extended and Overton View Avenue, which is a continuation of Adams Street, and the western half of a lot sold by C. BIAS and J. W. ______(MARN?) to said SETH WHEATLEY, by deed dated December 1842, recorded in Book O, pages 80-81. The undivided eastern part of said lot conveyed this day ______(Lannis?)T. FRIERSON.

Witnesses: J. J. SUMNER, R. TALIAFerro. signed: SETH WHEATLEY 13 June 1843 JOSEPH J. SUMNER & RODERICK TALIAFERRO acknowledged the deed to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, Deputy clerk 21 August 1842 the deed was in Note Book One p. 116 and recorded 23 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES Registrar

Page 264  DEED  11 December 1841

LITTLETON HENDERSON sells to THOMAS PITTMAN JR, both of Shelby County, Tennessee, a parcel of land in Range 5, section 1, being a part of 200 acres entry in the name of JAMES TITUS, warrant #3459.[ A complicated description of the property follows, complete with measurements.]

Witnesses: J. W. STOUT, HENRY McCALLEN, signed L. HENDERSON. LITTLETON HENDERSON personally acknowledged the deed to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court Clerk by JAMES ROSE, Deputy Clerk 21 August 1843 the deed was filed in Note Book One 116 and recorded 23 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES Registrar

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DEED 21 March 1843

JOB BLEDSOE of Desoto County, Mississippi sells to CHARLES SAFLAND of Memphis, Tennessee for $1,360.00, lot # 229 in Memphis, Tennessee fronting on Court Square.
No witnesses; signed JOB BLEDSOE. 21 March 1843 JOB BLEDSOE personally acknowledged the deed to JOHN W. FULLER, County Court clerk by JAMES ROSE deputy clerk Shelby County 21 August 1843 the deed was filed in Note Book One and recorded on 23 August 1843, W. P. REAVES, Registrar

DEED 18 April 1843

NATHANIEL RAGLAND of Shelby County, Tennessee sells to MILDRED ANDERSON of the same county, a parcel of land containing 3 acres one mile east of Memphis, Tennessee, on the north side of the new road leading from Memphis to LaGrange, Tennessee, being a part of the JOHN RAMSEY grant of 15,000 acres. A description of the land follows.
Witnesses: N.L. LAWRENCE, G.J. OWIN, signed N. RAGLAND. 18 August 1843 NATH'L LAWRENCE and G. J. OWIN acknowledged the deed to J. W. FULLER, County Court clerk, by JAMES ROSE, deputy; 21 August 1843 the deed was filed in Note Book One p. 116 and recorded 23 August 1843 by W. P. REAVES Registrar

DEED 8 November 1842

JOHN E. DAVENPORT, administrator of the estate of JAMES McWILLIAMS, deceased, sells to CHARLES SAFLAND, (both of Shelby County, Tennessee) lot # 315 of the Memphis City Plan. While living, JAMES McWILLIAMS executed a contract and bond to JOHN IUMBLE for $350.00 dated 5 February 1836. The said IUMBLE has paid $107.50 and has executed a note for the balance of the note. If IUMBLE pays the note, JAMES McWILLIAMS will issue a warranted deed. If not the $350.00 bond is in full force signed JAMES McWILLIAMS
Page 268 Said SAFLAND paid the note and JOHN E. DAVENPORT issued a warranty deed to CHARLES SAFLAND for the said lot #315. Witnesses: R. TALIAFERRO, THOMAS PITTMAN JR.

Signed JOHN E. DAVENPORT administrator of JAMES McWILLIAMS. 21 August 1843 THOMAS PITTMAN JR and RODERICK TALIAFERRO affirmed the deed to the County Court Clerk, JOHN W. FULLER by deputy clerk, JAMES ROSE The deed was filed on 21 August 1843 in Note Book One p. 116 Book O page 268 W. P. REAVES, Registrar by deputy clerk JAMES ROSE
(to be continued)
News from The Christian Endeavor Evangel, Memphis

The Christian Endeavor Evangel was a weekly bulletin published by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Linden Street Christian Church, which also included news from the Mississippi Avenue Christian Church and the Third Christian Church. Fifteen volumes of the Evangel, dating from April 5, 1903 to December 22, 1917, were microfilmed and are now in the Tennessee State Archives, thanks to A. Owen Guy, Associate Pastor at Lindenwood Christian Church.

Some items from these early years (continued from Vol. 53 #1):

August 2, 1903

We are happy to welcome Miss Nicholl into our church. She is a sister of our faithful member, Mrs. Megel.

We of the Mississippi Avenue Church, do certainly like to hear our vocalist, Mrs. E.E. Whitner, who sang the "Holy City" last Sunday, which was enjoyed by the whole congregation. We wish she would sing one like that every Sunday.

The members of the Mississippi Avenue Church missed one of their most prominent members, Bro. S.C. Toof, from church last Sunday. He was very ill, but is now able to be at his place of business. We trust he will be in his usual place at church Sunday.

Bro. J.E. Gorsuch will be with the Third Christian Church in September. He will take charge of the church the first Sunday in September.

August 9, 1903

Mrs. Dr. Burns and children, Coleman and Mary, are away from the city spending the heated term.

Mrs. R.J. Morrow and son, Raymond, are spending the heated term in Texas with relatives. We wish them a pleasant visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wooten and children, Wallace and Lucile, left Tuesday evening for Tate Springs to be absent from the city for several weeks.

August 16, 1903

Mr. Horace Smith left Saturday for the North. He will visit the Great Lakes and other watering places. The local editor gave you a wink last Spring that Horace would travel for the lakes soon.

Nothing doing at Mississippi Avenue or Third Church. Hope our correspondents are not sick, in love, or lost!

August 23, 1903

We were pleased to have three additions to the church last Sunday morning; they were Mr. Austin Tindall and wife, Mrs. Lizzie Tindall, formally of Paducah, Ky. and Mrs. Tindall's daughter, Miss Rial Thomas. Their home address is No. 188 Union Street.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wailes and children are spending the heated term at Sewanee, Tenn.
The Great Lakes have come to Memphis. Ask Horace Smith...

August 30, 1903
We have missed Miss Winnie Borchert very much while she has been away on her vacation at Ocean Grove, N.J. and visiting New York City and West Point, and will welcome her home.
We extend our hearty congratulations to our old friends Bro. and Mrs. W.E. Ellis, our former pastor and his wife, of the arrival of the new baby girl in their home.

September 6, 1903
When the waiting time is over. Next Sunday.
Prof. Max Zimmerman [the Linden Street organist] has returned from his vacation at Asheville, N.C. We hope he had a pleasant time.
Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Brown and family have returned home from their summer trip at Ocean Grove, New York City and other eastern points.
We are all delighted to welcome Bro. Sheffer back to us. He and his are vry dear to us, and we love them. We hope they are very well and that their vacation invigorated and rested them. You are royally welcomed back brother.
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Brown and family, Miss Effie Key, Mrs. A.D. Strobhar and Miss Olive Jackson have returned to the city and taken their places in church work. We welcome them.
Mrs. L.B. Mitchell and daughter Miss Lou have returned from Arlington, Tenn. where they spent the summer.

September 20, 1903
Prof. Wm. Saxby will play a violin obligato accompanying Miss Lunn’s solo tonight. He is the foremost violinist of the city and we feel complimented to have him.
We are delighted to know that Mr. Heber Coleman has been secured to have charge of our choir this year. He is the foremost vocal authority in the city, and we are sure of very fine and artistic results. Added to all this we are pleased to have Mr. Coleman because he is so very cordial and congenial. We royally welcome you.

October 4, 1903
Gen. W. J. Smith and niece, Mrs. Hamer, have returned home after an extended Western tour. We are pleased to know they had such a delightful time.
Mrs. R.H. Doane has a splendid young son at her home. Welcome to the little visitor.

October 11, 1903
One of the best Endeavor meetings held this term was lead by Miss Alice Adams last Sunday Evening. More short talks were made than at any meeting held for a long time. Among those who made talks were Oakley Gale, Mrs. B.M. Brown, Dr. Farris, B.M. Brown, R.C. Deaton, W.L. Gray, Miss Donna Smith, W.H. Deaton, Mr. Norris, Bro. Sheffer and Bro. Victor Smith.
October 18, 1903
Miss Zula Robertson deserves much credit for the admirable manner in which she conducted the Endeavor meeting last Sunday evening, this being her first meeting.

October 25, 1903
Mrs. P.B. Bartholomew furnished the decorations for the church last Sunday morning. Mrs. Bartholomew deserves much praise for her work in this direction.
Maj. J.H. Smith is travelling through Colorado and California enroute to the Bankers Convention at San Francisco. He reports having the finest trip of his life.

November 1, 1903
Another member was added to our church last Sunday morning in the person of Mrs. Eugene Norfleet Davis. Her address is 239 Stewart Avenue. We extend to her a joyous welcome and also to Brother Blackburn and Sister Green who made the confession the Sunday before and were received into fellowship last Sunday.

November 8, 1903
Mr. Harry Gatchell asserts that he will be happy around about Thanksgiving. We are not in position to say what he will be happy about but there are symptoms.
The officers of the [new] Junior [Christian Evangel] Society are as follows:
Miss Ruth Brown, President; Miss Jessie Key, Vice-President; Master Kennedy Block, Secretary and Treasurer.

November 15, 1903
Bro. G.A. Macon, president of Macon and Andrews Colleges, has been selected by the official Board and approved by the Church to fill the office of Deacon in our Church. A very appropriate service was held last Sunday evening to confer the Deaconship on him.

November 22, 1903
Bro. Sheffer and family have moved to 287 Lauderdale Street, where they will be pleased to receive their friends as usual.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Adams will come from Chattanooga to spend Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. S.L. Adams, on Vance Street.
Mrs. Joseph Severance, wife of Bro. Severance, formerly pastor of the Mississippi Avenue Church, was with us last Sunday. She returned to her home in Kentucky last week.
Mr. W.C. Ferguson and Miss May Laramie were married last Sunday afternoon [at Third Church], J.E. Gorsuch officiating.

November 29, 1903
Mr. Horace Smith spent several days in Mississippi last week on a hunting trip. Ask Horace to tell you how many bears he chased.
The Linden Street Christian Church is to be congratulated upon the discovery of a very fine Soprano voice in the person of Miss Laura Gish.

We are glad to see Mrs. E.A. Holmes, a soprano of ability, in our choir. We extend to her a royal welcome.

The Choir has in preparation the cantata "Bethlehem," a magnificent musical work by Geo. Root, which they will give at an early date.

December 6, 1903

The Nominating committee of the Christian Endeavor Society was appointed last Sunday, and their report will be given at the business meeting on the 16th. The committee is composed of: Miss Donna Smith, Mr. L.E. Glass, Miss Jennie Lindgren, Mr. Oakley Gale, Miss Alice Adams, Mr. Edwin Browne, Miss Zula Boswell, Mr. Harry Gatchell, Mr. Robert Gray.

Mrs. E.E. Whitner rendered a beautiful solo "Golgotha" to the delight of all present [at Mississippi Avenue] at the morning service.

December 13, 1903

We are very glad to announce that Master Lin Sheffer is very much improved as we go to press, and we hope and trust that he will soon be entirely recovered from a severe case of measles.

Mrs. Joe Sample and daughter, Miss Lee, will soon leave for Florida to spend the winter.

Mr. Oakley Gale will leave next Tuesday for Stoney, Tex. to visit his mother and spend Christmas holidays.

Last Sunday was another good day in our church [Mississippi Avenue]. All the services of the day were well attended with the usual interest. Bro. Riddell, assisted by Bro. Gorsuch, contucted the services at the Jail at 4 p.m. Special music by Miss Berthalee Scott. Those who accompanied Bro. Riddell from his church were Bros. H.H. Goodmann and J.N. Smith, Misses Berthalee Scott and Grace Goodman. Bro. Riddell made an impressive talk to the prisoners.
LOYALISTS IN CONFEDERATE TERRITORY, an article in Kentucky Ancestors, Vol. 40 #4 includes Benjamin F. Lofland and John B. Williams, husbands of Emilie Ann Campbell. Emilie was born 2 October 1846 at Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee, and moved with her parents Agnes and Thomas Campbell to Logan County, Kentucky in 1849.

Benjamin and 15-year-old Emilie married at Gordonsville on 22 May 1862. They planned to call this home, but he enlisted in the Union Army and was mustered into active duty in Russellville on 6 September 1862 as a 5th Sergeant. His unit was hit by a typhoid fever epidemic and he died of the disease on 24 February 1863. A son, Benjamin F. Lofland, was born two months later; tragically, he died in the spring of 1867, shortly before his fourth birthday.

Emilie married John B. Williams at Gordonsville on 29 September 1866. They had two children: Leuvenia Williams, born 10 August 1867, and Clarice Campbell Williams, born 9 June 1873. They moved to Texas and later to Oklahoma, where Emilie ever afterward referred to herself as "Annie E. Williams."

MISSOURI NATIVES IN COOKE CO. TEXAS, 1850 CENSUS includes the following heads of household born in Tennessee: D.A. Carley, 25, m, farmer, William B. Carlin, 30, m, farmer, B.F. Carpenter, 35, m, farmer, Mary E. Clark, 31, f, John Demorguis, 25, m, farmer, C. Chadwell, 25, m, farmer, William Kurkendall, 37, m, farmer, and Jno. C. McElroy, 28, m, farmer. The article in Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal, Vol. XXVI, No. 1 also lists other members of households.

PATIENTS AT ST. MARY’S HOSPITAL, TUCSON, AZ, 1909 – 1916 (in the same publication) [Most earlier records, from April 1897 through 1909, did not survive a flood.] Miners came to the area for over 50 years to mine for gold, silver and copper, and patients came from all over the world for pulmonary tuberculosis treatment. The following patients were born in Tennessee: John Anderson, admitted to hospital 3 January 1914, born 1 August 1877, son of John D. Anderson and Lucy Thomas, both born in Missouri.; Chas. L. Kavanaugh, admitted to hospital 3 Dec 1914, born 6 March 1887, son of F. Kavanaugh (born MO) and Nellie Dullahan (born NY).

LUCY ANTHONY TROTTER VIVION, widow of Flavel Vivion, married Thomas McCarroll Prince, Sr. about 1841 in Choctaw County, Alabama. In the census of 1850 he is listed as age 45, born NC; she is shown as age 35, born TN, as was another member of the household, Nancy F. Trotter, age 32. At the time of her marriage, Lucy had one of the largest plantations in Choctaw County, located at Bladon Springs.
Lucy Prince had two daughters by her first marriage, Lucy and Alice. Quite the belle of Bladon Springs, Alice had a steamboat named for her, and later married General Quarles of Tennessee.

This article on this very prominent family can be found in Deep South Genealogical Quarterly, Vol. 43, #1, published by the Mobile Genealogical Society.

JAMES ARMSTRONG established the Scottsboro [Alabama] newspaper, The Citizen in 1877. Born in 1855 in Lawrence County, AL, he was one of two sons of James Armstrong (1824 – 1855), a Lawrence County lawyer and representative to the State Legislature, and his wife Lucy McKissack (1827 – 1920). She was the daughter of Archibald McKissack (1789 – 1869) and Susan Harrison McKissack (1789 – 1856). Archibald had lived in Giles County, TN, having been taken there by his parents, Thomas McKissack (1755 – 1826), a Revolutionary War soldier from NC, and his wife Lucy Hudson (1748 – 1825). Thomas and Lucy are buried in Mt. Mariah Cemetery in Giles County.

After the death of James Armstrong, Sr., Lucy McKissack Armstrong married Judge Green D. Campbell, a lawyer born in Madison County, AL who subsequently lived in Lincoln County, TN, DeSoto County, MS and Lawrence County, AL.

There is more information on this family in Valley Leaves, Vol. 40 #3, published by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society in Huntsville, Alabama.


JUDGE A.J. WALKER obituary: Died yesterday, in the 53rd year of his age, at his residence in this city (Montgomery, Alabama) after an illness of ten days caused by an affection of the heart. Abram Joseph Walker was born in Davidson County, Tennessee in the year 1819, and came to this state about 1841. He served as a State Senator from Benton County, AL 1851-2. Afterwards, he served on the Supreme Bench and later served as the Chief Justice, until removed from office in 1868, by operation of the "Reconstruction Acts." Excerpted from Death, Marriage, and Probate Notices from Montgomery, Alabama Newspapers, Volume I (1866-1875).

WAR OF 1812 DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES for members of the 39th Infantry who were recruited from Tennessee are included in "War of 1812 Discharge Certificates for Virginians who served in the 39th Infantry," published in Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 43 #4. Men were discharged on the date shown, and were given traveling expenses to their place of residence at the time of their enlistment. Those serving in Captain James Davis’ company were Henry Studevant, Dec. 28, 1814, Davidson County, West Tennessee; James Trammell, 27 Dec 1814, Nashville, West Tennessee; and Thomas Warren, 26 Dec 1814, Linkhorn [Lincoln?] County, West Tennessee.

Those serving in Captain James Gray's company included Absolem Goforth, Jan 9, 1813, Maury County, West Tennessee; George Martin, 7 January 1815, Knox County, East Tennessee; Charles Oneal, 25 Jan 1815, Overton County, West Tennessee; Richard Richards, 26 Dec 1814, Grainger County, East Tennessee; Elisha Williams, Feb 3 1815, Davidson County, West Tennessee, and Thomas Zook, Nov 13, 1814, Smith County, West Tennessee.

Serving in Captain Henry Heneger's company was David Claunch, Jan 25, 1815.

Captain John B. Long's company included the following: John Edwards, Dec 26, 1814, Dixon County, West Tennessee; William Goodrich, 3 Jan 1814, Davidson County, West Tennessee; John Hamock, 16 Nov 1814, Jackson County, West Tennessee; Joel Longley, Nov 17 1814, Sevier County, East Tennessee; Joseph Longley, 17 Nov 1814, Severe County, East Tennessee; John Sea, Sr., 20 Nov 1814, Warren County, West Tennessee; and William Wilson, Nov 12 1814, Jackson County, West Tennessee.

Those serving in Captain John Phagan's company included: John Crofford, Dec 31, 1814; William Hardin, 12 Jan 1815, Sevier County, East Tennessee; Robert Mitchell, Jan 12, 1815, Claibourn County, East Tennessee; Peter Perryman, Nov 24, 1814, Claibourn County; John Reynolds, 5 Jan 1815, Green County, East Tennessee; George Scroggins, 16 Nov 1814, Blount County, East Tennessee; William Smith, Jan 9, 1815, Greene County, East Tennessee; Joseph Wyatt, Jan 3, 1815, Anderson County, East Tennessee; Robert Harrison, 7 Nov 1814, Blount (?) County, East Tennessee; Jarrard Huffman, Nov 14 1814, Severe County, East Tennessee; and Absalom Walters, 9 Nov 1814, Severe County, East Tennessee. [Note: Spelling as shown in source] Additional information may be found in the article cited earlier.
WILLIAM FREELS was born 1801 in Knox County, TN and died November 1857 in Henderson County, KY. He married (1) Nancy Weldon July 30, 1826 in Henderson County, KY. She was born 1809 in TN (the article also shows she was born in Madison, IL), and died November 12, 1854 in Henderson County, KY. William then married (2) Susan Ann Reed February 22, 1855. She was born 1822 in Kentucky. Four generations of their family are listed in "Descendents of William Freels," published in The Backtracker, Vol. 34, Number 4, published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society.

EZEKIEL THOMAS FAMILY GROUP RECORD, published in Itawamba Settlers, Vol. 25 #4, shows that he was born 11 November 1776 in Wake County, NC near Raleigh, and died 1 December 1843. He married Nancy "Jane" Carrothers. She was born 17 January 1779 in North Carolina and died 16 January 1841 at Richmond, Itawamba County, Mississippi.

WILLIAM BARTON of Yalobusha County, Mississippi was born in Franklin County, Virginia on March 18, 1792, the eleventh of twelve children born to David Barton and Hannah Hill. About 1803, he moved with his family to Rutherford County, Tennessee. Some time before 1835, William moved to Yalobusha County with his wife and their six children born in Rutherford County: Wiley Barton b. 1814, William Dubart Barton, Sr. b. 1815, Hezekiah Adison Barton b. 6 May 1819, Joshua S. Barton b. 1827, Elizabeth Ann Barton b. 26 Mar 1829, and Wilson P. Barton, b. 1832. His wife, Elizabeth (maiden name possibly Wilson) was born in Virginia. Two children were born in Yalobusha: Uriah Barton, b. 1837, and James S. Barton, b. 1845.

William settled in the Public Lands of the Chickasaw Nation, where he planted 100 acres in cotton and corn. He bought shares in the Union Bank of Mississippi, which went bankrupt; there is a record of his stock being sold at auction for five dollars [per share?] He mortgaged his land in this venture, and his widow and children sold it immediately after his death on January 21, 1855.


our thanks to Carol Mittag for searching through many out-of-state journals for us!
Online Research – Advice from Pansylea Willburn

In a Waggoner family forum online, “happylittlemom” asks: “What are the best online sources to use to start researching your ancestors?” These responses from an experienced older member are full of useful information.

Another tip is to take everything you see posted by individuals on either ancestry.com or genealony.com [or family search.com – ed.] as clues for YOU to research in primary records. The best part of ancestry.com, in my opinion, is easy access to census records and some other primary records, like land and probate. The worst part is the tens of thousands of entries made by good-meaning people who just have copied what someone else has already posted on these sites, and the profusion of incorrect information, passed from site to site, is mind boggling. You should decide, early on, whether you want whole lines back to the 800's of names, dates and places, which won't be yours but will make an impressive tree, or whether you want to be a responsible researcher who learns about YOUR own family. To do the latter, you need to start with the known and work back, using primary records wherever possible. Best of luck with your research. As a researcher for over 45 years, I know the joys and frustrations of research. For years, I had my Casey line "completed," based on information posted by others, only to find that absolutely none of it was accurate. However, I can say that the joys of research are wonderful!

...many, many of the things posted without documentation are wrong. I started researching years ago (before computers, etc.) and even then the amount of incorrect information in LDS and DAR records was enormous. I also taught genealogical research at our local junior college and witnessed my students' pleasures and pains in learning about their families. The best advice I can give you is to contact all living relatives and record what they can share, then go through the records you have (marriage, death certificates, probate, etc.) and work out a starting point. Next, document each name, date and place as you push back in time from the known to the unknown. U.S. census records are a great source in the 1800's to track down ancestors' moves. Will you ever finish? Probably not, but the path along the way will lead you to delights and surprises. As far as finding your immigrant ancestors, I am sure you can do it. Just remember that each generation you go back the number of your ancestors doubles! You will find many new surnames that you don't now know. I find that I have been able to successfully document lines in America from when our first ancestors came to Jamestown in 1609 to the present. The best way to learn is by doing. Best regards, Pansylea

Editor's note: I have found helpful clues online which led me to a successful search in primary sources; an example: to look for particular ancestors in Kentucky or in north Alabama rather than Tennessee, where I expected to find them. But some of the dates posted were really inaccurate...
Have you searched online, in the public library and in Ansearchin’ News for information about your Tennessee family, with little success? Come to the Tennessee Genealogical Society library (open from 10 – 2 Tues, Thurs, Sat.) and browse through quarterly journals published in other parts of Tennessee. A sampling from our collection:


**The Upper Cumberland Researcher** – Published by the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, Inc., P.O. Box 575, Cookeville, TN 38503-0575; Carol Bradford, editor. UCGA@hotmail.com. Volume XXX #4 – Winter, 2005. Publications include Putnam County, TN Census Records (1870 and 1880), 1870 Jackson County Census, Ledbetters from Virginia and DeKalb County Cemeteries. [Other counties in this area: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, White.]

**Family Findings** – Published by the MidWest Tennessee Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3343, Murray Station, Jackson, TN 38303-3343; Dr. Pam Dennis, editor. Dennis@lambuth.edu. Volume XXXVIII – January – March 2006. Complete current index of back issues available, along with list of publications. [Counties included are most West Tennessee counties, with emphasis on Madison, Gibson and Chester Counties.]

**Benton County Genealogical Society Quarterly** – P.O. Box 775, Camden, TN 38320-0775. Co-editors: Hazel Craig and Jean Gilley. Volume 18#1 – January – March 2006. Hazelcraig@bellsouth.net, or cmc99iean@bentoncountycable.net.

**Historic Maury** – Published by the Maury County Historical Society, P.O. Box 147, Columbia, TN 38402- 0147. Editor: Fred L. Hawkins. Website: [http://historicmauw.org](http://historicmauw.org). Volume 42 #1 - March, 2006. Publications include Maury County Cemeteries, Maury County History and Families. Contact Maury County Archives, 201 E. Seventh St., Columbia, TN 38401 or bduncan@maury.county-tn.gov for information about the first two volumes of Maury County’s second century celebration by county historian Bob Duncan.
THE GILES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN – Published by the Giles County Historical Society, P.O. Box 693, Pulaski, TN 38478; co-editors, Judy Sanders, George W. Newman. Volume XXXII – January, 2006. Back issues available dating from 1974. Publications include History of Giles County (Elizabeth C. Parker) and Early History of Giles County (James McCallom).

THE GREENE COUNTY PIONEER – Published by the Greene County Genealogical Society, 229 North Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37745, location of the T. Elmer Cox Historical and Genealogical Library. Volume 19 #2 – November, 2003. Publications include Greeneville: One Hundred Year Portrait (1775 – 1875) by Richard Harrison Doughty, 1975, and a biography of President Andrew Johnson. Order a copy of Volume 19 #2 for a complete index of back issues before that date.

THE BLOUNT JOURNAL – Published by the Blount County Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 4986, Maryville, TN 37802-4986. Affiliated with the Blount County Public Library, 508 N. Cusick St., Maryville, TN 37804. Editor: Jane Kizer Thomas. Books available for purchase include Blount County Marriage Records, 1795 – 1910; History of Blount County, 1795 – 1955; Deeds, 1795-1833; and The Families of Cades Cove.

THE RIVER COUNTIES – Jill K. Garrett, editor; 610 Terrace Drive, Columbia, TN 38401. Printed by Woodward and Stinson, Columbia, TN. Journal covers the counties just east of the Tennessee River, between the Buffalo, Duck and Cumberland rivers. Included are Stewart, Houston, Humphreys, Perry, Wayne, Montgomery, Dickson, Hickman, Lewis; there are also articles on Benton and Maury counties. No longer being published; look for back issues in libraries.

THE WAYNE COUNTY HISTORIAN – Published by the Wayne County Historical Society, P.O. Box 866, Waynesboro, TN 38485-0866; president and editor: J. Allen Berry. Wayne County historian, Robert Rains, may be contacted at rainsb(i3.netease.net. Volume 19 #1 of journal – March, 2006. Books available: Wayne County History and Families, Vol. II, Wayne County Bible Records and others.

THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE JOURNAL OF GENEALOGY AND HISTORY – Published by Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 330948, Nashville, TN 37203-7507; Vol. XIX #3 – Winter, 2006; back issues available. Editor, Charles A. (Chuck) Sherrill; webpage: http://www.mtgs.org. Articles on many counties in the central part of Tennessee, including Davidson, Williamson, Franklin, Dickson and Sumner counties.

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BOOK REVIEWS


Cabarrus County, between Mecklenburg and Rowan counties, was formed in 1792 from part of Mecklenburg County. The author presents material from the 1790 federal census, county court records, marriage records, wills and deaths from local newspapers in a unique and effective way, under one head of household surname. Since the surnames are alphabetized and the data is presented in an easy-to-use outline, the researcher can look at one page rather than looking for each event separately. Also included: names of allied family members and neighbors (from census records). Over 10,000 names of members of over 2,000 families are listed. This is a must-have book if your family has any connection with these North Carolina counties at this period.

RESIDENTS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA 1762-1790 by Kathleen Marler. 380 pages, paperback ISBN 0-8063-5285X. Published 2005 by the Clearfield Co. [address below]; $36.50.

Ms. Marler set a high standard of genealogical research in her earlier book on Cabarrus County (see review above). In this book she goes even further back in history to research Mecklenburg County. As in her Cabarrus County volume, data is listed by head of household surname, with a total of over 15,000 names listed. Census records, county deeds and will books, loose estate papers and early militia and cemetery records, as well as names of allied family members and neighbors, are included. This book, used in combination with the book mentioned above, is a valuable resource for the researcher looking for ancestors in this part of North Carolina.


This book provides lineages from Alfred the Great, Charlemagne, Malcolm of Scotland, Robert the Strong and other historical figures, with 398 ancestral lines provided. Major revisions and additions, as well as corrections, increase the amount of text in this edition by 30%. Information comes from over 120 sources. There is a full name index for every person in the book, however minor; thus, the appeal to anyone with European or English ancestors who is interested in the field of royal genealogy. You will want to check out the Genealogical Terms section as a guide to abbreviations, terminology and references in the book. While I did not find that I have any royal blood, reading the entries was fascinating. But perhaps you will have better luck.
The first edition of this atlas, published in 1986, has been a key resource for Irish genealogical information for thousands of family researchers. The new edition has added hard-to-find information on the location of Roman Catholic parishes in all 32 counties in Ireland and the location of the Presbyterian congregations in the nine counties of Northern Ireland. There are maps of the six major administrative divisions of the country, where all major records were kept, subdivided into counties, baronies, civil parishes, dioceses, poor law unions and probate districts. Used in combination with the General Alphabetical Index, first published in 1861 and reprinted in 1984, the researcher may easily trace his pre-1864 ancestors and their location in Ireland. For example, if you are looking for family in County Donegal, there are maps which show 52 parishes, 3 baronies, 1 Poor Law union, 42 Roman Catholic parishes and 34 Presbyterian congregations. Finding your Irish ancestors just got a lot easier.

Haywood County was part of the Cherokee Nation during the Revolutionary War. When formed in 1808 it was part of Burke County; many of those deeds were burned during the Civil War. The county later included parts of Buncombe and the present-day North Carolina counties of Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee. Be sure to read the introduction, which includes definitions and a numbering system as well as history of the area. A few of the earliest deeds are from 1792, the bulk after the official founding of the county. Haywood County was a gateway to TN, GA and SC so there is much valuable information, not just a description of the land; all names are indexed, including many marriages, heirs, widows, remarriages, etc. There is also a slave index which would be helpful to anyone tracing their African-American lineage. I found this book interesting reading even though I did not find any of my line listed.

These abstracts were taken from the records of the newly-formed Orange County, North Carolina, prior to the removal of areas that made part or all of Wake, Chatham, Guilford, Caswell, Person, Alamance and Durham Counties. About 1753, Rowan County became its western boundary. Records include cases of assault and battery, breaches of the peace, administration in intestate estates and the guardianship of orphans, probates of wills, and appointments of constables, jurors and road overseers. The result is a listing of many of the early residents of Orange County and some of their relationships. Examples of entries: Section 4-7: "A deed of marriage settlement between Elizabeth Douglas and William Reed was exhibited in open court and ordered to be registered." Section 32:
"Ordered that Moses Wallace an Infant of the age of fifteen yhears the son of John Wallace deceased be bound to Robert Tinning agreeable to law."


This book contains the earliest deeds of Gates County, North Carolina. Some inhabitants of the "burned" counties of Hertford, NC and Nansemond, VA are also mentioned in several records. An attempt was made to include all names found in these records and a full description of the land. Many of the records also indicate family relationships and county of residence, especially in land transfers.

TENNESSEE RECORDS: TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS, compiled by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen et. al., paperback, indexed. Published 1933 and reprinted 2004 by the Clearfield Co. [address below], #22, $29.95

This book contains an exhaustive cemetery-by-cemetery listing of mortuary inscriptions, with an additional 100 pages devoted to biographical and historical sketches. The inscriptions provide the name and dates of birth and death of the deceased and frequently contain incidental references to family members. This book of Southern history was taken from family Bibles, from letters and other manuscripts, from county records and from other sources which have often been neglected and have come to be appreciated. Mrs. Acklen compiled this work with assistance from officers of various DAR chapters and has provided a comprehensive index of 12,000 entries.

INDIAN WILLS, 1911-1921, RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BOOK ONE by Jeff Brown, paperback, indexed. Published 2005 by the Clearfield Co. [address below], #9862, $24.95.

This book represents the first volume in a new series of Native American sources. The author, who was responsible for having the National Archives microfilm the collection, has transcribed about 180 manuscript pages consisting of 96 verbatim wills for this volume. As a rule, the documents identify the name of the testator, residence, heirs, a description of any real estate transferred in the will, names of executors and witnesses, and other particulars commonly found in probate documents. Tribes include Chippewa, Sioux, Apache, Shawnee, Quapaw, Assiniboine, Leach Lake Chippewa, Confederated Flathead, Ponca, Cheyenne, Crow, Sac & Fox, Nez Perce, Southern Ute Omaha, Osage and many more. Genealogists will find about 2,000 individuals listed in these documents, each of whom is referenced in the complete index.
Surry County, North Carolina was established in 1771 from Rowan County. At that time it was bordered by Iredell, Rowan, Stokes and Wilkes counties and by Henry County, Virginia to the north. This history covers primarily the northwest portion of Surry County, but events also involve the surrounding counties, beginning with information about the Indians in the area and continuing with the coming of the white explorers and frontiersmen. Also covered are the politics, trade, agriculture, education, newspapers, and religious history of the area. Particularly helpful to the genealogist are the lists of the local militia and soldiers of Surry County who fought in various wars from the Revolutionary War to World War I.

**DUPLIN COUNTY N.C. COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS 1784-1795**

Duplin County, in southeastern NC, was formed in 1750 from New Hanover County, and is also bordered by Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Sampson and Wayne counties. This book contains records of estates, wills and appraisements, as well as abstracts naming officeholders, levies of taxes and spending, jury lists, deeds and bills of sale. This is an area where Highland Scottish immigrants settled in the years before the American Revolution; if any of your ancestors were in this group, these volumes would be a good place to look.

**MACON COUNTY N.C. MARRIAGES 1829-1939**
by James E. Wooley. Published 1984 and reprinted 2005 by Southern Historical Press [address below], NC 15, $25.00.

Established in 1828 from Haywood County in western North Carolina, Macon borders Clay, Cherokee, Swain and Jackson counties and north Georgia. These marriages were recorded from a microfilm of the original book of bonds and licenses which recorded and verified that the marriage had taken place. Names are listed alphabetically by the name of the groom; the names of his bondsmen and witnesses are also given, in addition to the bride’s name. Place of residence is only shown if the bride and groom lived out of the county or state. After 1868 the bonds were discontinued. Over 7,000 marriages from the period are covered.

Counties for which tax records are provided, with years of coverage, are Camden: 1794 and 1809; Chatham: 1806; Glynn: 1790 and 1794; Hancock: 1812; Lincoln: 1818; Montgomery: 1797, 1798, 1805, 1806; Pulaski: 1818; Richmond: 1818; Warren: 1794, 1805, 1818; and Wilkes: 1792, 1793, 1794. Each tax list generally gives the name of the taxpayer, the name of the adjoining property owner, and the name of the original grantee. Also identified are the number of slaves attached to the property, the watercourses, the acreage and the value of the land. There is an index of all 25,000 taxpayers and property owners. In the absence of the 1790, 1800 and 1810 census records of Georgia, these early tax lists would be important for researchers.

THE BOONE FAMILY: A Genealogical History of the Descendents of George and Mary Boone Who Came to America in 1717, compiled by Hazel Atterbury Spraker. Published 1922, reprinted 2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. [address below] $40.00

This book, long known as an authoritative source of information concerning Boone ancestry, records twelve generations of the Boone family, with the third arriving in Philadelphia from England in 1717. Interesting comments and illustrations explain the early migration of descendents into other parts of America. A biographical sketch of Daniel Boone describes many of his dealings with the Indians, the founding of Boonesborough, and his political life. In addition to the 15,000 indexed names, there is a listing of baptisms and marriages, and some Revolutionary War records. There are also sections on allied families who married into the Boone family and the life and customs of pioneer settlers in North Carolina and Kentucky. This book is well written and documented, with genealogical and historical notes on many of the families.

THE MAGNA CHARTA SURETIES, 1215 by Frederick Lewis Weis, with additions and corrections by Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr. with William R. Beall. Fifth edition published 2006 by Genealogical Publishing Co. [address below] $25.00

After an introduction to the new edition, there is a brief history of the Magna Charta, considered to be the cornerstone of English law and the earliest agreement between sovereign and subjects (members of the nobility) on rights of parties and limitation of powers. Twenty-five men (sureties) signed the document representing the barons, and clerics and nobles who served as advisors to King John are also listed in the preamble to the document. This book traces the lines of seventeen of these sureties to approximately 160 American colonists; recent editions correct errors and add previously unlisted references and new lines. Does your ancestry go back to the Magna Charta? If you don't know, take a look!

The Englishmen listed in this book, who left their island to begin a new life in the unexplored wilderness of North America, referred to themselves as "planters," men coming to settle on "plantations." (Bradford's History is of the 'Plimnroth Plantation,' not the Plymouth Colony, and the various settlements in Virginia were known as plantations). This book lists 3,600 passengers on ninety-six ships which came to New England between 1620 and 1640, during the Great Migration. Col. Banks, working with records used by Savage, Drake and Hotten and with records unknown or inaccessible to them, has assembled the most complete and authoritative collection of passenger lists for this period published to date. In addition to the names of passengers and ships, place of origin, and places of residence in America, the book includes indexes to surnames, ships, English parishes, and New England towns. There is also a map of England showing the county of origin of the 2,646 emigrants traced. If your ancestor came to New England in these early years, this work may be very helpful.


This comprehensive register of Plymouth families has established itself as one of a handful of standard genealogical dictionaries of New England. There are names of thousands of individuals with Mayflower and sister ship origins. The work is arranged alphabetically by surname, including marriages, children and grandchildren. Data is based largely on the records of the town of Plymouth, Massachusetts and draws on marriage and birth records through the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It is written in narrative form, as were many older genealogical dictionaries, taking each family through several generations. This thorough study should claim the attention of persons of possible Pilgrim descent.

ORDERING INFORMATION

The Clearfield Co./Genealogical Publishing Co.: 3600 Clipper Mill Rd. Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. Shipping and handling on their books: $4.00 for the first book, $2.00 for each additional book. E-mail: www.genealogical.com, Fax: 1-410-752-8492.

Southern Historical Press: P.O. Box 1267,375 W. Broad St., Greenville, SC 29602-1267. Write for shipping information.
QUERIES

GAINES
Seeking information on a J.W. GAINES, probably JOHN WALTER GAINES, who worked as special agent for a railroad. He retired about 1932 and died in the Biloxi, MS area, date unknown.
Devane D. Gordon, Jr., P.O. Box 545, Cordova, TN 38088-0545
dDougGordon@aol.com (901) 854-5293

CABE
JOHN CABE (b. 1799 NC) and wife SARAH (?) (b. 1802, Georgia) lived in Middle Tennessee (Carroll County, possibly Tipton County) in the 1820's and 30's. THOMAS JEFFERSON CABE (b. ca. 1798 NC) also lived in Tennessee at the same time. Both CABES moved to Washington Co. AR. Looking for CABE descendents in Tennessee.
Celia Cabe Graham, Rt. 1 Box 269, Meeker, OK 74855
Cgraham329@aol.com (405) 279-3652

GRAHAM – YOUNG
Who were the parents of JOHN H. GRAHAM (1823 - ) m. NANCY YOUNG (1849 - ) daughter of DAVID YOUNG, all of McNairy County, TN? Would be glad to share information. Contact Barb at Park0906(ii>, aol.com Mrs. Barbara Parker, 285 Estate Drive, Eads, TN 38028

TIPTON COUNTY, TN
I am seeking copies of letters, manuscripts, news clippings, photos and genealogical material on families who once called Tipton County home in order to compose a comprehensive history of Tipton County in the future.
David A. Gwinn, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011
Dgwinn6004@aol.com

OLDHAM
HARROD ANDERSON
OLDHAM (a.k.a. "Slim" or "Cooter") b. 22 Oct. 1901 Crockett Mills, Crockett Co. TN—d. 29 Oct. 1963, St. Louis, MO. In Crockett County, District 6, 1910 census, age 8. Next record is 1933 marriage license, St. Louis. Where was he between 1910 and 1933? Glad to exchange OLDHAM information.
Susan Oldham Craig, 367 Trailorama Drive, North Port, FL 34287
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PARKS, COX/COCKS, HUMPHREY, GATLEY, DIGGS, EARNEST, McQUEEN, HOGAN of Fayette and Hardeman Counties.
Seeking information on these related families. Contact Mrs. Kay Hudson, Turkey Pine Plantation, P.O. Box 653, Sumrall, MS 39482-0653 (601) 758-3713
TENNISKAY@aol.com

TROXELL
Searching for information on WILLIAM F. TROXELL, who was born in Tennessee ca. 1850 and died in Williamson County, Texas 5 Nov.1888 at the age of 38 years. According to 1870 and 1880 census records, his parents were both born in Tennessee; I don't have their names. Any possible leads would be greatly appreciated.
G. Duane Troxell, 456 Mesquite Drive, Cedar Creek, TX 78612-3390 (512) 303-4848; GduaneTroxell@aol.com
VAUGHN – GIFFORD – MONEY – SUTTON
Searching for JOHN, SUSAN – VAUGHN (TN TO IL); GIFFORDS of Columbia, TN area. WILLIAM GIFFORD (m. RUTH MONEY) fought in War of 1812. Son GIDEON GIFFORD moved to Illinois; another son to Texas. Some GIFFORDS from Maury County, TN. SUTTONS from TN, KY, MO; any MONEY descendents.
Darlene Gifford, 1101 Ill. Avenue, Fairfield, IL 62837

TUCKER – STAPP - HENDRIX
Seeking information on parents/siblings of SARAH ELIZABETH TUCKER (b. March 1852, TN – d. 12/23/1918, TX). She married JESSE LEVI STAPP 10/20 1872 in Bradley County, TN, and they were still there with children ROBERT HENRY and NELLIE in 1880. In 1900, JESSE and LIZZIE STAPP are in Collin County, TX (Blue Ridge?) with four more children: THOMAS J. WILLIAM H. RUTH V. LEONA M. JESSE and ELIZABETH buried in Grayson Co. TX. SAMUEL COLUMBUS HENDRIX m. NELLIE MAUDE STAPP.
Nellie D. Tomlin, 2311 Starr Lake Dr., Acworth, GA 30127 nellied@earthlink.net

NALL – GLASS – DAUGHERTY
Looking for descendants and siblings of RICHARD NALL, son of MAJ. JOHN NALL and MARTHA "PATSY" GLASS, b. 6 Mar 1764 Cumberland Co. NC, d. 13 Apr 1846 Hickman Co. TN. RICHARD m. Nov. 1836 in Hickman Co. MARY DAUGHERTY, b. 1807. Served under father in Revolutionary War. In Pendleton Co. SC in 1811. Was there a first marriage? Need Patsy's parents.
Jan L. Richardson, 4929 Holt Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89115 janiannie@earthlink.net

I am searching for SOUTHALL, GRIMES, MOORE, WHITE, ALLEN MCANEAR, DERRYBERRY, SCOTT, HUGHES, ROBERTS, STROUD, HUGHES, KUYKENDALL, BLANTON, BERRY, MARTIN, FLIPPIN, CARR and VOORHIES. If you can help, write me. Without Tennessee, I would not have these ancestors to chase.
Hazel Hayes, Box 77, Blair, OK 73526

ROBERTSON – BYRD
Interested in exchanging info on RICHARD ROBERTSON, b. about 1806, VA, d. near Pine Bluff, AR, and his wife CLARA BYRD, b. about 1807 NC, d. 1871 near Pine Bluff. They appear in 1830, 1840, 1850 Hardin Co. TN census records. Children were MANSEL M., NELSON M., ELIZABETH, WILLIAM GARRETT, THOMAS MATHIAS, SAMUEL MONROE and JOHN PLEASANT.
Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926

EVANS – WIGGINS – ROYSTER – GOODWIN – MARSH
Would like name of father of WILLIAM C. EVANS, b. 1838 in Bedford Co. TN. He was born in VA and d. before 1850 census. WILLIAM's mother was HARRIET WIGGINS, b. 1818 in TN, daughter of HARROL and SALLIE GOODWIN of Bedford Co., TN. HARRIET's second marriage was to W.P. GOODWIN of Bedford Co. Beside WILLIAM C. she had son J. HARROL EVANS and daughter MARY
GOODWIN, WILLIAM C. EVANS married CORDELIA ANN MARSH of TN.
Frances Davidson Meyer, 11425 SW Agée Lane, Sheridan, OK 97378 (503) 843-3626. eisencres@earthlink.net

REESE/REECE – BINNION/BINYON
Searching for the REECE/REESE family of Rhea Co. and other East TN counties ca. 1800 (white). Also searching the BINYON/BINNION family of Rhea and Jefferson Co. TN, ca. 1800’s. REECE came from Virginia and BINYON came from Baltimore, MD.
Barbara B. Freshwater, 3650 Murray Rd., Fieldbrook CA 95519.

LEWIS – GATSON – HOLT
I am researching SAMUEL LEWIS, ALVIS GATSON LEWIS and BRICEY HOLT, who probably came to Washington Co. Arkansas from Tennessee. She may have been a Cherokee Indian. Any information appreciated.
Greig D. Lewis, 9005 Move, El Paso, TX 79925-5713 flewisl@elp.rr.com

CALVERT
Would appreciate any information on JAMES B. CALVERT, listed in the 1900 census in the Pond Hill area, McMinn County. His father was WILLIAM CALVERT, and he may have been an adopted son. LUCINDA, his mother, and JAMES were probably born in GA.
Yvonne Young, 12642 E. 36th St., Yuma AZ 85367. (928) 305-9743

HATCHER – CRAFT – CUMMINGS
Am searching for the family of MARY ELLEN HATCHER (b. 22 Feb 1852, McEwen, Humphreys Co. TN, d. 26 Feb 1933, Cooper, Delta Co. TX) who married JAMES MILLER CCTMMINGS 10 Nov 1872 in Dickson Co. TN. MARY’s parents were JOHN LANDRCTM HATCHER (b. 1819, McEwen, d. 19 Aug 1878 in Hatcher Hollow) and LOUISA CRAFT (1821-1856). Grandfather: JOHN HATCHER III. Willing to trade information.
Dolores Hall, 1614 Victory Ct., Prospect, KY 40059-9175. choval225@aol.com

SIGLER
Looking for any information on WILLIAM and NANCIE CAROLINE SIGLER from before 1820. In that census, in Limestone Co. AL; in Shelby Co., TN by 1827. WILLIAM SIGLER supposedly from Virginia. Would any male SIGLER like to do a DNA study? Maybe that will get us something. Thank you.
Carolyn R. Sigler Schellang, 7882 Peyton Rd, Coldwater, MS 38618. (662) 233-0427. fluffie@mybluelight.com

FARROW – RUFFIN
Searching for the parents of PERRY FARROW, b. 21 Sept 1817 NC, d. 22 Jan 1878 in Crockett County, TN. On May 17, 1837 he married CELIA "CELY" RUFFIN, b. 15 July 1819 NC, d. 18 Nov 1879. Both buried in Alamo, TN. CELY was the daughter of DUNCAN LAMON RUFFIN and THERESA WHITE of Edgecombe Co. NC and Wilson Co. NC.
Mrs. C.C. James, 236 State Route 152 W., Humboldt, TN 38343
COLE – PINSON – MARTIN – CRISP

Need info on SOLOMON COLE and MARY PINSON, daughter of AARON PINSON. Was SOLOMON a soldier in the Revolutionary War from NC? Did he later go to Louisiana? Son JEREMIAH COLE m. CHARLOTTE MARTIN and moved to Carroll Co, GA. Daughter LIEUCYNTHIA COLE married JOEL CRISP of Laurens Co, SC. Two brothers helped move the Indians to Oklahoma.

Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire, Memphis, TN 38117-5647

GARNER – CAID – SWANN

Seek info on parents and siblings of SUSANNAH ELIZABETH GARNER, b. ca. 1822, TN. The only known sibling, JANE M. GARNER, b. ca. 1824, TN m. W.E. SWANN ca. 1835. SUSANNAH m. JOHN B. CAID, b. ca. 1821, NC, in Marshall Co, TN on 10 Nov 1842. They appear in 1850 census there with 3 children. SUSANNAH is in Desoto Co, MS in 1870 with MILLY GARNER, perhaps her mother.

Elizabeth Robinette Simmons, 19 Elliott Road, Greenbrier, AR 72058-9212. waseas@alltel.net

BAREFOOT – SMEDLEY

Reselecting all BAREFOOTS and SMEDLEYS anywhere in Tennessee.

Betty Nelson McDougald, 9903 Kemp Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77080-2650, bettym@houston.rr.com.

HAZLEWOOD/HAZELWOOD – POWELL

Seeking information on migration of sons of DAVID and ROSANNAH HAZLEWOOD/HAZELWOOD of Warren Co. NC. GEORGE remained in NC. Brothers JOSHUA, THOMAS, WARRICK, RANDOLPH to Hardeman County, TN by 1826-7. WILLIAM to Lawrence Co. AL by 1828, to Amite Co. MS by mid-1840's. Especially seek date of his marriage to PRISCILLA POWELL. Also to Amite Co. MS: DAVID HENRY. No information on brother NATHANIEL.

Kathiyn Schultz, 8256 Beekman Place, Germantown, TN 38139, (901) 754-2419. kathysschultz@earthlink.net

RHEA – ISOM

Need parents of JOHN RHEA, born 1776 VA, died 1839 Lincoln Co. TN, wife SALLY -. Their daughter AYLMYRA RHEA, born ca. 1800 married as his third wife JAMES ISOM, born ca. 1790 SC, will 1873, Lincoln County, TN. JAMES ISOM’s father was EDWARD ISOM. Who were EDWARD’s parents and his first wife?

Joanne Cullom Moore, 1 Corona Rd., Frenchmans Bayou, AR 72338

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